

Texans secure 2nd consecutive playoff berth; Set record for most wins in franchise history

Written by Yolande Y. Lezine

Wednesday, 05 December 2012 00:00



The Houston Texans secured their second consecutive playoff berth with a 24-10 victory over the Tennessee Titans at L.P. Logan Field in Nashville, Tennessee. With the win, Houston now moved to 11-1 on the season, setting a record for most wins in franchise history.

The Texans reaction to Sunday's win, which was a team-record sixth straight on the road and team record 11th in a season, was quite mild.

"Last year was our first time making the playoffs," safety Glover Quin said. "This year we're excited, but we've been there, done that and we've got bigger goals. We want to go out next week and try to get a win to clinch our division and go to the next week, get another win and clinch home field advantage throughout the playoffs."

"Then we'll be super excited, because we'd know that everybody would have to come through Houston." Before the season, we put the Super Bowl in our sights, and at 11-1, they haven't blinked yet.

The Texans just want to keep winning games and this was just another one to add to their season total. They will look for their 12th win next week against New England, an opponent that has already clinched the AFC East title with a 23-16 win over the Miami Dolphins.

New England led by quarterback Tom Brady, have won an NFL-best nine division crowns since the Texans joined the league in 2002. A lot of people have already predicted that this would be a game that the Texans would lose, due to the fact of the Patriots storied championship caliber

Texans secure 2nd consecutive playoff berth; Set record for most wins in franchise history

Written by Yolande Y. Lezine

Wednesday, 05 December 2012 00:00

history.

The Patriots have made four Super Bowl appearances in that span and haven't lost a game in the second half of the season since 2009, having won 20 straight. One of those Super Bowl appearances was right here in Houston when the Patriots faced the Carolina Panthers in Super Bowl 38, held at Reliant Stadium.

New England hasn't lost at home in December since 2002, having won 20 straight games at Gillette Stadium. Houston's defense played well against the Titans on Sunday, but the offense never got going in the second-half. That won't work against a team like the Patriots. And to add company to misery, the Texans will have to play their Monday night opponent at less than full strength.

Houston is banged up pretty bad with injuries right now. Already down was cornerback Johnathan Joseph (hamstring) and his backup Alan Ball (foot), but now they have lost Brice McCain (foot). Starting inside linebacker Bradie James didn't play. However, despite all of these key players missing in action, the Texans forced a franchise-best six turnovers and allowed only 10 points, the eighth time this season they have held an opponent below 20.

This prime time matchup with the New England Patriots next Monday night could be a preview of the AFC Championship game in January, which will determine who will represent the AFC in the Super Bowl in February at the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans, Louisiana.

{jcomments on}