



Game 9 Postgame Notes – at Pittsburgh – 11/13/16

Upcoming Media Schedule

Monday, Nov. 14

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

Tuesday, Nov. 15

4:00 p.m. – Locker Room open

TEAM NOTES

- Today's win gave the Cowboys their eighth straight win to tie the 1977 team's streak for the longest regular season winning streak during a single season in team history:

Most Consecutive Wins, Single Season – Dallas Cowboys Regular Season Consec. Wins/Dates

1977	8 (9/18/77 - 11/6/77)
2016	8 (9/18/16 - 11/13/16)
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)

- The win also tied the fourth-longest win streak, including combined seasons, in team history:

Most Consec. Wins, Single/Combined Seasons – Cowboys Regular Season

Consec. Wins	Dates
11	11/17/68-10/27/69
9	11/7/71-9/24/72
9	11/12/78-9/16/79
8*	9/18/77-11/6/77
8	11/24/91-9/20/92
8*	9/18/16-11/13/16

**indicates single season streak*

- It is also the first time in franchise history that Dallas has started the season 0-1 and gone on to win the next eight games.
- The win also improved the Cowboys 2016 record against the AFC North to 3-0, extended the current overall win streak against the division to six and gave Dallas its 98th win against the AFC - tops in the NFC.
- By producing 422 total net yards in today's contest, it marked the team's seventh consecutive game with 400-plus yards in a game to extend its current franchise record streak.
- With Dak Prescott passing for 319 yards, Ezekiel Elliott rushing for 114 yards and Dez Bryant hauling in 116 receiving yards, it marked the first time that Dallas has produced a 300-yard passer, a 100-yard rusher and a 100-yard receiver since against Green Bay (12/15/13) when Tony Romo passed for 358 yards, DeMarco Murray rushed for 134 yards and Bryant had 153 receiving yards.
- For the ninth straight game, the Dallas defense did not allow a 100-yard rusher and is the only defensive unit in the NFL to not allow one.

DAN BAILEY

- Dan Bailey notched his 25th career game with three-plus field goals when he made all three (37, 53, 46) to extend his franchise record.
- With his make from 53 yards in the second quarter of today's game, Bailey moved into sole possession of second place for the highest percentage of kicks made from 50-plus yards in a career in NFL history (75%). He broke a tie with Robbie Gould and now trails only Matt Prater (78.6%).

Player	50+ FGA	50+ FGM	50+ Pct.
Matt Prater	42	33	78.60%
Dan Bailey	32	24	75.00%
Robbie Gould	31	23	74.20%
Jeff Wilkins	36	26	72.20%

- Bailey's 53-yard boot is also the longest field goal made in the history of Heinz Field.

Rk	Player	Date	Long FGM
1	Dan Bailey	11/13/16	53
2t	Jeff Reed	9/12/10	52
2t	Justin Tucker	10/1/15	52
4t	Chris Boswell	10/18/15	51
4t	Chris Boswell	12/6/15	51
4t	Billy Cundiff	11/6/11	51
4t	Phil Dawson	12/30/12	51
4t	Nick Novak	12/9/12	51

COLE BEASLEY

- Cole Beasley made five receptions to pass Preston Pearson (189) for 22nd on the team's all-time receptions list.

DEZ BRYANT

- Dez Bryant caught six passes for 116 yards and a touchdown.
- It was Bryant's 18th career 100-yard game.
- The scoring catch was Bryant's 62nd to tie Jason Witten for the third-most by a Cowboy in team history.

JACK CRAWFORD

- Jack Crawford played in his 50th career game.

EZEKIEL ELLIOTT

- Ezekiel Elliott rushed 21 times for 114 yards and two touchdowns.
- Elliott also caught two passes for 95 yards and a touchdown.
- Elliott's 83-yard receiving touchdown was the longest scoring catch by a rookie in team history, surpassing the previous mark of 82 yards which happened twice:

Longest Reception for a Touchdown – Dallas Cowboys Rookie

Rookie Player	Yards	Date, Opponent
Ezekiel Elliott (RB)	83	11/13/16 @ Pit
Bob Hayes (WR)	82	10/10/65 vs. Phi
Terrance Williams (WR)	82	10/6/13 vs. Den

- Elliott's touchdown reception was the longest scoring catch by a Cowboys running back since Herschel Walker had an 84-yard score against Philadelphia (12/14/86) and the fourth-longest overall by a Dallas running back:

Longest Reception for a Touchdown – Dallas Cowboys RB

Rookie Player	Yards	Date, Opponent
Tony Dorsett	91	9/4/78 vs. Bal
Amos Marsh	85	9/30/62 @ LA Rams
Herschel Walker	84	12/14/86 vs. Phi
Ezekiel Elliott	83	11/13/16 @ Pit

- It was also the longest scoring reception since Dez Bryant caught an 85-yard touchdown against Washington (11/22/12).
- The 83-yard passing touchdown connection from Prescott to Elliott was the longest by a rookie quarterback/rookie receiver tandem in team history.
- Overall, Elliott is the first rookie running back in the league to boast a 60-plus yard touchdown run and an 80-plus yard touchdown catch in a single season since Gale Sayers in 1965.
- By rushing for 114 yards today, Elliott surpassed 1,000 yards (1,005) on the season in the ninth game of the year, tying Emmitt Smith (9 – 1995) as the second-fastest rushers in team history to reach that mark:

Fastest to 1,000 Rushing Yards, Single Season – Dallas Cowboys

Player	Games	Year
DeMarco Murray, Dal	8	2014
Emmitt Smith, Dal	9	1995
Ezekiel Elliott, Dal*	9	2016

**indicates rookie*

- Elliott also became only the third league rookie to reach 1,000 yards in his first nine career games, joining Eric Dickerson (1,096 - 1983) and Adrian Peterson (1,081 - 2007).
- By reaching 1,000 yards, Elliott became only the second rookie rusher in team history to surpass 1,000 yards behind Tony Dorsett's rookie record mark of 1,007 yards (1977):

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
Ezekiel Elliott, 2016	198	1,005	5.1	9

- With Elliott surpassing 1,000 rushing yards on the season, combined with Prescott passing for 2,000 yards, the duo became only the second rookie quarterback and rookie running back teammates in NFL history with at least 2,000 passing yards and 1,000 rushing yards in a season, joining Robert Griffin

III (3,200 passing yards) and Alfred Morris (1,613 rushing yards) who did so with Washington in 2012:

Rookie QB w/2,000 Pass Yds & Rookie RB w/1,000 Rush Yds – NFL Single Season

Rookie QB Pass Yds	Rookie RB Rush Yds
Robert Griffin III, Was - 3,200	Alfred Morris, Was – 1,613
Dak Prescott, Dal – 2,339	Ezekiel Elliott, Dal – 1,005

- Elliott’s 1,005 rushing yards are the most by a Cowboys rookie rusher during his first nine games:

Most Yards By a Dallas Cowboys Rookie Rusher – First 9 Games

Player	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
Ezekiel Elliott, 2016	198	1,005	5.1	9
Julius Jones, 2004	197	819	4.2	7
Calvin Hill, 1969	155	807	5.2	7
DeMarco Murray, 2011	100	674	6.7	2
Don Perkins, 1961	132	543	4.1	2

- Elliott’s 1,005 yards are also the third-most overall by an NFL player in his first nine career games in NFL history:

Most Yards By an NFL Rusher – First 9 Career Games

Player	Year	Att	Yds	Avg.	TD
Eric Dickerson, LA	1983	217	1,096	5.1	13
Adrian Peterson, Min	2007	169	1,081	6.4	8
Ezekiel Elliott, Dal	2016	198	1,005	5.1	9
Billy Sims, Det	1980	190	896	4.7	9
George Rogers, NO	1981	193	879	4.6	5

- Ezekiel Elliott rushed for 114 yards and caught two passes for 95 yards in today’s game, combining for 209 yards from scrimmage and three touchdowns. He is the sixth Cowboys rookie to have at least 200 yards in a game in team history, and is tied with Julius Jones for the fourth-most:

Rk	Player	Date	Opp	Rush	Rush Yds	Rec	Rec Yds	Scrim. Yds
1	Herschel Walker	12/14/86	PHI	6	122	9	170	292
2	DeMarco Murray	10/23/11	STL	25	253	0	0	253
3	Tony Dorsett	12/4/77	PHI	23	206	3	24	230
4t	Ezekiel Elliott	11/13/16	PIT	21	114	2	95	209
4t	Julius Jones	12/6/04	SEA	30	198	3	11	209
6	James Dixon	11/12/89	PHO	0	0	6	203	203
7	Herschel Walker	10/12/86	WAS	13	45	6	155	200

- Ezekiel Elliott totaled two rushing scores and added a receiving touchdown in today’s game against the Steelers, making him the seventh Cowboys rookie to have three touchdowns in a game in team history.

Rk	Player	Date	Opp	TD	Pts
1	Emmitt Smith	12/16/90	PHO	4	24
2t	Dez Bryant	10/25/10	NYG	3	18
2t	Billy Joe DuPree	9/30/73	STL	3	18
2t	Michael Irvin	12/11/88	WAS	3	18
2t	Julius Jones	12/6/04	SEA	3	18
2t	Duane Thomas	11/22/70	WAS	3	18
2t	Ezekiel Elliott	11/13/16	PIT	3	18

- Elliott was the first player to rush for a touchdown (two) and catch a touchdown (one) in a single game since Murray had one rushing touchdown and one receiving touchdown at Washington (12/22/13).

DAK PRESCOTT

- Dak Prescott became the first Cowboys rookie quarterback to start the first nine games of the season, and second rookie quarterback in the NFL drafted in the fourth round-or-later to start the team's first nine games of the season, joining Kyle Orton (Chicago, 2005).
- By making his ninth start and ninth game played, he tied Chad Hutchinson (9 – 2002) for the second-most starts and second-most games played by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in team history.
- With the win, Prescott improved to 8-1, 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 eight of his first nine starts.
- The victory also tied Prescott with Orton (8 – 2005) for the second most consecutive wins by a rookie quarterback in a single season in NFL history:

Most Consecutive Rookie QB Wins – NFL Super Bowl Era

Player	Consec. Wins	Season
Ben Roethlisberger	13	2004
Kyle Orton	8	2005
Dak Prescott	8	2016

- Prescott completed 22-of-32 passes for 319 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions for a 121.7 quarterback rating.
- Prescott had two touchdown passes that each traveled 50 yards-or-more (83 and 50) to become the first rookie in franchise history to accomplish that feat. He also became the seventh quarterback overall in team history and it marked the 18th time it has happened in franchise history.
- In league history, Prescott became the first rookie to accomplish that feat since Teddy Bridgewater (Minnesota) threw two against the N.Y. Jets (12/7/14).
- Prescott's 83-yard passing touchdown to Elliott in the first quarter was the longest by a rookie quarterback/rookie receiver tandem in team history.

- It was the longest passing touchdown by a Cowboy since Tony Romo threw an 85-yard to Dez Bryant for an 85-yard touchdown against Washington (11/22/12).
- Prescott scored a 121.7 rating to mark his seventh 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
<i>Dak Prescott, Dal</i>	7	2016

- Prescott became the first rookie in NFL history to have seven starts with a 100-plus passer rating in his team’s first nine games of a season.
- Prescott’s 121.7 quarterback rating in today’s game was the fourth-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
<i>D.Prescott</i>	<i>11/6/16 at Cle</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>77.8</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>141.8</i>
<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>
C. Longley	11/28/74 vs. Was	20	11	203	55.0	2	0	123.5
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>11/13/16 at Pit</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>68.7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>121.7</i>
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
<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>10/16/16 at GB</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>66.7</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>1</i>	<i>117.4</i>
R. Staubach	9/21/69 vs. StL	15	7	220	46.7	1	0	115.3
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>10/2/16 at SF</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>71.9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>114.7</i>

- Prescott’s 319 passing yards in today’s game were the second-highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in franchise history, while also allowing him to become only the third rookie in team history to throw for 300 yards in a single game:

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 at Pho	L	40	21	379	52.5	2	2
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>11/13/16 at Pit</i>	<i>W</i>	<i>32</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>319</i>	<i>68.7</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>0</i>
C. Hutchinson	11/24/02 vs. Jac	W	24	16	301	66.7	2	2
<i>D. Prescott</i>	<i>9/18/16 at 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
D. Prescott	10/2/16 at SF	W	33	23	252	72.7	2	0
D. Prescott	10/16/16 at GB	W	27	18	247	66.7	3	1
D. Prescott	11/6/16 at Cle	W	27	21	247	77.8	3	0

- Prescott's 32 attempts gave him 280 on the season and helped him pass Chad Hutchinson (250 – 2002) for second amongst Cowboys rookie quarterbacks:

Dallas Cowboys Rookie QB Single Season

Player	Year	GP/GS	W-L	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	INT	Rtg
D. Prescott	2016	9/9	8-1	280	187	2,339	66.8	14	2	106.2
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

LUCKY WHITEHEAD

- Lucky Whitehead returned two punts for 44 yards, including a career-long 39-yard punt return in the third quarter that set up a Cowboys touchdown three plays later. It was the longest by a Cowboys player since Dwayne Harris had a 38-yard return against Houston on Oct. 5, 2014.

TERRANCE WILLIAMS

- Terrance Williams caught one pass for five yards and passed Herschel Walker (2,556) for 19th on the team's all-time receiving yards list.

JASON WITTEN

- Jason Witten made six receptions to give him 1,064 for his career to pass Andre Johnson (1,062) for ninth on the league's all-time receptions list.
- Witten's six receptions also gave him 44 on the season for his 13th straight season of 40 catches-or-more to become only the sixth player – second tight end – to reach that milestone:

Most Consecutive Seasons with 40+ Receptions – NFL

Player	Total	Consec.	Years
Tony Gonzalez (TE)	16	16	1998-13
Terrell Owens	14	14	1997-10
Anquan Boldin*	13	13	2003-15
Larry Fitzgerald*	13	13	2004-16
Hines Ward	13	13	1999-11
Jason Witten*(TE)	13	13	2004-16

**indicates current streak*