# **POSTGAME NOTES**

# Cleveland Browns vs. Chicago Bears FirstEnergy Stadium | Sept. 26, 2021

#### **Team**

- The Browns improved to 2-1 on the season, winning back-to-back home games to begin a season for the first time since the 1979-80 seasons.
  - o The Browns are 8-2 at home since Kevin Stefanski was hired as the head coach in 2020.
- This marks the team's first win against Chicago since 2005, when the Browns won the outing, 20-10.
- The win was the first Browns victory against an NFC North opponent dating back to defeating the Vikings on Sept. 22, 2013.
- The team's 86 points over the first three weeks of the season are the most since the 2002 team put up 90.
- The Browns 1,230 total net yards through the first three weeks this season are the most in club history.
- The Browns have scored at least 26 points in each of their first three games of a season for the first time since 1964.

#### **Browns defense**

- The Bears one net passing yard are the lowest-ever recorded by a Browns opponent.
  - o The Bears total net yards of 47 are also the lowest-ever by a Browns opponent.
- The Browns defense finished with nine sacks, tied for the most in a game since recording nine against San Francisco on Dec. 13, 2015.
  - o The four recorded in the first half were the most since Dec. 14, 2020.
  - o The Bears offense only converted 1-for-11 on third down, the least allowed by a Browns defense since Dec. 23, 2018 against Cincinnati.
- The team's 21 tackles for loss this year ranks first in the NFL (through 1 p.m. games).

## **Browns rushing**

- The Browns 524 rushing yards rank second in the NFL through the first three weeks of the season (through 1 p.m. ET games) and most by a Browns team in the same span.
- RBs Nick Chubb and Kareem Hunt are the lone pair of teammates in the league this season with at least a combined 425 rushing yards and five touchdowns.
  - o They are the only pair in the league to combine for over 100 rushing yards and at least one score in three games this season.
- The team's eight rushing touchdowns top the NFL, tied for most rushing first downs (31) and second in rushing yards (524) this season (through 1 p.m. ET games).
- Additionally, the group has produced 17 games with 100 rushing yards, ranking third in the league dating back to 2020. The team is also 12-4 in those games.

#### **DE Myles Garrett**

• DE Myles Garrett registered a career-high and Browns single-game sack record 4.5 sacks, surpassing Andra Davis who collected four on Nov. 3, 2003.

## Sacks by a Brown in single game

Player	Count	<u>Date</u>
Myles Garrett	4.5	Sept. 26, 2021
Andra Davis	4	Nov. 9, 2003
Rob Burnett	3.5	Oct. 29, 1995
Clay Matthews	3.5	Nov. 11, 1984

- His 4.5 sack performance is second to Aldon Smith (Nov. 11, 2012) for most sacks in a game against the Bears.
- The 19.0 sacks Garrett has produced in the month of September lead the league since 2017.
- His 48.0 career sacks are the most among all No. 1 overall picks in their first 54 games and third-most by a first pick in their first five years, passing Dwight Freeney for fourth-most in a players first 54 first games.
- 11 is the number of games Garrett has compiled two or more sacks, the most by a Brown in their first five years and took sole possession of second overall.
- Garrett now ties for the fourth-most games with more than one sack in the NFL since 2017 (12). The 12 rank most by a Brown in team history.

### **Chase McLaughlin**

- K Chase McLaughlin converted a career-long 57-yard field goal in the second quarter, tied for the third-longest in club history, and was the longest since Steve Cox connected from 60 yards in 1984.
  - o It is also the third-longest field goal in the league this season (through 1 p.m. games). He ended the day 100 percent (4/4 on FGs and 2/2 on PATs).
- McLaughlin joined Phil Dawson (twice in 2011 and once in 2012) as the only Browns kickers to make at least two field goals of 50-plus yards in a single game.

Longest Field Goal by a Brown in single game

<u>Player</u>	Range	<b>Date</b>
Steve Cox	60	Oct. 21, 1984
Steve Cox	58	Dec. 4, 1983
Chase McLaughlin	57	Sept. 26, 2021
Don Cockroft	57	Oct. 29, 1972

#### **RB Kareem Hunt**

- RB Kareem Hunt finished the game with 155 yards from scrimmage (81 rushing, 74 receiving), which is most of his career since tallying 175 yards from scrimmage on Oct. 1, 2018.
- Hunt has recorded 25 games with 50-plus scrimmage yards and a scrimmage touchdown since 2017 and his teams have gone 19-6 in those games.
- He has added 100 scrimmage yards and a touchdown 15 times, tied for ninth-most in the NFL since 2017 and his teams are 12-3 in those contests.
- Hunt has recorded a rushing touchdown in two of his past three games versus an NFC opponent and his teams are 23-6 when he scores.

### **OB** Baker Mayfield

- Mayfield completed 19 of 31 passes for 246 yards and a touchdown and a 97.0 rating. He also scrambled four times for 31 yards.
  - o This was his fourth game in a row with a 95-plus passing rating and is the second-longest streak in franchise history.
- In 24 games at FirstEnergy Stadium, Mayfield has completed 490 of 790 passes for 5,765 yards with 34 touchdowns and a 16-8 record as a starter.
- Mayfield's 19 completions passed Eli Manning (987) for sole possession of eighth-most by a No.1 overall pick in their first four seasons.
- He has compiled seven touchdowns and has not thrown an interception in his past four games versus an NFC opponent.

#### **RB Nick Chubb**

- RB Nick Chubb started his 40th career game and led the rushing effort today with a game-high 84 yards on 22 carries.
- Chubb currently ties for first in NFL with three rushing touchdowns and second in rushing yards (262) this season (through 1 p.m. ET games).
- Chubb snapped the league's longest active streak of eight games in a row with a rushing touchdown, also the longest such streak since Dangelo Williams in 2008.
  - His eight consecutive games with a touchdown place second in Browns history behind Leroy Kelly.

#### Browns longest streak with a rushing TD

<u>Player</u>	<b>Count</b>
Leroy Kelly	9
Nick Chubb	8
Jim Brown	7
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- After 22 carries, Chubb is now 10 behind Isaiah Crowell for the most carries by a Brown in their first four years.
- This afternoon marked Chubb's 37th game recording 50-or-more scrimmage yards, tying Kevin Mack for most by a Browns player in their first 47 career games and took sole possession of second-most by a Brown in their first four seasons.

## **DE Jadeveon Clowney**

- DE Jadeveon Clowney compiled his first sack since the 2019 season after collecting two sacks, three tackles (two for loss), and five quarterback hits.
- Clowney's two career games with at least two tackles for a loss and a sack have both been against Chicago (9/11/16 and today).

#### WR Odell Beckham Jr.

- After snagging five catches for 77 yards, WR Odell Beckham Jr. recorded his fourth game in a row at home with at least 50 receiving yards.
- Beckham caught his first reception of the 2021 season for 13 yards to convert a third down on the first drive of the game.

## Other notes

- TE Austin Hooper caught his first touchdown reception of the season on a 13-yard reception in his 75th career game.
- LB Jeremiah Owusu-Koramoah recorded his first sack (half-sack) of his career.
- RB Demetric Felton's 103 punt return yards were the most by a Brown in a single game since Travis Benjamin recorded 154 on Sept. 20, 2015.
- T Jack Conklin's started his 75th game.
- First career start for S Grant Delpit.

## **Injury report**

• CB Greg Newsome left the game in the fourth quarter with a calf injury and was ruled out.