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Houston Texans defensive end J.J. Watt surpassed former Green Bay Packers DE Reggie White, by becoming the first player in NFL history to notch 15 sacks and 15 pass breakups in one season.

Watt knew he had a chance to equal an achievement by one of the most iconic players of all time for the Packers. He was only half a sack away from matching Reggie White's 1991 feat of 15 sacks and 1 pass breakups in one season.

Watt surpassed this feat Sunday against the Tennessee Titans with a one-sack, two-pass-breakup performance that made him the first player in NFL history to accomplish this in the same season.

"I almost can't put it into words, Watt said. It means a lot to me."

Watt also had a team-high five solo tackles (three for losses), two quarterback hits and a forced fumble in the Texans 24-10 win.

"I think we are looking at a guy that is as good of a defensive player that I have seen on the field and continues to do it every week," head coach Gary Kubiak said. "Watt was a little sick this week and missed some time and then he goes out there and plays the way he plays. He is leading the way."

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Watt recorded his first career forced fumble against Titans running back Chris Johnson, and fellow defensive end Antonio Smith picked it up and tried to score.

Watt followed with a sack three minutes later, then tipped a pass, which led to an interception by safety Glover Quin just before halftime. He tried to intercept his other tipped pass himself. He couldn't, but his memorable day still shined.

"I've said all along, if you want to be the greatest, if you want to be the best, you have to be willing to want to do things that have never been done before. This is one of those things, but like I said, all of the credit has to go to my teammates and coaches. I wouldn't be anywhere without them."

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