



Game 8 Postgame Notes – at Cleveland – 11/6/16

Upcoming Media Schedule

Monday, Nov. 7

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

Tuesday, Nov. 8

4:00 p.m. – Locker Room open

TEAM NOTES

- Today's win gave the Cowboys their seventh straight win - the longest winning streak during a single season since winning seven during the 2007 regular season, and tied the second-longest win streak during the regular season in team history:

Most Consecutive Regular Season Wins, Single Season – Dallas Cowboys

Year	Consec. Wins/Dates
1977	8 (9/18/77 - 11/6/77)
1971	7 (11/7/71 - 12/18/71)
1983	7 (9/5/83 - 10/16/83)
1993	7 (9/19/93 - 11/14/93)
2007	7 (10/21/07 - 12/9/07)
2016	7 (9/18/16 - 11/6/16)

- It is also the first time in franchise history that Dallas has started the season 0-1 and gone on to win the next seven games.
- The win also improved the Cowboys 2016 record against the AFC North to 2-0, extended the current overall win streak against the division to four and gave Dallas its 97th win against the AFC - tops in the NFC.
- Dallas' 25-point victory was the largest margin of victory since a 35-point win (42-7) against Indianapolis (12/21/14).

- With 21 points in the first half of today's game, the Cowboys have now scored 129 first half points through eight games on the season, the fourth-highest first half scoring output through eight games in Cowboys history:

Year	Games	Wins	1st H Points
1994	8	7	137
1966	8	5	134
1969	8	7	131
2016	8	7	129

- With two rushing touchdowns today, Dallas has now produced 14 rushing scores in 2016 to tie the second-highest number through the first eight games in a season in team history:

Most Rushing Touchdowns First Eight Games - Dallas Cowboys

Year	Rush TDs
1995	18
1966	14
2016	14

- Dallas' 29 first downs and 15 passing first downs were both the highest numbers of the 2016 season.
- For the eighth straight game, the Dallas defense did not allow a 100-yard rusher or a 100-yard receiver against the opposing offense. It is the only team in the NFL to not allow a 100-yard rusher or 100-yard receiver in a single game. It is also the longest such streak since the team had nine-straight games in the 2009 season (9/28/09-11/26/09).
- The Cowboys held the Browns to a season-low 10 points, the fewest since allowing 10 points at Philadelphia (9/20/15), and have now allowed 23 points-or-less in each of their first eight games for the first time since 1994.
- Entering this game, Cleveland's offense had 33 carries of 10-plus yards, which was second in the NFL. Dallas' defense did not allow any runs of 10-plus yards in this game.

DAN BAILEY

- Dan Bailey had five points to surpass 700 career points. He became the third Cowboy - second kicker (Rafael Septien) - to reach that mark:

All-Time Points Leaders - Dallas Cowboys

Player	Points
Emmitt Smith (RB)	986 (1990-02)
Rafael Septien (K)	874 (1978-86)
Dan Bailey (K)	703 (2001-16)

COLE BEASLEY

- Cole Beasley made six receptions for 56 yards and a touchdown to pass Walt Garrison (182) and Lance Rentzel (183) for 23rd on the team's all-time receptions list.

DEZ BRYANT

- By not recording a touchdown in today's contest, Bryant snapped his streak of consecutive games with a touchdown reception against an AFC opponent at 14 – the longest interconference streak in the NFL since the 1970 merger.

MALIEK COLLINS

- Maliek Collins had 2.0 sacks against Cody Kessler to mark the first time a rookie defender recorded two-plus sacks in a single game since DeVonte Holloman had 2.0 against Philadelphia (12/29/13). DeMarcus Ware owns the rookie record with 3.0 sacks against Carolina (12/24/05).

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

- Ezekiel Elliott rushed 18 times for 92 yards and two touchdowns.
- Elliott's 891 rushing yards are the most by a Cowboys rookie rusher during his first eight games:

Most Yards By a Dallas Cowboys Rookie Rusher – First 8 Games

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
Julius Jones, 2004	197	819	4.2	7
<i>Ezekiel Elliott, 2016</i>	177	891	5.0	7
Calvin Hill, 1969	128	657	5.1	5
DeMarco Murray, 2011	80	539	6.7	1
Don Perkins, 1961	126	514	4.1	1

- Elliott's 891 yards are also the third-most overall by an NFL player in his first eight career games in NFL history:

Most Yards By an NFL Rusher – First 8 Career Games

Player	Year	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
Adrian Peterson, Min	2007	158	1,036	6.6	8
Eric Dickerson, LA	1983	203	995	4.9	12
<i>Ezekiel Elliott, Dal</i>	2016	177	891	5.0	7
Billy Sims, Det	1980	173	859	4.9	9
George Rogers, NO	1981	178	859	4.8	5

- Elliott is the third player in NFL history to rush for 875-plus yards and seven touchdowns in first career games, joining Eric Dickerson (1983) and Adrian Peterson (2007).
- On the season, Elliott's 891 rushing yards are the fifth-highest by a rookie in team history:

Most Yards By a Dallas Cowboys Rookie Rusher – Single Season

Player	Att	Yards	Avg.	TD
Tony Dorsett, 1977	208	1,007	4.8	12
Calvin Hill, 1969	204	942	4.6	8
Emmitt Smith, 1990	241	937	3.9	11
DeMarco Murray, 2011	164	897	5.4	2
<i>Ezekiel Elliott, 2016</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>891</i>	<i>5.0</i>	<i>7</i>

- Elliott scored two rushing touchdowns today to mark his second career multi-touchdown game. By doing so, he tied for the third-most games in a single season by a Cowboys rookie in team history:

Multi-TD Games by a Rookie – Dallas Cowboys

Player	Games
Tony Dorsett, 1977	3
Herschel Walker, 1986	3
Calvin Hill, 1969	2
Duane Thomas, 1970	2
Emmitt Smith, 1990	2
Julius Jones, 2004	2
Marion Barber III, 2005	2
<i>Ezekiel Elliott, 2016</i>	<i>2</i>

DAK PRESCOTT

- Dak Prescott became the first Cowboys rookie quarterback to start the first eight games of the season, and third rookie quarterback in the NFL drafted in the fourth round-or-later to start the team's first eight games of the season, joining Chris Weinke (Carolina, 2001) and Kyle Orton (Chicago, 2005).
- Prescott's eight starts tied Quincy Carter (2001) for the third-most starts by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in team history, while his eight total games played tied Steve Walsh (1989) and Carter (2001) for third.
- With the win, Prescott improved to 7-1, the best record to start a career by a Cowboys rookie quarterback, and joined Johnny Lujack (1948 Chicago Bears) as the second rookie to start a career winning seven of his first eight starts.

- Prescott is the third rookie quarterback with a seven game winning streak since the 1970 NFL merger joining Ben Roethlisberger (Pittsburgh 2004) and Kyle Orton (Chicago 2005).
- Prescott completed 21-of-27 passes for 247 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 141.8 quarterback rating.
- Prescott scored a 141.8 rating to mark his sixth game with a 100.0 rating to tie for fourth by a rookie quarterback in a single season in NFL history:

Most Games with a 100.0 QB Rating – NFL Rookie

Player	Games	Season
Russell Wilson, Sea	9	2012
Robert Griffin III, Was	8	2012
Ben Roethlisberger, Pit	8	2004
Dan Marino, Mia	6	1983
Matt Ryan, Atl	6	2008
Cam Newton, Car	6	2011
Dak Prescott, Dal	6	2016

- Prescott became the first rookie in NFL history to have six starts with a 100-plus passer rating in his team's first eight games of a season.
- Prescott's 141.8 quarterback rating in today's game was the highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in a single game (minimum 10 pass attempts):

Highest QB Rating By a Dallas Cowboys Rookie – Single Game

Player	Date/Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT	Rtg
D.Prescott	11/6/16 @Cle	27	21	27	247	3	0	141.8
D. Prescott	9/25/16 vs. Chi	24	19	248	79.2	1	0	123.6
C. Longley	11/28/74 vs. Was	20	11	203	55.0	2	0	123.5
Q. Carter	12/30/01 vs. SF	25	15	241	60.0	2	0	118.9
K. Sweeney	10/11/87 vs. Phi	14	8	152	57.1	1	0	118.7
D. Prescott	10/9/16 vs. Cin	24	18	227	75.0	1	0	117.9
D. Prescott	10/16/16 at GB	27	18	247	66.7	3	1	117.4
R. Staubach	9/21/69 vs. StL	15	7	220	46.7	1	0	115.3
D. Prescott	10/2/16 at SF	33	24	245	71.9	2	0	114.7
D. Prescott	9/18/16 at Was	30	22	292	73.3	0	0	103.7
C. Hutchinson	11/24/02 vs. Jax	24	16	301	66.7	2	2	102.8

- It was also the sixth-highest mark by an rookie quarterback in NFL history (min. 15 attempts):

Highest QB Rating By an NFL Rookie – Single Game

Player	Date/Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT	Rtg
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Griffin, Was	11/18/12 vs. Phi	15	14	200	93.3	4	0	158.3
Mariota, Ten	9/13/15 @TB	15	13	209	86.7	4	0	158.3
Roethlis., Pit	12/5/04 @Jac	17	14	221	82.4	2	0	158.0
G.Smith, NYJ	10/7/13 @Atl	20	16	199	80.0	3	0	147.7
Newton, Car	12/24/11 vs. TB	17	12	171	70.6	3	0	142.4
Prescott, Dal	11/6/16 @Cle	27	21	247	77.8	3	0	141.8

- Prescott's 77.8 completion percentage (21-of-27 passes) was the second-highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in team history (minimum 10 passing attempts):

Highest QB Completion % By a Dallas Cowboys Rookie - Single Game

Player	Date/Opp	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT	Rtg
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>9/25/16 vs. Chi</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>248</i>	<i>79.2</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>123.6</i>
D. Prescott	11/6/16 @ Cle	27	21	247	77.8	3	0	141.8
T. Aikman	11/19/89 vs. Mia	25	33	261	75.8	1	1	95.6
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>10/9/16 vs. Cin</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>227</i>	<i>75.0</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>117.9</i>
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>9/18/16 @ Was</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>103.7</i>
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>10/2/16 at SF</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>114.7</i>

- Prescott's 80% completion rate (12-of-15 att) tied himself (80% vs. Chi, 9/25/16) for the highest first half completion percentage by a Cowboys rookie quarterback since 1991.
- Prescott's 247 passing yards in today's game tied the ninth-highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in franchise history:

Most Passing Yards By a Dallas Cowboys Rookie QB - Single Game

Player	Date/Opp	W/L	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT
T. Aikman	11/12/89 @ Pho	L	40	21	379	52.5	2	2
C. Hutchinson	11/24/02 vs. Jac	W	24	16	301	66.7	2	2
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>9/18/16 @ Was</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>30</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>292</i>	<i>73.3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>10/30/16 vs. Phi</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>287</i>	<i>48.7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>1</i>
S. Walsh	10/15/89 vs. SF	L	36	23	294	63.9	1	2
S. Walsh	10/29/89 vs. Pho	L	49	21	264	42.9	1	2
T. Aikman	11/19/89 vs. Mia	L	33	25	261	75.8	1	1
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>10/2/16 at SF</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>252</i>	<i>72.7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>10/16/16 at GB</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>
D. Prescott	11/6/16 at Cle	W	27	21	247	77.8	3	0
Q. Carter	12/30/01 vs. SF	W	25	15	241	60.0	2	0

- Prescott's three touchdowns gave him 12 on the season to to break a tie with Troy Aikman, 9 1989, for the most passing touchdowns by a Cowboys rookie quarterback.

- Prescott threw for three touchdowns, tied for the most this season and tied his previous mark for the second-highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in team history. With this being his second game of the season with three-plus touchdown passes, he established a franchise record for a rookie quarterback:

Most Games with 3+ Passing TDs, Rookie QB – Dallas Cowboys

Player	Games
<i>Dak Prescott, 2016</i>	2
Kevin Sweeney, 1987	1
Troy Aikman, 1989	1

- Prescott’s 21 completions gave him 165 on the season and allowed him to pass Aikman (155 - 1989) for the most by a Cowboys rookie quarterback.

Dallas Cowboys Rookie QB Single Season

Player	Year	GP/GS	W-L	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT	Rtg
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>2016</i>	<i>8/8</i>	<i>7-1</i>	<i>248</i>	<i>165</i>	<i>2,020</i>	<i>66.5</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>104.2</i>
T. Aikman	1989	11/11	0-11	293	155	1,749	52.9	9	18	55.7
Hutchinson	2002	9/9	2-7	250	127	1,555	50.8	7	8	66.3
S. Walsh	1989	8/5	1-4	219	110	1,371	50.2	5	9	60.5
Q. Carter	2001	8/8	3-5	176	90	1,072	51.1	5	7	63.0

MARK SANCHEZ

- Mark Sanchez made his Cowboys debut and completed his first pass on the season for eight yards.

JASON WITTEN

- Jason Witten made his 155th consecutive start to break a tie with Lee Roy Jordan (154) for the most in team history.
- Witten caught eight passes for 134 yards and one touchdown.
- It marked Witten’s first 100-yard receiving game since against Philadelphia (12/29/13) and was the 21st of his career, tied for third-most by a tight end in NFL history.
- Witten became the fifth tight end with a 100-yard game at 34 years-or-older, joining Tony Gonzalez, Shannon Sharpe, Wesley Walls and Ben Watson.
- Witten caught one touchdown to reach 62 for his career and tie Shannon Sharpe (62) for fourth on the league’s all-time receiving touchdowns list amongst tight ends.