

# Houston Texans Media Conference

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## Jonathan Taylor

### Press Conference



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THE MODERATOR: Questions for Jonathan Taylor.

**Q. The last two games you've been in there, it feels like you're just kind of running power maybe more than you did earlier. Is that something you've felt and developed as the season has gone along?**

JONATHAN TAYLOR: Yeah, definitely. There's a lot of times, especially early in the year, where you'll have a small hole, you kind of got to splice it instead of running through it, trying to get in slide. You got to splice it. Once you get into the open, you can open up your stride.

That's just something that I've really been conscious of on this second half of the year, when you see a hole, splice it. Once you get into the open field, you can kind of open up.

**Q. T.Y. Hilton always seems to play his best against the Texans. How much of a spark does it supply the offense?**

JONATHAN TAYLOR: I mean, it provides a huge spark. When you see him make a play, if you guys could see the sideline, everyone gets electric just because we know the kind of guy that he is, not only an athlete but just the guy he is in the locker room. He's just full of personality. When you see him make a play, give the offense a spark, it just gets the defense and the offense going.

**Q. With how you were running early, were you surprised you only had three carries until the fourth quarter?**

JONATHAN TAYLOR: No, really one of the biggest things was understanding we got a lot of guys in our runningback room that can make plays, whether it's through the air or on the ground, pass protection, doesn't matter.

My biggest thing was whenever my number was called, I had to make sure I was executing. I know the team is counting on me and the other guys in the runningback

room are counting on me to execute at a high level when my number is called.

**Q. Deshaun Watson drives them down the field, feels like they're going to punch it in. What did you see from your side? How surprised were you that the ball came loose?**

JONATHAN TAYLOR: One of the biggest things, of course you're hoping the defense stops them, comes up with a turnover. That's what you expect. We know the level our defense can play at. In your head you're thinking maybe we need to get ready to go down on a game-winning drive and put this game away. Next thing you know, we're in our victory formation. It is not what you were imagining, but we'll take it. A win is a win. They are not easy to come by, especially in divisional games.

**Q. Do you feel like you're getting better at staying in a rhythm when you come out of the game, have to go back into the game?**

JONATHAN TAYLOR: Yeah, definitely. I think one of the biggest things is understanding it's really all a mental aspect of whenever your number is called, you have a specific key, you have a specific assignment on that play. All you got to do is focus on that.

You don't have to worry about trying to get multiple carries or multiple plays in a row to get in a rhythm. It's really all about how effective are you on your play when your number is called at your job.

**Q. What was it like on the sideline when that ball comes free on a bad snap?**

JONATHAN TAYLOR: I mean, when it first comes out, everyone is yelling, Ball. We're hoping someone jumps on it immediately. Scooted back a little bit more. Everyone is, Jump on it, jump on it. Once you get it, a crazy, crazy sigh of relief. It's electric on the sideline.

Thank you very much.

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