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TITANS-JAGUARS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

ANOTHER GEM BY TANNEHILL: In last week’s season-opening victory at Denver, Titans quarterback **Ryan Tannehill** completed 29 of 43 passes for 249 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 97.9 passer rating.

Since he stepped into the starting lineup for the Titans in Week 7 of last season, including the regular season and postseason, the performance against the Broncos gave Tannehill a total of nine games in which he completed at least two touchdown passes without throwing an interception. No other NFL quarterback has more than him in that time frame. The next-closest figure is six games each for Baltimore’s **Lamar Jackson** and New Orleans’ **Drew Brees**.

Tannehill owns 26 such games in his career, 17 of which came in his first seven NFL seasons (2012-18) as a member of the Miami Dolphins.

Most games with at least two touchdown passes and no interceptions since Week 7 of 2019 (including playoffs):

Player	Team	Games
1. Ryan Tannehill	Tennessee	9
2. Lamar Jackson	Baltimore	6
Drew Brees	New Orleans	6
4. Russell Wilson	Seattle	5
Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City	5
Josh Allen	Buffalo	5
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	5
8. Kirk Cousins	Minnesota	4
Jared Goff	L.A. Rams	4
Deshaun Watson	Houston	4
Daniel Jones	N.Y. Giants	4

MAKING PLAYS ON THE BALL: Last week Titans fifth-year safety **Kevin Byard** was credited with a team-high nine total tackles and a pass defended.

He also recorded the first forced fumble of his career. It resulted in a recovery by defensive tackle **Jeffery Simmons** and a Titans touchdown on the ensuing possession.

Since the beginning of the 2017 season, Byard leads the NFL with 17 interceptions and also has two opponent fumble recoveries. His total of 20 plays in which he has had an interception, forced fumble or fumble recovery is tied for third in the NFL in that span. Only Pittsburgh Steelers outside linebacker **T.J. Watt** (23), Buffalo Bills safety **Jordan Poyer** (21) and Baltimore Ravens cornerback **Marcus Peters** (20) have equaled Byard’s production.

Most total interceptions, forced fumbles and fumble recoveries from 2017-20:

Player	Interceptions	Forced Fumbles	Opponent Fumble Recoveries	Total
1. T.J. Watt	4	15	4	23
2. Jordan Poyer	11	5	5	21
3. Kevin Byard	17	1	2	20
Marcus Peters	13	4	3	20
5. Eddie Jackson	10	4	5	19
Harrison Smith	11	4	4	19
7. Lavonte David	1	9	8	18
8. Chandler Jones	0	13	4	17
Khalil Mack	1	12	4	17
Tre'Davious White	12	3	2	17

GOAL-LINE STAND: The Titans defense produced a memorable stop at the goal line in the season opener at Denver. The Broncos offense had a first-and-goal at the two-yard line but came up empty in a moment that helped determine the outcome of the game.

After a one-yard run by **Phillip Lindsay**, who was stopped by defensive tackle **Jeffery Simmons** and linebacker **Will Compton**, second down resulted in a **Drew Lock** incomplete pass due to pressure from outside linebacker **Harold Landry III**. On third-and-goal from the one-yard line, running back **Melvin Gordon III** was met in the hole by linebacker **Nick Dzubnar** for no gain. Finally, on fourth down, Lock completed a shovel pass to tight end **Jake Butt**, but Simmons was there to drop him in front of the goal line.

The series of events was rare. Since the beginning of last season, there have been only 14 cases in the regular season in which a defense did not allow a touchdown or field goal when the offense had a first-and-goal from the one-yard line or the two-yard line. The Titans defense has authored an NFL-high three of those stops.

The unit previously accomplished the feat on Oct. 20, 2019 against the Los Angeles Chargers, forcing a fumble late in the fourth quarter to help seal a victory, and later in the season on Dec. 8, when it forced a turnover on downs against the Raiders in Oakland.

Not included but equally as memorable, the Titans defense had a critical stop at New England in the playoffs after the Patriots had a first-and-goal at the one-yard line during the second quarter. After three unsuccessful rushing attempts, the Patriots kicked a field goal, but the defense kept the momentum and did not allow another point for the remainder of the game.

All drives in the regular season from 2019-20 in which an NFL offense had a first-and-goal at the one- or two-yard line and did not score*:

Defense	Total	Opponents (Offense)	Game Date	Drive Result		
1. Tennessee Titans	3	Denver Broncos	9/14/20	Downs		
		Oakland Raiders	12/8/19	Downs		
		Los Angeles Chargers	10/20/19	Fumble		
2. Buffalo Bills	2	Cleveland Browns	11/10/19	Downs		
		Miami Dolphins	10/20/19	Interception		
3. Detroit Lions	1	Los Angeles Chargers	9/15/19	Fumble		
		Kansas City Chiefs	9/29/19	Fumble		
		Miami Dolphins	11/3/19	Interception		
		Minnesota Vikings	9/8/19	Interception		
		New Orleans Saints	11/17/19	Interception		
		Philadelphia Eagles	9/26/19	Downs		
		San Francisco 49ers	12/29/19	Downs		
		Tampa Bay Buccaneers	12/1/19	Interception		
		Washington Redskins	1	Carolina Panthers	12/1/19	Fumble

* Does not include situations in which time expired at the end of a half.

SEVENTH-ROUND STEAL: In the seventh round of the 2020 NFL Draft, Titans general manager **Jon Robinson** selected Marshall University defensive back **Chris Jackson** with the 243rd overall pick. The pick was only 12 slots before the final pick of the draft (255).

Last Monday night at Denver, Jackson was in the starting lineup on defense. He became the franchise's first rookie drafted in the seventh round or later to start a Week 1 game since Sept. 10, 1989, when Oilers ninth-round rookie tight end **Bob Mrosko** started at Minnesota.

Among all NFL draftees since the draft went to seven rounds in 1994, only four were chosen later than the 243rd pick and started the season opener. All four were offensive players: New Orleans Saints wide receiver **Marques Colston** (pick 252 in 2006), Dallas Cowboys offensive lineman **Bill Nagy** (pick 252 in 2011), Seattle Seahawks running back **Chris Carson** (pick 249 in 2017) and Green Bay Packers offensive lineman **Will Whitticker** (pick 246 in 2005).

Latest NFL draft picks to start a Week 1 game as a rookie in the seven-round draft era (1994–present) :

Player	Position	Team	Season	Draft Pick
1. Marques Colston	WR	New Orleans Saints	2006	252
2. Bill Nagy	C	Dallas Cowboys	2011	252
3. Chris Carson	RB	Seattle Seahawks	2017	249
4. Will Whitticker	G	Green Bay Packers	2005	246
5. Chris Jackson	DB	Tennessee Titans	2020	243
6. Charles Lee	WR	Green Bay Packers	2000	242
7. LaRod Stephens-Howling	RB	Arizona Cardinals	2009	240
8. Seantrel Henderson	T	Buffalo Bills	2014	237
9. Jamey Richard	G	Indianapolis Colts	2008	236
10. Chandler Cox	RB	Miami Dolphins	2019	233
Marlon McCree	S	Jacksonville Jaguars	2001	233

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Among all NFL defensive backs drafted in the seventh round since 1994, Jackson became the third player to start his season opener. In 2019, Washington cornerback **Jimmy Moreland** (227th overall pick) was the first to do so since Jacksonville seventh-rounder **Marlon McCree** (233rd overall) started at free safety for the Jaguars in the 2001 opener.

With a start this Sunday, Jackson will join McCree as the only seventh-round defensive backs to start each of their team's first two games in the seven-round draft era. One undrafted player—New Orleans Saints cornerback **Delvin Breaux** in 2015—achieved the same unlikely feat.

Seventh-round defensive backs who started as a rookie in Week 1 during the seven-round draft era (1994–present):

Player	Team	Season	Game 1 Starter	Game 2 Starter
Chris Jackson	Tennessee Titans	2020	Yes	?
Jimmy Moreland	Washington Football Team	2019	Yes	No
Marlon McCree	Jacksonville Jaguars	2001	Yes	Yes

HENRY READY FOR THE DIVISION: This week the Titans face their first AFC South test of 2020 against the Jaguars. Running back **Derrick Henry** is set to play his 13th divisional game since taking over the full-time starting role at the beginning of the 2018 campaign.

In that time period, Henry has produced an NFL-high 1,251 rushing yards against the AFC South, also leading the league with an average of 104.3 rushing yards per contest against divisional foes. His totals during that time include 498 rushing yards against Jacksonville, 383 against Houston and 370 against Indianapolis.

Henry's 12 rushing touchdowns in divisional battles since 2018 rank second behind the 15 scored by current Atlanta Falcon and former Los Angeles Ram **Todd Gurley**.

Most rushing yards per game against division opponents, 2018-20 (minimum four games):

Player	Divisional Games	Rushing Yards	Rushing Touchdowns	Rushing Yards Per Game
1. Derrick Henry	12	1,251	12	104.3
2. Ezekiel Elliott	11	1,079	7	98.1
3. Saquon Barkley	11	1,071	6	97.4
4. Chris Carson	9	853	3	94.8
5. Josh Jacobs	4	359	3	89.8
6. Joe Mixon	12	997	5	83.1
7. C.J. Anderson	4	331	2	82.8
8. Lamar Miller	6	468	4	78.0
9. James Conner	9	689	7	76.6
10. Sony Michel	12	874	10	72.8
11. Todd Gurley	9	643	15	71.4

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