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## TITANS-TEXANS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

**HENRY MAKING RUNS COUNT INSIDE THE FIVE-YARD LINE:** Last week against the Bills, Titans running back **Derrick Henry** scored two touchdowns. He reached the end zone on a one-yard run in the second quarter and a nine-yard run in the fourth quarter. The former was his third one-yard touchdown in a two-game span.

Henry has become arguably the NFL's best short-yardage back near the goal line. Since the beginning of the 2018 campaign, he has 31 rushing attempts from inside the opponent's five-yard line. On those attempts, he has an NFL-high 18 touchdowns, and his 58.1 percent success rate leads all ball carriers with at least 18 such attempts.

**Highest rushing touchdown percentage inside the five-yard line, 2018–2020 (min. 18 attempts):**

Player	Attempts	Touchdowns	TD Pct.
1. <b>Derrick Henry</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>58.1</b>
2. Alvin Kamara	25	14	56.0
3. Melvin Gordon	20	11	55.0
4. Dalvin Cook	22	12	54.5
5. Jordan Howard	26	14	53.8
6. James Conner	25	13	52.0
7. Carlos Hyde	20	10	50.0
Christian McCaffrey	32	16	50.0
9. Todd Gurley	35	17	48.6
10. Chris Carson	27	13	48.1

**TITANS THRIVING ON TURNOVER MARGIN:** In last Tuesday's victory against the Buffalo Bills, the Titans won the turnover battle for the fourth consecutive game, getting three total takeaways without losing a turnover. The defense came up with two interceptions—both by cornerback **Malcolm Butler**—while **David Long Jr.** and **Kareem Orr** combined on kickoff coverage for a forced fumble and fumble recovery, respectively.

The success against Buffalo pushed the Titans' season turnover differential to plus-eight, which leads the NFL. They have nine total takeaways and just one giveaway, an interception in Week 3 at Minnesota.

**Best turnover differential in 2020:**

Team	Takeaways	Giveaways	Turnover Differential
1. <b>Tennessee Titans</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+8</b>
2. Cleveland Browns	12	6	+6
Seattle Seahawks	10	4	+6
4. Kansas City Chiefs	8	3	+5
Baltimore Ravens	10	5	+5
6. Indianapolis Colts	9	5	+4
7. Green Bay Packers	3	0	+3
Pittsburgh Steelers	7	4	+3
Carolina Panthers	8	5	+3
Miami Dolphins	8	5	+3

The Titans' plus-eight turnover margin through four games is the best in the NFL over the last three seasons (2018-20) and the best since the Detroit Lions were plus-nine through four games in 2017.

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Additionally, in the franchise's "Titans era" (1999–present), this year's team is faring better to this point than all but the 2013 club, which had nine takeaways and no turnovers through its first four contests.

**Best turnover differential for the Titans in their first four games, 1999–2020:**

Season	Takeaways	Giveaways	Turnover Differential
1. 2013	9	0	+9
2. <b>2020</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>+8</b>
3. 2008	12	6	+6
4. 2019	6	1	+5
5. 2011	7	5	+2
6. 2018	5	4	+1
7. 1999	7	7	0
8. 2004	4	4	0
9. 2003	5	5	0
10. (four tied)			-1

**MOST TOUCHDOWN PASSES THROUGH FOUR GAMES, FRANCHISE HISTORY:** Titans quarterback **Ryan Tannehill** threw three touchdown passes Tuesday night against Buffalo to bring his season total to nine touchdowns. He began the season with a pair of touchdown passes at Denver (Sept. 14), followed by a four-touchdown performance against Jacksonville (Sept. 20). He did not have a touchdown pass at Minnesota (Sept. 27).

Tannehill tied **Warren Moon** for the most touchdown passes in franchise history during the first four games of a season. Moon, spearheading the Oilers' run-and-shoot offense, tossed nine touchdowns in the first quarter of the 1990 campaign. He eventually finished with 33 touchdown passes for the season, which is still second on the team's all-time single-season leaderboard behind **George Blanda's** 36 in 1961.

Tannehill would finish tied with Blanda at 36 touchdown passes at his current pace.

**Most touchdown passes in the first four games of a season, franchise history:**

Player	Season	Pass TD
1. <b>Ryan Tannehill</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>9</b>
Warren Moon	1990	9
3. Steve McNair	2003	8
Matt Hasselbeck	2011	8
Marcus Mariota	2015	8
George Blanda	1966	8
George Blanda	1962	8
8. Marcus Mariota	2019	7
Steve McNair	2002	7
Chris Chandler	1996	7
Warren Moon	1992	7

For touchdown passes in the first five games of a season, **George Blanda** holds the top two spots for the franchise with 14 in 1962 and 13 in 1966. Moon had 12 touchdown passes in the first five games of 1992 and 11 in 1990.

**Most touchdown passes in the first five games of a season, franchise history:**

Player	Season	Pass TD	
1. George Blanda	1962	14	
2. George Blanda	1966	13	
3. Warren Moon	1992	12	
4. Warren Moon	1990	11	
5. <b>Ryan Tannehill</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>(four games)</b>
Marcus Mariota	2015	9	
Chris Chandler	1996	9	
Matt Hasselbeck	2011	9	

**MOST 42-POINT GAMES:** With the Titans winning 42-16 over the Bills last week, the Titans registered their fourth game since the beginning of the 2019 season in which they scored at least 42 points. They reached the mark three times last year: 43 points at Cleveland (Sept. 8), 42 against Jacksonville (Nov. 24) and 42 at Oakland (Dec. 8).

The Titans are tied with the Baltimore Ravens for the most total 42-point scoring performances in 2019 and 2020. They are followed by the Green Bay

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Packers (three), New Orleans Saints (two), Dallas Cowboys (two), San Francisco 49ers (two) and seven teams with one-such game.

There are 20 NFL teams that do not have a single 42-point performance in the same time period.

**Most total performances with at least 42 points since the beginning of 2019:**

Team	Games with 42+ Points
1. Tennessee Titans	4
Baltimore Ravens	4
3. Green Bay Packers	3
4. New Orleans Saints	2
Dallas Cowboys	2
San Francisco 49ers	2
6. (seven tied)	1

**BROWN'S TOUCHDOWN PACE:** After sitting out two games with a knee injury, wide receiver **A.J. Brown** scored his first touchdown of 2020 on a 16-yard pass from **Ryan Tannehill** against the Bills. It was Brown's ninth career touchdown catch since being selected in the second round of the 2019 NFL Draft.

With another touchdown reception this week, Brown will accomplish something no other Titans/Oilers player has done since the 1970 AFL-NFL merger—reach 10 touchdown catches in less than 20 career games.

Former wide receiver **Chris Sanders**, a third-round pick by the Oilers in 1995, had his ninth touchdown catch in his 14th career game but did not get his 10th until his 22nd appearance.

In addition to his nine career touchdown receptions, Brown also had a 49-yard rushing touchdown as a rookie.

**Most touchdown receptions for the Titans/Oilers during a player's first 20 career NFL games, 1970—present:**

Player	Seasons	Receptions	Yards	Touchdowns	
1. <b>A.J. Brown</b>	<b>2019–2020</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>1,172</b>	<b>9</b>	<i>(18 games)</i>
Chris Sanders	1995–1996	43	979	9	
3. Ernest Givins	1986–1987	87	1,442	7	
Tony Jones	1990–1991	36	491	7	
5. Kendall Wright	2012–2013	90	892	5	
Kenny Britt	2009–2010	52	791	5	
Justin Hunter	2013–2014	33	668	5	
Charlie Joiner *	1970–1971	37	646	5	
Kevin Dyson	1998–1999	52	675	5	
Curtis Duncan	1987–1988	26	429	5	

\* Joiner played seven games as a rookie in 1969 but did not record a touchdown reception.

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