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## Houston Texans vs Indianapolis Colts NFL Predictions Week 9

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Houston Texans vs. Indianapolis Colts NFL Predictions Week 9: The (7-0) Indianapolis Colts are just one of the two remaining, undefeated teams going into the NFL Predictions Week 9. But, for how long can quarterback Peyton Manning keep his team perfect despite so many key injuries? This week, the high-flying (5-3) Houston Texans [+8½] will get their shot at ending the sports betting odds favorite Indianapolis Colts [-8½] undefeated bid, as they meet at Lucas Oil Stadium on Sunday afternoon.

This AFC South divisional showdown has a scheduled opening kickoff slated for 1 PM ET (10 AM PT) and it'll be broadcasted live on CBS Sports. The OVER/UNDER for this, Houston Texans vs Indianapolis Colts NFL Predictions Week 9 game has been set at a combined total of 49½ points scored.

For the visiting Texans, they come into this NFL Predictions Week 9 game trailing the Colts by just 2½ games thanks to a timely 3-game surge. Houston has picked up its play tremendously after alternating wins and loses for the first six NFL Predictions Weeks. One of the keys for the Texans's success can be credited to their improved defense.

In the first three games of the NFL season, Houston's "D" yielded an average of 205 rushing yards per game. In their last five weeks, they have allowed just 58 yards on the ground. With that stellar defensive effort, Houston has pulled off upsets against Cincinnati, San Francisco, and a win against Buffalo last week. This is the franchise's best start, and one more victory would set precedents in team records.

"When you get to where your football team is pretty good, they're all big," Texans coach Gary Kubiak said. "It's just nice that we're to the point now where we should play in some big football games here in the second half and none bigger than the first one."

As for the hosting Colts, they look to continue their dominance over this team. Their current head-to-head record tells a very compelling story, as Indy leads the series 13-1. Anytime you play the Colts, one of the biggest things is figuring out how to contain quarterback Peyton Manning (187/263, 2227 yards, 15 TDs, 4 INTs).

Manning is off to another terrific start this season, and is presently ranked second in the NFL in quarterback rating (109.3). However, Manning and the Colts are far from being satisfied with a 7-0 record. "I thought we weren't quite as sharp as we have been at times," Manning said of last week's game against the Niners. "There's definitely some areas we can improve on."

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