

**DETROIT LIONS VS. DALLAS COWBOYS**  
**COWBOYS STADIUM**  
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**POST-GAME NOTES**

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**LIONS 24-POINT COMEBACK**

- With 12:23 to play in the third quarter, the Lions gave up a touchdown to the Dallas to trail 27-3. From there, the Lions would mount yet another historic comeback by outscoring the Cowboys 31-3 the rest of the way to claim a thrilling 34-30 road win.
- The 24-point comeback matched the franchise-best for comebacks equaling the come-from-behind win October 20, 1957 vs. Baltimore. It sets the franchise record for the largest comeback on the road in team history, breaking the previous record of a 20-point comeback set last week at Minnesota (9/25).
- The Lions are the first team in NFL history to record 20+-point comebacks in consecutive weeks.
- With the 24-point comeback on the road, the Lions tied an NFL record for the largest comeback by a road team, accomplished three previous times. The last 24-point comeback occurred December 6, 1992 when the Los Angeles Rams won at Tampa Bay 31-27 after trailing by 24 points.

**LIONS 4-0 START**

- The Lions win at Dallas moves their record to 4-0 on the season, their first 4-0 start since 1980. It is the fifth 4-0 start in team history previously accomplished in 1934, 1939, 1956 and 1980.
- It is the team's first 4-0 start in team history that includes three road wins.
- The win today extends the Lions current win streak to 8 games. It is the longest win streak by the Lions since they won nine in a row in 1953-54 seasons.

**ROAD RECORD**

- Combined with their final two road wins of 2010, the Lions current five-game road winning streak is the longest in team history.
- The team has now won their first three road games of the season. It is the first time since 2004 that they started out 3-0 on the road.

**MEGATRON COMES THROUGH IN CLUTCH**

- WR **Calvin Johnson** was crucial in the Lions 24-point comeback at Dallas as his 2 fourth quarter touchdowns propelled the Lions to a 34-30 win.
- Johnson's two touchdowns gives him a streak of four-straight games with 2+ receiving touchdowns. He has caught 2 touchdown passes in each of the season's first four games.
- He joins Vikings WR Cris Carter (1995) as the only receivers in NFL history to record 2 touchdowns catches in four-straight games. Johnson is the first player to accomplish this feat in the season's first four games.
- He scored a 23-yard touchdown reception in the fourth quarter with 13:37 left to play that brought the Lions within 6 points, 30-24. Johnson leaped in the back of the endzone over three Cowboys defenders. It was Johnson's seventh touchdown of the season and his 40th career touchdown catch. He becomes the second player in Lions history to record 40 career receiving touchdowns (WR Herman Moore 62, 1991-2001).
- He is the first Lions player to score touchdowns in four consecutive games since WR Roy Williams registered a five-game stretch to end the 2006 season and to begin the 2007 season.
- Johnson is the first Lions player to registered touchdowns in four-straight games in the same season since WR Herman Moore had a four-game stretch in 1998.

**K JASON HANSON**

- Detroit Lions K **Jason Hanson** has now appeared in 299 career games. Two weeks ago, he set the all-time NFL record for games played with one team.
- Hanson proved pivotal once again today by connecting on two field goals (33, 51) and recording 4 touchbacks. His 51-yarder in the fourth quarter pushed the Lions comeback to a three-point deficit with 4:22 left to play. The 51-yard field goal extends his NFL record to 48.
- He has now made 3 50-yard field goals this year, each on the past three games. It is the 10th time in his career he has made 3 50-yarde field goals in a season.
- Hanson scored 10 points (2 FGs, 4 PATs) in the win today, giving him 45 points on the season. He has scored at least 10 points in three consecutive games. It is the fourth time in his career he has scored 10+ points in three consecutive games during his career (2007, 1994, 1993).

**COMEBACK QUARTERBACK**

- With the assistance of two key defensive touchdowns and two touchdowns by WR Calvin Johnson, QB **Matthew Stafford** helped lead the Lions to his third career 20-point comeback, and second in consecutive weeks. Stafford now joins Hall of Fame

QB Bobby Layne as the only quarterbacks in team history to lead the Lions back to victories from 24-point deficits. Stafford has led the team's only 24-point comeback on the road.

- Today's win was Stafford's fourth career fourth quarter comeback win.
- Stafford finished the day 21-of-43 for 240 yards with 2 touchdowns. In the fourth quarter, he was 10-of-16 for 121 yards and threw 2 touchdowns. His rating in the last quarter was 125.3.
- Stafford's 240 yards moved his season total to 1,217 on the seasons to go along with 11 touchdowns. He now has the second-most passing yards (1,217) and the most passing touchdowns (11) by a Lions quarterback in the first four games of the season.
- His 1,217 yards marks the fourth time in team history, and third-highest total, that a passer has thrown for over 1,200 yards during a four-game stretch in the same season.

#### **T JEFF BACKUS**

- Today's game marked T **Jeff Backus'** 164th 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 164 consecutive starts, he is now ninth among offensive linemen in consecutive starts since 1970.

#### **LB BOBBY CARPENTER**

- LB **Bobby Carpenter** picked off a pass in the third quarter and returned it 35 yards for the touchdown, It was Carpenter's first career interception and first career interception return for a touchdown. It is the Lions fifth interception on the season, first by a linebacker and the first returned for a touchdown.
- Carpenter also contributed 6 tackles in the victory.

#### **CB CHRIS HOUSTON**

- CB **Chris Houston** gave the Lions their second touchdown of the game on a 56-yard interception return in the third quarter. It was his second career interception return of his career and first since joining the Lions in 2010.
- With Houston's interception return for a touchdown to go along with Carpenter's on consecutive third quarter Dallas drives, it gave the Lions two pick-six plays. The last time they returned 2 interceptions for touchdowns in the same game was October 16, 2005 vs. Carolina.
- It was the first time that the team has registered two defensive scores in a game since they returned a fumble and an interception for a touchdown vs. Denver November 4, 2007.
- Houston's interception was his third of the season, which is a career single-season high.
- He also added 6 tackles in the Lions win.

#### **LB STEPHEN TULLOCH**

- Lions LB **Stephen Tulloch** registered a team-high 12 tackles in the Lions 34-30 win, but it was his interception on the first play of the Cowboys 4th quarter drive that started at 4:22 left to play was most significant. Tulloch's interception gave the Lions the ball at the Dallas 40-yard line. It led to the Lions go-ahead touchdown that helped seal the Lions 24-point comeback win on the road.
- It was Tulloch's first interception since he joined the Lions this year and the third interception of his career.

#### **DE WILLIE YOUNG**

- Second-year DE **Willie Young** hammered a nail into the Lions comeback win when he registered a 10-yard sack with :35 left to play in the fourth quarter. The Cowboys snapped the ball at the Lions 45-yard line and were moved back to the Dallas 45-yard line.
- It was Young's first career sack.