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Titans now must be road warriors coming off 1st victory

By TERESA M. WALKER AP Pro Football Writer

NASHVILLE — The Tennessee Titans finally made a stand on their home field and got the ball to Derrick Henry along with the rest of their new playmakers to notch their first victory of the season.

Now the road literally gets tougher. The two-time defending AFC South champs now face the toughest part of their schedule with four of the next five games on the road starting Sunday with a trip to division rival Indianapolis.

Luckily, their bye comes during this upcoming stretch after a much-needed first victory of the season after holding off the Raiders 24-22.

Henry, coming off his best game this season, tapped the cliché of "one game at a time."

"That's all you can do ... and be ready for each opponent," Henry said. "It is just about getting better in all three phases, so we have to take it one game at a time."

The Titans (1-2) have plenty to work on. Sure, they scored on their first three possessions against Las Vegas and squeezed in a field goal just as the first half expired. They needed every bit of that 24-10 halftime lead.

They were outgained 266-86 in the second half and got nothing from five possessions, including one that ended in a turnover on downs, two punts and then finally a kneel down for the victory.

"We came out and we played with an attitude, played with an edge and found a way to win at the end of the day," quarterback Ryan



Photo courtesy of the Tennessee Titans

The Titans will have a tough slate of games, with four of the next five being on the road, including two matchups against divisional rival Indianapolis. The next home game will be Game 2 against the Colts on October 23.

Tannehill said.

What's working

The offense. Finally. For at least the first half. The Titans had opened their first two games driving for touchdowns only to bog down with just 13 points combined on 20 other drives.

Against the Raiders, they scored touchdowns on their first three possessions — all at least 75 yards or more.

The Titans also got a 48-yard field goal from Randy Bullock that provided the winning edge. The field goal came from almost the same spot where Bullock missed a 47-yarder wide left in a season-opening loss to the Giants.

What needs help

The Titans must improve on fourth down

and stop giving up so many big plays. Mack Hollins had a career-day with 158 yards receiving, including a 60-yard reception, taking away from being nearly perfect on third down, allowing 1 conversion on 12 attempts.

On fourth down, the Raiders were a perfect 3 of 3 — all on the final drive. Only linebacker Dylan Cole, then two-time All-Pro safety Kevin Byard getting a hand on Derek Carr's 2-point conversion pass helped preserve this first victory. The Titans also gave up five plays of 20 yards or longer.

Stock up

Strange to say about a two-time NFL rushing champ, but Henry. He helped dig the Titans out of an early hole with a 23-yard gain on a screen. He also ran with power and speed, help-

ing dim talk that he's lost something coming off a broken right foot and turning 28.

Henry had his best game yet this season with 85 yards rushing on 20 carries, and he had five catches for 58 yards receiving.

Stock down

Offensive lineman Dillon Radunz. In a week where the Titans placed two offensive linemen on injured reserve led by three-time Pro Bowl left tackle Taylor Lewan, Radunz wound up not playing even a single snap. That's not a good sign for Radunz or the Titans who made him a second-round draft pick in April 2021.

Injured

LB Zach Cunningham hurt a knee in practice Thursday, then

went to the locker room with an injured elbow. Starting CB Kristian Fulton went down in the end zone defending a receiver late in the game.

Key number

70 — Henry joined exclusive company as only the third player for this franchise to score at least 70 TDs. He now trails Eddie George (74) and Pro Football Hall of Famer Earl Campbell (73).

Next steps

Become road warriors and try to climb back up the AFC South starting with a trip to Indianapolis. The Titans then visit Washington before their bye followed by trips to Houston and Kansas City. Their fourth home game this season comes Nov. 13 against Denver.

Lewisburg Elite hosts Rockvale Rockets for homecoming

By Kacy Kincaid Sports Writer

The Lewisburg Elite youth football league hosted the Rockvale Rockets on Saturday and held a homecoming ceremony for each division.

Lewisburg Elite welcomes all children ages 5-12 to participate in football or cheer. With the help of sponsors, the program never turns a child away due to financial hardships.

This Saturday the Elite will host Tullahoma at their home field located at 768 Springplace Road in Lewisburg.

Gate fee is \$5 (ages six and under are free).

D3 Elite Homecoming Court

D3 Queen: Adrianna Rivera

D3 Football Attendant: Easton Lombardi

D3 Football Attendant: Brayden Burns

D3 Attendant: Kimora Robinson

D3 Football Attendant: Kale Lewter

D3 Attendant: Desiire Vaughn

D3 Football Attendant: Kadonhus McFarland

D2 Elite Homecoming Court

D2 Queen: Quendra Lewis

D2 Football Attendant: Everett Lombardi

D2 Football Attendant: Demarion Kavon-



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Lewisburg Elite homecoming court.



King Black runs it in for a touchdown.



Talon White makes the tackle.

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D2 Attendant: Elia Chavez

Brocchini

D2 Football Attendant: Landree Welch

D2 Attendant: Silvia Chavez

D2 Football Attendant: Kayden Brocchini

D1 Elite

Homecoming Court

D1 Queen: Britt Lynn Palmer

D1 Football Attendant: Aiden Barcheers

D1 Football Attendant: King Black

D1 Attendant: Rhy-lie Mitchell

D1 Football Attendant: Talon White

D1 Attendant: Bryston Clift

D1 Football Attendant: Journee Malone

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