

Colts ready to look ahead to Jaguars after 2 big trades

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The reality stung inside the Indianapolis Colts locker room Wednesday.

Right guard Matt Goncalves and defensive tackle Adetomiwa Adebawore walked in and saw the locker stalls next to theirs cleaned out and stripped of the nameplates for left guard Quenton Nelson and defensive tackle DeForest Buckner, two team captains traded to NFC West teams Tuesday.

The fallout came Wednesday.

Coach Shane Steichen fielded questions about his job status, players were asked whether they believed the trades signaled Indy had given up on this season and everybody wondered what might happen next.

“I’m day by day. I mean, I’m here right now,” wide receiver Josh Downs said Wednesday. “Like I said, I’m open to whatever, whatever comes my way comes my way and you go from there.”

Downs has asked to be traded, a person with knowledge of the situ-

ation later confirmed to The Associated Press. The person requested anonymity because the team does not typically make those requests public.

The bigger question is where do the reeling Colts (2-5), losers of three straight, go from here?

Over the previous 10 days, the Colts blew a 13-point halftime lead against previously winless Tennessee and left the field to a chorus of boos. The next day, team co-owner Carlie Irsay-Gordon fired general manager Chris Ballard, making assistant general manager Ed Dodds the replacement.

Quarterback Anthony Richardson, who Ballard took with the No. 4 overall draft pick in 2023, was charged last week with misdemeanor possession of marijuana.

Then came an eighth consecutive road loss at Minnesota, which prompted more questions about whether Daniel Jones would remain the starting quarterback. And then the trades of two Pro Bowlers who were pillars

in the locker room just hours apart.

“I didn’t sugarcoat it,” Steichen said when asked about how he addressed the team. “Anytime you lose those two guys, they’re tough to replace. But we’ve got to understand we’re in a business, and in this business, there are tough decisions that have to be made. Everyone has a job to do. We all signed up for it, and we get paid to do a job, and we’ve got to improve and get better every single day.”

How they’ll get better is hard to fathom given where they currently stand.

Rookie Jalen Farmer, a fourth-round pick, is expected to replace Nelson, a three-time All-Pro. Adebawore, the fourth-year veteran having a career year, will be plugged into Buckner’s old spot.

“I’m sorry we couldn’t get the job done but just know that I poured my heart and soul into the organization and the community the best way I knew how to,” Buckner said in a social media post. “God bless!”

Nothing kills the vibe in Baltimore quite like an injury to Jackson

BY NOAH TRISTER
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OWINGS MILLS, Md. — Lamar Jackson was a full participant in practice for the Baltimore Ravens, which suggests his latest injury saga could be over sooner rather than later.

Maybe. “I think the more you’re able to do and respond from and feel from certainly raises your optimism,” coach Jesse Minter said Wednesday. “But again, we’ll kind of see how it goes throughout the week.”

The Ravens play at Buffalo on Sunday.

Since his first full season as a starter in 2019, Jackson ranks seventh in starts among NFL quarterbacks. He’s been less durable than fellow MVPs Josh Allen and Patrick Mahomes, but other top quarterbacks like Joe Burrow and Brock Purdy have had similar injury issues to the Baltimore star. Yet it’s Jackson whose absences are so angst-inducing and opaque.

A combination of factors are at play — the league’s culture of secrecy when it comes to injuries, a player whose mindset is hard to read, and a team that comes into every season

with high expectations, but has yet to reach a Super Bowl with Jackson.

LIKE MANY TEAMS, THE RAVENS ARE SECRETIVE ABOUT INJURIES

Coaches often talk about not wanting to give up too much information on injuries because it could help an opponent. That might sound paranoid, but preparing for Jackson is a significant undertaking, and it makes sense that Baltimore would want the other team to think he might play even when it’s unlikely.

On the first Wednesday after Jackson injured his ankle this season, Minter said: “There’s a lot of time between now and Sunday. ... There will be a point later in the week where we will figure out kind of where it is at.”

That comment — on Oct. 7 — left open at least some possibility of a quick return for Jackson. He’s missed three games since then.

The previous coaching

staff wasn’t much different. When Jackson injured his knee against Denver in 2022, John Harbaugh was quick to declare it was not a season-ending issue. Jackson didn’t play again.

The way the Ravens talk about Jackson’s injuries creates a cycle in which fans can get their hopes up each week, then are let down when he doesn’t play. That makes him appear slow to return, and occasionally Jackson has weighed in himself, pointing out the severity of his injuries. Over a month after his 2022 injury — with a playoff game approaching — Jackson said on social media he’d suffered a grade 2 PCL sprain and his knee was still unstable.

Last week, Jackson spoke with reporters and said he was told he had a high ankle sprain — by no means a routine ailment.

“I’m just trying to move how I move,” Jackson said. “If I can’t do that, I can’t help my team.”

GARAGE SALE
EAST- Lost Lake Cove 2992 (Lake Forrest)
Thursday & Friday 7 a.m. - ?

Need to clear out garage before winter. Lots of good deals. Winter men's coats, boys & girls clothes, womens' boutique clothing, home decor, large decorative lanterns, Christmas tree, & fashion jewelry.

LEGAL NOTICE

The following vehicle stored at J&D Towing, (270)240-4212, 1011 W. 4th St., Owensboro KY will be sold at auction on 11/20/26.

2019 Mercedes E300
VIN# 55SWF8DB5KU308240
Owner: Zacharia Cox
Lein Holder: Westlake Financial

LEGAL NOTICE

----- Public Notice -----

Notice is hereby given that APEX Rentals, LLC, 1421 Triplett Street Owensboro, KY 42301, has filed an application with the Energy and Environment Cabinet to construct a lake. The property is located at 910 N. Chestnut Grove Road, Lewisport, KY at the intersection of Chestnut Grove Road and KY HWY 334 within the regulator floodplain of Little Blackford Creek. Any comments or objections shall be submitted via email to: DOWFloodplain@ky.gov and must be received by November 19, 2026. Kentucky Division of Water, Floodplain Management Section, 300 Sower Blvd. Frankfort, KY 40601. Call 502-564-3410 with questions.

NEED EXTRA INCOME?

Have a dependable vehicle & a good driving record?

BECOME A CARRIER!

CURRENT AVAILABLE LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

- Daviess County High School Area
- Landsdowne Area ▪ Heartlands Area
 - Booth Ave/S. Griffith Ave
 - McDonald's Area 60 East
- Downtown Area ▪ Rolling Heights Area

INTERESTED?
Call Gina Carwile (270) 691-7251 or visit messenger-inquirer.com/site/forms/carrier to complete an Online Questionnaire.

MESSENGER-INQUIRER
*Customer count & earnings listed are approximate.



Whether it’s the laughter of loved ones or the meaningful moments that make gatherings special, Miracle-Ear is here to ensure you never miss a sound.

With our cutting-edge digital hearing aids, you’ll enjoy clearer hearing, allowing you to connect with friends and family.

Schedule your **FREE* Hearing Evaluation** today, and as a token of appreciation, receive a **FREE** Butterball Turkey Certificate** - just in time for the holidays!

Join us at our Better Hearing Event:
November 2nd - November 6th
CALL 1-888-387-3068 TODAY

During your consultation, our expert Hearing Instrument Specialist will assess your hearing, discuss any concerns, and provide a personalized solution to meet your needs.

EXCLUSIVE GIFT OFFER

FREE \$20 TURKEY CERTIFICATE**

When you complete your FREE* Hearing Evaluation.

LIMITED TIME SAVINGS

Miracle-EarMINI™
2 for \$895
Save on a Custom Hearing Aid!

Offer valid on entry level, MEMINI Level 1 CIC battery model only, at participating Miracle-Ear locations. MEMINI Level 1 CIC comes with a 1-year limited warranty. Limit one coupon per patient at promotional price during event dates only. Not valid with other offers or discounts. See store for details. Offer expires 11/30/2026.

OWENSBORO
3117 Alvey Park Drive West
Owensboro KY 42303
meoffer.me/owensboro

Flexible Financing Available
Most Insurance Plans Accepted

Miracle-Ear®

CODE: LS723613

*Hearing evaluations are always free. Hearing evaluation is an audiometric evaluation to determine proper amplification needs only, not a medical exam or diagnosis. **Must be 55 or older and complete a hearing screening. One per customer. Not redeemable for cash. Certificate is valued at \$20 to go towards the purchase of a turkey at your local retailer. Not good with screening/purchase in the last 6 months. While supplies last. See store for details. Offer expires 11/30/2026.