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TITANS-PANTHERS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

LEVIS, YOUNG MEET FOR FIRST TIME IN NFL: Sunday's Titans-Panthers contest features two of the top four quarterbacks selected in the 2023 NFL Draft. The Panthers used the first-overall selection to draft Alabama's **Bryce Young**, and 32 picks later, the Titans chose Kentucky's **Will Levis** with the 33rd overall pick.

While Young was inserted as his team's starter since the beginning of the season and has been in the lineup for all but one contest, Levis is four starts into his career. In the past four games, Levis has completed 73 of 124 passes for 857 yards and six touchdowns with two interceptions.

The two former Southeastern Conference signal callers never faced each other in college, as their respective teams did not meet during Levis' time in Lexington from 2021 to 2022.

Passing statistics for 2023 rookie quarterbacks in Weeks 8-11, listed by overall draft selection:

Quarterback	Team	Round (Overall)	Games/ Starts	Comp	Att	Pct	Yards	Yd/Att	TD	Int	Sacked	Rating
Bryce Young	Carolina Panthers	1 (1)	4/4	83	137	60.6	716	5.2	3	4	20	69.5
C.J. Stroud	Houston Texans	1 (2)	4/4	96	142	67.6	1,302	9.2	8	4	9	103.7
Anthony Richardson	Indianapolis Colts	1 (4)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Will Levis	Tennessee Titans	2 (33)	4/4	73	124	58.9	857	6.9	6	2	12	89.3
Hendon Hooker	Detroit Lions	3 (68)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jake Haener	New Orleans	4 (127)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stetson Bennett	Los Angeles Rams	4 (128)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Aidan O'Connell	Las Vegas Raiders	4 (135)	3/3	56	93	60.2	633	6.8	2	4	5	69.9
Clayton Tune	Arizona Cardinals	5 (139)	2/1	11	20	55.0	58	2.9	0	2	7	20.8
Dorian Thompson-Robinson	Cleveland Browns	5 (140)	2/1	25	44	56.8	174	4.0	0	1	1	56.4
Sean Clifford	Green Bay Packers	5 (149)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jaren Hall	Minnesota Vikings	5 (164)	2/1	8	10	80.0	101	10.1	0	0	1	108.8
Tanner McKee	Philadelphia Eagles	6 (188)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Max Duggan	Los Angeles Chargers	7 (239)	0/0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Last week at Jacksonville, Levis tossed a 43-yard touchdown pass to wide receiver **DeAndre Hopkins**. It was the rookie quarterback's fourth touchdown pass in as many games that went for 30-plus yards.

From Week 8 to Week 11, Miami's **Tua Tagovailoa** was the only other NFL quarterback with four completed touchdown passes of 30-plus yards.

Most touchdown passes of 30-plus yards, Weeks 8-11:

Player	Team	30+ Yard TD Passes
1. Will Levis	Tennessee Titans	4
Tua Tagovailoa	Miami Dolphins	4
3. Justin Herbert	Los Angeles Chargers	3
Sam Howell	Washington Commanders	3
5. Lamar Jackson	Baltimore Ravens	2
Joe Burrow	Cincinnati Bengals	2
Brock Purdy	San Francisco 49ers	2
C.J. Stroud	Houston Texans	2
9. (16 tied)		1

SIMMONS JOINS LIST TOPPED BY VRABEL: During last week's game at Jacksonville, Titans defensive tackle **Jeffery Simmons** played two snaps on offense in short-yardage situations, bringing his season total to four such plays. Those snaps have resulted in three touchdowns and one additional fourth-down conversion.

Against the Jaguars, Simmons' first offensive snap, a fourth-and-one rushing attempt by **Derrick Henry**, resulted in five yards and a first down. On Simmons' next chance on offense, he recorded his first career touchdown on a two-yard pass from **Will Levis**.

Simmons became the NFL's first defensive lineman with a touchdown reception since Miami's **Christian Wilkins** against the New York Jets on Dec. 19, 2021.

Additionally, he joined a list of 10 other players with a touchdown reception and at least 25 career sacks since individual sacks became an official NFL statistic in 1982. Titans head coach **Mike Vrabel**, who had 57 career sacks during his playing days with the Pittsburgh Steelers, New England Patriots and Kansas City Chiefs, is at the top of the grouping with 10 touchdown receptions. Vrabel had two additional touchdown grabs in postseason play.

NFL players with a minimum of 25 career sacks and one touchdown reception (1982–present):

Player	Sacks	TD Receptions
1. Mike Vrabel	57.0	10
2. J.J. Watt	114.5	3
Jim Flanigan	46.0	3
4. Jared Allen	136.0	2
Warren Sapp	96.5	2
James Jones	37.0	2
7. Brian Urlacher	41.0	1
Carl Banks	39.5	1
William Perry	29.5	1
Brian Dawkins	26.0	1
Jeffery Simmons	25.5	1

HOPKINS AN ASSET FOR ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS: **DeAndre Hopkins** caught a 43-yard touchdown pass from **Will Levis** last week. It was the fourth time in as many games that Hopkins was on the receiving end of a touchdown pass from the rookie quarterback.

In the four weeks Levis has been the Titans' starter, Hopkins' four touchdown receptions are tied for the highest total in the NFL. Houston's **Tank Dell** and Dallas' **CeeDee Lamb** are the only other players with that many. Also during that span, Hopkins ranks sixth in the league with an average of 18.3 yards per reception (15 for 274 yards).

This is the second time in his career in which Hopkins has contributed touchdowns to a teammate's rookie campaign as a starting quarterback. In 2017, he was a veteran with the Houston Texans when **Deshaun Watson** appeared in seven contests for the team as a rookie. Hopkins was on the receiving end of seven touchdown passes that season by Watson.

In the 11 seasons since Hopkins entered the NFL in 2013, his total of 11 touchdown receptions on passes thrown by rookie quarterbacks ranks second in the NFL. Only current New England Patriots tight end **Hunter Henry** has more (14).

On the opposite sideline from the Titans this week, Panthers wide receiver **DJ Chark Jr.** will have an opportunity to increase his career total of 10 touchdowns on passes from rookie signal callers. He has 10 such scores, including two this season from Panthers rookie starter **Bryce Young**.

NFL players with the most touchdown receptions on passes from rookie quarterbacks, 2013–present:

Player	Total	TD Receptions from Rookie QBs
1. Hunter Henry	14	Mac Jones (9); Justin Herbert (4); Bailey Zappe (1)
2. DeAndre Hopkins	11	Deshaun Watson (7); Will Levis (4)
3. DJ Chark Jr.	10	Gardner Minshew II (5); Trevor Lawrence (2); Bryce Young (2); Jake Luton (1)
Larry Fitzgerald	10	Josh Rosen (6); Kyler Murray (4)
Vincent Jackson	10	Mike Glennon (7); Jameis Winston (3)

Additionally, Hopkins can accomplish the following this week against Carolina:

- He needs 52 receiving yards (currently 11,948) to become the 29th player in NFL history to reach 12,000 career receiving yards.
- With five receptions (currently 895), he will become the 25th player in NFL history to reach 900 career receptions.
- He can become the fifth NFL player to record 900 receptions (currently 895), 12,000 receiving yards (11,948) and 75 receiving touchdowns (75) within his first 11 seasons, joining **Marvin Harrison**, **Jerry Rice**, **Brandon Marshall** and **Larry Fitzgerald**. Only 16 previous players have reached all three numbers within their entire careers, regardless of number of seasons accumulated. Hopkins would be the only active player on that list.
- One reception will extend his active streak to 156 consecutive games with a reception—every game he has played since he entered the NFL. It is the longest active streak in the NFL. Hopkins' streak is the fourth-longest in NFL history to begin a career behind only **Marvin Harrison** (190 consecutive games), **Keyshawn Johnson** (167) and **Marshall Faulk** (158).
- He can register his 42nd career 100-yard receiving game and his third 100-yard game as a member of the Titans.
- One touchdown reception will give him eight career seasons with at least five touchdown catches.

VRABEL TO PASS PHILLIPS IN GAMES AS HEAD COACH: Following this week's game against the Carolina Panthers, **Mike Vrabel** will be behind only **Jeff Fisher** for the most career games as head coach in franchise history. Vrabel (53-44) enters the week with 97 games on the Titans sideline, including postseason. He is currently in a tie with **Bum Phillips** (53-44).

Fisher totaled a franchise-record 273 games (147-126) with the organization from 1994 to 2010.

Vrabel's 97 career games rank 13th among all active NFL head coaches.

Most total games by a head coach in franchise history (regular season and postseason):

Head Coach	Seasons	Games	Wins	Losses	Ties
1. Jeff Fisher	1994-2010	273	147	126	0
2. Mike Vrabel	2018-23	97	53	44	0
O.A. "Bum" Phillips	1975-80	97	59	38	0
4. Wally Lemm	1961, 1966-70	82	38	40	4
5. Jack Pardee	1990-94	79	44	35	0
6. Jerry Glanville	1985-89	70	35	35	0
7. Mike Munchak	2011-13	48	22	26	0
8. Mike Mularkey	2015-17	43	21	22	0
9. Ed Biles	1981-83	31	8	23	0
10. Hugh Campbell	1984-85	30	8	22	0
11. Frank "Pop" Ivy	1962-63	29	17	12	0
12. Sid Gillman	1973-74	23	8	15	0
Ken Whisenhunt	2014-15	23	3	20	0
14. Lou Rymkus	1960-61	20	12	7	1
15. Bill Peterson	1972-73	19	1	18	0
16. Ed Hughes	1971	14	4	9	1
Sammy Baugh	1964	14	4	10	0
Hugh "Bones" Taylor	1965	14	4	10	0
19. Chuck Studley	1983	10	2	8	0

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