



60 BEN JONES

CENTER • 6'3" • 308 LBS • COLLEGE: GEORGIA
ACQUIRED: UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENT (HOU) - 2016
NFL EXPERIENCE (NFL/TITANS): 6/2 • HOMETOWN: BRENT, ALA.
GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 96/75 (PLAYOFFS: 5/5)



PRO: The Titans signed Ben Jones early in the 2016 free agency period to bring veteran leadership and experience to the center position and he provided just that in his first campaign with the club. The 6-foot-3-inch, 308-pounder was originally selected by the Houston Texans in the fourth round (99th overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft. The University of Georgia product is a versatile player, having started contests at center and both guard spots in his first four seasons with the Texans.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Jones has started games at center, left guard and right guard during his NFL career and has opened holes for three 1,000-yard rushers.
- In 2016, Jones centered all 16 games in his first campaign with the Titans and was a part of an offensive front that blocked for the NFL's third-ranked rushing attack which averaged 136.7 rush yards per game.
- In 2015, Jones transitioned to his natural position of center and started all 16 games and the playoff contest for the Texans.
- In 2014, Jones started all 16 contests at left guard.
- As a rookie in 2012, Jones started the final 10 games of the season at right guard and was named the Texans Rookie of the Year.

TITANS TIDBITS:

- Jones switched from jersey #61 to #60 prior to his senior season at Georgia, to honor his father, Steve, a former collegiate star, who was killed in a helicopter crash when he was 10 years old.
- Jones' pregame ritual consists of walking barefoot on the field "to get a feel for the turf." The routine began before one game with his brother in high school and after enjoying success that night, it has continued ever since.
- When he was 10 years old, Jones suffered a blow to the head with a baseball bat. The impact caused a blood clot to develop on his brain and fractured his skull. The injury kept him out of all athletic activity for a year, proving to be a challenging time for an active and athletic boy. Although it was a tough period in his life, Ben says this time turned him into the man he is today. As soon as he was cleared for activities, Jones threw himself into being the best athlete he could be.
- During the 2017 offseason, Jones and his wife, Alex, hosted the Ben Jones Celebrity Clay Shoot to benefit The Ronald McDonald House in Nashville. The event raised \$85,000. Ben and Alex have a passion for helping children and have seen first-hand the blessings provided by the Ronald McDonald House to friends and family with sick children.
- Jones' brother, Clay, played baseball for the University of Alabama and then was drafted by the Detroit Tigers.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS:

- A native of Brent, Ala., Jones was originally selected by the Houston Texans in the fourth round (99th overall) of the 2012 NFL Draft.
- Signed by the Titans as an unrestricted free agent on March 10, 2016.

SEASON RECAPS:

2017 (16/16, 2/2 - Tennessee): Among NFL offensive linemen presently listed as centers, ranks second in the NFL with 64 consecutive games started.

- Against Oakland (9/10), started at center and was a part of an offensive line that helped produce 350 total yards and allow just one sack on 41 pass attempts.
- At Jacksonville (9/17), started at center, his 50th consecutive start, and opened holes for a rushing attack that amassed 179 yards on 36 carries (5.0 avg.). Member of a unit that allowed just one sack on 27 pass attempts.

- Against Seattle (9/24), started at center and helped block for Titans' ball carriers to collect 195 rushing yards on 35 carries (5.6 avg.). Member of an offensive front that did not allow a sack on 32 pass attempts.
- At Houston (10/1), started at center.
- At Miami (10/8), started at center.
- Against Indianapolis (10/16), started at center and was a member of an offensive front that helped produce 473 total yards and allow just one sack for one yard on 32 pass attempts.
- At Cleveland (10/22), started at center.
- Against Baltimore (11/5), started at center.
- Against Cincinnati (11/12), started at center and helped open holes for Titans' rushers to gain 180 yards on the ground.
- At Pittsburgh (11/16), started at center.
- At Indianapolis (11/26), started at center and was a part of an offensive front that did not allow a sack on 25 pass attempts.
- Against Houston (12/3), started at center and helped open holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 198 yards on 25 carries with two scores on the ground.
- At Arizona (12/10), started at center.
- At San Francisco (12/17), started at center and was a part of an offensive front that allowed just one sack on 33 pass attempts.
- Against Los Angeles Rams (12/24), started at center and was a member of an offensive line that allowed just one sack on 39 pass attempts.
- Against Jacksonville (12/31), started at center.
- At Kansas City (1/6), started at center and helped open holes for Titans' ball carriers to gain 202 rushing yards on 31 carries (6.5 avg.).
- At New England (1/13), started at center.

2016 (16/16 - Tennessee): Started all 16 games at center in his first season with the Titans and was a part of an offensive front that blocked for the NFL's third-ranked rushing attack which averaged 136.7 rush yards per game.

- Against Minnesota (9/11), made his Titans debut as the starting center.
- At Detroit (9/18), started at center and blocked for an offense that amassed 363 total yards in a 16-15 comeback win.
- Against Oakland (9/25), started at center and was a part of an offensive line that helped produce 393 total yards and allow just one sack on 33 pass attempts.
- At Miami (10/9), started at center and was a member of an offensive front that opened holes for Titans' rushers to gain 235 yards on the ground and did not allow a sack on 29 pass attempts.
- Against Cleveland (10/16), started at center and blocked for an offense that compiled a season-high 407 total yards, including 137 rushing yards.
- Against Jacksonville (10/27), started at center and opened holes for Titans' ball carriers to accumulate 214 yards on the ground. Was a part of an offensive front that did not allow a sack in 23 pass attempts.
- At San Diego (11/6), started at center and was a part of an offensive line that did not allow a sack on 43 pass attempts.
- Against Green Bay (11/13), started at center and blocked for an offense that amassed 446 total yards and six touchdowns in a 47-25 victory against the Packers.
- At Chicago (11/27), started at center and was a member of an offensive front that did not allow a sack on 23 pass attempts. Blocked for Titans' ball carriers to gain 149 yards on the ground.
- Against Denver (12/11), started at center and was a part of an offensive line that opened holes for Titans' rushers to amass 180 rushing yards on 42 carries in a 13-10 victory over the Broncos.
- At Kansas City (12/18), started at center and helped pave the way for Titans' ball carriers to gain 148 yards on the ground. Member of

an offensive front that allowed just one sack for zero yards on 33 pass attempts.

2015 (16/16, 1/1 - Houston): Started all 16 games at center and in Wild Card Game against Kansas City (1/9). Extended his streak of consecutive regular season games played to 64, which is the second-longest active streak among NFL centers.

2014 (16/16 - Houston): Started all 16 games at left guard in his third season with the Texans.

2013 (16/1 - Houston): Played in all 16 games with one start for the Texans.

- At San Francisco (10/6), started at right guard and blocked for a ground game that produced 131 yards.

2012 (16/10, 2/2 - Houston): Appeared in all 16 games with 10 starts as a rookie. Was originally drafted as a center, but worked his way into a starting role at right guard. Was a part of seven 100-yard rushing performances by Arian Foster for the NFL's seventh-ranked offense.

- Against Miami (9/9), made his Texans and NFL debut on special teams in the season opener.
- At Jacksonville (9/17), saw action at right guard and was part of an offensive line that cleared the way for Texans running backs to rush for 216 yards and three touchdowns while not allowing Matt Schaub to be sacked.
- At Denver (9/23), helped provide protection for Matt Schaub, enabling him to tie a career-high with four touchdown passes.
- At N.Y. Jets (10/8), helped Arian Foster rush for a season-high 157 yards and a touchdown.

COLLEGE:

- Finished his collegiate career ranked third in Georgia history with 49 starts.
- Was a two-time All-SEC selection by the league's coaches and four-time SEC Offensive Lineman of the Week during his career. Was named to Georgia's Team of the Decade.
- As a senior (2011), earned All-SEC first-team honors and was rated the nation's second-best center in the draft by The NFL Draft Report. Named second-team All-SEC honoree by the Associated Press, Phil Steele and the league's coaches for his senior season.
- In his final collegiate season, served as a team captain and started all 14 games at center.
- As a junior (2010), appeared in 13 games making 12 starts. Earned All-SEC second-team honors from The NFL Draft Report.
- As a sophomore (2009), started all 13 games and was named All-SEC second-team by the league's coaches.
- As a freshman (2008), appeared in 13 games making 10 starts at center and was selected a Freshman All-American and Freshman All-SEC. Named Freshman All-American first-team by College Football News, adding second-team honors from The Sporting News and Phil Steele.
- Member of the fall 2009 Georgia Athletic Director's Honor Roll.
- Majored in Health & Physical Education at Georgia.

PERSONAL:

- Married to Alex, and the couple lives in Nashville.
- Attended Bibb County High School in Centreville, Ala., where he earned Super Prep All-Dixie Team, Prep Star All-Southeast Region and Alabama Sports Writers Association Class 5A first-team All-State honors as a senior.
- Was a standout first baseman and pitcher on Bibb County's baseball team, where in 2007 he was selected to the Tuscaloosa News West Alabama Baseball All-Star squad. Had a .345 career batting average and collected a school-record 48 RBI in 2007.
- Follow Jones on Instagram at @jones60ben.
- Born Ben Jones on July 2, 1989 in Birmingham, Ala.

BEN JONES' NFL STATISTICS

REGULAR SEASON

Year	Team	GP	GS
2012	Houston	16	10
2013	Houston	16	1
2014	Houston	16	16
2015	Houston	16	16
2016	Tennessee	16	16
2017	Tennessee	16	16
NFL Totals		96	75

PLAYOFFS

Year	Team	GP	GS
2012	Houston	2	2
2015	Houston	1	1
2017	Tennessee	2	2
NFL Totals		5	5

Starts Breakdown:

2012 - RG 10 (Playoffs - RG 2); 2013 - RG 1; 2014 - LG 16; 2015 - C 16 (Playoffs - C 1); 2016 - C 16; 2017 - C 16 (Playoffs - C 2)

Additional Career Statistics

Tackles - 2 (2014), 1 (2015)
Fumble Recoveries - 1 (2013)

Additional Career Playoff Statistics

Tackles - 2 (2015)