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TITANS-BILLS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

FOUR GAMES ALLOWING 20 OR FEWER POINTS: The Titans have begun the 2019 season by limiting all four of their opponents to 20 or fewer points. They allowed 13 points at the Cleveland Browns, 19 points against the Indianapolis Colts, 20 points at the Jacksonville Jaguars and 10 points last week at the Atlanta Falcons.

Since 1999, there have been only three other Titans squads that did not allow more than 20 points in any of their first four games: the 2000 team (seven games), the 2008 team (six) and the 2011 team (four).

This week the Titans face an opponent, the Buffalo Bills, that can lay claim to the same achievement. The Bills have given up 16, 14, 17 and 16 points in their four contests, respectively.

The Titans and Bills are two of only five NFL teams to hold opponents to 20 or fewer points every week this season. The others are the New England Patriots, Chicago Bears and San Francisco 49ers (three games).

Most consecutive games at the beginning of a Titans season allowing 20 or fewer points, 1999–present:

Season	Games	
1. 2000	7	
2. 2008	6	
3. 2019	4	(active)
2011	4	
5. 2010	3	

NEW FRANCHISE RECORD FOR CONSECUTIVE PASSES WITHOUT AN INTERCEPTION: Last week at Atlanta, **Marcus Mariota** attempted 27 passes with 18 completions for 227 yards and three touchdowns. He also did not throw an interception for the sixth consecutive game, dating back to last season. The last time he was intercepted was against Jacksonville on Dec. 6, 2018.

Since then, Mariota has attempted 169 total passes to establish a new franchise record for the most consecutive passes thrown without an interception. He broke **Kerry Collins'** previous mark of 161 passes without an interception, set in 2008.

Most consecutive passes without an interception, franchise history:

Player	Season(s)	Attempts	
1. Marcus Mariota	2018–2019	169	(active)
2. Kerry Collins	2008	161	
3. Jake Locker	2012–2013	159	
4. Billy Joe Tolliver	1994	154	

Additionally, Mariota now holds the NFL's longest active streak of passes without an interception. The next closest to him is Kansas City's **Patrick Mahomes** at 163 attempts, followed by **Sam Darnold** (155) of the New York Jets and Seattle's **Russell Wilson** (151).

Longest active NFL streaks of consecutive passes without an interception:

Player	Current Team	Attempts
1. Marcus Mariota	Tennessee	169
2. Patrick Mahomes	Kansas City	163
3. Sam Darnold	N.Y. Jets	155
4. Russell Wilson	Seattle	151
5. A.J. McCarron	Houston	108

TITANS LIMITING TURNOVERS: The Titans head into Week 5 with a plus-five turnover margin, good for the third-best mark in the NFL behind New England (plus-six) and Chicago (plus-six). Included in the Titans' margin is an NFL-best one turnover, a lost fumble at Jacksonville on Sept. 19.

The last time the Titans had one or fewer giveaways through four games was 2013, when the club set a franchise record by not committing a turnover until its fifth game.

If the Titans survive this week without a turnover, they will become only the sixth team since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger to have only one turnover through the first five games of a season. The last team to accomplish the feat was the 2017 Kansas City Chiefs.

It is a daunting task, as the Bills' eight takeaways put them in a tie for the fourth-highest total in the NFL. They have collected five interceptions and recovered three fumbles.

Teams with one turnover through the first five games of a season, 1970–present:

Team	Season	Interceptions	Fumbles Lost	Total Turnovers
Kansas City Chiefs	2017	0	1	1
Minnesota Vikings	2016	0	1	1
New York Jets	2010	0	1	1
Washington Redskins	2008	0	1	1
Cincinnati Bengals	1998	1	0	1
Tennessee Titans	2019	0	1	1 <i>(through four games)</i>

TITANS EARNING FIELD POSITION ADVANTAGE: Last week at Atlanta, the Titans forced the Falcons offense to begin its drives on average at its own 16-yard line. Through 63 games of this NFL season, that is the worst starting field position a team has had, and it is the worst average field position in a game since the Lions began on average at the 15-yard line against the Seattle Seahawks on Oct. 28, 2018.

The Titans have forced their four opponents in 2019 to begin their combined 49 offensive drives at the 23-yard line, on average. It is the best mark in the NFL. The last team to average that or better through a 16-game season was the 2013 Kansas City Chiefs (23-yard line).

Among the reasons for Tennessee's advantageous field position is the performance of two-time Pro Bowl punter **Brett Kern**. Kern has placed 14 punts inside the 20, more than any other player this season.

Best defensive average starting field position in 2019*:

Team	Opponent Drives	Avg. Starting Field Position
1. Tennessee Titans	49	23
2. New Orleans Saints	42	24
Baltimore Ravens	42	24
Los Angeles Chargers	38	24
5. Detroit Lions	49	25
6. New England Patriots	51	26
7. New York Giants	46	27
Oakland Raiders	41	27
Cleveland Browns	48	27
Philadelphia Eagles	44	27

On the other side of the ball, the Titans have benefitted from one of the best starting positions for offensive drives. The Titans offense has, on average, received the ball at its 32-yard line. That is tied for the third-best position in the NFL, behind only the San Francisco 49ers (33) and the New England Patriots (33).

Best offensive starting field position in 2019*:

Team	Offensive Drives	Avg. Starting Field Position
1. San Francisco 49ers	36	33
New England Patriots	48	33
3. Tennessee Titans	46	32
Carolina Panthers	49	32
Philadelphia Eagles	45	32
6. Pittsburgh Steelers	45	30
Detroit Lions	50	30
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	49	30
Los Angeles Rams	47	30
New Orleans Saints	39	30

* Does not include kickoff returns for touchdowns, punt returns for touchdowns or defensive returns for touchdowns