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TITANS-BILLS SUPPLEMENTAL NOTES

10 RECEPTIONS FOR 132 YARDS BY TITANS ROOKIES: Titans rookies accounted for half of the team's receptions and nearly half of the receiving yards in last week's opener against the New York Giants. As a team, the Titans caught 20 passes for 266 yards. Three rookies—tight end **Chig Okonkwo** and wide receivers **Kyle Philips** and **Treyton Burks**—combined for 10 receptions for 132 yards.

Burks was the 18th overall selection in the first round of the draft. He totaled 55 yards on three receptions in his debut against the Giants. Okonkwo and Philips were Day 3 draft picks—Okonkwo in the fourth round (143rd overall) and Philips in the fifth round (163rd overall). In the opener, Okonkwo had one catch for 11 yards, while Philips led the team with six receptions and 66 receiving yards.

The group's 10 receptions and 132 receiving yards were the most by any of the team's "Titans era" rookie classes (1999–present) in a Kickoff Weekend game.

Among all 32 NFL teams' 2022 rookie classes, the Titans led in receiving yards and tied the New York Jets (10) in receptions. The Titans trio's six receptions for first downs also led the league's rookie classes.

Most combined receiving yards by a team's rookies in Week 1:

| Team | Rec | Yards | Avg | TD | 1st Downs |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|------|----|-----------|
| 1. Tennessee Titans | 10 | 132 | 13.2 | 0 | 6 |
| 2. New York Jets | 10 | 90 | 9.0 | 0 | 4 |
| 3. Atlanta Falcons | 5 | 74 | 14.8 | 0 | 3 |
| 4. Green Bay Packers | 6 | 71 | 11.8 | 0 | 2 |
| 5. Washington Commanders | 4 | 63 | 15.8 | 2 | 3 |

Individually among 2022 rookies, only Atlanta Falcons first-round wide receiver **Drake London** (74 yards) had more receiving yards than Philips or Burks last week. Philips ranked second among rookies, while Burks was third. Okonkwo's 11 yards ranked 13th.

Rookies with the most receiving yards in Week 1:

| Player | Pos | Team | Rec | Yards | Avg | TD | 1st Downs |
|-------------------|-----|--------------------|-----|-------|------|----|-----------|
| 1. Drake London | WR | Atlanta Falcons | 5 | 74 | 14.8 | 0 | 3 |
| 2. Kyle Philips | WR | Tennessee Titans | 6 | 66 | 11.0 | 0 | 3 |
| 3. Treyton Burks | WR | Tennessee Titans | 3 | 55 | 18.3 | 0 | 2 |
| 4. Garrett Wilson | WR | New York Jets | 4 | 52 | 13.0 | 0 | 2 |
| 5. Chris Olave | WR | New Orleans Saints | 3 | 41 | 13.7 | 0 | 2 |

In the last five years, no team's rookies have combined for more total receptions in Week 1 than Philips, Burks and Okonkwo. The 10 receptions by this year's Titans and Jets rookies tied the 2018 Indianapolis Colts rookies for the five-year high.

Most receptions by a team's rookie class in Week 1 games from 2018 to 2022:

| Team | Season | Rec | Yards | Avg | TD | 1st Downs |
|-----------------------|--------|-----|-------|------|----|-----------|
| 1. Tennessee Titans | 2022 | 10 | 132 | 13.2 | 0 | 6 |
| New York Jets | 2022 | 10 | 90 | 9.0 | 0 | 4 |
| Indianapolis Colts | 2018 | 10 | 54 | 5.4 | 0 | 3 |
| 4. Indianapolis Colts | 2020 | 8 | 77 | 9.6 | 0 | 2 |
| Buffalo Bills | 2019 | 8 | 64 | 8.0 | 0 | 1 |
| Philadelphia Eagles | 2021 | 8 | 77 | 9.6 | 1 | 4 |

TITANS LED NFL IN COMPLETIONS OF 20+ YARDS IN WEEK 1: In Week 1, no quarterback registered more passes that gained at least 20 yards than Titans signal caller **Ryan Tannehill**. Tannehill had seven completions of 20-plus yards among four different targets: **Treyton Burks** (20 and 27 yards), **Dontrell Hilliard** (31 and 23 yards), **Kyle Philips** (20 and 21 yards) and **Cody Hollister** (22 yards). Hilliard's total included a 23-yard touchdown catch.

Most completions of 20-plus yards in Week 1:

| Team | Completions of 20+ Yards | Pass TDs 20+ Yards |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Tennessee Titans | 7 | 1 |
| 2. Minnesota Vikings | 6 | 1 |
| New Orleans Saints | 6 | 0 |
| Washington Commanders | 6 | 2 |
| 5. Indianapolis Colts | 5 | 0 |
| Kansas City Chiefs | 5 | 0 |
| Las Vegas Raiders | 5 | 0 |
| 8. Buffalo Bills | 4 | 2 |
| Carolina Panthers | 4 | 1 |
| Cincinnati Bengals | 4 | 0 |
| Denver Broncos | 4 | 1 |
| Detroit Lions | 4 | 1 |
| Green Bay Packers | 4 | 0 |
| Los Angeles Chargers | 4 | 1 |
| Pittsburgh Steelers | 4 | 0 |

Prior to last week, the most recent instance in which the Titans offense had seven or more completions gaining 20-plus yards was Dec. 8, 2019 at Oakland. It was the 13th such occasion for the team since 2000 and the third time since **Mike Vrabel** became head coach in 2018.

Most completions of 20+ yards in a game by the Titans from 2018 to 2022:

| Date | Opponent | Completions of 20+ Yards |
|-------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Sept. 11, 2022 | New York Giants | 7 |
| Dec. 8, 2019 | at Oakland Raiders | 7 |
| Nov. 11, 2018 | New England Patriots | 7 |
| 4. Sept. 19, 2019 | at Jacksonville | 6 |
| Dec. 2, 2018 | New York Jets | 6 |
| 6. (seven tied) | | 5 |

TITANS 8-2 IN LAST 10 MONDAY NIGHT GAMES: The Titans head to Buffalo this week as one of the hottest teams on Monday Night Football in recent years. They have won two consecutive Monday night games and eight of their past 10 matchups on Monday night. Tennessee's 8-2 recent Monday night record includes a league-best 4-1 (.800) mark on the road.

The first of their 10 most recent Monday contests was on the memorable night of Oct. 27, 2008. In what would come to be known as "The Code Blue Game" against the Indianapolis Colts, the Titans prevailed 31-21. Since the beginning of that season, the only team with a better Monday night winning percentage is the Pittsburgh Steelers, who are 17-4 (.810).

Best Monday night winning percentage since 2008:

| Team | Wins | Losses | Ties | Pct |
|-------------------------|------|--------|------|------|
| 1. Pittsburgh Steelers | 17 | 4 | 0 | .810 |
| 2. Tennessee Titans | 8 | 2 | 0 | .800 |
| 3. Seattle Seahawks | 12 | 4 | 0 | .750 |
| 4. Kansas City Chiefs | 11 | 4 | 0 | .733 |
| 5. New England Patriots | 13 | 6 | 0 | .684 |
| 6. New Orleans Saints | 16 | 8 | 0 | .667 |
| San Francisco 49ers | 12 | 6 | 0 | .667 |
| 8. Baltimore Ravens | 11 | 7 | 0 | .611 |
| Green Bay Packers | 11 | 7 | 0 | .611 |
| 10. Chicago Bears | 14 | 9 | 0 | .609 |

TOP SAFETY TANDEMS: This week's Titans-Bills game features two of the top safety tandems in the NFL. **Kevin Byard** and **Amani Hooker** roam the defensive backfield for the Titans, while **Jordan Poyer** and **Micah Hyde** do so for the Bills.

The Titans announced a contract extension for Hooker last week, and only days later he responded with an interception in the season opener against the Giants.

Since the beginning of the 2020 season, Byard and Hooker each have six interceptions. Meanwhile, Poyer has eight interceptions and Hyde has six interceptions for the Bills during the same span. They are the NFL's only safety tandems with six or more interceptions per player during that time period.

Teammates at safety with six or more interceptions each from 2020 to 2022:

| Team | Safety | Interceptions | Safety | Interceptions |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Buffalo Bills | Jordan Poyer | 8 | Micah Hyde | 6 |
| Tennessee Titans | Kevin Byard | 6 | Amani Hooker | 6 |

HOOPER CLOSES IN ON 300 RECEPTIONS: Titans tight end **Austin Hooper** enters this week's matchup at Buffalo needing one reception to reach 300 catches for his career. He has caught 299 passes for 3,030 yards and 23 touchdowns in 89 games since entering the NFL as a third-round pick with Atlanta in 2016.

A catch against the Bills would make him the 26th tight end since the 1970 NFL-AFL merger to reach the 300-catch and 3,000-yard receiving marks within his first 90 career games.

Additionally, Hooper would join **Travis Kelce**, **Zach Ertz** and **George Kittle** as the only NFL tight ends with a minimum of 300 receptions and 3,000 receiving yards since the beginning of the 2016 season.

Tight ends with 300 receptions and 3,000 receiving yards since 2016:

| Player | Current Team | Rec | Yds | Avg | Lg | TD |
|----------------------|-------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-----------|
| Travis Kelce | Kansas City Chiefs | 573 | 7,390 | 12.9 | 80t | 48 |
| Zach Ertz | Arizona Cardinals | 468 | 4,831 | 10.3 | 53 | 33 |
| George Kittle | San Francisco 49ers | 335 | 4,489 | 13.4 | 85t | 20 |
| Austin Hooper | Tennessee Titans | 299 | 3,030 | 10.1 | 88t | 23 |

Needs one reception to reach 300

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