

Jets' revamped offense with Geno Smith shows promise

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Geno Smith and the New York Jets were efficient, effective and mostly productive on offense in their season opener.

Wait, who are these guys?

After trotting out one of the NFL's worst offenses last year, Aaron Glenn and the Jets made several significant changes in the offseason to revamp that side of the ball. Among them: They acquired Smith, who began his career with the franchise in 2013, from Las Vegas; hired Frank Reich as offensive coordinator; bolstered their offensive line; and added a few young playmakers in tight end Kenyon Sadiq and wide receiver Omar Cooper Jr., a pair of first-rounders.

They all helped lead the Jets to an impressive 23-10 victory over the Titans in Tennessee on Sunday.

"Our offense, how balanced we were — running the ball, throwing the ball," Glenn said Monday. "Very efficient on how we wanted to operate. The O-line was outstanding, giving Geno time to be able to create some of these explosive plays down the field."

Smith, playing in his first game for the Jets since 2016, went 19 of 24 for 215 yards. He had no touchdown throws but also had no interceptions and wasn't sacked.

"I thought he did an outstanding job," Glenn said. "Listen, there's some things obviously that we've got to clean up and get better at, but man, I think he was dang near 80% throwing the ball. He put the ball where he needed to."

The running game rolled throughout, with Breece Hall rushing for 102 yards and a touchdown on 22 carries and Braelon Allen going for 40 yards on 10 attempts. They were both key on a 19-play drive early in the second quarter that eventually stalled, but the Jets got a field goal out of it to go up 10-3.

"That might be the longest (drive) of my

career," center Josh Myers said. "It was a long one. ... It felt like we were wearing them out."

Other than not getting into the end zone, it was ground-and-pound offense to perfection. And that's something the Jets expected when they brought in Reich, who returned to the NFL after two years away. He spoke all off-season about how excited he was about the offense, starting with how Smith appeared to be in his prime and being able to mix in playmakers such as Hall and Allen with wide receivers Cooper, Garrett Wilson and Adonai Mitchell, along with a versatile tight ends group.

Reich and the Jets made it clear this offense will be much different on the opening drive. On third-and-9, Smith completed a short pass to Cooper, who turned it into a 30-yard gain. Two plays later, Smith handed to Sadiq, who ran for 3 yards and joined Cleveland's Ozzie Newsome (1978) as the only tight ends with touchdown runs in their NFL debut.

"We started fast," Smith said, "and obviously we kept our foot on the gas and just tried to stay even-keeled throughout."

WHAT'S WORKING

The offensive line with Myers at center, left tackle Olu Fashanu, right tackle Armand Membou, left guard Dylan Parham and right guard Joe Tippmann kept things moving up front and protected Smith.

"I don't think I got touched at all out there," the quarterback said, "and that's always a great sign."

Already considered a strength of the team, the O-line also put the Jets' game philosophy on full display.

"Tough, violent, gritty," Glenn said. "Just a you're-not-going-to-stop-what-we're-trying-to-do mentality."

WHAT NEEDS HELP

Third-down efficiency. About the only thing that didn't work well for the Jets

was their ability to convert on third down, going just 2 for 12 in those situations. That they went 2 for 2 on fourth down — both on the 19-play scoring drive — helped.

STOCK UP

Pass rush. The Jets sacked Cam Ward three times, including one by No. 2 overall pick David Bailey, and one each by Will McDonald and Kingsley Enagbare. The defensive front was disruptive all game and held the Titans to 68 yards rushing.

STOCK DOWN

Penalties. The Jets had eight accepted penalties called against them, including two delays of game. That's an area they'll need to clean up, especially against good opponents.

INJURIES

Glenn had no immediate updates on S Minkah Fitzpatrick (groin) or rookie WR Omar Cooper Jr. (ankle), who were hurt early against the Titans.

KEY NUMBER

3 — The number of offensive plays the Titans ran in the second quarter, dominated by the Jets' 19-play drive. "That's probably the first time I've been a part of something like that where you were really just a fan for most of the quarter," cornerback Brandon Stephens said.

NEXT STEPS

Glenn thanked the many fans who traveled to Nashville and made it feel at times like a home game. New York has its home opener Sunday against Green Bay — and the response by the fans on the road reminded some players of another of the area sports teams' legion of followers.

"I mean, they were getting the Jets chant going in the first quarter, so exciting," Myers said. "I just can't help but think back to the Knicks and their post-season run last year. I know the Jets fans are going to be crazy, so I'm pumped for the home game this week."

Cougars power past Greenwood 47-19, gear up for district play

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The second road trip of the season for the Logan County Cougars proved to be a successful one, as they traveled Friday night to take on the Greenwood Gators. The momentum the Cougars had coming off a shutout victory last week propelled them to a 47-19 win over the Gators. Improving to 3-1 on the season, the Cougars are prepared for the start of district play tomorrow night.

It was another strong night for the Cougars offense as Lane Bush put the first points on the board with a 33-yard touchdown run. Bush would eclipse the century mark for the second week straight with 108 yards on 20 carries. At the quarterback spot, Christian Helle continues to command the offense, going 18-for-26 with 247 yards and three touchdowns. Helle connected with Ty'Sean Thomeczek for two touchdowns and 110 yards, and Elijah Sells for a touchdown. Thomeczek displayed his centerfielder's arm, hitting JB McTire in stride for a 53-yard touchdown pass, as McTire had five catches and 111 yards for the game.

On the defensive side of the ball, Kenton Holloway led with 10 tackles, three tackles for a loss, and the forced fumble. The play of the night, though, went to Sells, who had a four-tackle game with a sack but turned in a 55-yard interception return for a touchdown for the Cougars. After logging his first sack of the season in the last game, Mason Gregory made another big play on defense, getting to the punter to block the kick. At the kicker spot for the Cougars, Micah Paddock went 3-for-6 on point-after attempts.

Talking with Coach Todd Adler, he pointed out there is always room for improvement even in a blowout win: "We played well but still had a lot of self-inflicted mistakes, whether that be missed tackles, penalties, or missing an assignment. We understand those things will happen on a nightly basis. We just want to continue to try and clean



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Logan County's Ty'Sean Thomeczek (left) elevates for the catch against Allen County-Scottsville in their second 7-on-7 matchup in the summer.



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Logan's Brett Adler (right) goes up for the contested catch against Russellville during their 7-on-7 matchup in July.

up some of those things."

The Cougars moved to 3-1, and barring a couple of calls in their overtime loss at McCracken County, they could have been 4-0 going into tomorrow night's matchup despite the adversity they have faced early. Coach Adler remains confident in his team despite all the challenges thrown their way. "I am proud of the guys; they all have stepped up and played their role in the absence of their QB1, suspensions, and injuries. We hope the first four games helped prepare us for district play as much as possible."

District play starts tomorrow night at home for the Cougars as they will host the Allen County-Scottsville Patriots. "We have had a

lot of battles with Allen County over the last 10 years. They are well coached and will give you everything they got. It's no secret our district has been owned by Paducah Tilghman for the past four years. So getting two district games before we play them has its perks. We get to see how things play out but most importantly, we just have to keep getting better. These next five to six weeks there is a lot at stake. With a six-team district we have to win to get into the playoffs, so each game is very important," Adler said when looking at their matchup, and what lies ahead in their district games.

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found East Logan's water loss was approximately 25%, substantially above the commission's 15% threshold used for ratemaking purposes. The current application removes expenses associated with water loss above that threshold when calculating the district's revenue requirement. Those adjustments include approximately \$170,718 in purchased-water expense and \$3,264 in purchased-power expense.

Brown said more recent figures show improvement. East Logan reported water loss of 20.29% in June and 21.74% in July, she said.

Both figures remain above the PSC's 15% threshold.

"Reducing water loss to 15% could possibly delay future rate increases," Brown said. "ELWD is in hopes that there will be no rate increase for our customers after the rate study required by the Kentucky

Public Service Commission is completed."

The rate proceeding is separate from East Logan's planned transmission-line project serving the Cemetery Tank. Brown said the district is pursuing financing through the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority to complete that project.

The PSC completed its initial review of East Logan's rate application Sept. 3 and determined that it met the commission's minimum filing requirements. The PSC docketed the case for substantive review. Acceptance of the application for filing does not constitute approval of the proposed rates.

The PSC will review East Logan's financial information, cost-of-service study, and proposed rates before determining what rates should ultimately be authorized.

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Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to KRS 132.027, as amended by the Kentucky General Assembly Extraordinary Session of 1979, the City of Adairville will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. at City Hall, Adairville, Kentucky, to hear comments from the public regarding proposed 2026 Tax Rates on Real Property.

As required by state law, this notice includes the following information:

	Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation	Revenue
1. Preceding Year Tax Rate and Revenue Produced	.365	112,489
2. Tax Rate Proposed for Current Year and Expected Revenue	.370	119,845
3. Compensating Tax Rate and Expected Revenue	.356	115,310
4. Revenue Expected from New Property	.370	3,263
5. Revenue Expected from Personal Property	.370	10,796

The City of Adairville proposes to exceed the compensating tax rate by levying a proposed tax rate of .370. Revenues in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year will be spent in the following general areas of City government: Administration, Parks, Fire.

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As required by law, this includes the following information:

	Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Valuation	Revenue:
1. Preceding Year Tax Rate and Revenue Produced from Real Property	.255	1,098,703
2. Tax Rate Proposed for Current Year and Expected Revenue from Real Property	.255	1,152,848
3. Compensating Tax Rate and Expected Revenue from Real Property	.244	1,103,118
4. Revenue Expected from New Real Property - Less Exemptions	--	32,115
5. Preceding Year Tax Rate and Revenue Produced from Personal Property	.329	237,557
6. Tax Rate Proposed for Current Year and Revenue Expected from Personal Property	.329	224,930

The City of Russellville proposes to exceed the compensating rate by levying a proposed rate of .255, the same rate as the preceding year. If revenues are in excess of the revenue produced in the preceding year, revenues will be spent in the following areas of City government: Administrative, Police, Fire, Streets, Cemeteries, Parks and Recreation and Service Center.

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