



TENNESSEE TITANS

PRESS RELEASE

KATE GUERRA Vice President of Communications & Corporate Affairs | **ROBBIE BOHREN** Vice President of Football Communications

DWIGHT SPRADLIN Director of Football Communications | **JARED PUFFER** Associate Director of Football Communications | **KAYLEE CONNORS** Coordinator of Football Communications

SAVANNA HOWIE Manager of Communications & Corporate Affairs | **TRAVIS McDANIEL** Football Communications Assistant

ASCENSION SAINT THOMAS SPORTS PARK • 460 GREAT CIRCLE ROAD • NASHVILLE, TN 37228 • 615-565-4100 • TENNESSEETITANS.COM • @TITANS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OCTOBER 17, 2024

TITANS-BILLS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

RUSHING DEFENSE STOUT UP THE MIDDLE: The Titans head into Sunday's game at Buffalo ranked first in the NFL in total defense (248.8 yards allowed per game), first in passing defense (137.0) and ninth in rushing defense (111.8).

Against the run, the Titans defense has been particularly stingy when opponents attempt to rush up the middle. Highlighted by the play of interior defensive linemen **Jeffery Simmons** and rookie **T'Vondre Sweat**, as well as inside linebackers **Kenneth Murray Jr.** and **Ernest Jones IV**, the Titans have allowed 150 rushing yards on 52 opponent attempts on inside location runs, per Next Gen Stats via TruMedia. The 2.88 yards-per-attempt average by the defense on such plays ranks first in the NFL through six weeks.

Fewest average yards per carry allowed in 2024 on inside location rushing attempts (NGS/TruMedia):

Team	Opp Rush	Rush Yards	Rush Avg	TD	Long	1st Downs
1. Tennessee Titans	52	150	2.88	0	20	9
2. Baltimore Ravens	67	196	2.93	3	9	9
3. Detroit Lions	40	137	3.43	2	12	11
4. New England Patriots	68	246	3.62	4	24	18
5. Minnesota Vikings	45	164	3.64	0	13	8
Pittsburgh Steelers	76	277	3.64	2	16	18
7. Kansas City Chiefs	46	168	3.65	0	16	14
8. Green Bay Packers	73	270	3.70	3	18	23
9. San Francisco 49ers	74	278	3.76	3	18	17
10. Cleveland Browns	84	319	3.80	5	28	22

On inside location runs, the Titans are getting to opposing ball carriers faster than any team in the league. On average, rushers are averaging 0.12 yards per attempt before contact against the Titans on inside location runs. The Titans lead the NFL in that statistic as well.

Fewest average yards before contact allowed in 2024 on inside location runs (NGS/TruMedia):

Team	Opp Avg Rush Yards Before Contact on Inside Location Runs
1. Tennessee Titans	0.12
2. Minnesota Vikings	0.22
3. Cleveland Browns	0.42
4. Miami Dolphins	0.47
5. Cincinnati Bengals	0.54
6. Green Bay Packers	0.70
7. New York Jets	0.71
8. Baltimore Ravens	0.72
9. Indianapolis Colts	0.95
10. Kansas City Chiefs	0.98

POLLARD CONTINUES IMPRESSIVE START TO TITANS CAREER: The Titans signed sixth-year running back **Tony Pollard** as an unrestricted free agent during the 2024 offseason. The Memphis native and University of Memphis product has started each of the team's five contests in his first season back in his home state, producing a team-high 339 rushing yards and 82 receiving yards. Last week against the Colts, he led the offense with 93 rushing yards, including a 23-yard touchdown.

Pollard enters this week's game at Buffalo with 421 scrimmage yards in 2024. The total ranks second in his career through his team's first five games of a season—he had 436 scrimmage yards with the Cowboys in the first five games of 2023.

His 421 scrimmage yards put him eighth in Titans/Oilers history for a player's first five games with the franchise, spanning 65 seasons. The only players with more were **DeMarco Murray** (633), **Sid Blanks** (548), **Earl Campbell** (515), **Eddie George** (498), **Bill Groman** (451), **Chris Johnson** (450) and **Fred Willis** (445).

Most scrimmage yards in a player's first five games with the Titans/Oilers:

Player	Position	Season	Scrimmage Yards	Rushing Yards	Receiving Yards
1. DeMarco Murray	RB	2016	633	461	172
2. Sid Blanks	RB	1964	548	310	238
3. Earl Campbell	RB	1978	515	503	12
4. Eddie George	RB	1996	498	466	32
5. Bill Groman	WR	1960	451	0	541
6. Chris Johnson	RB	2008	450	381	69
7. Fred Willis	RB	1972	445	258	187
8. Tony Pollard	RB	2024	421	339	82

Pollard can also accomplish the following this week:

- Needs 40 rushing yards to reach 4,000 for his career (3,960 entering the game).
- Needs eight receptions to reach 200 for his career (192 entering the game).
- Can record his third consecutive game with at least one rushing touchdown, which would tie for the longest streak of his career (Nov. 19-30, 2023).
- Can register his third rushing touchdown of the season of 20-plus yards. He is one of three players this season to have multiple rushing touchdowns of 20-plus yards, along with Baltimore's **Derrick Henry** and Seattle's **Kenneth Walker III**.

HOPKINS APPROACHES 950 RECEPTIONS: Titans wide receiver **DeAndre Hopkins** is in his 12th NFL season. Since he was selected by Houston in the first round of the 2013 NFL Draft, no NFL player has more receptions (942), receiving yards (12,530), receiving first downs (651) or 25-yard receptions (113) than him.

Hopkins needs eight more receptions to reach 950 for his career. In NFL history, only six players have done so within the first 12 seasons of their careers. He can become the seventh.*

Players in NFL history with 950 career receptions in their first 12 NFL seasons:

Player	Games in First 12 seasons	Receptions	Receiving Yards	Avg	
Jerry Rice	188	1,050	16,377	15.6	
Marvin Harrison	175	1,042	13,944	13.4	
Andre Johnson	169	1,012	13,597	13.4	
Larry Fitzgerald	186	1,018	13,366	13.1	
Reggie Wayne	189	968	13,063	13.5	
Brandon Marshall	172	959	12,215	12.7	
DeAndre Hopkins	167	942	12,530	13.3	(needs 8 more receptions)

* Other active players in range of 950 receptions in 12 seasons include **Travis Kelce** (931) and **Keenan Allen** (919).

Additionally this week, Hopkins can record his 168th consecutive game with at least one reception, continuing his streak of catching at least one pass in every game he has played in his career. With one reception this week, he will pass **Keyshawn Johnson** (167) for the second-longest such streak in the Super Bowl era (1966–present) at the start of a player's career. Former Colts wide receiver **Marvin Harrison** holds the record with a reception in the first 190 appearances of his career.

Consecutive games with a reception to begin a career, Super Bowl era (1966–present):

Player	Position	Games	
1. Marvin Harrison	WR	190	
2. DeAndre Hopkins	WR	167	active streak
Keyshawn Johnson	WR	167	
4. Marshall Faulk	RB	158	
5. Stefon Diggs	WR	142	active streak
Jeremy Shockey	TE	136	
7. Calvin Johnson	WR	135	
8. Michael Crabtree	WR	120	
9. Allen Robinson	WR	116	
10. George Kittle	TE	103	active streak

FOLK BUILDS ANOTHER STREAK: Kicker **Nick Folk** arrived in Tennessee in 2023, and since he put on a Titans uniform, he has been the NFL's most accurate field goal kicker. He has hit 37 of his 38 attempts in his 22 games with the club for a league-best rate of 97.4 percent. His only miss was from 51 yards at Tampa Bay on Nov. 12, 2023.

Since his miss on Nov. 12, he has made 17 consecutive field goals going into the Titans' Week 7 contest at Buffalo. It is the NFL's second-longest active streak among all kickers. Only Tampa Bay's **Chase McLaughlin** (29) has a longer streak than Folk.

Longest active streaks of consecutive field goals made:

Player	Current Team	Consecutive FGs Made
1. Chase McLaughlin	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	29
2. Nick Folk	Tennessee Titans	17
3. Blake Grupe	New Orleans Saints	16

After joining the Titans in a trade from the New England Patriots, Folk made his first 20 field goals he attempted before his first and only miss. His 20 straight field goals tied for the longest streak in franchise history, originally established by **Al Del Greco** from 1998 to 1999 and then matched by **Rob Bironas** on three separate occasions. If Folk makes his next four field goals, he will break the record.

Folk's current field goal streak is the fifth-longest of his 17-year NFL career.

Most consecutive field goals made, franchise history:

Player	Dates	Consecutive Field Goals	
1. Nick Folk	Sept. 10, 2023–Nov. 12, 2023	20*	
Rob Bironas	Nov. 27, 2011–Sept. 23, 2012	20	
Rob Bironas	Oct. 3, 2010–Jan. 2, 2011	20	
Rob Bironas	Dec. 16, 2007–Oct. 27, 2008	20	
Al Del Greco	Nov. 15, 1998–Sept. 19, 1999	20	
6. Ryan Succop	Oct. 23, 2016–Sept. 10, 2017	19	
Rob Bironas	Oct. 14, 2007–Nov. 25, 2007	19	
8. Al Del Greco	Oct. 29, 1995–Sept. 1, 1996	18	
9. Nick Folk	Nov. 12, 2023–present	17	active streak
10. Ryan Succop	Sept. 17, 2017–Oct. 22, 2017	16	

* Franchise record for consecutive field goals made to start a season

###