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## TITANS-TEXANS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

**DEFENSE AIMS FOR BEST RANKINGS SINCE 2000’S:** The Titans enter this week’s season finale against the Texans ranked second in the NFL in total defense and second in passing defense. They are allowing opponents an average of 307.3 total yards per game and 177.9 net passing yards per contest.

The last time the Titans finished in the top five in total defense was 2007, when they ranked fifth, and their most recent top-five finish in passing defense was 2000, when they led the league. The 2000 season was also the most recent occasion in which the Titans defense finished in the top five in both total defense and passing defense in the same year.

At its current rate of 177.9 average passing yards allowed, the 2024 unit is averaging its second-best opponent passing figure in the franchise’s “Titans era,” which began in 1999. The current average of 307.3 total yards allowed per game ranks fifth for the defense in the Titans era.

### Top passing defenses in the franchise’s “Titans era” (1999 to present):

Season	Opponent Net Pass Yards per Game
1. 2000	151.4
2. <b>2024</b>	<b>177.9</b>
3. 2007	199.2
4. 2008	199.8
5. 2005	201.0
6. 2018	216.9
7. 2002	221.3
8. 2006	225.1
9. 2003	225.4
10. 2013	225.8

*One game remaining*

### Top overall defenses in the franchise’s “Titans era” (1999 to present):

Season	Opponent Yards per Game
1. 2000	238.3
2. 2007	291.6
3. 2008	293.6
4. 2003	306.3
5. <b>2024</b>	<b>307.3</b>
6. 2002	310.3
7. 2005	319.4
8. 1999	327.8
9. 2017	328.0
10. 2021	329.8

*One game remaining*

**RIDLEY COULD REACH 1,000 YARDS FOR THIRD TEAM:** Titans wide receiver **Calvin Ridley** signed with the team as an unrestricted free agent during the 2024 offseason. In his first campaign in Tennessee, he leads the club with 61 receptions and 941 receiving yards.

With 59 receiving yards on Sunday, Ridley will reach the 1,000-yard receiving mark for the third time in his career. He previously did so in 2020 and 2023.

If he reaches 1,000 receiving yards, Ridley will become the sixth player in franchise history to accomplish the feat in his first season with the franchise. He would join **Bill Groman**, **Drew Hill**, **Ernest Givins**, **A.J. Brown** and **DeAndre Hopkins**.

### Titans/Oilers players with 1,000 receiving yards in their first season with the franchise:

Player	Season	Receptions	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1. Bill Groman*	1960	72	1,473	20.5	92	12
2. Drew Hill	1985	64	1,169	18.3	57t	9
3. Ernest Givins*	1986	61	1,062	17.4	60	3
4. DeAndre Hopkins	2023	75	1,057	14.1	61t	7
5. A.J. Brown*	2019	52	1,051	20.2	91t	8
<b>Calvin Ridley</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>4</b>

*Needs 59 yards in final game*

\* Rookie

Ridley has a chance to register a 1,000-yard receiving season with his third NFL team. He first hit the plateau as a member of the Atlanta Falcons in 2020 (1,374 yards), and in 2023, he hit 1,000 yards (1,016) while playing for the Jacksonville Jaguars.

In NFL history, only eight other players have had a 1,000-yard receiving season with three different teams. **DeAndre Hopkins** was the most recent member to join the group after accomplishing the feat with the Titans in 2023.

Should Ridley reach the 1,000-yard mark this week, he would be the first player in NFL history to secure his first three 1,000-yard receiving seasons with three different teams.

**NFL players with 1,000-yard receiving seasons for three different teams, all-time:**

Player	Number of Teams	Teams
Brandin Cooks	4	Houston, LA Rams, New England, New Orleans
Brandon Marshall	4	Chicago, Denver, Miami, NY Jets
Amari Cooper	3	Cleveland, Dallas, Oakland
DeAndre Hopkins	3	Houston, Tennessee, Arizona
Irving Fryar	3	Miami, New England, Philadelphia
Randy Moss	3	Oakland, Minnesota, New England
Terrell Owens	3	Dallas, Philadelphia, San Francisco
Tony Martin	3	Atlanta, Miami, San Diego
<b>Calvin Ridley</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Atlanta, Jacksonville</b> <i>Needs 59 yards for 1,000 with Tennessee</i>

**OKONKWO AMONG FRANCHISE’S MOST PRODUCTIVE TIGHT ENDS THROUGH 50 GAMES:** Last week’s contest at Jacksonville was the 50th career game for Titans tight end **Chig Okonkwo**, who has appeared in every contest since entering the NFL in 2022 as a fourth-round draft pick from the University of Maryland. He tied for the team lead with five receptions against the Jaguars, giving him three consecutive games with at least five catches.

Within his first 50 career games, Okonkwo accumulated 138 receptions for 1,457 yards and six touchdowns. In franchise history, he ranks fourth for receptions in a tight end’s first 50 games with the club. Only **Delanie Walker** (234 receptions), **Frank Wycheck** (166) and **Willard Dewveall** (141) had more than Okonkwo, and each of those previous players joined the club as veterans from other organizations.

Okonkwo’s receiving yardage total is the sixth-best figure among franchise tight ends within their first 50 games with the team.

**Most receptions by a Titans/Oilers tight end in his first 50 games with the franchise:**

Player	Seasons	Receptions
1. Delanie Walker*	2013–2016	234
2. Frank Wycheck*	1995–1998	166
3. Willard Dewveall*	1961–1964	141
4. <b>Chig Okonkwo</b>	<b>2022–2024</b>	<b>138</b>
5. Alvin Reed	1967–1970	133

(49 Games)

**Most receiving yards by a Titans/Oilers tight end in his first 50 games with the franchise:**

Player	Seasons	Receiving Yards
1. Delanie Walker*	2013–2016	2,795
2. Willard Dewveall*	1961–1964	2,080
3. Alvin Reed	1967–1970	1,954
4. Frank Wycheck*	1995–1998	1,819
5. Dave Casper*	1980–1983	1,750
6. <b>Chig Okonkwo</b>	<b>2022–2024</b>	<b>1,457</b>

(49 Games)  
(38 Games)

\* Joined the Titans/Oilers as NFL veterans after spending time with another organization(s).

**SIMMONS ACCUMULATING TACKLES:** Titans defensive tackle **Jeffery Simmons** was credited with five tackles in last week’s game at Jacksonville. It was his fifth consecutive game with at least five tackles, marking the longest such streak of his career.

With one game remaining on the schedule, Simmons has produced a career-high 72 total tackles in 2024. His previous career high was 54 tackles in both 2021 and 2022.

Simmons leads all NFL defensive tackles in total tackles this season, and only one defensive lineman—Carolina Panthers defensive end **A’Shawn Robinson**—has more tackles than him. Robinson’s 75 tackles leads the league among defensive linemen.

**Most tackles by NFL defensive linemen in 2024:**

Player	Team	Position	Total Tackles
1. A'Shawn Robinson	Carolina Panthers	DE	75
2. <b>Jeffery Simmons</b>	<b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>72</b>
3. Cameron Heyward	Pittsburgh Steelers	DT	70
4. Grover Stewart	Indianapolis Colts	DT	67
5. Davon Godchaux	New England Patriots	DT	63
6. Kobie Turner	Los Angeles Rams	DE	62
7. Adam Butler	Las Vegas Raiders	DT	61
8. Zach Allen	Denver Broncos	DE	60
9. Leonard Williams	Seattle Seahawks	DT	59
10. DeForest Buckner	Indianapolis Colts	DT	57

In the franchise's Titans era, Simmons' tackle total already ranks second among defensive linemen for a single season (press box tackle statistics). With four more tackles, he will surpass the Titans era leader, former defensive end **Kyle Vanden Bosch**, who tallied 75 tackles in 2006.

**Most tackles by a Titans defensive lineman, 1999 to 2024 (press box statistics):**

Player	Position	Season	Total Tackles
1. Kyle Vanden Bosch	DE	2006	75
2. <b>Jeffery Simmons</b>	<b>DT</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>72</b>
3. Jurrell Casey	DT	2014	68
4. Kyle Vanden Bosch	DE	2005	66
5. Jurrell Casey	DT	2018	62
6. Jurrell Casey	DT	2017	60
Kyle Vanden Bosch	DE	2007	60
8. Jason Babin	DE	2010	58
9. Jevon Kearse	DE	1999	57
10. Jurrell Casey	DT	2013	55

**LATHAM SCHEDULED FOR 17TH START AS ROOKIE LEFT TACKLE:** Titans rookie **JC Latham** is expected to record his 17th consecutive start at left tackle to begin his NFL career. He has not missed an offensive snap this season after being selected by the Titans with the seventh overall selection in the 2024 NFL Draft.

With another start this week, Latham will join **Jack Conklin** (2016), **Chance Warmack** (2013) and **Michael Roos** (2005) as the franchise's only rookie offensive linemen since 1999 to start every game.

Additionally, Latham will not celebrate his 22nd birthday until Feb. 8, 2025. In the history of the Titans/Oilers franchise, only one player—defensive tackle **Randy Starks**—has started more games than Latham before turning 22. Starks recorded 21 starts before his 22nd birthday in 2005.

If Latham starts against the Texans, he will be the NFL's only player under age 22 to log 17 starts in 2024.

**Most starts in franchise history (1960–present) before a player's 22nd birthday:**

Player	Position	Season(s)	Starts	
1. Randy Starks	DT	2004–2005	21	
2. <b>JC Latham</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>One game remaining</b>
3. Jurrell Casey	DT	2011	11	

**FOLK COULD LEAD LEAGUE FOR SECOND CONSECUTIVE SEASON:** Despite missing the past two contests due to an injury, Titans kicker **Nick Folk** maintains his NFL lead in field goal percentage going into the season finale. He has made 21 of his 22 attempts in 2024 for a success rate of 95.5 percent.

Chargers kicker **Cameron Dicker** ranks second at 94.6 percent (35 of 37), followed by Green Bay's **Brandon McManus** at 94.4 percent (17 of 18).

If he finishes this weekend in the lead, it will mark the second straight season in which Folk has paced the NFL in field goal percentage. In 2023, he made 29 of 30 field goals for a league-best 96.7 percent. Folk would become the first player to lead the NFL in field goal percentage in consecutive seasons since Detroit's **Eddie Murray** accomplished the feat from 1988 (95.2) to 1989 (95.2).

**NFL leaders in field goal percentage in 2024:**

Player	Team	Made	Attempts	Percent
1. Nick Folk	Tennessee Titans	21	22	95.5
2. Cameron Dicker	Los Angeles Chargers	35	37	94.6
3. Brandon McManus	Green Bay Packers	17	18	94.4
4. Chase McLaughlin	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	28	30	93.3
5. Chris Boswell	Pittsburgh Steelers	40	43	93.0
6. Cam Little	Jacksonville Jaguars	24	26	92.3
7. Wil Lutz	Denver Broncos	30	33	90.9
8. Austin Seibert	Washington Commanders	27	30	90.0
9. Jason Sanders	Miami Dolphins	35	39	89.7
10. Jake Bates	Detroit Lions	25	28	89.3

In 2023, Folk's 96.7 percentage on field goals established a franchise record, topping the previous mark of 92.3 percent by **Al Del Greco** (1998) and **Rob Bironas** (2010). While unlikely to reach the mark Sunday—he would need to attempt and make eight field goals—Folk's 2024 percentage would still give him the top two seasons in franchise history.

**Highest field goal percentage in a season, franchise history:**

Player	Season	Made	Attempts	Percent
1. Nick Folk	2023	29	30	96.7
2. Nick Folk	2024	21	22	95.5
3. Al Del Greco	1998	36	39	92.3
Rob Bironas	2010	24	26	92.3
5. Ryan Succop	2016	22	24	91.7
6. Rob Bironas	2011	29	32	90.6
7. Rob Bironas	2007	35	39	89.7
8. Rob Bironas	2008	29	33	87.9
9. Ryan Succop	2015	14	16	87.5
10. Gary Anderson	2003	27	31	87.1
Al Del Greco	1995	27	31	87.1

*One game remaining*

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