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TITANS-BUCCANEERS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

LEVIS SET TO MAKE THIRD CONSECUTIVE START: Rookie quarterback **Will Levis** is set to become the eighth rookie quarterback in franchise history to start at least three games. In his first two games against the Falcons (Oct. 29) and Steelers (Nov. 2), he completed 41 of 68 passes for 500 yards and four touchdowns with one interception. He generated a 96.4 passer rating.

With a win this week, Levis will become the third rookie signal caller for the Titans/Oilers to win two of his first three starts, joining **Jacky Lee** (1960) and **Brent Pease** (1987 replacement games).

Additionally, Levis has a chance to become the first player from the group with at least 225 passing yards in each of his first three rookie starts.

Statistics by Titans/Oilers rookie quarterbacks in their first three starts (three starts in rookie season required):

Quarterback	Season	Record	Attempts	Completions	Yards	TD	INT	Rating
Will Levis (two games)	2023	1-1	68	41	500	4	1	96.4
Malik Willis	2022	1-2	49	25	234	0	3	39.0
Marcus Mariota	2015	1-2	97	61	833	8	2	110.3
Zach Mettenberger	2014	0-3	92	58	741	5	3	92.7
Vince Young	2006	1-2	75	37	379	2	3	56.5
Brent Pease*	1987	2-1	99	49	660	3	4	64.4
Dan Pastorini	1971	1-2	89	38	486	1	9	24.6
Jacky Lee	1960	2-1	66	36	696	4	4	86.4

* Replacement games

PASSING GAME CREATING EXPLOSIVE PLAYS: For the past two weeks, the Titans have been one of the NFL's best teams in creating explosive plays in the passing game. Since **Will Levis** took the reins as starting quarterback, he has completed a total of 10 passes that resulted in gains of at least 20 yards. He had three such completions in his debut against Atlanta—all resulting in touchdowns—and followed with seven 20-plus-yard passes at Pittsburgh.

From Week 8 to Week 9, Levis' 10 completions of 20-plus yards tied for the second most in the NFL. Texans rookie **C.J. Stroud** completed the same amount, trailing only Dallas Cowboys quarterback **Dak Prescott**, who had 12. Tampa Bay's **Baker Mayfield**, who the Titans will face this week, tied for fifth on the list with eight.

Most completions of 20-plus yards from Week 8 to Week 9:

Player	Team	Completions of 20+ Yards
1. Dak Prescott	Dallas Cowboys	12
2. Will Levis	Tennessee Titans	10
C.J. Stroud	Houston Texans	10
4. Sam Howell	Washington Commanders	9
5. Baker Mayfield	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	8
Jalen Hurts	Philadelphia Eagles	8
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	8
Brock Purdy	San Francisco 49ers	8
9. Taylor Heinicke	Atlanta Falcons	7
10. (six tied)		6

Levis' seven completions of 20-plus yards at Pittsburgh were distributed to six different targets: **Kyle Phillips** (24 and 21 yards), **DeAndre Hopkins** (29), **Chris Moore** (29), **Nick Westbrook-Ikhine** (23), **Derrick Henry** (23) and **Treyton Burks** (21). The Titans joined the Baltimore Ravens as the only clubs in 2023 to have six different players in a game account for a catch of at least 20 yards. The Ravens accomplished the feat against the Detroit Lions on Oct. 22.

Since the beginning of the 2018 season, Levis' seven 20-yard completions tied for the most in a game by a Titans passer. **Ryan Tannehill** did so on two occasions: Dec. 8, 2019 at Oakland, and Sept. 11, 2022 against the New York Giants.

Most completions of 20+ yards in a game by a Titans quarterback, 2018-2023:

Player	Date	Opponent	Completions of 20+ Yards
1. Will Levis	Nov. 2, 2023	at Pittsburgh Steelers	7
Ryan Tannehill	Dec. 8, 2019	at Oakland Raiders	7
Ryan Tannehill	Sept. 11, 2022	New York Giants	7
4. Marcus Mariota	Sept. 19, 2019	at Jacksonville Jaguars	6
Marcus Mariota	Nov. 11, 2018	New England Patriots	6
Marcus Mariota	Dec. 2, 2018	New York Jets	6
7. (eight tied)			5

AL-SHAIR TRIES FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE DOUBLE-DIGIT TACKLE PERFORMANCES: Titans linebacker **Azeez Al-Shaair** recorded 10 tackles last week at Pittsburgh. It marked the fourth consecutive game in which he led the team with a double-digit tackle total. Prior to his Thursday night performance, he posted 15 tackles at Indianapolis (Oct. 8), 15 tackles against Baltimore (Oct. 15) and 11 tackles against Atlanta (Oct. 29).

Al-Shaair, a native of Tampa, returns to his hometown this week with a chance to tally 10 or more total tackles for a fifth consecutive game, which is something that no Titans player has done in the past 24 seasons. Since the beginning of the 2000 campaign, only three other Titans players have had a run of four such tackling performances: linebacker **Keith Bulluck** (2004), linebacker **Brad Kassell** (2004) and cornerback **Alterraun Verner** (2010).

Most consecutive games with 10-plus tackles for the Titans, 2000-2023 (press box statistics):

Player	Position	Dates	Consecutive Games	
1. Azeez Al-Shaair	LB	Oct. 8, 2023–Nov. 2, 2023	4	<i>active streak</i>
Alterraun Verner	CB	Dec. 9, 2010–Jan. 2, 2011	4	
Brad Kassell	LB	Dec. 13, 2004–Jan. 2, 2005	4	
Keith Bulluck	LB	Oct. 17, 2004–Nov. 14, 2004	4	
5. Rashaan Evans	LB	Oct. 13, 2019–Oct. 27, 2019	3	
Jason McCourty	CB	Oct. 2, 2011–Oct. 23, 2011	3	
Stephen Tulloch	LB	Sept. 26, 2010–Oct. 10, 2010	3	
Chris Hope	S	Sept. 17, 2006–Oct. 1, 2006	3	
Keith Bulluck	LB	Sept. 28, 2003–Oct. 12, 2003	3	
Keith Bulluck	LB	Jan. 1, 2006–Sept. 17, 2006	3	

HENRY CLOSING IN ON 9,000 RUSHING YARDS: Titans running back **Derrick Henry** currently ranks fifth in the NFL with 601 rushing yards in 2023. In his eighth season, he has increased his career totals to 1,887 rushing attempts for 8,936 yards and 82 touchdowns.

With 64 rushing yards, Henry will become the 38th player in NFL history with 9,000 career rushing yards.

Furthermore, he will become the eighth player in NFL history to reach 9,000 rushing yards and 80 rushing touchdowns before celebrating his 30th birthday. Henry, who does not turn 30 until Jan. 4, can join a list that includes **Adrian Peterson** and six Pro Football Hall of Fame members: **Barry Sanders**, **Emmitt Smith**, **Jim Brown**, **LaDainian Tomlinson**, **Eric Dickerson** and **Marshall Faulk**.

Players in NFL history to record 9,000 rushing yards and 80 rushing touchdowns before turning 30:

Player	Seasons Before Turning 30	Rushing Yards	Rushing TD	
Adrian Peterson	2007–2014	10,190	86	
LaDainian Tomlinson	2001–2008	11,760	126	
Marshall Faulk	1994–2002	10,395	87	
Emmitt Smith	1990–1998	12,566	125	
Barry Sanders	1989–1997	13,778	95	
Eric Dickerson	1983–1989	11,226	82	
Jim Brown	1957–1965	12,312	106	
Derrick Henry	2016–2023	8,936	82	<i>Needs 64 yards before 30th birthday on Jan. 4</i>

Additionally, Henry can accomplish the following this week at Tampa Bay:

- He can record his 40th total 100-yard rushing game, including regular season (37) and playoffs (three). He would tie **Earl Campbell** (40) for the most such games in franchise history. His 37th such regular-season game would surpass **Eddie George** (36) for the second-most in franchise history, behind only Campbell (39).
- Henry (82 career rushing touchdowns) needs one more rushing touchdown to surpass **Corey Dillon** (82) and place him in a tie with **Jim Taylor** (83) for the 17th highest total in NFL history. Two rushing touchdowns would give him sole possession of 17th place, and three rushing touchdowns would put him in a tie for 16th place with **Marshawn Lynch**.
- Can register his fourth consecutive game with 100 or more scrimmage yards and his 48th career game (regular season) with 100-plus scrimmage yards. In franchise history, only **Eddie George** (54) has more.
- With six career 200-yard rushing games, he needs one more to surpass **Adrian Peterson** (six) and **O.J. Simpson** (six) for the most such games all-time.

BEST RECORD BY OPPONENT: The Titans and Buccaneers enter Sunday's game at Raymond James Stadium with only 12 prior meetings between the two organizations. Outside of the Carolina Panthers, who the Titans have played six times since the Panthers' 1995 inaugural season, the Buccaneers are tied with the Arizona Cardinals (12 games) for the second-least frequent opponent for the Titans/Oilers.

In the 12 meetings with the Buccaneers, the Titans have taken 10 of them, including a current three-game winning streak. Their .833 winning percentage against the Buccaneers is the franchise's best among all NFL opponents.

The series originated on Sept. 12, 1976, when the Oilers hosted the first game in Buccaneers history. The Oilers won by a final score of 20-0.

Best all-time Titans/Oilers winning percentage by opponent:

Titans Opponent	W	L	T	Win Pct.
1. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	10	2	0	.833
2. Detroit Lions	10	3	0	.769
3. Buffalo Bills	29	18	0	.617
4. Denver Broncos	24	16	1	.600
5. Jacksonville Jaguars	33	23	0	.589
6. Green Bay Packers	8	6	0	.571
7. Washington Commanders	8	6	0	.571
8. Atlanta Falcons	9	7	0	.563
9. New Orleans Saints	9	7	1	.563
10. Houston Texans	23	19	0	.548
11. New York Jets	24	20	1	.545
12. Cincinnati Bengals	41	35	1	.539

READY FOR THE HEAT: Beginning this week, the Titans are scheduled to play three of their next five games in the state of Florida. Next week they return to the Sunshine State to visit the Jacksonville Jaguars (Nov. 19), followed by a trip to play the Miami Dolphins on Monday night, Dec. 11.

There is a chance one or more of the contests could fall among the warmest post-October games for the franchise in its "Titans era," which began in 1999. In all November, December and January games for the Titans in that span, the warmest kickoff temperature was 80 degrees at Jacksonville on Nov. 21, 2004.

Warmest Titans kickoff temperatures in all November, December and January games from 1999 to 2023 (includes postseason):

Date	Titans Opponent	Kickoff Temperature	Result
1. Nov. 21, 2004	at Jacksonville Jaguars	80	W, 18 - 15
2. Dec. 22, 2013	at Jacksonville Jaguars	79	W, 20 - 16
Nov. 14, 2010	at Miami Dolphins	79	L, 17 - 29
4. Nov. 11, 2012	at Miami Dolphins	78	W, 37 - 3
5. Nov. 8, 2020	Chicago Bears	77	W, 24 - 17
Dec. 24, 2005	at Miami Dolphins	77	L, 10 - 24
7. Nov. 10, 2002	Houston Texans	76	W, 17 - 10
Nov. 6, 2016	at Chargers	76	L, 35 - 43
9. Nov. 19, 2015	at Jacksonville Jaguars	75	L, 13 - 19
Nov. 5, 2017	Baltimore Ravens	75	W, 23 - 20

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