



# TENNESSEE TITANS

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## TITANS-COLTS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

**TITANS GO FOR NINTH CONSECUTIVE DIVISIONAL ROAD WIN:** In the Titans' first divisional game of 2022 this week, they will put a unique streak on the line. They enter the contest with a string of eight consecutive wins in divisional games on the road, having not lost a road game to a division foe since dropping a 20-7 decision at Jacksonville on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019.

It is the longest such winning streak in franchise history, topping the club's seven consecutive victories in divisional road games from 1998 to 1999.

The Titans own the second-longest active streak of its kind in the NFL. The Chiefs are the owners of a 13-game winning streak in divisional road games, dating back to 2017.

### Longest active winning streaks in divisional road games:

Team	Beginning of Streak	Games
1. Kansas City Chiefs	12/31/2017	13
2. <b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>12/1/2019</b>	<b>8</b>
3. Dallas Cowboys	12/12/2021	4
4. Arizona Cardinals	10/3/2021	3
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	12/5/2021	3
6. Houston Texans	11/21/2021	2
Atlanta Falcons	11/7/2021	2
Los Angeles Rams	12/13/2021	2
Philadelphia Eagles	1/2/2022	2

The Titans hope to become the fifth team since 1997 to put together winning streaks of nine such games. The Denver Broncos won 15 straight divisional road contests from 2011 to 2015, followed by the Chiefs' current 13-game streak, a 10-game streak by the Carolina Panthers from 2004 to 2007, and a nine-game streak by the New Orleans Saints from 2018 to 2020.

### Longest divisional road winning streaks from 1997 to 2022:

Team	Seasons	Games	
1. Denver Broncos	2011–2015	15	
2. <i>Kansas City Chiefs</i>	<i>2017–present</i>	13	<i>active streak</i>
3. Carolina Panthers	2004–2007	10	
4. New Orleans Saints	2018–2020	9	
5. <b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>2019–present</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>active streak</b>
Indianapolis Colts	2013–2015	8	
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**LAST TWO NFL RUSHING CHAMPIONS MEET:** On Sunday, the two players representing the last three NFL rushing titles will be on opposite sidelines in Indianapolis. Tennessee's **Derrick Henry** won the NFL rushing crown in 2019 with 1,540 yards and won it again in 2020 with 2,027 yards. In 2021, Colts running back **Jonathan Taylor** finished with a league-high 1,811 rushing yards.

Henry, who was limited to eight regular-season games in 2021 due to injury, finished the campaign with 937 rushing yards. He suffered the injury at Indianapolis on Oct. 31 and missed the remainder of the regular season before returning for the playoffs.

Since Taylor entered the NFL as a rookie in 2020, the two AFC South rival running backs appeared at or near the top of most rushing categories. In that time period, Taylor has an NFL-high 3,266 rushing yards (3,156 by Henry), while Henry's average of 116.9 rushing yards per game is the highest in the league (93.3 by Taylor).

The last time the two previous NFL rushing champions shared the same field on opposite teams was at Tennessee on Sept. 11, 2016. On that day, the league's 2015 rushing leader, **Adrian Peterson**, visited as a member of the Minnesota Vikings against the Titans and **DeMarco Murray**, who led the league with the Dallas Cowboys in 2014.

**Most rushing yards, 2020–2022:**

Player	Yards
1. <b>Jonathan Taylor</b>	<b>3,266</b>
2. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	<b>3,156</b>
3. Dalvin Cook	2,919
4. Nick Chubb	2,667
5. Ezekiel Elliott	2,159
6. Josh Jacobs	2,129
7. Aaron Jones	2,120
8. David Montgomery	2,078
9. James Robinson	2,067
10. Melvin Gordon III	2,035

**Most rushing yards per game, 2020–2022:**

Player	Yards/Game
1. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	<b>116.9</b>
2. Dalvin Cook	97.3
3. <b>Jonathan Taylor</b>	<b>93.3</b>
4. Nick Chubb	92.0
5. Joe Mixon	71.8
6. Miles Sanders	68.3
7. Lamar Jackson	67.2
8. David Montgomery	67.0
9. James Robinson	66.7
10. Najee Harris	66.4

**Most rushing touchdowns, 2020–2022:**

Player	Yards/Game
1. <b>Jonathan Taylor</b>	<b>30</b>
2. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	<b>29</b>
3. Nick Chubb	24
4. Dalvin Cook	23
5. James Conner	22
6. Josh Jacobs	21
7. Antonio Gibson	20
Alvin Kamara	20
9. Damien Harris	19
10. Melvin Gordon III	18
James Robinson	18

**THIRD-DOWN DEFENSE:** Last week against the Las Vegas Raiders, the Titans defense limited the Raiders to a single third-down conversion on 12 attempts. The 8.3-percent conversion rate gave the Titans defense its best performance since **Mike Vrabel** became head coach in 2018 and the team's best performance since allowing 8.3 percent on third down (one conversion on 12 attempts) at Kansas City on Sept. 7, 2014.

Through three games in 2022, the Titans defense has yielded a total of eight third-down conversions on 35 attempts. The 22.9-percent conversion rate is second in the NFL, as only the Green Bay Packers defense has fared better at 22.6 percent.

**NFL's top defenses on third down in 2022:**

Team	3rd Down Attempts	3rd Down Conversions	3rd Down Percent
1. Green Bay Packers	31	7	22.6
2. <b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22.9</b>
3. Denver Broncos	34	9	26.5
4. New York Giants	36	10	27.8
5. Washington Commanders	40	12	30.0
6. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	43	13	30.2
7. New Orleans Saints	44	14	31.8
8. Baltimore Ravens	34	11	32.4
9. San Francisco 49ers	40	13	32.5
10. Kansas City Chiefs	43	14	32.6
Cincinnati Bengals	43	14	32.6

The Titans defense is off to one of the franchise's best starts to a season on third down. Since the beginning of the team's "Titans era" in 1999, the only season in which the Titans defense was better on third down through the first three games of a season was 2003. That season, the unit allowed a conversion rate of 21.9 percent—seven conversions on 32 attempts—through three games.

**Best Titans third-down defense through three weeks of a season, 1999–2022:**

Season	3rd Down Attempts	3rd Down Conversions	3rd Down Percent
1. 2003	32	7	21.9
2. <b>2022</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>22.9</b>
3. 2008	42	11	26.2
4. 2010	41	11	26.8
5. 2009	46	13	28.3
6. 2019	35	10	28.6
7. 2000	31	9	29.0
8. 2015	36	11	30.6
9. 2001	41	13	31.7
10. 2013	39	13	33.3
2005	33	11	33.3

**BEST MONTH EVER:** In his first three NFL games, Titans punter **Ryan Stonehouse** became the first player in NFL history to record three consecutive games with a gross punting average of 55.0 yards or more (minimum of two punts each game). The undrafted rookie from Colorado State debuted in Week 1 against the Giants with a 57.0-yard average, followed by a 55.5-yard average in Week 2 at Buffalo and a 60.3-yard average last week against Las Vegas.

Through three weeks, Stonehouse leads the NFL with a 57.1-yard gross punting average, and he is tied with Seattle's **Michael Dickson** for second place in the NFL with a 46.7-yard net average. Kansas City's **Tommy Townsend** leads the league with a 49.5-yard net average.

Stonehouse recorded the highest gross punting average by any player in any calendar month in NFL history. His 57.1-yard average topped the previous single-month mark of 56.2 yards by Chargers punter **Mike Scifres** in October 2010 and matched by Raiders punter **Shane Lechler** in September 2011.

In Titans/Oilers history, **Brett Kern** previously owned the best punting average in a single month with a 52.4-yard average in October 2017. Additionally, Kern's net average of 48.2 yards per punt that same month is the only single-month net average for the franchise that outranks Stonehouse's 46.7-yard net average over the past month.

**Highest punting average in a calendar month, NFL history:**

Player	Month*	Season	Team	Games	Punts	Blk	Yards	Avg	TB	In20	Lg	NetAvg
1. <b>Ryan Stonehouse</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>Tennessee</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>856</b>	<b>57.1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>46.7</b>
2. Shane Lechler	September	2011	Oakland	3	15	0	843	56.2	2	3	77	38.6
Mike Scifres	October	2010	San Diego	5	13	3	730	56.2	3	1	67	29.9
4. Tommy Townsend	September	2022	Kansas City	3	11	0	611	55.5	2	5	74	49.5
5. Matt Boshier	September	2015	Atlanta	3	13	0	709	54.5	1	4	69	44.2
6. Andy Lee	September	2015	Cleveland	3	12	0	651	54.3	1	4	67	47.6
7. Mat McBriar	October	2007	Dallas	3	11	0	595	54.1	2	4	63	46.1
8. Tommy Townsend	November	2021	Kansas City	4	14	0	752	53.7	1	10	68	50.7
9. A.J. Cole	October	2021	Las Vegas	4	15	0	802	53.5	2	7	71	46.5
10. Marquette King	September	2017	Oakland	3	13	0	693	53.3	1	7	65	48.8
Brandon Fields	September	2011	Miami	3	12	0	639	53.3	0	6	70	44.8

\* Note: August games are included with September games; January games are included with December contests

**JONES SCHEDULED TO START 100TH GAME FOR TITANS:** Center **Ben Jones** enters this week scheduled to play and start his 100th game since he joined the Titans as an unrestricted free agent from the Houston Texans. He was the first unrestricted free agent signing announced by the team during the 2016 league year, **Jon Robinson's** first year as the club's general manager.

Since Jones' signing, he is one of only seven offensive linemen who have started at least 99 of a possible 100 games. The only game Jones has missed was at Carolina on Nov. 3, 2019. Since then he has started 43 consecutive games.

Among all NFL centers, only Philadelphia's **Jason Kelce** (100) has as many or more starts than Jones since 2016.

**Most games started by offensive linemen from 2016 to 2022 (100 possible starts):**

Player	Current Team	Primary Position	Starts
1. Jason Kelce	Philadelphia Eagles	Center	100
Charles Leno Jr.	Washington Commanders	Tackle	100
Jake Matthews	Atlanta Falcons	Tackle	100
Joe Thuney	Kansas City Chiefs	Guard	100
5. <b>Ben Jones</b>	<b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>Center</b>	<b>99</b>
Morgan Moses	Baltimore Ravens	Tackle	99
Kevin Zeitler	Baltimore Ravens	Guard	99
8. Cody Whitehair	Chicago Bears	Guard	98
9. Alejandro Villanueva	Baltimore Ravens	Tackle	97
10. Donovan Smith	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Tackle	96

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