

# Colt's football: Indy beats Raiders in Jeff Saturday's debut

[Colt's Football: Indy Beats Raiders In Jeff Saturday's Debut - Gridiron Heroics](#)



By [Jorden Hampton](#) November 14, 2022 [No Comments](#) 3 Mins Read

## SHARE

Colt's fans were finally able to celebrate after Sunday's win against the Las Vegas Raiders. Indianapolis [won the game 25-20](#) and interim coach Jeff Saturday got his first win. Colt's football came back to life after sleepwalking the majority of the season. Indianapolis has not been blessed by the football gods this season. Colt's football has experienced quarterback changes, heartbreaking losses, and inconsistency on both sides of the ball. Indy got its mojo back against the Las Vegas Raiders. The win was impressive and Colt's football can build on the win.

## Coaching Timeline



Jeff Saturday meets with the media for his interview. Photo provided by the Boston Globe.

Former head coach Frank Reich was fired on November 7 a day after the Patriots beat the [Colts 26-3](#). General manager Chris Ballard and Colt's owner Jim Irsay had to make a move. Unconventionally they hired Jeff Saturday. Saturday is a former offensive lineman who played for the Colts from 199-2011. Various sports networks, fans, and sports analysts believed the Colts made the wrong choice. According to Yard Barker, former Steelers coach Bill Cowher said "For an owner to hire a coach who has never been an assistant at the college or pro level and overseeing a lot of qualified candidates to build a resume, it's a disgrace to the coaching profession. In regards to how this played out, what happened in Indianapolis is a travesty."

# How Colt's football won the game

Colt's football has been known for playing good defense and establishing the run game. Indy took the mantra to sin city and played well on offense and defense.

## Offense

Matt Ryan returned to action and played well. Ryan finished the game going 21-28, passed for 222 yards, and threw a touchdown to Parris Campbell. Ryan also ran the ball four times for 38 rushing yards. Indianapolis recorded 415 yards of offense. The offense was clicking on all cylinders under new coordinator Parks Frazier. Indy was able to establish a running game and Jonathan Taylor finished the game with 147 rushing yards. Taylor scored a 66-yard touchdown during the game as well. Indy's offense has struggled during the season but did just enough to win the game.

## Defense

Indianapolis's defense hasn't gotten its respect because of how the season has gone. However, that didn't stop them from putting on a show in Las Vegas. The Colts recorded two sacks and limited Las Vegas's strong run game. Josh McDaniels offense finished with 77 rushing yards.

With the game on the line, it was up to Indy's defense to make a play. Las Vegas had an opportunity to win the game in the fourth quarter. Defensive coordinator Gus Bradley dialed up a blitz on the last play of the game. Stephon Gilmore was left on an island against All-pro receiver Davante Adams. Adams had a good game and recorded 126 receiving yards. Everyone in the stadium knew where the ball was going. Gilmore broke up Carr's pass and sealed the win for the Colts.