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TITANS-COLTS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

SEVEN INTERCEPTIONS IN FOUR GAMES: The Titans defense has increased its propensity for big plays in recent weeks, including last Sunday against the Bengals. Linebacker **Luke Gifford** and safety **Daryl Worley** provided interceptions to account for half of the team's takeaways in the contest, which also gave the Titans defense seven total interceptions in a four-game span.

The Titans defense registered its fourth consecutive game with at least one interception. Within that span, the unit tallied a pair of interceptions three times: at Houston (Nov. 24), against Jacksonville (Dec. 8) and against Cincinnati (Dec. 15). The defense also had one interception at Washington (Dec. 1). It marks the first time since 2020 (Sept. 27 to Oct. 25) that the Titans have totaled seven interceptions in a four-game stretch.

Another two-interception game this week at Indianapolis would give the defense nine in a five-game stretch. The last time the unit accomplished that was also 2020 (Sept. 20 to Oct. 25).

Over the past four weeks, the Titans' seven total interceptions lead the NFL. Their opponents this week, the Indianapolis Colts, are tied for seventh place with four.

Most interceptions in 2024 from Week 12 to Week 15:

Team	Interceptions
1. Tennessee Titans	7
2. Denver Broncos	6
Dallas Cowboys	6
Cincinnati Bengals	6
5. Houston Texans	5
Los Angeles Chargers	5
7. Indianapolis Colts	4
Kansas City Chiefs	4
Green Bay Packers	4
Pittsburgh Steelers	4
Seattle Seahawks	4
Minnesota Vikings	4

DEFENSE OPPORTUNISTIC ON FIRST DRIVES: In last week's game, the Titans defense was on the field for two snaps before linebacker **Luke Gifford** intercepted a pass by Bengals quarterback **Joe Burrow**. Gifford's first career interception set up the Titans offense for a touchdown on the ensuing drive.

It was the second consecutive week in which the Titans defense forced a turnover to open the game after cornerback **Chidobe Awuzie** intercepted a pass to end Jacksonville's first possession on Dec. 8. Earlier in the season, the defense forced turnovers during its first series at Miami on Sept. 30 (fumble recovery by **Arden Key**) and against Minnesota on Nov. 17 (fumble recovery by **Jeffery Simmons**).

In the franchise's "Titans era" (1999–present), the only other season in which the defense forced as many as four turnovers on opening possessions was 2013, when it forced two interceptions and recovered two fumbles. If it does so for a fifth time this week at Indianapolis, it will not only become the franchise high in that time frame but also mark the Titans' first such three-game streak in the past 26 seasons.

Among all 32 NFL teams in 2024, the only other team with four takeaways on opponents' opening possessions is the Atlanta Falcons (three fumble recoveries and one interception).

Most takeaways on opponents' first possessions in 2024:

Team	Fumble Recoveries	Interceptions	Total
1. Tennessee Titans	2	2	4
Atlanta Falcons	3	1	4
3. Buffalo Bills	0	3	3
Los Angeles Chargers	1	2	3
5. (eight tied)			2

SIMMONS, STEWART AMONG LEAGUE'S BEST RUN STUFFERS: When the Titans and Colts meet this week at Lucas Oil Stadium, Tennessee's **Jeffery Simmons** and Indianapolis' **Grover Stewart** will share the field. The two veteran defensive tackles are each enjoying the best statistical production of their careers in shutting down ball carriers in the backfield.

Last week, Simmons recorded a pair of tackles for loss on rushing plays, dropping Bengals running back **Chase Brown** for losses of three yards and four yards. It marked the fifth and sixth plays in 2024 in which he was credited with a tackle for loss on a rushing play. With three games remaining in 2024, his six such plays have already matched his career-high total from 2023.

Since the beginning of the 2023 season, Simmons' 12 tackles for loss on rushing plays are tied for the most among NFL interior defensive linemen. He currently shares the lead with two other players: Stewart and Denver's **Zach Allen**.

Stewart, who is in his seventh season with the Colts, has a career-high seven tackles for loss on rushing plays in 2024 after recording five in 2023.

Interior defensive linemen with the most tackles for loss on rushing plays from 2023 to 2024:

Player	Current/Last Team	Tackles for Loss on Rush Plays
1. Jeffery Simmons	Tennessee Titans	12
Grover Stewart	Indianapolis Colts	12
Zach Allen	Denver Broncos	12
4. Quinnen Williams	New York Jets	11
5. Teair Tart	Los Angeles Chargers	10
Shelby Harris	Cleveland Browns	10
Jalen Carter	Philadelphia Eagles	10
8. Calais Campbell	Miami Dolphins	9
Aaron Donald	Los Angeles Rams	9
Daron Payne	Washington Commanders	9
Calijah Kancey	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	9

SWEAT LEADING ROOKIE DEFENSIVE LINEMEN IN SNAPS: Rookie **T'Vondre Sweat** was responsible for a memorable highlight last week against the Bengals. With the Bengals threatening at Tennessee's nine-yard line in the second quarter, the nose tackle stripped the ball from **Joe Burrow** and rumbled 30 yards on the return. It was his first career forced fumble and fumble recovery.

Sweat, who was selected by the Titans in the second round (38th overall) of the 2024 NFL Draft, has played 552 defensive snaps. With three games remaining in his rookie season, he already has more defensive snaps than any other Titans rookie defensive lineman since 2007 other than **Jurrell Casey**. Casey tallied 625 snaps after being selected in the third round in 2011.

Within the NFL in 2024, no rookie defensive lineman has seen more snaps than Sweat, who is one of three rookie defensive linemen with at least 400 snaps. Los Angeles Rams second-round defensive end **Braden Fiske** ranks second with 517 defensive snaps, while Colts defensive end **Laiatu Latu**, the 15th-overall selection in the draft, is third with 500 defensive snaps.

Most defensive snaps by rookie defensive linemen in 2024:

Player	Team	Draft Round	Overall	Defensive Snaps
1. T'Vondre Sweat	Tennessee Titans	2	38	552
2. Braden Fiske	Los Angeles Rams	2	39	517
3. Laiatu Latu	Indianapolis Colts	1	15	500
4. Kris Jenkins	Cincinnati Bengals	2	49	387
5. Jer'Zhan Newton	Washington Commanders	2	36	381
6. Byron Murphy II	Seattle Seahawks	1	16	364
7. Jonah Lau	Las Vegas Raiders	7	234	308
8. Elijah Chatman	New York Giants	Undrafted	-	300
9. Austin Booker	Chicago Bears	5	144	238
10. Maason Smith	Jacksonville Jaguars	2	48	232