



COLTS INSIDER 2025

WEEK 10



This week's opponent:
ATLANTA FALCONS

SCHEDULE

- W

Week 1, vs. Miami
Colts 33, Dolphins 8
- W

Week 2, vs. Denver
Colts 29, Broncos 28
- W

Week 3, at Tennessee
Colts 41, Rams 20
- L

Week 4, at LA Rams
Rams 27, Colts 20
- W

Week 5, vs. Las Vegas
Colts 40, Raiders 6
- W

Week 6, vs. Arizona
Colts 31, Cardinals 27
- W

Week 7, at LA Chargers
Colts 38, Chargers 24
- W

Week 8, vs. Tennessee
Colts 38, Titans 14
- L

Week 9, at Pittsburgh
Steelers 27, Colts 20
- U

Week 10, vs. Atlanta (in Berlin)
Nov. 9, 9:30 a.m., NFL Net.
- X

Week 11, bye
- Week 12, at Kansas City
Nov. 23, 1 p.m., CBS
- Week 13, vs. Houston
Nov. 30, 1 p.m., CBS
- Week 14, at Jacksonville
Dec. 7, 1 p.m., CBS
- Week 15, at Seattle
Dec. 14, 4:25 p.m., CBS
- Week 16, vs. San Francisco
Dec. 22, 8:15 p.m., ESPN
- Week 17, vs. Jacksonville
Dec. 28, 1 p.m., FOX
- Week 18, at Houston
TBD

STANDINGS

AFC SOUTH				
	W	L	T	Pct
Indianapolis	7	2	0	.778
Jacksonville	5	3	0	.625
Houston	3	5	0	.375
Tennessee	1	8	0	.111

BIG NUMBER

6

The Colts kicked off Week 9 having turned the ball over just four times in their first eight games of the 2025 season. They more than doubled that total with six turnovers dooming them to a 27-20 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers at Acrisure Stadium. Pittsburgh scored 24 points off the Colts' six turnovers.



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Cornerback Sauce Gardner, recently traded by the New York Jets, gestures during practice at The Grove in Watford, England, on Oct. 10. The Indianapolis Colts gave up receiver Adonai Mitchell and two first-round draft picks to get Gardner, who's one of the league's premier cover cornerbacks.

AWESOME SAUCE

Gardner eagerly awaits his Colts debut vs. Falcons

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INDIANAPOLIS — Sauce Gardner spent Monday studying video of the Cleveland Browns. By Tuesday, he had moved on to the Atlanta Falcons. On Sunday, he's expected to be on the field — with the Indianapolis Colts in Berlin.

It's been a whirlwind week for the two-time All-Pro cornerback, who was dealt by the New York Jets to the Colts at the trade deadline on Tuesday. He flew to Indy that night, and the team was set to fly to Europe on Thursday.

In between, he's been getting acclimated to a new city, new coaches and a different opponent. And now that he's cleared the concussion protocol, he's set to make his Colts debut on the international stage.

"I've barely slept, so I'm looking forward to that flight," Gardner said Thursday in his first public comments since he was traded. "It's like every single minute that I've had here in Indianapolis, I'm doing something. Whether it's with the trainers, whether it's filling out paperwork, practice, watching film. Obviously, it's midseason so it's been like the craziest 48 hours."

Gardner seems at peace with how things ended up.

Though he said he never requested a trade, Gardner welcomed the move that sent him from a team vying for next year's No. 1 draft pick to one that leads the AFC South, appears poised to snap a four-year playoff drought and delivered a loud, clear message that it's all-in for a Super Bowl run.

Coach Shane Steichen is trying to tamp down expectations by making sure the Colts (7-2) remain focused on this week's challenge — beating the Falcons (3-5).

"It boosts the confidence in everybody, and our team is in a good spot," Steichen said of the trade. "But my message to the guys is the same every day. We've got to get better every day and focus on today and not worry



New York Jets cornerbacks Sauce Gardner, right, and Brandon Stephens celebrate during a game against the Denver Broncos on Oct. 12 in London. Gardner was traded and is now a member of the Colts.

about the future."

If the Colts (7-2) needed a reminder of what can happen when they're not ready, they could just look at the video from last weekend's six-turnover, 27-20 loss at Pittsburgh.

Two days later, everything changed — and not just in Indy.

"Great job by those guys going to get him," Falcons coach Raheem Morris said. "Sauce is a really good football player. I got a chance to call him and congratulate him (Tuesday). He's excited. He hadn't gotten there yet so hopefully he'll figure it out if he doesn't have a passport."

Atlanta has lost three straight, and star running back Bijan Robinson hasn't rushed for more than 40 yards or scored a touchdown in any of those defeats. His job is unlikely to get any easier Sunday against one of the league's top run defenses.

The good news for the Falcons is that quarterback Michael Penix Jr. is off the injury report this week after

throwing three TD passes — all to Drake London — in last week's loss.

The bad news: He'll be facing Gardner, a two-time All-Pro who wants to prove he's still a game-changing cover cornerback.

"It was less about the Jets wanting to trade me and more about the Colts wanting me to be here," Gardner said. "I'm not looking at this like I'm the missing piece. I think I'm creating an additional piece and I know I'm going to bring a lot to the table."

THE TRIP

Two years ago, when the Colts played in Frankfurt, Germany, left tackle Bernhard Raimann was dubbed Indy's unofficial ambassador for the trip because he grew up in Austria. Back then, he was fielding questions from teammates about everything from food choices to places to visit.

This time, Raimann said he hasn't taken nearly as many questions.

The Falcons also have international experience, going 1-2 overseas and losing to the Jacksonville Jaguars in London two years ago. For Morris, leading his team in Berlin's Olympic Stadium has special significance.

"Obviously, we're going to a very important Olympic spot, you know, where Jesse Owens won a gold medal in front of Hitler," he said. "I mean, it's just crazy to think about that, the you're playing in that exact same stadium."

HOLDING THE LINE

In addition to dealing with Gardner and the Colts' strong run defense, the Falcons could be short-handed along the interior of the offensive line.

Morris said left guard Matthew Bergeron is considered week to week with an ankle injury. If Bergeron can't play, Morris said Kyle Hinton would probably replace him.

Neither Bergeron nor right guard Chris Lindstrom practiced Wednesday. Lindstrom has a foot injury and is listed as day to day, making it more likely he will play this week.

STATISTICS

THROUGH 9 GAMES

PASSING						
	ATT	COM	PCT	YDS	TD	INT
Jones	293	204	69.6	2,404	14	6
Penix Jr. (ATL)	232	141	60.8	1,630	8	3
OPP	343	229	65.8	2,203	15	10

RUSHING					
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Taylor	157	895	5.7	80	12
Jones	33	90	2.7	17	5
Giddens	18	66	3.7	12	0
TEAM	233	1,130	4.8	80	19
OPP.	198	783	4.0	41	6

RECEIVING					
	REC	YDS	AVG	LONG	TD
Pittman	52	561	10.8	27	6
Warren	42	518	12.3	41	3
Downs	35	313	8.9	29	3
Taylor	27	218	8.1	43	2
Pierce	24	501	20.9	50	0
TEAM	205	2,413	11.8	75	14
OPP.	229	2,376	10.4	88	15

INTERCEPTIONS			
	INT	YDS	TD
Blackmon	2	41	0
Bynum	2	14	7
Latu	2	6	0
TEAM	10	96	1
OPP.	6	30	0

SACKS	
Latu	5.0
Buckner	4.0
Lewis	3.0
Paye	3.0
Gallimore	2.5
TEAM	26.0
OPP.	14.0

TACKLES			
	SOLO	ASST	COMB
Cross	38	24	62
Franklin	25	25	50
Blackmon	34	9	42
Buckner	26	16	42

PUNT RETURNS			
	RET	AVG	TD
Gould	7	9.7	0
TEAM	10	9.1	0
OPP.	6	4.0	0

SCORING							
	RUSH	REC	RET	TD	FG	PAT	PTS
Taylor	12	2	0	14	0	2	86
Pittman	0	6	0	6	0	2	38
D. Jones	5	0	0	5	0	0	30
TEAM	19	14	1	34	18	32	290
OPP.	6	15	0	21	11	22	181

WHO'S HOT



Laiatu Latu: The Colts' second-year edge rusher is finally living up to his first-round draft status. Last Sunday, Latu registered 2.5 sacks against Steelers quarterback Aaron Rodgers. That performance lifted Latu's season total to a team-leading 5.0 sacks. He's also tied for the team high with two interceptions, showing his unusual versatility.

WHO'S NOT



Daniel Jones: OK, we're not here to kick a guy while he's down — and Jones was down on the ground a lot last Sunday against the Steelers — but we've got to call a miserable performance when we see one. Jones regressed to the Danny Dimes of Giants past in that game in Pittsburgh. Maybe he'll reemerge as Indiana Jones in Berlin this weekend.

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