



2022 Houston Texans Schedule Release



2022 SEASON BY THE NUMBERS

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In Weeks 9-11 and 16-18, the Texans will face the NFC East and AFC South, respectively, in **three** consecutive weeks. It marks the first time the club has played an opponent from the same division in three consecutive weeks since also doing so twice during the 2015 season.

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Houston will play the **fourth** Christmas Eve game in franchise history when the Texans travel to Tennessee to take on the Titans in Week 16. The Texans are 2-1 all-time on Christmas Eve, most recently earning a 12-10 victory over the Cincinnati Bengals on Dec. 24, 2016.

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The Texans will travel to Jacksonville in **Week 5** to play the Jaguars, which is the earliest Houston has played the AFC South rival on the road since 2012, when the Texans defeated the Jaguars in Week 2 by a score of 27-7.

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Houston's Bye Week comes in **Week 6**, which is the team's earliest week off since the 2008 season when Hurricane Ike forced an impromptu postponement of the season opener vs. the Baltimore Ravens.

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The Texans will look to extend their **eight**-game winning streak over the Jacksonville Jaguars, which is the longest win streak against any opponent in franchise history.

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Houston will play the **15th** Thursday game in team history when the Texans host the Philadelphia Eagles in Week 9 on Nov. 3.

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The Texans have won **100** combined games against teams they will face in the 2022 regular season, totaling an all-time record of 100-106 (.485).

2022 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)/TV
1	TBD	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	TBD
2	TBD	at Los Angeles Rams	TBD
3	Aug. 25	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	7 p.m./Prime Video

REGULAR SEASON

1	Sept. 11	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	Noon/CBS
2	Sept. 18	at Denver Broncos	3:25 p.m./CBS
3	Sept. 25	at Chicago Bears	Noon/CBS
4	Oct. 2	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	Noon/CBS
5	Oct. 9	at Jacksonville Jaguars	Noon/CBS
6	BYE		
7	Oct. 23	at Las Vegas Raiders	3:05 p.m./CBS
8	Oct. 30	TENNESSEE TITANS	3:05 p.m./CBS
9	Nov. 3 (Thu)	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	7:15 p.m./Prime Video
10	Nov. 13	at New York Giants	Noon/CBS
11	Nov. 20	WASHINGTON COMMANDERS	Noon/FOX
12	Nov. 27	at Miami Dolphins	Noon/CBS
13	Dec. 4	CLEVELAND BROWNS	Noon/CBS
14	Dec. 11	at Dallas Cowboys	Noon/FOX
15	Dec. 18	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	Noon/CBS
16	Dec. 24 (Sat)	at Tennessee Titans	Noon/CBS
17	Jan. 1	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	Noon/CBS
18	Jan. 7/8	at Indianapolis Colts	TBD

POSTSEASON

Jan. 14-16, 2023	AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Jan. 21-22, 2023	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Jan. 29, 2023	AFC and NFC Championships
Feb. 5, 2023	Pro Bowl
Feb. 12, 2023	Super Bowl LVII, Glendale, Ariz.

2021 TEXANS IN REVIEW

2021 SEASON RESULTS

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
1	Sept. 12	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	W	37-21
2	Sept. 19	at Cleveland Browns	L	31-21
3	Sept. 23	CAROLINA PANTHERS	L	24-9
4	Oct. 3	at Buffalo Bills	L	40-0
5	Oct. 10	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS	L	25-22
6	Oct. 17	at Indianapolis Colts	L	31-3
7	Oct. 24	at Arizona Cardinals	L	31-5
8	Oct. 31	LOS ANGELES RAMS	L	38-22
9	Nov. 7	at Miami Dolphins	L	17-9
10	BYE			
11	Nov. 21	at Tennessee Titans	W	22-13
12	Nov. 28	NEW YORK JETS	L	22-14
13	Dec. 5	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	L	31-0
14	Dec. 12	SEATTLE SEAHAWKS	L	33-13
15	Dec. 19	at Jacksonville Jaguars	W	30-16
16	Dec. 26	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	W	41-29
17	Jan. 2	at San Francisco 49ers	L	23-7
18	Jan. 9	TENNESSEE TITANS	L	28-25

2021 AFC SOUTH STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Home	Road	Div.	Con.	PF	PA	Streak	Last 5
Tennessee	12	5	7-2	5-3	5-1	8-4	419	354	W3	4-1
Indianapolis	9	8	4-5	5-3	3-3	7-5	451	365	L2	3-2
Houston	4	13	2-7	2-6	3-3	4-8	280	452	L2	2-3
Jacksonville	3	14	3-6	0-8	1-5	3-9	253	457	W1	1-4

HOUSTON TEXANS



QB **Davis Mills** set the Texans franchise record for most passing yards by a rookie in 2021, throwing for 2,664 yards and completing 263-of-394 attempts (66.8 percent), the third-best completion percentage by a rookie quarterback since the 1950 NFL season (min. 250 attempts).

2021 SEASON RECAP

The Houston Texans finished the 2021 season with a 4-13 record, including 2-7 at home and 2-6 on the road. The Texans ended the season with a 3-3 split against divisional opponents, finishing third overall in the AFC South.

Houston entered the 2021 campaign with 31 new players on the active roster, including five rookie draft picks and 26 veteran acquisitions. All five rookie selections started at least two games throughout the year, including 11 starts made by QB **Davis Mills**.

The Stanford product finished the season with 2,664 passing yards, a Texans rookie record, after completing 263-of-394 attempts (66.8 pct.) for 16 touchdowns, 10 interceptions and a 88.8 passer rating. Mills led the NFL with a 116.8 passer rating in the red zone and became the only rookie quarterback since the 1950 season to finish three separate games with at least 250 passing yards, two touchdown passes and a passer rating of 130-or-higher.

Veteran WR **Brandin Cooks** provided a reliable target for Mills throughout the season, recording a career-high 90 receptions for 1,037 yards (11.5 avg.) and six touchdowns. He posted his sixth career season with 1,000-plus receiving yards, tied for second-most in the NFL since entering the league in 2014, and became the third player in Texans history to reach the mark in consecutive seasons.

On the defensive side of the ball, Houston recorded 17 total interceptions, tied for eighth in the NFL and third-most in franchise history. Eleven separate defenders tallied at least one interception, more than any team in the NFL this season. LB **Kamu-Grugier Hill** led the team with 106 tackles, including a career-high 13 tackles for loss that ranked second in the NFL among inside linebackers. Second-year DL **Jonathan Greenard** posted a team-high 8.0 sacks, recording 1.0 sack for every 25.1 pass rushing downs he played, the fourth-highest rate in the league among players with at least 150 pass rushing snaps.

DB/KR **Tremont Smith** earned his first career AFC Special Teams Player of the Week award at Jacksonville in Week 15, rattling off a 98-yard kickoff return for a touchdown while adding a special teams tackle, a downed punt and a tackle on defense. DB **Tavierre Thomas** followed up with his own award, receiving AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors after registering eight tackles (six solo), one pass defensed and an interception returned 48 yards for a touchdown vs. the Los Angeles Chargers in Week 16.

2022 TEXANS SCHEDULE NOTES

'22 OPPONENT RECORDS IN 2021

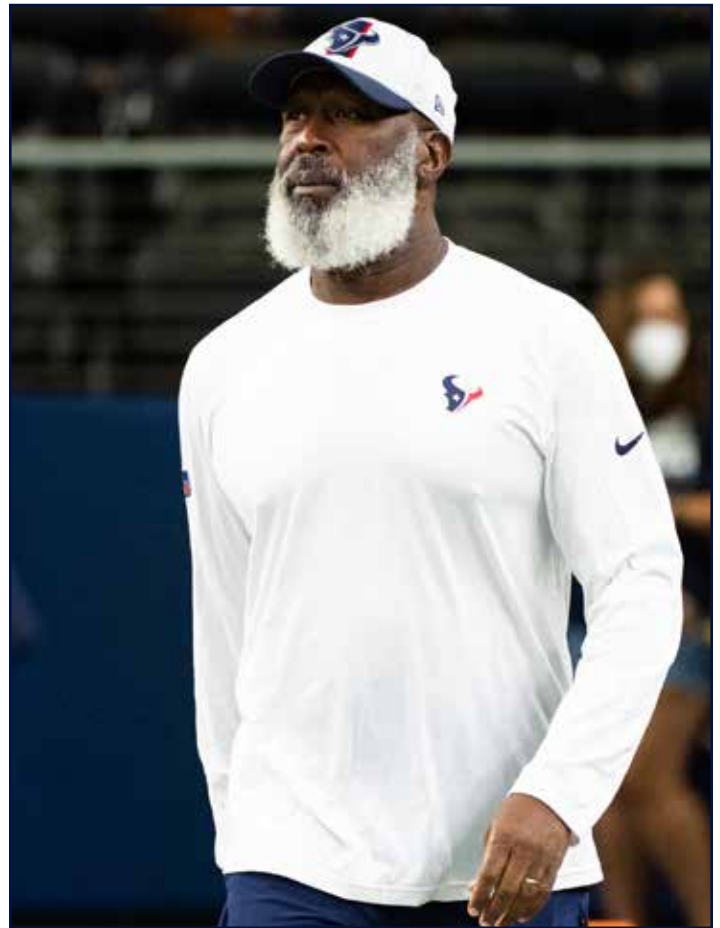
HOME OPPONENTS

Division	Team	2021 Record	2021 Road Record
NFC East	Philadelphia Eagles*	9-8	6-3
	Washington Commanders	7-10	4-5
AFC North	Cleveland Browns	8-9	2-6
AFC West	Kansas City Chiefs*	12-5	5-3
	Los Angeles Chargers	9-8	4-4
AFC South	Indianapolis Colts	9-8	5-3
	Jacksonville Jaguars	3-14	0-8
	Tennessee Titans*	12-5	5-3

ROAD OPPONENTS

Division	Team	2021 Record	2021 Home Record
NFC North	Chicago Bears	6-11	3-6
NFC East	Dallas Cowboys*	12-5	5-3
	New York Giants	4-13	3-5
AFC East	Miami Dolphins	9-8	6-3
AFC West	Denver Broncos	7-10	3-5
	Las Vegas Raiders*	10-7	5-4
AFC South	Indianapolis Colts	9-8	4-5
	Jacksonville Jaguars	3-14	3-6
	Tennessee Titans*	12-5	7-2

* Denotes 2021 playoff team



TEXANS HISTORY VS. '22 OPPONENTS

The Texans have a combined regular season record of 100-106 (.485) vs. opponents they will face in the 2022 regular season.

Opponent	First met	Last met	Series record
Chicago	12/19/04	12/13/20	4-1
Cleveland	10/20/02	9/19/21	7-5
Dallas	9/8/02	10/7/18	2-3
Denver	11/7/04	12/8/19	3-5
Indianapolis	9/22/02	12/5/21	9-31
Jacksonville	10/27/02	12/19/21	27-13
Kansas City	9/21/03	9/10/20	5-6
Las Vegas	10/3/04	10/27/19	8-4
L.A. Chargers	9/15/02	12/26/21	5-3
Miami	9/7/03	11/7/21	8-2
N.Y. Giants	11/24/02	9/23/18	1-4
Philadelphia	9/29/02	12/23/18	0-5
Tennessee	11/10/02	1/9/22	18-22
Washington	12/22/02	11/18/18	3-2

COACH LOVIE'S HISTORY VS. '22 OPPONENTS

Head Coach **Lovie Smith** enters the year with a combined regular season record of 24-27 (.471) as a head coach vs. teams the Texans will face in the 2022 regular season.

Smith begins his third stint as an NFL head coach after leading the Chicago Bears from 2004-12 and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 2014-15.

Opponent	First met	Last met	Smith's record
Chicago	11/23/14	12/27/15	0-2
Cleveland	10/9/05	11/2/14	1-2
Dallas	11/25/04	11/15/15	3-2
Denver	11/25/07	12/11/11	1-1
Indianapolis	11/21/04	11/29/15	2-3
Jacksonville	12/12/04	10/11/15	3-1
Kansas City	9/16/07	12/4/11	1-1
Las Vegas	11/11/07	11/27/11	1-1
L.A. Chargers	9/9/07	11/20/11	1-1
Miami	11/5/06	11/18/10	1-1
N.Y. Giants	11/7/04	11/8/15	2-3
Philadelphia	10/3/04	11/22/15	5-2
Tennessee	11/14/04	9/13/15	2-2
Washington	10/17/04	10/25/15	1-5

2022 TEXANS SCHEDULE NOTES



'PRIME' TIME THURSDAYS

The Texans will play a regular season game on a Thursday for the 15th time in franchise history when they face the Philadelphia Eagles on Nov. 3.

Amazon Prime Video is the exclusive home of *Thursday Night Football* beginning with the 2022 season. Amazon will distribute 15 regular season games across hundreds of compatible digital devices that can be viewed by anyone with an active Amazon Prime membership.

The Texans have a combined record of 6-8 on Thursdays and have won four of the previous six contests.

Houston's first appearance on *Thursday Night Football* came in a 31-13 win vs. the Denver Broncos on Dec. 13, 2007, when WR **Andre Johnson** led the way with six catches for 86 yards and a touchdown. DL **Mario Williams** paced the defense with a season-high 3.5 sacks.

Below is a look at every Thursday game in Texans history, including two Thanksgiving Day contests at Detroit.

Date	Opponent	Result
12/13/07	vs. Denver	W 31-13
12/2/10	at Philadelphia	L 34-24
12/22/11	at Indianapolis	L 19-16
11/22/12	at Detroit (Thanksgiving)	W 34-31 (OT)
12/5/13	at Jacksonville	L 27-20
10/9/14	vs. Indianapolis	L 33-28
10/8/15	vs. Indianapolis	L 27-20
9/22/16	at New England	L 27-0
9/14/17	at Cincinnati	W 13-9
10/25/18	vs. Miami	W 42-23
11/21/19	vs. Indianapolis	W 20-17
9/10/20	at Kansas City	L 34-20
11/26/20	at Detroit (Thanksgiving)	W 41-25
9/23/21	vs. Carolina	L 24-9



TEXANS VS. NFC EAST

This season, the Texans will square off against the NFC East for the first time since facing the division in 2018. In 2021, the Dallas Cowboys earned the NFC East crown and finished 12-5 (.706), becoming the first NFC East team to go a perfect 6-0 in the division since the 2004 Philadelphia Eagles.

The Eagles finished second in the NFC East with a 9-8 (.529) record, ending the regular season on a 6-2 run. Washington finished third in the division with a record of 7-10 (.412) and the New York Giants placed fourth with a 4-13 (.235) record.

The Texans have an all-time record of 6-14 vs. the NFC East.

TEXANS VS. NFC EAST IN 2018

Date	Opponent	Result
9/23/18	vs. N.Y. Giants	L 22-27
10/7/18	vs. Dallas	W 19-16 (OT)
11/18/18	at Washington	W 23-21
12/23/18	at Philadelphia	L 30-32



The Texans first met the Dallas Cowboys in the franchise's inaugural game on Sept. 8, 2002, when Houston defeated its in-state foe by a score of 19-10. The Texans became the second expansion team in NFL history to win its first game, joining the 1961 Minnesota Vikings.

2022 TEXANS SCHEDULE NOTES



TEXANS VS. AFC WEST

The AFC South draws the full AFC West slate this season for the first time since 2019. The Texans have an all-time record of 21-18 (.539) vs. the division.

In 2019, the Texans went 3-1 over the AFC West in the regular season with wins over the Chiefs, Raiders and Chargers. Houston fell to the Broncos later in the regular season and lost the rematch at Kansas City in the Divisional Round of the playoffs that season.

Since 2019, the Texans fell to the Chiefs in the 2020 regular season and defeated the Chargers in 2021.

MOST RECENT MATCHUPS VS. AFC WEST

Date	Opponent	Result
12/8/19	vs. Denver	L 38-24
9/10/20	at Kansas City	L 34-20
10/27/19	vs. Las Vegas	W 27-24
12/26/21	vs. L.A. Chargers	W 41-29

BROWNS, DOLPHINS & BEARS (OH MY!)

After finishing third in the AFC South in 2021, Houston will face the third place teams from the AFC North and AFC East this season.

Cleveland finished third in the AFC North with a record of 8-9 (.471) and Miami finished third in the AFC East with a 9-8 (.529) record.

In the second year since the NFL expanded the schedule to 17 games, the Texans also draw a road game vs. last season's third place team from the NFC North, the Chicago Bears, who finished 6-11 (.353).

Below is a look at the most recent matchups between the Texans and the Browns, Dolphins and Bears.

Date	Opponent	Result
9/19/21	at Cleveland	L 31-21
11/7/21	at Miami	L 17-9
12/13/20	at Chicago	L 36-7

DOMINATE THE DIVISION

As always, Houston will face each AFC South division rival twice in the 2022 season. The Texans will look to claim their seventh division championship since the franchise's inception in 2002.

The Texans have won six of the previous 11 division crowns, including four of the past seven. Houston last won the AFC South in 2019 after finishing 10-6 (.625) on the season.

Tennessee is coming off back-to-back AFC South titles after going 11-5 (.688) in 2020 and 12-5 (.706) in 2021. Last season, the Texans won the first contest at Tennessee before falling to the Titans in the season finale in Houston, splitting the season series.

Indianapolis just missed the playoffs last season after dropping its final two contests, ending with a 9-8 (.529) record and a second-place AFC South finish. The Colts defeated the Texans in both matchups in 2021.

Jacksonville finished with a 3-14 (.176) record in 2021 and dropped both games to Houston. The Texans hold an active eight-game winning streak over the Jaguars, the longest win streak over any team in franchise history.

AFC SOUTH CHAMPIONS BY YEAR



TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - AFC SOUTH

TENNESSEE TITANS

Sun., Oct. 30, 3:05 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium
Sat., Dec. 24, 12 p.m. CT - Nissan Stadium

2021 record: 12-5 (.706)

Division finish: 1st (AFC South)

Playoffs: Lost Divisional Game (vs. Cincinnati), 19-16

Key additions: TE Austin Hooper, OL Jamarco Jones, DB A.J. Moore Jr., TE Geoff Swaim, WR Robert Woods

Key losses: WR A.J. Brown, OL Rodger Saffold III

2022 draft class: WR Treyton Burks (R1: Arkansas), DB Roger McCreary (R2: Auburn), OL Nicholas Petit-Frere (R3: Ohio State), QB Malik Willis (R3: Liberty), RB Hassan Haskins (R4: Michigan), TE Chigoziem Okonkwo (R4: Maryland), DB Theo Jackson (R6: Tennessee), LB Chance Campbell (R6: Ole Miss)

Matchup summary:

After splitting the 2021 series with each team winning on the road, the Texans will look to defeat the Titans in Houston for the first time since the 2018 season. The Texans concluded the 2021 season with a home loss to Tennessee, 28-25, which gave the Titans the No. 1 seed in the AFC. In Week 18, QB Davis Mills threw for 301 yards and three touchdowns, setting the franchise rookie record with 2,664 passing yards in just 13 appearances.

- Tennessee leads the all-time series 22-18
- The Titans earned their second consecutive division championship in 2021, the first time they've won back-to-back AFC South titles in franchise history
- Head Coach Lovie Smith has a 2-2 all-time record vs. the Titans as a head coach. Smith's Bears earned an overtime victory over Tennessee in his first season as a head coach in 2004, 19-17
- The Titans signed free agent DB A.J. Moore Jr. this offseason, who played in 55 games (five starts) for the Texans the last four seasons and totaled 35 tackles



INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sun., Sept. 11, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium
Sat./Sun., Jan. 7/8, TBD - Lucas Oil Stadium

2021 record: 9-8 (.529)

Division finish: 2nd (AFC South)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: DB Brandon Facyson, DB Stephon Gilmore, LB Brandon King, DB Rodney McLeod, DL Yannick Ngakoue, QB Matt Ryan

Key losses: LB Matthew Adams, TE Jack Doyle, OL Julien Davenport, OL Mark Glowinski, RB Marlon Mack, DL Al-Quadin Muhammad, WR Zach Pascal, DB George Odum, OL Chris Reed, DL Isaac Rochell, DL Taylor Stallworth, DL Kemoko Turay, QB Carson Wentz, DB Rock Ya-Sin

2022 draft class: WR Alec Pierce (R2: Cincinnati), TE Jelani Woods (R3: Virginia), OL Bernhard Raimann (R3: Central Michigan), DB Nick Cross (R3: Maryland), DL Eric Johnson (R5: Missouri State), TE Andrew Ogletree (R6: Youngstown State), DL Curtis Brooks (R6: Cincinnati), DB Rodney Thomas II (R7: Yale)

Matchup summary:

Houston will aim to snap a four-game losing streak to the Colts that extends back to the 2019 season. The Colts enter the season with a new starting quarterback in Matt Ryan, who has a career record of 1-2 vs. the Texans. Texans Head Coach Lovie Smith faced off against the Colts as the head coach of the Bears in Super Bowl XL1, which ended in a 29-17 Colts victory. Texans Offensive Coordinator Pep Hamilton served as offensive coordinator for Indianapolis from 2013-15.

- Indianapolis leads the all-time series 31-9
- Houston will open the season at home against Indianapolis for the first time since 2011, when the Texans defeated the Colts by a score of 34-7
- The Texans acquired free agent RB Marlon Mack this offseason, who played 47 games (23 starts) over the last five seasons for the Colts and totaled 567 carries for 2,484 yards (4.4 avg.) and 20 touchdowns along with 57 catches for 448 yards (7.9 avg.) and two touchdowns



JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Sun., Oct. 9, 12 p.m. CT - TIAA Bank Field
Sun., Jan. 1, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium

2021 record: 3-14 (.176)

Division finish: 4th (AFC South)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: DB Xavier Crawford, TE Evan Engram, DL Folorunso Fatukasi, WR Zay Jones, DL Arden Key, WR Christian Kirk, LB Foye Oluokun, OL Brandon Scherff, WR Laquon Treadwell, DB Darius Williams

Key losses: OL A.J. Cann, WR DJ Chark Jr., LB Myles Jack, OL Andrew Norwell, TE James O'Shaughnessy, DL Jihad Ward, LB Damien Wilson

2022 draft class: DL Travon Walker (R1: Georgia), LB Devin Lloyd (R1: Utah), OL Luke Fortner (R3: Kentucky), LB Chad Muma (R3: Wyoming), RB Snoop Conner (R5: Ole Miss), DB Gregory Junior (R6: Ouachita Baptist), DB Montaric Brown (R7: Arkansas)

Matchup summary:

The Texans look to continue their winning streak over the Jaguars after winning the previous eight contests dating back to the 2017 season, the longest winning streak over any opponent in franchise history. In 2021, Houston opened the season with a 37-21 home victory over the Jaguars as QB Tyrod Taylor completed 21-of-33 attempts (63.6 percent) for 291 yards and two touchdowns. Jacksonville will be led by new Head Coach Doug Pederson, who last faced the Texans as the head coach of the Eagles in 2018, when Philadelphia defeated Houston by a score of 32-30.

- Houston leads the all-time series 27-13
- In Week 17, the Texans close out their home slate against the Jacksonville Jaguars. It will mark the first time the team has closed its home schedule against the Jaguars since 2018, when the Texans won by a score of 20-3. The Texans are 6-1 in home finales against the Jaguars
- Houston signed free agent OL A.J. Cann this offseason, who spent the last seven seasons (2015-21) blocking for the Jaguars. The Texans also acquired free agent RB Dare Ogunbowale, who spent the last two seasons with Jacksonville (2020-21) where he totaled 75 carries for 282 yards (3.8 avg.) and one touchdown along with 23 receptions for 168 yards (7.3 avg.) and one score



LB **Kamu Grugier-Hill** recorded a single-game franchise and NRG Stadium-record 19 tackles (10 solo), along with 1.0 sack, one quarterback hit and three tackles for loss in the home loss to Indianapolis on Dec. 5, 2021.

TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - AFC WEST

VS. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

Sun., Dec. 18, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium

2021 record: 12-5 (.706)

Division finish: 1st (AFC West)

Playoffs: Lost AFC Championship Game (vs. Cincinnati), 27-24

Key additions: DB Deon Bush, LB Jermaine Carter Jr., OL Geron Christian Sr., WR Corey Coleman, RB Ronald Jones II, LB Elijah Lee, DB Justin Reid, OL Austin Reiter, WR Juju Smith-Schuster, DL Taylor Stallworth, WR Marquez Valdes-Scantling,

Key losses: WR Tyreek Hill, DB Mike Hughes, DB Tyrann Mathieu, WR Byron Pringle, DL Jarran Reed, WR Demarcus Robinson, DB Daniel Sorensen, DB Chavarius Ward

2022 draft class: DB Trent McDuffie (R1: Washington), DL George Karlaftis (R1: Purdue), WR Skyy Moore (R2: Western Michigan), DB Bryan Cook (R2: Cincinnati), LB Leo Chenal (R3: Wisconsin), DB Joshua Williams (R4: Fayetteville State), OL Darian Kinnard (R5: Kentucky), DB Jaylen Watson (R7: Washington State), RB Isiah Pacheco (R7: Rutgers), DB Nazeeh Johnson (R7: Marshall)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will face the Chiefs for the 14th time in franchise history, a series that Kansas City leads with an 8-5 record, including two postseason contests. Houston last faced Kansas City in 2020, a 34-20 Chiefs victory in which QB Patrick Mahomes completed 24-of-32 passes (75.0 percent) for 211 yards, three touchdowns and a passer rating of 123.3. Houston will aim to snap its two-game slide to Kansas City under Head Coach Lovie Smith's leadership, who has a career record of 1-1 against the Chiefs as a head coach.

- Kansas City leads the all-time series 8-5
- The Texans have five former Chiefs players currently on roster including WR Chris Conley (2015-18), DB Eric Murray (2016-18), DB Steven Nelson (2015-18), LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (2017) and DB Tremon Smith (2018-19)
- The Chiefs signed DB Justin Reid this offseason, who played four seasons for the Texans (2018-21) and recorded 220 tackles and seven interceptions. Kansas City also traded for DB Lonnie Johnson Jr., who spent three seasons with the Texans (2019-21) and tallied 159 tackles and three interceptions



AT LAS VEGAS RAIDERS

Sun., Oct. 23, 3:05 p.m. CT - Allegiant Stadium

2021 record: 10-7 (.588)

Division finish: 2nd (AFC West)

Playoffs: Lost Wild Card Game (at Cincinnati), 26-19

Key additions: RB Ameer Abdullah, WR Davante Adams, DB Anthony Averett, OL Alex Bars, RB Brandon Bolden, LB Jayon Brown, DL Vernon Butler, DL Kyler Fackrell, QB Garrett Gilbert, DB Duron Harmon, WR Mack Hollins, TE Jacob Hollister, FB Jakob Johnson, DL Chandler Jones, LB Micah Kiser, QB Nick Mullens, DL Bilal Nichols, DB Darius Phillips, WR Demarcus Robinson, DB Rock Ya-Sin, LB Kenny Young

Key losses: DL Kyler Fackrell, DB Brandon Facyson, DB Casey Hayward, FB Alec Ingold, DL Quinton Jefferson, WR Zay Jones, LB Marquel Lee, LB Cory Littleton, QB Marcus Mariota, DL Yannick Ngakoue, DB Keisean Nixon, DL Solomon Thomas

2022 draft class: OL Dylan Parham (R3: Memphis), RB Zamir White (R4: Georgia), DL Neil Farrell Jr. (R4: LSU), DL Matthew Butler (R5: Tennessee), OL Thayer Munford (R7: Ohio State), RB Brittain Brown (R7: UCLA)

Matchup summary:

Houston will travel to Las Vegas for the first time in franchise history and look to extend their two-game win streak over the Raiders. The Texans defeated the Raiders, 27-14, in the 2017 AFC Wild Card Game and again in the 2019 regular season, 27-24. Houston is 4-2 when playing the Raiders on the road.

- Houston leads the all-time series 8-4
- The Texans have three former Raiders players currently on roster, including TE Pharaoh Brown (2017-18), DL Maliek Collins (2020) and OL Jimmy Morrissey (2021)
- New Raiders Head Coach Josh McDaniels is the brother of Texans Wide Receivers / Pass Game Coordinator Ben McDaniels



VS. LOS ANGELES CHARGERS

Sun., Oct. 2, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium

2021 record: 9-8 (.529)

Division finish: 3rd (AFC West)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: WR DeAndre Carter, TE Gerald Everett, LS Josh Harris, DB J.C. Jackson, DL Austin Johnson, DL Sebastian Joseph-Day, DL Khalil Mack, LB Troy Reeder

Key losses: TE Stephen Anderson, DL Kyler Fackrell, DL Justin Jones, DL Uchenna Nwosu, OL Scott Quessenberry, WR Andre Roberts, LB Kyzir White

2022 draft class: OL Zion Johnson (R1: Boston College), DB JT Woods (R3: Baylor), RB Isaiah Spiller (R4: Texas A&M), DL Otito Ogbornia (R5: UCLA), OL Jamaree Salyer (R6: Georgia), DB Ja'Sir Taylor (R6: Wake Forest), DB Deane Leonard (R7: Ole Miss), FB Zander Horvath (R7: Purdue)

Matchup summary:

Houston will host the Los Angeles Chargers for the second-straight season, having squared off against the Chargers in three of the past four years. In 2021, the Texans scored a season-high 41 points vs. the Chargers and combined for 437 yards of total offense, the team's second-highest mark of the season. DB Tavierre Thomas earned AFC Defensive Player of the Week honors for last season's game, finishing with eight tackles (six solo), one pass defensed and an interception returned 48 yards for the team's only defensive touchdown of the season. RB Rex Burkhead also led the way with a career-high 149-yard, two-touchdown rushing performance.

- The Chargers lead the all-time series 5-3
- The Texans recently signed free agent OL Scott Quessenberry, who spent the last four seasons (2018-21) with the Chargers
- Texans DB Desmond King II played for the Chargers from 2017-20, where he totaled 205 tackles (164 solo), 7.5 sacks, one forced fumble, two fumble recoveries, four interceptions and two defensive touchdowns



AT DENVER BRONCOS

Sun., Sept. 18, 3:25 p.m. CT - Empower Field at Mile High

2021 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 4th (AFC West)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: DB Essang Bassey, OL Tom Compton, DL Randy Gregory, QB Josh Johnson, DL D.J. Jones, DB J.R. Reed, LB Alex Singleton, TE Eric Tomlinson, OL Billy Turner, P Corliss Waitman, DB K'Waun Williams, QB Russell Wilson

Key losses: QB Teddy Bridgewater, TE Noah Fant, DB Mike Ford, DB Nate Hairston, WR DaeSean Hamilton, DL Shelby Harris, LB Micah Kiser, QB Drew Lock, OL Austin Schlottman, DL Stephen Weatherly

2022 draft class: LB Nik Bonitto (R2: Oklahoma), TE Greg Dulcich (R3: UCLA), DB Damarri Mathis (R4: Pittsburgh), DL Eyioma Uwazurike (R4: Iowa State), DB Delarrin Turner-Yell (R5: Oklahoma), WR Montrell Washington (R5: Samford), OL Luke Wattenberg (R5: Washington), DL Matt Henningsen (R6: Wisconsin), DB Faion Hicks (R7: Wisconsin)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will return to Denver for the first time since 2019, when Houston fell to the Broncos in a 38-24 regular season loss. K Ka'imi Fairbairn connected on three field goals and made a 54-yard field goal, the third-longest field goal of his career. New Broncos QB Russell Wilson is 3-0 vs. the Texans as an opposing starting quarterback, most recently winning in Houston in Week 14 last season, 33-13.

- Denver leads the all-time series 5-3
- Houston will travel to Denver in Week 2, marking the earliest in the season the Texans have played the Broncos in team history
- The Texans have six former Broncos players currently on roster, including QB Jeff Driskel (2020), RB Royce Freeman (2018-20), WR DaeSean Hamilton (2018-21), QB Kevin Hogan (2018-19), FB Andy Janovich (2016-19) and DB Issac Yiadom (2018-19)
- Texans Wide Receivers / Pass Game Coordinator Ben McDaniels coached for the Broncos as an offensive assistant (2009) and quarterbacks coach (2010)



TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - NFC EAST

AT DALLAS COWBOYS

Sun., Dec. 11, 12 p.m. CT - AT&T Stadium

2021 record: 12-5 (.706)

Division finish: 1st (NFC East)

Playoffs: Lost Wild Card Game (vs. San Francisco), 23-17

Key additions: DL Dante Fowler, RB Ryan Nall, WR James Washington

Key losses: OL La'el Collins, WR Amari Cooper, DL Randy Gregory, DB Keanu Neal, WR Malik Turner, OL Connor Williams, WR Cedric Wilson, K Greg Zuerlein

2022 draft class: OL Tyler Smith (R1: Tulsa), LB Sam Williams (R2: Ole Miss), WR Jalen Tolbert (R3: South Alabama), TE Jake Ferguson (R4: Wisconsin), OL Matt Waletzko (R5: North Dakota), DB DaRon Bland (R5: Fresno State), LB Damone Clark (R5: LSU), DL John Ridgeway (R5: Arkansas), LB Devin Harper (R6: Oklahoma State)

Matchup summary:

Houston will square off in a Texas showdown with the Cowboys for just the sixth time in franchise history. The last time the teams faced each other in 2018, the Texans won an overtime thriller at NRG Stadium with a 36-yard field goal by K Ka'imi Fairbairn, who connected on four-of-five field goal attempts throughout the game. The Texans will aim to win their first road contest at Dallas in franchise history.

- Dallas leads the all-time series 3-2
- The Texans will travel to Dallas to play the Cowboys in the month of December for the first time in series history when the two clubs meet in Week 14. To date, the two clubs have never met beyond the month of October. The Texans will look for their first regular season road victory over the Cowboys in franchise history
- Cowboys P Bryan Anger played for Houston from 2019-20, where he punted 99 times for 4,258 net yards. His mark of 43.01 net yards per punt is the best average in Texans history
- The Texans have three former Cowboys players currently on roster, including DL Maliek Collins (2016-19), DB Reggie Robinson II (2020-21) and RB Darius Anderson, who initially signed with Dallas as a college free agent in 2020



VS. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Thurs., Nov. 3, 7:15 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium

2021 record: 9-8 (.529)

Division finish: 2nd (NFC East)

Playoffs: Lost Wild Card Game (at Tampa Bay), 31-15

Key additions: WR A.J. Brown, WR Zach Pascal, LB Haason Reddick, DB Kyzir White

Key losses: LB Genard Avery, OL Brandon Brooks, DB Rodney McLeod, DB Steven Nelson, DL Hassan Ridgeway, LB Alex Singleton

2022 draft class: DL Jordan Davis (R1: Georgia), OL Cam Jurgens (R2: Nebraska), LB Nakobe Dean (R3: Georgia), LB Kyron Johnson (R6: Kansas), TE Grant Calcaterra (R6: SMU)

Matchup summary:

Houston aims to defeat Philadelphia for the first time in franchise history, as the Eagles are just one of two NFL teams the Texans have yet to defeat. The Eagles' most recent victory was at Philadelphia in 2018 when QB Nick Foles passed for a career-high 471 yards, completing 35-of-49 passes (71.4 percent) with four touchdowns, one interception and a passer rating of 120.4 to earn the win, 32-30. Texans Head Coach Lovie Smith has a 5-2 career record over the Eagles as a head coach, including his most recent victory with the Buccaneers in a dominant 45-17 win in 2015.

- Philadelphia leads the all-time series 5-0
- The Texans will face the Eagles on *Thursday Night Football* for the second time in series history. The two first met in the primetime slot on Dec. 2, 2010, when Philadelphia defeated Houston by a score of 34-24
- Houston has six former Eagles players currently on roster, including DB Grayland Arnold (2020), DB Terrence Brooks (2016), LB Kamu Grugier-Hill (2016-19), P Cameron Johnston (2017-20), DB Steven Nelson (2021) and DB Tremon Smith (2019)



VS. WASHINGTON COMMANDERS

Sun., Nov. 20, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium

2021 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 3rd (NFC East)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: OL Andrew Norwell, DL Efe Obada, OL Trai Turner, QB Carson Wentz

Key losses: WR DeAndre Carter, DL Matt Ioannidis, OL Brandon Scherff, TE Ricky Seals-Jones, DL Tim Settle

2022 draft class: WR Jahan Dotson (R1: Penn State), DL Phidarian Mathis (R2: Alabama), RB Brian Robinson (R3: Alabama), DB Percy Butler (R4: Louisiana), QB Sam Howell (R5: North Carolina), TE Cole Turner (R5: Nevada), OL Chris Paul (R7: Tulsa), DB Christian Holmes (R7: Oklahoma State)

Matchup summary:

The Texans own a 3-2 all-time series lead and will look to keep their three-game win streak over Washington alive, having won every contest since 2010. The Commanders enter the season with a new quarterback in Carson Wentz, who swept the season series over the Texans as quarterback of the Colts in 2021. The last time the two teams met in 2018, the Texans improved their season record to 7-3 and capitalized on a 101-yard interception return for a touchdown to defeat Washington, 23-21. The victory matched Houston's franchise record for consecutive wins at the time, and the Texans became the first team since 1925 to win seven in a row after starting 0-3 on the season.

- The Texans signed former Washington QB Kyle Allen this offseason, who played six games (four starts) in two years for the Commanders, where he completed 72-of-120 passes (67.9 percent) for 730 yards, five touchdowns and one interception
- The Texans have five former Washington players currently on roster, including DL Mario Addison (2012), QB Kyle Allen (2020-21), DB Jimmy Moreland (2019-20), RB Dare Ogunbowale (2017) and LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (2020)



AT NEW YORK GIANTS

Sun., Nov. 13, 12 p.m. CT - MetLife Stadium

2021 record: 4-13 (.235)

Division finish: 4th (NFC East)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: RB Matt Breida, OL Jamil Douglas, DL Justin Ellis, OL Jon Feliciano, WR Robert Foster, OL Max Garcia, OL Mark Glowinski, OL Matt Gono, WR Richie James Jr., TE Ricky Seals-Jones, QB Tyrod Taylor, DL Jihad Ward

Key losses: DB James Bradberry, DL Lorenzo Carter, OL Korey Cunningham, P Riley Dixon, TE Evan Engram, OL Will Hernandez, DL Austin Johnson, DB Jabrill Peppers, DB Logan Ryan

2022 draft class: DL Kayvon Thibodeaux (R1: Oregon), OL Evan Neal (R1: Alabama), WR Wan'Dale Robinson (R2: Kentucky), OL Joshua Ezeudu (R3: North Carolina), DB Cor'Dale Flott (R3: LSU), TE Daniel Bellinger (R4: San Diego State), DB Dane Belton (R4: Iowa), LB Micah McFadden (R5: Indiana), DL D.J. Davidson (R5: Arizona State), OL Marcus McKethan (R5: North Carolina), LB Darrian Beavers (R6: Cincinnati)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will look to snap a four-game slide to the Giants that dates back to the Texans' inaugural season in 2002. That season, the 2-8 Texans upset the 6-4 Giants by the score of 16-14 thanks to a game-winning 50-yard field goal by K Kris Brown. The Giants signed QB Tyrod Taylor this offseason, who opened the 2021 season as the Texans starting quarterback and appeared in six games, completing 91-of-150 passes (60.7 percent) for 966 yards and five touchdowns.

- New York Giants lead the all-time series 4-1
- The Texans signed free agent DB Isaac Yiadom this offseason, who played all 16 games for the Giants in 2020 and posted 28 tackles, half a sack, five passes defended, one quarterback hit and one forced fumble
- The Texans have two former Giants players currently on roster, including LB Tae Davis (2018-19) and Isaac Yiadom (2020)



TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - AFC EAST, AFC NORTH, NFC NORTH

AT MIAMI DOLPHINS

Sun., Nov. 27, 12 p.m. CT - Hard Rock Stadium

2021 record: 9-8 (.529)

Division finish: 3rd (AFC East)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: OL Terron Armstead, QB Teddy Bridgewater, RB Chase Edmonds, WR Tyreek Hill, FB Alec Ingold, RB Sony Michel, P Thomas Morstead, RB Raheem Mostert, OL Connor Williams, WR Cedrick Wilson

Key losses: QB Jacoby Brissett, DB Justin Coleman, OL Jesse Davis, WR Mack Hollins, RB Duke Johnson, WR DeVante Parker

2022 draft class: LB Channing Tindall (R3: Georgia), WR Erik Ezukanma (R4: Texas Tech), DL Cameron Goode (R7: California), QB Skylar Thompson (R7: Kansas State)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will face the Dolphins for the 11th time in franchise history and look to bounce back from a road loss at Miami last season. In 2021, Texans DL Maliek Collins recorded his first career interception at Miami and WR Brandin Cooks made his 100th career start. Head Coach Lovie Smith has faced the Dolphins twice before as a head coach and most recently in 2010, when he led the Bears to a 16-0 shutout over Miami.

- The Texans lead the all-time series 8-2
- Houston won its first six matchups with the Dolphins dating back to 2003, when the Texans defeated Miami in the season opener, 21-20, due to K Kris Brown tying his career high with five made field goals, including the game-winning 35-yard kick with 25 seconds remaining
- The Texans have three former Dolphins players currently on roster, including LB Kamu Grugier-Hill (2020), LB Neville Hewitt (2015-17) and OL Laremy Tunsil (2016-18)



VS. CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sun., Dec. 4, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium

2021 record: 8-9 (.471)

Division finish: 3rd (AFC North)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: P Corey Bojorquez, QB Jacoby Brissett, DL Taven Bryan, WR Amari Cooper, QB Josh Dobbs, WR Jakeem Grant, OL Ethan Pocic, DL Isaac Rochell, QB Deshaun Watson, LB Stephen Weatherly, DL Chase Winovich

Key losses: WR Rashard Higgins, DB Troy Hill, TE Austin Hooper, FB Andy Janovich, QB Case Keenum, LB Elijah Lee, QB Nick Mullens, DB M.J. Stewart, LB Mack Wilson

2022 draft class: DB Martin Emerson (R3: Mississippi State), DL Alex Wright (R3: UAB), WR David Bell (R3: Purdue), DL Perrion Winfrey (R4: Oklahoma), K Cade York (R4: LSU), RB Jerome Ford (R5: Cincinnati), WR Michael Woods II (R6: Oklahoma), DL Isaiah Thomas (R7: Oklahoma), OL Dawson Deaton (R7: Texas Tech)

Matchup summary:

This offseason, Houston traded QB Deshaun Watson and a sixth-round pick to the Browns in exchange for six draft picks, including three first-rounders, marking just the second time in NFL history in which one team packaged three first-round picks in a trade. Watson played four seasons (2017-20) with the Texans and passed for 14,539 yards, the second-most in franchise history. Houston last faced Cleveland in Week 2 of the 2021 season and lost, 31-21, after former Texans QB Tyrod Taylor exited the game early with an injury.

- The Texans lead the all-time series 7-5
- Houston has nine former Browns players currently on roster, including TE Pharaoh Brown (2018-19), LB Tae Davis (2019-20), QB Kevin Hogan (2016-17), FB Andy Janovich (2020-21), LB Christian Kirksey (2014-19), OL Justin McCray (2019), DB Eric Murray (2019), DB M.J. Stewart (2020-21) and DB Tavierre Thomas (2018-20)



AT CHICAGO BEARS

Sun., Sept. 25, 12 p.m. CT - Soldier Field

2021 record: 6-11 (.353)

Division finish: 3rd (NFC North)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: LB Matthew Adams, RB Khari Blasingame, DB Dane Cruikshank, OL Julián Davenport, OL Dakota Dozier, TE Ryan Griffin, DL Justin Jones, WR David Moore, LB Nicholas Morrow, DL Al-Quadin Muhammad, TE James O'Shaughnessy, OL Lucas Patrick, QB Nathan Peterman, WR Byron Pringle, QB Trevor Siemian, WR Equanimeous St. Brown, LB Joe Thomas, DB Tavon Young

Key losses: OL Alex Bars, OL Ryan Bates, DB Artie Burns, WR Damiere Byrd, DB Xavier Crawford, QB Andy Dalton, OL James Daniels, QB Nick Foles, WR Jakeem Grant, TE J.P. Holtz, OL Germain Ifedi, LB Khalil Mack, DL Bilal Nichols, P Pat O'Donnell, WR Allen Robinson, DB Tdez Tabor, OL Elijah Wilkinson, RB Damien Williams

2022 draft class: DB Kyler Gordon (R2: Washington), DB Jaquan Brisker (R2: Penn State), WR Velus Jones Jr. (R3: Tennessee), OL Braxton Jones (R5: Southern Utah), LB Dominique Robinson (R5: Miami (OH)), OL Zachary Thomas (R6: San Diego State), RB Trestan Ebner (R6: Baylor), OL Doug Kramer (R6: Illinois), OL J'atyre Carter (R7: Southern), DB Elijah Hicks (R7: California), P Trenton Gill (R7: NC State)

Matchup summary:

The Texans, 4-1 all-time over the Bears, won their first four games against Chicago before losing to them in the most recent meeting in 2020, 36-7. Texans Head Coach Lovie Smith served as head coach of the Bears from 2004-12 and took the franchise to Super Bowl XLI, when they fell to the Peyton Manning-led Colts, 29-17. Smith compiled a regular season record of 81-63 (.563) and a 3-3 postseason record as head coach of the Bears.

- The Texans have two former Bears players currently on roster, including DL Mario Addison (2011) and LB Kevin Pierre-Louis (2019)



QB **Davis Mills** made his first career NFL appearance at Cleveland on Sept. 19, 2021, in relief of injured QB **Tyrod Taylor**. Mills stepped in as a rookie in Week 2 and completed 8-of-18 passes for 102 yards, one touchdown and one interception.