

Matt Steps in for Matt Can the Texans Still win?

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The Houston Texans quarterback Matt Schaub is out indefinitely with a “significant” right foot injury and he will miss being in action for the next two weeks or possibly even the remainder of the season.

The news came as a blow during head coach Gary Kubiak’s weekly press conference. Schaub was injured on a quarterback sneak coming out of the end zone late in the second quarter of Houston’s 37-9 win over Tampa Bay on Sunday. Schaub stayed in the game, but threw only three passes.

“Matt has a significant foot injury and he’s going to miss some time,” Coach Kubiak stated. “We are bringing in a specialist from Indianapolis to evaluate Schaub, and he will fly to Charlotte, North Carolina later this week to undergo further examination.”

“We’re going to do everything we can to get it evaluated correctly and see if we can get him back on the football field.”

However, that might not be the case, because sources close to the Houston Texans organization gave indications that Schaub’s foot is broke, and that it would require immediate surgery. We all hope and pray for the best, but I feel that the Texans will continue to resume a “Business As Usual” attitude.

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The Texans are off this week enjoying their bye week in the NFL's 16 game schedule. It hurts to lose another veteran like Schaub, who now joins Andre Johnson and Mario Williams as major losses this season.

Now comes backup Matt Leinart, who was once a starter with the Arizona Cardinals. Don't forget that this is the same young man who had a terrific training camp and preseason throwing the football. He's the same man who was able to move the offense up and down the football field. And if I go back down memory lane, remember he's the same guy along with former USC teammate Reggie Bush that led the USC Trojans to back-to-back National Championship games and several BCS bowls during the 2004 and 2005 seasons.

Selected the 10th overall pick of the 2006 NFL draft, Leinart was considered a bust with the Cardinals. Although he hasn't thrown a pass during the regular season, he still will have the vote of confidence coming from a Texans squad that has overcome adversity throughout the season. Leinart was 37-2 as a starter in college.

"I'm confident that Matt Leinart is ready to take the helm," Coach Kubiak said. "He's played in big football games in this league, he's played in big football games in college."

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“The key is the whole team rallying around him, and playing well as a team. Matt doesn’t have to go win a game, the team has to go win a game.”

The Texans, 7-3, have won four consecutive games in a row and share the AFC’s best record with the Pittsburgh Steelers heading into their bye week. But this team has a different mentality and they’ve had a winning attitude all season long and I don’t expect it to leave anytime soon.

So don’t worry Texans fans, Houston doesn’t have a problem. For, despite the bye week, this team will still approach this game as “Business as Usual”.{jcomments on}