



Game 1 Postgame Notes – vs. N.Y. Giants – 9/11/16

Upcoming Media Schedule

Monday, Sept. 12

3:00 p.m. – Coach Garrett press conference

Tuesday, Sept. 13

4:00 p.m. – Locker Room open

TEAM NOTES

- With the loss, the Dallas Cowboys fell to 38-19-1 in season openers, 18-9-1 at home and 5-4 at AT&T Stadium all-time.
- The Cowboys also snapped their previously undefeated all-time opening day record against the Giants with the loss, dropping to 9-1.
- For only the second time in team history, the Dallas Cowboys began the season with a rookie quarterback and a rookie running back in the season opener, with the combination of Roger Staubach and Calvin Hill as the only other time that Dallas has featured an all-rookie backfield.
- It was also the first time an NFL team has started two rookies in the offensive backfield to start a season since the 2012 Washington Redskins featured Robert Griffin III and Alfred Morris.
- Overall, it was also only the fifth time in team history that the Cowboys have started a rookie at quarterback and running back in the same game, and the team fell to 5-1 in those matchups:

Rookie QB/RB Duo – Dallas Cowboys

QB/RB	Date/Opp	W/L
R. Staubach/C. Hill	9/21/69 vs. StL*	W
K. Sweeney/A. Blount	10/4/87 @ NYJ	W
K. Sweeney/A. Blount	10/11/87 vs. Phi	W
D. Henson/J. Jones	11/25/04 vs. Chi	W

D. Prescott/E. Elliott **9/11/16 vs. NYG** **L**
**indicates season opener*

DAN BAILEY

- Dan Bailey was perfect on all four of his field goal attempts, including two 50-yarders, and also added a PAT.
- Bailey nailed a 56-yard field goal in the second quarter to tie his career-long (56 yards at Seattle, 10/12/14).
- With two 50-yard field goals (56, 54) Bailey tied the most 50+ field goals in a single game with himself (three times in 2013) and Eddie Murray (@ Min, 12/12/93).
- Bailey broke a tie with Rafel Septien with his 22nd game with 3+ field goals made - most in team history.
- Bailey extended his team record with his seventh career game with 4+ FG Made with four field goals.

ANTHONY BROWN

- Rookie Anthony Brown made his NFL debut.

BRANDON CARR

- Bradon Carr intercepted Eli Manning in the first drive of the third quarter to record his first interception since against Oakland (11/28/13).

MALIEK COLLINS

- Maliek Collins made his NFL debut.

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

- Ezekiel Elliott made his NFL debut and became only the fourth rookie running back in team history to start a season opener, joining Calvin Hill (1969), Ron Springs (1979) and Derrick Lassic (1993).
- Elliott rushed 20 times for 51 yards and a touchdown as his totals were the most carries and the third-highest rushing yardage by a Cowboys rookie rusher to start a season opener:

Top Cowboys Rookie Running Backs To Start Season Openers - Yards

Player	Date/Opp	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD
Derrick Lassic	9/6/93 @ Was	16	75	4.7	0
Calvin Hill	9/21/69 vs. StL	18	70	3.9	0
Ron Springs	9/2/79 @ StL	15	30	2.0	0
Ezekiel Elliott	9/11/16 vs. NYG	20	51	2.6	1

- Elliott also became the 16th rookie running back to start a game during a season in franchise history, and the first to make his first career start since Joseph Randle (at Philadelphia, 10/20/13).

CHAZ GREEN

- Chaz Green made his Cowboys debut playing on special team. He made his offensive debut in the third quarter as an injury replacement for Tyron Smith for six plays.

JOE LOONEY

- Joe Looney made his Cowboys debut, playing on field goal units.

BENSON MAYOWA

- Benson Mayowa made his Cowboys debut and recorded his first sack as a Dallas defender and third of his career.

ALFRED MORRIS

- Alfred Morris made his Cowboys debut and rushed seven times for 35 yards.

DAK PRESCOTT

- Dak Prescott made his NFL debut and became only the fourth rookie to start a season opener at quarterback in franchise history - first since Quincy Carter in 2001 - and the 13th overall rookie Cowboys quarterback to start a game at any point during the season.
- Prescott completed 25-of-45 passes for 227 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions for a 69.4 quarterback rating. His yards, completions and attempts were the most by a Cowboys rookie quarterback on opening day and the most overall by a Dallas signal caller making his first career start during the season as a rookie:

Dallas Cowboys Rookie Quarterbacks In 1st Start - By Date

Player	Date/Opp	W/L	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT
D. Meredith	11/6/60 vs. LAR	L	28	9	76	32.1	0	3
J. Rhome	10/10/65 vs. Phi	L	14	8	138	57.1	1	1
C. Morton	10/24/65 @ GB	L	20	10	61	50.0	0	2
R. Staubach	9/21/69 vs. StL	W	15	7	220	46.7	1	0
R. Collier	12/21/86 vs. Chi	L	9	4	44	44.4	0	2
K. Sweeney	10/4/87 @ NYJ	W	14	6	139	42.9	3	1
T. Aikman	9/10/89 @ NO	L	35	17	180	48.6	0	2
S. Walsh	10/8/89 @ GB	L	29	18	193	62.1	1	1
J. Garrett	11/14/93 vs. Pho	W	6	2	25	33.3	0	0
A. Wright	12/17/00 vs. NYG	L	25	13	119	52.0	0	1
Q. Carter	9/9/01 vs. TB	L	19	9	34	37.4	0	2
C. Hutchinson	10/27/02 vs. Sea	L	24	12	145	50.0	1	0
D. Prescott	9/11/16 vs. NYG	L	45	25	227	55.6	0	0

- Overall, Prescott's 25 completions were the most by a rookie quarterback in the NFL to start a season opener since 1999, while his 45 attempts were second and his 227 passing yards were seventh:

NFL Rookie QBs To Start Season Opener Since 1999 - Most Yards

Player	Year	W/L	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT
Cam Newton, Car	2011	L	37	24	422	64.9	2	1
Robert Griffin, Was	2012	W	26	19	320	73.1	2	0
<i>Carson Wentz, Phi</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>37</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>278</i>	<i>59.5</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
Mark Sanchez, NYJ	2009	W	31	18	272	58.1	1	1
Geno Smith, NYJ	2013	W	38	24	256	63.2	1	1
Sam Bradford, StL	2010	L	55	32	252	58.2	1	3
Dak Prescott, Dal	2016	L	45	25	227	55.6	0	0
Chris Weinke, Car	2001	W	22	13	223	59.1	1	1
Ryan Tannehill, Mia	2012	L	36	20	219	55.6	0	3
Jameis Winston, TB	2015	L	33	16	210	48.5	2	2
Marcus Mariota, Ten	2015	W	15	13	209	86.7	4	0

- Prescott became the 13th overall player in Cowboys history to start a season opener at quarterback for the Cowboys - the first since Tony Romo in 2007 - and the 40th different player to start at quarterback for the Cowboys in team history.
- In NFL history, Prescott - selected 135th overall in the 2016 NFL Draft - became the fourth rookie quarterback drafted outside of the top-100 picks to start a season-opening game, joining Randy Hedberg (Tampa Bay, 1977 - 196th overall), Chris Weinke (Carolina, 2001 - 106th) and Kyle Orton (Chicago, 2005 - 106th). Additionally, he became the lowest drafted quarterback (135th) to start a season opener as a rookie since Hedberg (196th overall).
- In terms of draft rounds, Prescott is the fifth NFL rookie quarterback selected after the third round to start a season opener, joining Hedberg (eighth round, Tampa Bay, 1977), Mike Pagel (fourth round, Baltimore Colts, 1982), Weinke (fourth round, Carolina, 2001) and Orton (fourth round, Chicago, 2005), and would be the first fourth round quarterback to start any game in the NFL since Kirk Cousins with Washington in 2012.

CEDRIC THORNTON

- Cedric Thornton made his Cowboys debut.

JASON WITTEN

- Jason Witten (currently at 1,029) made a team-high nine receptions to surpass Isaac Bruce (1,024) for ninth on the NFL's all-time receptions list.