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## TITANS-COLTS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

**SIMMONS MAKING PLAYS:** Defensive tackle **Jeffery Simmons** earned his first AFC Defensive Player of the Week award after helping to produce a pair of takeaways during last Sunday’s win against the Chicago Bears. In the third quarter, he forced a fumble that resulted in a 63-yard touchdown return by Titans cornerback **Desmond King II**, and he added a fumble recovery in the fourth quarter.

Simmons, who also batted down a pass against the Bears, increased his totals in his second NFL season to two sacks, three passes defended, one forced fumble and two fumble recoveries. In six of the seven games he has played this season—he missed one contest while on the reserve/COVID-19 list—he has either a sack, a pass defended, a forced fumble or a fumble recovery.

Simmons is one of only three NFL defensive linemen this season with a minimum of two sacks, three passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. The other two members of the group are **J.J. Watt** of the Houston Texans and **Benson Mayowa** of the Seattle Seahawks.

**NFL defensive linemen in 2020 with a minimum of two sacks, three passes defended, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery:**

Player	Team	Sacks	Passes Defended	Forced Fumbles	Def. Fumble Recoveries
Jeffery Simmons	Tennessee Titans	2.0	3	1	2
Benson Mayowa	Seattle Seahawks	2.0	3	1	1
J.J. Watt	Houston Texans	4.0	3	2	1

**HENRY EXTENDS STREAK OF 18-CARRY GAMES:** Titans running back **Derrick Henry** leads the AFC and ranks second in the NFL in 2020 with 858 rushing yards on a league-high 182 attempts. He has at least 18 carries in all eight games.

It has been more than a full calendar year since Henry appeared in the regular season or the playoffs and did not get at least 18 carries. His streak spans 17 total games, including 14 games in the regular season and three more in the playoffs. The last time he was under the 18-attempt mark was Nov. 3, 2019 at Carolina (13 attempts).

With another 18 rushing attempts Thursday night against Indianapolis, Henry will become the fifth NFL player since 1948 to have at least 18 rushing attempts in 18 consecutive games. He would tie **James Wilder**, **Terrell Davis** and **DeMarco Murray** for the NFL’s second-longest such streak. **Emmitt Smith** established the record from 1995 to 1996 with 18 carries in 23 consecutive regular season and postseason games.

**Most consecutive individual regular season and postseason games with at least 18 rushing attempts (1948–present):**

Streak	Games	Team	Streak Dates
1. Emmitt Smith	23	Dallas Cowboys	1/15/1995–9/15/1996
2. James Wilder	18	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	10/28/1984–11/10/1985
Terrell Davis	18	Denver Broncos	12/27/1997–12/13/1998
DeMarco Murray	18	Dallas Cowboys	9/7/2014–1/11/2015
5. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>11/10/2019–11/8/2020</b> (active)
Marshawn Lynch	17	Buffalo Bills	9/9/2007–9/28/2008
Priest Holmes	17	Kansas City Chiefs	11/4/2001–10/27/2002
8. Jamal Anderson	16	Atlanta Falcons	10/4/1998–1/31/1999
Edgerrin James	16	Indianapolis Colts	11/21/1999–10/29/2000
Marcus Allen	16	Los Angeles Raiders	9/29/1985–9/14/1986

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Henry reaching 18 carries in a game has been an indicator of team success. In the 28 instances in the regular season and playoffs during his career (2016–present) in which he has recorded 18 attempts, the Titans’ record is 23-5. The club’s .821 winning percentage in those games is the highest in franchise history for a running back (minimum 25 games), topping **Eddie George’s** .740 winning percentage (71-25).

Within the NFL, eight active players have registered 25 or more career games in which they had minimum of 18 rushing attempts. Henry’s .821 winning percentage in such games is the best of the group.

**Highest winning percentage by active NFL players in games with 18+ rushing attempts (minimum 25 regular season and/or playoff games):**

Player	Games w/ 18 Rushing Att	Wins	Losses	Ties	Team Winning Percentage
1. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	28	23	5	0	.821
2. Le’Veon Bell	47	38	9	0	.809
3. Todd Gurley II	40	32	8	0	.800
4. Frank Gore	85	65	19	1	.771
5. LeSean McCoy	62	45	17	0	.726
6. Ezekiel Elliott	51	34	17	0	.667
7. Adrian Peterson	99	62	36	1	.631
8. Melvin Gordon	27	17	10	0	.630

**A.J. BROWN AND 40-YARD TOUCHDOWNS:** Titans wide receiver **A.J. Brown** led the Titans in last week’s win against Chicago with 101 receiving yards on four catches. The performance included a 40-yard touchdown reception in the second quarter.

Brown’s score last week was the seventh scrimmage touchdown of his two-year NFL career that went for at least 40 yards. In 22 career games since being drafted by the Titans in the second round of the 2019 NFL Draft, he has six touchdown receptions of 40-plus yards and one additional rushing touchdown of 40-plus yards.

In that time, no NFL player has more combined rushing and receiving touchdowns of at least 40 yards than Brown. Kansas City’s **Tyreek Hill** is next with six, followed by another Chiefs wide receiver, **Mecole Hardman** (five), and Brown’s teammate, Titans running back **Derrick Henry** (five).

**Most scrimmage touchdowns of 40+ yards from 2019 to 2020:**

Player	Team	40+ Yard Scrimmage TDs	TD Breakdown
1. <b>A.J. Brown</b>	Tennessee	7	6 Receiving, 1 Rushing
2. Tyreek Hill	Kansas City	6	6 Receiving
3. Mecole Hardman	Kansas City	5	5 Receiving
4. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	Tennessee	5	1 Receiving, 4 Rushing
5. (eight players tied)		4	

Among all players who have started their careers since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger, only one player—wide receiver **Randy Moss**—has had more scrimmage touchdowns of 40-plus yards in his first 22 career games than Brown. Moss registered 11 such scores (all receiving touchdowns) during his first 22 games with the Minnesota Vikings from 1998 to 1999.

Brown’s count of seven scrimmage touchdowns of 40-plus yards in his initial 22 games is tied for second place with **Charlie Brown, Isaac Curtis, Chris Johnson** and **Mike Wallace**.

**Players who entered the NFL since 1970 with at least seven 40+ yard scrimmage touchdowns in their initial 22 career games:**

Player	Team	Seasons	40+ Yard Scrimmage TDs	TD Breakdown
1. Randy Moss	Minnesota	1998–1999	11	11 Receiving
2. <b>AJ Brown</b>	Tennessee	2019–2020	7	6 Receiving, 1 Rushing
Charlie Brown	Washington	1982–1983	7	7 Receiving
Isaac Curtis	Cincinnati	1973–1974	7	7 Receiving
Chris Johnson	Tennessee	2008–2009	7	1 Receiving, 6 Rushing
Mike Wallace	Pittsburgh	2009–2010	7	7 Receiving

**TANNEHILL AT HALFWAY POINT WITH 19 TOUCHDOWNS AND THREE INTERCEPTIONS:** Titans quarterback **Ryan Tannehill** completed two more touchdown passes last week against the Bears without throwing an interception, giving him five performances in 2020 with multiple touchdown passes and no interceptions.

Tannehill’s season passing totals include 1,981 yards, 19 touchdowns and three interceptions. His touchdown total is the best in franchise history through the first eight games of a season, eclipsing the previous benchmark of 18 established by **George Blanda** in the franchise’s inaugural 1960 season and later equaled by **Warren Moon** in 1990.

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Additionally, Tannehill's three interceptions tied **Steve McNair's** 2003 total for the fewest in team annals by any quarterback to start each of the first eight games of a season.

**Most touchdown passes in franchise history through the first eight games of a season:**

Player	Season	TD Passes in Games 1-8
1. <b>Ryan Tannehill</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>19</b>
2. Warren Moon	1990	18
George Blanda	1960	18
4. Warren Moon	1992	16
George Blanda	1961	16
George Blanda	1966	16
George Blanda	1962	16

**Fewest interceptions through the first eight games of a Titans/Oilers season by quarterbacks who started all eight games:**

Player	Season	INTs in Games 1-8
1. <b>Ryan Tannehill</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>3</b>
Steve McNair	2003	3
3. Chris Chandler	1996	5
4. Marcus Mariota	2016	6
Steve McNair	1998	6
Dan Pastorini	1978	6
Matt Hasselbeck	2011	6
Warren Moon	1984	6

Not only is Tannehill outshining all previous franchise quarterbacks in the first half of a season, the ninth-year veteran is doing something only a select few NFL quarterbacks previously have done.

Only seven NFL quarterbacks, including Tannehill, have navigated a season's first eight games passing for at least 19 touchdowns while not throwing more than three interceptions. Tannehill, Kansas City's **Patrick Mahomes** and Green Bay's **Aaron Rodgers** all did so this season. For Rodgers, it was his fourth time achieving the feat.

Tannehill's counterpart on Thursday night, Indianapolis' **Philip Rivers**, passed for 19 touchdowns and three interceptions in the first eight games of 2018 for the Los Angeles Chargers.

The others on the list include **Tom Brady** (twice), **Matt Ryan** and **Y.A. Tittle**.

**Players in NFL history with 19 or more touchdown passes and three or fewer interceptions in a season's first eight games:**

Player	Season	Team	TD Passes	Interceptions
<b>Ryan Tannehill</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>3</b>
Patrick Mahomes	2020	Kansas City Chiefs	21	1
Aaron Rodgers	2020	Green Bay Packers	24	2
Philip Rivers	2018	Los Angeles Chargers	19	3
Matt Ryan	2018	Atlanta Falcons	19	3
Tom Brady	2015	New England Patriots	22	2
Aaron Rodgers	2015	Green Bay Packers	19	3
Aaron Rodgers	2014	Green Bay Packers	19	3
Aaron Rodgers	2011	Green Bay Packers	24	3
Tom Brady	2007	New England Patriots	30	2
Y.A. Tittle	1963	New York Giants	20	3

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