Houston Texans vs Indianapolis Colts NFL Week 9 Predictions

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The Indianapolis Colts host the Houston Texans, Sunday Nov 8, as the Colts look for their tenth straight home win. Indianapolis has owned this series, having won 13 of the 14 all-time matchups. NFL oddsmakers at Sportsbetting.com have the Colts as -9 point home favs over the Texans with the over/under set at 48 points . Be sure to get your Houston Texans vs Indianapolis Colts NFL Week 9 Predictions in now at Sportsbetting.com

The Texans (5-3) won in Buffalo 31-10 in Week 8 and now sit second in the AFC South. QB Matt Schaub made 25 of 34 passes for 268 yards with two interceptions; overall he’s thrown for 2,342 yards with 16 TD passes and seven interceptions for a 100.5 passer rating. RB Ryan Moats had 23 carries for 126 yards with three TD’s, while WR Andre Johnson made six catches for 63 yards. The Texans pulled down two interceptions and had two sacks on the day. By winning three in a row to improve to 5-3, Houston has already answered a lot of questions about its ability to find consistency and play well for more than a one or two week stretch. This week presents the real test, though. If the Texans seriously want to challenge for the AFC South title, they have to start beating the Colts. The Texans will put their third ranked passing game up against the Colts seventh ranked pass defense . Star TE Owen Daniels was lost for the season to a knee injury last Sunday and now a couple of unheralded backups step into the spotlight. Joel Dreessen has functioned mostly as a blocker throughout his four-year career and he’ll be taking over the TE duties. They’ll also be without third-string TE James Casey. The Texans average 24.8ppg and give up 21ppg, while they are 3-1 SU on the road where they average 28.5ppg and allow 21.5ppg. They are 4-3-1 ATS and 3-5 over/under.

The Colts (7-0) beat San Francisco 18-14 at home in Week 8 and still sit atop the AFC South. QB Peyton Manning made 31 of 48 passes for 347 yards with no TD’S; overall he’s thrown for 2,227 yards with 15 TD passes and four interceptions for a 109.3 passer rating. RB Joseph Addai had 20 carries for 62 yards and made a 22 yards pass that ended with a TD. WR Reggie Wayne made 12 catches for 147 yards with a TD. The Colts defense had four sacks and pulled down one interception. The Colts' 7-0 record has been built more on Peyton Manning's arm than on the occasional handoffs to running backs. Manning is directing an offense whose fourth overall ranking is derived by blending the league’s best ranked passing attack with a 30th ranked running game. DE Dwight Freeney had his way with Houston last season . He recorded three sacks in the two games and applied consistent pressure. His ability to make Matt Schaub uncomfortable in the pocket will be a major factor in this game. The Colts defense is ranked ninth overall with a seventh ranked pass rush and a 17th ranked rush defense. The Colts average 28.1ppg and give up 13ppg, while they are 3-0 SU at home where they average 22ppg and allow 14.3ppg. They are 5-2 ATS and 3-4 over/under. Peyton Manning is 7-0 at home against the Texans and has 20 touchdown passes and only two interceptions in those games.

Recent Trends to Consider:

- Over is 8-0 in the last 8 meetings.
- Over is 6-0 in the last 6 meetings in Indianapolis.
- Colts are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 games following a S.U. win.
- Colts are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 games overall.
- Colts are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games as a favorite.
- Colts are 4-1 ATS in their last 5 games following a ATS loss.
- Texans are 4-0-1 ATS vs. a team with a winning record.
- Texans are 6-1 ATS in their last 7 games as an underdog.
- Texans are 5-1 ATS in their last 6 games as a road underdog.

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When: Sun, Nov 8, 2009 1:00 PM ET
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Pick: Colts -9

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The Bottom Line: The Colts are too strong on home soil. Be sure to get your Houston Texans vs Indianapolis Colts NFL Week 9 Predictions in now at Sportsbetting.com and Cash in with sign-up bonuses, weekly reload bonuses and free payouts at SPORTSBETTING.com, where betting is safe, secure and easy.