

DETROIT LIONS VS. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS
FORD FIELD
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011; 1 P.M. ET

POST-GAME NOTES

LIONS RECORD MARGIN

- The Lions 48-3 victory over the Kansas City Chiefs registers as the team's largest margin of victory (45 points) in the history of the team for regular season games.
- In all games (regular season and postseason), the 45-point margin ties the franchise record that was set in 1957 when the Lions claimed the NFL Championship with a 59-14 win over the Cleveland Browns (12/29/57).

2-0 START

- With the win today over the Chiefs, the Lions start 2-0 on the season, which is the first time since the 2007 season the team has won their first two games.

DEFENSIVE PERFORMANCE

- The Lions defense registered 6 takeaways in the game, including 3 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries. Through 2 games, the defense has collected 8 takeaways (4 interceptions and 4 fumble recoveries).
- With 3 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries today, it marked the first time since the Lions claimed a 24-17 win at Houston (Oilers) December 10, 1995 that the team had 3 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries in a game.
- The team's 3 interceptions today were all recorded by members of the defensive secondary (CB Chris Houston, S Amari Spivey and CB Eric Wright). The last time the secondary recorded 3 interceptions in a game was in a 16-7 win at Chicago October 28, 2007.

Defensive First Halves

- For the second consecutive game, the Lions defense yielded no touchdowns in the first half. Last week in the opener at Tampa Bay, the Lions defense allowed just two field goals. Today against the Chiefs, they allowed just one field goal in the first half.

First Two Games

- The Lions defense has allowed 1 touchdown (passing) and three field goals thus far through the first two games of the season.

K JASON HANSON

- Detroit Lions K **Jason Hanson** set an all-time NFL record today by playing in his 297th career game for the Lions, which marks the most games played by one player for one team. He surpassed Hall of Fame C Bruce Matthews who played 296 games for the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans.
- On the PAT following the Lions first touchdown, Hanson reached 1,900 career points to become the seventh player in NFL history with 1,900 career points. He ended the game with 12 points (2 FGs and 6 PATs).
- With 12 points today, Hanson now has scored 10 or more points in 60 career games.

Hanson's 51-Yarder

- Hanson connected on a 51-yard field goal with 3:29 left in the second quarter to give the Lions a 17-3 lead. He holds the NFL record for 50-yard field goals, and the 51-yarder now gives him 46 for his career.
- He now has registered a 50-yard field goal in 17 NFL seasons. He is now tied with K Morten Andersen, K Jason Elam and K John Kasay for the most seasons in NFL history recording a 50-yard field goal.

OFFENSIVE PRODUCTION

- The Lions offense generated 48 points in the victory over the Chiefs, the most points scored by the Lions since they garnered 55 points in a Thanksgiving Day 55-20 win over Chicago November 27, 1997. That game was also the last time the team scored 6 offensive touchdowns (rushing and receiving) in a single game.
- The last time that Lions scored 6 offensive touchdowns in a game of which at least 4 were via the pass was a 48-17 win over Chicago on October 19, 1981.

T JEFF BACKUS

- Today's game marked T **Jeff Backus'** 162nd consecutive start. He currently has the most consecutive starts by any lineman (offense or defense) in the NFL and the most among offensive players.
- With 162 consecutive starts, he now has passed G Steve Wisniewski for ninth among offensive linemen in consecutive starts since 1970.

WR CALVIN JOHNSON

- WR **Calvin Johnson** capped off the opening drive of the game with a 15-yard reception from QB Matthew Stafford. It marked Johnson's 36th career touchdown reception, and is now in sole possession of second place on the Lions all-time career receiving touchdowns list. WR Herman Moore has the team's all-time record with 62.
- The touchdown catch was Johnson's third of the season. Three touchdowns through two games thus far is a career-high for Johnson to begin the season (first two games).

Johnson Catches 2nd Touchdown

- Johnson caught his second touchdown of the game on a 1-yard, fourth-down pass with 1:17 left in the third quarter. It marks the first time in his career he has scored two receiving touchdowns in consecutive games.
- Johnson is now the seventh player in Lions history to record two receiving touchdowns in six or more games.

QB MATTHEW STAFFORD

- Lions QB **Matthew Stafford** was 23-of-39 (58.9 pct) for 294 yards and 4 touchdowns. He ended the day with a 106.1 passer rating.
- His four touchdown passes marked the third career game having at least 4 touchdown passes.
- By recording back-to-back games with a passer rating over 100.0 (118.9 last week at Tampa Bay), he accomplished that feat for the first time for the Lions since QB Jon Kitna in 2007 (100.5 at Philadelphia 9/23/07 and 137.3 vs. Chicago 9/30/07).
- It is the first time that a Lions quarterback had a passer rating over 100.0 in the first two games of the season since Gary Danielson in 1984 (119.6 vs. San Francisco 9/2/84 and 110.2 at Atlanta 9/9/84).

Stafford's 2nd Touchdown

- QB **Matthew Stafford** second touchdown pass of the game now gives him 6 games of at least two touchdowns in his 15 career NFL starts.

Stafford's 200-Yard First Half

- For the second consecutive week, Stafford passed for 200 yards in the first half. In 15 career starts, he has passed for 200 yards in the first half of a game three times.

STAFFORD-JOHNSON CONNECTION

- Stafford found Johnson on 2 touchdown passes in today's game, marking the second time in the season's first two games that they have connected for two touchdowns.
- In the last three games that Stafford has started and completed (including last year's win vs. Washington 10/31/10), he has thrown 7 touchdown passes to Johnson.

SCHEFFLER'S 36-YARD TD CATCH

- TE **Tony Scheffler's** 36-yard touchdown reception to move the Lions lead to 14-3 in the second quarter is his second of the season. The 36-yard catch is his longest reception since joining the Lions in 2010.
- Scheffler now has two touchdown catches in the season's first two games.

HOUSTON'S PICK

- CB **Chris Houston** stopped a Chiefs drive in Lions territory during the second quarter (4:36) by recording his second interception of the season which he returned 26 yards. Houston now has tied his single-season career-high for interceptions (2). He also had two in 2008.

SPIEVEY RECORDS PICK

- Lions second-year S **Amari Spivey** picked off the Lions second interception of the first half and returned it 15 yards. It set up a Lions 28-yard field goal to complete the team's first half scoring.
- The pick was Spivey's third career interception.

D-LINE SACKS

- The Lions defensive line recorded 2.0 sacks in today's game, including a sack by DT Ndamukong Suh to end the first half and a sack-fumble by D Kyle Vanden Bosch that was recovered by LB Stephen Tulloch.
- Suh's sack was his first of the season and the 11th of his career. He has registered a sack in the last two home openers.
- Vanden Bosch now has a sack in consecutive games to begin the season and has 2.0 on the year. In his career, he has 48.5 and 5.0 since joining the Lions.

WRIGHT'S FIRST PICK IN HONOLULU BLUE

- CB Eric Wright picked off his first pass since joining the Lions this season when he intercepted a Chiefs pass in the fourth quarter and returned for 4 yards.