



POSTGAME NOTES

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Houston Texans (3-5) vs. Tennessee Titans (1-6)

Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015 • Noon CT • NRG Stadium (71,795) • Houston, Texas



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Tennessee Titans	3	0	3	0	6	71,630
Houston Texans	0	10	7	3	20	

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for today's game: OLB **Kourtnei Brown**, ILB **Akeem Dent**, CB **Kareem Jackson**, C **Greg Mancz**, ILB **Benardrick McKinney**, S **Rahim Moore** and WR **Cecil Shorts III**
- The following players were active but did not play in today's game: DE **Jeffrey Pagan**, G **Xavier Su'a-Filo** and QB **T.J. Yates**
- The following players were captains for today's game: T **Duane Brown**, CB **Johnathan Joseph**, P **Shane Lechler**, NT **Vince Wilfork** and DE **J.J. Watt**
- Tennessee won the toss and deferred. Houston elected to receive to start the game

THE TEXANS...

- Improved to 3-5 on the season and 12-12 under Head Coach **Bill O'Brien**
- Improved to 12-15 overall and 7-7 at home against Tennessee
- Won their third consecutive game against the Titans and sixth out of the last seven in the series
- Improved their record against AFC South divisional opponents to 2-1 in 2015
- Threw multiple touchdown passes in their fifth straight game, which set a franchise record
- Recorded 7.0 sacks as a team, which ties a franchise record (11/27/11 at JAX and 11/27/05 vs. STL)
- Notched a plus-three turnover margin (two fumble recoveries, one interception), which ties a season-high
- Held their opponent to only one third down conversion for the second straight week (1-of-12, 8%)
- Limited the Titans to 17 net yards (12 rushing, 5 passing), one first down, 5:04 time of possession and 0-of-3 on third down in the second quarter
- Forced the Titans to punt seven times, as Tennessee's offense went three-and-out four times
- Scored a touchdown and field goal on back-to-back possessions in the second quarter to give the team a 10-3 lead
- Scored a touchdown on a 6-play, 80-yard drive in the third quarter to extend the lead to 17-6

TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

RB ALFRED BLUE

- Finished second on the team with five receptions for 33 yards. Also tallied 39 rushing yards on 14 carries
- Reached 800 rushing yards for his career (801)

T DUANE BROWN

- Tied Chris Myers (112) for the third-most career games started in team history
- Tied Chris Myers (112) for the fourth-most career games played in team history

ILB MAX BULLOUGH

- Tied for second on the team with a career-high seven tackles (three solo) and added one tackle on special teams

DE JARED CRICK

- Posted his second sack of the season and brought his career total up to 5.5 following a 9-yard sack of Mettenberger in the fourth quarter
- Registered his first career fumble recovery in the fourth quarter following a strip-sack from DE J.J. Watt

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TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

ILB BRIAN CUSHING

- Posted his fourth double-digit tackle game of the season and 19th of his career
- Led the team with 13 tackles (six solo) and added one pass defended

S KURTIS DRUMMOND

- Forced a fumble on Titans RB Bishop Sankey on a kickoff return in the second quarter. S Eddie Pleasant recovered the fumble on the Titans 24-yard line

WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- Led the team with eight receptions for 94 yards and a touchdown
- Passed Andre Johnson (2,806) for the most receiving yards in a player's first three seasons in franchise history
- Passed Joel Dreessen (13) and tied Arian Foster (14) for the fifth-most career receiving touchdowns in franchise history
- Caught a 21-yard touchdown pass from QB Brian Hoyer in the first quarter to give the team a 7-3 lead. The score marked his sixth of the season, which ties a single-season career-high, and 14th of his career
- Extended his streak of consecutive games started to 40, which ranks tied for third among active NFL wide receivers. Also caught a pass in his 40th consecutive game, which is the third-longest streak in team history

QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed 23-of-35 passes for 235 yards, two touchdowns, no interceptions and a 103.9 passer rating
- Recorded his fifth straight game with two-or-more touchdown passes, which is a franchise record
- Set a single-season career-high with 13 passing touchdowns, surpassing his previous season-high of 12 with Cleveland in 2014
- Notched his fourth game out of six total games played this season with over a 100.0 passer rating, which sets a new single-season career-high
- Threw a 21-yard touchdown pass to WR DeAndre Hopkins in the second quarter to give the Texans a 7-3 lead. Completed 4-of-5 passes for 61 yards on the drive
- Threw a 42-yard touchdown pass to WR Nate Washington in the third quarter, giving the Texans a 17-6 lead
- Passed Case Keenum (11) for the fifth-most career passing touchdowns in team history
- Threw a touchdown pass in his sixth consecutive game played, which is tied for the fifth-longest streak in franchise history
- Completed 11 straight passes in the second and third quarters
- Passed Ryan Mallett (119) for the sixth-most career completions in franchise history

CB CHARLES JAMES

- Downed a Shane Lechler punt on the Titans' 6-yard line in the first quarter
- Contributed with one tackle on defense

CB KEVIN JOHNSON

- Recorded his first career interception in the third quarter when he picked off Mettenberger and returned it 22 yards to the Titans' 47-yard line
- Tied for fourth on the team with six tackles (five solo), including his first two tackles for loss of the season

C BEN JONES

- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 56, which is the second-longest streak among NFL centers

CB JOHNATHAN JOSEPH

- Tied for fourth on the team with six tackles (five solo) and led the Texans with two passes defended
- He is now one pass defended shy of tying Dunta Robinson (63) for the most in franchise history

P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted eight times for 407 yards (50.9 avg., 40.5 net), including a long of 60 yards, and pinned two inside the 20-yard line. His gross average is a season-high
- Marked the second straight week and third time this season that he has punted eight times in a game
- Passed Lee Johnson (1,226) for the fourth-most career punts in NFL history
- Tied Blair Bush, Fran Tarkenton and Jeff Van Note (246) for the 41st-most career games played in NFL history
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 213, which leads all active NFL players

OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS

- Posted a career-high 3.5 sacks, which is tied for the second-most in a game in Texans history (Connor Barwin, 4.0 at JAX, 11/27/11, and Mario Williams, 3.5 vs. DEN, 12/13/07)
- Tied for second on the team with seven tackles (six solo), while adding four tackles for loss and four quarterback hits

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- Recorded his second multiple-sack game of the season and seventh of his career
- Made his third sack of the season and 21st of his career when he took down Mettenberger for a loss of six yards in the second quarter
- Notched his fourth sack of the season and 22nd of his career after bringing down Mettenberger for a 7-yard loss in the third quarter
- Tallied his fifth sack of the season and 23rd of his career after tackling Mettenberger for a 6-yard loss in the fourth quarter
- Split a 9-yard sack of Mettenberger in the fourth quarter with DE J.J. Watt, bringing his game total to 3.5, season total to 5.5 and career total to 23.5
- Recorded a tackle for loss in the first quarter when he brought down Titans RB Antonio Andrews for a 2-yard loss

K NICK NOVAK

- Scored eight points on two made field goals and two made PATs
- Made a 38-yard field goal in the second quarter to increase the Texans' lead to 10-3
- Kicked a 24-yard field goal through the uprights in the fourth quarter to extend the team's lead to 20-6

S EDDIE PLEASANT

- Recovered a fumble by RB Bishop Sankey on the Titans' 24-yard line during a kickoff return in the second quarter. S Kurtis Drummond forced the fumble on the play
- Finished with one tackle on defense and one on special teams

OLB JOHN SIMON

- Tied for fourth on the team with six tackles (four solo). Also added a special teams tackle

WR NATE WASHINGTON

- Caught four passes for 74 yards (18.5 avg.) and a touchdown
- Scored a touchdown in his second straight game, bringing his total to three for the season and 43 for his career
- Scored on a 42-yard pass from QB Brian Hoyer in the third quarter, his longest touchdown reception of the season

DE J.J. WATT

- Passed DeMarcus Ware (64.5) for the third-most career sacks in a player's first five seasons in NFL history. He is 1.0 sack shy of passing Derrick Thomas (66.0) for the second-most
- Tied a single-game career-high with nine quarterback hits (vs. Buffalo, 9/28/14)
- Finished the game with five tackles (three solo), nine quarterback hits, 2.5 sacks, one tackle for loss and one forced fumble
- Through eight games in 2015, has more tackles (40), sacks (8.5), quarterback hits (25) and tackles for loss (15) than he did through as many games in 2014, when he was named Associated Press Defensive Player of the Year
- Has recorded 14.5 career sacks in nine games against Tennessee, which is his highest total against any team. He has notched 2.0-or-more sacks in three straight games against the Titans and in six overall in the series
- Picked up his first sack of the game when he took down Mettenberger for an 8-yard loss on the final play of the third quarter
- Recorded his first strip-sack of the season when he brought down Mettenberger for a 4-yard loss in the fourth quarter and DE Jared Crick recovered the fumble on the Titans' 10-yard line
- Split a 9-yard sack of Mettenberger in the fourth quarter with OLB Whitney Mercilus, bringing his game total to 2.5 and career total to 65.5
- Extended his streak of consecutive games played to 72, which ranks third among active NFL defensive ends