



POSTGAME NOTES

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Houston Texans (9-8) vs. Kansas City Chiefs (12-5)

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 • 3:35 p.m. CT • NRG Stadium (71,795) • Houston, Texas



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Kansas City Chiefs	7	6	7	10	30	71,800
Houston Texans	0	0	0	0	0	

TEXANS TEAM NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

- The following players were inactive for the game: OLB Jadeveon Clowney, QB B.J. Daniels, TE Garrett Graham, T Andrew McDonald, S Rahim Moore, DE Jeffrey Pagan and ILB Justin Tuggle
- The following players were captains for the game: ILB Brian Cushing, QB Brian Hoyer, CB Johnathan Joseph, P Shane Lechler, DE J.J. Watt and NT Vince Wilfork
- The following players were active but did not play in the game: G Oday Aboushi and QB Brandon Weeden
- Houston won the toss and deferred. Kansas City elected to receive to start the game

THE TEXANS...

- Dropped to 2-3 all-time and 2-1 at home in the postseason
- Were shutout for the first time in the postseason and gave up the second-most points in a playoff game in team history
- Recorded 226 net yards of offense (114 rushing, 112 passing), 14 first downs and 25:35 time of possession, while converting 6-of-14 (43%) third downs
- Committed five turnovers (four interceptions, one fumble lost), including four in the first half
- Limited the Chiefs to 4-of-11 (36%) on third down
- Registered three drives of 11 plays and two drives with over five minutes of possession
- Successfully challenged the ruling of a completed catch by Chiefs WR Albert Wilson in the second quarter and the call was overturned. Improved their all-time challenge record in the postseason to 2-1

TEXANS INDIVIDUAL PLAYER NOTES

RB ALFRED BLUE

- Led the team with 99 rushing yards on 17 attempts, averaging 5.8 yards per carry. His yardage total ranks as the fourth-highest mark in Texans post-season history
- Registered a 49-yard run in the second quarter, the longest run in Texans postseason history

ILB BRIAN CUSHING

- Set a franchise single-game postseason record and led the team with 13 tackles, including nine solo stops
- Intercepted his first career pass in the postseason when he picked off Chiefs QB Alex Smith in the first quarter. Became the fourth player in team history to record an interception in the playoffs
- Passed Brooks Reed (19), Danieal Manning (23) and J.J. Watt (24) for the most career tackles (32) in Texans postseason history

WR DeANDRE HOPKINS

- In his first career playoff start, led the team with six receptions for 69 yards
- His receiving yardage total ranks as the sixth-highest mark in a postseason game in Texans history, while his reception total ranks seventh

QB BRIAN HOYER

- Completed 15-of-34 passes for 136 yards and four interceptions

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CB KAREEM JACKSON

- Contributed with seven tackles (six solo) and one pass defended
- Ranks fourth in Texans history with 21 career postseason tackles

CB JOHNATHAN JOSEPH

- Finished with two tackles (one solo) and passed Brooks Reed (19) for the fifth-most career tackles in Texans postseason history

P SHANE LECHLER

- Punted five times for 228 yards (45.6 avg., 38.8 net), including a long of 53 yards, and pinned one inside the 20-yard line
- His punt total is tied for the most in a postseason game in Texans history while his yardage total ranks as the second-most in a postseason game in team history

ILB BENARDRICK MCKINNEY

- Finished second on the team with nine tackles, including four solo stops
- Posted the second-most tackles by a rookie in a Texans postseason game

OLB WHITNEY MERCILUS

- Recorded the most sacks (3.0) in a postseason game in Texans history, while tying for the fourth-most by any NFL player in a playoff contest
- Finished with eight tackles (five solo), 3.0 sacks for a loss of 17 yards and four quarterback hits
- Notched his first career sack in the postseason when he brought down Chiefs QB Alex Smith for a 3-yard loss in the first quarter. Became the fourth player in franchise history to record a sack in the playoffs
- Sacked Smith for a 4-yard loss in the second quarter and became the third player in Texans history with 2.0-or-more sacks in a postseason game
- Brought down Smith for a 10-yard loss in the fourth quarter for his third sack of the day

DE J.J. WATT

- Finished with one tackle and passed Danieal Manning (23) for the second-most career tackles in Texans postseason history