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TITANS-BEARS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

TITANS WIDE RECEIVERS' TOTALS LEAD ALL TEAMS: The Titans enter the 2024 campaign with one of the NFL's most accomplished stables of wide receivers. The position group has six members on the 53-man roster: **DeAndre Hopkins**, **Tyler Boyd**, **Calvin Ridley**, **Nick Westbrook-Ikhine**, **Treylon Burks** and rookie **Jha'Quan Jackson**.

Hopkins enters his second season with the Titans and his 12th campaign in the NFL. With 928 career receptions and 12,355 receiving yards, he leads all active players in both statistics, and his 78 career touchdown receptions trail only the totals of **Davante Adams** (95) and **Mike Evans** (94) among active players.

The Titans signed Boyd and Ridley as free agents during the offseason. Boyd, entering his ninth year in the NFL, arrives with 513 career receptions for 6,000 yards and 31 touchdowns. Ridley, six seasons into his career, has 324 catches, 4,358 receiving yards and 36 scores.

Westbrook-Ikhine (94 receptions for 1,276 yards, 10 touchdowns) and Burks (49 for 665 yards, one touchdown) round out the veteran wide receiver corps.

Collectively, Titans wide receivers venture into Week 1 with 1,908 total career receptions, 24,654 receiving yards and 156 touchdown catches. No team has higher totals in any of the three categories among wide receivers on their 53-man rosters (as of Sept. 3).

The Bears current wide receivers, led by **Keenan Allen**, whose totals include 904 receptions for 10,530 yards and 59 touchdowns, rank third on the list for total career receptions (1,500), fourth in receiving yards (18,649) and eighth in touchdown receptions (95).

Most total receptions by a team's active wide receivers (rosters as of Sept. 3):

Team	Receptions	Individuals
1. Tennessee Titans	1,908	DeAndre Hopkins (928) , Tyler Boyd (513) , Calvin Ridley (324) , Nick Westbrook-Ikhine (94) , Treylon Burks (49)
2. Houston Texans	1,772	Stefon Diggs (810), Robert Woods (663), Nico Collins (150), Steven Sims (78), Tank Dell (47), John Metchie III (16), Xavier Hutchinson (8)
3. Chicago Bears	1,500	Keenan Allen (904) , DJ Moore (460) , DeAndre Carter (108) , Tyler Scott (17) , Velus Jones Jr. (11)
4. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	1,330	Mike Evans (762), Chris Godwin (529), Trey Palmer (39)
5. Seattle Seahawks	1,226	Tyler Lockett (612), DK Metcalf (372), Laviska Shenault Jr. (158), Jaxon Smith-Njigba (63), Jake Bobo (19), Dareke Young (2)

Most total receiving yards by a team's active wide receivers (rosters as of Sept. 3):

Team	Rec. Yards	Individuals
1. Tennessee Titans	24,654	DeAndre Hopkins (12,355) , Tyler Boyd (6,000) , Calvin Ridley (4,358) , Nick Westbrook-Ikhine (1,276) , Treylon Burks (665)
2. Houston Texans	21,910	Stefon Diggs (9,995), Robert Woods (8,030), Nico Collins (2,224), Tank Dell (709), Steven Sims (704), John Metchie III (158), Xavier Hutchinson (90)
3. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	18,755	Mike Evans (11,680), Chris Godwin (6,690), Trey Palmer (385)
4. Chicago Bears	18,649	Keenan Allen (10,530) , DJ Moore (6,565) , DeAndre Carter (1,259) , Tyler Scott (168) , Velus Jones Jr. (127)
5. Seattle Seahawks	15,725	Tyler Lockett (7,994), DK Metcalf (5,332), Laviska Shenault Jr. (1,551), Jaxon Smith-Njigba (628), Jake Bobo (196), Dareke Young (24)

Most total receiving touchdowns by a team's active wide receivers (rosters as of Sept. 3):

Team	Rec. TDs	Individuals
1. Tennessee Titans	156	DeAndre Hopkins (78), Calvin Ridley (36), Tyler Boyd (31), Nick Westbrook-Ikhine (10), Treyton Burks (1)
2. Tampa Bay Buccaneers	131	Mike Evans (94), Chris Godwin (34), Trey Palmer (3)
3. Houston Texans	128	Stefon Diggs (67), Robert Woods (38), Nico Collins (11), Tank Dell (7), Steven Sims (5)
4. Seattle Seahawks	114	Tyler Lockett (59), DK Metcalf (43), Laviska Shenault Jr. (6), Jaxon Smith-Njigba (4), Jake Bobo (2)
5. Las Vegas Raiders	113	Davante Adams (95), Jakobi Meyers (16), Tre Tucker (2)

Note: Wide receivers only. Players on reserve lists and practice squads not included.

CALLAHAN TO MAKE HEAD COACHING DEBUT: Brian Callahan is set to begin his tenure as the 20th head coach in Titans/Oilers history this Sunday, when the Titans visit the Chicago Bears at Soldier Field.

Callahan, who was hired in January, will be 40 years and 90 days old upon his first regular season contest on the Titans sideline. Born June 10, 1984, in Champaign, Ill., he is the seventh-youngest of the 32 head coaches in the NFL. The only younger head coaches than Callahan are Seattle's **Mike Macdonald** (37), New England's **Jerod Mayo** (38), the Los Angeles Rams' **Sean McVay** (38), Minnesota's **Kevin O'Connell** (39), Indianapolis' **Shane Steichen** (39) and Houston's **DeMeco Ryans** (40).

Callahan becomes the organization's third head coach to take over the team at age 40 or younger. **Jeff Fisher** grabbed the reins during the 1994 season at age 36 years and 269 days. He served 17 seasons in the role and was inducted into the franchise's Ring of Honor in 2021. **Lou Rymkus**, the first head coach in Oilers history, began his tenure in 1960 at 40 years and 310 days. He helped the team win the first American Football League championship.

Titans/Oilers head coaches ranked by age in first game as the franchise's head coach:

Head Coach	First Game	Birthdate	Age (Years-Days)
1. Jeff Fisher	11/21/1994	2/25/1958	36 years, 269 days
2. Brian Callahan	9/8/2024	6/10/1984	40 years, 90 days*
3. Lou Rymkus	9/11/1960	11/6/1919	40 years, 310 days
4. Wally Lemm	10/22/1961	10/23/1919	41 years, 364 days
5. Hugh Taylor	9/12/1965	7/6/1923	42 years, 68 days
6. Mike Vrabel	9/9/2018	8/14/1975	43 years, 26 days
7. Hugh Campbell	9/2/1984	5/21/1941	43 years, 104 days
8. Ed Hughes	9/19/1971	10/23/1927	43 years, 331 days
9. Jerry Glanville	12/15/1985	10/14/1941	44 years, 62 days
10. Pop Ivy	9/9/1962	1/25/1916	46 years, 227 days
11. Bill Peterson	9/17/1972	5/14/1923	49 years, 126 days
12. Ed Biles	9/6/1981	10/18/1931	49 years, 323 days
13. Sammy Baugh	9/12/1964	3/17/1914	50 years, 179 days
14. Mike Munchak	9/11/2011	3/5/1960	51 years, 190 days
15. Bum Phillips	9/21/1975	9/29/1923	51 years, 357 days
16. Ken Whisenhunt	9/7/2014	2/28/1962	52 years, 191 days
17. Mike Mularkey	11/8/2015	11/19/1961	53 years, 354 days
18. Jack Pardee	9/9/1990	4/19/1936	54 years, 143 days
19. Chuck Studley	10/16/1983	1/17/1929	54 years, 272 days
20. Sid Gillman	10/21/1973	10/26/1911	61 years, 360 days

* Age on Sept. 8

DIGGS, BYARD AMONG NFL'S INTERCEPTION LEADERS: Sunday's contest at Chicago marks the first time Bears safety **Kevin Byard III** will go against the Titans, who selected him in the third round of the 2016 NFL Draft. Byard played seven full seasons with the team before he was traded to the Philadelphia Eagles during the 2023 campaign. He signed with the Bears during the 2024 offseason.

In 120 games in a Titans uniform, Byard totaled 27 interceptions, tying for fourth place in team history behind only **Jim Norton** (45), **Cris Dishman** (31) and **Fred Glick** (30).

Byard, who added an interception during his time in Philadelphia, has 28 since the beginning of the 2017 season to tie **Justin Simmons** for the second-best total in the NFL. Only **Xavien Howard** (29) has more.

Meanwhile, the Titans added a veteran playmaker to their defense this season with the signing of safety **Quandre Diggs**, who is expected to make his Titans debut this week. Diggs accumulated 24 interceptions from 2017 through 2023. He and **Tyrann Mathieu** are tied for fifth in that span behind Howard, Byard, Simmons and **J.C. Jackson** (26).

Most interceptions from 2017 to 2023:

Player	Interceptions
1. Xavien Howard	29
2. Kevin Byard	28
Justin Simmons	28
4. J.C. Jackson	26
5. Quandre Diggs	24
Tyrann Mathieu	24
7. Jordan Poyer	22
Darius Slay	22
Harrison Smith	22
10. (three tied)	20

ROSTER TURNOVER: Since the conclusion of the 2023 season, the Titans have added 23 new players who earned spots on the Week 1 53-man roster (52 players on roster as of Sept. 4). That number, which does not count players on the current practice squad or reserve lists, includes six 2024 draft picks, 12 free-agent signees, three waiver claims and two players acquired via trade.

The list of new additions to the 2024 Titans include the following players (52 players on roster as of Sept. 4):

Veteran free agents (11): S Jamal Adams, CB Chidobe Awuzie, WR Tyler Boyd, C Lloyd Cushenberry III, S Quandre Diggs, DL Sebastian Joseph-Day, LB Kenneth Murray Jr., RB Tony Pollard, WR Calvin Ridley, QB Mason Rudolph, TE Nick Vannett

Signed as rookie free agents (1): TE David Martin-Robinson

Draft picks (6): T JC Latham (Round 1), DT T'Vondre Sweat (2), CB Jarvis Brownlee Jr. (5), WR Jha'Quan Jackson (6), LB James Williams (7), OLB Jaylen Harrell (7)

Acquired via trade (2): LB Ernest Jones IV, CB L'Jarius Sneed

Acquired via waivers (3): CB Darrell Baker Jr., OLB Ali Gaye, DB Julius Wood

This is the third consecutive season that the Titans roster turned over at least 20 players. The 2022 squad had 20 new players, and last year's roster had 24 newcomers—the most for the franchise in its "Titans era" (1999–present). This year's number would rank second in that span.

Number of new Titans in Week 1 on the Titans' 53-man roster (2024 total with 52 players as of Sept. 4)*:

Season	New Players on 53-Man Roster in Week 1	Season	New Players on 53-Man Roster in Week 1	Season	New Players on 53-Man Roster in Week 1
2024	23	2015	19	2006	18
2023	24	2014	18	2005	16
2022	20	2013	20	2004	15
2021	18	2012	14	2003	13
2020	16	2011	15	2002	17
2019	13	2010	9	2001	12
2018	18	2009	12	2000	18
2017	17	2008	16	1999	15
2016	22	2007	13		

* Includes players on the 53-man roster who were drafted, signed as free agents from other teams, acquired in a trade, or awarded via waivers since the previous season ended. The list does not include players on reserve lists or the practice squad.

TITANS-BEARS FEATURES THREE OF LEAGUE'S MOST VETERAN PLAYERS: The Titans-Bears matchup this week is expected to include three of the NFL's most experienced players. Collectively, the trio accounts for 712 total games played.

Chicago tight end **Marcedes Lewis**, who played at UCLA with Titans head coach **Brian Callahan**, originally entered the NFL as a first-round pick with the Jacksonville Jaguars in 2006. Sunday marks the beginning of his 19th season and will be his 269th career game, which leads all active players.

Kicker **Nick Folk**, going into his 17th season, is Tennessee's most experienced player in both years of service and games played. His 228 NFL games rank seventh among active players and second among kickers—only Arizona's **Matt Prater** (250) has more at his position.

Titans long snapper **Morgan Cox** is set to begin his 15th campaign. He has appeared in 216 contests, which is good for 10th among active players and third by an active long snapper behind only Carolina's **J.J. Jansen** (243) and Houston's **Jon Weeks** (227).

Most career games by active NFL players:

Player	Position	Current Team	Career Games
1. Marcedes Lewis	TE	Chicago Bears	268
2. Matt Prater	K	Arizona Cardinals	250
3. Calais Campbell	DL	Miami Dolphins	244
4. J.J. Jansen	LS	Carolina Panthers	243
5. Thomas Morstead	P	New York Jets	238
6. Aaron Rodgers	QB	New York Jets	231
7. Nick Folk	K	Tennessee Titans	228
8. Jon Weeks	LS	Houston Texans	227
9. Jerry Hughes	DL	Houston Texans	218
10. Morgan Cox	LS	Tennessee Titans	216

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