



2023 Houston Texans Schedule Release



2023 SEASON BY THE NUMBERS

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From Weeks 5-9, the Texans will face all **four** NFC South division opponents consecutively. It marks the first time the club has played all four teams in a division in a row in franchise history.

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Houston will play their **fifth** Christmas Eve game in franchise history when the Texans host the Cleveland Browns in Week 16. The Texans are 3-1 all-time on Christmas Eve, most recently earning a 19-14 victory over the Tennessee Titans on Dec. 24, 2022.

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Texans Head Coach DeMeco Ryans will play against **two** other first-year head coaches this season, including Colts Head Coach Shane Steichen in Week 2 and Cardinals Head Coach Jonathan Gannon in Week 11.

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In **Week 6**, the Texans will host the New Orleans Saints, who they own a 2-0 home record against. It will also mark the third time the Texans have met the Saints in both the regular season and the preseason.

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Houston's Bye Week comes in **Week 7**, which marks the fourth time in franchise history that Houston has received a Week 7 Bye.

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The Texans will travel to Jacksonville in Week 3 and look to improve on their 28-14 winning record over the Jaguars. The Texans have won their last **five** games on the road against the Jaguars.

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In **Week 1**, the Texans will travel to M&T Bank Stadium to play the Ravens, marking the earliest matchup between the two teams in franchise history and the just the eighth time the Texans have started the season on the road.

2023 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	TIME (CT)/TV
1	Aug. 10	at New England Patriots	TBD/KTRK
2	Aug. 19	MIAMI DOLPHINS	7 p.m./KTRK
3	Aug. 27	at New Orleans Saints	7 p.m./FOX

REGULAR SEASON

1	Sept. 10	at Baltimore Ravens	Noon/CBS
2	Sept. 17	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	Noon/FOX
3	Sept. 24	at Jacksonville Jaguars	Noon/FOX
4	Oct. 1	PITTSBURGH STEELERS	Noon/CBS
5	Oct. 8	at Atlanta Falcons	Noon/FOX
6	Oct. 15	NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	Noon/FOX
7	BYE		
8	Oct. 29	at Carolina Panthers	Noon/FOX
9	Nov. 5	TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	Noon/CBS
10	Nov. 12	at Cincinnati Bengals	Noon/CBS
11	Nov. 19	ARIZONA CARDINALS	Noon/CBS
12	Nov. 26	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	Noon/CBS
13	Dec. 3	DENVER BRONCOS	3:05 p.m./CBS
14	Dec. 10	at New York Jets	Noon/CBS
15	Dec. 17	at Tennessee Titans	Noon/CBS
16	Dec. 24	CLEVELAND BROWNS	Noon/CBS
17	Dec. 31	TENNESSEE TITANS	Noon/FOX
18	TBD	at Indianapolis Colts	TBD

POSTSEASON

Jan. 13-15, 2024	AFC and NFC Wild Card Playoffs
Jan. 20-21, 2024	AFC and NFC Divisional Playoffs
Jan. 28, 2024	AFC and NFC Championships
Feb. 4, 2024	Pro Bowl
Feb. 11, 2024	Super Bowl LVIII, Las Vegas

2022 TEXANS IN REVIEW

2022 SEASON RESULTS

WK	DATE	OPPONENT	RESULT	SCORE
1	Sept. 11	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	T	20-20 OT
2	Sept. 18	at Denver Broncos	L	9-16
3	Sept. 25	at Chicago Bears	L	20-23
4	Oct. 2	LOS ANGELES CHARGERS	L	24-34
5	Oct. 9	at Jacksonville Jaguars	W	13-6
	BYE			
6	Oct. 23	at Las Vegas Raiders	L	20-38
7	Oct. 30	TENNESSEE TITANS	L	10-17
8	Nov. 3	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	L	17-29
9	Nov. 13	at New York Giants	L	16-24
10	Nov. 20	WASHINGTON COMMANDERS	L	10-23
11	Nov. 27	at Miami Dolphins	L	15-30
12	Dec. 4	CLEVELAND BROWNS	L	14-27
13	Dec. 11	at Dallas Cowboys	L	23-27
14	Dec. 18	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	L	24-30 OT
15	Dec. 24	at Tennessee Titans	W	19-14
16	Jan. 1	JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS	L	3-31
17	Jan. 8	at Indianapolis Colts	W	32-31

2022 AFC SOUTH STANDINGS

Team	W	L	Home	Road	Div.	Con.	PF	PA	Streak	Ties
Jacksonville	9	8	5-3	4-5	4-2	8-4	404	350	W5	0
Tennessee	9	8	4-5	5-3	3-3	7-5	451	365	L2	0
Indianapolis	4	12	2-6	2-6-1	1-4-1	4-7-1	289	427	L7	1
Houston	3	13	0-7-1	3-6	3-2-1	3-8-1	289	420	W1	1

HOUSTON TEXANS



In 2022, RB **Dameon Pierce** recorded 220 rushes for 939 yards and four touchdowns. He also caught 30 passes for 165 yards and one touchdown. In Week 5 at Jacksonville, Pierce carried the ball 26 times for 99 yards and one touchdown, including a 20-yard rush that was named 'Good Morning Football's Angry Run of the Year award at the 2023 NFL Honors.

2022 SEASON RECAP

The Houston Texans finished the 2022 season with a 3-13-1 record, ending 0-7-1 at home and 3-6 on the road. The Texans finished 3-2-1 against divisional opponents, beating each team once and recording a tie in Week 1 against the Colts, marking the Texans first tie in franchise history.

In 2022, the Texans played their 13 rookies a combined 5,551 snaps, which ranked as the third-most in the NFL.

The offensive rookies were powered by RB **Dameon Pierce**, who finished with 1,104 scrimmage yards, making him one of four first-year players to tally over 1,100 scrimmage yards and the only one to reach that mark in 13 games or less. Paving the way for Pierce was T **Laremy Tunsil**, who was selected to this third Pro Bowl (2019-20, 2022). Tunsil owned the 16th-best overall blocking grade (80.0) and the best pass blocking grade among all lineman in the NFL (91.7) according to Pro Football Focus. QB **Davis Mills** saw an uptick in passing, throwing for a career-high 3,118 yards and 17 touchdowns, helping seven-year veteran WR Chris Moore and fifth-year TE Jordan Akins to career highs in receptions and receiving yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Texans rookies continued to shine, with S **Jalen Pitre** becoming the only rookie in NFL history to record 125 tackles and five interceptions. Pitre, who finished the season with 147 total tackles and five picks, became the third player since 2000 (LB Ray Lewis - BAL, LB Donnie Edwards - SD) to post 145-plus tackles and five interceptions. Another one of the impressive rookies was LB **Christian Harris**, who joined Pitre and Chicago Bears DB Jaquan Brisker as the only rookies to post 70-plus tackles, 1.0 sack and one interception this season.

The most productive pass rushers for the Texans in 2022 were DE **Jerry Hughes** and DE **Ogbonnia Okoronkwo**, who posted 9.0 sacks and Okoronkwo, who had 5.0 sacks. In his first year with the team, Hughes posted a team high in sacks and became the sixth player in franchise history to have at least 9.0 sacks in a season, the first since DE J.J. Watt and DE Jadeveon Clowney in 2018. Okoronkwo tallied all of his sacks post Week 13, making him one-of-five players in the AFC to notch 5.0 sacks in that time frame.

The special teams unit finished the 2022 season with the best kickoff unit in the NFL, ranking first in opponent average starting field position (22.1-yard line) and total kickoffs inside the 20-yard line (17). K **Ka'imi Fairbairn** had one of his best kicking seasons since entering the league, converting a career-high 93.5-percent of his kicks and extending his streak of consecutive 50-plus yard field goals made to nine, which paces the NFL.

2023 TEXANS SCHEDULE NOTES

'23 OPPONENT RECORDS IN 2022

HOME OPPONENTS

Division	Team	2022 Record	2022 Road Record
AFC South	Indianapolis Colts	4-12-1	2-6-1
	Jacksonville Jaguars*	9-8	4-5
	Tennessee Titans	7-10	4-5
AFC North	Pittsburgh Steelers	9-8	5-4
	Cleveland Browns	7-10	3-6
AFC West	Denver Broncos	5-12	1-8
NFC West	Arizona Cardinals	4-13	3-5
NFC South	New Orleans Saints	7-10	3-5
	Tampa Bay Buccaneers*	8-9	3-5

ROAD OPPONENTS

Division	Team	2022 Record	2022 Home Record
AFC South	Indianapolis Colts	4-12-1	2-6
	Jacksonville Jaguars	9-8	5-3
	Tennessee Titans*	7-10	3-5
AFC North	Baltimore Ravens	10-7	5-3
	Cincinnati Bengals	12-4	6-1
AFC East	New York Jets	7-10	3-5
NFC South	Atlanta Falcons	7-10	6-3
	Carolina Panthers	7-10	5-4

* Denotes 2022 playoff team

TEXANS HISTORY VS. '23 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
Arizona	12/18/05	10/24/21	2-3
Atlanta	11/30/07	10/6/19	3-2
Baltimore	12/15/02	9/20/20	2-9
Carolina	11/2/03	9/23/21	2-4
Cincinnati	11/3/02	12/27/20	6-5
Cleveland	10/20/02	12/4/22	7-6
Denver	11/7/04	9/18/22	3-6
Indianapolis	9/22/02	1/8/23	10-31-1
Jacksonville	10/27/02	1/1/23	28-14
Pittsburgh	12/8/02	9/27/20	2-5
New Orleans	9/14/03	9/9/19	2-3
New York Jets	10/19/03	11/28/21	3-6
Tampa Bay	12/14/03	12/21/19	4-1
Tennessee	11/10/02	12/24/22	19-23



DEMECO RYANS

Head Coach **DeMeco Ryans** enters his first year as a head coach, becoming the sixth head coach in franchise history. Ryans was named the 2022 Pro Football Writers of America Assistant Coach of the Year. He recently completed his sixth season with the San Francisco 49ers and second as the team's defensive coordinator, helping lead the team to the NFC Championship. He spent the previous three seasons (2018-20) as the 49ers inside linebackers coach, while serving as the team's defensive quality control coach in 2017.

Originally drafted in the second round (33rd overall) by the Houston Texans in the 2006 NFL Draft, Ryans played for Houston (2006-11) and the Philadelphia Eagles (2012-15). He was a team captain for the Texans' 2011 season, a squad that claimed the franchise's inaugural AFC South title and playoff berth. Ryans holds the Texans record for the most tackles by a rookie (156) and currently sits as the second-leading tackler in franchise history (636).

TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - AFC SOUTH

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

Sun., Sept. 24, 12 p.m. CT - TIAA Bank Field
Sun., Nov. 26, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 9-8 (.529)

Division finish: 1st (AFC South)

Playoffs: Lost Divisional Game (at Kansas City), 20-27

Key additions: T Josh Wells, RB D'Ernest Johnson, DL Michael Dogbe, DL Henry Mondeaux

Key losses: WR Marvin Jones Jr., DL Arden Key, TE Chris Manhertz, T Jawaan Taylor, CB Shaquill Griffin, OLB Dawuane Smoot, TE Dan Arnold, DL Cory Peters, RB Darrell Henderson

2023 draft class: OL Anton Harrison (R1: Oklahoma), TE Brenton Strange (R2: Penn State), RB Tank Bigsby (R3: Auburn), LB Ventrell Miller (R4: Tyler Lacy), LB Yasir Abdullah (R5: Louisville), S Antonio Johnson (R5: Texas A&M), WR Parker Washington (R6: Penn State), CB Christian Braswell (R6: Rutgers), CB Erick Hallett II (R6: Pittsburgh), OL Cooper Hodges (R7: Appalachian State), DT Raymond Vohasek (R7: North Carolina)

Matchup summary:

The Texans look to continue to improve their record against the Jaguars after winning eight of their last nine matchups against the team. In 2022, Houston split the series against Jacksonville. In their first matchup in 2022, the Texans defeated the Jaguars, 13-6, and CB Derrick Stingley recorded his first career interception.

- Houston leads the all-time series 28-14
- The Texans have won their last five games on the road against the Jaguars and have outscored them 116-57 during that span
- RB Dare Ogunbowale, QB E.J. Perry and WR Jalen Camp all spent time with Jacksonville

TENNESSEE TITANS

Sun., Dec. 17, 12 p.m. CT - Nissan Stadium
Sun., Dec. 31, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 2nd (AFC South)

Playoffs: N/A

Key additions: DL Arden Key, LB Azeez Al-Shaair, LT Andre Dillard, CB Sean Murphy-Bunting, WR Chris Moore, LB Luke Gifford, LB Ben Niemann, TE Trevon Wesco

Key losses: OLB Bud Dupree, WR Robert Woods, TE Austin Hooper, RG Dennis Daley, CB Lonnie Johnson Jr., LB Dylan Cole, DL DeMarcus Walker, WR Chris Conley, RT Le'Raven Clark, QB Joshua Dobbs, OLB Tarrell Basham, RG Nate Davis, DL Kevin Strong, LB David Long Jr., T Taylor Lewan, LB Zach Cunningham, C Ben Jones

2023 draft class: OL Peter Skoronski (R1: Northwestern), QB Will Levis (R2: Kentucky), RB Tyjae Spears (R3: Tulane), TE Josh Whyle (R5: Cincinnati), OL Jaelyn Duncan (R6: Maryland), Colton Dowell (R7: UT Martin)

Matchup summary:

After splitting the 2022 series, the Texans will look to defeat the Titans twice in the same season for the first time since 2015.

- Tennessee leads the all-time series 23-19
- The Texans are playing the Titans on New Year's Eve after playing the club on Christmas Eve last season. The Texans have now played the Titans on Christmas Eve, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day
- Texans CB Desmond King spent the 2020 season with the Titans, where he played in nine games and recorded 31 total tackles, two tackles for loss, two passes defended, 1.0 sack and one fumble recovery for a touchdown
- Texans WR Robert Woods will play his first game against his former team (in Week 15). In 2022, Woods played in all 17 games for the Titans and caught 53 passes for 527 yards and two touchdowns

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

Sun., Sept. 17, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium
TBD - Lucas Oil Stadium



2022 record: 4-12-1 (.265)

Division finish: 3rd (AFC South)

Playoffs: N/A

Key additions: OLB Samson Ebukam, DL Taven Bryan, K Matt Gay, WR Isaiah McKenzie, TE Pharaoh Brown, G Dakoda Shepley, RB Darrynton Evans

Key losses: CB Stephon Gilmore, T Matt Pryor, CB Brandon Facyson, WR Parrish Campbell, K Chase McLaughlin, LB Bobby Okereke, DL Byron Cowart, QB Matt Ryan, DL Yannick Ngakoue,

2023 draft class: QB Anthony Richardson (R1: Florida), CB Julius Brents (R2: Kansas State), WR Josh Downs (R3: North Carolina), OL Blake Freeland (R4: BYU), DT Adetomiwa Adebawore (R4: Northwestern), CB Darius Rush (R5: South Carolina), S Daniel Scott (R5: California), TE Will Mallory (R5: Miami), RB Evan Hull (R5: Northwestern), Edge Titus Leo (R6: Wagner), CB Jaylon Jones (R7: Texas A&M), OL Jake Witt (R7: Northern Michigan University)

Matchup summary:

Houston will aim to record its second win in a row against Indianapolis after closing out the 2022 season with a last second, 32-31, win over the Colts. The Texans and Colts also tied in their first matchup of the 2022 season, marking the first tie the Texans have recorded in franchise history.

- Indianapolis leads the all-time series 31-10-1
- Texans DL Jerry Hughes was originally selected by Indianapolis in the first round (31st overall) of the 2010 NFL Draft. Hughes played three seasons (2010-12) with the Colts and recorded 49 total tackles (33 solo), eight tackles for loss, 5.0 sacks and one pass defended
- Texans Special Teams Coordinator Frank Ross served as the Colts assistant special teams coach from 2018-20. Texans Quarterback coach Jerrod Johnson spent two seasons with Indianapolis as their offensive quality control coach. Texans Offensive Line coach Chris Strausser served as the Colts offensive line coach from 2019-22



In Week 17 of the 2022 season against Jacksonville, S **Jalen Pitre** recorded 13 total tackles (11 solo) and his fifth interception of the year. Pitre was the only NFL player to post at least 100 total tackles and five interceptions in 2022 and became the first rookie to ever post at least 140 tackles and five interceptions in a single-season.

TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - AFC NORTH

AT CINCINNATI BENGALS

Sun., Nov. 12, 12 p.m. CT - Paycor Stadium



2022 record: 12-4 (.750)

Division finish: 1st (AFC North)

Playoffs: Lost AFC Championship Game (vs. Kansas City), 20-23

Key additions: T Orlando Brown, RG Cody Ford, TE Irv Smith Jr., CB Sidney Jones, OLB Tarell Basham, S Nick Scott

Key losses: S Jessie Bates III, S Vonn Bell, TE Hayden Hurst, CB Eli Apple

2023 draft class: DE Myles Murphy (R1: Clemson), CB DJ Turner II (R2: Michigan), S Jordan Battle (R3: Alabama), WR Charlie Jones (R4: Purdue), RB Chase Brown (R5: Illinois), WR Andrei Iosivas (R6: Princeton), P Brad Robbins (R6: Michigan), CB DJ Ivey (R7: Miami)

Matchup summary:

Houston will travel to Cincinnati for the seventh time in franchise history and the first time since 2017. The Texans hold a 4-2 record when playing the Bengals on the road. In 2017 when the two teams squared off, the Texans defeated the Bengals, 13-9. Additionally, the Texans are 2-0 against the Bengals in the post season.

- Houston leads the all-time series 8-5
- The Texans are on a four-game winning streak when playing the Bengals on the road
- Houston and Cincinnati have met in the wild card round of the playoffs twice and the Texans have outscored the Bengals by a total of 50-23
- The Texans have won six of their last eight games against the Bengals
- Texans Defensive Coordinator Matt Burke served as the Bengals linebacker coach from 2014-15
- Texans Senior Offensive Assistant Bill Lazor served as the Bengals offensive coordinator from 2017-18 and the quarterback coach in 2016

AT BALTIMORE RAVENS

Sun., Sept. 10, 12 p.m. CT - M&T Bank Stadium



2022 record: 10-7 (.588)

Division finish: 2nd (AFC North)

Playoffs: Lost Wild Card Game (at Cincinnati), 17-24

Key additions: WR Odell Beckham Jr., WR Nelson Agholor

Key losses: DL Calais Campbell, S Chuck Clark, TE Josh Oliver, C Trystan Colon-Castillo, G Ben Powers, CB Marcus Peters, OLB Justin Houston, CB Kyle Fuller, WR Sammy Watkins, OLB Jason Pierre-Paul

2023 draft class: WR Zay Flowers (R1: Boston College), LB Trenton Simpson (R2: Clemson), Edge Tavius Robinson (R4: Mississippi), CB Kyu Blu Kelly (R5: Stanford), OL Malaesala Aumavae-Laulu (R6: Oregon), OL Andrew Vorhees (R7: USC)

Matchup summary:

Houston will travel to Baltimore for the first time since 2020. It marks the sixth time the Texans have traveled to Baltimore and the 12th time the two teams have met. The Texans last win against the Ravens came in Week 16 of the 2014 season when they defeated Baltimore, 25-13.

- Baltimore leads the all-time series 9-2
- With a win, it will mark the Texans first win at M&T Bank Stadium in franchise history
- In 2012, the Texans and Ravens met in the divisional round of the playoffs. Baltimore defeated Houston, 20-13
- Playing the Ravens Week 1 marks the earliest the two teams have met in franchise history and just the eighth time the Texans have opened the season on the road. With a win, it will mark the first time the Texans have defeated the Ravens at M&T Bank Stadium.

VS. PITTSBURGH STEELERS

Sun., Oct. 1, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 9-8 (.529)

Division finish: 3rd (AFC North)

Playoffs: N/A

Key additions: WR Allen Robinson, G Isaac Seumalo, CB Patrick Peterson, LB Elandon Roberts, G Nate Herbig, S Keanu Neal, T Le'Raven Clark, LB Tanner Muse, DL Breiden Fehoko, LB Cole Holcomb, DL Armon Watts

Key losses: LB Devin Bush, CB Cameron Sutton, S Terrell Edmunds, LB Robert Spillane, OLB Malik Reed, T Trenton Scott, WR Steven Sims, C J.C. Hassenauer, LB Myles Jack, CB William Jackson III

2023 draft class: OL Broderick Jones (R1: Georgia), CB Joey Porter Jr. (R2: Penn State), DL Keeanu Benton (R2: Wisconsin), TE Darnell Washington (R3: Georgia), LB Nick Herbig (R4: Wisconsin), DB Cory Trice Jr. (R7: Purdue), OL Spencer Anderson (R7: Maryland)

Matchup summary:

Houston will host the Pittsburgh Steelers for the first time since Week 16 of the 2017 season. The Texans hold a 1-2 record when hosting the Steelers and a 2-5 record overall. With a win against Pittsburgh, it will mark the first time the Texans have defeated the Steelers since 2011. In the Texans last matchup against the Steelers, the Steelers won, 28-21.

- The Steelers lead the all-time series 2-5
- Texans CB Steven Nelson played for the Steelers for two seasons (2019-20), where he started all 30 games he played in and recorded 109 total tackles (95 solo), 17 passes defended, three interceptions, two tackles for loss and two fumble recoveries

VS. CLEVELAND BROWNS

Sun., Dec. 24, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 4th (AFC North)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: DL Dalvin Tomlinson, OLB Ogbonnia Okoronkwo, WR Elijah Moore, WR Marquise Goodwin, DL Trysten Hill, S Juan Thornhill, DL Maurice Hurst, QB Joshua Dobbs, G Wes Martin, LB Matthew Adams, Jordan Akins, Mike Ford

Key losses: QB Jacoby Brissett, DL Taven Bryan, CB Greedy Williams, RB D'Ernest Johnson, TE Pharaoh Brown, OLB Chase Winovich, G Hjalte Froholdt, OLB Jadeveon Clowney, RB Kareem Hunt, TE Jesse James

2023 draft class: WR Cedric Tillman (R3: Tennessee), DT Siaki Ika (R3: Baylor), OL Dawand Jones (R4: Ohio State), DE Isaiah McGuire (R4: Missouri), QB Dorian Thompson-Robinson (R5: UCLA), OL Luke Wypler (R6: Ohio State), CB Cameron Mitchell (R7: Northwestern)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will square off against the Browns for the fourth-straight season in (week of game). Houston holds a 7-6 record against Cleveland, including a 5-2 record at home. When the Texans hosted the Browns last season, the Browns defeated the Texans, 27-14.

- Texans leads the all-time series 7-6
- The Texans have three former Browns players currently on roster, including QB Case Keenum (2020-21), LB Christian Kirksey (2014-19), DL Chase Winovich
- Texans Defensive Passing Game Coordinator Cory Undlin spent four seasons (2005-08) with the Cleveland Browns in various roles, including defensive assistant, secondary/assistant special teams, defensive backs
- Texans Linebacker coach Chris Kiffin served as the Browns defensive line coach from 2020-22
- This will be the fifth time the Texans have played on Christmas Eve, posting a 3-1 record in those games

TEXANS OPPONENTS NOTES - NFC SOUTH

VS. TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

Sun., Nov. 5, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 8-9 (.471)

Division finish: 1st (NFC South)

Playoffs: Lost Wild Card Game (vs. Dallas Cowboys), 14-31

Key additions: QB Baker Mayfield, Matt Feiler, RB Chase Edmonds

Key losses: G Shaq Mason, DL Rakeem Nunez-Roches, QB Blaine Gabbert, CB Sean Murphy-Bunting, S Keanu Neal, S Mike Edwards

2023 draft class: DL Calijah Kancey (R1: Pitt), T Cody Mauch (R2: North Dakota State), DL YaYa Diaby (R3: Louisville), LB SirVocea Dennis (R5: Pitt), TE Payne Durham (R5: Purdue), CB Josh Hayes (R6: Kansas State), WR Trey Palmer (R6: Nebraska), DL Jose Ramirez (R6: Eastern Michigan)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will take on Tampa Bay for the sixth time in franchise history, with Houston owning a 4-1 record. The team is riding a four-game winning streak with their most recent win coming in 2019, a 23-20 Week 16 triumph at Raymond James Stadium.

- The Texans completed a trade for OL Shaq Mason with the Buccaneers during the 2023 offseason, sending a sixth-round pick over for the eight-year veteran
- Houston meets with Tampa Bay for the second time in franchise history during the month of November, the first coming in 2011 when the Texans beat the Buccaneers 37-9 in Tampa

AT CAROLINA PANTHERS

Sun., Oct. 29, 12 p.m. CT - Bank of America Stadium



2022 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 2nd (NFC South)

Playoffs: N/A

Key additions: WR Adam Thielen, S Vonn Bell, WR D.J. Chark, S Eric Rowe, TE Hayden Hurst, QB Andy Dalton, DL Shy Tuttle, Justin McCray, RB Miles Sanders, LB Kamu Grugier-Hill

Key losses: WR D.J. Moore, QB Sam Darnold, LB Damien Wilson

2023 draft class: QB Bryce Young (R1: Alabama), WR Jonathan Mingo (R2: Ole Miss), OLB DJ Johnson (R3: Oregon), G Chandler Zavala (R4: NC State), DB Jammie Robinson (R5: Florida State)

Matchup summary:

Houston aims to garner its first victory against the Panthers since Sept. 16, 2007, when they won in Carolina, 34-21. In that game, WR Andre Johnson hauled in seven catches for 120 yards and two scores, while current Head Coach DeMeco Ryans recorded seven tackles and one tackle for loss in the contest.

- The Texans will face the Carolina Panthers after the bye for the first time in franchise history. The club posts an 10-11 record following the bye week
- Last season, Texans LB Cory Littleton played in 15 games (seven starts) for the Panthers, posting 47 tackles, one tackle for loss and two quarterback hits

VS. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

Sun., Oct. 15, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 3rd (NFC South)

Playoffs: N/A

Key additions: QB Derek Carr, RB Jamaal Williams, CB Lonnie Johnson Jr., DL Khalel Saunders

Key losses: WR Marquez Callaway, S Justin Evans, DL Shy Tuttle, DL Marcus Davenport, DL David Onyemata

2023 draft class: DT Bryan Bresee (R1: Clemson), DL Isaiah Foskey (R2: Notre Dame), RB Kendre Miller (R3: TCU), OL Nick Saldiveri (R4: Old Dominion), QB Jake Haener (R4: Fresno State), DB Jordan Howden (R5: Minnesota), WR A.T. Perry (R6: Wake Forest)

Matchup summary:

The Texans own a 2-0 record against the New Orleans Saints at home, beating the team 24-6 in its most recent home matchup 24-6 on Nov. 29, 2015. During that game, Houston picked off QB Drew Brees one time and didn't allow a passing touchdown, breaking a three year streak of Brees passing for at least one touchdown in a single game.

- The Texans will host the New Orleans Saints in Week 6, marking the third time in the series history both teams have met in the regular season and preseason
- Current Houston Texans DT Sheldon Rankins played five seasons with the Saints, playing in 63 games (33 starts), 17.5 sacks, 44 quarterback hits and three forced fumbles. Rankins was drafted 12th overall by the Saints in the 2016 NFL Draft

AT ATLANTA FALCONS

Sun., Oct. 8, 12 p.m. CT - Mercedes-Benz Stadium



2022 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 4th (NFC South)

Playoffs: N/A

Key additions: OLB Bud Dupree, S Jessie Bates III, TE Jonnu Smith, DL David Onyemata, CB Jeff Okudah, DL Calais Campbell, QB Taylor Heinicke, CB Mike Hughes, WR Mack Hollins

Key losses: QB Marcus Mariota, CB Rashad Fenton

2023 draft class: RB Bijan Robinson (R1: Texas), OL Matthew Bergeron (R2: Syracuse), DE Zach Harrison (R3: Ohio State), CB Clark Phillips (R4: Utah), DB DeMarcco Hellams (R7: Alabama), OL Jovaughn Gwyn (R7: South Carolina)

Matchup summary:

Houston owns a 3-2 all-time advantage over the Atlanta Falcons. The Texans scored 53 points against the Falcons in 2019, which is good for the second-most in franchise history. WR Will Fuller had one of the best receiving games in franchise history against Atlanta in 2019, posting 14 receptions, 217 receiving yards and three touchdowns. Those 14 receptions tied a franchise record.

- The Texans and Falcons will meet in Week 5 for the second consecutive matchup and the first time the Texans have traveled to Atlanta since Week 5 of the 2015 season
- The Texans have to players who played their college ball in Atlanta, WR Jalen Camp and newly acquired G Shaq Mason

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

AT NEW YORK JETS

Sun., Dec. 10, 12 p.m. CT - MetLife Stadium



2022 record: 7-10 (.412)

Division finish: 4th (AFC East)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: S Chuck Clark, DL Quinton Jefferson, WR Allen Lazard, WR Mecole Hardman, P Thomas Morstead

Key losses: WR Braxton Berrios, DL Sheldon Rankins, WR Elijah Moore, LB Kwon Alexander, S Lamarqus Joyner

2023 draft class: DE Will McDonald (R1: Iowa State), OL Joe Tippmann (R2: Wisconsin), OL Carter Warren (R4: Pitt), RB Israel Abanikanda (R5: Pitt), LB Zaire Barnes (R6: Western Michigan), CB Jarrick Bernard-Converse (R6: LSU), TE Zach Kuntz (R7: Old Dominion)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will face the New York Jets for the 10th time in franchise history, with Houston winning three of the last four games. Houston has won two games against the New York Jets on the road, most recently beating them 29-22 on Dec. 15, 2018.

- The Texans post a 3-6 all-time record against the Jets
- The Texans signed DL Sheldon Rankins in the offseason, who played two season in New York, registering 6.0 sacks, 40 tackles and 18 starts.
- Houston plays the Jets on Dec. 10, which is the second-latest game the teams have played in the calendar year. In 2018, the teams met on Week 15 on Dec. 15

VS. DENVER BRONCOS

Sun., Dec. 3, 3:05 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 5-12 (.294)

Division finish: 4th (AFC West)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: T Mike McGlinchey, TE Chris Manhertz, FB Michael Burton, DL Zach Allen, G Ben Powers, RB Samaje Perine, CB Tremon Smith

Key losses: G Graham Glasgow, RB Chase Edmonds, S Kareem Jackson, RB Mike Boone, TE Andrew Beck

2022 draft class: WR Marvin Mims (R2: Oklahoma), LB Drew Sanders (R3: Arkansas), DB Riley Moss (R3: Iowa), S J.L. Skinner (R6: Boise State), OL Alex Forsyth (R7: Oregon)

Matchup summary:

The Houston Texans will play the Denver Broncos for the 10th time in franchise history this fall, with the club posting a 3-6 records in those games. The Texans have only beaten the Broncos at home once, which happened on Dec. 13, 2007.

- The Texans play the Denver Broncos in back-to-back season for the second time in series history with the teams meeting in 2023 and 2022 and 2019 and 2018
- Broncos S Kareem Jackson played nine seasons with the Houston Texans, tallying 16 interceptions and 88 passes defended. The Texans drafted Jackson in the first round (20th overall) of the 2010 NFL Draft
- Houston's tight ends coach Jake Moreland coached tight ends for the Denver Broncos during the 2022 NFL season

VS. ARIZONA CARDINALS

Sun., Nov. 19, 12 p.m. CT - NRG Stadium



2022 record: 4-13 (.235)

Division finish: 4th (NFC West)

Playoffs: None

Key additions: LB Kyzir White, WR Zach Pascal, DL Carlos Watkins, CB Kris Boyd

Key losses: WR Chosen Anderson, CB Byron Murphy, DL Zach Allen, LB Kamu Grugier-Hill, Ben Niemann

2023 draft class: OL Paris Johnson (R1: Ohio State), DE BJ Ojulari (R2: LSU), DB Garrett Williams (R3: Syracuse), WR Michael Wilson (R3: Stanford), OL Jon Gaines (R4: UCLA), QB Clayton Tune (R5: Houston), LB Owen Pappoe (R5: Auburn), DB Kei'Trei Clark (R6: Louisville), DT Dante Stills (R6: West Virginia)

Matchup summary:

The Texans will host the Arizona Cardinals during the 2023 season and post a 2-3 all-time club against the club. Houston does own a 2-0 home record against the Cardinals, winning their matchups in 2005 and 2017. RB D'Onta Foreman tallied two rushing touchdowns, while QB Tom Savage threw for two touchdowns in the game against the Cardinals in 2017.

- The Texans and the Cardinals will play each other on Nov. 19 for the second time in series history. The matchup in 2017 was the last time the Texans beat the Arizona Cardinals
- Houston and Arizona completed a trade on Day 1 of the 2023 NFL Draft, which helped the Texans land DE Will Anderson Jr.



CB Derek Stingley Jr. recorded a career-high eight solo tackles and two passes defended in Week 2 at Denver in 2022. He finished the season with 43 total tackles (35 solo), five passes defended and one interception.

2023 TEXANS SCHEDULE NOTES



TEXANS VS. NFC SOUTH

This season, the Texans will square off against the NFC South for the first time since facing the division in 2019. In 2022, the Tampa Bay Buccaneers earned the NFC South crown and finished with an 8-9 (.813) record, including a 4-2 record in the division.

The Carolina Panthers, New Orleans Saints and Atlanta Falcons all trailed Tampa Bay with a 7-10 record.

The Texans have an all-time record of 11-10 vs. the NFC South.

TEXANS VS. NFC SOUTH IN 2019

Date	Opponent	Result
9/9/19	at New Orleans	L 28-30
9/29/19	vs. Carolina	L 10-16
10/6/19	vs. Atlanta	W 53-32
12/21/19	at Tampa Bay	W 23-20

NFL FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING

This season, "flexible scheduling" for Sunday night may be used twice between Weeks 5-10, and in the NFL's discretion during Weeks 11-17; and for Monday night in the NFL's discretion in Weeks 13-17.

During the Flex Scheduling Windows, the games initially scheduled for Sunday night (on NBC) and Monday night (ESPN or ABC) are tentatively scheduled and subject to change. Only Sunday afternoon games (or those listed as TBD) are eligible to be moved to Sunday night or Monday night, in which case the initially scheduled Sunday/Monday night game would be moved to Sunday afternoon. Sunday afternoon games may also be moved between 1:00 p.m. and 4:05 p.m. or 4:25 p.m. ET.

As in prior seasons, for Week 18, the final weekend of the season, the scheduling of the Saturday, Sunday afternoon, and the Sunday night games is not assigned. In Week 18, two games will be played on Saturday (4:30 PM ET and 8:15 PM ET) with the remainder to be played on Sunday afternoon (1:00 PM ET and 4:25 PM ET) and one matchup to be played on Sunday night (8:20 PM ET). Specific dates, start times, and networks for Week 18 matchups will be determined and announced following the conclusion of Week 17.



TEXANS VS. AFC NORTH

The AFC South draws the full AFC North slate this season for the first time since 2020. The Texans have an all-time record of 17-25 (.405) vs. the division.

In 2020, the Texans went 0-4 against the AFC North.

TEXANS VS. AFC NORTH IN 2020

Date	Opponent	Result
9/20/20	vs. Baltimore	L 16-33
9/27/20	at Pittsburgh	L 21-28
11/15/20	at Cleveland	L 7-10
12/27/20	vs. Cincinnati	L 31-37

CARDINALS, BRONCOS, JETS

After finishing fourth in the AFC South in 2022, Houston will face the fourth-place teams from the NFC West, AFC West and AFC East this season.

Arizona finished fourth in the NFC West with a record of 4-13 (.235), Denver finished fourth in the AFC West with a 5-12 (.294) record and the New York Jets finished fourth in the AFC East with a 7-10 (.412) record.

Below is a look at the most recent matchups between the Texans and the Cardinals, Broncos and Jets.

Date	Opponent	Result
10/24/21	at Arizona	L 5-31
9/18/22	at Denver	L 9-16
12/13/20	vs. New York Jets	L 14-21

DOMINATE THE DIVISION

As always, Houston will face each AFC South division rival twice in the 2023 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 12 division crowns, including four of the past eight. Houston last won the AFC South in 2019 after finishing 10-6 (.625) on the season.