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TITANS-TEXANS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

BYARD LEADING DEFENSE AGAIN: Last week at Los Angeles, Titans safety **Kevin Byard** registered his second interception of the season in addition to five tackles against the Chargers. He now is tied with **David Long Jr.** for the team lead in interceptions, and he also ranks first on the team with 88 total tackles.

Byard improved his career total to 25 interceptions since joining the team as a third-round pick out of Middle Tennessee State University in 2016. He is tied with former safeties **Michael Griffin** and **Ken Houston** for eighth place on the franchise's all-time interceptions list. With his next interception, he can tie former safety **Mike Reinfeldt** (26) for seventh all-time for the franchise and pass Griffin (25) for the most during the organization's "Titans era," which was launched in 1999.

Franchise career interception leaders:

Player	Position	Seasons	Interceptions
1. Jim Norton	Safety	1960–1968	45
2. Cris Dishman	Cornerback	1988–1996	31
3. Fred Glick	Safety	1961–1966	30
4. Tony Banfield	Cornerback	1960–1965	27
5. W.K. Hicks	Cornerback	1964–1969	27
6. Darryll Lewis	Cornerback	1991–1998	27
7. Mike Reinfeldt	Safety	1976–1983	26
8. Kevin Byard	Safety	2016–2022	25
Michael Griffin	Safety	2007–2015	25
Ken Houston	Safety	1967–1972	25

Byard's current total of 88 tackles matches his number from all of 2021, when he led the team for the second consecutive year. His five interceptions also were the most on the defense in 2021.

With 176 total tackles and seven interceptions since the beginning of the 2021 season, Byard is one of only two NFL players with at least 150 tackles and seven interceptions in that span. The other is Seattle Seahawks safety **Quandre Diggs**, who has 159 stops and seven interceptions.

Players with 150 tackles and seven interceptions from 2021 to 2022:

Player	Team	Tackles	Interceptions
Kevin Byard	Tennessee Titans	176	7
Quandre Diggs	Seattle Seahawks	159	7

OKONKWO LEADS DRAFTED TIGHT ENDS: Last week at Los Angeles, Titans rookie tight end **Chig Okonkwo** tied for the team lead with four receptions and finished second on the squad with 54 receiving yards. On the season, the fourth-round pick from the University of Maryland has 25 catches for 374 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

During last week's contest, he broke **Ben Troupe's** franchise rookie tight end record of 329 receiving yards, which was established in 2004. He currently ranks fourth among all Titans/Oilers rookie tight ends in receptions, trailing only **Bo Scaife** (37 in 2005), Troupe (33 in 2004) and **Chris Dressel** (32 in 1983).

Okonkwo, the 143rd overall draft pick in 2022, was the 10th tight end selected in the draft. He now leads all tight ends in his draft class in receiving yards.

Most receiving yards by tight ends drafted in 2022:

Rookie Tight End	Team	Draft Round	Overall Pick No.	Receptions	Yards	Avg	Lg	TD
1. Chig Okonkwo	Tennessee Titans	4	143	25	374	15.0	48	2
2. Greg Dulcich	Denver Broncos	3	80	29	372	12.8	39	1
3. Cade Otton	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4	106	37	357	9.7	35	2
4. Isaiah Likely	Baltimore Ravens	4	139	24	254	10.6	34	2
5. Jelani Woods	Indianapolis Colts	3	73	18	241	13.4	36	3
6. Daniel Bellinger	New York Giants	4	112	25	199	8.0	20	2
7. Jake Ferguson	Dallas Cowboys	4	129	16	139	8.7	30	2
8. Trey McBride	Arizona Cardinals	2	55	16	129	8.1	29	0
9. Connor Heyward	Pittsburgh Steelers	6	208	9	106	11.8	45	1
10. Grant Calcaterra	Philadelphia Eagles	6	198	5	81	16.2	40	0

Against the Chargers, Okonkwo registered a 28-yard catch late in the fourth quarter to help set up the game-tying score. That play gave him seven consecutive games with a reception of at least 15 yards. Since the beginning of the 2000 campaign, Okonkwo is only the fourth tight end to achieve such a streak. In 2021, Atlanta Falcons first-round pick **Kyle Pitts** had a nine-game streak in which he had at least one catch of 15-plus yards. Prior to Pitts, **Jeremy Shockey** (2002) and **Chris Herndon** (2018)—each with a seven-game streak—were the only rookie tight ends since 2000 to do so in seven straight contests.

Most consecutive games with a reception of 15-plus yards, rookie tight ends from 2000 to 2022:

Rookie Tight End	Team	Season	Games	
1. Kyle Pitts	Atlanta Falcons	2021	9	
2. Chig Okonkwo	Tennessee Titans	2022	7	active streak
	Chris Herndon	New York Jets	2018	7
	Jeremy Shockey	New York Giants	2002	7
5. John Bates	Washington Commanders	2021	6	
	Kyle Pitts	Atlanta Falcons	2021	6
	Dwayne Allen	Indianapolis Colts	2012	6
	Dustin Keller	New York Jets	2008	6
	Doug Jolley	Oakland Raiders	2002	6
10. (four tied)			5	

HENRY RECORDS FOURTH SEASON WITH 1,000 RUSHING YARDS & 12 TOUCHDOWNS: Titans running back **Derrick Henry** goes into Week 16 ranked second in the NFL with 1,303 rushing yards, and his 12 rushing touchdowns are tied for third place in the league with three games remaining.

Last week, in reaching the end zone for the 12th time in 2022, Henry became the eighth player in NFL history to tally four or more seasons in which he rushed for at least 1,000 rushing yards and 12 touchdowns. He joined **Emmitt Smith** (six), **LaDainian Tomlinson** (six), **Shaun Alexander** (five), **Adrian Peterson** (four), **Eric Dickerson** (four), **Earl Campbell** (four) and **Jim Brown** (four).

Most seasons in NFL history with 1,000 rushing yards and 12 rushing touchdowns:

Player	Seasons
1. LaDainian Tomlinson	6
Emmitt Smith	6
3. Shaun Alexander	5
4. Derrick Henry	4
Adrian Peterson	4
Eric Dickerson	4
Earl Campbell	4
Jim Brown	4

Additionally, Henry can accomplish the following this week:

- He can register his third consecutive 100-yard rushing performance and his eighth such effort of 2022. It would mark the seventh time in franchise history that a player had at least eight 100-yard rushing games in a season. Henry previously accomplished the feat in 2020 with 10 total 100-yard games.
- He can log his sixth career game against the Texans with at least 100 rushing yards and his fifth consecutive game against the Texans with 200 rushing yards.
- With 150 or more scrimmage yards, he will join Las Vegas Raiders running back **Josh Jacobs** as the NFL's only players since the beginning of the 2020 campaign to have 150 or more scrimmage yards in three consecutive games. Jacobs has achieved the feat twice in 2022. Henry engineered such a streak one previous time in his career, a three-game stretch from Nov. 10 to Dec. 1, 2019.

BRACING FOR THE COLD: With temperatures in Nashville expected to peak in the low 20s on Saturday, the Titans could play one of the coldest games in the 24-season history of Nissan Stadium, which opened in 1999, and perhaps the coldest home game in franchise history.

The coldest game the Titans have played at Nissan Stadium occurred on Dec. 31, 2017, when the temperature was 23 degrees at kickoff against the Jaguars. The Titans prevailed in the contest by a final score of 15-10 to earn a spot in the playoffs. The next-coldest game at the venue was Nov. 17, 2014, a 25-degree kickoff against the Steelers on Monday Night Football.

In franchise history, the Titans/Oilers have never hosted a game in which the temperature was below 23 degrees. The 10 coldest games in team annals all happened on the road, including the 1-degree contest at Kansas City on Dec. 18, 2016, which remains the organization's all-time coldest game. In Houston, the Oilers played their home games in the Astrodome from 1968 to 1996.

Coldest Titans games in Nissan Stadium history (opened in 1999):

Date	Reg Season/Playoffs	Opponent	Temp	Wind Chill
1. Dec. 31, 2017	Regular Season	Jacksonville Jaguars	23°	16°
2. Nov. 17, 2014	Regular Season	Pittsburgh Steelers	25°	16°
3. Dec. 30, 2001	Regular Season	Cleveland Browns	28°	21°
4. Dec. 21, 2008	Regular Season	Pittsburgh Steelers	29°	19°
Dec. 25, 2004	Regular Season	Denver Broncos	29°	21°
Dec. 25, 2000	Regular Season	Dallas Cowboys	29°	14°
7. Dec. 7, 2008	Regular Season	Cleveland Browns	32°	26°
8. Jan. 10, 2021	Wild Card	Baltimore Ravens	33°	33°
Dec. 25, 2009	Regular Season	San Diego Chargers	33°	27°
10. Jan. 11, 2003	Divisional	Pittsburgh Steelers	34°	27°

Coldest games in franchise history (home or away):

Date	Reg Season/Playoffs	Opponent	Temp	Wind Chill
1. Dec. 18, 2016	Regular Season	at Kansas City Chiefs	1°	-9°
2. Jan. 10, 2004	Divisional	at New England Patriots	4°	-10°
3. Dec. 11, 1977	Regular Season	at Cleveland Browns	7°	-7°
4. Dec. 17, 1989	Regular Season	at Cincinnati Bengals	9°	0°
5. Jan. 19, 2020	Conference	at Kansas City Chiefs	17°	5°
6. Dec. 8, 2013	Regular Season	at Denver Broncos	18°	11°
7. Dec. 26, 2010	Regular Season	at Kansas City Chiefs	19°	10°
8. Dec. 17, 2000	Regular Season	at Cleveland Browns	20°	-10°
9. Dec. 14, 1980	Regular Season	at Green Bay Packers	20°	9°
10. Jan. 6, 1980	Conference	at Pittsburgh Steelers	22°	12°

Note: Official game temperatures are measured at kickoff.

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