



RESTORED SUPERDOME DEBUTS NATIONALLY ON MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL IN CLASH vs. FALCONS

It started with a promise by the New Orleans Saints back in January, that the club would return to the Louisiana Superdome to play their home schedule for 2006. A massive rebuilding project loomed ahead to make the stadium – a shelter during Hurricane Katrina and the definitive structure of the New Orleans skyline – better than before the storm.

A deadline was set: ESPN Monday Night Football, Sept. 25, vs. the Atlanta Falcons. With the traditional rivalry between the NFC South foes, both teams entering at 2-0 and the stadium's restoration, the game has captured the attention of media, fans and observers on an international scale. With the Saints taking a leadership role in the healing of the entire region following the ravages of Hurricane Katrina, the game, to be broadcast nationally on the NFL's biggest stage, has become a symbol of the region's resolve and determination.

The Saints are coming off a thrilling, 34-27 victory over the Green Bay Packers. It's the first time the club has opened a season at 2-0 with back-to-back road victories, and the first time the team has kicked off a season at 2-0 since 2002.

The Saints roared back from a 13-0 first-quarter deficit at the Packers with 20 unanswered points over the next two quarters. QB **Drew Brees** calmly led the comeback after a rough start, finishing with 353 yards, a pair of

touchdown passes and a 96.9 QB rating.

Brees wasn't alone in the heroics. RB **Deuce McAllister** rushed for two touchdowns, including a 23-yard scoring burst in the fourth quarter. WR **Joe Horn** had five catches for 88 yards, and rookie sensation RB **Reggie Bush** accounted for 109 total yards and led the club with eight catches.

The 34 points scored at Lambeau Field was the club's highest scoring total since posting 45 vs. the New York Giants, Dec. 14, 2003.

The last NFL regular-season game staged at the Superdome was also against the Atlanta Falcons, on Dec. 26, 2004. Monday's game between the traditional rivals promises to be hard-fought: Atlanta holds a 42-31 edge in the series, with the two clubs splitting the last 12 contests. Since 1990, the outcome between the teams has been decided by a touchdown or less 18 times.

The Falcons are coming off a 14-3 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Atlanta boasts one of the NFL's best running attacks – including QB **Michael Vick** and RB **Warrick Dunn** – and a defense that has allowed only nine points in the club's first two victories.

But Monday's clash is more than just a game against two undefeated teams. It allows the nation to see where New Orleans is, and where it's going. It puts the spotlight on a region, and fulfills a promise by the Saints.



SAINTS 2006 SCHEDULE

PRESEASON

Date	Opponent	Time/Result
Aug. 12	@ Tennessee Titans	W, 19-16
Aug. 21	DALLAS COWBOYS	L, 7-30
Aug. 26	INDIANAPOLIS COLTS	L, 14-27
Aug. 31	@ Kansas City Chiefs	L, 9-10

REGULAR SEASON

Sept. 10	@ Cleveland Browns	W, 19-14
Sept. 17	@ Green Bay Packers	W, 34-27
Sept. 25	ATLANTA FALCONS	7:30 p.m./ESPN
Oct. 1	@ Carolina Panthers	Noon/FOX
Oct. 8	TAMPA BAY BUCS	Noon/FOX
Oct. 15	PHILADELPHIA EAGLES	Noon/FOX
Oct. 22	BYE	
Oct. 29	BALTIMORE RAVENS	Noon/CBS
Nov. 5	@ Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Noon/FOX
Nov. 12	@ Pittsburgh Steelers	Noon/FOX
Nov. 19	CINCINNATI BENGALS	Noon/CBS
Nov. 26	@ Atlanta Falcons	Noon/FOX
Dec. 3	SAN FRANCISCO 49ers	Noon/FOX
Dec. 10	@ Dallas Cowboys	Noon/FOX
Dec. 17	WASHINGTON REDSKINS	Noon/FOX
Dec. 24	@ New York Giants	Noon/FOX
Dec. 31	CAROLINA PANTHERS	Noon/FOX

* Home games in **BOLD** Caps

GAMEDAY AT A GLANCE

- **DATE:** Monday, Sept. 25 • **TIME:** 7:30 p.m.
- **SITE:** Louisiana Superdome
- **WORTH NOTING:** The Saints last met the Falcons at the Georgia Dome on Dec. 12, 2004, a 36-17 Atlanta victory...With victories at Cleveland and at Green Bay, the Saints opened with back-to-back road wins for the first time in club history. New Orleans has only opened with scheduled consecutive contests in away stadiums once before, in 2001, and finished 1-1. Last season, the Saints won their opener at Carolina, 23-20. The club was forced to play its second game on the road as well, losing at the New York Giants, 27-10. While the contest was played at Giants Stadium after having to be hastily rescheduled, it is officially considered a home game for New Orleans. The game was hastily moved from the Louisiana Superdome, which was unplayable after having suffered massive damage following Hurricane Katrina, to New York...Rookie WR **Marques Colston** has caught touchdowns in his first two NFL games. The last Saints rookie to do so was WR **Donte' Stallworth**, who had a TD grab in his first four contests in 2002...RB **Deuce McAllister** had two touchdowns last week vs. Green Bay, the first multi-TD game he has posted since the season-opener in 2005 at Carolina.



SAINTS-FALCONS GAME CENTER

SAINTS-FALCONS RESULTS

Atlanta leads the series over the Saints, 42-31, and the two clubs have split the past 12 contests since 2000. New Orleans' last victory coming in a 26-13 triumph in the Superdome Dec. 26, 2004, the last regular-season game to be held in the stadium before tonight's game. The series between the two NFC South rivals has been defined by hard-fought contests and lengthy periods of dominance for both clubs. Since 1990, 18 games have been decided by a touchdown or less, including Atlanta's 34-31 victory last season on Oct. 16. The Falcons had a 10-game victory stretch from 1995-99, which remains the Saints' longest winless streak against an opponent. Atlanta's mastery ended with a 21-19 win for New Orleans at the Georgia Dome on Nov. 22, 2000. There have been four games that have gone into overtime, with the Saints posting a 23-20 victory on Nov. 16, 2003 in the last contest that went into the extra period. The Falcons have taken the previous three overtime contests. New Orleans took 13 of 16 from 1986-94 and Atlanta won nine-straight over the fledgling Saints from 1969-73. In games held at the Superdome, the Falcons lead the series 13-11:

Date	Result	Site	Att.
11/26/67	W, 27-24	Tulane Stadium	83,347
12/7/69	L, 17-45	Atl./Fulton County	51,021
9/20/70	L, 3-14	Tulane Stadium	77,042
10/25/70	L, 14-32	Atl./Fulton County	58,850
10/24/71	L, 6-28	Atl./Fulton County	58,850
12/19/71	L, 20-24	Tulane Stadium	75,954
10/15/72	L, 14-21	Tulane Stadium	66,294
11/12/72	L, 20-36	Atl./Fulton County	58,850
9/16/73	L, 7-62	Tulane Stadium	66,428
12/16/73	L, 10-14	Atl./Fulton County	34,147
9/29/74	W, 14-13	Tulane Stadium	62,273
10/20/74	W, 13-3	Atl./Fulton County	47,217
10/5/75	L, 7-14	Atl./Fulton County	29,444
11/2/75	W, 23-7	Superdome	49,342
10/10/76	W, 30-0	Superdome	51,521
10/31/76	L, 20-23	Atl./Fulton County	34,127
11/20/77	W, 21-20	Superdome	43,135
12/18/77	L, 7-35	Atl./Fulton County	36,895
11/12/78	L, 17-20	Superdome	70,323
11/26/78	L, 17-20	Atl./Fulton County	55,121
9/2/79	L, 34-40 ot	Superdome	70,940
11/25/79	W, 37-6	Atl./Fulton County	42,815
10/19/80	L, 14-41	Superdome	62,651
11/16/80	L, 13-31	Atl./Fulton County	53,871
9/6/81	L, 0-27	Atl./Fulton County	57,406
11/1/81	L, 10-41	Superdome	63,637
12/12/82	L, 0-35	Atl./Fulton County	39,535
1/2/83	W, 35-6	Superdome	47,336
10/9/83	W, 19-17	Atl./Fulton County	51,654
11/6/83	W, 27-10	Superdome	67,062
9/2/84	L, 28-36	Superdome	66,652
11/11/84	W, 17-13	Atl./Fulton County	40,590
10/20/85	L, 24-31	Atl./Fulton County	44,784
12/22/85	L, 10-16	Superdome	37,717
9/7/86	L, 10-31	Superdome	67,950
12/14/86	W, 14-9	Atl./Fulton County	39,994
11/1/87	W, 38-0	Atl./Fulton County	42,196
9/11/88	W, 29-21	Atl./Fulton County	48,901
12/18/88	W, 10-9	Superdome	60,566
10/29/89	W, 20-13	Superdome	65,153
11/19/89	W, 26-17	Atl./Fulton County	53,173
10/7/90	L, 27-28	Atl./Fulton County	57,401
11/25/90	W, 10-7	Superdome	68,629
9/29/91	W, 27-6	Atl./Fulton County	56,556
11/24/91	L, 20-23ot	Superdome	68,591
9/20/92	W, 10-7	Georgia Dome	67,328

12/3/92	W, 22-14	Superdome	68,591
9/12/93	W, 34-31	Georgia Dome	64,287
10/24/93	L, 15-26	Superdome	69,043
11/13/94	W, 33-32	Superdome	60,313
12/11/94	W, 29-20	Georgia Dome	61,307
9/17/95	L, 24-27 ot	Superdome	57,442
12/10/95	L, 14-19	Georgia Dome	54,603
11/17/96	L, 15-17	Georgia Dome	43,119
12/8/96	L, 15-31	Superdome	32,923
10/12/97	L, 17-23	Superdome	65,619
11/23/97	L, 3-20	Georgia Dome	48,620
10/18/98	L, 23-31	Georgia Dome	60,774
12/13/98	L, 17-27	Superdome	61,678
10/10/99	L, 17-20	Superdome	57,289
12/5/99	L, 12-35	Georgia Dome	62,568
10/22/00	W, 21-19	Georgia Dome	56,508
12/17/00	W, 23-7	Superdome	64,900
10/21/01	L, 13-20	Superdome	70,020
12/9/01	W, 28-10	Georgia Dome	68,826
10/27/02	L, 35-37	Superdome	70,020
11/17/02	L, 17-24	Georgia Dome	70,382
10/19/03	W, 45-17	Georgia Dome	70,837
11/16/03	W, 23-20 ot	Superdome	68,432
11/28/04	L, 21-24	Georgia Dome	70,521
12/26/04	W, 26-13	Superdome	64,900
10/16/05	L, 34-31	Alamodome	65,562
12/12/05	L, 17-36	Georgia Dome	70,083

SAINTS-FALCONS LAST MEETING

ATLANTA FALCONS 36, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS 17, DEC. 12, 2005, GEORGIA DOME – QB **Michael Vick** ran for a pair of touchdowns and threw another as Atlanta defeated New Orleans in a Monday Night Football clash at the Georgia Dome. Vick completed 12-of-23 passes for 231 yards, including a 54-yard TD pass to WR **Roddy White**. Vick also rushed for 38 yards and a pair of TDs.

On the Saints' first possession, QS **Aaron Brooks** found WR **Joe Horn** for a 19-yard gain, but Horn fumbled and it was recovered by CB **DeAngelo Hall**. The defensive back raced 20 yards to the New Orleans 12. RB **T.J. Duckett** gave Atlanta a 7-0 lead a few plays later with a one-yard plunge.

After a field goal by K **John Carney**, CB **Jason Craft** got New Orleans' first takeaway in the second quarter with an interception at the Falcons 25, setting up a six-yard touchdown by RB **Antowain Smith**.

Atlanta went ahead 14-10 with 6:06 left in the half when Vick capped a lengthy drive with one-yard TD.

Atlanta extended the lead when Vick threw a 54-yard TD to White on a direct snap after a pitch off a direct snap from RB **Warrick Dunn**.

New Orleans cut into the lead with 11 seconds remaining in the half as the Saints capped a nine-play, 90-yard march with a nine-yard TD from Brooks to WR **Az-Zahir Hakim**.

Atlanta held New Orleans scoreless in the second half, as K **Todd Peterson** added two FGs, Vick had a 17-yard scoring run and Brooks was sacked in the end zone by Atlanta DT **Antwan Lake** for a safety.

WORTH NOTING:

- The Saints held the Falcons to a third down efficiency rate of 18 percent (2-for-11), the lowest percentage of 2005 for an opponent.
- CB **Jason Craft** notched his team-leading third interception of 2005 by picking off QB **Michael Vick**. Craft's 19-yard return set up a second-quarter touchdown.
- P **Mitch Berger** averaged 47.9 yards on a season-high eight punts and dropped two inside the Atlanta 20.

THE COACHES

Sean Payton is the 14th coach in Saints' history, and the first head coach for New Orleans to open his initial season with the club with consecutive victories. Payton is in his 10th season in the NFL and 19th as a head coach. He arrived in New Orleans after a three-year stint with the Dallas Cowboys, where he last held the title of assistant head coach/passing game coordinator. During his first two seasons with the Cowboys, he had served as assistant head coach/quarterbacks.

Prior to joining the Cowboys in 2003, Payton was with the New York Giants from 1999-2002, including the last three years as offensive coordinator. During that stretch, the Giants improved their ranking in total offense each season. His other NFL coaching experience came as quarterbacks coach for the Philadelphia Eagles from 1997-98.

Atlanta Coach **Jim L. Mora** has led the Falcons to a 21-13 record in the regular season since joining the Falcons in 2004. In his first season, Atlanta posted an 11-5 record and advanced to the NFC Championship. Mora became only the eighth coach in NFL history to win 11 or more games as a rookie head coach. He has been an NFL coach for the last 22 seasons. Prior to joining the Falcons, Mora had served worked for seven seasons for the San Francisco 49ers, including the last five years with the club as defensive coordinator. He was the defensive backs coach for the Saints from 1992-96, working on the staff of his father, **Jim Mora**.

SAINTS SUPERLATIVES VS. FALCONS

A look back at the top statistical performances for Saints' players against Atlanta in the previous 73 games between the two clubs. RB **Deuce McAllister** has rushed for 100 yards against the Falcons five times. He also scored the first touchdown of his career at Atlanta, Dec. 9, 2001, a 54-yard scoring burst at the Georgia Dome that was his lone carry of the afternoon. In 2003 at the Superdome, McAllister had 237 combined yards (63 receiving), the team record for total yards in a game. WR **Joe Horn** has five 100-yard performances against the Falcons:

RUSHING YARDAGE (100+yards)

- RB **Deuce McAllister** – 28 carries for 173 yards, @ Superdome, Nov. 16, 2003.
- RB **Chuck Muncie** – 22 carries for 161 yards, @ Superdome, Sept. 2, 1979.
- RB **Dalton Hilliard** – 29 carries for 158 yards, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Nov. 19, 1989.
- RB **Ricky Williams** – 29 carries for 156 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Oct. 22, 2000.
- RB **Mario Bates** – 22 carries for 141 yards, @ Superdome, Nov. 13, 1994.
- RB **Fred McAfee** – 28 carries for 138 yards, @ Superdome, Nov. 24, 1991.
- RB **George Rogers** – 20 carries for 137 yards, @ Superdome, Nov. 6, 1983.
- RB **Deuce McAllister** – 29 carries for 128 yards, @ Superdome, Dec. 26, 2004.
- RB **Dalton Hilliard** – 25 carries for 127 yards, @ Superdome, Dec. 18, 1988.
- RB **Deuce McAllister** – 21 carries for 116 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Oct. 19, 2003.
- RB **Deuce McAllister** – 17 carries for 115 yards, @ Superdome, Oct. 27, 2002.
- RB **Deuce McAllister** – 23 carries for 100 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Nov. 28, 2004.

PASSING YARDAGE (100+yards)

- QB **Jim Everett** – 29 of 43 for 370 yards, @ Superdome, Sept. 17, 1995.

- QB **Aaron Brooks** – 23 of 30 for 352 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Oct. 19, 2003.
- QB **Wade Wilson** – 22 of 34 for 341 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Sept. 12, 1993.
- QB **Archie Manning** – 23 of 32 for 323 yards, @ Superdome, Oct. 19, 1980.
- QB **Dave Wilson** – 19 of 45 for 300 yards, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Oct. 20, 1985.
- QB **Jim Everett** – 31 of 47 for 287 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Dec. 10, 1995.
- QB **Aaron Brooks** – 24 of 35 for 285 yards, @ Superdome, Dec. 17, 2000.
- QB **Archie Manning** – 23 of 32 for 284 yards, @ Superdome, Sept. 2, 1975.
- QB **Aaron Brooks** – 20 of 30 for 279 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Dec. 9, 2001.
- QB **Aaron Brooks** – 20 of 31 for 279 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Nov. 17, 2002.
- QB **Jim Everett** – 18 of 31 for 273 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Dec. 11, 1994.
- QB **Aaron Brooks** – 22 of 33 for 259 yards, @ Alamodome, Oct. 16, 2005.

RECEIVING YARDAGE (100+yards)

- WR **Wes Chandler** – Six receptions for 205 yards, @ Superdome, Sept. 2, 1979. (*Saints all-time record*)
- WR **Larry Burton** – Four receptions for 159 yards, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Nov. 2, 1975.
- WR **Keith Poole** – Three receptions for 154 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Oct. 18, 1998.
- WR **Wes Chandler** – Eight receptions for 140 yards, @ Superdome, Oct. 19, 1980.
- WR **Joe Horn** – Eight receptions for 133 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Oct. 19, 2003.
- WR **Eddie Kennison** – Four receptions for 138 yards, @ Superdome, Oct. 19, 1999.
- WR **Joe Horn** – Seven receptions for 138 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Dec. 9, 2001.
- WR **Wes Chandler** – Seven receptions for 117 yards, @ Superdome, Nov. 12, 1978.
- TE **Henry Childs** – Three receptions for 117 yards, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Nov. 25, 1979.
- WR **Wes Chandler** – Eight receptions for 117 yards, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Sept. 6, 1981.
- WR **Joe Horn** – Nine receptions for 101 yards, @ Georgia Dome, Nov. 28, 2004.

SACKS (3+sacks)

- LB **Rickey Jackson** – Three, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Dec. 14, 1986.
- LB **Pat Swilling** – Three, @ Louisiana Superdome, Oct. 29, 1989.
- LB **Pat Swilling** – Three, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Nov. 19, 1989.
- LB **Rickey Jackson** – Three, @ Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, Sept. 29, 1991.

SERIES HIGHLIGHTS VS. ATLANTA

The Falcons' 34-31 win on a last-second field goal, Oct. 16, 2005, was the latest memorable moment in the yearly series between the NFC South rivals. A look back at some of the most recent closely-contested games:

- **Oct. 16, 2005: Falcons 34, Saints 31 at The Alamodome** – K **Todd Peterson** made a 36-yard field goal as time expired in a victory at the San Antonio Alamodome. A defensive holding penalty on the prior play wiped out a Peterson misfire from 41 yards on the previous play, sending the game into apparent overtime before the flag was thrown.

WEEK 3: NEW ORLEANS SAINTS vs. ATLANTA FALCONS

- **Nov. 28, 2004: Falcons 24, Saints 21 at the Georgia Dome** – A near-flawless second half for New Orleans was spoiled by a game-winning TD pass from Atlanta QB **Michael Vick** to TE **Alge Crumpler** with 1:22 remaining. The 47-yard march took two plays, and the Saints were unable to drive within field goal range on their final possession.
- **Oct. 19, 2003: Saints 45, Falcons 17 at the Georgia Dome** – New Orleans averaged over 10 yards per play in the first 30 minutes in a romp where the Saints posted the third-highest scoring total in club history. QB **Aaron Brooks** had a career-best 148.2 passer rating by completing 23 of 30 passes for 352 yards and three TDs, winning NFC Offensive Player of the Week. RB **Deuce McAllister** had 116 yards, and WR **Joe Horn** added 133 receiving.
- **Oct. 27, 2002: Falcons 37, Saints 35 at the Superdome** – RB **Deuce McAllister** tied a team record with three TDs, but Atlanta handed New Orleans its second loss on a 47-yard field goal by K **Jay Feely**. QB **Michael Vick** had 91 rushing yards on 10 carries and passed for 195 more yards.
- **Oct. 21, 2001: Falcons 20, Saints 13 at the Superdome** – Atlanta snapped a two-game losing streak in the series despite a late rally by New Orleans. The Saints recovered an onside kick, but a pass by QB **Aaron Brooks** fell incomplete in the end zone as time expired.
- **Dec. 17, 2000: Saints 23, Falcons 7 at the Superdome** – Thanks to a strong defensive effort, the Saints clinched their fifth playoff berth and first since 1992. New Orleans had five sacks, and WR **Joe Horn** had seven grabs for 116 yards.
- **Oct. 22, 2000: Saints 21, Falcons 19 at the Georgia Dome** – New Orleans ran its win streak to three-straight on the season and broke a five-year losing stretch to Atlanta. The 10-game losing streak to the Falcons remains the longest in club history. In a game full of momentum changes, the Saints never led by more than a touchdown.
- **Oct. 10, 1999: Falcons 20, Saints 17 at the Superdome** – QB **Billy Joe Tolliver** found WR **Eddie Kennison** for a 90-yard TD, the longest scoring pass in team history, but Atlanta scored 13 unanswered points in the second half.
- **Oct. 18, 1998: Falcons 31, Saints 23 at the Georgia Dome** – WR **Keith Poole** caught a 64-yard touchdown pass and DT **Wayne Martin** caught Falcons QB **Steve DeBerg** for a safety in the third quarter, but Atlanta's two touchdowns in the final quarter lifted the club to victory.
- **Sept. 17, 1995: Falcons 27, Saints 24 (OT) at the Superdome** – QB **Jim Everett** posted his most prolific passing day in New Orleans, completing 29 of 43 for 370 yards and three TDs. The Falcons clinched the win when QB **Jeff George** found WR **Eric Metcalf** for a 38-yard completion to set up a field goal for K **Morten Andersen**. It was the kicker's first game vs. his former team.
- **Dec. 11, 1994: Saints 29, Falcons 20 at the Georgia Dome** – The Saints kept their playoff hopes alive on the strength of five field goals by K **Morten Andersen**. QB **Jim Everett** threw two TDs, including a 78-yard strike to former Falcons standout **Michael Haynes**.
- **Nov. 13, 1994: Saints 33, Falcons 32 at the Superdome** – Despite trailing by 17 early, New Orleans out-scored Atlanta, 23-9, in the second half. K **Morten Andersen** completed the comeback by kicking his sixth game-winner vs. Atlanta with eight seconds remaining.
- **Sept. 12, 1993: Saints 34, Falcons 31 at the Georgia Dome** – After trailing by 18, Atlanta tied the

game at 31-31 with less than a minute remaining before a 44-yard field goal by K **Morten Andersen** clinched the win for New Orleans. QB **Wade Wilson** threw for 341 yards and three TDs as the Saints had a club-record 557 yards of offense. Wilson was named NFC Offensive Player of the Week.

- **Dec. 3, 1992: Saints 22, Falcons 14 at the Superdome** – DT **Wayne Martin** was named NFC Defensive Player of the Week after posting four of the Saints' five sacks. Two second-half TDs gave the Falcons a 14-12 lead, but Saints QB **Bobby Hebert** engineered a drive that set up Andersen's fourth game-winning field goal of the season.

- **Sept. 20, 1992: Saints 10, Falcons 7 at the Georgia Dome** – In the Saints' first contest at the Georgia Dome, New Orleans rebounded from a 7-0 deficit with 10 second-half points. Atlanta's final drive ended when S **Brett Maxie** intercepted QB **Chris Miller** at the Saints 47.

A look at how the Saints and Falcons stack up statistically entering the third week of 2006:

NFL Offense NFL Defense

TALE OF THE TAPE

Team	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
NO	10	16t	7	12	6	16
ATL	5	1	30	10	4	22

<u>Offensive Category</u>	<u>Falcons</u>	<u>Saints</u>
GAMES (Won-Lost)	2-0	2-0
FIRST DOWNS	46	37
Rushing First Downs	29	7
Passing First Downs	13	29
Penalty	4	1
TOTAL YARDS GAINED	767	706
Avg. per Game	383.5	353.0
RUSHING (net)	558	208
Avg. per Game	279.0	102.0
PASSING (net)	209	502
Avg. per Game	104.5	251.0
Pct. Completed	52.6	59.2
Sacked	4	4
Had intercepted	1	2
PENALTIES	10	8
Yards Penalized	103	58
FUMBLES BY	4	5
Fumbles Lost	1	3
POSSESSION TIME (avg.)	35:19	30:25
TOUCHDOWNS	4	5
Rushing	1	2
Passing	3	3
Returns	0	0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	2/8	6/6
POINTS SCORED	34	53

<u>Defensive Category</u>	<u>Falcons</u>	<u>Saints</u>
POINTS ALLOWED	9	41
OPP. FIRST DOWNS	37	36
Rushing	5	8
Passing	27	24
Penalty	5	4
OPP. YARDS GAINED	566	571
Avg. per Game	283.0	285.5
OPP. RUSHING (net)	105	148
Avg. per Game	75.0	74.0
Yards per Rush	3.3	3.5
OPP. PASSING (net)	461	423
Pct. Completed	58.7	61.2
Sacked	22	30
INTERCEPTED BY	4	3
Yards Returned	73	33
OPP. TOUCHDOWNS	32	27
Rushing	11	13
Passing	16	13
Returns	5	1

SAINTS-ATLANTA CONNECTIONS

Atlanta Coach **Jim Mora** served as defensive backs coach in New Orleans from 1992-96. Mora's father, Jim, served as head coach of the Saints from 1986-96 and leads the franchise in wins all-time... Assistant defensive line coach/defensive assistant **Dennis Allen** served on the Falcons coaching staff from 2002-05...Atlanta secondary coach **Brett Maxie** played for New Orleans from 1985-93. He is tied for eighth in club history in interceptions with 15, three of which...Atlanta T **Wayne Gandy** served as New Orleans' starting left tackle from 2003-05 before being traded to the Falcons in the offseason...CB **Kevin Mathis** played for New Orleans from 2000-01... Atlanta DT **Grady Jackson** played for Atlanta from 2002-03... Atlanta FB **Fred McCrary** played for New Orleans in 1997... Atlanta RB **Warrick Dunn** prepped at Catholic HS in Baton Rouge. RB **Aaron Stecker** and Dunn were teammates in Tampa Bay from 1999-2001...Atlanta C **Todd McClure** is a Baton Rouge native who played at LSU...Offensive coordinator /offensive line **Doug Marrone** served on the coaching staff at Georgia Tech from 1995-99 and also tutored the offensive line at Georgia in 2000...Defensive coordinator **Gary Gibbs** was defensive coordinator at Georgia in 2000...DE **Charles Grant** prepped at Miller County (Ga.) HS and played at Georgia from 1999-2001. Grant tied RB **Herschel Walker**'s state single-season touchdown record with 45 in 1997...S **Bryan Scott** was a second round draft pick by the Falcons in 2003 and played for Atlanta from 2003-05, serving as their starting safety the majority of his tenure...T **Jon Stinchcomb** prepped at Parkview HS in Lilburn and was a four-year starter at Georgia from 1999-2003...DT **Willie Whitehead** prepped at Tuskegee (Ala.) Institute HS and played at Auburn from 1991-94...DT **Antwan Lake** played for the Falcons from 2004-05...Assistant special teams coach **Greg McMahan** served on the coaching staff at Valdosta State in 1989 and at North Alabama from 1985-87.

MILESTONES WORTH WATCHING

Tracking statistical and career milestones that are worth watching this week vs. Atlanta, and others that are coming closer as the season progresses:

- WR **Joe Horn** – The 11-year veteran needs just seven catches to become only the second player in franchise history to reach 500 grabs, joining WR **Eric Martin**, who hauled in 532 passes from 1986-93. Horn needs three touchdown receptions to become the club's all-time leader in TD grabs, moving past Martin's 48.

Horn needs eight TDs to become the club's all-time leader in total touchdowns scored, currently trailing Martin and RB **Dalton Hilliard** (153, 1986-93). With his typically productive season, Horn is primed to become the club's leader in every receiving category. With 39 grabs, Horn will eclipse Martin as the team's all-time leader and with 798 yards will jump Martin (7,854) for first in receiving yards.

Horn must appear in six games to reach 150 for his career and needs five starts for 100. In his Saints career, Horn must appear in five games to reach 100 and start seven to reach 100 in that category.

- RB **Deuce McAllister** – With a pair of TDs last week at Green Bay, McAllister reached 40 for his career (36 rushing, four receiving.) McAllister, second in club history in rushing touchdowns with 36, needs four to become the club's all-time leader (Hilliard 39). Already the club's all-time rushing leader with 4,666 yards, McAllister needs 38 carries to become the team's career leader in rushing attempts. He currently has 1,088 rushes, trailing only Hilliard (1,126)

in team record books.

- QB **Drew Brees** – Needs 15 touchdown passes to reach 100 for his career.

- K **John Carney** – Ranks seventh on the NFL's all-time scoring list. He needs 28 points to pass K **Jan Stenerud** (1,699 points) for sixth place and 40 to move past K **Nick Lowery** (1,711 points) for fifth. This season Carney can become only the second kicker in Saints history to drill 150 field goals. He needs 12 field goals made to reach the mark and join K **Morten Andersen** (302, 1982-94).

- DE **Charles Grant** – With 30 sacks since 2001, Grant needs 10 to move into 10th on the club's all-time sack list and pass DE **Bruce Clark** (39.5).

- LS **Kevin Houser** – With his first long snap on Sunday, Houser will appear in the 100th game of his career.

- CB **Mike McKenzie** – Needs to appear in two games and have five starts to reach 100 for his career in both categories.

- RB **Aaron Stecker** – Needs to appear in 13 games to reach 100 for his career.

- CB **Fred Thomas** – Has 12 interceptions since joining the Saints in 2000. He is currently tied with S **Frank Wattlet** (1981-87) for 10th in team history and needs three interceptions to move into a tie for eighth with CB **Ernie Jackson** (1972-77) and S **Brett Maxie** (1985-93). By playing in 12 games, Thomas will reach 150. With nine more starts, he will reach 100 during his stint with the Saints.

- DT **Hollis Thomas** – Strong newcomer in the middle of the defense needs only two more starts to reach 100 for his career.

- DT **Willie Whitehead** – Former football vagabond has put together a solid NFL career after stints in the CFL and Arena League. Longest-tenured veteran with Saints must appear in two games to have 100 for his career.

- DT **Brian Young** – Standout in season opener with 2.5 sacks must appear in five games to have 100 for career.

GAME NOTES

QB **Drew Brees** had 353 yards passing vs. the Packers, the third-highest yardage total of his career and his top effort with the Saints. It was the 11th highest total ever recorded by a New Orleans passer...RB **Deuce McAllister** had two TDs in Green Bay, the 14th time he has done so in his career. Three of those performances came against Atlanta, more than any other club...TE **Mark Campbell** had a 33-yard reception in the second quarter, the longest of his eight-year career...RB **Reggie Bush** leads the Saints with 15 catches for 120 yards, on pace to top the club's all-time record for receptions by a running back. The record is held by FB **Tony Galbreath**, who had an NFC-high 74 in in 1978...The Saints only had two penalties at Green Bay...DE **Will Smith** has two sacks this season, giving him 18 in his first 34 NFL games. He has started 15 contests during that stretch. Smith has also forced a team-high eight fumbles since 2004, and recovered the third fumble of his career vs. the Packers... Recently-signed FB **Corey McIntyre** had a 10-yard catch for a first down in the second quarter. It was the blocking back's first game with New Orleans, and the catch came on fourth-and-1 on a TD drive...WR **Joe Horn** had a 57-yard reception at Green Bay. On the catch, Horn went over 7,000-yard plateau for his career with New Orleans. It was his longest play since 2004...Splitting time with Bush at punt returner was WR **Lance Moore**, who had a 25-yard...The Saints opened last week with three running backs in the starting lineup: McAllister, Bush and RB **Aaron Stecker**. Bush lined up at wide receiver, and Stecker had a 12-yard catch.

WEEK 3: NEW ORLEANS SAINTS vs. ATLANTA FALCONS

SAINTS HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON

Entering his 10th season in the NFL and 19th as a coach, **Sean Payton** was hired as the 14th head coach in Saints history on Jan. 18, 2006 after being a member of the Dallas Cowboys staff since 2003. Last week, he became only the second head coach to open a season with a victory in his first game with New Orleans.

Before his last season with Dallas, Payton was promoted to assistant head coach/passing game coordinator and was responsible for their play-calling. For the previous two years with the club he had been assistant head coach/quarterbacks. Prior to joining the Cowboys in 2003, he was with the New York Giants (1999-2002) and the Philadelphia Eagles (1997-98).

In 2005, the Cowboys had the NFL's 13th-ranked offense, finished tied for second in the NFC with 318 first downs and ranked fifth in the NFC in third down efficiency (40.5). When Payton arrived in Dallas the Cowboys ranked 31st in passing in 2002 but immediately improved to 17th the next year. Over the last two years, the team ranked 15th in the NFL. The Cowboys went to the playoffs in Payton's first season.

Payton came to Dallas after four years with the Giants, the last three as offensive coordinator. The Giants had one of the NFL's most productive offenses and QB **Kerry Collins** posted franchise-record passing numbers. Behind his career-high and club-record 4,073 passing yards, the Giants finished 2002 as the NFL's sixth-ranked offense, the team's highest ranking since 1985.

Payton solidified his reputation as one of the game's top offensive minds in 2000. In his first year as coordinator, the Giants went to Super Bowl XXXV. New York scored 328 points – the club's highest total since 1990 – finished 13th in the NFL in offense and jumped from 24th to 11th in rushing.

Payton was first assigned play-calling duties prior to a game against the Jets on Dec. 5, 1999. In that game, the Giants scored 41 points and gained 490 yards – both season-high totals – and he retained that assignment over the last five games.

Appointed offensive coordinator the next season, over the next three years the Giants passing attack continually improved, ranking 13th in the NFL in 2000, tied for eighth in 2001 and sixth in 2002. In the decade prior to Payton's arrival, the Giants hadn't ranked above 20th.

Payton joined the Giants as quarterbacks coach on Feb. 3, 1999. Prior to joining the Giants, he spent 1997-1998 as Philadelphia's quarterbacks coach.

Payton wrapped two coaching stints at San Diego State (1988-89 and 1992-93) around a stop at Indiana State (1990-91). During his second stretch at SDSU, Payton was running backs coach, working with RB **Marshall Faulk**, before becoming quarterbacks coach.

Following the 1993 season, Payton moved to Miami of Ohio (1994-95) where he was quarterbacks coach prior to being promoted to co-offensive coordinator. He spent 1996 as quarterbacks coach at Illinois prior to entering the NFL with Philadelphia.

Payton earned a degree in communications at Eastern Illinois, where as a quarterback he had 10,665 passing yards, then the third-highest total in NCAA Division I-AA history. The three-time AP All-American selection had brief pro stints with Chicago of the Arena Football League, Ottawa of the CFL and the Chicago Bears in 1987. Payton was inducted into the Eastern Illinois Hall of Fame in 2000.

Born Dec. 29, 1963 in San Mateo, Calif., and raised in Naperville, Ill., Payton and his wife, Beth, have a daughter, Meghan and a son, Connor Thomas.

SAINTS UNDER PAYTON

	2006	Total
Leading after first quarter:	1-0	1-0
Trailing after first quarter:	1-0	1-0
Tied after first quarter:	0-0	0-0
Leading at halftime:	2-0	2-0
Trailing at halftime:	0-0	0-0
Tied at halftime:	0-0	0-0
Leading after third quarter:	2-0	2-0
Trailing after third quarter:	0-0	0-0
Tied after third quarter:	0-0	0-0
Saints score first:	1-0	1-0
Opponents score first:	1-0	1-0
Saints 200+ yards passing:	1-0	1-0
Opponent 200+ yards passing:	1-0	1-0
Saints have 100+ yards rushing:	1-0	1-0
Opponents rush for 100+ yards:	1-0	1-0
Committing 3+ turnovers:	1-0	1-0
Forcing 3+ turnovers:	1-0	1-0
Defense has three or more sacks:	1-0	1-0
Defense has two or less sacks:	1-0	1-0
Indoors:	0-0	0-0
Outdoors:	2-0	2-0
At the Louisiana Superdome:	0-0	0-0
On the road:	2-0	2-0
On artificial turf:	0-0	0-0
On grass:	2-0	2-0
Scoring 20 or more points:	1-0	1-0
Allowing 20 or fewer points:	1-0	1-0
Committing zero turnovers:	0-0	0-0

STARTING FAST

A review of the records for the Saints' previous head coaches after their first two games:

COACH	YEARS	RECORD
Tom Fears	1967-70	0-2
J.D. Roberts	1970-72	1-1
John North	1973-75	0-2
Hank Stram	1976-77	0-2
Dick Nolan	1978-80	1-1
Bum Phillips	1981-85	1-1
Jim Mora	1986-96	1-1
Mike Ditka	1997-99	0-2
Jim Haslett	2000-2005	1-1
Sean Payton	2006-	2-0

OPENING WINS

How the Saints have finished the seasons that have started with an opening-day victory:

Year	Date	Team	Result	Record
1971	Sept. 19	L.A. Rams	W, 24-20	4-8-2
1978	Sept. 3	Vikings	W, 31-24	7-9
1983	Sept. 4	Cardinals	W, 28-17	8-8
1987	Sept. 13	Browns	W, 28-21	12-3*
1989	Sept. 10	Cowboys	W, 28-0	9-7
1991	Sept. 1	Seahawks	W, 27-24	11-5*
1993	Sept. 5	Oilers	W, 33-21	8-8
1998	Sept. 6	at Rams	W, 24-17	6-10
1999	Sept. 12	Panthers	W, 19-10	3-13
2001	Sept. 9	at Bills	W, 24-6	7-9
2002	Sept. 8	at Tampa Bay	W, 26-20 ot	9-7
2005	Sept. 11	at Panthers	W, 23-20	3-13
2006	Sept. 10	at Browns	W, 19-14	

*Made the Playoffs. NFC West title in 1991

2006 TRANSACTIONS LOG

JANUARY

- 2** – Relieved Coach **Jim Haslett** of his head coaching duties, as well as his coaching staff.
- 3** – Signed WR **Josh Davis**, G **Augie Hoffmann**, RB **Keith Joseph**, WR **Lance Moore**, LB **Russel Rabe** and FB **Nate Schurman** to the active roster from the Practice Squad.
- 4** – Signed K **Nate Fikse** (FA).
- 18** – Hired **Sean Payton** as Head Coach.
- 23** – Hired **Gary Gibbs** as defensive coordinator.
- 24** – Signed T **Brandon Phillips** (FA).
- 26** – Signed WR **Levon Thomas** (FA).
- 27** - Hired **Joe Vitt** as assistant head coach/linebackers, **Doug Marrone** as offensive coordinator/offensive line and **John Bonamego** as special teams coordinator.

FEBRUARY

- 2** – Hired **Dennis Allen** as assistant defensive line coach; **Dan Dalrymple** as head strength & conditioning coach and **John Morton** as offensive assistant/passing game coach.
- 7** – Hired **Pete Carmichael, Jr.** as quarterbacks coach, **Tom Hayes** as defensive backs coach, **Curtis Johnson** as wide receivers coach and **Terry Malone** as tight ends coach.
- 10** – Hired **George Henshaw** as senior assistant/running backs coach and **Greg McMahon** as asst. special teams coach.
- 16** – Hired **Marion Hobby** as defensive line coach and **Tony Oden** as defensive assistant/secondary.
- 23** – Terminated contract of TE **Boo Williams**.

MARCH

- 13** – Waived T **Brandon Phillips**.
- 14** – Agreed to terms with QB **Drew Brees** on a six-year contract. Signed LB **Scott Fujita** to a four-year contract.
- 15** – Signed C **Dwayne Ledford** (FA) to a one-year contract. Terminated contract of QB **Aaron Brooks**.
- 17** – Agreed to terms with RB **Michael Bennett** on a two-year contract; Agreed to terms with LB **Anthony Simmons** (FA) and S **Omar Stoutmire** on one-year contracts. Terminated contract of G **Kendyl Jacox**.
- 21** – Re-signed LB **Terrence Melton** to a one-year contract (ERFA).
- 22** – Re-signed DT **Willie Whitehead** to a three-year contract and LB **James Allen** (UFA) to a one-year contract.
- 23** – Signed TE **Mark Campbell** to three-year contract.
- 24** – Re-signed RB **Fred McAfee** to one-year contract.
- 27** – Signed C/G **Jonathan Goodwin** to a two-year contract.
- 31** – Signed WR **Chris Horn** (FA) to two-year contract and re-signed DT **Cedric Woodard** (UFA) to a one-year contract.

APRIL

- 6** – Traded T **Wayne Gandy** to Atlanta Falcons for S **Bryan Scott** and conditional draft pick.
- 10** – Re-signed WR **Michael Lewis** to a three-year contract.
- 20** – Re-signed G **Montrae Holland** (RFA) to a one-year contract.
- 24** – Re-signed TE **Zachary Hilton** (RFA) to a one-

year contract.

29 – Traded second-round pick (34th overall) to Cleveland for second-round choice (39th overall) and C **Jeff Faine**.

30 – Traded fourth-round pick to the Eagles for Philadelphia's fourth-round pick (108th overall) and DT **Hollis Thomas**.

MAY

- 1** – Agreed to terms on three-year contracts with G **Will Allen**, TE/LS **Troy Bienemann**, DT **McKinley Boykin**, DE **Tommy Davis**, QB **Bruce Eugene**, K **Connor Hughes**, LB **Bobby Iwuchukwu**, LB **E.J. Kuale**, CB **Grant Mason**, LB **Chris Moore**, CB **Anwar Phillips**, P **Steve Weatherford** and CB **Ray Williams**.
- 2** – Signed QB **Jamie Martin** (UFA) to a two-year contract and signed QB **Bruce Eugene** to a two-year contract.
- 3** – Terminated contract of TE **Shad Meier**.
- 5** – Terminated contracts of CB **Fred Booker**, WR **Josh Davis** and K **Nate Fikse**.
- 10** – Traded LB **Courtney Watson** to the Miami Dolphins for LB **Eddie Moore**.
- 11** – Trade with Miami nullified and reverted, club retains LB **Courtney Watson**.
- 16** – Signed RB **Ray Hudson**, WR **Jamal Jones**, C **Pascal Matla** and DT **Brandon Villarreal**. Waived G **Will Allen**.
- 19** – Terminated the contract of G **Will Allen**.
- 22** – Signed QB **Joe Klatt** and WR **Derrius Thompson**. Waived FB **Nate Schurman**.
- 24** – Terminated contract of RB **Nate Schurman**.

JUNE

- 2** – Signed LB **Jay Foreman** (FA), TE **Billy Miller** (FA) and LB **Tommy Polley** (FA). Waived TE **Troy Bienemann**, QB **Joel Klatt** and LB **Chris Moore**.
- 5** – Traded DT **Johnathan Sullivan** for WR **Bethel Johnson** of the New England Patriots.
- 6** – Traded LB **Courtney Watson** for TE **Tim Euhus** of the Buffalo Bills.
- 13** – Waived QB **Bruce Eugene**. Claimed DE **Clifford Dukes** off waivers (St.L).
- 26** – Signed QB **Jason Fife**. Placed LB **James Allen** on reserve/injured.

JULY

- 13** – Signed FB **Mike Karney** to a four-year contract extension.
- 17** – Agreed to terms with CB **Josh Lay** (D6-06) on a three-year contract.
- 18** – Agreed to terms on a three-year contract with DE **Rob Ninkovich** (D5-06). Signed WR **Marques Colston** (D7-06) to a three-year contract. Terminated contract of WR **Derrius Thompson**.
- 20** – Agreed to terms on a three-year contract T **Zach Strief** (D7-06). Terminated contract of S **Dwight Smith**.
- 21** – Signed DE **Rob Ninkovich** (D5-06) to a three-year contract. Terminated contract of RB **Ray Hudson**.
- 24** – Signed G **Darnell Alford**. Terminated contracts of DE **Clifford Dukes** and DT **Cedric Woodard**.
- 25** – Signed FB **Jamar Martin**. Waived G **Augie**

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Hoffman (injured) and WR **Levon Thomas**.

Terminated contract of WR **Nate Poole**.

25 – Signed G **Jahri Evans** and WR **Mike Hass** to three-year contracts. Agreed to terms with S **Roman Harper** on a four-year contract. Signed LB **Cie Grant**. Placed G **Augie Hoffman** on injured reserve.

AUGUST

1 – Signed RB **Reggie Bush** to a six-year contract. Waived LB **Bobby Iwuchukwu**.

2 – Traded RB **Michael Bennett** to Kansas City in exchange for an undisclosed 2007 draft choice.

3 – Signed DT **Joe Minucci**. Placed DT **McKinley Boykin** on exempt/left squad list.

8 – Signed LB **Nate Wayne**

9 – Signed G **Stefon Wheeler**

10 – Signed DE **Javon Nanton** and DT **Josh Williams**. Placed DE **Tommy Davis** on injured reserve, waived LB **Cie Grant** and FB **Jamar Martin**.

17 – Placed T **Chad Setterstrom** on injured reserve.

23 – Acquired LB **Scott Shanle** from the Dallas Cowboys in exchange for an undisclosed 2007 draft pick. Terminated contracts of G **Darnell Alford** and LB **Nate Wayne**. Waived K **Connor Hughes**, G **Pascal Matla**, LB **Russell Rabe**, G **Stefon Wheeler** and CB **Ray Williams**.

25 – Claimed NT **Antwan Lake** off of waivers from the Atlanta Falcons.

28 – Terminated contract of RB **Fred McAfee**. Waived TE **Tim Euhus**, QB **Jason Fife** and CB **Joey Thomas**.

29 – Acquired LB **Mark Simoneau** and an undisclosed 2007 draft choice for WR **Donte' Stallworth**.

SEPTEMBER

1 – Waived DB **Josh Lay**, DB **Grant Mason**, DT **Joe Minucci** and DE **Javon Nanton**. Waived/Injured QB

Adrian McPherson and DE **Jimmy Verdon**.

Terminated contracts of LB **Jay Foreman**, OL **Dwayne Ledford**, TE **Billy Miller**, DT **Josh Williams**. Placed WR **Michael Lewis** on reserve/physically unable to perform list.

2 – Waived LB **Colby Bockwoldt**, RB **Jamaal Branch**, WR **Mike Hass**, TE **Zach Hilton**, WR **Chris Horn**, LB **E.J. Kuale**, WR **Chase Lyman**, DT **Brandon Villarreal** and P **Steve Weatherford**. Placed G **Jermame Mayberry** and LB **Tommy Polley** on injured reserve.

4 – Signed LB **E.J. Kuale**, RB **Jamaal Branch**, WR **Chase Lyman** and DT **Brandon Villarreal** to practice squad. Waived T **Ben Archibald** and DB **Anwar Phillips**. Terminated contracts of QB **Todd Bouman** and DE **Tony Bryant**. Waived/Injured WR **Bethel Johnson**. Claimed T **Rob Petitti**, DB **DeJuan Groce**, CB **Curtis Deloatch**, WR **Terrance Copper** and DE **Michael Haynes** off waivers. Placed QB **Adrian McPherson** and DE **Jimmy Verdon** on injured reserve.

5 – Signed LB **Danny Clark** (UFA) and P **Steve Weatherford**. Signed T **Ben Archibald** to practice squad. Terminated contracts of S **Jay Bellamy** and DE **Tommy Davis**. Placed P **Mitch Berger** on injured reserve.

6 – Signed CB **Anwar Phillips** to practice squad. Waived/injured DE **Jimmy Verdon**. Placed LB **E.J. Kuale** on practice squad – injured.

13 – Terminated contract of DE **Jimmy Verdon**. Signed FB **Corey McIntyre** (FA). Waived (Non-Football Injury) DE **Michael Haynes**. Claimed FB **Vonta Leach** off waivers from Green Bay. Placed FB **Keith Joseph** on reserve/injured.

14 – Terminated contract of **Michael Haynes**.

Waived/injured WR **Bethel Johnson**.

15 – Terminated contract of WR **Bethel Johnson**.

2006 MEDIA POLICY AND SCHEDULE

MEDIA & PUBLIC RELATIONS STAFF:

- **GREG BENSEL**, Vice President of Communications (504) 731-1794; benselg@saints.nfl.com
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- **Justin Macione**, Media & Public Relations Manager, (504) 731-1848; macionej@saints.nfl.com

Practice Access:

Practices will be OPEN to accredited media. Credential requests must be submitted to **Justin Macione** prior to the season or the week you wish to attend practice. TV cameras will be asked to turn cameras off after stretch. All media, including print reporters, will be asked to leave practice after the first 45 minutes.

Locker Room Access & Player Interview Times:

Monday	12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.
Tuesday	Players Day Off / No Media
Wednesday	2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Thursday	2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Friday	12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Saturday	Locker Room Closed

On Mondays, media will be escorted to the locker room. Media are not allowed in the locker room after the access time is over. Interviews outside of the set time should be scheduled through **Justin Macione** (macionej@saints.nfl.com). QB **Drew Brees** will be available each week on Wednesday at 2 p.m.

Coach **Sean Payton** availability:

Monday	11:30 a.m. (In Media Workroom)
Wednesday	1:45 p.m. (on field post practice)
Thursday	1:45 p.m. (on field post practice)
Friday	12:45 p.m. (By request.)

All other requests for the head coach should be scheduled through **Greg Bensel** (benselg@saints.nfl.com).

Practice Schedule:

The PR department will escort the media from the media workroom to the practice field.

Monday	No Practice
Tuesday	Players Off
Wednesday	11:15 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Thursday	11:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
Friday	11:10 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Home Game Credential Requests:

All credential requests must be submitted to Greg Bensel via fax at 504-731-1888 on company letterhead or email at benselg@saints.nfl.com no later than Tuesday at 11 a.m. of a home game. Credential approval can be obtained by calling 731-1848 or emailing **Justin Macione**, macionej@saints.nfl.com, after 1 p.m. on Friday of a home game.

Away Game Credential & Hotel Requests:

All credential & hotel requests for media traveling to Saints away games must be submitted to Greg Bensel via email only at benselg@saints.nfl.com (cont.)

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no later than Monday at 10 a.m. of a road game.
Please list each name and credential type and number of rooms and room type, including check-in date and check out date.

MEDIA SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Wednesday, Sept. 20

Practice (Open to cameras up to stretch, closed to all media at 45-minute mark): 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Head Coach Sean Payton: 1:30 pm

QB Drew Brees: 2 p.m.

RB Reggie Bush: 2:15 p.m.

Locker Room: 2:15 p.m.- 3 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 21

Practice (Open to cameras up to stretch, closed all

media at the 45-minute mark): 11:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Head Coach Sean Payton: 1:30 p.m.

WR Joe Horn: 2 p.m.

RB Deuce McAllister: 2:15 pm

Locker Room: 2:15 pm – 3:00 pm

Friday, Sept. 22

Practice: Closed

Head Coach Sean Payton: Time TBD

Locker Room: Closed

Saturday, Sept. 23

Practice (Open to cameras up to stretch, closed to media at the 45-minute mark): 11:10 am – 12:45 pm

Head Coach Sean Payton: 12:45 pm

Locker Room: 12:45 pm – 1:30 pm

HOW THE SAINTS WERE BUILT

• 1999 (1)

FREE AGENT:

DE Willie Whitehead (FA)

• 2000 (3)

DRAFT:

LS Kevin Houser (7)

FREE AGENTS:

WR Joe Horn (UFA-KC)

CB Fred Thomas (UFA-Sea)

• 2001 (5)

DRAFT:

RB Deuce McAllister (1)

FREE AGENTS:

K John Carney (UFA-SD)

S Steve Gleason (FA)

WR Michael Lewis (FA) - PUP list

• 2002 (1)

DRAFT:

DE Charles Grant (1b)

• 2003 (3)

DRAFT:

T Jon Stinchcomb (2)

G Montrae Holland (4)

FREE AGENT:

TE Ernie Conwell (UFA-StL)

• 2004 (10)

DRAFT:

DE Will Smith (1)

WR Devery Henderson (2a)

DT Rodney Leisle (5a)

FB Mike Karney (5b)

FREE AGENTS:

LB Terrence Melton (FA)

G/T Jamar Nesbit (UFA-Jax)

RB Aaron Stecker (UFA-TB)

DT Brian Young (UFA-StL)

TRADES:

CB Jason Craft (Jax)

CB Mike McKenzie (GB)

• 2005 (6)

DRAFT:

T Jammal Brown (1)

S Josh Bullocks (2)

LB Alfred Fincher (3)

FREE AGENTS:

WR Lance Moore (FA) PS-05

WAIVERS:

TE Nate Lawrie (TB)

2006 (23)

DRAFT:

RB Reggie Bush (1)

S Roman Harper (2)

G Jahri Evans (5a)

DE Rob Ninkovich (5b)

T Zach Strief (7a)

WR Marques Colston (7b)

FREE AGENTS:

QB Drew Brees (UFA-SD)

TE Mark Campbell (UFA-Buf)

LB Scott Fujita (UFA-Dal)

G/C Jonathan Goodwin (UFA-NYJ)

WR Jamal Jones (FA)

QB Jamie Martin (UFA-STL)

CB Corey McIntyre (FA)

S Omar Stoutmire (UFA-Was)

TRADES:

C Jeff Faine (Cle)

S Bryan Scott (Atl)

LB Scott Shanle (Dal)

DT Hollis Thomas (Phi)

WAIVERS:

NT Antwan Lake (Atl)

T Rob Petitti (Dal)

DB DeJuan Groce (StL)

CB Curtis Deloatch (NYG)

WR Terrance Copper (Dal)

FB Vonta Leach (GB)

THE LAST TIME

• **300 yards passing in a game by a player**

SAINTS – 353, QB **Drew Brees** (26 of 41) at Green Bay, 9/17/06.

Opponent – 340, QB **Brett Favre** (31 of 55), at Green Bay, 9/17/06

• **100 yards receiving in a game by a player**

SAINTS – 102, WR **Donte' Stallworth** (5 rec.) vs. Carolina, 12/18/05.

Team Record: WR Wes Chandler, 205 vs. Atlanta, 9/2/79 (6 receptions)

Opponent – 153, WR **Donald Driver**, at Green Bay, 9-17-06 (8 receptions)

Opponent Record: WR Willie Anderson, 336 yards vs. L.A. Rams, 11/26/89 (15 receptions)

• **Two 100-yard receivers in a game**

SAINTS – 143, WR **Joe Horn** (9 rec.) and 141, WR **Donte' Stallworth** (8 rec.) at N.Y. Giants, 9-19-05

Opponent – 179, WR **Isaac Bruce** (7 rec.) and 107, RB **Trung Canidate** (10 rec.) at St. Louis, 10-28-01

• **200-299 yards receiving in a game by a player**

SAINTS – 200, WR **Torrance Small**, at Denver, 12-24-94 (6 rec.)

Team Record: WR Wes Chandler, 205 vs. Atlanta, 9/2/79 (6 receptions)

Opponent – 220, WR **Jimmy Smith**, at Jacksonville, 11-21-99 (9 rec.)

Opponent Record: WR Willie Anderson, 336 yards vs. L.A. Rams, 11/26/89 (15 receptions) – NFL Record

• **300+ yards receiving in a game by a player**

SAINTS – Has never happened

Opponent – 336, WR **Willie Anderson**, vs. L.A. Rams, 11-26-89 (15 rec.) – NFL Record

• **Three touchdown catches in game by a player**

SAINTS – WR **Danny Abramowicz**, vs. San Francisco, 8-26-71

Opponent – TE **Antonio Gates**, at San Diego, 11-7-04

• **Four touchdown catches in a game by a player**

SAINTS – WR **Joe Horn**, vs. New York Giants, 12-14-03*

Team Record (all receiving)

Opponent – WR **Dave Williams**, at St. Louis Cardinals, 11-2-69*

Team Opponent Record

• **Three TDs in a game by a player (rushing, receiving, return)**

SAINTS – RB **Deuce McAllister**, at Baltimore, 12-8-02 (all rushing)

Opponent – TE **Antonio Gates**, at San Diego, 11-7-04 (all receiving). *Also in 2004: RB Shaun Alexander*, vs. Seattle, 9-12-04 (2 rushing, 1 receiving)

• **Four TDs in a game by a player (rushing, receiving, return)**

SAINTS – WR **Joe Horn**, vs. New York Giants, 12-14-03* *Team Record (all receiving)*

Opponent – RB **Mike Anderson**, vs. Denver, 12-3-00 (all rushing)

• **Seven FGs attempted in a game by player (converted)**

SAINTS – K **Morten Andersen**, vs. San Fran., 10-25-87 (Five made)

Opponent – K **Bobby Howfield**, at N.Y. Jets, 12-3-72 (Six made)

• **Six field goals attempted in a game by a player****(converted)**

SAINTS – K **John Carney**, at St. Louis, 9-26-04 (Five made)

Opponent – K **John Kasay**, vs. Carolina, 12-5-04 (Six made)

• **Five field goals attempted in a game by a player**

SAINTS – K **John Carney**, vs. Buffalo, 10-2-05 (Four made)

Opponent – K **Paul Edinger**, at Minnesota, 9-25-05 (Four made)

• **Four field goals attempted in a game by a player**

SAINTS – K **John Carney**, at Green Bay, 9-17-06 (Four made)

Opponent – K **Olindo Mare**, vs. Miami, 10-30-05 (Four made)

• **Six field goals converted in a game by a player**

SAINTS – Has never happened

Opponent – K **John Kasay**, vs. Carolina, 12-5-04 (Six attempts)

• **Five field goals converted in a game by a player**

SAINTS – K **John Carney**, at St. Louis, 9-26-04 (Six attempts)

Opponent – K **John Kasay**, vs. Carolina, 9-8-96 (Five attempts)

• **Four field goals converted in a game by a player**

SAINTS – K **John Carney**, at Green Bay, 9-17-06 (Four made)

Opponent – K **Olindo Mare**, vs. Miami, 10-30-05 (Four attempts)

• **Three interceptions in a game by a player**

SAINTS – S **Sammy Knight**, at Buffalo, 9-9-01 (40 yards)

Opponent – CB **Ronde Barber**, vs. Tampa Bay, 12-4-05 (70 yards)

• **Fumble returned for a touchdown**

SAINTS – LB **Colby Bockwoldt**, at Oakland, 10-24-04 (Six yards off kickoff return fumble)

Opponent – DE **DeWayne White**, at Tampa Bay, 1-1-06, (34 yards)

• **Punt returned for a touchdown**

SAINTS – WR **Michael Lewis**, at Washington, 10-13-02 (83 yards)

Opponent – WR **Joey Galloway**, at Tampa Bay, 12-19-04 (59 yards)

• **Kickoff returned for a touchdown**

SAINTS – WR **Michael Lewis**, vs. Atlanta, 12-26-04 (96 yards)

Opponent – RB **Chad Morton**, at Washington, 11-30-03 (94 yards)

• **Interception returned for a touchdown**

SAINTS – CB **Ashley Ambrose** (73 yards), vs. Tampa Bay, 11-2-03

Opponent – S **Mike Furrey** (67 yards) at St. Louis, 10-16-05

• **Fumble recovered in end zone for a touchdown**

SAINTS – DT **Austin Robbins**, vs. St. Louis, 11-15-98

Opponent – RB **Jerald Moore**, at St. Louis, 9-6-98 (recovered own fumble in end zone)

• **Punt blocked**

SAINTS – S **Steve Gleason**, at Arizona, 10-3-04

THE LAST TIME (CONT.)

Opponent – S **David Gibson**, vs. Tampa Bay, 12-7-03

• **Punt blocked and returned for a touchdown**
SAINTS – DE **Frank Warren**, at San Diego, 11-17-91 (37 yards)
Opponent – FB **Mosi Tatupu**, vs. New England, 11-30-86 (17 yards)

• **Punt blocked and recovered in end zone for TD**
SAINTS – S **Mel Mitchell**, at Arizona, 10-3-04 (punt blocked by S Steve Gleason).
Opponent – LB **Roy Bennett**, at San Diego, 10-9-88

• **Punt blocked for a safety**
SAINTS – CB **Robert Massey**, vs. Cleveland, 10-14-90
Opponent - Has never happened

• **Safety scored**
SAINTS – DE **Tony Bryant** sacked QB **Matt Schaub**, vs. Atlanta, 12-26-04
Opponent – QB **Aaron Brooks** sacked by DT **Antwan Lake**, 12-12-05

• **Field goal blocked**
SAINTS – DE **Darren Howard**, at Tampa Bay, 12-4-05 (43-yard attempt)
Opponent – S **Tyoka Jackson** at St. Louis, 10-26-05 (45-yard attempt)

• **Field goal blocked and returned for touchdown**
SAINTS – LB **Demarrio Williams**, vs. Atlanta, 10-16-05 (59 yards), kick blocked by LB Michael Boley.
Opponent – RB **Ron Fellows**, at Dallas, 9-25-83 (62 yds.)

• **PAT kick missed**
SAINTS – K **John Carney**, at Jacksonville, 12-21-03
Opponent – K **Neil Rackers**, at Cincinnati, 12-22-02
• **PAT kick blocked**
SAINTS – DT **Grady Jackson**, at Cincinnati, 12-22-02
Opponent – OT **Jackie Wallace**, vs. L.A. Rams, 10-1-78

• **Two-point attempt made**
SAINTS – QB **Aaron Brooks** pass to WR **Joe Horn**, at Atlanta, 11-28-04
Opponent – QB **Jake Delhomme** to WR **Muhsin Muhammad**, at Carolina, 1-2-05

• **Two-point attempt failed**
SAINTS – QB **Aaron Brooks** pass, at Minnesota, 9-25-05
Opponent – P **Todd Sauerbrun** pass, at Carolina, 10-5-03

• **40-49 points scored in a game**
SAINTS – 45, vs. New York Giants, 12-14-03
Opponent – 43, at San Diego, 11-7-04

• **50-59 points scored in a game**
SAINTS – 52, at Green Bay, 10-9-05
Opponent – 55 vs. Indianapolis, 9-28-03

• **60+ points scored in a game**
SAINTS – Has never happened
Opponent – 62, vs. Atlanta, 9-16-73

• **Shutout scored in a game**
SAINTS – 12-0, at N.Y. Jets, 12-24-95
Opponent – 0-38, vs. San Francisco, 1-6-02

HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON TRANSCRIPT (MONDAY)

Q: What will be your message to your team this week?

A: “I think the most important thing is our focus and preparation for the third game of the season. There’s uniqueness in this game being the first game back in this city for quite a while. There’s probably not just a uniqueness, but also an excitement around it, being that both teams are 2-0. It’s early in the season. I think the main thing is just staying focused with the task at hand and preparing to play another good team in the third week of the season. That’s my job as a head coach, just to make sure we’re going about all the right things during the course of the week, trying to eliminate the distractions and staying as focused as possible on the task at hand.”

Q: How do you do that?

A: “It starts with today. It starts with the evaluation of the game yesterday. It starts with correcting the mistakes that you see on film and making sure that you’re improving in those areas, so that things like turnovers don’t find a way to beat you the next time around. Big plays third down on defense don’t find a way to beat you the next time around. You get started and begin your normal preparation. You keep it as on schedule as they’re used to. They’ll come in today; they’ll have their normal Monday after a game. Tomorrow’s their day off. Wednesday we’ll start up again and they go step by step through the course of the week, nothing changes and being ready for this

game...For both teams, it’s a game in the division and a game where both teams will come out excited to come out and be ready to play, but the focus on the specifics and the details and eliminating the turnovers and all those things that we keep harping on, those will be the things that are most important.”

Q: Is there a key one or two plays that turned things around on Sunday?

A: “I was encouraged by our wherewithal to overcome the bad start. I was encouraged that we hung in there. I was encouraged defensively. We only allowed 13 points with those turnovers and then in that second quarter, we gained a little bit and made a few big plays in the passing game. Defensively, we had a couple big stops and I think that momentum at the end of the half, for us to be ahead at halftime considering all that had taken place, that was big and in the second half, I thought there we some big plays that we hit Marques Colston on. Follow up a great play by Charles Grant, strip, fumble, very next play Deuce (McAllister) scores. Those are game changers and right there in front of us, there’s the play sequence; touchdown, fumble, touchdown and those are the differences in winning and losing, those plays.”

Q: Did yesterday reveal something to you that you might not have known about the team?

A: “You don’t know. Although we’re young, there’s still enough veteran leadership on this team, guys **(cont.)**”

HEAD COACH SEAN PAYTON TRANSCRIPT (cont.)

that have been through this before. I was encouraged and I told them this. That was positive, because you'll go a long time in this league where you win a game after turning it over your first three possessions. You'll go another 10 years. Our players battled and hung in there and made the plays when it counted and fought back, got themselves into the game and in the end, won the game, so that's a credit to them. You do learn something each time you play."

Q: Do you encourage your team to stop and smell the roses and enjoy the experience leading up to this week?

A: "I said that last week. Because you play 16 games and it's a long season, your ability to digest a win as well as a loss is important. So, there's that 24 hour period where you get away from that game and you think about some of the positives I'm sure as a player and some of the things you want to correct, but in a day or two, you're all of a sudden on to the next game. I don't know that we're stopping or smelling any roses right yet. We're 2-0 and it's certainly a lot better than being 0-2. We got a lot of work to do. We've got a lot of improving to do. We got a lot of corrections to make and we'll continue to do that. I'm encouraged with how we fought back in the game yesterday and I told them that afterwards."

Q: Even if you don't discourage it with the team, will you think at all about the hoopla surrounding this game?

A: "I know that this town's excited to finally have football back in its city and so it's a featured game on Monday night. There's a lot of buildup to the game. The evening's only special if you win it, so I know that we're seeing a good team come in here in Atlanta, who is also 2-0 and we're going to have to prepare. We're going to have to have a good week of practice and all the other stuff is stuff that we can't control."

Q: Can you discuss facing the rushing threat Atlanta poses, not only from their tailbacks but from the quarterback position?

A: "Each week, you talk about the new challenge ahead of you. This is a much different team than we played the first two weeks. They're dangerous that way on offense. They've been able to run the ball consistently now since Jim's (Mora) been there and they've made a great effort in their scheme and have followed through with it. Defensively they're playing awfully well. So, each week presents a new challenge, a new player, a set of players that you have to look at on both sides of the ball. That's no different this week against Atlanta."

Q: Did you make adjustments yesterday on the offensive line after the slow start?

A: "I don't know that we made any specific offensive line adjustments. I think the one adjustment would have been getting to the passing game a little bit more with what we were seeing on defense and it's a credit to Green Bay, they did a good job early on of containing our running game. We felt they might. It became a game of plays in space. Fortunately we were able to make a few of them against their man coverage. They ended up being big plays."

Q: You said yesterday it might have been wise to scrap your play list after the start. Is that because it didn't allow you to adjust to what they were doing defensively?

A: "No, I said yesterday, I should have scrapped yesterday's 15 plays quicker than I did, obviously because those didn't get us going. The idea of beginning each game with 15 plays is something I'll always do. Yesterday, obviously it wasn't a good set."

Q: How did your quarterback handle adversity?

A: "I thought he handled it pretty well. He's pretty thick skinned. He's a guy that's competitive. He always sees himself being in a position to bring his team back. His body language and his attitude when things don't go well is outstanding and that's one of his greatest strengths. I was really encouraged with how he responded when things didn't go well right away. I think the team feeds off that position and that's one of his great assets."

Q: Do different quarterbacks have different body language?

A: "Yes, I've had some that you just want to say "hey, let's go." The team's going to feed off of this. In Drew's case it's outstanding."

Q: How tough as a play caller is it for you to call the next play in a series after a mistake, such as after a drop by Devery Henderson yesterday?

A: "The dropped ball, the missed block...As a play caller, you got to be able to get onto the next play and so I need to separate that and I was glad to see Devery come back and catch the touchdown pass, which was pivotal before halftime. I want these guys to be good. I want that for them and in Devery's case, I was real encouraged to see him come back and make a play that was instrumental in us winning the game. That was huge after his dropping the ball on the sidelines. Those things can be frustrating, but they can't be a distraction."

Q: Can you discuss about Drew Brees and the offense stepping things up when Reggie Bush had a hard time running the ball?

A: "I said this yesterday. In the end it's a result oriented business. Offensively, no different than defense, you need to score and need to keep teams from scoring. When we come away with 34 points on the road. However we get it, whether it's on the ground or through the air, I'm not as concerned with it as long as we get it and get the win, so like I said, they had a good plan coming in. Like I said defensively, they were ready for the challenge. They did a good job of containing certain thing I wanted to do in the running game and fortunately we were able to make some plays outside. They ended up being difference makers in regards to the score of the game."

Q: Can you talk about how you got more conventional on offense as the game went on?

A: "We were getting a lot of nickel. Whenever Deuce (McAllister) and Reggie were playing together in the game, they were playing nickel and treating Reggie as a receiver and so we got into some conventional sets, though some of our big plays such as Devery's (Henderson) touchdown was a nickel set, but it was more about having to throw the football here and having to get the ball out of our hands and not take sacks. As that game went on, Deuce had the big play in the running game for the touchdown that really put us ahead two scores and made a big difference in that game."

DEPTH CHART



OFFENSE

WR	12	<u>Marques Colston</u>	19	Devery Henderson	18	Terrance Copper
LT	70	Jammal Brown	79	Rob Pettiti		
LG	67	Jamar Nesbit	61	Montrae Holland		
C	52	Jeff Faine	76	Jonathan Goodwin		
RG	73	<u>Jahri Evans</u>	61	Montrae Holland		
RT	78	Jon Stinchcomb	64	<u>Zach Strief</u>		
TE	85	Ernie Conwell	80	Mark Campbell	82	Nate Lawrie
WR	87	Joe Horn	89	Jamal Jones	16	Lance Moore
QB	9	Drew Brees	10	Jamie Martin		
RB	26	Deuce McAllister	25	<u>Reggie Bush</u>	27	Aaron Stecker
FB	36	Corey McIntyre	48	Vonta Leach	44	Mike Karney

DEFENSE

LDE	94	Charles Grant	93	<u>Rob Ninkovich</u>		
DT	66	Brian Young	98	Willie Whitehead		
NT	99	Hollis Thomas	96	Antwan Lake	77	Rodney Leisle
RDE	91	Will Smith	93	<u>Rob Ninkovich</u>		
SLB	55	Scott Fujita	56	Alfred Fincher		
MLB	53	Mark Simoneau	54	Danny Clark		
WLB	58	Scott Shanle	51	Terrence Melton		
LCB	34	Mike McKenzie	28	DeJuan Groce	39	Curtis DeLoatch
SS	41	<u>Roman Harper</u>	23	Omar Stoutmire	37	Steve Gleason
FS	29	Josh Bullocks	24	Bryan Scott		
RCB	22	Fred Thomas	21	Jason Craft		

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	7	Steve Weatherford				
K	3	John Carney				
LS	47	Kevin Houser	76	<u>Rob Ninkovich</u>		
H	11	Jamie Martin				
PR	16	Lance Moore				
KR	18	Terrance Copper	27	Aaron Stecker	89	Jamal Jones

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (9/17/06)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
9	BREES, Drew	QB	6-0	209	1/15/79	6	Purdue	Austin, Texas
70	BROWN, Jammal	T	6-6	313	3/30/81	2	Oklahoma	Lawton, Okla.
29	BULLOCKS, Josh	S	6-1	207	2/28/83	2	Nebraska	Chattanooga, Tenn.
25	BUSH, Reggie	RB	6-0	203	3/2/85	R	Southern California	Spring Valley, Calif.
80	CAMPBELL, Mark	TE	6-6	260	12/6/75	8	Michigan	Clawson, Mich.
3	CARNEY, John	K	5-11	185	4/20/64	17	Notre Dame	West Palm Beach, Fla.
54	CLARK, Danny	LB	6-2	245	5/9/77	7	Illinois	Country Club, Ill.
12	COLSTON, Marques	WR	6-4	231	6/5/83	R	Hofstra	Harrisburg, Pa.
85	CONWELL, Ernie	TE	6-2	255	8/17/72	11	Washington	Kent, Wash.
18	COPPER, Terrance	WR	6-0	207	3/12/82	3	East Carolina	Washington, N.C.
21	CRAFT, Jason	CB	5-10	187	2/13/76	8	Colorado State	Denver, Colo.
39	DELOATCH, Curtis	CB	6-2	217	10/4/81	3	North Carolina A&T	Ahoskie, N.C.
73	EVANS, Jahri	G	6-4	318	8/22/83	R	Bloomsburg	Philadelphia, Pa.
52	FAINE, Jeff	C	6-3	291	4/6/81	4	Notre Dame	Sanford, Fla.
56	FINCHER, Alfred	LB	6-1	238	8/15/83	2	Connecticut	Norwood, Mass.
55	FUJITA, Scott	LB	6-5	250	4/28/79	5	California	Oxnard, Calif.
37	GLEASON, Steve	S	5-11	212	3/19/77	6	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.
76	GOODWIN, Jonathan	G/C	6-3	318	12/2/78	5	Michigan	Richland, S.C.
94	GRANT, Charles	DE	6-3	290	9/3/78	5	Georgia	Colquitt, Ga.
28	GROCE, DeJuan	CB	5-10	192	2/17/80	4	Nebraska	Garfield Heights, Ohio
41	HARPER, Roman	S	6-1	200	12/11/82	R	Alabama	Prattville, Ala.
19	HENDERSON, Devery	WR	5-11	200	3/26/82	3	Louisiana State	Opelousas, La.
61	HOLLAND, Montrae	G	6-2	322	5/21/80	4	Florida State	Ore City, Texas
87	HORN, Joe	WR	6-1	213	1/16/72	11	Itawamba (Miss.) JC	Fayetteville, N.C.
47	HOUSER, Kevin	LS	6-2	252	8/23/77	7	Ohio State	Westlake, Ohio
89	JONES, Jamal	WR	5-11	205	4/24/81	1	North Carolina A&T	Washington, D.C.
44	KARNEY, Mike	FB	5-11	258	7/6/81	3	Arizona State	Kent, Wash.
96	LAKE, Antwan	DT	6-4	308	7/10/79	4	West Virginia	Cambridge, Md.
82	LAWRIE, Nate	TE	6-7	256	10/7/81	3	Yale	Indianapolis, Ind.
48	LEACH, Vonta	FB	6-0	250	11/6/81	3	East Carolina	Rowland, N.C.
77	LEISLE, Rodney	DT	6-3	315	2/5/81	3	UCLA	Bakersfield, Calif.
10	MARTIN, Jamie	QB	6-2	205	2/8/70	12	Weber State	Arroyo Grande, Calif.
26	McALLISTER, Deuce	RB	6-1	232	12/27/78	6	Mississippi	Lena, Miss
36	McINTYRE, Corey	FB	6-0	244	1/25/79	2	West Virginia	Indiantown, Fla.
34	McKENZIE, Mike	CB	6-0	194	4/26/76	8	Memphis	Miami, Fla.
51	MELTON, Terrence	LB	6-1	235	1/1/77	3	Rice	Houston, Texas
16	MOORE, Lance	WR	5-9	177	8/31/83	1	Toledo	Westerville, Ohio
67	NESBIT, Jamar	G/T	6-4	328	12/17/76	8	South Carolina	Summerville, S.C.
93	NINKOVICH, Rob	DE	6-2	252	2/1/84	R	Purdue	New Lenox, Ill.
79	PETITTI, Rob	T	6-6	327	5/21/82	2	Pittsburgh	Rumson, N.J.
24	SCOTT, Bryan	S	6-1	219	4/13/81	4	Penn State	Doylestown, Pa.
58	SHANLE, Scott	LB	6-2	245	11/23/79	4	Nebraska	St. Edward, Neb.
53	SIMONEAU, Mark	LB	6-0	245	1/16/77	7	Kansas State	Smith Center, Kan.
91	SMITH, Will	DE	6-3	282	7/4/81	3	Ohio State	Utica, N.Y.
27	STECKER, Aaron	RB	5-10	213	11/13/75	7	Western Illinois	Green Bay, Wis.
78	STINCHCOMB, Jon	T	6-5	315	8/27/79	4	Georgia	Lilburn, Ga.
23	STOUTMIRE, Omar	S	5-11	205	7/9/74	10	Fresno State	Long Beach, Calif.
64	STRIEF, Zach	T	6-7	349	9/22/83	R	Northwestern	Milford, Ohio
22	THOMAS, Fred	CB	5-9	185	9/11/73	11	Tennessee-Martin	Bruce, Miss.
99	THOMAS, Hollis	DT	6-0	306	1/10/74	11	Northern Illinois	St. Louis, Mo.
7	WEATHERFORD, Steve	P	6-3	215	12/17/82	R	Illinois	Terre Haute, Ind.
98	WHITEHEAD, Willie	DT	6-3	300	1/26/73	8	Auburn	Tuskegee, Ala.
66	YOUNG, Brian	DT	6-2	298	7/8/77	7	UTEP	El Paso, Texas

Players Currently On Active Roster 53

2006 Reserve/PUP

84	LEWIS, Michael	WR	5-8	173	11/14/71	6	None	New Orleans, La.
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2006 Reserve/Injured

50	ALLEN, James	LB	6-2	245	11/11/79	5	Oregon State	Portland, Ore.
17	BERGER, Mitch	P	6-4	228	6/24/72	12	Colorado	Kamloops, B.C.
74	HOFFMANN, Augie	G	6-2	315	2/23/81	2	Boston College	Park Ridge, N.J.
33	JOSEPH, Keith	RB	6-2	249	12/9/81	1	Texas A&M	Houston, Texas
75	MAYBERRY, Jermane	G	6-4	325	8/29/73	11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	Floresville, Texas
1	McPHERSON, Adrian	QB	6-3	218	5/8/83	2	Florida State	Bradenton, Fla.
54	POLLEY, Tommy	LB	6-3	230	1/18/78	6	Florida State	Baltimore, Md.
63	SETTERSTROM, Chad	T	6-3	310	6/13/80	2	Northern Iowa	Northfield, Minn.

Players Currently On Reserve/Injured (8)

HEAD COACH: SEAN PAYTON (First season). **Assistants:** John Bonamego (Special Teams Coordinator), Gary Gibbs (Defensive Coordinator), Doug Marrone (Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line), Joe Vitt (Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers), George Henshaw (Senior Offensive Assistant/Running Backs), Dennis Allen (Assistant Defensive Line), Adam Bailey (Assistant Strength and Conditioning), Pete Carmichael Jr. (Quarterbacks), Dan Dalrymple (Head Strength and Conditioning), Tom Hayes (Defensive Backs), Marion Hobby (Defensive Line), Curtis Johnson (Wide Receivers), Terry Malone (Tight Ends), Greg McMahon (Assistant Special Teams), John Morton (Offensive Assistant/Passing Game), Tony Oden (Defensive Assistant/Secondary), Joe Alley (Coaching Assistant), Josh Constant (Coaching Assistant), Carter Sheridan (Coaching Assistant), Adam Zimmer (Coaching Assistant).

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS NUMERICAL ROSTER (9/17/06)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired	GP/GS/DNP/IA
3	John Carney	K	5-11	185	42	17	Notre Dame	FA-01	2/0/0/0
7	Steve Weatherford	P	6-3	215	23	R	Illinois	FA-06	2/0/0/0
9	Drew Brees	QB	6-0	209	27	6	Purdue	UFA-06 (SD)	2/2/0/0
10	Jamie Martin	QB	6-2	205	36	12	Weber State	UFA-06 (StL)	2/0/0/0
12	Marques Colston	WR	6-4	231	23	R	Hofstra	D7b-06	2/2/0/0
16	Lance Moore	WR	5-9	177	22	1	Toledo	FA-06	1/0/0/1
18	Terrance Copper	WR	6-0	207	24	3	East Carolina	WAI-06 (Dal)	2/0/0/0
19	Devery Henderson	WR	5-11	200	24	3	Louisiana State	D2a-04	2/0/0/0
21	Jason Craft	CB	5-10	187	30	8	Colorado State	TR-04 (Jax)	2/0/0/0
22	Fred Thomas	CB	5-9	185	33	11	Tennessee-Martin	UFA-00 (Sea)	2/2/0/0
23	Omar Stoutmire	S	5-11	205	32	10	Fresno State	UFA-06 (Was)	2/0/0/0
24	Bryan Scott	S	6-1	219	25	4	Penn State	TR-06 (Atl)	0/0/0/2
25	Reggie Bush	RB	6-0	203	21	R	Southern California	D1-06	2/1/0/0
26	Deuce McAllister	RB	6-1	232	27	6	Mississippi	D1-01	2/2/0/0
27	Aaron Stecker	RB	5-10	213	30	7	Western Illinois	UFA-04 (TB)	1/1/0/1
28	DeJuan Groce	CB	5-10	192	26	4	Nebraska	WAI-06 (StL)	0/0/0/2
29	Josh Bullocks	S	6-1	207	23	2	Nebraska	D2-05	2/2/0/0
34	Mike McKenzie	CB	6-0	194	30	8	Memphis	TR-04 (GB)	2/2/0/0
36	Corey McIntyre	FB	6-0	244	27	2	West Virginia	FA-06	1/0/0/0
37	Steve Gleason	S	5-11	212	29	6	Washington State	FA-01	2/0/0/0
39	Curtis Deloatch	CB	6-2	217	24	3	North Carolina A&T	WAI-06 (NYG)	2/0/0/0
41	Roman Harper	S	6-1	200	23	R	Alabama	D2-06	2/2/0/0
44	Mike Karney	FB	5-11	258	25	3	Arizona State	D5b-04	1/0/0/1
47	Kevin Houser	LS	6-2	252	29	7	Ohio State	D7-00	2/0/0/0
48	Vonta Leach	FB	6-0	250	24	3	East Carolina	WAI-06 (GB)	1/1/0/1
51	Terrence Melton	LB	6-1	235	28	3	Rice	FA-04	2/0/0/0
52	Jeff Faine	C	6-3	291	25	4	Notre Dame	TR-06 (Cle)	2/2/0/0
53	Mark Simoneau	LB	6-0	245	29	7	Kansas State	TR-06 (Phi)	2/2/0/0
54	Danny Clark	LB	6-2	245	29	7	Illinois	FA-06	2/0/0/0
55	Scott Fujita	LB	6-5	250	27	5	California	UFA-06 (Dal)	2/2/0/0
56	Alfred Fincher	LB	6-1	238	23	2	Connecticut	D3-05	2/0/0/0
58	Scott Shanle	LB	6-2	245	26	4	Nebraska	TR-06 (Dal)	2/2/0/0
61	Montrae Holland	G	6-2	322	26	4	Florida State	D4-03	1/0/1/0
64	Zach Strief	T	6-7	349	22	R	Northwestern	D7a-06	0/0/0/2
66	Brian Young	DT	6-2	298	29	7	UTEP	UFA-04 (StL)	2/2/0/0
67	Jamar Nesbit	G/T	6-4	328	29	8	South Carolina	UFA-04 (Jax)	2/2/0/0
70	Jammal Brown	T	6-6	313	25	2	Oklahoma	D1-05	2/2/0/0
73	Jahri Evans	G	6-4	318	23	R	Bloomsburg	D4-06	2/2/0/0
76	Jonathan Goodwin	G/C	6-3	318	27	5	Michigan	UFA-06 (NYJ)	2/0/0/0
77	Rodney Leisle	DT	6-3	315	25	3	UCLA	D5a-04	0/0/0/2
78	Jon Stinchcomb	T	6-5	315	27	4	Georgia	D2-03	2/2/0/0
79	Rob Petitti	T	6-6	327	24	2	Pittsburgh	WAI-06 (Dal)	0/0/0/2
80	Mark Campbell	TE	6-6	260	30	8	Michigan	FA-06	2/1/0/0
82	Nate Lawrie	TE	6-7	256	24	3	Yale	WAI-05 (TB)	2/0/0/0
85	Ernie Conwell	TE	6-2	255	34	11	Washington	UFA-03 (StL)	2/1/0/0
87	Joe Horn	WR	6-1	213	34	11	Itawamba (Miss.) JC	UFA-00 (KC)	2/2/0/0
89	Jamal Jones	WR	5-11	205	25	1	North Carolina A&T	FA-06	1/0/0/1
91	Will Smith	DE	6-3	282	25	3	Ohio State	D1-04	2/2/0/0
93	Rob Ninkovich	DE	6-2	252	22	R	Purdue	D5-06	2/0/0/0
94	Charles Grant	DE	6-3	290	28	5	Georgia	D1b-02	2/2/0/0
96	Antwan Lake	DT	6-4	308	27	4	West Virginia	WAI-06 (Atl)	2/0/0/0
98	Willie Whitehead	DT	6-3	300	33	8	Auburn	FA-99	2/0/0/0
99	Hollis Thomas	DT	6-0	306	32	11	Northern Illinois	TR-06 (Phi)	2/2/0/0

Players Currently On Active Roster 53

2006 Reserve/PUP

84	Michael Lewis	WR	5-8	173	34	6	None	FA-01	PUP
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2006 Reserve/Injured

1	Adrian McPherson	QB	6-3	218	23	2	Florida State	D5-05	IR
17	Mitch Berger	P	6-4	228	34	12	Colorado	UFA-03 (StL)	IR
33	Keith Joseph	RB	6-2	249	24	1	Texas A&M	FA-06	1/0/0/0
50	James Allen	LB	6-2	245	26	5	Oregon State	D3-02	IR
54	Tommy Polley	LB	6-3	230	28	6	Florida State	FA-06	IR
63	Chad Setterstrom	T	6-3	310	26	2	Northern Iowa	FA-05	IR
74	Augie Hoffmann	G	6-2	315	25	2	Boston College	FA-06	IR
75	Jermame Mayberry	G	6-4	325	33	11	Texas A&M-Kingsville	UFA-05 (Phi)	IR

Players Currently On Reserve/Injured (8)

HEAD COACH: SEAN PAYTON (First season). **Assistants:** John Bonamego (Special Teams Coordinator), Gary Gibbs (Defensive Coordinator), Doug Marrone (Offensive Coordinator/Offensive Line), Joe Vitt (Assistant Head Coach/Linebackers), George Henshaw (Senior Offensive Assistant/Running Backs), Dennis Allen (Assistant Defensive Line), Adam Bailey (Assistant Strength and Conditioning), Pete Carmichael Jr. (Quarterbacks), Dan Dalrymple (Head Strength and Conditioning), Tom Hayes (Defensive Backs), Marion Hobby (Defensive Line), Curtis Johnson (Wide Receivers), Terry Malone (Tight Ends), Greg McMahon (Assistant Special Teams), John Morton (Offensive Assistant/Passing Game), Tony Oden (Defensive Assistant/Secondary), Joe Alley (Coaching Assistant), Josh Constant (Coaching Assistant), Carter Sheridan (Coaching Assistant), Adam Zimmer (Coaching Assistant).



**PLAYER MINIBIOS & GAME-BY-GAME
STATISTICS, TEAM GAME-BY-GAME
SPECIFICS & SUPERLATIVES
NFL STAT PACKET**

ATLANTA FALCONS vs. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS
Monday, Sept. 25, 2006
Louisiana Superdome



NEW ORLEANS SAINTS / WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

WON 2, LOST 0				* RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
09/10 W 19-14	at Cleveland	72,915	McAllister		34	137	4.0	23t	2			
09/17 W 34-27	at Green Bay	70,602	Bush		21	72	3.4	18	0			
09/25	Atlanta		Karney		1	1	1.0	1	0			
10/01	at Carolina		Brees		7	-6	-.9	1	0			
10/08	Tampa Bay		TEAM		63	204	3.2	23t	2			
10/15	Philadelphia		OPPONENTS		42	148	3.5	16	1			
10/29	Baltimore		* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD				
11/05	at Tampa Bay		Bush	15	120	8.0	23	0				
11/12	at Pittsburgh		Colston	8	107	13.4	35t	2				
11/19	Cincinnati		J. Horn	7	113	16.1	57	0				
11/26	at Atlanta		Henderson	6	95	15.8	26t	1				
12/03	San Francisco		Stecker	3	21	7.0	12	0				
12/10	at Dallas		Campbell	1	33	33.0	33	0				
12/17	Washington		McAllister	1	24	24.0	24	0				
12/24	at New York Giants		McIntyre	1	10	10.0	10	0				
12/31	Carolina		TEAM	42	523	12.5	57	3				
	N.O.	Opp.	OPPONENTS	47	472	10.0	48	4				
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	37	36	* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD				
Rushing	7	8	Fujita	1	19	19.0	19	0				
Passing	29	24	Bullocks	1	14	14.0	14	0				
Penalty	1	4	Stoutmire	1	0	0.0	0	0				
3rd Down: Made/Att	15/33	14/30	TEAM	3	33	11.0	19	0				
3rd Down Pct.	45.5	46.7	OPPONENTS	2	10	5.0	10	0				
4th Down: Made/Att	1/2	0/1	* PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B	
4th Down Pct.	50.0	0.0	Weatherford	7	321	45.9	35.7	1	0	52	0	
POSSESSION AVG.	30:25	29:35	TEAM	7	321	45.9	35.7	1	0	52	0	
TOTAL NET YARDS	706	571	OPPONENTS	12	551	45.9	37.1	1	0	57	0	
Avg. Per Game	353.0	285.5	* PUNT RETURNS	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD			
Total Plays	138	131	Bush	7	0	58	8.3	14	0			
Avg. Per Play	5.1	4.4	L. Moore	2	0	28	14.0	25	0			
NET YARDS RUSHING	204	148	TEAM	9	0	86	9.6	25	0			
Avg. Per Game	102.0	74.0	OPPONENTS	5	1	51	10.2	31	0			
Total Rushes	63	42	* KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD				
NET YARDS PASSING	502	423	Stecker	3	59	19.7	22	0				
Avg. Per Game	251.0	211.5	Jones	1	27	27.0	27	0				
Sacked/Yards Lost	4/21	7/49	TEAM	4	86	21.5	27	0				
Gross Yards	523	472	OPPONENTS	10	215	21.5	40	0				
Att./Completions	71/42	82/47	* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+				
Completion Pct.	59.2	57.3	Carney	0/ 0	3/ 3	0/ 0	3/ 3	0/0				
Had Intercepted	2	3	TEAM	0/ 0	3/ 3	0/ 0	3/ 3	0/0				
PUNTS/AVERAGE	7/45.9	12/45.9	OPPONENTS	0/ 0	1/ 1	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/0				
NET PUNTING AVG.	7/35.7	12/37.1	Carney: (43G, 25G, 21G, 20G) (45G, 47G)									
PENALTIES/YARDS	8/58	9/66	OPPONENTS: () (24G, 36G)									
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	5/3	3/2										
TOUCHDOWNS	5	5										
Rushing	2	1										
Passing	3	4										
Returns	0	0										
* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS						
TEAM	3	20	13	17	0	53						
OPPONENTS	13	0	7	21	0	41						
* SCORING	TD-Ru-Pa-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS							
Carney	0 0 0 0	5/ 5	6/ 6	0	23							
Colston	2 0 2 0			0	12							
McAllister	2 2 0 0			0	12							
Henderson	1 0 1 0			0	6							
TEAM	5 2 3 0	5/ 5	6/ 6	0	53							
OPPONENTS	5 1 4 0	5/ 5	2/ 2	0	41							
2-Pt. Conversions:	TEAM 0-0, OPPONENTS 0-0											
SACKS:	Young 3, W. Smith 2, Harper 1, Whitehead 1, TEAM 7, OPPONENTS 4											
* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Brees	71	42	523	59.2	7.37	3	4.2	2	2.8	57	4/ 21	84.4
TEAM	71	42	523	59.2	7.37	3	4.2	2	2.8	57	4/ 21	84.4
OPPONENTS	82	47	472	57.3	5.76	4	4.9	3	3.7	48	7/ 49	74.8

New Orleans Saints 2006 Defensive Stats

Name	Regular Defensive Plays									Special Teams					Miscellaneous			
	TKL	AST	TOT	SACK/YDS	INT	PD	FF	FR		TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
Fujita, Scott	9	7	16			1	1	1										
Shanle, Scott	10	5	15					1										
Harper, Roman	12	2	14	1	9		1											
Mckenzie, Mike	7	4	11				1											
Bullocks, Josh	8	2	10			1	2											
Smith, Will	6	2	8	2	13				1									
Thomas, Fred	6	2	8				2											
Thomas, Hollis	4	4	8	0.5	5													
Grant, Charles	5	2	7					1										
Craft, Jason	6	0	6							1								
Young, Brian	4	2	6	2.5	16				1									
Simoneau, Mark	4	2	6															
Whitehead, Willie	3	1	4	1	6													
Stoutmire, Omar	3	1	4			1	1			1	1							
Ninkovich, Rob	2	0	2								2							
Stecker, Aaron	0	0	0							2	1							
Joseph, Keith	0	0	0							2								
Clark, Danny	0	0	0							1	1							
Fincher, Alfred	0	0	0							1								
Copper, Terrance	0	0	0							1								
Gleason, Steve	0	0	0							3								
Houser, Kevin	0	0	0							1								
Melton, Terrence	8	0	8							1	2							
McAllister, Deuce	0	0	0												1			1
Brown, Jamaal	0	0	0												1			1
Campbell, Mark	0	0	0												1			
Horn, Joe	0	0	0												1			
Totals	97	36	133	7	49	3	9	3	2	14	7	0	0	0	4	0	0	2

Defense: TKL: tackle, AST: assist, TOT: total, INT: interception, PD: pass defense, FF: forced fumble, FR: fumble recovery. Special Teams: BL: kicks blocked, RBL: return blocks (special teams coaches' stat).

2006 New Orleans Saints Game Participation

	9/10	9/17	9/15	10/1	10/8	10/15	10/29	11/5	11/12	11/19	11/26	12/3	12/10	12/17	12/24	12/31	
Name	@ Cle	@ GB	ATL	@ Car	TB	PHI	BAL	@ TB	@ Pit	CIN	@ Atl	SF	@ Dal	WAS	@ NYG	CAR	GP-GS-DNP-IA
ALLEN, James	IR	IR															Injured Reserve
BERGER, Mitch	IR	IR															Injured Reserve
BREES, Drew	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
BROWN, Jammal	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
BULLOCKS, Josh	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
BUSH, Reggie	PL	ST															2-1-0-0
CAMPBELL, Mark	ST	PL															2-1-0-0
CARNEY, John	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
CLARK, Danny	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
COLSTON, Marques	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
CONWELL, Ernie	ST	PL															2-1-0-0
COPPER, Terrance	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
CRAFT, Jason	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
DELOATCH, Curtis	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
EVANS, Jahri	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
FAINE, Jeff	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
FINCHER, Alfred	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
FUJITA, Scott	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
GLEASON, Steve	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
GOODWIN, Jonathan	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
GRANT, Charles	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
GROCE, DeJuan	IA	IA															0-0-0-2
HARPER, Roman	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
HAYNES, Michael	IA	WAI															0-0-0-1
HENDERSON, Devery	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
HOLLAND, Montrae	DNP	PL															1-0-1-0
HORN, Joe	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
HOUSER, Kevin	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
JONES, Jamal	PL	IA															1-0-0-1
JOSEPH, Keith	PL	IR															1-0-0-0
KARNEY, Mike	PL	IA															1-0-0-1
LAKE, Antwan	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
LAWRIE, Nate	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
LEACH, Vonta		IA															0-0-0-1
LEISLE, Rodney	IA	IA															0-0-0-2
LEWIS, Michael	PUP																0-0-0-0
MARTIN, Jamie	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
MAYBERRY, Jermane	IR	IR															Injured Reserve
McALLISTER, Deuce	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
McINTYRE, Corey		PL															1-0-0-0
McKENZIE, Mike	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
MELTON, Terrence	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
MOORE, Lance	IA	PL															1-0-0-1
NESBIT, Jamar	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
NINKOVICH, Rob	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
PETITTI, Rob	IA	IA															0-0-0-2
SCOTT, Bryan	IA	IA															0-0-0-2
SETTERSTROM, Chad	IR	IR															Injured Reserve
SHANLE, Scott	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
SIMONEAU, Mark	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
SMITH, Will	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
STECKER, Aaron	IA	ST															1-1-0-1
STINCHCOMB, Jon	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
STOUTMIRE, Omar	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
STRIEF, Zach	IA	IA															0-0-0-2
THOMAS, Fred	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
THOMAS, Hollis	ST	ST															2-2-0-0
WEATHERFORD	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
WHITEHEAD, Willie	PL	PL															2-0-0-0
YOUNG, Brian	ST	ST															2-2-0-0

LEGEND

DNP=Did Not Play	PUP=Physically Unable to Perform
IN=Inactive	ST=Started
IR=Injured Reserve	SUSP=Suspension
PL=Played	3QB=3rd Quarterback
PS=Practice Squad	XXX=Not With Team

2006 New Orleans Saints Team Superlatives

Saints

Category	High	Low
POINTS	34 9/17 @ GB	19 9/10 @Cle.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	20 9/17 @ GB	17 9/10 @Cle.
RUSHING FIRST DOWNS	5 9/10 @Cle.	2 9/17 @ GB
PASSING FIRST DOWNS	17 9/17 @ GB	12 9/10 @Cle.
PENALTY FIRST DOWNS	1 9/17 @ GB	0 9/10 @Cle.
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	50% 9/10 @Cle.	40% 9/17 @ GB
4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS	100% 9/17 @ GB	0% 9/10 @Cle.
TOTAL NET YARDS	380 9/17 @ GB	326 9/10 @Cle.
TOTAL PLAYS	71 9/10 @Cle.	67 9/17 @ GB
NET RUSHING YARDS	156 9/10 @Cle.	48 9/17 @ GB
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	40 9/10 @Cle.	22 9/17 @ GB
NET PASSING YARDS	332 9/17 @ GB	170 9/10 @Cle.
PASS ATTEMPTS	41 9/17 @ GB	30 9/10 @Cle.
PASS COMPLETIONS	26 9/17 @ GB	16 9/10 @Cle.
INTERCEPTIONS	1 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle & 9/17 @ GB	1 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle & 9/17 @ GB
TIMES SACKED	4 9/17 @ GB	0 9/10 @Cle.
PUNTS	4 9/17 @ GB	3 9/10 @Cle.
PENALTIES	6 9/10 @ Cle.	2 9/17 @ GB
PENALTY YARDS	44 9/10 @Cle.	14 9/17 @ GB
FUMBLES	4 9/17 @ GB	1 9/10 @Cle.
FUMBLES LOST	2 9/17 @ GB	1 9/10 @Cle.
TOUCHDOWNS	4 9/17 @ GB	1 9/10 @Cle.
RUSHING	2 9/17 @ GB	0 9/10 @Cle.
PASSING	2 9/17 @ GB	1 9/10 @Cle.
RETURNS	0 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle & 9/17 @ GB	0 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle & 9/17 @ GB
TIME OF POSSESSION	32:46 9/10 at Cle.	28:04 9/17 at GB

Opponents

Category	High	Low
POINTS	27 9/17 @ GB	14 9/10 @Cle.
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	21 9/17 @ GB	15 9/10 @Cle.
RUSHING FIRST DOWNS	6 9/10 @Cle.	2 9/17 @ GB
PASSING FIRST DOWNS	18 9/17 @ GB	6 9/10 @Cle.
PENALTY FIRST DOWNS	3 9/10 @Cle.	1 9/17 @ GB
3RD DOWN CONVERSIONS	50% 9/17 @ GB	42% 9/10 @Cle.
4TH DOWN CONVERSIONS	0% 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB	0% 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB
TOTAL NET YARDS	385 9/17 @ GB	186 9/10 @Cle.
TOTAL PLAYS	77 9/17 @ GB	54 9/10 @Cle.
NET RUSHING YARDS	85 9/10 @Cle.	63 9/17 @ GB
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	22 9/10 @Cle.	20 9/17 @ GB
NET PASSING YARDS	322 9/17 @ GB	101 9/10 @Cle.
PASS ATTEMPTS	55 9/17 @ GB	27 9/10 @Cle.
PASS COMPLETIONS	31 9/17 @ GB	16 9/10 @Cle.
INTERCEPTIONS	1 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB	1 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB
TIMES SACKED	5 9/10 @Cle.	2 9/17 @ GB
PUNTS	6 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB	6 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB
PENALTIES	5 9/17 @ GB	4 9/10 @Cle.
PENALTY YARDS	35 9/10 @Cle.	31 9/17 @ GB
FUMBLES	2 9/17 @ GB	1 9/10 @Cle.
FUMBLES LOST	1 9/10 @Cle.	1 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB
TOUCHDOWNS	3 9/17 @ GB	2 9/10 @Cle.
RUSHING	1 9/10 @Cle.	0 9/17 @ GB
PASSING	3 9/17 @ GB	1 9/10 @Cle.
RETURNS	0 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB	0 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB
TIME OF POSSESSION	31:56 9/17 @ GB	27:14 9/10 @ Cle.

2006 New Orleans Saints And Opponent Individual Single Game Highs

Category	Saints			Opponents		
PASS ATTEMPTS	41	Drew Brees	9/17 @ GB	55	Brett Favre	9/17 @ GB
PASS COMPLETIONS	26	Drew Brees	9/17 @ GB	31	Brett Favre	9/17 @ GB
GROSS PASSING YARDS	170	Drew Brees	9/10 @ Cle.	132	Charlie Frye	9/10 @ Cle.
COMPLETION PERCENTAGE	63.4%	Drew Brees	9/17 @ GB	59.3%	Charlie Frye	9/10 @ Cle.
TOUCHDOWN PASSES	2	Drew Brees	9/17 @ GB	3	Brett Favre	9/17 @ GB
PASSES HAD INTERCEPTED	1	Drew Brees, 2 times, 9/10 @ Cle. & 9/17 @ GB		2	Charlie Frye	9/10 @ Cle.
RUSHING ATTEMPTS	22	Deuce McAllister	9/10 @ Cle.	16	Ahman Green	9/17 @ GB
YARDS RUSHING	90	Deuce McAllister	9/10 @ Cle.	44	Charlie Frye	9/10 @ Cle.
RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS	2	Deuce McAllister	9/17 @ GB	1	Charlie Frye	9/10 @ Cle.
LONGEST RUN FROM SCRIMMAGE	23t	Deuce McAllister	9/17 @ GB	16	Donald Driver	9/17 @ GB
RECEPTIONS	8	Reggie Bush	9/17 @ GB	8	2 Players, last Donald Driver	
RECEIVING YARDS	88	Joe Horn	9/17 @ GB	153	Donald Driver	
RECEIVING TOUCHDOWNS	1	2 Players, last Marques Colston		1	4 Players, last Noah Herron	
LONGEST PASS RECEPTION	57	Joe Horn	9/17 @ GB	48	Donald Driver	
TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE	119	Reggie Bush	9/10 @ Cle.	169	Donald Driver	
FIELD GOALS	4	John Carney	9/10 @ Cle.	2	Dave Rayner	
LONGEST FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT	47	John Carney	9/17 @ GB	36	Dave Rayner	
LONGEST FIELD GOAL MADE	47	John Carney	9/17 @ GB	36	Dave Rayner	
PUNTS	4	Steve Weatherford	9/17 @ GB	6	2 players, last Jon Ryan	
LONGEST PUNT	52	Steve Weatherford	9/17 @ GB	57	Jon Ryan	
LONGEST PUNT RETURN	25	Lance Moore	9/17 @ GB	31	Dennis Northcutt	
LONGEST KICKOFF RETURN	27	Jamal Jones	9/10 @ Cle.	40	J. Cribbs	
TACKLES	9	Scott Fujita	9/17 @ GB	11	Andra Davis	
INTERCEPTIONS	1	3 Players, last Omar Stoutmire		1	2 Players, last Al Harris	
LONGEST INTERCEPTION RETURN	19	Scott Fujita	9/10 @ Cle.	10	Sean Jones	
LONGEST FUMBLE RETURN	0	2 Players, last Will Smith		0	2 Players, last Cullen Jenkins	

2006 Big Games

Saints		
300-Yard Passers	100-Yard Rushers	100-Yard Receivers
Drew Brees, 9/17 @ GB	353	

Opponents		
300-Yard Passers	100-Yard Rushers	100-Yard Receivers
Brett Favre, 9/17 @ GB	340	Donald Driver, 9/17 @ GB 153

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Drive Engineering

		18.2													
Date	Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	Miss FG	Punt	Bk Punt	Fumble	INT	Downs	Safety	Half	Game	Off.Pts.	Score Pct.
9/10	at Cle	12	1	4	0	3	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	19	41.7%
9/17	at GB	15	4	2	0	4	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	34	40.0%
9/25	ATL														
10/1	at Car														
10/8	TB														
10/15	PHI														
10/29	BAL														
11/5	at TB														
11/12	at Pit														
11/19	CIN														
11/26	at Atl														
12/3	SF														
12/10	at Dal														
12/17	WAS														
12/24	at NYG														
12/31	CAR														
Totals		27	5	6	0	7	0	3	2	1	0	2	1	53	40.7%

		Opponents													
Date	Opp.	Drives	TD	FG	Miss FG	Punt	Bk Punt	Fumble	INT	Downs	Safety	Half	Game	Off.Pts.	Score Pct.
9/10	at Cle	11	2	0	0	6	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	14	18.2%
9/17	at GB	14	3	2	0	6	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	27	35.7%
9/25	ATL														
10/1	at Car														
10/8	TB														
10/15	PHI														
10/29	BAL														
11/5	at TB														
11/12	at Pit														
11/19	CIN														
11/26	at Atl														
12/3	SF														
12/10	at Dal														
12/17	WAS														
12/24	at NYG														
12/31	CAR														
Totals		25	5	2	0	12	0	2	3	1	0	0	0	41	25.9%

Inside the Red Zone

		Saints													
Date	Opp.	No.	TD	FG	MFG	INT	Fumble	Downs	Punt	Half	End Reg	Game	TD%	Score Pct.	Points
9/10	at Cle	4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.0%	100.0%	16
9/17	at GB	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%	100.0%	7
9/25	ATL														
10/1	at Car														
10/8	TB														
10/15	PHI														
10/29	BAL														
11/5	at TB														
11/12	at Pit														
11/19	CIN														
11/26	at Atl														
12/3	SF														
12/10	at Dal														
12/17	WAS														
12/24	at NYG														
12/31	CAR														
Totals		5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.0%	100.0%	23

		Opponents													
Date	Opp.	No.	TD	FG	MFG	INT	Fumble	Downs	Punt	Half	End Reg	Game	TD%	Score Pct.	Points
9/10	at Cle	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	66.7%	66.7%	14
9/17	at GB	5	2	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	40.0%	80.0%	20
9/25	ATL														
10/1	at Car														
10/8	TB														
10/15	PHI														
10/29	BAL														
11/5	at TB														
11/12	at Pit														
11/19	CIN														
11/26	at Atl														
12/3	SF														
12/10	at Dal														
12/17	WAS														
12/24	at NYG														
12/31	CAR														
Totals		8	4	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0%	75.0%	34

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Goal-To-Go Situations

Saints															
Date	Opp.	No.	TD	FG	MFG	INT	Fumble	Downs	Punt	Half	End Reg	Game	TD%	Score Pct.	Points
9/10	at Cle	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	100.0%	9
9/17	at GB	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%	100.0%	7
9/25	ATL														
10/1	at Car														
10/8	TB														
10/15	PHI														
10/29	BAL														
11/5	at TB														
11/12	at Pit														
11/19	CIN														
11/26	at Atl														
12/3	SF														
12/10	at Dal														
12/17	WAS														
12/24	at NYG														
12/31	CAR														
Totals		4	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25.0%	100.0%	16

Opponents															
Date	Opp.	No.	TD	FG	MFG	INT	Fumble	Downs	Punt	Half	End Reg	Game	TD%	Score Pct.	Points
9/10	at Cle	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	100.0%	100.0%	7
9/17	at GB	4	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	50.0%	100.0%	17
9/25	ATL														
10/1	at Car														
10/8	TB														
10/15	PHI														
10/29	BAL														
11/5	at TB														
11/12	at Pit														
11/19	CIN														
11/26	at Atl														
12/3	SF														
12/10	at Dal														
12/17	WAS														
12/24	at NYG														
12/31	CAR														
Totals		5	3	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	60.0%	80.0%	24

Date	Opp.	Takeaways			Giveaways			Diff	W/L
		INT	FMBl	Total	INT	FMBl	Total		
9/10	at Cle	2	1	3	1	1	2	1	W
9/17	at GB	1	1	2	1	2	3	-1	W
9/25	ATL								
10/1	at Car								
10/8	TB								
10/15	PHI								
10/29	BAL								
11/5	at TB								
11/12	at Pit								
11/19	CIN								
11/26	at Atl								
12/3	SF								
12/10	at Dal								
12/17	WAS								
12/24	at NYG								
12/31	CAR								
Totals		3	2	5	2	3	5	Even (2-0)	

	Blocks			
	FG's	PAT's	Punts	Total
Saints	0	0	0	0
Opp.	0	0	0	0

	4th Down Conversions		
	Made	Att.	Perct.
Saints	1	2	50.0%
Opp.	0	1	0.0%

Third Down Conversion Breakdown

Saints			
3rd &	Made	Att.	Percent
1	1	3	33.3%
2	1	3	33.3%
3	1	2	50.0%
4	5	5	100.0%
5	2	5	40.0%
6	1	2	50.0%
7	0	1	0.0%
8	3	4	75.0%
9	0	4	0.0%
10+	1	4	25.0%
Totals	15	33	45.5%

Opponents			
3rd &	Made	Att.	Percent
1	4	6	66.7%
2	1	1	100.0%
3	1	4	25.0%
4	1	1	100.0%
5	0	0	0.0%
6	0	0	0.0%
7	2	2	100.0%
8	2	5	40.0%
9	1	2	50.0%
10+	2	9	22.2%
Totals	14	30	46.7%

Scoring By Quarters

Saints							Opponents								
Date	Opp.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total	Date	Opp.	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
9/10	at Cle	3	6	7	3	0	19	9/10	at Cle	0	0	7	7	0	14
9/17	at GB	0	14	6	14	0	34	9/17	at GB	13	0	0	14	0	27
9/25	ATL							9/25	ATL						
10/1	at Car							10/1	at Car						
10/8	TB							10/8	TB						
10/15	PHI							10/15	PHI						
10/29	BAL							10/29	BAL						
11/5	at TB							11/5	at TB						
11/12	at Pit							11/12	at Pit						
11/19	CIN							11/19	CIN						
11/26	at Atl							11/26	at Atl						
12/3	SF							12/3	SF						
12/10	at Dal							12/10	at Dal						
12/17	WAS							12/17	WAS						
12/24	at NYG							12/24	at NYG						
12/31	CAR							12/31	CAR						
Totals		3	20	13	17	0	53	Totals		13	0	7	21	0	41

Opponent Scoring Plays

Opp	Qtr	Time	Play	Plays	Yards	Time	Saints	Opp.
at Cle	3	9:05	Winslow 18 yd. pass from Frye (Dawson kick)	10	67	5:04	9	7
at Cle	4	11:20	Frye 1 yd. run (Dawson kick)	13	74	5:40	16	14
at GB	1	11:06	Jennings 22 yd. pass from Favre (Rayner kick)	5	37	2:36	0	7
at GB	1	8:38	Rayner 24 yd. FG	4	9	0:58	0	10
at GB	1	0:50	Rayner 36 yd. FG	8	75	3:53	0	13
at GB	4	14:18	Ferguson 4 yd. pass from Favre (Rayner kick)	9	80	3:44	20	20
at GB	4	4:18	Herron 6 yd. pass from Favre (Rayner kick)	10	68	3:36	34	27

Scoring Totals: 5 TD (4 pass, 1 run, 0 return), 2 FG, 0 S -- 41 points

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TEAM RANKINGS

American Football Conference

Offense Defense

	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
Balt.	13	7	13	*1	*1	3
Buff.	15	8	15	10	12	6T
Cin.	4	5	4	8	5	8
Cleve.	14	12T	10	14	14	14
Denver	8	3	14	9	11	6T
Hou.	12	10	8	16	9	16
Ind.	1	9	*1	13	13	10
Jax	7	11	3	11	6	12
K.C.	9	6	12	4	10	5
Miami	10	15	5	3	8	4
N.E.	6	2	9	7	4	9
Jets	3	12T	2	12	7	11
Oak.	16	16	16	6	15T	2
Pitt.	5	4	7	5	2	13
S.D.	2	1	11	2	3	*1
Tenn.	11	14	6	15	15T	15

National Football Conference

Offense Defense

	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
Ariz.	10	14	7	13	13	13
Atl.	3	*1	16	5	2	11
Car.	16	12	15	15	15	4
Chi.	5	10	3	2	4	5
Dallas	7	7T	8	4	8	6
Det.	14	15	11	10	9	12
G.B.	9	13	6	14	6	15
Minn.	8	7T	9	3	11	2
N.O.	6	9	5	6	3	8
Giants	2	2	2	16	7	16
Phil.	*1	4T	1	9	5	14
St. L.	12	3	13	7	14	3
S.F.	4	6	4	8	10	9
Sea.	11	4T	12	1	1	7
T.B.	15	16	10	11	16	1
Wash.	13	11	14	12	12	10

National Football League

Offense Defense

	Total	Rush	Pass	Total	Rush	Pass
Ariz.	16	25	9	26	21	26
Atl.	5	*1	30	10T	4	22
Balt.	25	10	28	*1	*1	3
Buff.	31	16T	31	16	25	7T
Car.	30	22	26	28	31	11
Chi.	7	18	5	4	7	12
Cin.	9	6	13	14	12	15
Cleve.	29	26T	22	30	28	28
Dallas	11	14T	10	7	13	13
Denver	20	4	29	15	24	7T
Det.	27	31	16	21	15	23
G.B.	15	23	8	27	10	30
Hou.	24	21	20	32	22	32
Ind.	2	20	*1	25	27	19
Jax	17	24	11	20	14	24
K.C.	21	8	27	8	23	6
Miami	22	29	14	5	20	5
Minn.	14	14T	12	6	17	9
N.E.	13	3	21	13	8	17
N.O.	10	16T	7	12	6	16
Giants	3	7	4	29	11	31
Jets	8	26T	3	24	19	21
Oak.	32	30	32	10T	29T	2
Phil.	*1	11T	2	19	9	27
Pitt.	12	5	18	9	2	25
St. L.	19	9	24	17	26	10
S.D.	4	2	23	2	5	*1
S.F.	6	13	6	18	16	18
Sea.	18	11T	19	3	3	14
T.B.	28	32	15	22	32	4
Tenn.	23	28	17	31	29T	29
Wash.	26	19	25	23	18	20

T = Tied for position

*** = League Leader**

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OFFENSE	Car.	T.B.	Chi.	Minn.	Cin.	Pitt.	G.B.	Det.
GAMES (Won-Lost)	0-2	0-2	2-0	2-0	2-0	1-0	0-2	0-2
FIRST DOWNS	29	30	40	35	39	20	35	30
Rushing	8	4	8	10	14	6	8	6
Passing	19	22	28	20	24	11	26	20
Penalty	2	4	4	5	1	3	1	4
YDS GAINED (tot)	486	493	744	674	717	342	652	496
Avg per Game	243.0	246.5	372.0	337.0	358.5	342.0	326.0	248.0
RUSHING (net)	172	66	198	226	276	146	166	84
Avg per Game	86.0	33.0	99.0	113.0	138.0	146.0	83.0	42.0
Rushes	43	29	70	67	66	38	43	31
Yards per Rush	4.0	2.3	2.8	3.4	4.2	3.8	3.9	2.7
PASSING (net)	314	427	546	448	441	196	486	412
Avg per Game	157.0	213.5	273.0	224.0	220.5	196.0	243.0	206.0
Passes Att.	72	87	55	62	59	25	85	67
Completed	38	46	40	36	37	15	47	44
Pct Completed	52.8	52.9	72.7	58.1	62.7	60.0	55.3	65.7
Yards Gained	367	450	552	482	479	209	526	459
Sacked	6	4	1	6	5	3	5	9
Yards Lost	53	23	6	34	38	13	40	47
Had intercepted	1	6	1	1	2	0	3	0
Yards Opp Ret	-5	201	0	13	35	0	28	0
Opp TDs on Int	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUNTS	15	12	7	12	9	5	12	12
Avg Yards	46.3	45.2	46.0	42.8	45.0	46.6	46.3	43.0
PUNT RETURNS	6	6	9	8	3	3	6	4
Avg Return	5.2	9.5	13.9	6.1	5.7	1.7	9.0	3.8
Returned for TD	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	7	8	3	8	5	3	12	6
Avg Return	21.4	22.8	19.0	24.8	17.6	25.0	19.2	17.3
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENALTIES	14	11	10	18	14	1	10	21
Yards Penalized	77	120	118	114	89	10	76	165
FUMBLES BY	4	0	2	2	2	1	3	6
Fumbles Lost	2	0	1	0	1	1	2	4
Opp Fumbles	1	7	4	3	5	1	4	4
Opp Fum Lost	0	1	4	1	3	0	2	2
POSS. TIME (avg)	25:08	25:01	33:32	32:38	31:04	35:27	28:56	27:18
TOUCHDOWNS	1	0	6	3	6	4	3	1
Rushing	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	1
Passing	0	0	5	2	2	3	3	0
Returns	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
EXTRA-PT KICKS	1/1	0/0	6/6	2/2	6/6	4/4	3/3	1/1
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/1	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	4/4	1/3	6/6	5/7	5/6	0/1	2/3	2/4
POINTS SCORED	19	3	60	35	57	28	27	13
DEFENSE	Car.	T.B.	Chi.	Minn.	Cin.	Pitt.	G.B.	Det.
POINTS ALLOWED	36	41	7	29	27	17	60	43
OPP FIRST DOWNS	41	38	29	29	35	15	38	39
Rushing	20	20	8	9	12	3	6	9
Passing	18	14	19	17	20	12	29	27
Penalty	3	4	2	3	3	0	3	3
OPP YARDS GAINED	750	653	512	537	590	278	741	647
Avg per Game	375.0	326.5	256.0	268.5	295.0	278.0	370.5	323.5
OPP RUSHING(net)	392	409	149	210	170	38	157	180
Avg per Game	196.0	204.5	74.5	105.0	85.0	38.0	78.5	90.0
Rushes	80	78	37	52	45	18	58	60
Yards per Rush	4.9	5.2	4.0	4.0	3.8	2.1	2.7	3.0
OPP PASSING(net)	358	244	363	327	420	240	584	467
Avg per Game	179.0	122.0	181.5	163.5	210.0	240.0	292.0	233.5
Passes Att.	54	43	60	61	68	37	68	58
Completed	30	27	39	34	43	18	45	46
Pct Completed	55.6	62.8	65.0	55.7	63.2	48.6	66.2	79.3
Sacked	6	4	9	2	7	3	5	5
Yards Lost	41	29	53	17	54	22	27	37
INTERCEPTED BY	1	1	2	0	3	2	2	0
Yards Returned	13	21	28	0	6	42	0	0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	9	6	4	6	5	3	11	8
Avg return	5.7	12.0	12.3	7.7	2.6	26.3	15.3	8.0
OPP KICKOFF RET	7	2	11	8	10	4	4	5
Avg return	26.7	20.5	17.7	21.3	20.7	18.5	19.3	25.4
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	3	5	1	2	3	2	6	4
Rushing	0	2	1	2	2	2	2	0
Passing	3	2	0	0	1	0	3	4
Returns	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

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OFFENSE	Jax	Ind.	NY-J	Buff.	Tenn.	Miami	Wash.	Hou.
GAMES (Won-Lost)	1-0	2-0	1-1	1-1	0-2	0-2	0-2	0-2
FIRST DOWNS	22	56	40	24	36	30	31	37
Rushing	6	13	4	11	10	8	9	10
Passing	14	38	29	12	24	22	17	22
Penalty	2	5	7	1	2	0	5	5
YDS GAINED (tot)	307	842	730	411	546	560	511	540
Avg per Game	307.0	421.0	365.0	205.5	273.0	280.0	255.5	270.0
RUSHING (net)	78	180	142	204	141	130	196	178
Avg per Game	78.0	90.0	71.0	102.0	70.5	65.0	98.0	89.0
Rushes	32	58	58	56	44	38	45	43
Yards per Rush	2.4	3.1	2.4	3.6	3.2	3.4	4.4	4.1
PASSING (net)	229	662	588	207	405	430	315	362
Avg per Game	229.0	331.0	294.0	103.5	202.5	215.0	157.5	181.0
Passes Att.	34	79	70	41	80	69	61	53
Completed	23	51	46	26	33	41	35	40
Pct Completed	67.6	64.6	65.7	63.4	41.3	59.4	57.4	75.5
Yards Gained	237	676	625	247	413	512	360	427
Sacked	1	3	6	5	2	10	6	9
Yards Lost	8	14	37	40	8	82	45	65
Had intercepted	1	1	1	0	5	3	1	0
Yards Opp Ret	0	16	8	0	46	42	0	0
Opp TDs on Int	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
PUNTS	6	3	9	11	13	13	13	9
Avg Yards	44.0	49.0	39.8	40.8	40.5	38.7	48.3	43.1
PUNT RETURNS	4	4	3	6	3	4	8	1
Avg Return	7.5	4.8	5.7	12.0	7.7	21.5	9.4	0.0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	2	9	7	5	13	8	8	12
Avg Return	6.5	24.0	25.4	26.4	23.2	21.9	30.9	22.3
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
PENALTIES	2	10	12	11	14	12	18	11
Yards Penalized	41	80	101	83	125	138	172	78
FUMBLES BY	1	1	2	3	4	3	2	5
Fumbles Lost	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	2
Opp Fumbles	0	5	3	4	2	1	3	1
Opp Fum Lost	0	3	1	1	2	1	1	1
POSS. TIME (avg)	34:12	32:26	31:53	29:02	23:42	26:47	28:11	26:07
TOUCHDOWNS	3	7	5	3	3	3	2	4
Rushing	2	3	1	1	2	2	1	0
Passing	1	4	4	1	1	1	0	4
Returns	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0
EXTRA-PT KICKS	3/3	6/7	4/5	3/3	1/1	2/2	2/2	4/4
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	0/1	0/0	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	1/2	7/7	2/4	4/4	0/0	1/2	4/5	2/2
POINTS SCORED	24	69	40	33	23	23	26	34

DEFENSE	Jax	Ind.	NY-J	Buff.	Tenn.	Miami	Wash.	Hou.
POINTS ALLOWED	17	45	40	25	63	44	46	67
OPP FIRST DOWNS	14	41	46	34	50	32	40	58
Rushing	4	12	15	16	14	12	10	16
Passing	9	27	28	18	30	16	21	38
Penalty	1	2	3	0	6	4	9	4
OPP YARDS GAINED	323	732	686	601	869	513	676	956
Avg per Game	323.0	366.0	343.0	300.5	434.5	256.5	338.0	478.0
OPP RUSHING(net)	88	294	233	275	332	251	224	255
Avg per Game	88.0	147.0	116.5	137.5	166.0	125.5	112.0	127.5
Rushes	22	51	64	61	71	70	65	65
Yards per Rush	4.0	5.8	3.6	4.5	4.7	3.6	3.4	3.9
OPP PASSING(net)	235	438	453	326	537	262	452	701
Avg per Game	235.0	219.0	226.5	163.0	268.5	131.0	226.0	350.5
Passes Att.	33	60	71	55	69	43	68	73
Completed	16	42	35	34	49	26	35	50
Pct Completed	48.5	70.0	49.3	61.8	71.0	60.5	51.5	68.5
Sacked	2	4	3	10	2	5	2	3
Yards Lost	11	28	17	87	17	30	8	13
INTERCEPTED BY	3	1	4	2	0	0	0	1
Yards Returned	37	4	25	10	0	0	0	11
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	4	2	4	2	5	8	9	6
Avg return	5.5	6.0	7.3	10.5	9.0	9.6	11.3	7.2
OPP KICKOFF RET	4	13	8	8	5	4	7	8
Avg return	16.3	21.1	26.1	22.9	23.0	24.3	25.3	20.3
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	2	6	5	3	7	5	5	8
Rushing	1	1	4	0	4	0	2	2
Passing	1	5	1	3	3	4	3	6
Returns	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0

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OFFENSE	Balt.	Clev.	NY-G	Sea.	Phil.	S.F.	St.L.	Ariz.
GAMES (Won-Lost)	2-0	0-2	1-1	2-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	1-1
FIRST DOWNS	30	32	47	37	47	33	33	40
Rushing	10	12	14	15	15	11	11	8
Passing	18	14	32	20	32	19	20	28
Penalty	2	6	1	2	0	3	2	4
YDS GAINED (tot)	535	487	837	605	892	753	585	623
Avg per Game	267.5	243.5	418.5	302.5	446.0	376.5	292.5	311.5
RUSHING (net)	241	142	272	237	237	234	243	149
Avg per Game	120.5	71.0	136.0	118.5	118.5	117.0	121.5	74.5
Rushes	65	42	54	62	60	51	56	49
Yards per Rush	3.7	3.4	5.0	3.8	4.0	4.6	4.3	3.0
PASSING (net)	294	345	565	368	655	519	342	474
Avg per Game	147.0	172.5	282.5	184.0	327.5	259.5	171.0	237.0
Passes Att.	60	60	77	57	80	62	68	75
Completed	33	36	51	37	51	34	37	47
Pct Completed	55.0	60.0	66.2	64.9	63.8	54.8	54.4	62.7
Yards Gained	324	376	618	431	664	521	402	532
Sacked	3	5	8	8	2	1	9	8
Yards Lost	30	31	53	63	9	2	60	58
Had intercepted	1	4	2	2	1	0	0	1
Yards Opp Ret	31	40	21	0	11	0	0	1
Opp TDs on Int	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUNTS	13	12	9	10	8	8	8	10
Avg Yards	45.0	43.8	44.1	45.6	40.9	40.6	45.8	41.1
PUNT RETURNS	6	4	4	8	6	4	2	4
Avg Return	12.2	12.3	4.5	8.8	11.2	19.5	15.0	7.3
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	5	11	11	4	7	10	7	9
Avg Return	36.2	21.3	19.5	26.3	18.9	26.6	24.3	25.1
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENALTIES	14	6	19	15	15	10	16	22
Yards Penalized	97	62	139	128	117	82	134	151
FUMBLES BY	4	2	4	3	1	3	1	8
Fumbles Lost	0	2	1	1	1	3	1	2
Opp Fumbles	5	1	1	8	4	4	3	3
Opp Fum Lost	3	1	1	2	0	2	3	2
POSS. TIME (avg)	33:55	26:35	31:20	32:09	29:59	25:11	33:43	31:34
TOUCHDOWNS	5	4	7	3	6	5	1	5
Rushing	2	3	1	2	1	3	0	1
Passing	2	1	5	1	5	2	1	4
Returns	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
EXTRA-PT KICKS	5/5	4/4	6/6	3/3	6/6	5/5	1/1	5/5
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	6/6	1/1	1/2	3/6	2/3	4/6	8/10	3/5
POINTS SCORED	55	31	51	30	48	47	31	44
DEFENSE	Balt.	Clev.	NY-G	Sea.	Phil.	S.F.	St.L.	Ariz.
POINTS ALLOWED	6	53	50	16	40	47	30	48
OPP FIRST DOWNS	22	44	45	32	43	40	31	39
Rushing	5	13	12	7	12	10	14	16
Passing	13	30	32	20	27	28	16	19
Penalty	4	1	1	5	4	2	1	4
OPP YARDS GAINED	304	807	778	507	645	632	619	734
Avg per Game	152.0	403.5	389.0	253.5	322.5	316.0	309.5	367.0
OPP RUSHING(net)	65	316	162	103	156	202	288	253
Avg per Game	32.5	158.0	81.0	51.5	78.0	101.0	144.0	126.5
Rushes	39	73	53	37	46	57	58	54
Yards per Rush	1.7	4.3	3.1	2.8	3.4	3.5	5.0	4.7
OPP PASSING(net)	239	491	616	404	489	430	331	481
Avg per Game	119.5	245.5	308.0	202.0	244.5	215.0	165.5	240.5
Passes Att.	61	70	86	75	70	71	48	67
Completed	28	40	52	45	49	42	24	35
Pct Completed	45.9	57.1	60.5	60.0	70.0	59.2	50.0	52.2
Sacked	9	4	2	8	13	9	4	4
Yards Lost	60	31	10	56	90	56	40	28
INTERCEPTED BY	6	3	1	1	1	0	3	2
Yards Returned	211	45	16	1	17	0	51	0
Returned for TD	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	9	5	4	7	3	1	2	7
Avg return	9.6	7.4	10.8	5.6	2.0	30.0	5.0	14.0
OPP KICKOFF RET	13	4	8	6	10	10	7	8
Avg return	27.2	16.8	23.3	23.3	20.8	24.3	25.0	23.3
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	0	5	5	1	5	5	3	6
Rushing	0	2	2	0	0	1	2	4
Passing	0	3	3	1	4	4	1	2
Returns	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

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OFFENSE	Denv.	N.E.	Atl.	N.O.	K.C.	Oak.	S.D.	Dal.
GAMES (Won-Lost)	1-1	2-0	2-0	2-0	0-2	0-2	2-0	1-1
FIRST DOWNS	35	43	46	37	34	23	40	36
Rushing	17	19	29	7	13	7	18	10
Passing	16	22	13	29	21	12	19	20
Penalty	2	2	4	1	0	4	3	6
YDS GAINED (tot)	577	677	767	706	565	291	778	690
Avg per Game	288.5	338.5	383.5	353.0	282.5	145.5	389.0	345.0
RUSHING (net)	306	330	558	204	258	126	435	226
Avg per Game	153.0	165.0	279.0	102.0	129.0	63.0	217.5	113.0
Rushes	61	80	91	63	59	46	85	53
Yards per Rush	5.0	4.1	6.1	3.2	4.4	2.7	5.1	4.3
PASSING (net)	271	347	209	502	307	165	343	464
Avg per Game	135.5	173.5	104.5	251.0	153.5	82.5	171.5	232.0
Passes Att.	56	52	38	71	58	46	47	71
Completed	29	26	20	42	40	18	33	35
Pct Completed	51.8	50.0	52.6	59.2	69.0	39.1	70.2	49.3
Yards Gained	311	383	232	523	363	258	343	483
Sacked	4	4	4	4	8	15	0	3
Yards Lost	40	36	23	21	56	93	0	19
Had intercepted	4	2	1	2	1	3	0	3
Yards Opp Ret	51	10	21	10	-1	88	0	37
Opp TDs on Int	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PUNTS	9	7	6	7	10	13	7	12
Avg Yards	47.8	48.7	42.0	45.9	44.6	48.8	42.3	50.8
PUNT RETURNS	3	2	4	9	8	7	8	11
Avg Return	3.3	10.0	11.0	9.6	9.6	5.7	8.5	8.8
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
KICKOFF RETURNS	6	7	4	4	6	13	3	7
Avg Return	13.3	24.7	27.5	21.5	24.3	26.8	15.3	20.6
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
PENALTIES	4	7	10	8	9	13	10	18
Yards Penalized	30	69	103	58	66	99	78	183
FUMBLES BY	3	3	4	5	7	6	1	1
Fumbles Lost	2	2	1	3	4	4	0	1
Opp Fumbles	3	3	3	3	3	1	3	1
Opp Fum Lost	2	0	1	2	1	0	1	0
POSS. TIME (avg)	29:31	31:35	35:19	30:25	30:04	26:06	37:12	28:52
TOUCHDOWNS	1	5	4	5	1	0	7	5
Rushing	1	2	1	2	0	0	5	2
Passing	0	3	3	3	1	0	2	3
Returns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EXTRA-PT KICKS	1/1	5/5	4/4	5/5	1/1	0/0	7/7	5/5
2-PT CONVERSIONS	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
FIELD GOALS/FGA	4/5	2/3	2/8	6/6	3/4	2/2	6/6	3/4
POINTS SCORED	19	43	34	53	16	6	67	44
DEFENSE	Denv.	N.E.	Atl.	N.O.	K.C.	Oak.	S.D.	Dal.
POINTS ALLOWED	24	34	9	41	32	55	7	34
OPP FIRST DOWNS	32	28	37	36	30	28	23	38
Rushing	13	5	5	8	14	13	8	10
Passing	18	20	27	24	15	14	14	23
Penalty	1	3	5	4	1	1	1	5
OPP YARDS GAINED	596	577	566	571	554	566	347	552
Avg per Game	298.0	288.5	283.0	285.5	277.0	283.0	173.5	276.0
OPP RUSHING(net)	270	150	105	148	261	332	142	171
Avg per Game	135.0	75.0	52.5	74.0	130.5	166.0	71.0	85.5
Rushes	62	48	32	42	70	79	39	52
Yards per Rush	4.4	3.1	3.3	3.5	3.7	4.2	3.6	3.3
OPP PASSING(net)	326	427	461	423	293	234	205	381
Avg per Game	163.0	213.5	230.5	211.5	146.5	117.0	102.5	190.5
Passes Att.	57	60	92	82	49	44	57	67
Completed	35	37	49	47	29	24	21	41
Pct Completed	61.4	61.7	53.3	57.3	59.2	54.5	36.8	61.2
Sacked	4	7	5	7	1	2	9	7
Yards Lost	24	43	38	49	7	17	54	53
INTERCEPTED BY	0	1	4	3	1	1	2	2
Yards Returned	0	8	73	33	0	31	21	0
Returned for TD	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
OPP PUNT RETURNS	6	2	4	5	3	6	3	9
Avg return	12.0	3.0	5.8	10.2	3.0	8.3	0.3	8.6
OPP KICKOFF RET	4	8	5	10	4	5	14	6
Avg return	27.5	24.9	19.8	21.5	12.5	36.6	23.3	29.3
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	0	4	0	5	2	5	1	4
Rushing	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	2
Passing	0	2	0	4	0	2	1	1
Returns	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1

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OFFENSE	NFL/Avg
GAMES (Won-Lost)	---
FIRST DOWNS	35.2
Rushing	11.0
Passing	21.3
Penalty	2.9
YDS GAINED (tot)	606.8
Avg per Game	313.2
RUSHING (net)	211.9
Avg per Game	109.4
Rushes	54.3
Yards per Rush	3.9
PASSING (net)	394.9
Avg per Game	203.8
Passes Att.	61.8
Completed	36.5
Pct Completed	59.0
Yards Gained	430.8
Sacked	5.2
Yards Lost	35.8
Had intercepted	1.7
Yards Opp Ret	22.0
Opp TDs on Int	0.1
PUNTS	9.7
Avg Yards	44.4
PUNT RETURNS	5.3
Avg Return	9.1
Returned for TD	0.0
KICKOFF RETURNS	7.2
Avg Return	22.9
Returned for TD	0.0
PENALTIES	12.0
Yards Penalized	99.5
FUMBLES BY	3.0
Fumbles Lost	1.4
Opp Fumbles	3.0
Opp Fum Lost	1.4
POSS. TIME (avg)	30:00
TOUCHDOWNS	3.7
Rushing	1.4
Passing	2.1
Returns	0.2
EXTRA-PT KICKS	98%
2-PT CONVERSIONS	50%
FIELD GOALS/FGA	3/4
POINTS SCORED	35.4

DEFENSE	NFL/Avg
POINTS ALLOWED	35.4
OPP FIRST DOWNS	35.2
Rushing	11.0
Passing	21.3
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OPP YARDS GAINED	606.8
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Passes Att.	61.8
Completed	36.5
Pct Completed	59.0
Sacked	5.2
Yards Lost	35.8
INTERCEPTED BY	1.7
Yards Returned	22.0
Returned for TD	0.1
OPP PUNT RETURNS	5.3
Avg return	9.1
OPP KICKOFF RET	7.2
Avg return	22.9
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	3.7
Rushing	1.4
Passing	2.1
Returns	0.2

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Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)
BAL	13	14	7	8	13	12	7	5	13t	11	13t	3	1	6t	12	5	1t
BUF	15	15	8	9	15	15	1t	12	15	14	10t	4	3	13	5	10	1t
CIN	4	3	5	4	4	5	10	9	7	5	13t	11t	13	6t	11	3	8
CLE	14	11	12t	11	10	10	15	8	12	12	10t	2	12	10	9	11	1t
DEN	8	9	3	2	14	14	16	6	10	13	1t	14	15	4	8	14	9
HOU	12	6	10	5	8	8	1t	15	8	10	7t	16	10	11	6t	9	1t
IND	1	1	9	13	1	1	5	4	1	1	13t	13	8	1	6t	1	1t
JAC	7	10	11	16	3	6	9	3	2	8	13t	9	16	9	10	6	12t
KC	9	12	6	3	12	13	8	13	11	9	4	6	7	8	4	15	10
MIA	10	8	15	10	5	9	12	14	13t	7	7t	1	11	16	15	12t	12t
NE	6	7	2	6	9	7	11	7	3	3	1t	5	6	3	1t	7	11
NYJ	3	4	12t	15	2	2	6	10	4t	2	10t	11t	4	15	13	8	12t
OAK	16	16	16	14	16	16	14	16	16	16	9	10	2	2	3	16	1t
PIT	5	5	4	7	7	4	1t	11	4t	4	1t	15	5	5	16	4	15
SD	2	2	1	1	11	3	1t	1	4t	6	5	7	14	12	1t	2	1t
TEN	11	13	14	12	6	11	13	2	9	15	6	8	9	14	14	12t	16

AFC / OPPONENT/DEFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
BAL	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	3	1	2	7	12	14	15	8	1	12t	2	2
BUF	10	6	12	14	6t	3	7	1	10	9t	12t	14	8	4	2t	4	2t	8	12
CIN	8	9	5	8	8	7	5	6	11	4	11	2	6	5	11	5	6	3	4
CLE	14	12	14	12	14	12	6	11	13	15	3t	9	3	12	7	13	9t	13	14
DEN	9	8	11	13	6t	5	14t	8	8t	5	1t	15	15	14	13	3	11	10	10
HOU	16	16	9	9	16	16	13	14	16	16	1t	7	5	3	1	16	12t	14	16
IND	13	15	13	16	10	14	11t	9	12	12	3t	6	7	6	12	12	2t	4	5
JAC	11	13	6	10	12	13	2	10	3t	11	12t	5	2	16	16	7t	2t	6	11
KC	4	5	10	7	5	8	10	16	6t	3	12t	3t	1	13	5	6	9t	11	9
MIA	3	3	8	4	4	6	14t	5	8t	9t	12t	13	11	8	4	11	8	12	7
NE	7	11	4	3	9	11	11t	4	3t	14	3t	3t	12	1	2t	7t	12t	7	6
NYJ	12	10	7	5	11	10	3	13	14	13	8t	8	13	9	9	10	2t	9	8
OAK	6	4	15t	11	2	4	9	12	3t	7	12t	10	16	7	14	14	12t	16	13
PIT	5	7	2	2	13	9	4	7	6t	8	3t	16	4	2	6	7t	12t	5	3
SD	2	2	3	6	1	1	8	2	2	1	8t	1	10	10	10	2	1	1	1
TEN	15	14	15t	15	15	15	14t	15	15	6	8t	11	9	11	15	15	7	15	15

- (A) Total Yards per Game
- (B) Yards per Play
- (C) Rushing Yards per Game
- (D) Rushing Yards per Attempt
- (E) Passing Net Yards per Game
- (F) Passing Net Yards per Play
- (G) Passing, Percent Had Intercepted
- (H) Sacks per Pass Play
- (I) First Downs per Game
- (J) Third Down Efficiency
- (K) Fourth Down Efficiency
- (L) Punt Return Average
- (M) Kickoff Return Average
- (N) Gross Punting Average
- (O) Net Punting Average
- (P) Points per Game
- (Q) Field Goal Percentage
- Combined Offense/Defense Rank
- (R) Points per Game Differential
- (S) Net Yards per Game Differential

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ARI	10	11	14	13	7	8	5	13	4t	2	15t	12	5	14	15	6t	11
ATL	3	5	1	1	16	12	11	12	3	8	9t	5	2	13	7	9	16
CAR	16	16	12	7	15	16	6	8	16	16	9t	14	10	3t	5	14	1t
CHI	5	4	10	14	3	1	9	2	4t	6t	1t	3	14	5	4	1	1t
DAL	7	6	7t	6	8	7	15	4	8	5	1t	10	11	1	2	6t	6
DET	14	12	15	15	11	10	1t	15	14t	13	1t	16	16	11	14	15	12t
GB	9	9	13	9	6	11	14	7	9t	9	7t	9	13	3t	16	12	8t
MIN	8	8	7t	11	9	6	7	9	9t	10	1t	13	6	12	13	8	7
NO	6	7	9	12	5	4	12	6	6t	3	7t	6	9	6	12	2	1t
NYG	2	3	2	2	2	5	10	11	1t	4	9t	15	12	10	3	3	12t
PHI	1	2	4t	8	1	3	4	3	1t	1	9t	4	15	15	9	4	8t
STL	12	14	3	5	13	15	1t	14	11t	12	1t	2	7	7	1	10	4t
SF	4	1	6	3	4	2	1t	1	11t	14	1t	1	3	16	11	5	8t
SEA	11	10	4t	10	12	9	13	16	6t	11	15t	11	4	8	8	11	12t
TB	15	15	16	16	10	14	16	5	14t	6t	9t	7	8	9	10	16	15
WAS	13	13	11	4	14	13	8	10	13	15	9t	8	1	2	6	13	4t

NFC / OPPONENT/DEFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
ARI	13	16	13	13	13	13	5t	12	10t	5	12t	14	8t	1	3	14	3t	11	12
ATL	5	4	2	5	11	1	2	13	6	7t	5t	5	3	14	13	2	5	2	3
CAR	15	12	15	14	4	10	9	4	14	2	10t	4	15	9	14	7	6	12	16
CHI	2	7	4	11	5	7	4	2	1t	1	10t	13	1	7	1	1	1	1	2
DAL	4	3	8	6	6	4	5t	6	7t	3t	5t	8	16	15	11	6	7	5	4
DET	10	11	9	3	12	15	13t	8	10t	9	1t	7	14	16	16	11	8	14	13
GB	14	15	6	1	15	16	7	11	7t	6	12t	15	2	13	9	16	14t	15	11
MIN	3	6	11	12	2	5	13t	14	1t	3t	1t	6	6	3	10	4	12t	7	5
NO	6	2	3	9	8	2	3	9	5	15	5t	9	7	11	7	9t	14t	4	6
NYG	16	13	7	4	16	14	12	16	16	16	5t	10	8t	12	15	15	12t	8t	9
PHI	9	8	5	7	14	9	10	1	15	7t	9	1	5	6	12	8	14t	6	1
STL	7	14	14	15	3	11	1	10	3	11	12t	2	12	5	8	5	9	8t	10
SF	8	5	10	10	9	8	13t	3	12t	13	12t	16	11	4	4	13	10t	10	7
SEA	1	1	1	2	7	3	11	5	4	12	1t	3	10	2	2	3	3t	3	8
TB	11	10	16	16	1	6	8	7	7t	10	1t	12	4	10	6	9t	2	16	14
WAS	12	9	12	8	10	12	13t	15	12t	14	12t	11	13	8	5	12	10t	13	15

- (A) Total Yards per Game
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- (P) Points per Game
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- Combined Offense/Defense Rank
- (R) Points per Game Differential
- (S) Net Yards per Game Differential

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NFL / TEAM/OFFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)
BAL	25	28	10	18	28	26	15	10	26t	20t	27t	6	1	15t	23	6	1t
BUF	31	30	16t	19	31	29	1t	25	31	26	18t	7	6	28	11	19	1t
CIN	9	8	6	10	13	8	22	17	12	9	27t	24t	28	15t	21	4	11
CLE	29	24	26t	21	22	21	30	15t	24	23	18t	5	22	20	19	20t	1t
DEN	20	18	4	4	29	28	32	13	18t	25	1t	30	31	6	17	27t	12t
HOU	24	12	21	11	20	15	1t	31	13t	17	13t	32	18	21	12t	17t	1t
IND	2	4	20	25	1	3	9	7	1	1	27t	27	15	2	12t	1	1t
JAC	17	22	24	31	11	12	21	6	5	13t	27t	20	32	19	20	9t	23t
KC	21	25	8	6	27	27	16	28	21	16	10	11	13	17	6	29	15t
MIA	22	17	29	20	14	18	27	30	26t	11	13t	1	19	32	29	25t	23t
NE	13	15	3	12	21	14	25	14	6	4	1t	10	12	4	1t	14	18t
NYJ	8	9	26t	30	3	5	12	18	7t	3	18t	24t	8	31	24	15	23t
OAK	32	32	30	28	32	32	29	32	32	32	17	23	4	3	5	31	1t
PIT	12	11	5	16	18	7	1t	24	7t	5	1t	31	10	7	32	5	31
SD	4	6	2	2	23	6	1t	1	7t	10	11	18	30	24	1t	2	1t
TEN	23	27	28	24	17	23	28	4t	16t	27	12	19	16	30	27	25t	32
ARI	16	20	25	26	9	16	10	23	7t	6	27t	21	9	26	30	12t	22
ATL	5	7	1	1	30	22	19	22	4	18	18t	9	3	25	14	17t	30
CAR	30	31	22	13	26	31	11	15t	30	31	18t	26	21	8t	9	27t	1t
CHI	7	5	18	27	5	1	17	3	7t	13t	1t	4	26	10	8	3	1t
DAL	11	10	14t	9	10	13	26	8	16t	12	1t	16	23	1	4	12t	15t
DET	27	21	31	29	16	19	1t	27	26t	28	1t	29	29	22	28	30	23t
GB	15	16	23	15	8	20	24	12	18t	19	13t	15	25	8t	31	23	18t
MIN	14	14	14t	22	12	11	13	19	18t	20t	1t	22	11	23	26	16	17
NO	10	13	16t	23	7	9	20	11	13t	7	13t	12	20	11	25	7	1t
NYG	3	3	7	3	4	10	18	21	2t	8	18t	28	24	18	7	8	23t
PHI	1	2	11t	14	2	4	8	4t	2t	2	18t	8	27	27	16	9t	18t
STL	19	26	9	8	24	30	1t	26	22t	24	1t	3	14	12	3	20t	12t
SF	6	1	13	5	6	2	1t	2	22t	29	1t	2	5	29	22	11	18t
SEA	18	19	11t	17	19	17	23	29	13t	22	27t	17	7	13	15	22	23t
TB	28	29	32	32	15	25	31	9	26t	13t	18t	13	17	14	18	32	29
WAS	26	23	19	7	25	24	14	20	25	30	18t	14	2	5	10	24	12t

Team/Offense Rank

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NFL / OPPONENT/DEFENSE RANK

Tm	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)	(F)	(G)	(H)	(I)	(J)	(K)	(L)	(M)	(N)	(O)	(P)	(Q)	(R)	(S)
BAL	1	1	1	1	3	2	1	5	1	3	15t	20	29	30	17	1	25t	3	4
BUF	16	12	25	26	7t	6	10	2	14	20t	23t	23	15	6	4t	7	4t	13t	27
CIN	14	16	12	18	15	15	6	12	15	8	20	3	10	7	23	8	12t	4	10
CLE	30	24	28	24	28	24	8	23	28	30	7t	14	3	24	13	28	22t	26	30
DEN	15	15	24	25	7t	12	26t	19	11t	9	1t	26t	30	27	27	6	24	21	19
HOU	32	32	22	19	32	32	23	27	32	32	1t	12	8	4	2	32	25t	28t	32
IND	25	31	27	32	19	27	20t	20	25t	27	7t	11	12	8	24	23	4t	6	12
JAC	20	28	14	20	24	25	2	21	3t	23	23t	7	2	32	32	12t	4t	8t	20
KC	8	10	23	17	6	16	18	32	8t	5t	23t	4t	1	26	10	11	22t	22	18
MIA	5	4	20	14	5	14	26t	8	11t	20t	23t	21	21	12	6	22	16t	25	16
NE	13	20	8	7	17	22	20t	7	3t	29	7t	4t	23	1	4t	12t	25t	12	13
NYJ	24	17	19	15	21	20	4	26	30	28	17t	13	27	16	18	17t	4t	18t	17
OAK	10t	8	29t	23	2	7	17	25	3t	18	23t	17	32	11	28	29	25t	32	29
PIT	9	13	2	2	25	19	5	17	8t	19	7t	31	5	2	11	12t	25t	7	9
SD	2	2	5	16	1	1	11	3	2	2	17t	1	19	17	21	2t	1	1	1
TEN	31	30	29t	27	29	30	26t	30	31	12t	17t	19	16	22	30	31	14t	31	31
ARI	26	29	21	28	26	26	13t	22	21t	10	23t	29	17t	3	7	26	4t	20	23
ATL	10t	7	4	8	22	3	7	24	17	12t	7t	10	7	28	25	4	10	5	5
CAR	28	23	31	29	11	18	19	9	25t	4	21t	9	28	19	26	16	11	23	28
CHI	4	14	7	21	12	11	12	4	6t	1	21t	28	4	15	1	2t	2	2	3
DAL	7	6	13	9	13	8	13t	11	18t	5t	7t	18	31	29	20	12t	12t	11	6
DET	21	22	15	5	23	29	26t	14	21t	15	1t	16	26	31	31	21	14t	27	24
GB	27	27	10	3	30	31	15	18	18t	11	23t	30	6	25	16	30	25t	28t	22
MIN	6	11	17	22	9	9	26t	28	6t	5t	1t	15	13	9	19	9	20t	15	7
NO	12	5	6	12	16	4	9	15	16	26	7t	22	14	21	14	19t	25t	10	8
NYG	29	25	11	6	31	28	25	31	29	31	7t	24	17t	23	29	27	20t	16t	15
PHI	19	18	9	10	27	17	22	1	27	12t	15t	2	11	14	22	17t	25t	13t	2
STL	17	26	26	30	10	21	3	16	10	17	23t	6	24	13	15	10	16t	16t	21
SF	18	9	16	13	18	13	26t	6	23t	24	23t	32	22	10	8	25	18t	18t	11
SEA	3	3	3	4	14	5	24	10	11t	20t	1t	8	20	5	3	5	4t	8t	14
TB	22	21	32	31	4	10	16	13	18t	16	1t	26t	9	20	12	19t	3	30	25
WAS	23	19	18	11	20	23	26t	29	23t	25	23t	25	25	18	9	24	18t	24	26

Opponent/Defense Rank

- (A) Total Yards per Game
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Combined Offense/Defense Rank

- (R) Points per Game Differential
- (S) Net Yards per Game Differential

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**AFC / TOTAL OFFENSE**

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Indianapolis	842	180	662	421.0	90.0	331.0
2)	San Diego	778	435	343	389.0	217.5	171.5
3)	New York Jets	730	142	588	365.0	71.0	294.0
4)	Cincinnati	717	276	441	358.5	138.0	220.5
5)	Pittsburgh	342	146	196	342.0	146.0	196.0
6)	New England	677	330	347	338.5	165.0	173.5
7)	Jacksonville	307	78	229	307.0	78.0	229.0
8)	Denver	577	306	271	288.5	153.0	135.5
9)	Kansas City	565	258	307	282.5	129.0	153.5
10)	Miami	560	130	430	280.0	65.0	215.0
11)	Tennessee	546	141	405	273.0	70.5	202.5
12)	Houston	540	178	362	270.0	89.0	181.0
13)	Baltimore	535	241	294	267.5	120.5	147.0
14)	Cleveland	487	142	345	243.5	71.0	172.5
15)	Buffalo	411	204	207	205.5	102.0	103.5
16)	Oakland	291	126	165	145.5	63.0	82.5

AFC / TOTAL DEFENSE

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Baltimore	304	65	239	152.0	32.5	119.5
2)	San Diego	347	142	205	173.5	71.0	102.5
3)	Miami	513	251	262	256.5	125.5	131.0
4)	Kansas City	554	261	293	277.0	130.5	146.5
5)	Pittsburgh	278	38	240	278.0	38.0	240.0
6)	Oakland	566	332	234	283.0	166.0	117.0
7)	New England	577	150	427	288.5	75.0	213.5
8)	Cincinnati	590	170	420	295.0	85.0	210.0
9)	Denver	596	270	326	298.0	135.0	163.0
10)	Buffalo	601	275	326	300.5	137.5	163.0
11)	Jacksonville	323	88	235	323.0	88.0	235.0
12)	New York Jets	686	233	453	343.0	116.5	226.5
13)	Indianapolis	732	294	438	366.0	147.0	219.0
14)	Cleveland	807	316	491	403.5	158.0	245.5
15)	Tennessee	869	332	537	434.5	166.0	268.5
16)	Houston	956	255	701	478.0	127.5	350.5

NFC / TOTAL OFFENSE

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Philadelphia	892	237	655	446.0	118.5	327.5
2)	New York Giants	837	272	565	418.5	136.0	282.5
3)	Atlanta	767	558	209	383.5	279.0	104.5
4)	San Francisco	753	234	519	376.5	117.0	259.5
5)	Chicago	744	198	546	372.0	99.0	273.0
6)	New Orleans	706	204	502	353.0	102.0	251.0
7)	Dallas	690	226	464	345.0	113.0	232.0
8)	Minnesota	674	226	448	337.0	113.0	224.0
9)	Green Bay	652	166	486	326.0	83.0	243.0
10)	Arizona	623	149	474	311.5	74.5	237.0
11)	Seattle	605	237	368	302.5	118.5	184.0
12)	St. Louis	585	243	342	292.5	121.5	171.0
13)	Washington	511	196	315	255.5	98.0	157.5
14)	Detroit	496	84	412	248.0	42.0	206.0
15)	Tampa Bay	493	66	427	246.5	33.0	213.5
16)	Carolina	486	172	314	243.0	86.0	157.0

NFC / TOTAL DEFENSE

Rank	Team	Total	Rushing	Passing	Total	Rushing	Passing
1)	Seattle	507	103	404	253.5	51.5	202.0
2)	Chicago	512	149	363	256.0	74.5	181.5
3)	Minnesota	537	210	327	268.5	105.0	163.5
4)	Dallas	552	171	381	276.0	85.5	190.5
5)	Atlanta	566	105	461	283.0	52.5	230.5
6)	New Orleans	571	148	423	285.5	74.0	211.5
7)	St. Louis	619	288	331	309.5	144.0	165.5
8)	San Francisco	632	202	430	316.0	101.0	215.0
9)	Philadelphia	645	156	489	322.5	78.0	244.5
10)	Detroit	647	180	467	323.5	90.0	233.5
11)	Tampa Bay	653	409	244	326.5	204.5	122.0
12)	Washington	676	224	452	338.0	112.0	226.0
13)	Arizona	734	253	481	367.0	126.5	240.5
14)	Green Bay	741	157	584	370.5	78.5	292.0
15)	Carolina	750	392	358	375.0	196.0	179.0
16)	New York Giants	778	162	616	389.0	81.0	308.0

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1)	Philadelphia	892	237	655	446.0	118.5	327.5
2)	Indianapolis	842	180	662	421.0	90.0	331.0
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4)	San Diego	778	435	343	389.0	217.5	171.5
5)	Atlanta	767	558	209	383.5	279.0	104.5
6)	San Francisco	753	234	519	376.5	117.0	259.5
7)	Chicago	744	198	546	372.0	99.0	273.0
8)	New York Jets	730	142	588	365.0	71.0	294.0
9)	Cincinnati	717	276	441	358.5	138.0	220.5
10)	New Orleans	706	204	502	353.0	102.0	251.0
11)	Dallas	690	226	464	345.0	113.0	232.0
12)	Pittsburgh	342	146	196	342.0	146.0	196.0
13)	New England	677	330	347	338.5	165.0	173.5
14)	Minnesota	674	226	448	337.0	113.0	224.0
15)	Green Bay	652	166	486	326.0	83.0	243.0
16)	Arizona	623	149	474	311.5	74.5	237.0
17)	Jacksonville	307	78	229	307.0	78.0	229.0
18)	Seattle	605	237	368	302.5	118.5	184.0
19)	St. Louis	585	243	342	292.5	121.5	171.0
20)	Denver	577	306	271	288.5	153.0	135.5
21)	Kansas City	565	258	307	282.5	129.0	153.5
22)	Miami	560	130	430	280.0	65.0	215.0
23)	Tennessee	546	141	405	273.0	70.5	202.5
24)	Houston	540	178	362	270.0	89.0	181.0
25)	Baltimore	535	241	294	267.5	120.5	147.0
26)	Washington	511	196	315	255.5	98.0	157.5
27)	Detroit	496	84	412	248.0	42.0	206.0
28)	Tampa Bay	493	66	427	246.5	33.0	213.5
29)	Cleveland	487	142	345	243.5	71.0	172.5
30)	Carolina	486	172	314	243.0	86.0	157.0
31)	Buffalo	411	204	207	205.5	102.0	103.5
32)	Oakland	291	126	165	145.5	63.0	82.5

NFL / TOTAL DEFENSE

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3)	Seattle	507	103	404	253.5	51.5	202.0
4)	Chicago	512	149	363	256.0	74.5	181.5
5)	Miami	513	251	262	256.5	125.5	131.0
6)	Minnesota	537	210	327	268.5	105.0	163.5
7)	Dallas	552	171	381	276.0	85.5	190.5
8)	Kansas City	554	261	293	277.0	130.5	146.5
9)	Pittsburgh	278	38	240	278.0	38.0	240.0
10t)	Oakland	566	332	234	283.0	166.0	117.0
10t)	Atlanta	566	105	461	283.0	52.5	230.5
12)	New Orleans	571	148	423	285.5	74.0	211.5
13)	New England	577	150	427	288.5	75.0	213.5
14)	Cincinnati	590	170	420	295.0	85.0	210.0
15)	Denver	596	270	326	298.0	135.0	163.0
16)	Buffalo	601	275	326	300.5	137.5	163.0
17)	St. Louis	619	288	331	309.5	144.0	165.5
18)	San Francisco	632	202	430	316.0	101.0	215.0
19)	Philadelphia	645	156	489	322.5	78.0	244.5
20)	Jacksonville	323	88	235	323.0	88.0	235.0
21)	Detroit	647	180	467	323.5	90.0	233.5
22)	Tampa Bay	653	409	244	326.5	204.5	122.0
23)	Washington	676	224	452	338.0	112.0	226.0
24)	New York Jets	686	233	453	343.0	116.5	226.5
25)	Indianapolis	732	294	438	366.0	147.0	219.0
26)	Arizona	734	253	481	367.0	126.5	240.5
27)	Green Bay	741	157	584	370.5	78.5	292.0
28)	Carolina	750	392	358	375.0	196.0	179.0
29)	New York Giants	778	162	616	389.0	81.0	308.0
30)	Cleveland	807	316	491	403.5	158.0	245.5
31)	Tennessee	869	332	537	434.5	166.0	268.5
32)	Houston	956	255	701	478.0	127.5	350.5

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AFC / TAKE-AWAYS, GIVE-AWAYS

Rank	Team	TAKE-AWAYS			GIVE-AWAYS			Net Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1)	Baltimore	6	3	9	1	0	1	= +8
2t)	Buffalo	2	1	3	0	0	0	= +3
2t)	Cincinnati	3	3	6	2	1	3	= +3
2t)	San Diego	2	1	3	0	0	0	= +3
5t)	Indianapolis	1	3	4	1	1	2	= +2
5t)	Jacksonville	3	0	3	1	0	1	= +2
5t)	New York Jets	4	1	5	1	2	3	= +2
8)	Pittsburgh	2	0	2	0	1	1	= +1
9)	Houston	1	1	2	0	2	2	= 0
10t)	Cleveland	3	1	4	4	2	6	= -2
10t)	Miami	0	1	1	3	0	3	= -2
12t)	Kansas City	1	1	2	1	4	5	= -3
12t)	New England	1	0	1	2	2	4	= -3
12t)	Tennessee	0	2	2	5	0	5	= -3
15)	Denver	0	2	2	4	2	6	= -4
16)	Oakland	1	0	1	3	4	7	= -6
	Totals	30	20	50	28	21	49	= +1

NFC / TAKE-AWAYS, GIVE-AWAYS

Rank	Team	TAKE-AWAYS			GIVE-AWAYS			Net Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1)	St. Louis	3	3	6	0	1	1	= +5
2)	Chicago	2	4	6	1	1	2	= +4
3)	Atlanta	4	1	5	1	1	2	= +3
4)	Arizona	2	2	4	1	2	3	= +1
5t)	Minnesota	0	1	1	1	0	1	= 0
5t)	New Orleans	3	2	5	2	3	5	= 0
5t)	Seattle	1	2	3	2	1	3	= 0
5t)	Washington	0	1	1	1	0	1	= 0
9t)	Green Bay	2	2	4	3	2	5	= -1
9t)	New York Giants	1	1	2	2	1	3	= -1
9t)	Philadelphia	1	0	1	1	1	2	= -1
9t)	San Francisco	0	2	2	0	3	3	= -1
13t)	Carolina	1	0	1	1	2	3	= -2
13t)	Dallas	2	0	2	3	1	4	= -2
13t)	Detroit	0	2	2	0	4	4	= -2
16)	Tampa Bay	1	1	2	6	0	6	= -4
	Totals	23	24	47	25	23	48	= -1

NFL / TAKE-AWAYS, GIVE-AWAYS

Rank	Team	TAKE-AWAYS			GIVE-AWAYS			Net Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1)	Baltimore	6	3	9	1	0	1	= +8
2)	St. Louis	3	3	6	0	1	1	= +5
3)	Chicago	2	4	6	1	1	2	= +4
4t)	Buffalo	2	1	3	0	0	0	= +3
4t)	Cincinnati	3	3	6	2	1	3	= +3
4t)	San Diego	2	1	3	0	0	0	= +3
4t)	Atlanta	4	1	5	1	1	2	= +3
8t)	Indianapolis	1	3	4	1	1	2	= +2
8t)	Jacksonville	3	0	3	1	0	1	= +2
8t)	New York Jets	4	1	5	1	2	3	= +2
11t)	Pittsburgh	2	0	2	0	1	1	= +1
11t)	Arizona	2	2	4	1	2	3	= +1
13t)	Houston	1	1	2	0	2	2	= 0
13t)	Minnesota	0	1	1	1	0	1	= 0
13t)	New Orleans	3	2	5	2	3	5	= 0
13t)	Seattle	1	2	3	2	1	3	= 0
13t)	Washington	0	1	1	1	0	1	= 0
18t)	Green Bay	2	2	4	3	2	5	= -1
18t)	New York Giants	1	1	2	2	1	3	= -1
18t)	Philadelphia	1	0	1	1	1	2	= -1
18t)	San Francisco	0	2	2	0	3	3	= -1
22t)	Cleveland	3	1	4	4	2	6	= -2
22t)	Miami	0	1	1	3	0	3	= -2
22t)	Carolina	1	0	1	1	2	3	= -2
22t)	Dallas	2	0	2	3	1	4	= -2
22t)	Detroit	0	2	2	0	4	4	= -2
27t)	Kansas City	1	1	2	1	4	5	= -3
27t)	New England	1	0	1	2	2	4	= -3
27t)	Tennessee	0	2	2	5	0	5	= -3
30t)	Denver	0	2	2	4	2	6	= -4
30t)	Tampa Bay	1	1	2	6	0	6	= -4
32)	Oakland	1	0	1	3	4	7	= -6
	Totals	53	44	97	53	44	97	= 0

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AFC / TEAM/OFFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
1)	Cleveland	6	31	4	1	66.7
2)	San Diego	11	61	7	4	63.6
3)	New England	8	41	5	2	62.5
4t)	Jacksonville	5	24	3	1	60.0
4t)	Tennessee	5	23	3	0	60.0
6)	Indianapolis	11	53	6	4	54.5
7t)	Cincinnati	8	40	4	4	50.0
7t)	Houston	4	17	2	1	50.0
7t)	Miami	4	17	2	1	50.0
7t)	Pittsburgh	2	7	1	0	50.0
11)	New York Jets	7	26	3	2	42.9
12)	Buffalo	5	20	2	2	40.0
13t)	Baltimore	9	36	3	5	33.3
13t)	Denver	3	13	1	2	33.3
15)	Kansas City	4	13	1	2	25.0
16)	Oakland	4	3	0	1	0.0

AFC / OPPONENTS/DEFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
1t)	Baltimore	4	3	0	1	0.0
1t)	Denver	7	12	0	4	0.0
1t)	Jacksonville	2	3	0	1	0.0
4)	Kansas City	5	19	1	4	20.0
5t)	New England	3	10	1	1	33.3
5t)	San Diego	3	7	1	0	33.3
7t)	Miami	5	20	2	2	40.0
7t)	Oakland	10	43	4	5	40.0
9)	Cleveland	9	43	4	5	44.4
10)	Buffalo	4	17	2	1	50.0
11)	Tennessee	13	60	7	4	53.8
12)	Cincinnati	5	27	3	2	60.0
13t)	Houston	8	37	5	1	62.5
13t)	New York Jets	8	40	5	1	62.5
15)	Pittsburgh	3	17	2	1	66.7
16)	Indianapolis	4	28	4	0	100.0

NFC / TEAM/OFFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
1t)	Arizona	6	34	4	2	66.7
1t)	New York Giants	3	17	2	1	66.7
3t)	Philadelphia	4	17	2	1	50.0
3t)	Seattle	4	17	2	1	50.0
5t)	Dallas	5	20	2	2	40.0
5t)	Green Bay	5	20	2	2	40.0
5t)	New Orleans	5	23	2	3	40.0
8t)	Atlanta	9	27	3	2	33.3
8t)	Carolina	3	13	1	2	33.3
8t)	Detroit	3	10	1	1	33.3
8t)	Minnesota	6	25	2	4	33.3
12t)	Chicago	7	26	2	4	28.6
12t)	San Francisco	7	23	2	3	28.6
14)	Washington	5	16	1	3	20.0
15)	St. Louis	7	19	1	4	14.3
16)	Tampa Bay	4	3	0	1	0.0

NFC / OPPONENTS/DEFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
1t)	Atlanta	3	3	0	1	0.0
1t)	Philadelphia	3	6	0	2	0.0
1t)	Seattle	1	3	0	1	0.0
4)	Green Bay	5	16	1	3	20.0
5)	St. Louis	4	13	1	2	25.0
6t)	Carolina	7	29	2	5	28.6
6t)	Minnesota	7	29	2	5	28.6
8)	New York Giants	7	33	3	4	42.9
9)	Tampa Bay	9	31	4	1	44.4
10t)	Chicago	2	7	1	0	50.0
10t)	Dallas	6	24	3	1	50.0
10t)	Detroit	4	20	2	2	50.0
10t)	New Orleans	8	34	4	2	50.0
14)	Arizona	7	31	4	1	57.1
15)	Washington	5	26	3	2	60.0
16)	San Francisco	8	44	5	3	62.5

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Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
1t)	Arizona	6	34	4	2	66.7
1t)	Cleveland	6	31	4	1	66.7
1t)	New York Giants	3	17	2	1	66.7
4)	San Diego	11	61	7	4	63.6
5)	New England	8	41	5	2	62.5
6t)	Jacksonville	5	24	3	1	60.0
6t)	Tennessee	5	23	3	0	60.0
8)	Indianapolis	11	53	6	4	54.5
9t)	Cincinnati	8	40	4	4	50.0
9t)	Houston	4	17	2	1	50.0
9t)	Miami	4	17	2	1	50.0
9t)	Philadelphia	4	17	2	1	50.0
9t)	Pittsburgh	2	7	1	0	50.0
9t)	Seattle	4	17	2	1	50.0
15)	New York Jets	7	26	3	2	42.9
16t)	Buffalo	5	20	2	2	40.0
16t)	Dallas	5	20	2	2	40.0
16t)	Green Bay	5	20	2	2	40.0
16t)	New Orleans	5	23	2	3	40.0
20t)	Atlanta	9	27	3	2	33.3
20t)	Baltimore	9	36	3	5	33.3
20t)	Carolina	3	13	1	2	33.3
20t)	Denver	3	13	1	2	33.3
20t)	Detroit	3	10	1	1	33.3
20t)	Minnesota	6	25	2	4	33.3
26t)	Chicago	7	26	2	4	28.6
26t)	San Francisco	7	23	2	3	28.6
28)	Kansas City	4	13	1	2	25.0
29)	Washington	5	16	1	3	20.0
30)	St. Louis	7	19	1	4	14.3
31t)	Oakland	4	3	0	1	0.0
31t)	Tampa Bay	4	3	0	1	0.0

NFL / OPPONENTS/DEFENSE INSIDE THE 20

Rank	Team	Poss	Pts	TD	FG	TDPct
1t)	Atlanta	3	3	0	1	0.0
1t)	Baltimore	4	3	0	1	0.0
1t)	Denver	7	12	0	4	0.0
1t)	Jacksonville	2	3	0	1	0.0
1t)	Philadelphia	3	6	0	2	0.0
1t)	Seattle	1	3	0	1	0.0
7t)	Green Bay	5	16	1	3	20.0
7t)	Kansas City	5	19	1	4	20.0
9)	St. Louis	4	13	1	2	25.0
10t)	Carolina	7	29	2	5	28.6
10t)	Minnesota	7	29	2	5	28.6
12t)	New England	3	10	1	1	33.3
12t)	San Diego	3	7	1	0	33.3
14t)	Miami	5	20	2	2	40.0
14t)	Oakland	10	43	4	5	40.0
16)	New York Giants	7	33	3	4	42.9
17t)	Cleveland	9	43	4	5	44.4
17t)	Tampa Bay	9	31	4	1	44.4
19t)	Buffalo	4	17	2	1	50.0
19t)	Chicago	2	7	1	0	50.0
19t)	Dallas	6	24	3	1	50.0
19t)	Detroit	4	20	2	2	50.0
19t)	New Orleans	8	34	4	2	50.0
24)	Tennessee	13	60	7	4	53.8
25)	Arizona	7	31	4	1	57.1
26t)	Cincinnati	5	27	3	2	60.0
26t)	Washington	5	26	3	2	60.0
28t)	Houston	8	37	5	1	62.5
28t)	New York Jets	8	40	5	1	62.5
28t)	San Francisco	8	44	5	3	62.5
31)	Pittsburgh	3	17	2	1	66.7
32)	Indianapolis	4	28	4	0	100.0

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NFL / OFFENSE/TEAMS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Indianapolis	56	13	38	5	20	28	71.4	0	0	---
2t)	New York Giants	47	14	32	1	10	23	43.5	0	2	0.0
2t)	Philadelphia	47	15	32	0	14	27	51.9	0	2	0.0
4)	Atlanta	46	29	13	4	9	26	34.6	0	1	0.0
5)	Jacksonville	22	6	14	2	5	13	38.5	0	0	---
6)	New England	43	19	22	2	13	27	48.1	2	2	100.0
7t)	New York Jets	40	4	29	7	15	31	48.4	0	1	0.0
7t)	Pittsburgh	20	6	11	3	7	15	46.7	1	1	100.0
7t)	San Diego	40	18	19	3	12	29	41.4	2	3	66.7
7t)	Arizona	40	8	28	4	13	28	46.4	0	0	---
7t)	Chicago	40	8	28	4	10	26	38.5	1	1	100.0
12)	Cincinnati	39	14	24	1	12	28	42.9	0	0	---
13t)	Houston	37	10	22	5	7	20	35.0	1	2	50.0
13t)	New Orleans	37	7	29	1	15	33	45.5	1	2	50.0
13t)	Seattle	37	15	20	2	8	24	33.3	0	0	---
16t)	Tennessee	36	10	24	2	7	25	28.0	3	5	60.0
16t)	Dallas	36	10	20	6	12	31	38.7	2	2	100.0
18t)	Denver	35	17	16	2	8	26	30.8	2	2	100.0
18t)	Green Bay	35	8	26	1	10	29	34.5	2	4	50.0
18t)	Minnesota	35	10	20	5	11	32	34.4	3	3	100.0
21)	Kansas City	34	13	21	0	10	28	35.7	3	4	75.0
22t)	St. Louis	33	11	20	2	10	32	31.3	1	1	100.0
22t)	San Francisco	33	11	19	3	5	21	23.8	1	1	100.0
24)	Cleveland	32	12	14	6	7	22	31.8	0	1	0.0
25)	Washington	31	9	17	5	6	27	22.2	0	1	0.0
26t)	Baltimore	30	10	18	2	11	32	34.4	0	0	---
26t)	Miami	30	8	22	0	11	28	39.3	1	2	50.0
26t)	Detroit	30	6	20	4	6	23	26.1	1	1	100.0
26t)	Tampa Bay	30	4	22	4	10	26	38.5	0	1	0.0
30)	Carolina	29	8	19	2	5	26	19.2	0	2	0.0
31)	Buffalo	24	11	12	1	7	24	29.2	0	1	0.0
32)	Oakland	23	7	12	4	4	24	16.7	1	3	33.3
	Totals	1127	351	683	93	310	834	37.2	28	51	54.9

NFL / DEFENSE/OPPONENTS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Baltimore	22	5	13	4	5	24	20.8	1	3	33.3
2)	San Diego	23	8	14	1	4	24	16.7	2	4	50.0
3t)	Jacksonville	14	4	9	1	6	15	40.0	1	1	100.0
3t)	New England	28	5	20	3	14	29	48.3	0	2	0.0
3t)	Oakland	28	13	14	1	13	34	38.2	1	1	100.0
6t)	Chicago	29	8	19	2	2	20	10.0	3	4	75.0
6t)	Minnesota	29	9	17	3	7	27	25.9	0	0	---
8t)	Kansas City	30	14	15	1	7	27	25.9	1	1	100.0
8t)	Pittsburgh	15	3	12	0	5	13	38.5	0	1	0.0
10)	St. Louis	31	14	16	1	9	24	37.5	1	1	100.0
11t)	Denver	32	13	18	1	8	28	28.6	0	0	---
11t)	Miami	32	12	16	4	11	28	39.3	1	1	100.0
11t)	Seattle	32	7	20	5	11	28	39.3	0	0	---
14)	Buffalo	34	16	18	0	11	28	39.3	3	3	100.0
15)	Cincinnati	35	12	20	3	7	25	28.0	3	5	60.0
16)	New Orleans	36	8	24	4	14	30	46.7	0	1	0.0
17)	Atlanta	37	5	27	5	9	26	34.6	0	2	0.0
18t)	Dallas	38	10	23	5	7	27	25.9	0	1	0.0
18t)	Green Bay	38	6	29	3	10	29	34.5	2	2	100.0
18t)	Tampa Bay	38	20	14	4	10	27	37.0	0	0	---
21t)	Arizona	39	16	19	4	7	22	31.8	1	1	100.0
21t)	Detroit	39	9	27	3	8	23	34.8	0	0	---
23t)	San Francisco	40	10	28	2	14	31	45.2	1	1	100.0
23t)	Washington	40	10	21	9	15	33	45.5	1	1	100.0
25t)	Indianapolis	41	12	27	2	8	17	47.1	0	1	0.0
25t)	Carolina	41	20	18	3	6	28	21.4	3	4	75.0
27)	Philadelphia	43	12	27	4	9	26	34.6	1	3	33.3
28)	Cleveland	44	13	30	1	17	33	51.5	0	1	0.0
29)	New York Giants	45	12	32	1	17	30	56.7	0	2	0.0
30)	New York Jets	46	15	28	3	13	27	48.1	1	2	50.0
31)	Tennessee	50	14	30	6	9	26	34.6	1	2	50.0
32)	Houston	58	16	38	4	17	25	68.0	0	0	---
	Totals	1127	351	683	93	310	834	37.2	28	51	54.9

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AFC / OFFENSE/TEAMS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Indianapolis	56	13	38	5	20	28	71.4	0	0	---
2)	Jacksonville	22	6	14	2	5	13	38.5	0	0	---
3)	New England	43	19	22	2	13	27	48.1	2	2	100.0
4t)	New York Jets	40	4	29	7	15	31	48.4	0	1	0.0
4t)	Pittsburgh	20	6	11	3	7	15	46.7	1	1	100.0
4t)	San Diego	40	18	19	3	12	29	41.4	2	3	66.7
7)	Cincinnati	39	14	24	1	12	28	42.9	0	0	---
8)	Houston	37	10	22	5	7	20	35.0	1	2	50.0
9)	Tennessee	36	10	24	2	7	25	28.0	3	5	60.0
10)	Denver	35	17	16	2	8	26	30.8	2	2	100.0
11)	Kansas City	34	13	21	0	10	28	35.7	3	4	75.0
12)	Cleveland	32	12	14	6	7	22	31.8	0	1	0.0
13t)	Baltimore	30	10	18	2	11	32	34.4	0	0	---
13t)	Miami	30	8	22	0	11	28	39.3	1	2	50.0
15)	Buffalo	24	11	12	1	7	24	29.2	0	1	0.0
16)	Oakland	23	7	12	4	4	24	16.7	1	3	33.3
	Totals	541	178	318	45	156	400	39.0	16	27	59.3

AFC / DEFENSE/OPPONENTS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1)	Baltimore	22	5	13	4	5	24	20.8	1	3	33.3
2)	San Diego	23	8	14	1	4	24	16.7	2	4	50.0
3t)	Jacksonville	14	4	9	1	6	15	40.0	1	1	100.0
3t)	New England	28	5	20	3	14	29	48.3	0	2	0.0
3t)	Oakland	28	13	14	1	13	34	38.2	1	1	100.0
6t)	Kansas City	30	14	15	1	7	27	25.9	1	1	100.0
6t)	Pittsburgh	15	3	12	0	5	13	38.5	0	1	0.0
8t)	Denver	32	13	18	1	8	28	28.6	0	0	---
8t)	Miami	32	12	16	4	11	28	39.3	1	1	100.0
10)	Buffalo	34	16	18	0	11	28	39.3	3	3	100.0
11)	Cincinnati	35	12	20	3	7	25	28.0	3	5	60.0
12)	Indianapolis	41	12	27	2	8	17	47.1	0	1	0.0
13)	Cleveland	44	13	30	1	17	33	51.5	0	1	0.0
14)	New York Jets	46	15	28	3	13	27	48.1	1	2	50.0
15)	Tennessee	50	14	30	6	9	26	34.6	1	2	50.0
16)	Houston	58	16	38	4	17	25	68.0	0	0	---
	Totals	532	175	322	35	155	403	38.5	15	28	53.6

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NFC / OFFENSE/TEAMS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1t)	New York Giants	47	14	32	1	10	23	43.5	0	2	0.0
1t)	Philadelphia	47	15	32	0	14	27	51.9	0	2	0.0
3)	Atlanta	46	29	13	4	9	26	34.6	0	1	0.0
4t)	Arizona	40	8	28	4	13	28	46.4	0	0	---
4t)	Chicago	40	8	28	4	10	26	38.5	1	1	100.0
6t)	New Orleans	37	7	29	1	15	33	45.5	1	2	50.0
6t)	Seattle	37	15	20	2	8	24	33.3	0	0	---
8)	Dallas	36	10	20	6	12	31	38.7	2	2	100.0
9t)	Green Bay	35	8	26	1	10	29	34.5	2	4	50.0
9t)	Minnesota	35	10	20	5	11	32	34.4	3	3	100.0
11t)	St. Louis	33	11	20	2	10	32	31.3	1	1	100.0
11t)	San Francisco	33	11	19	3	5	21	23.8	1	1	100.0
13)	Washington	31	9	17	5	6	27	22.2	0	1	0.0
14t)	Detroit	30	6	20	4	6	23	26.1	1	1	100.0
14t)	Tampa Bay	30	4	22	4	10	26	38.5	0	1	0.0
16)	Carolina	29	8	19	2	5	26	19.2	0	2	0.0
	Totals	586	173	365	48	154	434	35.5	12	24	50.0

NFC / DEFENSE/OPPONENTS: FIRST DOWNS, THIRD DOWNS, FOURTH DOWNS

Rank	Team	FIRST DOWNS				THIRD DOWNS			FOURTH DOWNS		
		Total	Rush	Pass	Pen	Made	Att	Pct	Made	Att	Pct
1t)	Chicago	29	8	19	2	2	20	10.0	3	4	75.0
1t)	Minnesota	29	9	17	3	7	27	25.9	0	0	---
3)	St. Louis	31	14	16	1	9	24	37.5	1	1	100.0
4)	Seattle	32	7	20	5	11	28	39.3	0	0	---
5)	New Orleans	36	8	24	4	14	30	46.7	0	1	0.0
6)	Atlanta	37	5	27	5	9	26	34.6	0	2	0.0
7t)	Dallas	38	10	23	5	7	27	25.9	0	1	0.0
7t)	Green Bay	38	6	29	3	10	29	34.5	2	2	100.0
7t)	Tampa Bay	38	20	14	4	10	27	37.0	0	0	---
10t)	Arizona	39	16	19	4	7	22	31.8	1	1	100.0
10t)	Detroit	39	9	27	3	8	23	34.8	0	0	---
12t)	San Francisco	40	10	28	2	14	31	45.2	1	1	100.0
12t)	Washington	40	10	21	9	15	33	45.5	1	1	100.0
14)	Carolina	41	20	18	3	6	28	21.4	3	4	75.0
15)	Philadelphia	43	12	27	4	9	26	34.6	1	3	33.3
16)	New York Giants	45	12	32	1	17	30	56.7	0	2	0.0
	Totals	595	176	361	58	155	431	36.0	13	23	56.5

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AFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY TEAMS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Pittsburgh	7.11	28	199
2)	Jacksonville	6.53	32	209
3)	San Diego	5.89	54	318
4)	Indianapolis	5.86	66	387
5)	Kansas City	5.58	53	296
6)	Houston	5.29	48	254
7)	Denver	5.14	57	293
8)	Cleveland	5.06	50	253
9)	New England	4.82	60	289
10)	Cincinnati	4.59	58	266
11)	Tennessee	4.31	55	237
12)	Miami	4.20	49	206
13)	Baltimore	4.11	53	218
14)	New York Jets	3.81	57	217
15)	Buffalo	3.62	42	152
16)	Oakland	3.04	47	143
	TOTAL	4.87	809	3937

AFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY OPPONENTS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	New England	2.87	45	129
2)	Pittsburgh	3.32	25	83
3)	San Diego	3.48	44	153
4)	Baltimore	4.02	47	189
5)	Kansas City	4.33	52	225
6)	Buffalo	4.46	52	232
7)	Cleveland	4.58	64	293
8)	Oakland	4.88	49	239
9)	Denver	5.00	54	270
10)	Indianapolis	5.02	56	281
11)	New York Jets	5.11	63	322
12)	Miami	5.62	50	281
13)	Tennessee	5.64	64	361
14)	Houston	6.06	68	412
15)	Cincinnati	6.11	53	324
16)	Jacksonville	6.25	24	150
	TOTAL	4.87	810	3944

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

NFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY TEAMS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Washington	6.72	50	336
2)	New Orleans	6.50	58	377
3)	Detroit	6.29	49	308
4)	Dallas	6.00	54	324
5)	Atlanta	5.58	62	346
6)	New York Giants	5.52	64	353
7)	San Francisco	5.50	50	275
8)	Philadelphia	5.37	63	338
9)	Chicago	5.11	57	291
10)	Tampa Bay	4.98	52	259
11)	Carolina	4.21	53	223
12)	Green Bay	4.11	56	230
13)	Arizona	3.95	57	225
14)	Minnesota	3.84	55	211
15)	St. Louis	3.60	55	198
16)	Seattle	3.05	57	174
	TOTAL	5.01	892	4468

NFC / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY OPPONENTS

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	San Francisco	3.70	57	211
2)	New Orleans	3.82	56	214
3)	Carolina	4.25	61	259
4)	Seattle	4.29	51	219
5)	Atlanta	4.34	58	252
6)	Detroit	4.40	58	255
7)	Arizona	4.41	56	247
8)	Washington	4.88	56	273
9)	New York Giants	5.13	61	313
10)	Tampa Bay	5.23	56	293
11)	St. Louis	5.52	50	276
12)	Chicago	5.55	49	272
13)	Minnesota	5.64	50	282
14)	Philadelphia	5.82	56	326
15)	Dallas	6.59	59	389
16)	Green Bay	6.67	57	380
	TOTAL	5.01	891	4461

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**NFL / FIRST-DOWN PLAYS BY TEAMS**

Rank	Team	Yds/Play	Plays	Yards
1)	Pittsburgh	7.11	28	199
2)	Washington	6.72	50	336
3)	Jacksonville	6.53	32	209
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25)	Green Bay	4.11	56	230
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27)	Minnesota	3.84	55	211
28)	New York Jets	3.81	57	217
29)	Buffalo	3.62	42	152
30)	St. Louis	3.60	55	198
31)	Seattle	3.05	57	174
32)	Oakland	3.04	47	143
	TOTAL	4.94	1701	8405

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31)	Dallas	6.59	59	389
32)	Green Bay	6.67	57	380
	TOTAL	4.94	1701	8405

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

AFC / KICKOFFS (Receiving Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Baltimore	5	5	0	0	0	41.2
2)	Oakland	13	13	0	0	0	32.9
3)	Miami	10	10	1	0	0	29.1
4)	New England	9	9	2	0	0	26.8
5)	Tennessee	14	14	1	0	1	26.5
6)	Indianapolis	9	9	0	0	2	26.4
7)	Cleveland	12	12	1	0	0	26.0
8)	Houston	13	13	1	0	1	25.6
9)	New York Jets	8	8	1	0	0	25.5
10)	Kansas City	9	9	3	0	0	25.2
11)	Buffalo	6	5	0	0	2	24.2
12)	Pittsburgh	4	4	1	0	1	24.0
13)	Denver	11	11	5	0	2	21.1
14)	Jacksonville	4	3	2	0	1	19.7
15)	Cincinnati	7	6	1	1	2	19.0
16)	San Diego	3	3	0	0	1	17.7
	Totals	137	134	19	1	13	26.3

AFC / KICKOFFS (Kicking Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Cleveland	7	7	3	0	2	17.7
2)	Houston	8	8	0	0	2	21.9
3)	New England	9	9	1	0	2	23.0
4)	Tennessee	5	5	0	0	1	24.6
5)	Miami	6	5	1	0	1	24.8
6)	Cincinnati	12	12	2	0	0	24.8
7)	Indianapolis	14	14	1	0	2	25.0
8)	Denver	6	6	2	0	0	25.3
8t)	Kansas City	7	6	2	1	1	25.3
10)	Jacksonville	5	5	1	0	0	25.8
11)	San Diego	15	15	1	0	1	26.7
12)	Buffalo	10	10	1	0	0	27.6
13)	Pittsburgh	5	5	1	0	0	27.8
14)	New York Jets	9	9	1	0	0	30.3
15)	Baltimore	13	13	0	0	0	32.1
16)	Oakland	5	5	0	0	0	41.2
	Totals	136	134	17	1	12	26.5

Note: Average opponent drive start DOES NOT include inside kicks or kickoffs at the end of a half unless either kickoff is returned for a touchdown. All other kickoffs (returned kickoffs, fair catches, touchback and kickoffs out of bounds) are included. Kickoffs resulting in the kicking team retaining possession are not included.

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I20: The number of drives that start inside (not including) the 20 yd line.

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NFC / KICKOFFS (Receiving Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Washington	10	10	2	0	1	33.6
2)	San Francisco	11	11	1	0	0	29.8
3)	Minnesota	9	9	1	0	0	29.6
4)	Arizona	10	9	0	0	1	28.7
5)	Seattle	6	6	2	0	0	28.2
6)	Dallas	8	8	1	0	0	27.6
7)	Tampa Bay	9	9	1	0	2	25.4
8)	Atlanta	4	4	0	0	1	25.3
9)	St. Louis	8	8	1	0	1	24.8
10)	Carolina	10	10	3	0	3	23.7
11)	Green Bay	14	13	2	0	2	23.7
12)	New York Giants	12	11	1	0	3	21.6
13)	New Orleans	9	9	5	0	2	21.3
14)	Philadelphia	8	7	1	0	1	21.0
15)	Chicago	3	3	0	0	1	20.3
16)	Detroit	9	9	3	0	3	20.2
	Totals	140	136	24	0	21	25.5

NFC / KICKOFFS (Kicking Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0	1	19.5
2)	Green Bay	7	7	3	0	2	20.9
3)	Atlanta	8	8	3	0	3	20.9
4)	Chicago	14	13	3	0	4	21.5
5)	Philadelphia	11	10	1	0	2	22.1
6)	Arizona	10	10	2	0	0	24.5
7)	New Orleans	13	13	3	0	1	24.9
8)	San Francisco	11	10	0	0	2	25.6
9)	St. Louis	11	11	4	0	1	26.1
10)	New York Giants	9	8	1	0	1	26.3
11)	Minnesota	9	9	1	0	2	28.1
12)	Carolina	7	7	0	0	0	28.3
13)	Detroit	5	5	0	0	1	28.4
14)	Seattle	6	6	0	0	0	29.3
15)	Dallas	10	9	4	0	2	29.7
16)	Washington	8	8	1	0	0	30.3
	Totals	141	136	26	0	22	25.4

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NFL / KICKOFFS (Receiving Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Baltimore	5	5	0	0	0	41.2
2)	Washington	10	10	2	0	1	33.6
3)	Oakland	13	13	0	0	0	32.9
4)	San Francisco	11	11	1	0	0	29.8
5)	Minnesota	9	9	1	0	0	29.6
6)	Miami	10	10	1	0	0	29.1
7)	Arizona	10	9	0	0	1	28.7
8)	Seattle	6	6	2	0	0	28.2
9)	Dallas	8	8	1	0	0	27.6
10)	New England	9	9	2	0	0	26.8
11)	Tennessee	14	14	1	0	1	26.5
12)	Indianapolis	9	9	0	0	2	26.4
13)	Cleveland	12	12	1	0	0	26.0
14)	Houston	13	13	1	0	1	25.6
15)	New York Jets	8	8	1	0	0	25.5
16)	Tampa Bay	9	9	1	0	2	25.4
17)	Atlanta	4	4	0	0	1	25.3
18)	Kansas City	9	9	3	0	0	25.2
19)	St. Louis	8	8	1	0	1	24.8
20)	Buffalo	6	5	0	0	2	24.2
21)	Pittsburgh	4	4	1	0	1	24.0
22)	Carolina	10	10	3	0	3	23.7
23)	Green Bay	14	13	2	0	2	23.7
24)	New York Giants	12	11	1	0	3	21.6
25)	New Orleans	9	9	5	0	2	21.3
26)	Denver	11	11	5	0	2	21.1
27)	Philadelphia	8	7	1	0	1	21.0
28)	Chicago	3	3	0	0	1	20.3
29)	Detroit	9	9	3	0	3	20.2
30)	Jacksonville	4	3	2	0	1	19.7
31)	Cincinnati	7	6	1	1	2	19.0
32)	San Diego	3	3	0	0	1	17.7
	Totals	277	270	43	1	34	25.9

Note: Average team drive start DOES NOT include onside kicks or kickoffs at the end of a half unless either kickoff is returned for a touchdown. All other kickoffs (returned kickoffs, fair catches, touchback and kickoffs out of bounds) are included. Kickoffs resulting in the kicking team retaining possession are not included.

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WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

NFL / KICKOFFS (Kicking Team)

Rank	Team	TotKO	AdjKO	TB	OB	I20	Avg.Start
1)	Cleveland	7	7	3	0	2	17.7
2)	Tampa Bay	2	2	0	0	1	19.5
3)	Green Bay	7	7	3	0	2	20.9
4)	Atlanta	8	8	3	0	3	20.9
5)	Chicago	14	13	3	0	4	21.5
6)	Houston	8	8	0	0	2	21.9
7)	Philadelphia	11	10	1	0	2	22.1
8)	New England	9	9	1	0	2	23.0
9)	Arizona	10	10	2	0	0	24.5
10)	Tennessee	5	5	0	0	1	24.6
11)	Miami	6	5	1	0	1	24.8
12)	Cincinnati	12	12	2	0	0	24.8
13)	New Orleans	13	13	3	0	1	24.9
14)	Indianapolis	14	14	1	0	2	25.0
15)	Denver	6	6	2	0	0	25.3
15t)	Kansas City	7	6	2	1	1	25.3
17)	San Francisco	11	10	0	0	2	25.6
18)	Jacksonville	5	5	1	0	0	25.8
19)	St. Louis	11	11	4	0	1	26.1
20)	New York Giants	9	8	1	0	1	26.3
21)	San Diego	15	15	1	0	1	26.7
22)	Buffalo	10	10	1	0	0	27.6
23)	Pittsburgh	5	5	1	0	0	27.8
24)	Minnesota	9	9	1	0	2	28.1
25)	Carolina	7	7	0	0	0	28.3
26)	Detroit	5	5	0	0	1	28.4
27)	Seattle	6	6	0	0	0	29.3
28)	Dallas	10	9	4	0	2	29.7
29)	Washington	8	8	1	0	0	30.3
30)	New York Jets	9	9	1	0	0	30.3
31)	Baltimore	13	13	0	0	0	32.1
32)	Oakland	5	5	0	0	0	41.2
	Totals	277	270	43	1	34	25.9

Note: Average opponent drive start DOES NOT include onside kicks or kickoffs at the end of a half unless either kickoff is returned for a touchdown. All other kickoffs (returned kickoffs, fair catches, touchback and kickoffs out of bounds) are included. Kickoffs resulting in the kicking team retaining possession are not included.

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AFC / SINGLE-GAME HIGHS / PLAYERS

Most Points-- 16, Kaeding, S.D. vs. Tenn., 9/17, (0 td, 4 fg, 4 xp, 0 2pt)
Passing Yards-- 400, Manning, Ind. vs. Hou., 9/17, (26-38, 400, 3 td, 0 int)
Longest Pass-- 87, Batch, Pitt. vs. Miami, 9/7, (to Miller, Heath, td)
Passing Touchdowns-- 3, (3 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Rushing Yards-- 145, R. Johnson, Cin. vs. Clev., 9/17, (26-145, 2 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 31, Tomlinson, S.D. at Oak., 9/11, (31-131, 1 td)
Longest Rush-- 73, Turner, S.D. vs. Tenn., 9/17
Receptions-- 10, Gonzalez, K.C. vs. Cin., 9/10, (10-81, 1 td)
Receiving Yards-- 153, Coles, NY-J at Tenn., 9/10, (8-153, 0 td)
Kickoff Return Yards-- 206, Carr, Oak. at Balt., 9/17, (7-206, 0 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 7, Carr, Oak. at Balt., 9/17, (7-206, 0 td)
Longest Kickoff Return-- 72, Sams, Balt. vs. Oak., 9/17
Punt Return Yards-- 79, Welker, Miami at Pitt., 9/7, (3-79, 1 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 5, D. Hall, K.C. at Denv., 9/17 (OT), (5-72, 0 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 5, Parker, S.D. at Oak., 9/11, (5-34, 1 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 5, Parrish, Buff. at Miami, 9/17, (5-72, 0 fc, 0 td)
Longest Punt Return-- 47, Welker, Miami at Pitt., 9/7
Interceptions-- 2, Dyson, NY-J at Tenn., 9/10, (2-0, 0 td)
Longest Interception Return-- 60, McAlister, Balt. at T.B., 9/10, td
Longest Interception Return-- 60, Ngata, Balt. at T.B., 9/10
Sacks-- 3.0, (3 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Scrimmage Yards-- 167, L. Johnson, K.C. at Denv., 9/17 (OT), (Rush 27-126, Rec 5-41)
Scrimmage Yards-- 155, Turner, S.D. vs. Tenn., 9/17, (Rush 13-138, Rec 2-17)
Longest Punt-- 61, Ernster, Denv. vs. K.C., 9/17 (OT)
Longest Punt-- 61, Lechler, Oak. at Balt., 9/17
Longest Punt-- 61, Miller, N.E. at NY-J, 9/17
Punts-- 9, Lechler, Oak. vs. S.D., 9/11, (9-420, 46.7)
Field Goals Made-- 4, (3 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Longest Field Goal-- 53, Lindell, Buff. at N.E., 9/10

NFC / SINGLE-GAME HIGHS / PLAYERS

Most Points-- 18, Wilkins, St.L. vs. Denv., 9/10, (0 td, 6 fg, 0 xp, 0 2pt)
Passing Yards-- 371, Manning, NY-G at Phil., 9/17 (OT), (31-43, 371, 3 td, 1 int)
Passing Yards-- **353, Brees, N.O. at G.B., 9/17, (26-41, 353, 2 td, 1 int)**
Longest Pass-- 72, A. Smith, S.F. vs. St.L., 9/17, (to Bryant, Antonio, td)
Passing Touchdowns-- 4, Grossman, Chi. vs. Det., 9/17, (20-27, 289, 4 td, 0 int)
Rushing Yards-- 134, Dunn, Atl. vs. T.B., 9/17, (21-134, 0 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 31, C. Taylor, Minn. at Wash., 9/11, (31-88, 1 td)
Longest Rush-- 37, S. Jackson, St.L. vs. Denv., 9/10
Receptions-- 12, Toomer, NY-G at Phil., 9/17 (OT), (12-137, 2 td)
Receptions-- 9, Fitzgerald, Ariz. vs. S.F., 9/10, (9-133, 0 td)
Receptions-- 9, Galloway, T.B. at Atl., 9/17, (9-161, 0 td)
Receiving Yards-- 161, Galloway, T.B. at Atl., 9/17, (9-161, 0 td)
Kickoff Return Yards-- 163, Cartwright, Wash. at Dal., 9/17, (4-163, 1 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 6, Hicks, S.F. at Ariz., 9/10, (6-151, 0 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 6, Morton, NY-G vs. Ind., 9/10, (6-112, 0 td)
Longest Kickoff Return-- 100, Cartwright, Wash. at Dal., 9/17, td
Punt Return Yards-- 104, Hester, Chi. at G.B., 9/10, (5-104, 0 fc, 1 td)
Punt Returns-- 6, Moore, Minn. vs. Car., 9/17 (OT), (6-22, 1 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 5, (3 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Longest Punt Return-- 84, Hester, Chi. at G.B., 9/10, td
Interceptions-- 2, Hall, Atl. vs. T.B., 9/17, (2-75, 0 td)
Longest Interception Return-- 57, Hall, Atl. vs. T.B., 9/17
Sacks-- 3.0, Peppers, Car. at Minn., 9/17 (OT)
Sacks-- **3.0, Young, N.O. at Clev., 9/10**
Sacks-- 3.0, Kampman, G.B. vs. N.O., 9/17
Scrimmage Yards-- 171, Barber, NY-G vs. Ind., 9/10, (Rush 18-110, Rec 5-61)
Longest Punt-- 63, Plackemeier, Sea. at Det., 9/10
Punts-- 9, Baker, Car. at Minn., 9/17 (OT), (9-386, 42.9)
Punts-- 8, Bidwell, T.B. vs. Balt., 9/10, (8-372, 46.5)
Punts-- 8, Frost, Wash. at Dal., 9/17, (8-413, 51.6)
Field Goals Made-- 6, Wilkins, St.L. vs. Denv., 9/10, (6-7, 51 lg)
Longest Field Goal-- 54, Kasay, Car. vs. Atl., 9/10

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Most Points-- 18, Wilkins, St.L. vs. Denv., 9/10, (0 td, 6 fg, 0 xp, 0 2pt)
Passing Yards-- 400, Manning, Ind. vs. Hou., 9/17, (26-38, 400, 3 td, 0 int)
Longest Pass-- 87, Batch, Pitt. vs. Miami, 9/7, (to Miller, Heath, td)
Passing Touchdowns-- 4, Grossman, Chi. vs. Det., 9/17, (20-27, 289, 4 td, 0 int)
Rushing Yards-- 145, R. Johnson, Cin. vs. Clev., 9/17, (26-145, 2 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 31, C. Taylor, Minn. at Wash., 9/11, (31-88, 1 td)
Rushing Attempts-- 31, Tomlinson, S.D. at Oak., 9/11, (31-131, 1 td)
Longest Rush-- 73, Turner, S.D. vs. Tenn., 9/17
Receptions-- 12, Toomer, NY-G at Phil., 9/17 (OT), (12-137, 2 td)
Receptions-- 10, Gonzalez, K.C. vs. Cin., 9/10, (10-81, 1 td)
Receiving Yards-- 161, Galloway, T.B. at Atl., 9/17, (9-161, 0 td)
Kickoff Return Yards-- 206, Carr, Oak. at Balt., 9/17, (7-206, 0 td)
Kickoff Returns-- 7, Carr, Oak. at Balt., 9/17, (7-206, 0 td)
Longest Kickoff Return-- 100, Cartwright, Wash. at Dal., 9/17, td
Punt Return Yards-- 104, Hester, Chi. at G.B., 9/10, (5-104, 0 fc, 1 td)
Punt Returns-- 6, Moore, Minn. vs. Car., 9/17 (OT), (6-22, 1 fc, 0 td)
Punt Returns-- 5, (5 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Longest Punt Return-- 84, Hester, Chi. at G.B., 9/10, td
Interceptions-- 2, Dyson, NY-J at Tenn., 9/10, (2-0, 0 td)
Interceptions-- 2, Hall, Atl. vs. T.B., 9/17, (2-75, 0 td)
Longest Interception Return-- 60, McAlister, Balt. at T.B., 9/10, td
Longest Interception Return-- 60, Ngata, Balt. at T.B., 9/10
Sacks-- 3.0, Peppers, Car. at Minn., 9/17 (OT)
Sacks-- 3.0, (5 times in Non-Overtime Games)
Scrimmage Yards-- 171, Barber, NY-G vs. Ind., 9/10, (Rush 18-110, Rec 5-61)
Longest Punt-- 63, Plackemeier, Sea. at Det., 9/10
Punts-- 9, Baker, Car. at Minn., 9/17 (OT), (9-386, 42.9)
Punts-- 9, Lechler, Oak. vs. S.D., 9/11, (9-420, 46.7)
Field Goals Made-- 6, Wilkins, St.L. vs. Denv., 9/10, (6-7, 51 lg)
Longest Field Goal-- 54, Kasay, Car. vs. Atl., 9/10

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400, Manning, IND vs. HOU 09/17 (26-38, 3 TD)
371, Manning, NYG at PHI 09/17 (ot) (31-43, 3 TD)
353, Brees, NO at GB 09/17 (26-41, 2 TD)
352, Palmer, CIN vs. CLE 09/17 (24-40, 2 TD)
350, McNabb, PHI vs. NYG 09/17 (ot) (27-45, 2 TD)
340, Favre, GB vs. NO 09/17 (31-55, 3 TD)
319, Pennington, NYJ at TEN 09/10 (24-33, 2 TD)
314, McNabb, PHI at HOU 09/10 (24-35, 3 TD)
313, Simms, TB at ATL 09/17 (28-53, 0 TD)
306, Pennington, NYJ vs. NE 09/17 (22-37, 2 TD)
301, Warner, ARI vs. SF 09/10 (23-37, 3 TD)

100-Yard Receiving Games

161, Galloway, TB at ATL 09/17 (9 rec., 0 TD)
153, Driver, GB vs. NO 09/17 (8 rec., 0 TD)
153, Coles, NYJ at TEN 09/10 (8 rec., 0 TD)
141, Stallworth, PHI at HOU 09/10 (6 rec., 1 TD)
137, Toomer, NYG at PHI 09/17 (ot) (12 rec., 2 TD)
135, Wayne, IND vs. HOU 09/17 (6 rec., 0 TD)
133, Fitzgerald, ARI vs. SF 09/10 (9 rec., 0 TD)
131, Bryant, SF vs. STL 09/17 (4 rec., 1 TD)
127, Jackson, SEA vs. ARI 09/17 (5 rec., 1 TD)
127, Harrison, IND vs. HOU 09/17 (7 rec., 0 TD)
121, Cotchery, NYJ vs. NE 09/17 (6 rec., 1 TD)
114, Bryant, SF at ARI 09/10 (4 rec., 0 TD)
114, Burress, NYG at PHI 09/17 (ot) (6 rec., 1 TD)
113, Harrison, IND at NYG 09/10 (9 rec., 0 TD)
113, Henry, CIN vs. CLE 09/17 (5 rec., 0 TD)
111, Smith, PHI vs. NYG 09/17 (ot) (7 rec., 0 TD)
110, Edwards, CLE at CIN 09/17 (4 rec., 0 TD)
106, Bennett, TEN vs. NYJ 09/10 (8 rec., 0 TD)
106, Johnson, CAR at MIN 09/17 (ot) (5 rec., 0 TD)
102, Williamson, MIN vs. CAR 09/17 (ot) (6 rec., 0 TD)
102, Muhammad, CHI at GB 09/10 (6 rec., 0 TD)
101, Miller, PIT vs. MIA 09/07 (3 rec., 1 TD)
101, A. Johnson, HOU vs. PHI 09/10 (6 rec., 0 TD)
100, Coles, NYJ vs. NE 09/17 (6 rec., 1 TD)

100-Yard Rushing Games

145, R. Johnson, CIN vs. CLE 09/17 (26 att., 2 TD)
138, Turner, SD vs. TEN 09/17 (13 att., 0 TD)
134, Dunn, ATL vs. TB 09/17 (21 att., 0 TD)
132, Dunn, ATL at CAR 09/10 (29 att., 0 TD)
131, Tomlinson, SD at OAK 09/11 (31 att., 1 TD)
127, Vick, ATL vs. TB 09/17 (14 att., 1 TD)
127, Gore, SF vs. STL 09/17 (29 att., 1 TD)
126, L. Johnson, KC at DEN 09/17 (ot) (27 att., 0 TD)
121, S. Jackson, STL vs. DEN 09/10 (22 att., 0 TD)
115, Parker, PIT vs. MIA 09/07 (29 att., 0 TD)
113, C. Taylor, MIN vs. CAR 09/17 (ot) (24 att., 0 TD)
110, Barber, NYG vs. IND 09/10 (18 att., 0 TD)
110, Green, GB vs. CHI 09/10 (20 att., 0 TD)
103, S. Jackson, STL at SF 09/17 (22 att., 0 TD)
103, T. Bell, DEN at STL 09/10 (15 att., 0 TD)

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AFC / LEADING PASSERS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Yds	Avg		Pct			Pct	Rating
			Comp	Yds		Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int		
Batch, Pit.	25	15	60.0	209	8.36	3	12.0	87t	0	0.0	126.5	
Carr, Hou.	53	40	75.5	427	8.06	4	7.5	44	0	0.0	123.7	
Rivers, S.D.	46	33	71.7	343	7.46	2	4.3	38	0	0.0	107.4	
Pennington, NY-J	70	46	65.7	625	8.93	4	5.7	71t	1	1.4	107.1	
Manning, Ind.	79	51	64.6	676	8.56	4	5.1	37	1	1.3	103.1	
Huard, K.C.	43	29	67.4	273	6.35	1	2.3	37	0	0.0	92.5	
Losman, Buf.	41	26	63.4	247	6.02	1	2.4	20	0	0.0	88.2	
Palmer, Cin.	59	37	62.7	479	8.12	2	3.4	43	2	3.4	85.3	
Leftwich, Jac.	34	23	67.6	237	6.97	1	2.9	30	1	2.9	85.0	
Brady, N.E.	52	26	50.0	383	7.37	3	5.8	34	2	3.8	77.6	
McNair, Bal.	60	33	55.0	324	5.40	2	3.3	35	1	1.7	74.6	
Culpepper, Mia.	69	41	59.4	512	7.42	1	1.4	52	3	4.3	69.2	
Frye, Cle.	60	36	60.0	376	6.27	1	1.7	75	4	6.7	56.0	
Plummer, Den.	56	29	51.8	311	5.55	0	0.0	24	4	7.1	38.6	
Collins, Ten.	57	23	40.4	280	4.91	0	0.0	25	4	7.0	26.9	
Walter, Oak.	32	12	37.5	190	5.94	0	0.0	28	3	9.4	19.0	

AFC / LEADING PASSERS, RANKS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Yds	Avg		Pct			Pct	Rating
			Comp	Yds		Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int		
Batch, Pit.	16	15	9t	15	3	4t	1		1t	1t	1	
Carr, Hou.	9	4	1	5	5	1t	2		1t	1t	2	
Rivers, S.D.	11	7t	2	8	6	6t	6		1t	1t	3	
Pennington, NY-J	2	2	5	2	1	1t	4		6t	7	4	
Manning, Ind.	1	1	6	1	2	1t	5		6t	6	5	
Huard, K.C.	12	9t	4	12	10	9t	11		1t	1t	6	
Losman, Buf.	13	11t	7	13	12	9t	10		1t	1t	7	
Palmer, Cin.	6	5	8	4	4	6t	7		10t	10	8	
Leftwich, Jac.	14	13t	3	14	9	9t	9		6t	9	9	
Brady, N.E.	10	11t	14	6	8	4t	3		10t	11	10	
McNair, Bal.	4t	7t	12	9	15	6t	8		6t	8	11	
Culpepper, Mia.	3	3	11	3	7	9t	13		12t	12	12	
Frye, Cle.	4t	6	9t	7	11	9t	12		14t	13	13	
Plummer, Den.	8	9t	13	10	14	15t	14t		14t	15	14	
Collins, Ten.	7	13t	15	11	16	15t	14t		14t	14	15	
Walter, Oak.	15	16	16	16	13	15t	14t		12t	16	16	

NFC / LEADING PASSERS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Yds	Avg		Pct			Pct	Rating
			Comp	Yds		Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int		
Grossman, Chi.	53	38	71.7	551	10.40	5	9.4	49t	1	1.9	128.7	
McNabb, Phi.	80	51	63.7	664	8.30	5	6.3	42t	1	1.3	105.4	
Manning, NY-G	77	51	66.2	618	8.03	5	6.5	37t	2	2.6	101.5	
Warner, Ariz	75	47	62.7	532	7.09	4	5.3	40t	1	1.3	96.1	
A. Smith, S.F.	62	34	54.8	521	8.40	2	3.2	72t	0	0.0	93.5	
Vick, Atl.	37	20	54.1	232	6.27	3	8.1	34t	1	2.7	89.0	
Kitna, Det.	67	44	65.7	459	6.85	0	0.0	30	0	0.0	85.4	
Brees, N.O.	71	42	59.2	523	7.37	3	4.2	57	2	2.8	84.4	
B. Johnson, Min.	61	35	57.4	466	7.64	1	1.6	46	1	1.6	80.4	
Hasselbeck, Sea.	57	37	64.9	431	7.56	1	1.8	49t	2	3.5	78.9	
Bulger, St.L	68	37	54.4	402	5.91	1	1.5	49	0	0.0	77.0	
Favre, G.B.	84	46	54.8	510	6.07	3	3.6	48	3	3.6	70.0	
Bledsoe, Dal.	71	35	49.3	483	6.80	3	4.2	51	3	4.2	68.0	
Brunell, Was.	61	35	57.4	360	5.90	0	0.0	37	1	1.6	67.7	
Delhomme, Car.	72	38	52.8	367	5.10	0	0.0	40	1	1.4	61.5	
Simms, T.B.	82	45	54.9	446	5.44	0	0.0	55	6	7.3	40.0	

NFC / LEADING PASSERS, RANKS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Yds	Avg		Pct			Pct	Rating
			Comp	Yds		Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int		
Grossman, Chi.	15	8t	1	3	1	1t	1		4t	9	1	
McNabb, Phi.	3	1t	5	1	3	1t	4		4t	4	2	
Manning, NY-G	4	1t	2	2	4	1t	3		11t	10	3	
Warner, Ariz	5	3	6	4	8	4	5		4t	5	4	
A. Smith, S.F.	11	15	11	6	2	9	9		1t	1t	5	
Vick, Atl.	16	16	14	16	11	5t	2		4t	11	6	
Kitna, Det.	10	6	3	10	9	14t	13t		1t	1t	7	
Brees, N.O.	7t	7	7	5	7	5t	6t		11t	12	8	
B. Johnson, Min.	12t	12t	8t	9	5	10t	11		4t	7t	9	
Hasselbeck, Sea.	14	10t	4	12	6	10t	10		11t	13	10	
Bulger, St.L	9	10t	13	13	13	10t	12		1t	1t	11	
Favre, G.B.	1	4	12	7	12	5t	8		14t	14	12	
Bledsoe, Dal.	7t	12t	16	8	10	5t	6t		14t	15	13	
Brunell, Was.	12t	12t	8t	15	14	14t	13t		4t	7t	14	
Delhomme, Car.	6	8t	15	14	16	14t	13t		4t	6	15	
Simms, T.B.	2	5	10	11	15	14t	13t		16	16	16	

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Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg			Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points	
Grossman, Chi.	53	38	71.7	551	10.40	5	9.4	49t	1	1.9	128.7	
Batch, Pit.	25	15	60.0	209	8.36	3	12.0	87t	0	0.0	126.5	
Carr, Hou.	53	40	75.5	427	8.06	4	7.5	44	0	0.0	123.7	
Rivers, S.D.	46	33	71.7	343	7.46	2	4.3	38	0	0.0	107.4	
Pennington, NY-J	70	46	65.7	625	8.93	4	5.7	71t	1	1.4	107.1	
McNabb, Phi.	80	51	63.7	664	8.30	5	6.3	42t	1	1.3	105.4	
Manning, Ind.	79	51	64.6	676	8.56	4	5.1	37	1	1.3	103.1	
Manning, NY-G	77	51	66.2	618	8.03	5	6.5	37t	2	2.6	101.5	
Warner, Ariz	75	47	62.7	532	7.09	4	5.3	40t	1	1.3	96.1	
A. Smith, S.F.	62	34	54.8	521	8.40	2	3.2	72t	0	0.0	93.5	
Huard, K.C.	43	29	67.4	273	6.35	1	2.3	37	0	0.0	92.5	
Vick, Atl.	37	20	54.1	232	6.27	3	8.1	34t	1	2.7	89.0	
Losman, Buf.	41	26	63.4	247	6.02	1	2.4	20	0	0.0	88.2	
Kitna, Det.	67	44	65.7	459	6.85	0	0.0	30	0	0.0	85.4	
Palmer, Cin.	59	37	62.7	479	8.12	2	3.4	43	2	3.4	85.3	
Leftwich, Jac.	34	23	67.6	237	6.97	1	2.9	30	1	2.9	85.0	
Brees, N.O.	71	42	59.2	523	7.37	3	4.2	57	2	2.8	84.4	
B. Johnson, Min.	61	35	57.4	466	7.64	1	1.6	46	1	1.6	80.4	
Hasselbeck, Sea.	57	37	64.9	431	7.56	1	1.8	49t	2	3.5	78.9	
Brady, N.E.	52	26	50.0	383	7.37	3	5.8	34	2	3.8	77.6	
Bulger, St.L	68	37	54.4	402	5.91	1	1.5	49	0	0.0	77.0	
McNair, Bal.	60	33	55.0	324	5.40	2	3.3	35	1	1.7	74.6	
Favre, G.B.	84	46	54.8	510	6.07	3	3.6	48	3	3.6	70.0	
Culpepper, Mia.	69	41	59.4	512	7.42	1	1.4	52	3	4.3	69.2	
Bledsoe, Dal.	71	35	49.3	483	6.80	3	4.2	51	3	4.2	68.0	
Brunell, Was.	61	35	57.4	360	5.90	0	0.0	37	1	1.6	67.7	
Delhomme, Car.	72	38	52.8	367	5.10	0	0.0	40	1	1.4	61.5	
Frye, Cle.	60	36	60.0	376	6.27	1	1.7	75	4	6.7	56.0	
Simms, T.B.	82	45	54.9	446	5.44	0	0.0	55	6	7.3	40.0	
Plummer, Den.	56	29	51.8	311	5.55	0	0.0	24	4	7.1	38.6	
Collins, Ten.	57	23	40.4	280	4.91	0	0.0	25	4	7.0	26.9	
Walter, Oak.	32	12	37.5	190	5.94	0	0.0	28	3	9.4	19.0	

NFL / LEADING PASSERS, RANKS

Player, Team	Att	Comp	Pct		Avg			Pct			Pct Rating	
			Comp	Yds	Gain	TD	TD	Long	Int	Int	Points	
Grossman, Chi.	23t	12t	3	5	1	1t	2		9t	17	1	
Batch, Pit.	32	31	15t	31	5	8t	1		1t	1t	2	
Carr, Hou.	23t	11	1	17	8	4t	4		1t	1t	3	
Rivers, S.D.	26	22t	2	23	12	14t	11		1t	1t	4	
Pennington, NY-J	10	5t	7	3	2	4t	8		9t	13	5	
McNabb, Phi.	3	1t	11	2	6	1t	6		9t	9	6	
Manning, Ind.	4	1t	10	1	3	4t	10		9t	10	7	
Manning, NY-G	5	1t	6	4	9	1t	5		20t	18	8	
Warner, Ariz	6	4	14	6	16	4t	9		9t	11	9	
A. Smith, S.F.	14	21	23	8	4	14t	17		1t	1t	10	
Huard, K.C.	27	24t	5	27	20	18t	20		1t	1t	11	
Vick, Atl.	29	30	26	30	21	8t	3		9t	19	12	
Losman, Buf.	28	26t	12	28	24	18t	19		1t	1t	13	
Kitna, Det.	13	8	8	14	18	28t	26t		1t	1t	14	
Palmer, Cin.	19	14t	13	12	7	14t	15		20t	22	15	
Leftwich, Jac.	30	28t	4	29	17	18t	18		9t	21	16	
Brees, N.O.	8t	9	18	7	14	8t	12t		20t	20	17	
B. Johnson, Min.	15t	18t	19t	13	10	18t	23		9t	14t	18	
Hasselbeck, Sea.	20t	14t	9	16	11	18t	21		20t	23	19	
Brady, N.E.	25	26t	29	19	15	8t	7		20t	25	20	
Bulger, St.L	12	14t	25	18	26	18t	24		1t	1t	21	
McNair, Bal.	17t	22t	21	24	30	14t	16		9t	16	22	
Favre, G.B.	1	5t	24	10	23	8t	14		25t	24	23	
Culpepper, Mia.	11	10	17	9	13	18t	25		25t	27	24	
Bledsoe, Dal.	8t	18t	30	11	19	8t	12t		25t	26	25	
Brunell, Was.	15t	18t	19t	22	27	28t	26t		9t	14t	26	
Delhomme, Car.	7	12t	27	21	31	28t	26t		9t	12	27	
Frye, Cle.	17t	17	15t	20	22	18t	22		29t	28	28	
Simms, T.B.	2	7	22	15	29	28t	26t		32	31	29	
Plummer, Den.	22	24t	28	25	28	28t	26t		29t	30	30	
Collins, Ten.	20t	28t	31	26	32	28t	26t		29t	29	31	
Walter, Oak.	31	32	32	32	25	28t	26t		25t	32	32	

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AFC / FOURTH-QUARTER PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Rivers, S.D.	5	5	100.0	66	13.20	2	40.0	0	0.0	158.3
2)	Batch, Pit.	4	3	75.0	97	24.25	1	25.0	0	0.0	156.3
3)	Carr, Hou.	19	14	73.7	178	9.37	3	15.8	0	0.0	142.1
4)	Manning, Ind.	10	7	70.0	123	12.30	0	0.0	0	0.0	111.7
5)	Leftwich, Jac.	8	6	75.0	89	11.13	0	0.0	0	0.0	110.9
6)	Losman, Buf.	8	7	87.5	59	7.38	0	0.0	0	0.0	97.4
7)	McNair, Bal.	9	6	66.7	63	7.00	1	11.1	1	11.1	84.3
8)	*Young, Ten.	17	7	41.2	106	6.24	1	5.9	0	0.0	82.0
9)	Huard, K.C.	24	13	54.2	115	4.79	1	4.2	0	0.0	81.1
10)	Collins, Ten.	19	10	52.6	134	7.05	0	0.0	0	0.0	75.3
11)	Pennington, NY-J	16	9	56.3	118	7.38	1	6.3	1	6.3	74.5
12)	Culpepper, Mia.	30	16	53.3	194	6.47	1	3.3	2	6.7	56.8
13)	Brady, N.E.	13	8	61.5	90	6.92	0	0.0	1	7.7	50.2
14)	Frye, Cle.	23	13	56.5	171	7.43	0	0.0	2	8.7	43.9
15)	Plummer, Den.	15	7	46.7	65	4.33	0	0.0	2	13.3	19.4
16)	Palmer, Cin.	9	3	33.3	36	4.00	0	0.0	1	11.1	6.9
17)	Walter, Oak.	19	5	26.3	76	4.00	0	0.0	2	10.5	4.2

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Brees, N.O.	14	11	78.6	129	9.21	1	7.1	0	0.0	128.9
2)	Warner, Ariz	14	9	64.3	130	9.29	1	7.1	0	0.0	118.2
3)	Brunell, Was.	25	18	72.0	178	7.12	0	0.0	0	0.0	91.8
4)	Bledsoe, Dal.	15	8	53.3	157	10.47	2	13.3	2	13.3	90.1
5)	McNabb, Phi.	15	10	66.7	78	5.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	79.3
6)	Bulger, St.L	15	8	53.3	113	7.53	0	0.0	0	0.0	77.9
7)	A. Smith, S.F.	21	11	52.4	156	7.43	0	0.0	0	0.0	76.7
8)	Kitna, Det.	22	12	54.5	140	6.36	0	0.0	0	0.0	74.1
9)	Grossman, Chi.	6	3	50.0	34	5.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	67.4
10)	Manning, NY-G	30	18	60.0	220	7.33	1	3.3	2	6.7	66.0
11)	Delhomme, Car.	34	18	52.9	124	3.65	0	0.0	1	2.9	49.1
12)	Favre, G.B.	31	14	45.2	109	3.52	2	6.5	2	6.5	49.0
13)	B. Johnson, Min.	19	10	52.6	107	5.63	0	0.0	1	5.3	47.5
14)	Hasselbeck, Sea.	8	6	75.0	42	5.25	0	0.0	1	12.5	46.9
15)	*Gradkowski, T.B.	5	1	20.0	4	0.80	0	0.0	0	0.0	39.6
16)	Simms, T.B.	28	14	50.0	123	4.39	0	0.0	2	7.1	32.3

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Rivers, S.D.	5	5	100.0	66	13.20	2	40.0	0	0.0	158.3
2)	Batch, Pit.	4	3	75.0	97	24.25	1	25.0	0	0.0	156.3
3)	Carr, Hou.	19	14	73.7	178	9.37	3	15.8	0	0.0	142.1
4)	Brees, N.O.	14	11	78.6	129	9.21	1	7.1	0	0.0	128.9
5)	Warner, Ariz	14	9	64.3	130	9.29	1	7.1	0	0.0	118.2
6)	Manning, Ind.	10	7	70.0	123	12.30	0	0.0	0	0.0	111.7
7)	Leftwich, Jac.	8	6	75.0	89	11.13	0	0.0	0	0.0	110.9
8)	Losman, Buf.	8	7	87.5	59	7.38	0	0.0	0	0.0	97.4
9)	Brunell, Was.	25	18	72.0	178	7.12	0	0.0	0	0.0	91.8
10)	Bledsoe, Dal.	15	8	53.3	157	10.47	2	13.3	2	13.3	90.1
11)	McNair, Bal.	9	6	66.7	63	7.00	1	11.1	1	11.1	84.3
12)	*Young, Ten.	17	7	41.2	106	6.24	1	5.9	0	0.0	82.0
13)	Huard, K.C.	24	13	54.2	115	4.79	1	4.2	0	0.0	81.1
14)	McNabb, Phi.	15	10	66.7	78	5.20	0	0.0	0	0.0	79.3
15)	Bulger, St.L	15	8	53.3	113	7.53	0	0.0	0	0.0	77.9
16)	A. Smith, S.F.	21	11	52.4	156	7.43	0	0.0	0	0.0	76.7
17)	Collins, Ten.	19	10	52.6	134	7.05	0	0.0	0	0.0	75.3
18)	Pennington, NY-J	16	9	56.3	118	7.38	1	6.3	1	6.3	74.5
19)	Kitna, Det.	22	12	54.5	140	6.36	0	0.0	0	0.0	74.1
20)	Grossman, Chi.	6	3	50.0	34	5.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	67.4
21)	Manning, NY-G	30	18	60.0	220	7.33	1	3.3	2	6.7	66.0
22)	Culpepper, Mia.	30	16	53.3	194	6.47	1	3.3	2	6.7	56.8
23)	Brady, N.E.	13	8	61.5	90	6.92	0	0.0	1	7.7	50.2
24)	Delhomme, Car.	34	18	52.9	124	3.65	0	0.0	1	2.9	49.1
25)	Favre, G.B.	31	14	45.2	109	3.52	2	6.5	2	6.5	49.0
26)	B. Johnson, Min.	19	10	52.6	107	5.63	0	0.0	1	5.3	47.5
27)	Hasselbeck, Sea.	8	6	75.0	42	5.25	0	0.0	1	12.5	46.9
28)	Frye, Cle.	23	13	56.5	171	7.43	0	0.0	2	8.7	43.9
29)	*Gradkowski, T.B.	5	1	20.0	4	0.80	0	0.0	0	0.0	39.6
30)	Simms, T.B.	28	14	50.0	123	4.39	0	0.0	2	7.1	32.3
31)	Plummer, Den.	15	7	46.7	65	4.33	0	0.0	2	13.3	19.4
32)	Palmer, Cin.	9	3	33.3	36	4.00	0	0.0	1	11.1	6.9
33)	Walter, Oak.	19	5	26.3	76	4.00	0	0.0	2	10.5	4.2

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Pennington, NY-J	23	17	73.9	286	12.43	2	8.7	0	0.0	144.5
2)	Manning, Ind.	25	18	72.0	240	9.60	4	16.0	0	0.0	141.7
3)	Rivers, S.D.	15	10	66.7	136	9.07	1	6.7	0	0.0	117.6
4)	Brady, N.E.	13	8	61.5	104	8.00	1	7.7	0	0.0	112.3
5)	McNair, Bal.	24	16	66.7	140	5.83	2	8.3	0	0.0	109.7
6)	Culpepper, Mia.	18	10	55.6	174	9.67	1	5.6	0	0.0	107.2
7)	Batch, Pit.	11	6	54.5	65	5.91	1	9.1	0	0.0	102.5
8)	Losman, Buf.	16	11	68.8	94	5.88	0	0.0	0	0.0	83.9
9)	Palmer, Cin.	21	11	52.4	192	9.14	1	4.8	1	4.8	79.9
10)	Huard, K.C.	14	8	57.1	72	5.14	0	0.0	0	0.0	71.1
11)	Collins, Ten.	16	6	37.5	67	4.19	0	0.0	0	0.0	50.8
12)	Leftwich, Jac.	7	3	42.9	17	2.43	0	0.0	0	0.0	50.3
13)	Frye, Cle.	13	5	38.5	55	4.23	1	7.7	1	7.7	45.4
14)	Plummer, Den.	13	7	53.8	69	5.31	0	0.0	2	15.4	29.5

NFC / THIRD-DOWN PASSING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Favre, G.B.	22	16	72.7	207	9.41	2	9.1	0	0.0	132.2
2)	Warner, Ariz	20	12	60.0	212	10.60	1	5.0	0	0.0	112.9
3)	Manning, NY-G	17	10	58.8	163	9.59	2	11.8	1	5.9	105.8
4)	B. Johnson, Min.	25	14	56.0	244	9.76	1	4.0	0	0.0	102.8
5)	Grossman, Chi.	15	10	66.7	131	8.73	0	0.0	0	0.0	94.0
6)	A. Smith, S.F.	17	6	35.3	153	9.00	1	5.9	0	0.0	88.6
7)	Brees, N.O.	24	18	75.0	157	6.54	1	4.2	1	4.2	88.4
8)	McNabb, Phi.	20	12	60.0	167	8.35	0	0.0	0	0.0	86.9
9)	Vick, Atl.	12	7	58.3	88	7.33	2	16.7	1	8.3	86.1
10)	Bledsoe, Dal.	24	14	58.3	208	8.67	1	4.2	1	4.2	83.3
11)	Bulger, St.L	26	15	57.7	178	6.85	0	0.0	0	0.0	78.7
12)	Kitna, Det.	18	9	50.0	84	4.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	63.2
13)	Hasselbeck, Sea.	13	7	53.8	128	9.85	0	0.0	1	7.7	55.9
14)	Simms, T.B.	20	11	55.0	89	4.45	0	0.0	1	5.0	45.6
15)	Delhomme, Car.	19	6	31.6	43	2.26	0	0.0	0	0.0	40.9
16)	Brunell, Was.	22	9	40.9	81	3.68	0	0.0	1	4.5	32.6

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Comp	Comp%	Yards	YPA	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Rating
1)	Pennington, NY-J	23	17	73.9	286	12.43	2	8.7	0	0.0	144.5
2)	Manning, Ind.	25	18	72.0	240	9.60	4	16.0	0	0.0	141.7
3)	Favre, G.B.	22	16	72.7	207	9.41	2	9.1	0	0.0	132.2
4)	Rivers, S.D.	15	10	66.7	136	9.07	1	6.7	0	0.0	117.6
5)	Warner, Ariz	20	12	60.0	212	10.60	1	5.0	0	0.0	112.9
6)	Brady, N.E.	13	8	61.5	104	8.00	1	7.7	0	0.0	112.3
7)	McNair, Bal.	24	16	66.7	140	5.83	2	8.3	0	0.0	109.7
8)	Culpepper, Mia.	18	10	55.6	174	9.67	1	5.6	0	0.0	107.2
9)	Manning, NY-G	17	10	58.8	163	9.59	2	11.8	1	5.9	105.8
10)	B. Johnson, Min.	25	14	56.0	244	9.76	1	4.0	0	0.0	102.8
11)	Batch, Pit.	11	6	54.5	65	5.91	1	9.1	0	0.0	102.5
12)	Grossman, Chi.	15	10	66.7	131	8.73	0	0.0	0	0.0	94.0
13)	A. Smith, S.F.	17	6	35.3	153	9.00	1	5.9	0	0.0	88.6
14)	Brees, N.O.	24	18	75.0	157	6.54	1	4.2	1	4.2	88.4
15)	McNabb, Phi.	20	12	60.0	167	8.35	0	0.0	0	0.0	86.9
16)	Vick, Atl.	12	7	58.3	88	7.33	2	16.7	1	8.3	86.1
17)	Losman, Buf.	16	11	68.8	94	5.88	0	0.0	0	0.0	83.9
18)	Bledsoe, Dal.	24	14	58.3	208	8.67	1	4.2	1	4.2	83.3
19)	Palmer, Cin.	21	11	52.4	192	9.14	1	4.8	1	4.8	79.9
20)	Bulger, St.L	26	15	57.7	178	6.85	0	0.0	0	0.0	78.7
21)	Huard, K.C.	14	8	57.1	72	5.14	0	0.0	0	0.0	71.1
22)	Kitna, Det.	18	9	50.0	84	4.67	0	0.0	0	0.0	63.2
23)	Hasselbeck, Sea.	13	7	53.8	128	9.85	0	0.0	1	7.7	55.9
24)	Collins, Ten.	16	6	37.5	67	4.19	0	0.0	0	0.0	50.8
25)	Leftwich, Jac.	7	3	42.9	17	2.43	0	0.0	0	0.0	50.3
26)	Simms, T.B.	20	11	55.0	89	4.45	0	0.0	1	5.0	45.6
27)	Frye, Cle.	13	5	38.5	55	4.23	1	7.7	1	7.7	45.4
28)	Delhomme, Car.	19	6	31.6	43	2.26	0	0.0	0	0.0	40.9
29)	Brunell, Was.	22	9	40.9	81	3.68	0	0.0	1	4.5	32.6
30)	Plummer, Den.	13	7	53.8	69	5.31	0	0.0	2	15.4	29.5

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Rank	Player, Team	Att	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	R. Johnson, Cin.	54	241	4.5	22t	3
2)	Tomlinson, S.D.	50	202	4.0	58	3
3)	L. Johnson, K.C.	44	194	4.4	24	0
4)	Turner, S.D.	23	175	7.6	73	1
5)	T. Bell, Den.	31	172	5.5	39	0
6)	McGahee, Buf.	45	161	3.6	15	0
7)	Dillon, N.E.	36	153	4.3	14	1
8)	*Maroney, N.E.	33	151	4.6	27	1
9)	J. Lewis, Bal.	37	148	4.0	27	1
10)	Parker, Pit.	29	115	4.0	32	0
11)	*Addai, Ind.	23	108	4.7	16	0
12)	*M. Bell, Den.	23	102	4.4	36	1
13)	Brown, Mia.	30	100	3.3	14	2
14)	Barlow, NY-J	25	77	3.1	11	1
15)	Taylor, Jac.	21	74	3.5	10	1
16)	Brown, Ten.	22	73	3.3	9	0
17)	Rhodes, Ind.	30	66	2.2	9	2
18t)	Anderson, Bal.	8	59	7.4	34t	1
18t)	Droughns, Cle.	25	59	2.4	10	1
20)	*Lundy, Hou.	17	57	3.4	11	0
21)	Jordan, Oak.	29	55	1.9	15	0
22)	Frye, Cle. (QB)	10	54	5.4	15	2
23)	Blaylock, NY-J	25	43	1.7	6	0
24)	Dayne, Hou.	11	37	3.4	8	0
25)	Fargas, Oak.	6	36	6.0	15	0
26)	Carr, Hou. (QB)	7	35	5.0	16	0
27)	A. Thomas, Buf.	8	33	4.1	18t	1
28)	Mu. Smith, Bal.	9	30	3.3	16	0
29)	Gado, G.B.-Hou.	5	29	5.8	27	0
30)	Brooks, Oak. (QB)	5	27	5.4	14	0
31t)	Faulk, N.E.	4	24	6.0	11	0
31t)	*Young, Ten. (QB)	5	24	4.8	12	0
33t)	Henry, Ten.	9	22	2.4	5	2
33t)	*L. White, Ten.	8	22	2.8	6	0
35t)	Green, K.C. (QB)	4	21	5.3	9	0
35t)	Walker, Den. (WR)	2	21	10.5	16	0
37)	Batch, Pit. (QB)	7	20	2.9	12	0
38)	Bennett, K.C.	6	19	3.2	9	0
39t)	Johnson, Den.	2	18	9.0	15	0
39t)	Parker, S.D. (WR)	1	18	18.0	18	0
41)	Watson, Cin.	3	17	5.7	10	1
42)	Northcutt, Cle. (WR)	1	16	16.0	16	0
43)	Culpepper, Mia. (QB)	4	15	3.8	7	0
44t)	*Harrison, Cle.	2	14	7.0	14	0
44t)	C. Johnson, Cin. (WR)	2	14	7.0	8	0
44t)	McNair, Bal. (QB)	6	14	2.3	13	0
44t)	*Whitehurst, S.D. (QB)	1	14	14.0	14t	1
48)	*B. Smith, NY-J (WR)	2	13	6.5	12	0
49t)	Rivers, S.D. (QB)	6	12	2.0	6	0
49t)	Suggs, Mia.	3	12	4.0	6	0

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1)	Dunn, Atl.	50	266	5.3	30	0
2)	S. Jackson, St.L	44	224	5.1	37	0
3)	Gore, S.F.	45	214	4.8	32t	3
4)	C. Taylor, Min.	55	201	3.7	33	1
5)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	21	175	8.3	24	1
6)	J. Jones, Dal.	37	166	4.5	23t	1
7)	Barber, NY-G	39	161	4.1	22	0
8)	Green, G.B.	36	152	4.2	14	0
9)	Alexander, Sea.	45	140	3.1	14	1
10)	Westbrook, Phi.	36	139	3.9	17	1
11t)	James, Ariz	44	137	3.1	14	1
11t)	McAllister, N.O.	34	137	4.0	23t	2
13)	Jones, Chi.	42	127	3.0	17	0
14)	*Norwood, Atl.	19	111	5.8	23	0
15)	Jacobs, NY-G	13	89	6.8	12	1
16)	Foster, Car.	28	80	2.9	10	0
17)	K. Jones, Det.	26	79	3.0	29	0
18)	*D. Williams, Car.	13	74	5.7	23	1
19)	*Bush, N.O.	21	72	3.4	18	0
20)	Betts, Was.	19	62	3.3	17	0
21t)	Benson, Chi.	21	59	2.8	7	0
21t)	C. Williams, T.B.	23	59	2.6	7	0
23)	Buckhalter, Phi.	14	56	4.0	20	0
24)	Barber, Dal.	11	52	4.7	15	1
25)	Morris, Sea.	7	48	6.9	17	0
26)	Moss, Was. (WR)	4	47	11.8	23	0
27)	Portis, Was.	10	39	3.9	15	1
28)	McNabb, Phi. (QB)	8	38	4.8	16	0
29)	Strong, Sea.	4	32	8.0	14	1
30)	Duckett, Was.	5	24	4.8	15	0
31t)	Brunell, Was. (QB)	4	22	5.5	12	0
31t)	Gilmore, S.F. (WR)	1	22	22.0	22	0
31t)	Morton, NY-G	1	22	22.0	22	0
34)	Carter, Car. (WR)	2	18	9.0	11	0
35t)	Davis, St.L	5	16	3.2	6	0
35t)	Driver, G.B. (WR)	1	16	16.0	16	0
37t)	Hasselbeck, Sea. (QB)	5	13	2.6	5	0
37t)	Morency, Hou.-G.B.	5	13	2.6	12	0
39)	Arrington, Ariz	2	11	5.5	9	0
40t)	McKie, Chi.	3	10	3.3	6	0
40t)	Moore, Min.	3	10	3.3	11	0
40t)	Richardson, Min.	4	10	2.5	3	0
43)	To. Fisher, St.L	3	7	2.3	4	0
44t)	Griffith, Atl.	1	6	6.0	6	0
44t)	Simms, T.B. (QB)	2	6	3.0	3	0
46t)	Herron, G.B.	3	5	1.7	3	0
46t)	Thompson, Dal.	3	5	1.7	4	0
48t)	Drummond, Det. (WR)	1	4	4.0	4	0
48t)	Ingram, Sea. (WR)	1	4	4.0	4	0
48t)	Tapeh, Phi.	2	4	2.0	2	0

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4)	Gore, S.F.	45	214	4.8	32t	3
5)	Tomlinson, S.D.	50	202	4.0	58	3
6)	C. Taylor, Min.	55	201	3.7	33	1
7)	L. Johnson, K.C.	44	194	4.4	24	0
8t)	Turner, S.D.	23	175	7.6	73	1
8t)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	21	175	8.3	24	1
10)	T. Bell, Den.	31	172	5.5	39	0
11)	J. Jones, Dal.	37	166	4.5	23t	1
12t)	Barber, NY-G	39	161	4.1	22	0
12t)	McGahee, Buf.	45	161	3.6	15	0
14)	Dillon, N.E.	36	153	4.3	14	1
15)	Green, G.B.	36	152	4.2	14	0
16)	*Maroney, N.E.	33	151	4.6	27	1
17)	J. Lewis, Bal.	37	148	4.0	27	1
18)	Alexander, Sea.	45	140	3.1	14	1
19)	Westbrook, Phi.	36	139	3.9	17	1
20t)	James, Ariz	44	137	3.1	14	1
20t)	McAllister, N.O.	34	137	4.0	23t	2
22)	Jones, Chi.	42	127	3.0	17	0
23)	Parker, Pit.	29	115	4.0	32	0
24)	*Norwood, Atl.	19	111	5.8	23	0
25)	*Addai, Ind.	23	108	4.7	16	0
26)	*M. Bell, Den.	23	102	4.4	36	1
27)	Brown, Mia.	30	100	3.3	14	2
28)	Jacobs, NY-G	13	89	6.8	12	1
29)	Foster, Car.	28	80	2.9	10	0
30)	K. Jones, Det.	26	79	3.0	29	0
31)	Barlow, NY-J	25	77	3.1	11	1
32t)	Taylor, Jac.	21	74	3.5	10	1
32t)	*D. Williams, Car.	13	74	5.7	23	1
34)	Brown, Ten.	22	73	3.3	9	0
35)	*Bush, N.O.	21	72	3.4	18	0
36)	Rhodes, Ind.	30	66	2.2	9	2
37)	Betts, Was.	19	62	3.3	17	0
38t)	Anderson, Bal.	8	59	7.4	34t	1
38t)	Benson, Chi.	21	59	2.8	7	0
38t)	Droughns, Cle.	25	59	2.4	10	1
38t)	C. Williams, T.B.	23	59	2.6	7	0
42)	*Lundy, Hou.	17	57	3.4	11	0
43)	Buckhalter, Phi.	14	56	4.0	20	0
44)	Jordan, Oak.	29	55	1.9	15	0
45)	Frye, Cle. (QB)	10	54	5.4	15	2
46)	Barber, Dal.	11	52	4.7	15	1
47)	Morris, Sea.	7	48	6.9	17	0
48)	Moss, Was. (WR)	4	47	11.8	23	0
49)	Blaylock, NY-J	25	43	1.7	6	0
50)	Portis, Was.	10	39	3.9	15	1

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**AFC / THIRD-AND-ONE RUSHING LEADERS**

Rank	Player, Team	Att	FD	Pct
1t)	*M. Bell, Den.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Culpepper, Mia.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Droughns, Cle.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Harrison, Cle.	1	1	100.0
1t)	L. Johnson, K.C.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Leftwich, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	J. Lewis, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Losman, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Lundy, Hou.	1	1	100.0
1t)	McGahee, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Palmer, Cin.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Rhodes, Ind.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*B. Smith, NY-J	1	1	100.0
1t)	Taylor, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	A. Thomas, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Tomlinson, S.D.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Turner, S.D.	1	1	100.0
18t)	Brown, Mia.	3	2	66.7
18t)	Dillon, N.E.	3	2	66.7
18t)	R. Johnson, Cin.	3	2	66.7

NFC / THIRD-AND-ONE RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	FD	Pct
1t)	Vick, Atl.	2	2	100.0
1t)	Alstott, T.B.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Barber, NY-G	1	1	100.0
1t)	Dunn, Atl.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Gore, S.F.	1	1	100.0
1t)	James, Ariz	1	1	100.0
1t)	K. Jones, Det.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Tapeh, Phi.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Warner, Ariz	1	1	100.0
10)	S. Jackson, St.L	2	1	50.0
11)	Green, G.B.	3	1	33.3

MFL / THIRD-AND-ONE RUSHING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Att	FD	Pct
1t)	Vick, Atl.	2	2	100.0
1t)	Alstott, T.B.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Barber, NY-G	1	1	100.0
1t)	*M. Bell, Den.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Culpepper, Mia.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Droughns, Cle.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Dunn, Atl.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Gore, S.F.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Harrison, Cle.	1	1	100.0
1t)	James, Ariz	1	1	100.0
1t)	L. Johnson, K.C.	1	1	100.0
1t)	K. Jones, Det.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Leftwich, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	J. Lewis, Bal.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Losman, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*Lundy, Hou.	1	1	100.0
1t)	McGahee, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Palmer, Cin.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Rhodes, Ind.	1	1	100.0
1t)	*B. Smith, NY-J	1	1	100.0
1t)	Tapeh, Phi.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Taylor, Jac.	1	1	100.0
1t)	A. Thomas, Buf.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Tomlinson, S.D.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Turner, S.D.	1	1	100.0
1t)	Warner, Ariz	1	1	100.0
27t)	Brown, Mia.	3	2	66.7
27t)	Dillon, N.E.	3	2	66.7
27t)	R. Johnson, Cin.	3	2	66.7
30)	S. Jackson, St.L	2	1	50.0
31)	Green, G.B.	3	1	33.3

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006**AFC / LEADERS IN RECEPTIONS**

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Harrison, Ind.	16	240	15.0	26	0
2)	Coles, NY-J	14	253	18.1	46t	1
3t)	Cotchery, NY-J	12	186	15.5	71t	2
3t)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	12	105	8.8	18t	1
3t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	12	88	7.3	21	1
6t)	Bennett, Ten.	11	151	13.7	24	1
6t)	C. Johnson, Cin.	11	126	11.5	18	1
8t)	Wayne, Ind.	10	202	20.2	37	0
8t)	A. Johnson, Hou.	10	157	15.7	44	1
8t)	Moulds, Hou.	10	127	12.7	29	1
8t)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	10	121	12.1	25	0
8t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	10	69	6.9	14	0
8t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	10	63	6.3	13	1
14t)	Chambers, Mia.	9	114	12.7	26	1
14t)	Welker, Mia.	9	108	12.0	31	0
14t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	9	84	9.3	20	0
17t)	Walker, Den.	8	120	15.0	24	0
17t)	Mason, Bal.	8	93	11.6	19	0
19t)	Reed, Buf.	7	79	11.3	20	1
19t)	Parker, K.C.	7	61	8.7	12	0
19t)	Northcutt, Cle.	7	55	7.9	12	0
22t)	Edwards, Cle.	6	133	22.2	75	0
22t)	Henry, Cin.	6	108	18.0	43	0
22t)	Booker, Mia.	6	97	16.2	52	0
22t)	Watson, N.E. (TE)	6	89	14.8	34	0
22t)	Washington, Cin.	6	87	14.5	22t	1
22t)	McCareins, NY-J	6	85	14.2	27	0
22t)	Gates, S.D. (TE)	6	81	13.5	28	1
22t)	Moss, Oak.	6	79	13.2	20	0
22t)	McCardell, S.D.	6	76	12.7	18	0
22t)	T. Brown, N.E.	6	69	11.5	15	1
22t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	6	65	10.8	23	1
22t)	R. Williams, Jac.	6	47	7.8	15	1
22t)	Taylor, Jac. (RB)	6	41	6.8	10	0
22t)	D. Hall, K.C.	6	37	6.2	8	0
22t)	Cook, Hou. (RB)	6	34	5.7	15	0
37t)	T. Perry, Cin.	5	81	16.2	30	0
37t)	Wade, Ten.	5	76	15.2	25	0
37t)	M. Jones, Jac.	5	71	14.2	25	0
37t)	Givens, Ten.	5	54	10.8	18	0
37t)	Ward, Pit.	5	53	10.6	19	1
37t)	Smith, Den.	5	50	10.0	19	0
37t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	5	44	8.8	21t	1
37t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	5	42	8.4	14	0
37t)	Chris Baker, NY-J (TE)	5	39	7.8	12t	1
37t)	Price, Buf.	5	37	7.4	11	0
37t)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	5	36	7.2	16	0
37t)	Blaylock, NY-J (RB)	5	29	5.8	9	0
49t)	Scaife, Ten. (TE)	4	65	16.3	28	0
49t)	Whitted, Oak.	4	57	14.3	21	0
49t)	Clayton, Bal.	4	51	12.8	30	0
49t)	Caldwell, N.E.	4	47	11.8	24	0
49t)	Utecht, Ind. (TE)	4	47	11.8	26	0
49t)	*Daniels, Hou. (TE)	4	45	11.3	33t	1
49t)	Evans, Buf.	4	44	11.0	18	0
49t)	McMichael, Mia. (TE)	4	44	11.0	19	0
49t)	S. Alexander, Den. (TE)	4	32	8.0	19	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Toomer, NY-G	17	178	10.5	37t	2
2t)	Driver, G.B.	15	249	16.6	48	0
2t)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	15	120	8.0	23	0
4t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz	13	185	14.2	28	0
4t)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	13	167	12.8	30	0
6t)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	12	118	9.8	17	0
6t)	Holt, St.L	12	110	9.2	23	1
8t)	Stallworth, Phi.	11	222	20.2	42t	2
8t)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	11	122	11.1	19	0
8t)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	11	117	10.6	31t	1
8t)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	11	83	7.5	16	0
12t)	Burress, NY-G	10	194	19.4	37	2
12t)	Williamson, Min.	10	179	17.9	46	0
12t)	T. Glenn, Dal.	10	175	17.5	51	1
12t)	Jackson, Sea.	10	174	17.4	49t	1
12t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	10	162	16.2	33	1
12t)	Muhammad, Chi.	10	161	16.1	27	0
12t)	Bruce, St.L	10	141	14.1	34	0
12t)	Boldin, Ariz	10	124	12.4	19	1
12t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	10	88	8.8	25	0
12t)	James, Ariz (RB)	10	46	4.6	7	0
22t)	Galloway, T.B.	9	161	17.9	55	0
22t)	Johnson, Car.	9	146	16.2	40	0
22t)	R. Williams, Det.	9	107	11.9	23	0
22t)	Engram, Sea.	9	103	11.4	25	0
22t)	Owens, Dal.	9	99	11.0	21t	1
22t)	Carter, Car.	9	96	10.7	25	0
22t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	9	70	7.8	13	0
29t)	Bryant, S.F.	8	245	30.6	72t	1
29t)	*Colston, N.O.	8	107	13.4	35t	2
29t)	Clayton, T.B.	8	96	12.0	27	0
29t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	8	93	11.6	39	0
33t)	Moss, Was.	7	138	19.7	37	0
33t)	J. Horn, N.O.	7	113	16.1	57	0
33t)	Witten, Dal. (TE)	7	78	11.1	22	0
33t)	Shockey, NY-G (TE)	7	76	10.9	15t	1
33t)	*Jennings, G.B.	7	72	10.3	23	1
33t)	Wiggins, Min. (TE)	7	53	7.6	15	0
33t)	Randle El, Was.	7	42	6.0	12	0
40t)	Berrian, Chi.	6	138	23.0	49t	2
40t)	Henderson, N.O.	6	95	15.8	26t	1
40t)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	6	58	9.7	24	0
40t)	Hilliard, T.B.	6	53	8.8	12	0
40t)	D. Martin, G.B. (TE)	6	44	7.3	11	0
40t)	McKie, Chi. (RB)	6	41	6.8	10	0
40t)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	6	40	6.7	19	0
40t)	Becht, T.B. (TE)	6	37	6.2	12	0
40t)	Foster, Car. (RB)	6	37	6.2	12	0
40t)	Alstott, T.B. (RB)	6	36	6.0	10	0
40t)	*D. Williams, Car. (RB)	6	32	5.3	16	0
40t)	Strong, Sea. (RB)	6	30	5.0	10	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Toomer, NY-G	17	178	10.5	37t	2
2)	Harrison, Ind.	16	240	15.0	26	0
3t)	Driver, G.B.	15	249	16.6	48	0
3t)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	15	120	8.0	23	0
5)	Coles, NY-J	14	253	18.1	46t	1
6t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz	13	185	14.2	28	0
6t)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	13	167	12.8	30	0
8t)	Cotchery, NY-J	12	186	15.5	71t	2
8t)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	12	118	9.8	17	0
8t)	Holt, St.L	12	110	9.2	23	1
8t)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	12	105	8.8	18t	1
8t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	12	88	7.3	21	1
13t)	Stallworth, Phi.	11	222	20.2	42t	2
13t)	Bennett, Ten.	11	151	13.7	24	1
13t)	C. Johnson, Cin.	11	126	11.5	18	1
13t)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	11	122	11.1	19	0
13t)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	11	117	10.6	31t	1
13t)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	11	83	7.5	16	0
19t)	Wayne, Ind.	10	202	20.2	37	0
19t)	Burress, NY-G	10	194	19.4	37	2
19t)	Williamson, Min.	10	179	17.9	46	0
19t)	T. Glenn, Dal.	10	175	17.5	51	1
19t)	Jackson, Sea.	10	174	17.4	49t	1
19t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	10	162	16.2	33	1
19t)	Muhammad, Chi.	10	161	16.1	27	0
19t)	A. Johnson, Hou.	10	157	15.7	44	1
19t)	Bruce, St.L	10	141	14.1	34	0
19t)	Moulds, Hou.	10	127	12.7	29	1
19t)	Boldin, Ariz	10	124	12.4	19	1
19t)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	10	121	12.1	25	0
19t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	10	88	8.8	25	0
19t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	10	69	6.9	14	0
19t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	10	63	6.3	13	1
19t)	James, Ariz (RB)	10	46	4.6	7	0
35t)	Galloway, T.B.	9	161	17.9	55	0
35t)	Johnson, Car.	9	146	16.2	40	0
35t)	Chambers, Mia.	9	114	12.7	26	1
35t)	Welker, Mia.	9	108	12.0	31	0
35t)	R. Williams, Det.	9	107	11.9	23	0
35t)	Engram, Sea.	9	103	11.4	25	0
35t)	Owens, Dal.	9	99	11.0	21t	1
35t)	Carter, Car.	9	96	10.7	25	0
35t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	9	84	9.3	20	0
35t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	9	70	7.8	13	0
45t)	Bryant, S.F.	8	245	30.6	72t	1
45t)	Walker, Den.	8	120	15.0	24	0
45t)	*Colston, N.O.	8	107	13.4	35t	2
45t)	Clayton, T.B.	8	96	12.0	27	0
45t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	8	93	11.6	39	0
45t)	Mason, Bal.	8	93	11.6	19	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Rec	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Coles, NY-J	253	14	18.1	46t	1
2)	Harrison, Ind.	240	16	15.0	26	0
3)	Wayne, Ind.	202	10	20.2	37	0
4)	Cotchery, NY-J	186	12	15.5	71t	2
5)	A. Johnson, Hou.	157	10	15.7	44	1
6)	Bennett, Ten.	151	11	13.7	24	1
7)	Edwards, Cle.	133	6	22.2	75	0
8)	Moulds, Hou.	127	10	12.7	29	1
9)	C. Johnson, Cin.	126	11	11.5	18	1
10)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	121	10	12.1	25	0
11)	Walker, Den.	120	8	15.0	24	0
12)	Chambers, Mia.	114	9	12.7	26	1
13t)	Henry, Cin.	108	6	18.0	43	0
13t)	Welker, Mia.	108	9	12.0	31	0
15)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	105	12	8.8	18t	1
16)	Miller, Pit. (TE)	101	3	33.7	87t	1
17)	Booker, Mia.	97	6	16.2	52	0
18)	Mason, Bal.	93	8	11.6	19	0
19)	Watson, N.E. (TE)	89	6	14.8	34	0
20)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	88	12	7.3	21	1
21)	Washington, Cin.	87	6	14.5	22t	1
22)	McCareins, NY-J	85	6	14.2	27	0
23)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	84	9	9.3	20	0
24t)	Gates, S.D. (TE)	81	6	13.5	28	1
24t)	T. Perry, Cin.	81	5	16.2	30	0
26t)	Moss, Oak.	79	6	13.2	20	0
26t)	Reed, Buf.	79	7	11.3	20	1
28t)	McCardell, S.D.	76	6	12.7	18	0
28t)	Wade, Ten.	76	5	15.2	25	0
30)	M. Jones, Jac.	71	5	14.2	25	0
31t)	T. Brown, N.E.	69	6	11.5	15	1
31t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	69	10	6.9	14	0
33t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	65	6	10.8	23	1
33t)	Scaife, Ten. (TE)	65	4	16.3	28	0
35t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	63	10	6.3	13	1
35t)	Parker, S.D.	63	2	31.5	38	0
37)	Parker, K.C.	61	7	8.7	12	0
38)	Wilford, Jac.	58	3	19.3	30	0
39)	Whitted, Oak.	57	4	14.3	21	0
40)	Northcutt, Cle.	55	7	7.9	12	0
41)	Givens, Ten.	54	5	10.8	18	0
42t)	Kennison, K.C.	53	3	17.7	37	0
42t)	Ward, Pit.	53	5	10.6	19	1
44t)	Curry, Oak.	52	3	17.3	22	0
44t)	Graham, N.E. (TE)	52	2	26.0	29	0
44t)	Wilcox, Bal. (TE)	52	3	17.3	35	1
47)	Clayton, Bal.	51	4	12.8	30	0
48)	Smith, Den.	50	5	10.0	19	0
49t)	Caldwell, N.E.	47	4	11.8	24	0
49t)	Utecht, Ind. (TE)	47	4	11.8	26	0
49t)	R. Williams, Jac.	47	6	7.8	15	1

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Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Rec	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Driver, G.B.	249	15	16.6	48	0
2)	Bryant, S.F.	245	8	30.6	72t	1
3)	Stallworth, Phi.	222	11	20.2	42t	2
4)	Burress, NY-G	194	10	19.4	37	2
5)	Fitzgerald, Ariz	185	13	14.2	28	0
6)	Williamson, Min.	179	10	17.9	46	0
7)	Toomer, NY-G	178	17	10.5	37t	2
8)	T. Glenn, Dal.	175	10	17.5	51	1
9)	Jackson, Sea.	174	10	17.4	49t	1
10)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	167	13	12.8	30	0
11)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	162	10	16.2	33	1
12t)	Galloway, T.B.	161	9	17.9	55	0
12t)	Muhammad, Chi.	161	10	16.1	27	0
14)	Johnson, Car.	146	9	16.2	40	0
15)	Bruce, St.L	141	10	14.1	34	0
16t)	Berrian, Chi.	138	6	23.0	49t	2
16t)	Moss, Was.	138	7	19.7	37	0
18)	Boldin, Ariz	124	10	12.4	19	1
19)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	122	11	11.1	19	0
20)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	120	15	8.0	23	0
21)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	118	12	9.8	17	0
22)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	117	11	10.6	31t	1
23)	J. Horn, N.O.	113	7	16.1	57	0
24)	Holt, St.L	110	12	9.2	23	1
25t)	*Colston, N.O.	107	8	13.4	35t	2
25t)	R. Williams, Det.	107	9	11.9	23	0
27)	Engram, Sea.	103	9	11.4	25	0
28)	Owens, Dal.	99	9	11.0	21t	1
29t)	Carter, Car.	96	9	10.7	25	0
29t)	Clayton, T.B.	96	8	12.0	27	0
31t)	Battle, S.F.	95	5	19.0	56	0
31t)	Henderson, N.O.	95	6	15.8	26t	1
33)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	93	8	11.6	39	0
34t)	Jenkins, Atl.	91	5	18.2	34t	1
34t)	Bry. Johnson, Ariz	91	3	30.3	40t	1
36)	T. Taylor, Min.	89	4	22.3	36	0
37)	Betts, Was. (RB)	88	10	8.8	25	0
38)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	83	11	7.5	16	0
39)	Witten, Dal. (TE)	78	7	11.1	22	0
40)	Shockey, NY-G (TE)	76	7	10.9	15t	1
41)	*Jennings, G.B.	72	7	10.3	23	1
42)	Green, G.B. (RB)	70	9	7.8	13	0
43)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	58	6	9.7	24	0
44)	To. Fisher, St.L (RB)	54	2	27.0	49	0
45t)	Campbell, Det. (TE)	53	2	26.5	30	0
45t)	Hilliard, T.B.	53	6	8.8	12	0
45t)	Wiggins, Min. (TE)	53	7	7.6	15	0
48t)	Crumpler, Atl. (TE)	49	4	12.3	22	1
48t)	G. Lewis, Phi.	49	5	9.8	13	0
50)	James, Ariz (RB)	46	10	4.6	7	0

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NFL / RECEIVING YARDAGE LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Rec	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Coles, NY-J	253	14	18.1	46t	1
2)	Driver, G.B.	249	15	16.6	48	0
3)	Bryant, S.F.	245	8	30.6	72t	1
4)	Harrison, Ind.	240	16	15.0	26	0
5)	Stallworth, Phi.	222	11	20.2	42t	2
6)	Wayne, Ind.	202	10	20.2	37	0
7)	Burress, NY-G	194	10	19.4	37	2
8)	Cotchery, NY-J	186	12	15.5	71t	2
9)	Fitzgerald, Ariz	185	13	14.2	28	0
10)	Williamson, Min.	179	10	17.9	46	0
11)	Toomer, NY-G	178	17	10.5	37t	2
12)	T. Glenn, Dal.	175	10	17.5	51	1
13)	Jackson, Sea.	174	10	17.4	49t	1
14)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	167	13	12.8	30	0
15)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	162	10	16.2	33	1
16t)	Galloway, T.B.	161	9	17.9	55	0
16t)	Muhammad, Chi.	161	10	16.1	27	0
18)	A. Johnson, Hou.	157	10	15.7	44	1
19)	Bennett, Ten.	151	11	13.7	24	1
20)	Johnson, Car.	146	9	16.2	40	0
21)	Bruce, St.L	141	10	14.1	34	0
22t)	Berrian, Chi.	138	6	23.0	49t	2
22t)	Moss, Was.	138	7	19.7	37	0
24)	Edwards, Cle.	133	6	22.2	75	0
25)	Moulds, Hou.	127	10	12.7	29	1
26)	C. Johnson, Cin.	126	11	11.5	18	1
27)	Boldin, Ariz	124	10	12.4	19	1
28)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	122	11	11.1	19	0
29)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	121	10	12.1	25	0
30t)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	120	15	8.0	23	0
30t)	Walker, Den.	120	8	15.0	24	0
32)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	118	12	9.8	17	0
33)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	117	11	10.6	31t	1
34)	Chambers, Mia.	114	9	12.7	26	1
35)	J. Horn, N.O.	113	7	16.1	57	0
36)	Holt, St.L	110	12	9.2	23	1
37t)	Henry, Cin.	108	6	18.0	43	0
37t)	Welker, Mia.	108	9	12.0	31	0
39t)	*Colston, N.O.	107	8	13.4	35t	2
39t)	R. Williams, Det.	107	9	11.9	23	0
41)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	105	12	8.8	18t	1
42)	Ingram, Sea.	103	9	11.4	25	0
43)	Miller, Pit. (TE)	101	3	33.7	87t	1
44)	Owens, Dal.	99	9	11.0	21t	1
45)	Booker, Mia.	97	6	16.2	52	0
46t)	Carter, Car.	96	9	10.7	25	0
46t)	Clayton, T.B.	96	8	12.0	27	0
48t)	Battle, S.F.	95	5	19.0	56	0
48t)	Henderson, N.O.	95	6	15.8	26t	1
50t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	93	8	11.6	39	0
50t)	Mason, Bal.	93	8	11.6	19	0

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AFC / THIRD-DOWN RECEIVING LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Coles, NY-J	5	93	18.6	46t	1
2t)	T. Perry, Cin.	4	74	18.5	30	0
2t)	Harrison, Ind.	4	73	18.3	23	0
2t)	Washington, Cin.	4	55	13.8	18	0
2t)	Wayne, Ind.	4	48	12.0	18	0
2t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	4	46	11.5	23	1
2t)	Reed, Buf.	4	36	9.0	14	0
2t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	4	32	8.0	14	0
2t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	4	16	4.0	7	1
10t)	Cotchery, NY-J	3	102	34.0	71t	1
10t)	Watson, N.E. (TE)	3	59	19.7	34	0
10t)	Chambers, Mia.	3	55	18.3	23t	1
10t)	Mason, Bal.	3	43	14.3	19	0
10t)	McCareins, NY-J	3	43	14.3	23	0
10t)	Bennett, Ten.	3	42	14.0	18t	1
10t)	Ward, Pit.	3	27	9.0	11	0
10t)	D. Hall, K.C.	3	21	7.0	8	0
10t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	3	19	6.3	8	0
10t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	3	17	5.7	10	0
10t)	Blaylock, NY-J (RB)	3	14	4.7	6	0
21t)	Parker, S.D.	2	63	31.5	38	0
21t)	Henry, Cin.	2	55	27.5	38	0
21t)	Curry, Oak.	2	43	21.5	22	0
21t)	Wilcox, Bal. (TE)	2	39	19.5	35	1
21t)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	2	38	19.0	25	0
21t)	Moulds, Hou.	2	35	17.5	29	0
21t)	Washington, Pit.	2	32	16.0	27t	1
21t)	Walker, Den.	2	31	15.5	20	0
21t)	Edwards, Cle.	2	28	14.0	23	0
21t)	McMichael, Mia. (TE)	2	28	14.0	19	0
21t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	2	27	13.5	21t	1
21t)	Givens, Ten.	2	25	12.5	14	0
21t)	Faulk, N.E. (RB)	2	23	11.5	17t	1
21t)	Parrish, Buf.	2	20	10.0	15	0
21t)	Price, Buf.	2	20	10.0	10	0
21t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	2	19	9.5	12	0
21t)	*Williams, Bal.	2	18	9.0	9	0
21t)	Jackson, S.D.	2	15	7.5	12t	1
21t)	Smith, Den.	2	15	7.5	8	0
21t)	Caldwell, N.E.	2	14	7.0	8	0
21t)	Evans, Buf.	2	12	6.0	7	0
21t)	Clayton, Bal.	2	10	5.0	7	0
21t)	R. Williams, Jac.	2	8	4.0	5	0
21t)	Mu. Smith, Bal. (RB)	2	7	3.5	4	0
21t)	Brown, Ten. (RB)	2	4	2.0	4	0
46t)	Booker, Mia.	1	52	52.0	52	0
46t)	*Daniels, Hou. (TE)	1	33	33.0	33t	1
46t)	Putzier, Hou. (TE)	1	26	26.0	26	0
46t)	Troupe, Ten. (TE)	1	23	23.0	23	0
46t)	Welker, Mia.	1	20	20.0	20	0
46t)	McCardell, S.D.	1	18	18.0	18	0
46t)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	1	18	18.0	18t	1
46t)	Anderson, Oak. (TE)	1	16	16.0	16	0
46t)	Fletcher, Ind. (TE)	1	15	15.0	15t	1
46t)	Kennison, K.C.	1	14	14.0	14	0
46t)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	1	14	14.0	14	0
46t)	*B. Smith, NY-J	1	13	13.0	13	0
46t)	Whitted, Oak.	1	12	12.0	12	0
46t)	Chris Baker, NY-J (TE)	1	11	11.0	11	0
46t)	Ryan, NY-J (TE)	1	10	10.0	10	0
46t)	Stokley, Ind.	1	10	10.0	10t	1
46t)	M. Jones, Jac.	1	9	9.0	9	0
46t)	T. Brown, N.E.	1	8	8.0	8	0
46t)	C. Johnson, Cin.	1	8	8.0	8t	1
46t)	Manumaleuna, S.D. (TE)	1	8	8.0	8	0
46t)	Anderson, Bal. (RB)	1	7	7.0	7	0
46t)	Dunn, K.C. (TE)	1	7	7.0	7	0
46t)	Heiden, Cle. (TE)	1	7	7.0	7	0
46t)	Utecht, Ind. (TE)	1	7	7.0	7	0
46t)	*Holmes, Pit.	1	6	6.0	6	0
46t)	A. Johnson, Hou.	1	6	6.0	6	0
46t)	McGahee, Buf. (RB)	1	6	6.0	6	0
46t)	Gado, G.B.-Hou. (RB)	1	5	5.0	5	0
46t)	S. Alexander, Den. (TE)	1	4	4.0	4	0
46t)	Parker, K.C.	1	4	4.0	4	0
46t)	Droughns, Cle. (RB)	1	2	2.0	2	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Rec	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	9	58	6.4	14	0
2)	Driver, G.B.	6	117	19.5	42	0
3t)	Williamson, Min.	5	107	21.4	46	0
3t)	Stallworth, Phi.	5	83	16.6	33	0
5t)	Burress, NY-G	4	104	26.0	37	1
5t)	Jackson, Sea.	4	79	19.8	47	0
5t)	Boldin, Ariz	4	57	14.3	19	0
5t)	Henderson, N.O.	4	57	14.3	19	0
5t)	Owens, Dal.	4	56	14.0	21t	1
5t)	Muhammad, Chi.	4	48	12.0	14	0
5t)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	4	47	11.8	19	0
5t)	Bruce, St.L	4	37	9.3	19	0
5t)	Randle El, Was.	4	21	5.3	7	0
14t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz	3	51	17.0	28	0
14t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	3	48	16.0	25	0
14t)	T. Glenn, Dal.	3	48	16.0	34	0
14t)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	3	48	16.0	24	0
14t)	Witten, Dal. (TE)	3	44	14.7	22	0
14t)	*Jennings, G.B.	3	37	12.3	22t	1
14t)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	3	32	10.7	13	0
14t)	Hilliard, T.B.	3	32	10.7	12	0
14t)	*Colston, N.O.	3	31	10.3	12t	1
14t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	3	30	10.0	13	0
14t)	G. Lewis, Phi.	3	28	9.3	13	0
14t)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	3	27	9.0	19	0
26t)	Bry. Johnson, Ariz	2	79	39.5	40t	1
26t)	Battle, S.F.	2	64	32.0	56	0
26t)	To. Fisher, St.L (RB)	2	54	27.0	49	0
26t)	T. Taylor, Min.	2	47	23.5	24	0
26t)	Jenkins, Atl.	2	45	22.5	34t	1
26t)	Davis, Chi. (DB)	2	39	19.5	31	0
26t)	Engram, Sea.	2	39	19.5	21	0
26t)	Barber, Dal. (RB)	2	38	19.0	26	0
26t)	Berrian, Chi.	2	35	17.5	18	0
26t)	R. White, Atl.	2	23	11.5	18	0
26t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	2	21	10.5	11	0
26t)	Holt, St.L	2	21	10.5	16	0
26t)	Alstott, T.B. (RB)	2	17	8.5	9	0
26t)	Becht, T.B. (TE)	2	17	8.5	12	0
26t)	Ferguson, G.B.	2	14	7.0	10	1
26t)	Moore, Min. (RB)	2	12	6.0	8	0
26t)	Toomer, NY-G	2	12	6.0	8	0
26t)	Wiggins, Min. (TE)	2	12	6.0	7	0
26t)	Curtis, St.L	2	8	4.0	6	0
45t)	Bryant, S.F.	1	72	72.0	72t	1
45t)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	1	24	24.0	24	0
45t)	*Klopfenstein, St.L (TE)	1	23	23.0	23	0
45t)	McMullen, Min.	1	22	22.0	22	0
45t)	M. Robinson, Min.	1	20	20.0	20t	1
45t)	Carter, Car.	1	16	16.0	16	0
45t)	Shockey, NY-G (TE)	1	15	15.0	15t	1
45t)	Pollard, Det. (TE)	1	14	14.0	14	0
45t)	Ayanbadejo, Ariz (RB)	1	13	13.0	13	0
45t)	*Fasano, Dal. (TE)	1	12	12.0	12	0
45t)	Foster, Car. (RB)	1	12	12.0	12	0
45t)	Bradford, Det.	1	11	11.0	11	0
45t)	Clayton, T.B.	1	10	10.0	10	0
45t)	Crayton, Dal.	1	10	10.0	10	0
45t)	Crumpler, Atl. (TE)	1	10	10.0	10	0
45t)	Johnson, Car.	1	10	10.0	10	0
45t)	Strong, Sea. (RB)	1	10	10.0	10	0
45t)	McKie, Chi. (RB)	1	9	9.0	9	0
45t)	Moss, Was.	1	9	9.0	9	0
45t)	McDonald, St.L	1	8	8.0	8	0
45t)	Tapeh, Phi. (RB)	1	8	8.0	8	0
45t)	Galloway, T.B.	1	7	7.0	7	0
45t)	James, Ariz (RB)	1	7	7.0	7	0
45t)	Pittman, T.B. (RB)	1	7	7.0	7	0
45t)	Stecker, N.O. (RB)	1	7	7.0	7	0
45t)	Lelie, Atl.	1	6	6.0	6	0
45t)	R. Williams, Det.	1	6	6.0	6	0
45t)	Bradley, Chi.	1	5	5.0	5	0
45t)	Mangum, Car. (TE)	1	5	5.0	5	0
45t)	Walters, Ariz	1	5	5.0	5	0
45t)	Bryson, Det. (RB)	1	4	4.0	4	0
45t)	*V. Davis, S.F. (TE)	1	-4	-4.0	0	0
45t)	Franks, G.B. (TE)	1	4	4.0	4	0
45t)	J. Horn, N.O.	1	4	4.0	4	0

45t) McCrary, Atl. (RB)	1	4	4.0	4t	1
45t) Portis, Was. (RB)	1	3	3.0	3	0
45t) Drummond, Det.	1	2	2.0	2	0
45t) Smith, T.B. (TE)	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
45t) Hoover, Car. (RB)	1	0	0.0	0	0
45t) Jones, Chi. (RB)	1	0	0.0	0	0
45t) *D. Williams, Car. (RB)	1	0	0.0	0	0

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3t)	Coles, NY-J	5	93	18.6	46t	1
3t)	Stallworth, Phi.	5	83	16.6	33	0
6t)	Burrress, NY-G	4	104	26.0	37	1
6t)	Jackson, Sea.	4	79	19.8	47	0
6t)	T. Perry, Cin.	4	74	18.5	30	0
6t)	Harrison, Ind.	4	73	18.3	23	0
6t)	Boldin, Ariz	4	57	14.3	19	0
6t)	Henderson, N.O.	4	57	14.3	19	0
6t)	Owens, Dal.	4	56	14.0	21t	1
6t)	Washington, Cin.	4	55	13.8	18	0
6t)	Muhammad, Chi.	4	48	12.0	14	0
6t)	Wayne, Ind.	4	48	12.0	18	0
6t)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	4	47	11.8	19	0
6t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	4	46	11.5	23	1
6t)	Bruce, St.L	4	37	9.3	19	0
6t)	Reed, Buf.	4	36	9.0	14	0
6t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	4	32	8.0	14	0
6t)	Randle El, Was.	4	21	5.3	7	0
6t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	4	16	4.0	7	1
23t)	Cotchery, NY-J	3	102	34.0	71t	1
23t)	Watson, N.E. (TE)	3	59	19.7	34	0
23t)	Chambers, Mia.	3	55	18.3	23t	1
23t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz	3	51	17.0	28	0
23t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	3	48	16.0	25	0
23t)	T. Glenn, Dal.	3	48	16.0	34	0
23t)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	3	48	16.0	24	0
23t)	Witten, Dal. (TE)	3	44	14.7	22	0
23t)	Mason, Bal.	3	43	14.3	19	0
23t)	McCareins, NY-J	3	43	14.3	23	0
23t)	Bennett, Ten.	3	42	14.0	18t	1
23t)	*Jennings, G.B.	3	37	12.3	22t	1
23t)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	3	32	10.7	13	0
23t)	Hilliard, T.B.	3	32	10.7	12	0
23t)	*Colston, N.O.	3	31	10.3	12t	1
23t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	3	30	10.0	13	0
23t)	G. Lewis, Phi.	3	28	9.3	13	0
23t)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	3	27	9.0	19	0
23t)	Ward, Pit.	3	27	9.0	11	0
23t)	D. Hall, K.C.	3	21	7.0	8	0
23t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	3	19	6.3	8	0
23t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	3	17	5.7	10	0
23t)	Blaylock, NY-J (RB)	3	14	4.7	6	0
46t)	Bry. Johnson, Ariz	2	79	39.5	40t	1
46t)	Battle, S.F.	2	64	32.0	56	0
46t)	Parker, S.D.	2	63	31.5	38	0
46t)	Henry, Cin.	2	55	27.5	38	0
46t)	To. Fisher, St.L (RB)	2	54	27.0	49	0
46t)	T. Taylor, Min.	2	47	23.5	24	0
46t)	Jenkins, Atl.	2	45	22.5	34t	1
46t)	Curry, Oak.	2	43	21.5	22	0
46t)	Davis, Chi. (DB)	2	39	19.5	31	0
46t)	Engram, Sea.	2	39	19.5	21	0
46t)	Wilcox, Bal. (TE)	2	39	19.5	35	1
46t)	Barber, Dal. (RB)	2	38	19.0	26	0
46t)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	2	38	19.0	25	0
46t)	Berrian, Chi.	2	35	17.5	18	0
46t)	Moulds, Hou.	2	35	17.5	29	0
46t)	Washington, Pit.	2	32	16.0	27t	1
46t)	Walker, Den.	2	31	15.5	20	0
46t)	Edwards, Cle.	2	28	14.0	23	0
46t)	McMichael, Mia. (TE)	2	28	14.0	19	0
46t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	2	27	13.5	21t	1
46t)	Givens, Ten.	2	25	12.5	14	0
46t)	Faulk, N.E. (RB)	2	23	11.5	17t	1
46t)	R. White, Atl.	2	23	11.5	18	0
46t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	2	21	10.5	11	0
46t)	Holt, St.L	2	21	10.5	16	0
46t)	Parrish, Buf.	2	20	10.0	15	0
46t)	Price, Buf.	2	20	10.0	10	0
46t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	2	19	9.5	12	0
46t)	*Williams, Bal.	2	18	9.0	9	0
46t)	Alstott, T.B. (RB)	2	17	8.5	9	0
46t)	Becht, T.B. (TE)	2	17	8.5	12	0
46t)	Jackson, S.D.	2	15	7.5	12t	1
46t)	Smith, Den.	2	15	7.5	8	0

46t) Caldwell, N.E.	2	14	7.0	8	0
46t) Ferguson, G.B.	2	14	7.0	10	1
46t) Evans, Buf.	2	12	6.0	7	0
46t) Moore, Min. (RB)	2	12	6.0	8	0
46t) Toomer, NY-G	2	12	6.0	8	0
46t) Wiggins, Min. (TE)	2	12	6.0	7	0
46t) Clayton, Bal.	2	10	5.0	7	0
46t) Curtis, St.L	2	8	4.0	6	0
46t) R. Williams, Jac.	2	8	4.0	5	0
46t) Mu. Smith, Bal. (RB)	2	7	3.5	4	0
46t) Brown, Ten. (RB)	2	4	2.0	4	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Total			Rushing			Receiving		
			Att+Rec	Avg	Yards	Att	Avg	Yards	Rec	Avg	
1)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	315	54	5.8	194	44	4.4	121	10	12.1	
2)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	271	60	4.5	202	50	4.0	69	10	6.9	
3)	Coles, NY-J (WR)	253	14	18.1	0	0	---	253	14	18.1	
4)	R. Johnson, Cin. (RB)	251	57	4.4	241	54	4.5	10	3	3.3	
5)	Harrison, Ind. (WR)	240	16	15.0	0	0	---	240	16	15.0	
6)	Wayne, Ind. (WR)	202	10	20.2	0	0	---	202	10	20.2	
7)	Turner, S.D. (RB)	192	25	7.7	175	23	7.6	17	2	8.5	
8)	McGahee, Buf. (RB)	191	48	4.0	161	45	3.6	30	3	10.0	
9)	Cotchery, NY-J (WR)	186	12	15.5	0	0	---	186	12	15.5	
10)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	184	39	4.7	100	30	3.3	84	9	9.3	
11)	T. Bell, Den. (RB)	179	33	5.4	172	31	5.5	7	2	3.5	
12)	Dillon, N.E. (RB)	175	38	4.6	153	36	4.3	22	2	11.0	
13)	A. Johnson, Hou. (WR)	157	10	15.7	0	0	---	157	10	15.7	
14)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	152	28	5.4	108	23	4.7	44	5	8.8	
15t)	Bennett, Ten. (WR)	151	11	13.7	0	0	---	151	11	13.7	
15t)	*Maroney, N.E. (RB)	151	33	4.6	151	33	4.6	0	0	---	
17)	J. Lewis, Bal. (RB)	148	37	4.0	148	37	4.0	0	0	---	
18)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	144	28	5.1	102	23	4.4	42	5	8.4	
19)	Walker, Den. (WR)	141	10	14.1	21	2	10.5	120	8	15.0	
20)	C. Johnson, Cin. (WR)	140	13	10.8	14	2	7.0	126	11	11.5	
21)	Edwards, Cle. (WR)	133	6	22.2	0	0	---	133	6	22.2	
22)	Parker, Pit. (RB)	128	32	4.0	115	29	4.0	13	3	4.3	
23)	Moulds, Hou. (WR)	127	10	12.7	0	0	---	127	10	12.7	
24)	Chambers, Mia. (WR)	117	10	11.7	3	1	3.0	114	9	12.7	
25)	Taylor, Jac. (RB)	115	27	4.3	74	21	3.5	41	6	6.8	
26t)	Henry, Cin. (WR)	108	6	18.0	0	0	---	108	6	18.0	
26t)	Welker, Mia. (WR)	108	9	12.0	0	0	---	108	9	12.0	
28)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	105	12	8.8	0	0	---	105	12	8.8	
29)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	102	35	2.9	66	30	2.2	36	5	7.2	
30)	Miller, Pit. (TE)	101	3	33.7	0	0	---	101	3	33.7	
31)	Booker, Mia. (WR)	97	6	16.2	0	0	---	97	6	16.2	
32)	Mason, Bal. (WR)	93	8	11.6	0	0	---	93	8	11.6	
33t)	Droughns, Cle. (RB)	89	28	3.2	59	25	2.4	30	3	10.0	
33t)	Watson, N.E. (TE)	89	6	14.8	0	0	---	89	6	14.8	
35)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	88	12	7.3	0	0	---	88	12	7.3	
36)	Washington, Cin. (WR)	87	6	14.5	0	0	---	87	6	14.5	
37t)	McCareins, NY-J (WR)	85	6	14.2	0	0	---	85	6	14.2	
37t)	T. Perry, Cin. (WR)	85	7	12.1	4	2	2.0	81	5	16.2	
39)	McCardell, S.D. (WR)	84	7	12.0	8	1	8.0	76	6	12.7	
40t)	Barlow, NY-J (RB)	81	26	3.1	77	25	3.1	4	1	4.0	
40t)	Gates, S.D. (TE)	81	6	13.5	0	0	---	81	6	13.5	
40t)	Parker, S.D. (WR)	81	3	27.0	18	1	18.0	63	2	31.5	
43t)	Moss, Oak. (WR)	79	6	13.2	0	0	---	79	6	13.2	
43t)	Reed, Buf. (WR)	79	7	11.3	0	0	---	79	7	11.3	
45)	Brown, Ten. (RB)	77	24	3.2	73	22	3.3	4	2	2.0	
46)	Wade, Ten. (WR)	76	5	15.2	0	0	---	76	5	15.2	
47)	Blaylock, NY-J (RB)	72	30	2.4	43	25	1.7	29	5	5.8	
48)	Northcutt, Cle. (WR)	71	8	8.9	16	1	16.0	55	7	7.9	
49)	T. Brown, N.E. (WR)	69	6	11.5	0	0	---	69	6	11.5	
50)	Mu. Smith, Bal. (RB)	67	12	5.6	30	9	3.3	37	3	12.3	

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Rank	Player, Team	Yards	Total			Rushing			Receiving		
			Att+Rec	Avg	Yards	Att	Avg	Yards	Rec	Avg	
1)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	307	53	5.8	214	45	4.8	93	8	11.6	
2)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	279	51	5.5	161	39	4.1	118	12	9.8	
3)	Dunn, Atl. (RB)	276	51	5.4	266	50	5.3	10	1	10.0	
4)	Driver, G.B. (WR)	265	16	16.6	16	1	16.0	249	15	16.6	
5)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	264	50	5.3	224	44	5.1	40	6	6.7	
6)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	259	61	4.2	201	55	3.7	58	6	9.7	
7)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	256	47	5.4	139	36	3.9	117	11	10.6	
8)	Bryant, S.F. (WR)	245	8	30.6	0	0	---	245	8	30.6	
9t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	222	45	4.9	152	36	4.2	70	9	7.8	
9t)	Stallworth, Phi. (WR)	222	11	20.2	0	0	---	222	11	20.2	
11)	J. Jones, Dal. (RB)	205	38	5.4	166	37	4.5	39	1	39.0	
12)	Burress, NY-G (WR)	194	10	19.4	0	0	---	194	10	19.4	
13)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	192	36	5.3	72	21	3.4	120	15	8.0	
14t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz (WR)	185	13	14.2	0	0	---	185	13	14.2	
14t)	Moss, Was. (WR)	185	11	16.8	47	4	11.8	138	7	19.7	
16)	James, Ariz (RB)	183	54	3.4	137	44	3.1	46	10	4.6	
17)	Williamson, Min. (WR)	179	10	17.9	0	0	---	179	10	17.9	
18)	Toomer, NY-G (WR)	178	17	10.5	0	0	---	178	17	10.5	
19t)	T. Glenn, Dal. (WR)	175	10	17.5	0	0	---	175	10	17.5	
19t)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	175	21	8.3	175	21	8.3	0	0	---	
21)	Jackson, Sea. (WR)	174	10	17.4	0	0	---	174	10	17.4	
22)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	167	13	12.8	0	0	---	167	13	12.8	
23t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	162	10	16.2	0	0	---	162	10	16.2	
23t)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	162	37	4.4	79	26	3.0	83	11	7.5	
25t)	Galloway, T.B. (WR)	161	9	17.9	0	0	---	161	9	17.9	
25t)	McAllister, N.O. (RB)	161	35	4.6	137	34	4.0	24	1	24.0	
25t)	Muhammad, Chi. (WR)	161	10	16.1	0	0	---	161	10	16.1	
28t)	Alexander, Sea. (RB)	150	48	3.1	140	45	3.1	10	3	3.3	
28t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	150	29	5.2	62	19	3.3	88	10	8.8	
30)	Johnson, Car. (WR)	146	9	16.2	0	0	---	146	9	16.2	
31)	Bruce, St.L (WR)	141	10	14.1	0	0	---	141	10	14.1	
32)	Berrian, Chi. (WR)	138	6	23.0	0	0	---	138	6	23.0	
33)	Jones, Chi. (RB)	129	44	2.9	127	42	3.0	2	2	1.0	
34)	Boldin, Ariz (WR)	124	10	12.4	0	0	---	124	10	12.4	
35)	*Norwood, Atl. (RB)	123	20	6.2	111	19	5.8	12	1	12.0	
36)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	122	11	11.1	0	0	---	122	11	11.1	
37)	Foster, Car. (RB)	117	34	3.4	80	28	2.9	37	6	6.2	
38)	Carter, Car. (WR)	114	11	10.4	18	2	9.0	96	9	10.7	
39)	J. Horn, N.O. (WR)	113	7	16.1	0	0	---	113	7	16.1	
40)	Holt, St.L (WR)	110	12	9.2	0	0	---	110	12	9.2	
41t)	*Colston, N.O. (WR)	107	8	13.4	0	0	---	107	8	13.4	
41t)	Engram, Sea. (WR)	107	10	10.7	4	1	4.0	103	9	11.4	
41t)	R. Williams, Det. (WR)	107	9	11.9	0	0	---	107	9	11.9	
44)	*D. Williams, Car. (RB)	106	19	5.6	74	13	5.7	32	6	5.3	
45)	Owens, Dal. (WR)	99	9	11.0	0	0	---	99	9	11.0	
46)	Clayton, T.B. (WR)	96	8	12.0	0	0	---	96	8	12.0	
47t)	Battle, S.F. (WR)	95	5	19.0	0	0	---	95	5	19.0	
47t)	Henderson, N.O. (WR)	95	6	15.8	0	0	---	95	6	15.8	
49t)	Barber, Dal. (RB)	91	14	6.5	52	11	4.7	39	3	13.0	
49t)	Jenkins, Atl. (WR)	91	5	18.2	0	0	---	91	5	18.2	
49t)	Bry. Johnson, Ariz (WR)	91	3	30.3	0	0	---	91	3	30.3	

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1)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	315	54	5.8	194	44	4.4	121	10	12.1	
2)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	307	53	5.8	214	45	4.8	93	8	11.6	
3)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	279	51	5.5	161	39	4.1	118	12	9.8	
4)	Dunn, Atl. (RB)	276	51	5.4	266	50	5.3	10	1	10.0	
5)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	271	60	4.5	202	50	4.0	69	10	6.9	
6)	Driver, G.B. (WR)	265	16	16.6	16	1	16.0	249	15	16.6	
7)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	264	50	5.3	224	44	5.1	40	6	6.7	
8)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	259	61	4.2	201	55	3.7	58	6	9.7	
9)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	256	47	5.4	139	36	3.9	117	11	10.6	
10)	Coles, NY-J (WR)	253	14	18.1	0	0	---	253	14	18.1	
11)	R. Johnson, Cin. (RB)	251	57	4.4	241	54	4.5	10	3	3.3	
12)	Bryant, S.F. (WR)	245	8	30.6	0	0	---	245	8	30.6	
13)	Harrison, Ind. (WR)	240	16	15.0	0	0	---	240	16	15.0	
14t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	222	45	4.9	152	36	4.2	70	9	7.8	
14t)	Stallworth, Phi. (WR)	222	11	20.2	0	0	---	222	11	20.2	
16)	J. Jones, Dal. (RB)	205	38	5.4	166	37	4.5	39	1	39.0	
17)	Wayne, Ind. (WR)	202	10	20.2	0	0	---	202	10	20.2	
18)	Burress, NY-G (WR)	194	10	19.4	0	0	---	194	10	19.4	
19t)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	192	36	5.3	72	21	3.4	120	15	8.0	
19t)	Turner, S.D. (RB)	192	25	7.7	175	23	7.6	17	2	8.5	
21)	McGahee, Buf. (RB)	191	48	4.0	161	45	3.6	30	3	10.0	
22)	Cotchery, NY-J (WR)	186	12	15.5	0	0	---	186	12	15.5	
23t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz (WR)	185	13	14.2	0	0	---	185	13	14.2	
23t)	Moss, Was. (WR)	185	11	16.8	47	4	11.8	138	7	19.7	
25)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	184	39	4.7	100	30	3.3	84	9	9.3	
26)	James, Ariz (RB)	183	54	3.4	137	44	3.1	46	10	4.6	
27t)	T. Bell, Den. (RB)	179	33	5.4	172	31	5.5	7	2	3.5	
27t)	Williamson, Min. (WR)	179	10	17.9	0	0	---	179	10	17.9	
29)	Toomer, NY-G (WR)	178	17	10.5	0	0	---	178	17	10.5	
30t)	Dillon, N.E. (RB)	175	38	4.6	153	36	4.3	22	2	11.0	
30t)	T. Glenn, Dal. (WR)	175	10	17.5	0	0	---	175	10	17.5	
30t)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	175	21	8.3	175	21	8.3	0	0	---	
33)	Jackson, Sea. (WR)	174	10	17.4	0	0	---	174	10	17.4	
34)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	167	13	12.8	0	0	---	167	13	12.8	
35t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	162	10	16.2	0	0	---	162	10	16.2	
35t)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	162	37	4.4	79	26	3.0	83	11	7.5	
37t)	Galloway, T.B. (WR)	161	9	17.9	0	0	---	161	9	17.9	
37t)	McAllister, N.O. (RB)	161	35	4.6	137	34	4.0	24	1	24.0	
37t)	Muhammad, Chi. (WR)	161	10	16.1	0	0	---	161	10	16.1	
40)	A. Johnson, Hou. (WR)	157	10	15.7	0	0	---	157	10	15.7	
41)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	152	28	5.4	108	23	4.7	44	5	8.8	
42t)	Bennett, Ten. (WR)	151	11	13.7	0	0	---	151	11	13.7	
42t)	*Maroney, N.E. (RB)	151	33	4.6	151	33	4.6	0	0	---	
44t)	Alexander, Sea. (RB)	150	48	3.1	140	45	3.1	10	3	3.3	
44t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	150	29	5.2	62	19	3.3	88	10	8.8	
46)	J. Lewis, Bal. (RB)	148	37	4.0	148	37	4.0	0	0	---	
47)	Johnson, Car. (WR)	146	9	16.2	0	0	---	146	9	16.2	
48)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	144	28	5.1	102	23	4.4	42	5	8.4	
49t)	Bruce, St.L (WR)	141	10	14.1	0	0	---	141	10	14.1	
49t)	Walker, Den. (WR)	141	10	14.1	21	2	10.5	120	8	15.0	

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Rank	Player, Team	Rush	Rec	Tot
1)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	9	7	16
2)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	10	4	14
3)	Harrison, Ind. (WR)	0	13	13
4)	R. Johnson, Cin. (RB)	12	0	12
5t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	7	3	10
5t)	Coles, NY-J (WR)	0	10	10
5t)	Wayne, Ind. (WR)	0	10	10
8t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	6	3	9
8t)	T. Bell, Den. (RB)	8	1	9
8t)	Bennett, Ten. (WR)	0	9	9
8t)	Cotchery, NY-J (WR)	0	9	9
8t)	Dillon, N.E. (RB)	8	1	9
8t)	McGahee, Buf. (RB)	8	1	9
14t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	7	1	8
14t)	C. Johnson, Cin. (WR)	0	8	8
14t)	*Maroney, N.E. (RB)	8	0	8
14t)	Moulds, Hou. (WR)	0	8	8
18t)	Chambers, Mia. (WR)	0	7	7
18t)	A. Johnson, Hou. (WR)	0	7	7
18t)	J. Lewis, Bal. (RB)	7	0	7
18t)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	5	2	7
18t)	Walker, Den. (WR)	1	6	7
23t)	Droughns, Cle. (RB)	5	1	6
23t)	Mason, Bal. (WR)	0	6	6
23t)	Taylor, Jac. (RB)	4	2	6
23t)	Turner, S.D. (RB)	5	1	6
27t)	T. Brown, N.E. (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	0	5	5
27t)	Edwards, Cle. (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	Frye, Cle. (QB)	5	0	5
27t)	Gates, S.D. (TE)	0	5	5
27t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	0	5	5
27t)	McCardell, S.D. (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	McCareins, NY-J (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	Moss, Oak. (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	Parker, Pit. (RB)	4	1	5
27t)	Reed, Buf. (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	Ward, Pit. (WR)	0	5	5
27t)	Washington, Cin. (WR)	0	5	5
40t)	Caldwell, N.E. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	Faulk, N.E. (RB)	1	3	4
40t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	0	4	4
40t)	Henry, Cin. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	4	0	4
40t)	M. Jones, Jac. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	*Lundy, Hou. (RB)	4	0	4
40t)	Northcutt, Cle. (WR)	1	3	4
40t)	Parker, K.C. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	Scaife, Ten. (TE)	0	4	4
40t)	Smith, Den. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	Wade, Ten. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	Watson, N.E. (TE)	0	4	4
40t)	Welker, Mia. (WR)	0	4	4
40t)	R. Williams, Jac. (WR)	0	4	4

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Rank	Player, Team	Rush	Rec	Tot
1)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	9	7	16
2t)	Driver, G.B. (WR)	1	12	13
2t)	Dunn, Atl. (RB)	12	1	13
2t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	10	3	13
5t)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	11	1	12
5t)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	9	3	12
5t)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	12	0	12
5t)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	7	5	12
9t)	Alexander, Sea. (RB)	10	1	11
9t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz (WR)	0	11	11
11t)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	2	8	10
11t)	Stallworth, Phi. (WR)	0	10	10
11t)	Toomer, NY-G (WR)	0	10	10
14t)	Burress, NY-G (WR)	0	9	9
14t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	7	2	9
14t)	Muhammad, Chi. (WR)	0	9	9
17t)	Boldin, Ariz (WR)	0	8	8
17t)	Bryant, S.F. (WR)	0	8	8
17t)	Johnson, Car. (WR)	0	8	8
17t)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	5	3	8
17t)	Moss, Was. (WR)	2	6	8
22t)	Bruce, St.L (WR)	0	7	7
22t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	0	7	7
22t)	Engram, Sea. (WR)	0	7	7
22t)	Galloway, T.B. (WR)	0	7	7
22t)	Holt, St.L (WR)	0	7	7
22t)	James, Ariz (RB)	7	0	7
22t)	J. Jones, Dal. (RB)	6	1	7
22t)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	0	7	7
30t)	Betts, Was. (RB)	2	4	6
30t)	Carter, Car. (WR)	1	5	6
30t)	*Colston, N.O. (WR)	0	6	6
30t)	Henderson, N.O. (WR)	0	6	6
30t)	Jackson, Sea. (WR)	0	6	6
30t)	McAllister, N.O. (RB)	5	1	6
30t)	*Norwood, Atl. (RB)	5	1	6
30t)	Owens, Dal. (WR)	0	6	6
30t)	R. Williams, Det. (WR)	0	6	6
30t)	Williamson, Min. (WR)	0	6	6
40t)	Berrian, Chi. (WR)	0	5	5
40t)	Clayton, T.B. (WR)	0	5	5
40t)	T. Glenn, Dal. (WR)	0	5	5
40t)	Hilliard, T.B. (WR)	0	5	5
40t)	Jones, Chi. (RB)	5	0	5
40t)	G. Lewis, Phi. (WR)	0	5	5
40t)	*D. Williams, Car. (RB)	4	1	5
47t)	Alstott, T.B. (RB)	1	3	4
47t)	Barber, Dal. (RB)	3	1	4
47t)	Battle, S.F. (WR)	0	4	4
47t)	Crumpler, Atl. (TE)	0	4	4
47t)	Foster, Car. (RB)	3	1	4
47t)	Furrey, Det. (DB)	0	4	4
47t)	J. Horn, N.O. (WR)	0	4	4
47t)	Jacobs, NY-G (RB)	4	0	4
47t)	Jenkins, Atl. (WR)	0	4	4
47t)	Shockey, NY-G (TE)	0	4	4
47t)	Strong, Sea. (RB)	3	1	4
47t)	Wiggins, Min. (TE)	0	4	4

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NFL / LEADERS IN FIRST DOWNS

Rank	Player, Team	Rush	Rec	Tot
1t)	Barber, NY-G (RB)	9	7	16
1t)	L. Johnson, K.C. (RB)	9	7	16
3)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	10	4	14
4t)	Driver, G.B. (WR)	1	12	13
4t)	Dunn, Atl. (RB)	12	1	13
4t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	10	3	13
4t)	Harrison, Ind. (WR)	0	13	13
8t)	S. Jackson, St.L (RB)	11	1	12
8t)	R. Johnson, Cin. (RB)	12	0	12
8t)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	9	3	12
8t)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	12	0	12
8t)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	7	5	12
13t)	Alexander, Sea. (RB)	10	1	11
13t)	Fitzgerald, Ariz (WR)	0	11	11
15t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	7	3	10
15t)	*Bush, N.O. (RB)	2	8	10
15t)	Coles, NY-J (WR)	0	10	10
15t)	Stallworth, Phi. (WR)	0	10	10
15t)	Toomer, NY-G (WR)	0	10	10
15t)	Wayne, Ind. (WR)	0	10	10
21t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	6	3	9
21t)	T. Bell, Den. (RB)	8	1	9
21t)	Bennett, Ten. (WR)	0	9	9
21t)	Burress, NY-G (WR)	0	9	9
21t)	Cotchery, NY-J (WR)	0	9	9
21t)	Dillon, N.E. (RB)	8	1	9
21t)	Green, G.B. (RB)	7	2	9
21t)	McGahee, Buf. (RB)	8	1	9
21t)	Muhammad, Chi. (WR)	0	9	9
30t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	7	1	8
30t)	Boldin, Ariz (WR)	0	8	8
30t)	Bryant, S.F. (WR)	0	8	8
30t)	C. Johnson, Cin. (WR)	0	8	8
30t)	Johnson, Car. (WR)	0	8	8
30t)	K. Jones, Det. (RB)	5	3	8
30t)	*Maroney, N.E. (RB)	8	0	8
30t)	Moss, Was. (WR)	2	6	8
30t)	Moulds, Hou. (WR)	0	8	8
39t)	Bruce, St.L (WR)	0	7	7
39t)	Chambers, Mia. (WR)	0	7	7
39t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	0	7	7
39t)	Engram, Sea. (WR)	0	7	7
39t)	Galloway, T.B. (WR)	0	7	7
39t)	Holt, St.L (WR)	0	7	7
39t)	James, Ariz (RB)	7	0	7
39t)	A. Johnson, Hou. (WR)	0	7	7
39t)	J. Jones, Dal. (RB)	6	1	7
39t)	J. Lewis, Bal. (RB)	7	0	7
39t)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	5	2	7
39t)	Smith, Phi. (TE)	0	7	7
39t)	Walker, Den. (WR)	1	6	7

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Rank	Player, Team	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
1t)	R. Johnson, Cin. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
1t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
3)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	2	2	0	0	1	14
4t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	Cotchery, NY-J (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
4t)	Frye, Cle. (QB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
4t)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
8)	Bennett, Ten. (WR)	1	0	1	0	1	8
9t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Anderson, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Chris Baker, NY-J (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Barlow, NY-J (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	T. Brown, N.E. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Bruener, Hou. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Carthon, Ind. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Chambers, Mia. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Coles, NY-J (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	*Daniels, Hou. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Dillon, N.E. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Droughns, Cle. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Faulk, N.E. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Fletcher, Ind. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Fletcher-Baker, Buf. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
9t)	Gates, S.D. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	*Jackson, N.E. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Jackson, S.D. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	A. Johnson, Hou. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	C. Johnson, Cin. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Leftwich, Jac. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	J. Lewis, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	*Maroney, N.E. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	McAlister, Bal. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
9t)	Miller, Pit. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Moulds, Hou. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Porter, Pit. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
9t)	Reed, Buf. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Stokley, Ind. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Taylor, Jac. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	A. Thomas, Buf. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Turner, S.D. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Ward, Pit. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Washington, Cin. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Washington, Pit. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Watson, Cin. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	*Whitehurst, S.D. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
9t)	Wilcox, Bal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	R. Williams, Jac. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
9t)	Winslow, Cle. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6

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Rank	Player, Team	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
1)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
2t)	Berrian, Chi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	R. Brown, Phi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	Burress, NY-G (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	*Colston, N.O. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	Gilmore, Chi. (TE)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	McAllister, N.O. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
2t)	Stallworth, Phi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	Toomer, NY-G (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
2t)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	2	1	1	0	0	12
11t)	Alexander, Sea. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	Barber, Dal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	Bergen, Ariz (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Boldin, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Bryant, S.F. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Carter, NY-G (WR)	1	0	0	1	0	6
11t)	Cartwright, Was. (RB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
11t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Crayton, Dal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Crumpler, Atl. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	*V. Davis, S.F. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Ferguson, G.B. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	T. Glenn, Dal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Henderson, N.O. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Herron, G.B. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	*Hester, Chi. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
11t)	Holt, St.L (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Jackson, Sea. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Jacobs, NY-G (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	James, Ariz (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	Jenkins, Atl. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	*Jennings, G.B. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Bry. Johnson, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	J. Jones, Dal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	Kitna, Det. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	McCrary, Atl. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Owens, Min. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Owens, Dal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Portis, Was. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	M. Robinson, Min. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Shockey, NY-G (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	Strong, Sea. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	Vick, Atl. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
11t)	Walters, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
11t)	*D. Williams, Car. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6

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Rank	Player, Team	TD	Rush	Rec	Ret	X2	Pts
1t)	Gore, S.F. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
1t)	R. Johnson, Cin. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
1t)	Tomlinson, S.D. (RB)	3	3	0	0	0	18
4)	Henry, Ten. (RB)	2	2	0	0	1	14
5t)	Berrian, Chi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	R. Brown, Phi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	Brown, Mia. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
5t)	Burress, NY-G (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	*Colston, N.O. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	Cotchery, NY-J (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	Frye, Cle. (QB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
5t)	Gilmore, Chi. (TE)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	McAllister, N.O. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
5t)	Rhodes, Ind. (RB)	2	2	0	0	0	12
5t)	Stallworth, Phi. (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	Toomer, NY-G (WR)	2	0	2	0	0	12
5t)	Westbrook, Phi. (RB)	2	1	1	0	0	12
18)	Bennett, Ten. (WR)	1	0	1	0	1	8
19t)	*Addai, Ind. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Alexander, Sea. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Anderson, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Chris Baker, NY-J (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Barber, Dal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Barlow, NY-J (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	*M. Bell, Den. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Bergen, Ariz (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Boldin, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	T. Brown, N.E. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Bruener, Hou. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Bryant, S.F. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Carter, NY-G (WR)	1	0	0	1	0	6
19t)	Carthon, Ind. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Cartwright, Was. (RB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
19t)	Chambers, Mia. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Clark, Ind. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Clark, Chi. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Coles, NY-J (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Crayton, Dal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Crumpler, Atl. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	*Daniels, Hou. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	*V. Davis, S.F. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Dillon, N.E. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Droughns, Cle. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Faulk, N.E. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Ferguson, G.B. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Fletcher, Ind. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Fletcher-Baker, Buf. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
19t)	Gates, S.D. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	T. Glenn, Dal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Gonzalez, K.C. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Heap, Bal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Henderson, N.O. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Herron, G.B. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	*Hester, Chi. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
19t)	Holt, St.L (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	*Jackson, N.E. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Jackson, Sea. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Jackson, S.D. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Jacobs, NY-G (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	James, Ariz (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Jenkins, Atl. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	*Jennings, G.B. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	A. Johnson, Hou. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Bry. Johnson, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	C. Johnson, Cin. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	J. Jones, Dal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Kitna, Det. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Leftwich, Jac. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	J. Lewis, Bal. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	*Maroney, N.E. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	McAlister, Bal. (DB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
19t)	McCrary, Atl. (RB)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Miller, Pit. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Moulds, Hou. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Owens, Min. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Owens, Dal. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t)	Porter, Pit. (LB)	1	0	0	1	0	6
19t)	Portis, Was. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t)	Reed, Buf. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6

19t) M. Robinson, Min. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Shockey, NY-G (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Stokley, Ind. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Strong, Sea. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) C. Taylor, Min. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) Taylor, Jac. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) A. Thomas, Buf. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) Turner, S.D. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) Vick, Atl. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) Walters, Ariz (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Ward, Pit. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Washington, Cin. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Washington, Pit. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Watson, Cin. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) *Whitehurst, S.D. (QB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) Wilcox, Bal. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) *D. Williams, Car. (RB)	1	1	0	0	0	6
19t) R. Williams, Jac. (WR)	1	0	1	0	0	6
19t) Winslow, Cle. (TE)	1	0	1	0	0	6

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Rank	Player, Team	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
1)	Vinatieri, Ind.	6/ 6	7/ 7	1.000	48	27
2)	Kaeding, S.D.	7/ 7	6/ 6	1.000	47	25
3)	Stover, Bal.	5/ 5	6/ 6	1.000	42	23
4)	Graham, Cin.	6/ 6	5/ 6	.833	42	21
5)	Lindell, Buf.	3/ 3	4/ 4	1.000	53	15
6)	Elam, Den.	1/ 1	4/ 5	.800	49	13
7)	*Gostkowski, N.E.	5/ 5	2/ 3	.667	32	11
8t)	K. Brown, Hou.	4/ 4	2/ 2	1.000	43	10
8t)	Nugent, NY-J	4/ 5	2/ 4	.500	42	10
8t)	Tynes, K.C.	1/ 1	3/ 4	.750	45	10
11)	Dawson, Cle.	4/ 4	1/ 1	1.000	30	7
12t)	Janikowski, Oak.	0/ 0	2/ 2	1.000	51	6
12t)	Scobee, Jac.	3/ 3	1/ 2	.500	35	6
14)	Mare, Mia.	2/ 2	1/ 2	.500	26	5
15)	Reed, Pit.	4/ 4	0/ 1	.000	--	4
16)	Bironas, Ten.	1/ 1	0/ 0	---	--	1
17)	Smith, Ind.	0/ 1	0/ 0	---	--	0

NFC / LEADING SCORERS, KICKERS

Rank	Player, Team	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
1)	Wilkins, St.L	1/ 1	8/10	.800	51	25
2)	Gould, Chi.	6/ 6	6/ 6	1.000	45	24
3)	Carney, N.O.	5/ 5	6/ 6	1.000	47	23
4t)	Longwell, Min.	2/ 2	5/ 7	.714	46	17
4t)	Nedney, S.F.	5/ 5	4/ 6	.667	44	17
6t)	Hall, Was.	2/ 2	4/ 5	.800	39	14
6t)	Rackers, Ariz	5/ 5	3/ 5	.600	43	14
8)	Kasay, Car.	1/ 1	4/ 4	1.000	54	13
9t)	Akers, Phi.	6/ 6	2/ 3	.667	42	12
9t)	J. Brown, Sea.	3/ 3	3/ 6	.500	51	12
11)	Koenen, Atl.	4/ 4	2/ 8	.250	32	10
12t)	Feely, NY-G	6/ 6	1/ 2	.500	35	9
12t)	Rayner, G.B.	3/ 3	2/ 3	.667	36	9
12t)	Vanderjagt, Dal.	3/ 3	2/ 2	1.000	50	9
15)	Hanson, Det.	1/ 1	2/ 4	.500	44	7
16)	Suisham, Dal.	2/ 2	1/ 2	.500	32	5
17)	M. Bryant, T.B.	0/ 0	1/ 3	.333	22	3

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NFL / LEADING SCORERS, KICKERS

Rank	Player, Team	PAT	FG	Pct	Long	Pts
1)	Vinatieri, Ind.	6/ 6	7/ 7	1.000	48	27
2t)	Kaeding, S.D.	7/ 7	6/ 6	1.000	47	25
2t)	Wilkins, St.L	1/ 1	8/10	.800	51	25
4)	Gould, Chi.	6/ 6	6/ 6	1.000	45	24
5t)	Carney, N.O.	5/ 5	6/ 6	1.000	47	23
5t)	Stover, Bal.	5/ 5	6/ 6	1.000	42	23
7)	Graham, Cin.	6/ 6	5/ 6	.833	42	21
8t)	Longwell, Min.	2/ 2	5/ 7	.714	46	17
8t)	Nedney, S.F.	5/ 5	4/ 6	.667	44	17
10)	Lindell, Buf.	3/ 3	4/ 4	1.000	53	15
11t)	Hall, Was.	2/ 2	4/ 5	.800	39	14
11t)	Rackers, Ariz	5/ 5	3/ 5	.600	43	14
13t)	Elam, Den.	1/ 1	4/ 5	.800	49	13
13t)	Kasay, Car.	1/ 1	4/ 4	1.000	54	13
15t)	Akers, Phi.	6/ 6	2/ 3	.667	42	12
15t)	J. Brown, Sea.	3/ 3	3/ 6	.500	51	12
17)	*Gostkowski, N.E.	5/ 5	2/ 3	.667	32	11
18t)	K. Brown, Hou.	4/ 4	2/ 2	1.000	43	10
18t)	Koenen, Atl.	4/ 4	2/ 8	.250	32	10
18t)	Nugent, NY-J	4/ 5	2/ 4	.500	42	10
18t)	Tynes, K.C.	1/ 1	3/ 4	.750	45	10
22t)	Feely, NY-G	6/ 6	1/ 2	.500	35	9
22t)	Rayner, G.B.	3/ 3	2/ 3	.667	36	9
22t)	Vanderjagt, Dal.	3/ 3	2/ 2	1.000	50	9
25t)	Dawson, Cle.	4/ 4	1/ 1	1.000	30	7
25t)	Hanson, Det.	1/ 1	2/ 4	.500	44	7
27t)	Janikowski, Oak.	0/ 0	2/ 2	1.000	51	6
27t)	Scobee, Jac.	3/ 3	1/ 2	.500	35	6
29t)	Mare, Mia.	2/ 2	1/ 2	.500	26	5
29t)	Suisham, Dal.	2/ 2	1/ 2	.500	32	5
31)	Reed, Pit.	4/ 4	0/ 1	.000	--	4
32)	M. Bryant, T.B.	0/ 0	1/ 3	.333	22	3
33)	Bironas, Ten.	1/ 1	0/ 0	---	--	1
34)	Smith, Ind.	0/ 1	0/ 0	---	--	0

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AFC / LEADERS IN TOUCHBACKS ON KICKOFFS

Rank	Player, Team	TB
1)	Dawson, Cle.	3
2t)	Ernster, Den.	2
2t)	Graham, Cin.	2
2t)	Tynes, K.C.	2
5t)	*Gostkowski, N.E.	1
5t)	Kaeding, S.D.	1
5t)	Lindell, Buf.	1
5t)	Mare, Mia.	1
5t)	Nugent, NY-J	1
5t)	Reed, Pit.	1
5t)	Scobee, Jac.	1
5t)	Vinatieri, Ind.	1

NFC / LEADERS IN TOUCHBACKS ON KICKOFFS

Rank	Player, Team	TB
1t)	Suisham, Dal.	4
1t)	Wilkins, St.L	4
3t)	Carney, N.O.	3
3t)	Gould, Chi.	3
3t)	Koenen, Atl.	3
3t)	Rayner, G.B.	3
7)	Rackers, Ariz	2
8t)	Akers, Phi.	1
8t)	Feely, NY-G	1
8t)	Frost, Was.	1
8t)	Longwell, Min.	1

LEADERS IN TOUCHBACKS ON KICKOFFS

Rank	Player, Team	TB
1t)	Suisham, Dal.	4
1t)	Wilkins, St.L	4
3t)	Carney, N.O.	3
3t)	Dawson, Cle.	3
3t)	Gould, Chi.	3
3t)	Koenen, Atl.	3
3t)	Rayner, G.B.	3
8t)	Ernster, Den.	2
8t)	Graham, Cin.	2
8t)	Rackers, Ariz	2
8t)	Tynes, K.C.	2
12t)	Akers, Phi.	1
12t)	Feely, NY-G	1
12t)	Frost, Was.	1
12t)	*Gostkowski, N.E.	1
12t)	Kaeding, S.D.	1
12t)	Lindell, Buf.	1
12t)	Longwell, Min.	1
12t)	Mare, Mia.	1
12t)	Nugent, NY-J	1
12t)	Reed, Pit.	1
12t)	Scobee, Jac.	1
12t)	Vinatieri, Ind.	1

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AFC / LEADING PUNTERS

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
1)	Lechler, Oak.	13	634	61	48.8	3	0	2	1	6	50	5	40.3
2)	Miller, N.E.	7	341	61	48.7	2	0	1	1	2	6	1	42.1
3)	Ernster, Den.	9	430	61	47.8	1	0	0	0	6	72	0	37.6
4)	Gardocki, Pit.	5	233	51	46.6	1	0	0	0	3	79	0	26.8
5t)	*Koch, Bal.	13	585	60	45.0	1	0	2	0	9	86	3	36.8
5t)	Larson, Cin.	9	405	57	45.0	3	0	0	0	5	13	1	36.9
5t)	Zastudil, Cle.	11	495	56	45.0	2	0	1	3	5	37	3	38.0
8)	Colquitt, K.C.	10	446	53	44.6	2	0	0	3	3	9	4	39.7
9)	Hanson, Jac.	6	264	53	44.0	1	0	0	0	4	22	1	37.0
10)	Stanley, Hou.	9	388	55	43.1	0	0	0	0	6	43	2	38.3
11)	Scifres, S.D.	7	296	56	42.3	0	0	2	0	3	1	4	42.1
12)	Jones, Mia.	12	503	60	41.9	0	1	1	1	8	77	4	32.8
13)	Moorman, Buf.	11	449	54	40.8	0	0	4	3	2	21	6	38.9
14)	Hentrich, Ten.	13	526	52	40.5	1	0	1	1	5	45	4	35.5
15)	Graham, NY-J	9	358	58	39.8	0	0	0	2	4	29	4	36.6

MFC / LEADING PUNTERS

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
1)	McBriar, Dal.	12	609	62	50.8	2	0	0	0	9	77	2	41.0
2)	Frost, Was.	13	628	59	48.3	1	0	1	1	9	102	2	38.9
3t)	Baker, Car.	15	695	58	46.3	3	0	2	0	9	51	5	38.9
3t)	Ryan, G.B.	12	556	57	46.3	1	0	0	0	11	168	1	30.7
5)	Maynard, Chi.	7	322	50	46.0	0	0	0	1	4	49	4	39.0
6)	*Weatherford, N.O.	7	321	52	45.9	1	0	0	0	5	51	0	35.7
7)	Turk, St.L	8	366	59	45.8	1	0	0	0	2	10	3	42.0
8)	*Plackemeier, Sea.	10	456	63	45.6	2	0	0	1	7	39	2	37.7
9)	Bidwell, T.B.	12	542	59	45.2	1	0	1	2	6	72	4	37.5
10)	Feagles, NY-G	9	397	54	44.1	0	0	0	3	4	43	3	39.3
11)	N. Harris, Det.	12	516	55	43.0	2	0	0	1	8	64	2	34.3
12)	Kluwe, Min.	12	514	53	42.8	2	0	1	0	6	46	3	35.7
13)	Koenen, Atl.	6	252	55	42.0	0	0	0	2	4	23	3	38.2
14)	Player, Ariz	10	411	50	41.1	0	0	1	0	7	98	1	31.3
15)	D. Johnson, Phi.	8	327	56	40.9	1	0	0	0	3	6	3	37.6
16)	Lee, S.F.	8	325	54	40.6	0	0	3	0	1	30	5	36.9

NFL / LEADING PUNTERS

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	Ret Yds	In 20	Net Avg
1)	McBriar, Dal.	12	609	62	50.8	2	0	0	0	9	77	2	41.0
2)	Lechler, Oak.	13	634	61	48.8	3	0	2	1	6	50	5	40.3
3)	Miller, N.E.	7	341	61	48.7	2	0	1	1	2	6	1	42.1
4)	Frost, Was.	13	628	59	48.3	1	0	1	1	9	102	2	38.9
5)	Ernster, Den.	9	430	61	47.8	1	0	0	0	6	72	0	37.6
6)	Gardocki, Pit.	5	233	51	46.6	1	0	0	0	3	79	0	26.8
7t)	Baker, Car.	15	695	58	46.3	3	0	2	0	9	51	5	38.9
7t)	Ryan, G.B.	12	556	57	46.3	1	0	0	0	11	168	1	30.7
9)	Maynard, Chi.	7	322	50	46.0	0	0	0	1	4	49	4	39.0
10)	*Weatherford, N.O.	7	321	52	45.9	1	0	0	0	5	51	0	35.7
11)	Turk, St.L	8	366	59	45.8	1	0	0	0	2	10	3	42.0
12)	*Plackemeier, Sea.	10	456	63	45.6	2	0	0	1	7	39	2	37.7
13)	Bidwell, T.B.	12	542	59	45.2	1	0	1	2	6	72	4	37.5
14t)	*Koch, Bal.	13	585	60	45.0	1	0	2	0	9	86	3	36.8
14t)	Larson, Cin.	9	405	57	45.0	3	0	0	0	5	13	1	36.9
14t)	Zastudil, Cle.	11	495	56	45.0	2	0	1	3	5	37	3	38.0
17)	Colquitt, K.C.	10	446	53	44.6	2	0	0	3	3	9	4	39.7
18)	Feagles, NY-G	9	397	54	44.1	0	0	0	3	4	43	3	39.3
19)	Hanson, Jac.	6	264	53	44.0	1	0	0	0	4	22	1	37.0
20)	Stanley, Hou.	9	388	55	43.1	0	0	0	0	6	43	2	38.3
21)	N. Harris, Det.	12	516	55	43.0	2	0	0	1	8	64	2	34.3
22)	Kluwe, Min.	12	514	53	42.8	2	0	1	0	6	46	3	35.7
23)	Scifres, S.D.	7	296	56	42.3	0	0	2	0	3	1	4	42.1
24)	Koenen, Atl.	6	252	55	42.0	0	0	0	2	4	23	3	38.2
25)	Jones, Mia.	12	503	60	41.9	0	1	1	1	8	77	4	32.8
26)	Player, Ariz	10	411	50	41.1	0	0	1	0	7	98	1	31.3
27)	D. Johnson, Phi.	8	327	56	40.9	1	0	0	0	3	6	3	37.6
28)	Moorman, Buf.	11	449	54	40.8	0	0	4	3	2	21	6	38.9
29)	Lee, S.F.	8	325	54	40.6	0	0	3	0	1	30	5	36.9
30)	Hentrich, Ten.	13	526	52	40.5	1	0	1	1	5	45	4	35.5
31)	Graham, NY-J	9	358	58	39.8	0	0	0	2	4	29	4	36.6

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AFC / LEADING PUNTERS, NET AVERAGE

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1t)	Miller, N.E.	7	341	61	48.7	2	0	1	1	2	6	1	42.1
1t)	Scifres, S.D.	7	296	56	42.3	0	0	2	0	3	1	4	42.1
3)	Lechler, Oak.	13	634	61	48.8	3	0	2	1	6	50	5	40.3
4)	Colquitt, K.C.	10	446	53	44.6	2	0	0	3	3	9	4	39.7
5)	Moorman, Buf.	11	449	54	40.8	0	0	4	3	2	21	6	38.9
6)	Stanley, Hou.	9	388	55	43.1	0	0	0	0	6	43	2	38.3
7)	Zastudil, Cle.	11	495	56	45.0	2	0	1	3	5	37	3	38.0
8)	Ernster, Den.	9	430	61	47.8	1	0	0	0	6	72	0	37.6
9)	Hanson, Jac.	6	264	53	44.0	1	0	0	0	4	22	1	37.0
10)	Larson, Cin.	9	405	57	45.0	3	0	0	0	5	13	1	36.9
11)	*Koch, Bal.	13	585	60	45.0	1	0	2	0	9	86	3	36.8
12)	Graham, NY-J	9	358	58	39.8	0	0	0	2	4	29	4	36.6
13)	Hentrich, Ten.	13	526	52	40.5	1	0	1	1	5	45	4	35.5
14)	Jones, Mia.	12	503	60	41.9	0	1	1	1	8	77	4	32.8
15)	Gardocki, Pit.	5	233	51	46.6	1	0	0	0	3	79	0	26.8

NFC / LEADING PUNTERS, NET AVERAGE

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1)	Turk, St.L	8	366	59	45.8	1	0	0	0	2	10	3	42.0
2)	McBriar, Dal.	12	609	62	50.8	2	0	0	0	9	77	2	41.0
3)	Feagles, NY-G	9	397	54	44.1	0	0	0	3	4	43	3	39.3
4)	Maynard, Chi.	7	322	50	46.0	0	0	0	1	4	49	4	39.0
5)	Baker, Car.	15	695	58	46.3	3	0	2	0	9	51	5	38.9
6)	Frost, Was.	13	628	59	48.3	1	0	1	1	9	102	2	38.9
7)	Koenen, Atl.	6	252	55	42.0	0	0	0	2	4	23	3	38.2
8)	*Plackemeier, Sea.	10	456	63	45.6	2	0	0	1	7	39	2	37.7
9)	D. Johnson, Phi.	8	327	56	40.9	1	0	0	0	3	6	3	37.6
10)	Bidwell, T.B.	12	542	59	45.2	1	0	1	2	6	72	4	37.5
11)	Lee, S.F.	8	325	54	40.6	0	0	3	0	1	30	5	36.9
12)	*Weatherford, N.O.	7	321	52	45.9	1	0	0	0	5	51	0	35.7
13)	Kluwe, Min.	12	514	53	42.8	2	0	1	0	6	46	3	35.7
14)	N. Harris, Det.	12	516	55	43.0	2	0	0	1	8	64	2	34.3
15)	Player, Ariz	10	411	50	41.1	0	0	1	0	7	98	1	31.3
16)	Ryan, G.B.	12	556	57	46.3	1	0	0	0	11	168	1	30.7

NFL / LEADING PUNTERS, NET AVERAGE

Rank	Player, Team	No	Yards	Lg	Avg	TB	Blk	Dwn	OB	Opp Ret	In Yds	Net 20	Avg
1t)	Miller, N.E.	7	341	61	48.7	2	0	1	1	2	6	1	42.1
1t)	Scifres, S.D.	7	296	56	42.3	0	0	2	0	3	1	4	42.1
3)	Turk, St.L	8	366	59	45.8	1	0	0	0	2	10	3	42.0
4)	McBriar, Dal.	12	609	62	50.8	2	0	0	0	9	77	2	41.0
5)	Lechler, Oak.	13	634	61	48.8	3	0	2	1	6	50	5	40.3
6)	Colquitt, K.C.	10	446	53	44.6	2	0	0	3	3	9	4	39.7
7)	Feagles, NY-G	9	397	54	44.1	0	0	0	3	4	43	3	39.3
8)	Maynard, Chi.	7	322	50	46.0	0	0	0	1	4	49	4	39.0
9)	Baker, Car.	15	695	58	46.3	3	0	2	0	9	51	5	38.9
10)	Frost, Was.	13	628	59	48.3	1	0	1	1	9	102	2	38.9
11)	Moorman, Buf.	11	449	54	40.8	0	0	4	3	2	21	6	38.9
12)	Stanley, Hou.	9	388	55	43.1	0	0	0	0	6	43	2	38.3
13)	Koenen, Atl.	6	252	55	42.0	0	0	0	2	4	23	3	38.2
14)	Zastudil, Cle.	11	495	56	45.0	2	0	1	3	5	37	3	38.0
15)	*Plackemeier, Sea.	10	456	63	45.6	2	0	0	1	7	39	2	37.7
16)	D. Johnson, Phi.	8	327	56	40.9	1	0	0	0	3	6	3	37.6
17)	Ernster, Den.	9	430	61	47.8	1	0	0	0	6	72	0	37.6
18)	Bidwell, T.B.	12	542	59	45.2	1	0	1	2	6	72	4	37.5
19)	Hanson, Jac.	6	264	53	44.0	1	0	0	0	4	22	1	37.0
20)	Larson, Cin.	9	405	57	45.0	3	0	0	0	5	13	1	36.9
21)	Lee, S.F.	8	325	54	40.6	0	0	3	0	1	30	5	36.9
22)	*Koch, Bal.	13	585	60	45.0	1	0	2	0	9	86	3	36.8
23)	Graham, NY-J	9	358	58	39.8	0	0	0	2	4	29	4	36.6
24)	*Weatherford, N.O.	7	321	52	45.9	1	0	0	0	5	51	0	35.7
25)	Kluwe, Min.	12	514	53	42.8	2	0	1	0	6	46	3	35.7
26)	Hentrich, Ten.	13	526	52	40.5	1	0	1	1	5	45	4	35.5
27)	N. Harris, Det.	12	516	55	43.0	2	0	0	1	8	64	2	34.3
28)	Jones, Mia.	12	503	60	41.9	0	1	1	1	8	77	4	32.8
29)	Player, Ariz	10	411	50	41.1	0	0	1	0	7	98	1	31.3
30)	Ryan, G.B.	12	556	57	46.3	1	0	0	0	11	168	1	30.7
31)	Gardocki, Pit.	5	233	51	46.6	1	0	0	0	3	79	0	26.8

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AFC / PUNT RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Welker, Mia.	4	2	86	21.5	47	0
2)	Sams, Bal.	5	0	73	14.6	24	0
3)	Northcutt, Cle.	4	2	49	12.3	31	0
4)	Parrish, Buf.	6	0	72	12.0	26	0
5)	D. Hall, K.C.	8	0	77	9.6	21	0
6)	Parker, S.D.	8	3	68	8.5	25	0
7)	P. Jones, Ten.	3	0	23	7.7	13	0
8)	C. Owens, Jac.	4	0	30	7.5	13	0
9)	Carr, Oak.	7	3	40	5.7	22	0
10t)	Ratliff, Cin.	3	2	17	5.7	8	0
10t)	*L. Washington, NY-J	3	1	17	5.7	7	0
12)	Wilkins, Ind.	4	1	19	4.8	11	0
13)	Da. Williams, Den.	3	1	10	3.3	7	0

NFC / PUNT RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Battle, S.F.	4	5	78	19.5	60	0
2)	Wynn, Phi.	3	2	42	14.0	22	0
3)	*Hester, Chi.	9	0	125	13.9	84t	1
4)	Newman, Dal.	3	0	40	13.3	16	0
5)	Rossum, Atl.	4	2	44	11.0	15	0
6)	Jones, T.B.	6	0	57	9.5	18	0
7)	Randle El, Was.	8	2	75	9.4	15	0
8)	Woodson, G.B.	6	0	54	9.0	28	0
9t)	Crayton, Dal.	4	0	35	8.8	12	0
9t)	Williams, Sea.	8	2	70	8.8	22	0
11)	Westbrook, Phi.	3	2	25	8.3	11	0
12)	*Bush, N.O.	7	0	58	8.3	14	0
13)	Walters, Ariz	4	2	29	7.3	16	0
14)	Moore, Min.	8	2	49	6.1	20	0
15)	Rector, Dal.	4	1	22	5.5	8	0
16)	Gamble, Car.	6	2	31	5.2	24	0
17)	Morton, NY-G	3	1	12	4.0	9	0
18)	Drummond, Det.	4	2	15	3.8	6	0

NFL / PUNT RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	FC	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Welker, Mia.	4	2	86	21.5	47	0
2)	Battle, S.F.	4	5	78	19.5	60	0
3)	Sams, Bal.	5	0	73	14.6	24	0
4)	Wynn, Phi.	3	2	42	14.0	22	0
5)	*Hester, Chi.	9	0	125	13.9	84t	1
6)	Newman, Dal.	3	0	40	13.3	16	0
7)	Northcutt, Cle.	4	2	49	12.3	31	0
8)	Parrish, Buf.	6	0	72	12.0	26	0
9)	Rossum, Atl.	4	2	44	11.0	15	0
10)	D. Hall, K.C.	8	0	77	9.6	21	0
11)	Jones, T.B.	6	0	57	9.5	18	0
12)	Randle El, Was.	8	2	75	9.4	15	0
13)	Woodson, G.B.	6	0	54	9.0	28	0
14t)	Crayton, Dal.	4	0	35	8.8	12	0
14t)	Williams, Sea.	8	2	70	8.8	22	0
16)	Parker, S.D.	8	3	68	8.5	25	0
17)	Westbrook, Phi.	3	2	25	8.3	11	0
18)	*Bush, N.O.	7	0	58	8.3	14	0
19)	P. Jones, Ten.	3	0	23	7.7	13	0
20)	C. Owens, Jac.	4	0	30	7.5	13	0
21)	Walters, Ariz	4	2	29	7.3	16	0
22)	Moore, Min.	8	2	49	6.1	20	0
23)	Carr, Oak.	7	3	40	5.7	22	0
24t)	Ratliff, Cin.	3	2	17	5.7	8	0
24t)	*L. Washington, NY-J	3	1	17	5.7	7	0
26)	Rector, Dal.	4	1	22	5.5	8	0
27)	Gamble, Car.	6	2	31	5.2	24	0
28)	Wilkins, Ind.	4	1	19	4.8	11	0
29)	Morton, NY-G	3	1	12	4.0	9	0
30)	Drummond, Det.	4	2	15	3.8	6	0
31)	Da. Williams, Den.	3	1	10	3.3	7	0

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AFC / KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Sams, Bal.	5	181	36.2	72	0
2)	Carr, Oak.	12	332	27.7	45	0
3)	McGee, Buf.	5	132	26.4	44	0
4)	P. Jones, Ten.	3	78	26.0	30	0
5)	Miller, NY-J	6	155	25.8	41	0
6)	Shepherd, Hou.	6	154	25.7	42	0
7)	Welker, Mia.	7	175	25.0	39	0
8)	*Maroney, N.E.	5	124	24.8	39	0
9)	Wade, Ten.	8	198	24.8	30	0
10)	*Holmes, Pit.	2	49	24.5	28	0
11)	Wilkins, Ind.	8	195	24.4	33	0
12)	D. Hall, K.C.	6	146	24.3	32	0
13)	Cribbs, Cle.	10	223	22.3	40	0
14)	Gado, G.B.-Hou.	3	57	19.0	23	0
15)	T. Perry, Cin.	4	69	17.3	34	0
16)	Turner, S.D.	3	46	15.3	23	0

NFC / KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Cartwright, Was.	7	220	31.4	100t	1
2)	Hicks, S.F.	8	229	28.6	59	0
3)	Rossum, Atl.	4	110	27.5	38	0
4)	Ponder, Sea.	4	105	26.3	41	0
5)	Arrington, Ariz	9	226	25.1	36	0
6)	Reed, St.L	6	149	24.8	40	0
7)	Thompson, Dal.	4	99	24.8	31	0
8)	Williamson, Min.	7	173	24.7	44	0
9)	Pittman, T.B.	7	156	22.3	27	0
10)	*D. Williams, Car.	7	150	21.4	39	0
11)	Morton, NY-G	10	198	19.8	31	0
12)	Stecker, N.O.	3	59	19.7	22	0
13)	Perry, Phi.	3	57	19.0	24	0
14)	Wynn, Phi.	4	75	18.8	21	0
15)	Robinson, G.B.	4	73	18.3	21	0
16)	Drummond, Det.	6	104	17.3	24	0

NFL / KICKOFF RETURN LEADERS

Rank	Player, Team	Ret	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Sams, Bal.	5	181	36.2	72	0
2)	Cartwright, Was.	7	220	31.4	100t	1
3)	Hicks, S.F.	8	229	28.6	59	0
4)	Carr, Oak.	12	332	27.7	45	0
5)	Rossum, Atl.	4	110	27.5	38	0
6)	McGee, Buf.	5	132	26.4	44	0
7)	Ponder, Sea.	4	105	26.3	41	0
8)	P. Jones, Ten.	3	78	26.0	30	0
9)	Miller, NY-J	6	155	25.8	41	0
10)	Shepherd, Hou.	6	154	25.7	42	0
11)	Arrington, Ariz	9	226	25.1	36	0
12)	Welker, Mia.	7	175	25.0	39	0
13)	Reed, St.L	6	149	24.8	40	0
14)	*Maroney, N.E.	5	124	24.8	39	0
15t)	Thompson, Dal.	4	99	24.8	31	0
15t)	Wade, Ten.	8	198	24.8	30	0
17)	Williamson, Min.	7	173	24.7	44	0
18)	*Holmes, Pit.	2	49	24.5	28	0
19)	Wilkins, Ind.	8	195	24.4	33	0
20)	D. Hall, K.C.	6	146	24.3	32	0
21)	Cribbs, Cle.	10	223	22.3	40	0
22)	Pittman, T.B.	7	156	22.3	27	0
23)	*D. Williams, Car.	7	150	21.4	39	0
24)	Morton, NY-G	10	198	19.8	31	0
25)	Stecker, N.O.	3	59	19.7	22	0
26t)	Gado, G.B.-Hou.	3	57	19.0	23	0
26t)	Perry, Phi.	3	57	19.0	24	0
28)	Wynn, Phi.	4	75	18.8	21	0
29)	Robinson, G.B.	4	73	18.3	21	0
30)	Drummond, Det.	6	104	17.3	24	0
31)	T. Perry, Cin.	4	69	17.3	34	0
32)	Turner, S.D.	3	46	15.3	23	0

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AFC / LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS

Rank	Player, Team	Int	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1)	Dyson, NY-J	2	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	McAlister, Bal.	1	60	60.0	60t	1
2t)	*Ngata, Bal.	1	60	60.0	60	0
2t)	*Prude, Bal.	1	54	54.0	54	0
2t)	Porter, Pit.	1	42	42.0	42t	1
2t)	Bodden, Cle.	1	35	35.0	35	0
2t)	Morrison, Oak.	1	31	31.0	31	0
2t)	R. Lewis, Bal.	1	27	27.0	27	0
2t)	Rhodes, NY-J	1	25	25.0	25	0
2t)	Mathis, Jac.	1	16	16.0	16	0
2t)	Peterson, Jac.	1	15	15.0	15	0
2t)	Jammer, S.D.	1	11	11.0	11	0
2t)	Simmons, Hou.	1	11	11.0	11	0
2t)	Jones, Cle.	1	10	10.0	10	0
2t)	Merriman, S.D.	1	10	10.0	10	0
2t)	*Whitner, Buf.	1	10	10.0	10	0
2t)	Bruschi, N.E.	1	8	8.0	8	0
2t)	Thomas, Bal.	1	7	7.0	7	0
2t)	Greisen, Jac.	1	6	6.0	6	0
2t)	Simmons, Cin.	1	5	5.0	5	0
2t)	Harper, Ind.	1	4	4.0	4	0
2t)	Reed, Bal.	1	3	3.0	3	0
2t)	L. Johnson, Cin.	1	2	2.0	2	0
2t)	M. Williams, Cin.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
2t)	Barrett, NY-J	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Crowell, Buf.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Davis, Cle.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Polamalu, Pit.	1	0	0.0	0	0
2t)	Wesley, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0

NFC / LEADERS IN INTERCEPTIONS

Rank	Player, Team	Int	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	Hall, Atl.	2	75	37.5	57	0
1t)	Webster, Atl.	2	-2	-1.0	3	0
1t)	R. Williams, Dal.	2	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Brooks, T.B.	1	21	21.0	21	0
4t)	Brown, St.L	1	20	20.0	20	0
4t)	Fujita, N.O.	1	19	19.0	19	0
4t)	Chavous, St.L	1	17	17.0	17	0
4t)	Trotter, Phi.	1	17	17.0	17	0
4t)	McQuarters, NY-G	1	16	16.0	16	0
4t)	*D. Manning, Chi.	1	15	15.0	15	0
4t)	Bullocks, N.O.	1	14	14.0	14	0
4t)	*Hill, St.L	1	14	14.0	14	0
4t)	Lucas, Car.	1	13	13.0	13	0
4t)	Tillman, Chi.	1	13	13.0	13	0
4t)	Boulware, Sea.	1	1	1.0	1	0
4t)	Barnett, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Harris, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Hayes, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Stoutmire, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
4t)	Wilson, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0

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Rank	Player, Team	Int	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
1t)	Hall, Atl.	2	75	37.5	57	0
1t)	Webster, Atl.	2	-2	-1.0	3	0
1t)	Dyson, NY-J	2	0	0.0	0	0
1t)	R. Williams, Dal.	2	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	McAlister, Bal.	1	60	60.0	60t	1
5t)	*Ngata, Bal.	1	60	60.0	60	0
5t)	*Prude, Bal.	1	54	54.0	54	0
5t)	Porter, Pit.	1	42	42.0	42t	1
5t)	Bodden, Cle.	1	35	35.0	35	0
5t)	Morrison, Oak.	1	31	31.0	31	0
5t)	R. Lewis, Bal.	1	27	27.0	27	0
5t)	Rhodes, NY-J	1	25	25.0	25	0
5t)	Brooks, T.B.	1	21	21.0	21	0
5t)	Brown, St.L	1	20	20.0	20	0
5t)	Fujita, N.O.	1	19	19.0	19	0
5t)	Chavous, St.L	1	17	17.0	17	0
5t)	Trotter, Phi.	1	17	17.0	17	0
5t)	Mathis, Jac.	1	16	16.0	16	0
5t)	McQuarters, NY-G	1	16	16.0	16	0
5t)	*D. Manning, Chi.	1	15	15.0	15	0
5t)	Peterson, Jac.	1	15	15.0	15	0
5t)	Bullocks, N.O.	1	14	14.0	14	0
5t)	*Hill, St.L	1	14	14.0	14	0
5t)	Lucas, Car.	1	13	13.0	13	0
5t)	Tillman, Chi.	1	13	13.0	13	0
5t)	Jammer, S.D.	1	11	11.0	11	0
5t)	Simmons, Hou.	1	11	11.0	11	0
5t)	Jones, Cle.	1	10	10.0	10	0
5t)	Merriman, S.D.	1	10	10.0	10	0
5t)	*Whitner, Buf.	1	10	10.0	10	0
5t)	Bruschi, N.E.	1	8	8.0	8	0
5t)	Thomas, Bal.	1	7	7.0	7	0
5t)	Greisen, Jac.	1	6	6.0	6	0
5t)	Simmons, Cin.	1	5	5.0	5	0
5t)	Harper, Ind.	1	4	4.0	4	0
5t)	Reed, Bal.	1	3	3.0	3	0
5t)	L. Johnson, Cin.	1	2	2.0	2	0
5t)	Boulware, Sea.	1	1	1.0	1	0
5t)	M. Williams, Cin.	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
5t)	Barnett, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Barrett, NY-J	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Crowell, Buf.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Davis, Cle.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Harris, G.B.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Hayes, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Polamalu, Pit.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Stoutmire, N.O.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Wesley, K.C.	1	0	0.0	0	0
5t)	Wilson, Ariz	1	0	0.0	0	0

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AFC / LEADERS IN SACKS

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks
1t)	R. Denney, Buf. (DE)	3.0
1t)	Merriman, S.D. (LB)	3.0
1t)	Scott, Bal. (LB)	3.0
1t)	J. Smith, Cin. (DE)	3.0
5t)	Carter, Mia. (DE)	2.0
5t)	Geathers, Cin. (DE)	2.0
5t)	Kelsay, Buf. (DE)	2.0
5t)	Mathis, Ind. (DE)	2.0
5t)	Phillips, S.D. (LB)	2.0
5t)	Porter, Pit. (LB)	2.0
5t)	Sapp, Oak. (DT)	2.0
5t)	Seymour, N.E. (DE)	2.0
5t)	Suggs, Bal. (LB)	2.0
5t)	Thomas, Bal. (LB)	2.0
15t)	Brock, Ind. (DE)	1.5
15t)	Castillo, S.D. (DT)	1.5
15t)	Chukwurah, Den. (LB)	1.5
15t)	Ekuban, Den. (DE)	1.5
19t)	Allen, K.C. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Babin, Hou. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Banta-Cain, N.E. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Bell, Mia. (DB)	1.0
19t)	Colvin, N.E. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Cooper, S.D. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Crowell, Buf. (LB)	1.0
19t)	J. Farrior, Pit. (LB)	1.0
19t)	*Finnegan, Ten. (DB)	1.0
19t)	Greenwood, Hou. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Hobson, NY-J (LB)	1.0
19t)	Lang, Den. (DE)	1.0
19t)	R. Lewis, Bal. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Meier, Jac. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Pool, Cle. (DB)	1.0
19t)	Pryce, Bal. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Rhodes, NY-J (DB)	1.0
19t)	Robinson, Cin. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Schobel, Buf. (DE)	1.0
19t)	*Simpson, Buf. (DB)	1.0
19t)	Spicer, Jac. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Spikes, Buf. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Stewart, Cle. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Taylor, Mia. (DE)	1.0
19t)	B. Thomas, NY-J (DE)	1.0
19t)	Cha. Thompson, Cle. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Thornton, Cin. (DT)	1.0
19t)	Traylor, Mia. (DT)	1.0
19t)	Vanden Bosch, Ten. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Vrabel, N.E. (LB)	1.0
19t)	Warren, N.E. (DE)	1.0
19t)	Weaver, Hou. (DT)	1.0
19t)	Wilfork, N.E. (NT)	1.0
19t)	Williams, S.D. (DT)	1.0
19t)	*Wimbley, Cle. (DE)	1.0

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NFC / LEADERS IN SACKS

Rank	Player, Team	Sacks
1t)	T. Cole, Phi. (DE)	4.0
1t)	Kampman, G.B. (DE)	4.0
3)	Kearse, Phi. (DE)	3.5
4t)	Peppers, Car. (DE)	3.0
4t)	Young, N.O. (DT)	3.0
6t)	Abraham, Atl. (DE)	2.0
6t)	Coleman, Atl. (DT)	2.0
6t)	T. Harris, Chi. (DT)	2.0
6t)	*Lawson, S.F. (LB)	2.0
6t)	Lewis, Car. (DT)	2.0
6t)	Little, St.L (DE)	2.0
6t)	Peterson, Sea. (LB)	2.0
6t)	Ratliff, Dal. (DE)	2.0
6t)	S. Rogers, Det. (DT)	2.0
6t)	W. Smith, N.O. (DE)	2.0
6t)	J. Thomas, Phi. (DE)	2.0
6t)	D. White, T.B. (DE)	2.0
6t)	C. Williams, S.F. (DB)	2.0
6t)	Wilson, Ariz (DB)	2.0
6t)	Young, S.F. (DE)	2.0
21t)	*Anderson, Chi. (DE)	1.5
21t)	Ellis, Dal. (DE)	1.5
21t)	Ogunleye, Chi. (DE)	1.5
21t)	Patterson, Phi. (DT)	1.5
25t)	Bailey, Det. (LB)	1.0
25t)	Bolden, T.B. (DB)	1.0
25t)	Boone, Chi. (DT)	1.0
25t)	Briggs, Chi. (LB)	1.0
25t)	A. Brown, Chi. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Brown, St.L (DB)	1.0
25t)	K. Coleman, Dal. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Dockett, Ariz (DT)	1.0
25t)	Douglas, S.F. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Evans, Was. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Fisher, Sea. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Gbaja-Biamila, G.B. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Hall, Det. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Hamlin, Sea. (DB)	1.0
25t)	*Harper, N.O. (DB)	1.0
25t)	Harris, Min. (LB)	1.0
25t)	W. Harris, S.F. (DB)	1.0
25t)	Hayes, Ariz (LB)	1.0
25t)	Hill, Sea. (LB)	1.0
25t)	Jackson, Det. (DE)	1.0
25t)	K. Jenkins, Car. (DT)	1.0
25t)	Ta. Johnson, Chi. (DT)	1.0
25t)	Lewis, Sea. (LB)	1.0
25t)	M. Lewis, Phi. (DB)	1.0
25t)	Marshall, Was. (LB)	1.0
25t)	Moore, S.F. (LB)	1.0
25t)	Nece, T.B. (LB)	1.0
25t)	Robbins, NY-G (DT)	1.0
25t)	Shropshire, Atl. (DT)	1.0
25t)	Spears, Dal. (DE)	1.0
25t)	*Tapp, Sea. (DE)	1.0
25t)	Umenyiora, NY-G (DE)	1.0
25t)	Walker, Phi. (DT)	1.0
25t)	Ware, Dal. (LB)	1.0
25t)	Whitehead, N.O. (DE)	1.0
25t)	K. Williams, Min. (DT)	1.0
25t)	Wistrom, Sea. (DE)	1.0

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Rank	Player, Team	Sacks
1t)	T. Cole, Phi. (DE)	4.0
1t)	Kampman, G.B. (DE)	4.0
3)	Kearse, Phi. (DE)	3.5
4t)	R. Denney, Buf. (DE)	3.0
4t)	Merriman, S.D. (LB)	3.0
4t)	Peppers, Car. (DE)	3.0
4t)	Scott, Bal. (LB)	3.0
4t)	J. Smith, Cin. (DE)	3.0
4t)	Young, N.O. (DT)	3.0
10t)	Abraham, Atl. (DE)	2.0
10t)	Carter, Mia. (DE)	2.0
10t)	Coleman, Atl. (DT)	2.0
10t)	Geathers, Cin. (DE)	2.0
10t)	T. Harris, Chi. (DT)	2.0
10t)	Kelsay, Buf. (DE)	2.0
10t)	*Lawson, S.F. (LB)	2.0
10t)	Lewis, Car. (DT)	2.0
10t)	Little, St.L (DE)	2.0
10t)	Mathis, Ind. (DE)	2.0
10t)	Peterson, Sea. (LB)	2.0
10t)	Phillips, S.D. (LB)	2.0
10t)	Porter, Pit. (LB)	2.0
10t)	Ratliff, Dal. (DE)	2.0
10t)	S. Rogers, Det. (DT)	2.0
10t)	Sapp, Oak. (DT)	2.0
10t)	Seymour, N.E. (DE)	2.0
10t)	W. Smith, N.O. (DE)	2.0
10t)	Suggs, Bal. (LB)	2.0
10t)	Thomas, Bal. (LB)	2.0
10t)	J. Thomas, Phi. (DE)	2.0
10t)	D. White, T.B. (DE)	2.0
10t)	C. Williams, S.F. (DB)	2.0
10t)	Wilson, Ariz (DB)	2.0
10t)	Young, S.F. (DE)	2.0
35t)	*Anderson, Chi. (DE)	1.5
35t)	Brock, Ind. (DE)	1.5
35t)	Castillo, S.D. (DT)	1.5
35t)	Chukwurah, Den. (LB)	1.5
35t)	Ekuban, Den. (DE)	1.5
35t)	Ellis, Dal. (DE)	1.5
35t)	Ogunleye, Chi. (DE)	1.5
35t)	Patterson, Phi. (DT)	1.5
43t)	Allen, K.C. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Babin, Hou. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Bailey, Det. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Banta-Cain, N.E. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Bell, Mia. (DB)	1.0
43t)	Bolden, T.B. (DB)	1.0
43t)	Boone, Chi. (DT)	1.0
43t)	Briggs, Chi. (LB)	1.0
43t)	A. Brown, Chi. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Brown, St.L (DB)	1.0
43t)	K. Coleman, Dal. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Colvin, N.E. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Cooper, S.D. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Crowell, Buf. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Dockett, Ariz (DT)	1.0
43t)	Douglas, S.F. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Evans, Was. (DE)	1.0
43t)	J. Farrior, Pit. (LB)	1.0
43t)	*Finnegan, Ten. (DB)	1.0
43t)	Fisher, Sea. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Gbaja-Biamila, G.B. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Greenwood, Hou. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Hall, Det. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Hamlin, Sea. (DB)	1.0
43t)	*Harper, N.O. (DB)	1.0
43t)	Harris, Min. (LB)	1.0
43t)	W. Harris, S.F. (DB)	1.0
43t)	Hayes, Ariz (LB)	1.0
43t)	Hill, Sea. (LB)	1.0
43t)	Hobson, NY-J (LB)	1.0
43t)	Jackson, Det. (DE)	1.0
43t)	K. Jenkins, Car. (DT)	1.0
43t)	Ta. Johnson, Chi. (DT)	1.0
43t)	Lang, Den. (DE)	1.0
43t)	Lewis, Sea. (LB)	1.0
43t)	M. Lewis, Phi. (DB)	1.0

43t) R. Lewis, Bal. (LB)	1.0
43t) Marshall, Was. (LB)	1.0
43t) Meier, Jac. (DE)	1.0
43t) Moore, S.F. (LB)	1.0
43t) Nece, T.B. (LB)	1.0
43t) Pool, Cle. (DB)	1.0
43t) Pryce, Bal. (DE)	1.0
43t) Rhodes, NY-J (DB)	1.0
43t) Robbins, NY-G (DT)	1.0
43t) Robinson, Cin. (DE)	1.0
43t) Schobel, Buf. (DE)	1.0
43t) Shropshire, Atl. (DT)	1.0
43t) *Simpson, Buf. (DB)	1.0
43t) Spears, Dal. (DE)	1.0
43t) Spicer, Jac. (DE)	1.0
43t) Spikes, Buf. (LB)	1.0
43t) Stewart, Cle. (LB)	1.0
43t) *Tapp, Sea. (DE)	1.0
43t) Taylor, Mia. (DE)	1.0
43t) B. Thomas, NY-J (DE)	1.0
43t) Cha. Thompson, Cle. (LB)	1.0
43t) Thornton, Cin. (DT)	1.0
43t) Traylor, Mia. (DT)	1.0
43t) Umenyiora, NY-G (DE)	1.0
43t) Vanden Bosch, Ten. (DE)	1.0
43t) Vrabel, N.E. (LB)	1.0
43t) Walker, Phi. (DT)	1.0
43t) Ware, Dal. (LB)	1.0
43t) Warren, N.E. (DE)	1.0
43t) Weaver, Hou. (DT)	1.0
43t) Whitehead, N.O. (DE)	1.0
43t) Wilfork, N.E. (NT)	1.0
43t) Williams, S.D. (DT)	1.0
43t) K. Williams, Min. (DT)	1.0
43t) *Wimbley, Cle. (DE)	1.0
43t) Wistrom, Sea. (DE)	1.0

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AFC / LEADERS IN FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	TotRec	OffRec	DefRec
1t)	Gregg, Bal.	2	0	2
1t)	Losman, Buf.	2	2	0
1t)	Walter, Oak.	2	2	0
1t)	*Young, Ten.	2	2	0
5t)	Aiken, Buf.	1	1	0
5t)	W. Allen, Mia.	1	0	1
5t)	Bennett, Ten.	1	1	0
5t)	Boller, Bal.	1	1	0
5t)	Brock, Ind.	1	0	1
5t)	Carey, Mia.	1	1	0
5t)	Carr, Hou.	1	1	0
5t)	Chambers, Mia.	1	1	0
5t)	Cruz, K.C.	1	1	0
5t)	Culpepper, Mia.	1	1	0
5t)	Fletcher-Baker, Buf.	1	0	1
5t)	Greenwood, Hou.	1	0	1
5t)	Harris, S.D.	1	0	1
5t)	Jeanty, Cin.	1	0	1
5t)	D. Johnson, K.C.	1	0	1
5t)	L. Johnson, K.C.	1	1	0
5t)	P. Jones, Ten.	1	1	0
5t)	Jones, Cle.	1	0	1
5t)	Koppen, N.E.	1	1	0
5t)	Lynch, Den.	1	0	1
5t)	Mathis, Ind.	1	0	1
5t)	McKinney, Hou.	1	1	0
5t)	McNair, Bal.	1	1	0
5t)	M. Myers, Den.	1	0	1
5t)	Palmer, Cin.	1	1	0
5t)	Reagor, Ind.	1	0	1
5t)	Rivers, S.D.	1	1	0
5t)	Sampson, K.C.	1	1	0
5t)	J. Smith, Cin.	1	0	1
5t)	Mu. Smith, Bal.	1	1	0
5t)	Starks, Ten.	1	0	1
5t)	Suggs, Bal.	1	0	1
5t)	B. Thomas, NY-J	1	0	1
5t)	Thompson, Ten.	1	0	1
5t)	Thornton, Cin.	1	0	1
5t)	Wiegert, Hou.	1	1	0

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NFC / LEADERS IN FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	TotRec	OffRec	DefRec
1)	Warner, Ariz	3	3	0
2t)	Alexander, Sea.	1	1	0
2t)	Atogwe, St.L	1	0	1
2t)	Ayanbadejo, Chi.	1	0	1
2t)	Bell, Det.	1	0	1
2t)	Birk, Min.	1	1	0
2t)	A. Brown, Chi.	1	0	1
2t)	J. Brown, N.O.	1	1	0
2t)	M. Brown, Ariz	1	1	0
2t)	Carter, NY-G	1	1	0
2t)	Chavous, St.L	1	0	1
2t)	Crumpler, Atl.	1	1	0
2t)	Davis, Atl.	1	0	1
2t)	Demps, NY-G	1	0	1
2t)	Dockett, Ariz	1	0	1
2t)	Dunn, Atl.	1	1	0
2t)	Fisher, Sea.	1	0	1
2t)	Foster, Car.	1	1	0
2t)	Glenn, Min.	1	0	1
2t)	Gross, Car.	1	1	0
2t)	Grossman, Chi.	1	1	0
2t)	W. Harris, S.F.	1	0	1
2t)	Hasselbeck, Sea.	1	1	0
2t)	Hayes, Ariz	1	0	1
2t)	Jenkins, G.B.	1	0	1
2t)	Jenkins, Atl.	1	1	0
2t)	Kampman, G.B.	1	0	1
2t)	Liwienski, Ariz	1	1	0
2t)	McAllister, N.O.	1	1	0
2t)	McKenzie, NY-G	1	1	0
2t)	Phillips, T.B.	1	0	1
2t)	Portis, Was.	1	1	0
2t)	Raiola, Det.	1	1	0
2t)	Redding, Det.	1	0	1
2t)	Shiancoe, NY-G	1	1	0
2t)	K. Smith, Det.	1	1	0
2t)	W. Smith, N.O.	1	0	1
2t)	Sopoaga, S.F.	1	0	1
2t)	Stepanovich, Ariz	1	1	0
2t)	Tatupu, Sea.	1	0	1
2t)	Tinoisamo, St.L	1	0	1
2t)	Urlacher, Chi.	1	0	1
2t)	Washington, Was.	1	0	1
2t)	Worrell, Chi.	1	0	1
2t)	Young, N.O.	1	0	1

WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2006

NFL / LEADERS IN FUMBLE RECOVERIES

Rank	Player, Team	TotRec	OffRec	DefRec
1)	Warner, Ariz	3	3	0
2t)	Gregg, Bal.	2	0	2
2t)	Losman, Buf.	2	2	0
2t)	Walter, Oak.	2	2	0
2t)	*Young, Ten.	2	2	0
6t)	Aiken, Buf.	1	1	0
6t)	Alexander, Sea.	1	1	0
6t)	W. Allen, Mia.	1	0	1
6t)	Atogwe, St.L	1	0	1
6t)	Ayanbadejo, Chi.	1	0	1
6t)	Bell, Det.	1	0	1
6t)	Bennett, Ten.	1	1	0
6t)	Birk, Min.	1	1	0
6t)	Boller, Bal.	1	1	0
6t)	Brock, Ind.	1	0	1
6t)	A. Brown, Chi.	1	0	1
6t)	J. Brown, N.O.	1	1	0
6t)	M. Brown, Ariz	1	1	0
6t)	Carey, Mia.	1	1	0
6t)	Carr, Hou.	1	1	0
6t)	Carter, NY-G	1	1	0
6t)	Chambers, Mia.	1	1	0
6t)	Chavous, St.L	1	0	1
6t)	Crumpler, Atl.	1	1	0
6t)	Cruz, K.C.	1	1	0
6t)	Culpepper, Mia.	1	1	0
6t)	Davis, Atl.	1	0	1
6t)	Demps, NY-G	1	0	1
6t)	Dockett, Ariz	1	0	1
6t)	Dunn, Atl.	1	1	0
6t)	Fisher, Sea.	1	0	1
6t)	Fletcher-Baker, Buf.	1	0	1
6t)	Foster, Car.	1	1	0
6t)	Glenn, Min.	1	0	1
6t)	Greenwood, Hou.	1	0	1
6t)	Gross, Car.	1	1	0
6t)	Grossman, Chi.	1	1	0
6t)	Harris, S.D.	1	0	1
6t)	W. Harris, S.F.	1	0	1
6t)	Hasselbeck, Sea.	1	1	0
6t)	Hayes, Ariz	1	0	1
6t)	Jeanty, Cin.	1	0	1
6t)	Jenkins, G.B.	1	0	1
6t)	Jenkins, Atl.	1	1	0
6t)	D. Johnson, K.C.	1	0	1
6t)	L. Johnson, K.C.	1	1	0
6t)	P. Jones, Ten.	1	1	0
6t)	Jones, Cle.	1	0	1
6t)	Kampman, G.B.	1	0	1
6t)	Koppen, N.E.	1	1	0
6t)	Liwinski, Ariz	1	1	0
6t)	Lynch, Den.	1	0	1
6t)	Mathis, Ind.	1	0	1
6t)	McAllister, N.O.	1	1	0
6t)	McKenzie, NY-G	1	1	0
6t)	McKinney, Hou.	1	1	0
6t)	McNair, Bal.	1	1	0
6t)	M. Myers, Den.	1	0	1
6t)	Palmer, Cin.	1	1	0
6t)	Phillips, T.B.	1	0	1
6t)	Portis, Was.	1	1	0
6t)	Raiola, Det.	1	1	0
6t)	Reagor, Ind.	1	0	1
6t)	Redding, Det.	1	0	1
6t)	Rivers, S.D.	1	1	0
6t)	Sampson, K.C.	1	1	0
6t)	Shiancoe, NY-G	1	1	0
6t)	J. Smith, Cin.	1	0	1
6t)	K. Smith, Det.	1	1	0
6t)	Mu. Smith, Bal.	1	1	0
6t)	W. Smith, N.O.	1	0	1
6t)	Sopoaga, S.F.	1	0	1
6t)	Starks, Ten.	1	0	1
6t)	Stepanovich, Ariz	1	1	0
6t)	Suggs, Bal.	1	0	1
6t)	Tatupu, Sea.	1	0	1
6t)	B. Thomas, NY-J	1	0	1
6t)	Thompson, Ten.	1	0	1

6t) Thornton, Cin.	1	0	1
6t) Tinoisamoa, St.L	1	0	1
6t) Urlacher, Chi.	1	0	1
6t) Washington, Was.	1	0	1
6t) Wiegert, Hou.	1	1	0
6t) Worrell, Chi.	1	0	1
6t) Young, N.O.	1	0	1

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Team/Offense Rank (Within League)

BAL	BUF	CIN	CLE	DEN	HOU	IND	JAX	KC	MIA	NE	NYJ	OAK	PIT	SD	TEN	ARI	ATL	CAR	CHI	DAL	DET	GB	MIN	NO	NYG	PHI	STL	SF	SEA	TB	WAS	
25	31	9	29	20	24	2	17	21	22	13	8	32	12	4	23	16	5	30	7	11	27	15	14	10	3	1	19	6	18	28	26	
28	30	8	24	18	12	4	22	25	17	15	9	32	11	6	27	20	7	31	5	10	21	16	14	13	3	2	26	1	19	29	23	
10	16t	6	26t	4	21	20	24	8	29	3	26t	30	5	2	28	25	1	22	18	14t	31	23	14t	16t	7	11t	9	13	11t	32	19	
18	19	10	21	4	11	25	31	6	20	12	30	28	16	2	24	26	1	13	27	9	29	15	22	23	3	14	8	5	17	32	7	
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15	1t	22	30	32	1t	9	21	16	27	25	12	29	1t	1t	28	10	19	11	17	26	1t	24	13	20	18	8	1t	1t	23	31	14	
10	25	17	15t	13	31	7	6	28	30	14	18	32	24	1	4t	23	22	15t	3	8	27	12	19	11	21	4t	26	2	29	9	20	
26t	31	12	24	18t	13t	1	5	21	26t	6	7t	32	7t	7t	16t	7t	4	30	7t	16t	26t	18t	18t	13t	2t	2t	22t	22t	13t	26t	25	
20t	26	9	23	25	17	1	13t	16	11	4	3	32	5	10	27	6	18	31	13t	12	28	19	20t	7	8	2	24	29	22	13t	30	
27t	18t	27t	18t	1t	13t	27t	27t	10	13t	1t	18t	17	1t	11	12	27t	18t	18t	1t	1t	1t	1t	13t	1t	13t	18t	18t	1t	1t	27t	18t	18t
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Opponent/Defense Rank (Within League)

BAL	BUF	CIN	CLE	DEN	HOU	IND	JAX	KC	MIA	NE	NYJ	OAK	PIT	SD	TEN	ARI	ATL	CAR	CHI	DAL	DET	GB	MIN	NO	NYG	PHI	STL	SF	SEA	TB	WAS
1	16	14	30	15	32	25	20	8	5	13	24	10t	9	2	31	26	10t	28	4	7	21	27	6	12	29	19	17	18	3	22	23
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1	25	12	28	24	22	27	14	23	20	8	19	29t	2	5	29t	21	4	31	7	13	15	10	17	6	11	9	26	16	3	32	18
1	26	18	24	25	19	32	20	17	14	7	15	23	2	16	27	28	8	29	21	9	5	3	22	12	6	10	30	13	4	31	11
3	7t	15	28	7t	32	19	24	6	5	17	21	2	25	1	29	26	11	12	13	23	30	9	16	31	27	10	18	14	4	20	
2	6	15	24	12	32	27	25	16	14	22	20	7	19	1	30	26	3	18	11	8	29	31	9	4	28	17	21	13	5	10	23
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1	14	15	28	11t	32	25t	3t	8t	11t	3t	30	3t	8t	2	31	17	25t	6t	18t	21t	18t	6t	16	29	27	10	23t	11t	18t	23t	
3	20t	8	30	9	32	27	23	5t	20t	29	28	18	19	2	12t	10	12t	4	1	5t	15	11	5t	26	31	12t	17	24	20t	16	25
15t	23t	20	7t	1t	1t	7t	23t	23t	23t	7t	17t	23t	7t	17t	17t	23t	7t	21t	21t	7t	1t	23t	1t	7t	7t	15t	23t	23t	1t	1t	23t
20	23	3	14	26t	12	11	7	4t	21	4t	13	17	31	1	19	29	10	9	28	18	16	30	15	22	24	2	6	32	8	26t	25
29	15	10	3	30	8	12	2	1	21	23	27	32	5	19	16	17t	7	28	4	31	26	6	13	14	17t	11	24	22	20	9	25
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SAY CHEESE

It looked like the same old story, but after a sad start at Lambeau Field the Saints deliver a happy ending Monday, September 18, 2006

**By Mike Triplett
Staff writer**

GREEN BAY, WIS. -- About 30 minutes after his team did the unthinkable, coming from behind to beat Green Bay and start the season 2-0, Saints coach Sean Payton tried to do the impossible.

He tried to downplay the Sept. 25 return to the Superdome against division rival Atlanta, also off to a 2-0 start.

"Hey, it's the third week of the season," Payton said after the Saints' 34-27 victory over the Packers. "You guys are going to start feeding these guys a bunch of cheese and everything else. But this is the third game of the season. That's what it is."

With all due respect to the rookie head coach, there's no use trying to stop the momentum now.

The Saints won for the first time in three trips to Lambeau Field, avenging a 52-3 loss there last season. And they did it by coming back from a 13-0 deficit -- their biggest comeback victory since 2003.

"Man, you'll go a long time before you see another win after you turn the ball over three times like that in the first quarter on the road," Payton said. "We talked about ebb and flow and momentum changes on the road and being able to battle through some of the adversity. Now, we weren't counting on that type of adversity, and hopefully we won't have to for a while."

The Saints came back to take a 14-13 halftime lead, then hung on for a victory when Packers gunslinger Brett Favre ran out of bullets in the final minutes, throwing incomplete on four straight passes from the Saints' 44-yard line.

Brees, who played the role of gunslinger himself Sunday, finished with 353 yards passing -- 11th best in team history -- going 26-of-41 with two touchdowns.

Brees threw one interception and lost two fumbles, all on the Saints' first three possessions.

"That's tough on three consecutive drives to shoot yourself in the foot like that and get down 13-0," Brees said. "But I think for us just to hang in there, it showed a lot of faith, just to believe that things were going to turn around, good things were going to start to happen."

"You know, I feel like as an offense we have a lot of confidence when we're out there. We have that attitude like, if they stop us one time or they get a turnover, 'Hey, they got lucky. Next time out, we're going to walk down the field and score.'

"I think we're building that, and I think we're going to continue to build that."

Things couldn't have started much worse for the Saints, who came into Green Bay as unexpected favorites after a Week 1 victory at Cleveland.

On the third play of the game, Brees cocked to throw deep, but the ball was stripped by Packers defensive end Aaron Kampman. Favre followed up with a touchdown pass to rookie receiver Greg Jennings for a 7-0 lead.

On the Saints' next possession, Brees again was sacked and stripped of the ball, this time by defensive end Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila.

And on the Saints' third possession, Brees was intercepted when he "guessed wrong" and threw a deep ball that receiver Devery Henderson wasn't expecting.

By that time, Green Bay was up 13-0. But the Saints never got down.

Brees completed 10 of 13 passes for 119 yards on two touchdown drives before halftime -- the first a 3-yard run by Deuce McAllister, the next a 26-yard pass to Henderson.

The game continued to ebb and flow in the second half, but the Saints never trailed again.

John Carney kicked two field goals to give the Saints a 20-13 lead. Favre threw a touchdown pass to Robert Ferguson. Brees threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to rookie Marques Colston, who used his large frame to box out safety Nick Collins. McAllister ran one in from 23 yards after a Packers fumble. And Favre threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to Noah Herron with 4:18 remaining, the last score of the game.

"I thought the defense did a heck of a job," Brees said of a unit that forced two turnovers -- including safety Omar Stoutmire's crucial interception in the end zone to halt a long Packers drive early in the third quarter. "We had a stint there where we were just feeding off each other."

Favre finished 31-of-55 for 340 yards, three touchdowns and one interception.

Saints receiver Joe Horn had five catches for 88 yards, including a 57-yarder that set up a field goal in the third quarter. Rookie tailback Reggie Bush caught eight passes for 68 yards as eight Saints receivers caught passes.

Bush ran for 5 yards on six carries on a day when the ground games were mostly grounded. He also returned four punts for 36 yards, sharing those duties with receiver Lance Moore.

Bush said the Packers did a good job of playing a zone defense against him, limiting the big gains. But he said that focus opened things up for his teammates.

As for the controversy that erupted last week about the alleged gifts and money he and his family accepted while he was at Southern California, Bush said he was not distracted.

"I'm blessed," Bush said. "I'm living the dream, and I'm having fun. I got a chance to play in Lambeau Field today, with Brett Favre on the other side of the field. I didn't get a jersey signed, but hopefully I will later."

McAllister had a better experience on the same field where he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee last year.

He finished with 47 yards on 12 carries, thanks to a breakaway run behind left tackle Jammal Brown and guard Jamar Nesbit in the fourth quarter, which wound up putting the game out of reach.

"Just getting in the open field felt good. Just to be able to break a long run, it's definitely a pleasure for the offensive line and your (blockers)," said McAllister, who echoed the thoughts of his coach and teammates, stressing that improvements still need to be made.

The Saints will have less margin for error next week against Atlanta, their long-standing rival, in a battle of the two NFC South leaders.

Brees said he hasn't been a part of this particular rivalry, and he's never played in the Dome. But he's still pretty certain the atmosphere will be "absolutely crazy."

"I've heard from the guys that it's crazy anyway," Brees said. "But Monday night, the first home game after Katrina, we're 2-0, they're 2-0, a divisional opponent. I mean, does it really get any better than that? It's going to be awesome."

Saints get fresh with Packers

Payton plans to continue rotating players

By Jimmy Smith

Staff writer

GREEN BAY, WIS. -- You needed a scorecard to find out which Saints defensive personnel were on the field in Sunday's 34-27 victory over the Packers on any given Green Bay offensive possession.

Coach Sean Payton said the Saints plan to continue rotating players to keep them fresh.

"We tried to take that approach and were going in last week with the same idea," Payton said. "The thing that was different is last week early in the game there weren't a lot of possession snaps for the defense, so you didn't see Willie Whitehead or those guys getting snaps.

"Our plan is to rotate those guys through. We were able to do the same thing at the 'Mike' (middle) linebacker with Danny Clark in some of the heavy personnel sets that Green Bay used. We planned on going with a rotation at the corners and keeping those guys fresh. That was all part of the plan coming in. Not specifically geared toward Green Bay, but keeping our guys fresh."

At times left defensive end Charles Grant was lined up at left defensive tackle, leaving rookie Rob Ninkovich at left end, while tackle Hollis Thomas sat on the bench.

Other times, Ninkovich lined up at right end instead of Will Smith. Then it was Whitehead's turn to come in on the inside, while tackle Brian Young rested. Other times, Antwan Lake and Whitehead were the interior tackles with Grant and Smith the ends.

In the backfield, cornerbacks Mike McKenzie, Fred Thomas and Jason Craft rotated, Craft playing on both the left and right sides.

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The substitution patterns paid big dividends in the fourth quarter when Grant came up behind Green Bay running back Ahman Green and stripped him of the football, which Smith recovered at the Packers' 23. One play later, Deuce McAllister scored what proved to be the winning touchdown.

"I think our offseason workouts were great, too," Smith said, a point Payton also made. "We noticed they were getting a little tired and we were still fresh. We wanted to take advantage of that. So we wanted to keep moving those bodies, and in the fourth quarter we were ready to go. Without that rest, we don't make that play in the fourth quarter.

"But that's what we talk about and how we practice. We practice running to the ball every single play so if the ball comes out, we've got enough guys around there to jump on it."

INJURY: Saints DT Brian Young injured his left shoulder. X-rays were negative, but Young said he was scheduled to undergo an MRI exam today.

"Right now," Young said, "everything looks good."

ON THE BENCH: The first time the Packers punted, in the second quarter, Lance Moore returned the kick, not Reggie Bush, who handled the duties exclusively last week against Cleveland.

Moore returned Jon Ryan's punt 25 yards to the Saints' 38-yard line, giving the Saints their best starting field position of the game.

Bush was the return man the third time the Packers punted. He returned the kick 5 yards, but using at least four feint moves on the way.

Bush returned the Packers' last four punts for 36 yards. Moore had 3 yards on his second return.

THREE BACK: The Saints opened the game with three running backs in the starting lineup. Bush was lined up as a flanker, Aaron Stecker also was split out as a wide receiver, leaving McAllister as the only back in the backfield. Quarterback Drew Brees threw to Stecker on first down for a gain of 12 yards.

FULL HOUSE: The first time the Saints lined up in a formation that required a true fullback, it was recently acquired Corey McIntyre who stepped into the role in the first quarter. McIntyre was the lead blocker for McAllister, who ran the other way off McIntyre's block for a 3-yard gain.

GUEST: McAllister's Catch 22 Foundation teamed with Naperville, Ill.-based Our Children's Homestead to invite Katrina victim Keisha Moran and her three children to the game. Moran lost her home in Waveland, Miss., and relocated with her family to the Chicago suburbs last year.

FOUR DOWN: For the third and fourth times this season, the ball blew off the kicking tee as John Carney prepared to kick off. It happened twice last week at Cleveland. Backup CB Curtis Deloatch held the ball for Carney's kick after the Saints' second touchdown just before halftime and again to start the second half.

INACTIVES: Wide receiver Jamal Jones was among the Saints' eight inactive players. Jones, who played last season with the Packers, was replaced on the active roster by Moore, who was inactive last week. Also inactive was S Bryan Scott, CB DeJuan Groce, FB Mike Karney, FB Vonta Leach, T Zach Strief, DT Rodney Leisle and T Rob Petitti.

Saints finally winning games that in past they'd usually lose **John DeShazier**

GREEN BAY, WIS. -- Say now that you believe the Saints are the same, argue to the point of becoming blue in the face that Coach Sean Payton and a slew of offseason pickups and ship-offs haven't fumigated premises that needed cleansing in the worst way, and you simply aren't seeing what's going on.

I'm not suggesting the Saints should begin printing playoff tickets after a 34-27 victory over Green Bay on Sunday. Not at all even bothering to hint something like that, though winning at Lambeau Field gave New Orleans a 2-0 record for the first time since 2002, which is the last year the Saints finished with a winning record.

But let's not pretend not to have noticed the Saints have won two games that, without a doubt, they'd have lost last season, and probably a couple of seasons before. While keeping a level head about this success let's also acknowledge there appears to be some backbone on the team.

"This is our team," quarterback Drew Brees said. "We're a team of faith."

Doesn't really matter how the faith was established. We're not interested in much more than results, having been given lip service for so long we have a cauliflower ear. So, to the weary, it doesn't necessarily matter if players are responding out of fear, pride or because their mamas told 'em to.

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All that matters is that the Saints play different, even when they're playing bad. And for a quarter Sunday, they were Bobby-and-Whitney bad.

They committed turnovers on their first three possessions, and allowed points off each of them. They surrendered three sacks in the first half, and allowed aging gunslinger Brett Favre to have a 152.8 passer rating in the first quarter.

Still, the Saints led 14-13 at halftime.

For some, that might not be a big deal. For the Saints, it approaches miraculous.

"That's tough, three consecutive times to shoot yourself in the foot like that," said Brees, who was credited with all three handouts, two lost fumbles and an interception. "To turn around showed a lot of faith."

"We knew they were going to come out hard," said defensive end Will Smith, who had a sack and a fumble recovery. "They were going to come out shooting early. We had to be patient, fight it out. Anytime you hold Favre to 13 points, when he's had three times in the red zone, I think that's a big deal."

Bigger, though, is this: When the Saints could have folded, they figured out a way to win.

Girded by their first-half comeback, they kept holding in the third quarter, intercepting Favre in the end zone on the opening drive to preserve the halftime lead, then striking for a field goal on their first drive of the half. And they responded again in the fourth, driving for a touchdown on a six-play, 65-yard drive to take a 27-20 lead after Green Bay tied the score. And they widened the gap to 34-20 when Smith recovered a fumble caused by Charles Grant on Green Bay's next offensive play, and Deuce McAllister scored on a 23-yard run the play after that.

"I think that speaks a little bit about the character of the guys we have," McAllister said.

Again, note in boldface and underline that Green Bay is going to the playoffs only if it pays its own way in the near future and Cleveland, the Saints' season-opening victim, doesn't look much better than the Packers.

But no apologies are necessary in victory. Gladly, Saints fans will chug wine after winning in lieu of choking down curdled milk, over and over, in defeat.

A team has to learn to win sometime, against someone. It has to figure out how to overcome itself from time to time, how to climb out of a hole and push someone else in.

"We talked about ebb and flow, momentum changes on the road," Payton said. "(But) we weren't counting on that type of adversity. It wasn't perfect, by any means. We've got a lot of work to do."

He's absolutely right about that, lest his team feels comfortable allowing an opponent to convert half of the time on third down (9-for-18), or turning over the ball three times, or allowing four sacks and persistent pressure on Brees.

But cleaning up mistakes from 2-0 sure looks better than making corrections at 0-2. Anyone can see that.

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PAYTON'S PLACE
Saints rockie head coach handling his NFL debut like an old pro.
By Mike Triplett
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This is the moment Sean Payton has been working toward for 19 years: his first NFL game as a head coach, his career record finally moving beyond 0-0.

But the thing is, he's been working so hard to get here, you'd hardly notice there is anything special about the Saints' season-opening trip to Cleveland.

There won't be any extra family or friends in the crowd today. His wife and children will be home in Mandeville, watching on television.

Payton? He'll just be going to work.

"The flight, the bus, the hotel, the stadium, the flight and back home," Payton said, rattling off the plans for another routine road trip. "Most of the distractions are eliminated by the time the weekend comes. There's times where maybe I'll look back and reflect and appreciate it. But I don't know if now is one of those times."

Don't get him wrong. The nerves and excitement will be there, he said, just as they were for each of the Saints' four pre-season games. But the nerves and excitement were always there.

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When he was a coordinator in Dallas and New York. When he was a quarterbacks coach in Philadelphia and all those college stops along the way. When he was playing quarterback at Eastern Illinois, then briefly in the National Football League, the Arena Football League and the Canadian Football League.

"That's the one thing about this game is when the season starts, the excitement, there's nothing else like it," Payton said. "It's hard to describe that feeling prior to the game."

But it's that other thing about the NFL that keeps this from being a "pinch-me" moment for the 42-year-old coach.

This league is about outworking the other coaching staff, studying more film and devising the perfect strategies.

It's about studying your own team, building the right staff and the right roster -- which seems to evolve every day in New Orleans, where dozens of players have been shipped in and out since Payton took the job in January.

Really, it's about micromanagement.

That's why Payton's wife, Beth, says he lives in a "bubble world," seeing daylight only when the team heads outside to practice for two or three hours a day.

"I get up at 5 to beat the Causeway traffic," Payton joked when asked whether he'd describe himself as a workaholic. "But you know, you check in here in the morning and it's dark, and you go home at night and it's dark. Maybe you catch CNN in the evening late, but that's about the extent of it."

"I think it's a results-oriented business. So there's certain things that you have to get done on a Monday night and certain things that need to be done by Tuesday night and Wednesday night. We try to be prepared, to be ready, to be thorough, so I don't know how you define that."

"You know, the fear of failure is sometimes what drives you the most, I think. The fear of not being successful."

Payton is relatively young for an NFL head coach, but he didn't stumble into this job.

He prepared meticulously for this opportunity for nine years as an NFL assistant, taking notes under former bosses Bill Parcells, Jim Fassel and Ray Rhodes. In fact, Payton took a job working under Parcells in Dallas three years ago partly because he wanted to see how one of the NFL's best operates.

When he arrived in New Orleans, Payton dived right in, dramatically changing the face and the culture of his new team.

Eleven starters from last season were shipped out. Heading into today's game, the Saints' 53-man roster will include 26 new players.

More than that, Payton made subtle changes. If a meeting was at 8:30 a.m. last year, it's at 8 a.m. this year. The team used to wear black jerseys at home; now they'll wear white.

"I think you do some of those naturally. I think change is healthy," Payton said, pointing out that the biggest change was moving the team's training camp from Metairie to Millsaps College in Jackson, Miss.

Payton did not go easy on his team as the Saints sweated out a grueling four weeks in Jackson. Some veterans called it the toughest training camp they had experienced.

But even that helped the team bond.

"Sometimes you have a tough camp, you might just sit around griping about it for a while because you're just tired and beat up. But that is kind of another thing that just builds toward team unity," said veteran tight end Ernie Conwell, who also applauded Payton's awareness of the team's mood.

Just when the players were getting close to their breaking point, Payton surprised them with a trip to a local water park.

Conwell has played for five NFL coaches, so he's seen a little bit of everything. He said if anyone was skeptical about Payton's inexperience, the coach has proved to his new team that he knows what he's doing.

"He is sharp. I mean sharp," Conwell said. "He's extremely intelligent. There's not many things he isn't prepared for. And that's awesome, being a player. He gives you a sense of confidence, a swagger, however you want to put it, in the right way. Because you need to have faith and confidence in the guy that's running the show and leading you."

"If you walked in the door, you wouldn't know he's a first-year head coach," said quarterback Drew Brees, who was hand-picked by Payton to run his offense in New Orleans. "Because he's got it together. He's in control of this deal, and we all obviously respect him. He's gained our respect as we've gone through this, because we see that he's earned the spot that he's in right now."

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Payton's expertise comes on the offensive side of the ball, where he has played and coached throughout his football life. He has installed a West Coast-style offense in New Orleans, he calls his own plays and he works closely with the quarterbacks.

But more than any of the roster moves or schedule changes, the most dramatic difference Payton wants to make with the Saints is simple execution. He wants to eliminate turnovers and penalties, the kind of mistakes that doom teams.

"He's a perfectionist. You know, if you're supposed to be two steps to the left, he expects you to be two steps to the left," said cornerback Fred Thomas, who said Payton's speeches tend to "make sense" rather than evoke an emotional response.

Payton is not particularly calm or fiery. He's more businesslike than anything else.

More than one player described him as no-nonsense.

"He's consistent," receiver Joe Horn said. "He's consistent with what he says. 'Here's the plan, guys. Here's what I want to do. Here's what I expect you to do. Do it.

" 'If you don't do it, we've got a problem.' "

As much as the Saints have changed, Payton has stayed pretty much the same.

"My wife would say that I'm nonexistent in football anyway," Payton said. "It probably has changed more for her than it has for me. Now there's a little bit more from the standpoint of name recognition and that type of thing.

"But the people have been good here, and our welcome has been really good."

Payton said he is proud of his preparation for this new job, and he was lucky to have worked with some good head coaches and successful teams in the past.

He had interviewed for head coaching jobs before, with the Oakland Raiders in 2004 and in Green Bay this year, before becoming the 14th coach in Saints history.

He couldn't prepare for everything. Now, there are the extra media interviews, the public appearances, the travel plans and every decision from what color jersey the team will wear at home to which veteran players will be released on the final cut-down day.

But Payton said he has never felt like his head is swimming.

"There's been a lot of little things that you learn on the fly -- I mean, a lot -- that you can't prepare for," Payton said. "Just these curve balls that come up on a daily basis. They aren't serious, but they're just things you didn't have to deal with as a coordinator. And they pull from you some.

"But other than that, it's gone pretty well. It's probably very much what you expected."

SHOULDERING THE LOAD

Healthy after an arduous rehabilitation of a torn labrum, quarterback Brees ready to assume leadership role with Saints

By Jimmy Smith

CLEVELAND -- It was only 254 days ago, Dec. 31, 2005, when Denver Broncos safety John Lynch blitzed Chargers quarterback Drew Brees and hacked his right arm to force a fumble, which the alert Brees then dived to recover in on of the end zones at San Diego's Qualcomm Stadium.

Broncos defensive lineman Gerald Warren fell on Brees' outstretched right arm, the bulk of his 325 pounds landing on Brees' right shoulder, dislocating it, which put a jagged tear in the labrum, a cartilage that rims the shoulder socket and helps keep the ball atop the humerus bone within the socket.

Less than a week later, Brees underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair the damaged labrum, and a minor tear in the right rotator cuff.

Today in Cleveland Browns Stadium, wearing the black and gold of the Saints, not San Diego's blue and gold, Brees returns to regular-season action.

But the end of Brees' long rehabilitation journey won't be on his mind today, Brees said. He passed that mental hurdle a month ago, the first time he stepped into the Saints' huddle in an exhibition game at Tennessee on Aug. 12.

"Building up to that first preseason game, getting out there with live action again was a steppingstone," Brees said this

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past week. "Probably every week I'm going to just continue to take a step forward and get better. I feel great right now. I don't think I could feel any better at this point during this whole process. And I feel good about where we are as a team."

Saints receiver Joe Horn, who'll likely become Brees' favorite target, said he has noticed that today's game has taken on added significance for the Saints' new quarterback.

"Of course it has," Horn said, "because he wasn't projected to come back this quick. He's feeling good. He's throwing the ball exceptionally well. And he's excited to be back and ready."

Brees takes over the Saints' helm from the departed Aaron Brooks, whose tenure was marked by confounding inconsistency.

Throughout the Saints' physically taxing training camp on the Millsaps College campus in Jackson, Miss., and beyond into the last two weeks at the club's Airline Drive practice facility, Brees has exhibited his leadership by staying long after the final practice horn has sounded.

He has worked extra with his receivers and tight ends, a trait of which the Saints were aware as they debated whether to take a chance on signing the recovering Brees to a \$60 million free-agent contract in March after the Chargers opted not to extend Brees' contract.

"At that position, if you're just punching the clock, and coming in when you're supposed to and leaving when you're supposed to, it's going to be difficult to win with that player," said Saints coach Sean Payton, who'll make his regular-season coaching debut today.

"Drew has been around this league long enough to understand the specifics and detail involved in him being successful and in turn, our offense and team being successful. That's part of what you're getting when you invest in a player like that. That's the evening film study, the post-practice work. That's what you do. That's what you have to do.

"I think that from all indications, all the evaluations you've done, the one thing they would say, they being people who coached him and evaluated him, is he's very dedicated, very committed, very smart. He has a lot of those intangibles. Work ethic was part of that. Yeah, there's an expectation of the type of player you're getting in regard to his commitment, how important it was to him."

During his time with the Chargers, Brees led San Diego to an AFC West title in 2004, earning a spot in the Pro Bowl and winning comeback player of the year honors by improving his quarterback rating by an NFL record 37.3 points, going from 67.5 in 2003 to 104.8 in 2004.

Yet Brees has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that the Saints have now become his team, asserting himself within the huddle, and making sure his offensive teammates know they can look to him as the man in charge and one who will accept nothing less than their best effort.

"He's intense," Horn said of Brees' on-field demeanor. "He's definitely on top of his game. He expects everybody around him to be the same way. There's going to be some mistakes sometimes, but he's the type of quarterback who understands that.

"He hasn't called anybody out yet, but he's put it out there that if he has to, he will. We can respect that. Guys will know when you mess up.

"But as a leader, you've got to step up and let them know you're not OK with it. If you don't say nothing and you're a leader, and the same things happen over and over again, a guy can get the sense that 'If it don't matter to him if I keep messing up, then it really don't matter to me.' "

Brees worked hard to rehabilitate his damaged shoulder, adhering to a rigid schedule that enabled him to fully participate in the Saints' offseason work and training camp without interruption or restriction.

Today, he said, he's ready to step fully into the regular season.

"There's been a process," Brees said. "There have been hurdles I had to overcome as I went from game to game, just getting back in the action and gaining total confidence in the shoulder. And obviously with a new offense and everything, getting out there and being with the guys and working the chemistry between receivers.

"So it's been a process throughout this whole deal. It's been one of those things where I feel like I've turned it loose. I feel like I've gotten better each week. In my mind, it's only going to get better as we go along here.

"I look to five weeks ago right when we started camp, and it's night and day the way I feel now the way I felt five weeks ago. So just imagine in another five weeks how I'm going to feel. Just that much better."

Better than 254 days ago.

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YOU JUST CAN'T HIDE IN A CORNER

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By Mike Triplett

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Saints cornerbacks comment on the game within a game:

FRED THOMAS: "They nailed it, whoever came up with that expression. You're on an island. You're out there all by yourself. And you've got to be up on your game. You can't take one play off, whether it's run or pass. You can't take one play off, or you're going to look stupid out there."

JASON CRAFT: "You're out there, just you and him. He gets to go pretty much wherever he wants to, and you have to stop him. Of course, everything plays a part, as far as how good your line is or if the blitz is going to get there. But you're out there on an island, and sometimes we don't have no help. But that's why we're corners. That's how we became corners. I guess we love that competition. You've got to, being a corner."

THOMAS: "I love it. I love it. I love it. I love to compete, man, and that's it. When anything happens out there with the guy you're covering, everybody in the world knows that it had something to do with you."

MIKE McKENZIE: "Every week, I really look forward to my matchup. I usually like to play guys that are more controversial or the guys that like to do end zone dances or the guys you just know they're going to be getting the ball each week. For me, I look forward to stopping them from doing their thing. Offensive players usually bring a lot of hype into the game, and as defensive players we don't have to bring the hype. We just have to stop the hype."

THOMAS: "You do a lot of film study. You know if you're on the line of scrimmage, you know if the guy's going to try and be physical with you and throw you off, or you know if a guy is going to just try to flat-out run around you. It's a study of the individual, because you've got to understand he's doing the same thing with you. . . . You hear the quarterback's count, and then right before the ball snaps it just goes totally mute. I don't even hear the sounds of the receiver or anything. The only thing I can hear is my own breathing. Everything is on mute, and you just go out and play ball, man."

CRAFT: "My first thing is to see what move he's going to make. I'm looking at the midsection, which is the main core of their body. If you look at the head, the head's probably bobbing back and forth, so that's not going to help you."

McKENZIE: "If it's man, there's only one way to play man coverage where I'm from. Obviously, you could play it from a press coverage or play off. But I prefer to play on."

CRAFT: "In certain situations I like to be up, in certain situations I like to be off. You know, some guys say they like to be up there all the time. I don't know about all that. You know, sometimes you get tired, and you just don't press the same when you're tired as when you're fresh."

THOMAS: "The very first thing that comes into my mind is to let him know he's in for a battle. I can't just sit out there and slap around, let this guy have his way with me. I've got to set the tone from the beginning to the end."

THOMAS: "That is a definite no-no to be watching the quarterback. Because if you're watching the quarterback, you're watching the game. And if you're watching the quarterback and watching the game, you're also watching the receiver you're supposed to be covering catch the ball."

CRAFT: "There is room for gambling. There's a lot of corners that do it, and they get beat sometimes. But there's certain corners that can do it, too. It's all about who you are in this league. Some corners are going to guess and get beat, and you might not see him out there no more."

McKENZIE: "I don't like to gamble. I think I read my keys, and I've been taught, 'Play what you see.' So if they run a slant and go, the slant comes before the go. So naturally, I'm going to play the slant aggressively, and if they run a go, I'll recover to that."

THOMAS: "Leaving a cushion, that's not gambling. That's stupidity to me. . . . A lot of younger receivers, their body language tells what they're going to do a lot. And they rely on their speed. So when they get real fast on you, and when they have to come out of their breaks, they slow down. That tells you exactly what's going on."

CRAFT: "When that ball's in the air, sometimes you get excited, you get too excited. And you end up maybe falling out of position. It's crazy, because you can be in good position and you see the ball, 'Oh, here it comes.' You're thinking, 'I'm about to make this play,' and before you know it, you get out of position and the wideout might end up catching it or you might end up dropping it. But that's the moment, that's the moment. And when you're in that moment, you've got to get your head right real quick to make the play."

McKENZIE: "Once the ball is in the air, it's the best man to it. So I'm definitely looking at it as though it's my ball, and I'm going for it."

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CRAFT: "On TV it might seem like it's taking forever to get there, but when you turn around and you see that ball, before you know it, it's like right there. And you better hurry up and get those hands up to make a play or try to knock it down or whatever you might do."

McKENZIE: "Any time there's a big play out there, whether it's an interception, a big breakup, a caused fumble, or just a three-and-out stop on defense, that's the best feeling. Defense is a very emotional side, it's very intense."

THOMAS: "You're not going to win them all. Sometimes he's going to catch a ball, and you've got to shake that off and come to the next play. It's just a constant battle. He's going to win some, and you're going to win some. So you've just got to go out there and hope you win the most."

McKENZIE: "It's one of those things that the last play, especially if you gave up a play, for me there's a lot of motivation. I don't necessarily say, 'Forget it.' If it's a bad play, it definitely should fuel you to go out and make a positive play."

CRAFT: "They say you're supposed to have a short memory. But if you get beat and you're a person that hates getting beat, you're going to remember that all the time. Every once in a while, if you're playing a team, maybe they beat you last year, you're going to remember it."

THOMAS: "My rookie year, playing against Denver, I guess I could say I was a little starstruck, being on the field with Shannon Sharpe, Rod Smith, John Elway, Terrell Davis and Ed McCaffrey. I had to cover Ed McCaffrey, and right from the jump all the balls came my way, like five in a row. And he caught every one of them, and he scored his first touchdown in the second quarter off me. And John Elway noticed my body language. I was young then, I was a rookie. He noticed every time the guy caught a ball, I was either clapping my hands or getting frustrated with myself. And after the touchdown, as he was running down the field to celebrate with Ed McCaffrey, he simply said, 'Hey, if you don't put the flame out, the flame's going to keep burning.' He basically told me, you know, buckle up and play football, because if you don't, that ball is going to keep coming. One of the best lessons I ever got, right there. Either you're going to let this man keep catching the ball, or you're going to do something about it."

RUNNING QUIETLY

The Saints' Deuce McAllister isn't one to seek the spotlight, preferring instead to pursue perfection while deflecting praise to deserving teammates

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By Jimmy Smith

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Quite possibly, it might have been the quietest 90-yard workday Deuce McAllister has ever experienced.

"Didn't bother me," McAllister said this week. "I'm just going out there and doing my job."

In the egocentric pro football universe, McAllister is unique, an altruistic superstar who defers the limelight to others, talks not about the things he did but those he feels he should have done better, and shrugs off well-deserved praise.

"If I don't fumble," McAllister said of the only blemish on his opening-day performance, "I'm probably right there at 100 yards. I told the offensive line, I definitely owe them one.

"And I thank the defense for not allowing them to score. That's the one focus I have this week: ball security, on every play, whether you're close to scoring or anything. I've just got to continue to make my reads. I know if I make my reads, then I have a good opportunity to make something happen."

Making something happen this season for McAllister will be made easier by the presence of rookie tailback Reggie Bush.

Bush has become the full focus of everyone's attention, from the media to opposing defenses, allowing McAllister to quietly go about his business.

For example, a 90-yard, opening-day effort for a guy coming off reconstructive knee surgery might have been a big story.

"But afterward," Saints coach Sean Payton said, "all the (media) requests were, 'We want Reggie Bush.' "

No matter, McAllister said.

"We got the 'W,' " he said. "I'll take close to 100 every game if we can get a 'W.' Because in the big picture, it's all about what we did as a team."

This week when the Saints travel to Lambeau Field to face Green Bay, McAllister will return to the scene of last season's embarrassing 52-3 loss to the Packers, a game last October in which McAllister's career was threatened when on a routine screen pass he tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, requiring surgery.

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McAllister said revisiting the spot where the injury occurred will be the only concession he makes to events of the past.

"It doesn't matter," McAllister said. "You have to go out and play the game. More so in a playful way, I might just go out there in the same area where I got hurt. But there won't be anything that I don't try to do differently, thinking, 'Here it goes. Here's the play again.' This is just an opportunity to go out there and play the game."

McAllister admits his chances to put up big numbers this season, perhaps the kind he did in 2003 when he rushed for 100 yards in nine straight games en route to a 1,641-yard year and a spot in the Pro Bowl, will be enhanced by Bush's presence and the opposition's fascination with shutting Bush down.

And that's OK with Bush.

"It'll give Deuce a chance to get some big runs and big plays," Bush said. "That's what it's about. It's a team game, a team sport. We're here to help each other out."

"It's kind of like picking your poison," McAllister said. "You have playmakers on this team, whether it's me, Reggie, or Joe Horn or (rookie receiver Marques) Colston. It doesn't matter. We have to make plays. A team is going to try to take away something. Whoever they're taking away, or focusing on taking away, we have to take advantage of that."

Nonetheless, quarterback Drew Brees sees potential rewards for both players, as well as the Saints' offense, because the Saints possess two dangerous weapons who'll want to make the most of their opportunities each time they touch the football.

"They know that they're going to be limited, in a sense, to the times they're in the game," Brees said. "And I think they'll both help each other because one of them is not going to take the full beating. It's going to be divvied up between the two. In the long run, when you're talking about a 16-plus game season, it'll benefit them down the road."

"I've got the best seat in the house. I get to hand it off and watch those guys run."

And McAllister said he's content with going about his business quietly, ceding the limelight to his young counterpart Bush.

"I've been in the spotlight and had my time," McAllister said. "I just go out there and do my job."

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Headliner Bush has good mate to run with
Level-headed McAllister comfortable having another in spotlight
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Peter Finney

It was a post-game scene that will be repeated throughout the season.

On Sunday in Cleveland, in the hallway outside the winning locker room, it went like this to a Saints' media rep:

"Need Reggie for a minute," said a panting guy from Fox with a mike in his hand.

A few feet away, from someone wearing an NBC logo, it was: "Gotta have Reggie. Gotta have him for a sec."

Some quick questions.

And sound bites.

Reggie Bush was moving from one-on-one territory, from camera to camera, on his way to a third session, this one with a cluster of notebooks and video recorders.

He had showered, he was in civilian clothes, and he had exchanged his adidas footwear for a pair of black loafers minus the gold stripes.

Bush was the picture of cool, radiating a sense of awareness that served him well the past two seasons as the most questioned, most photographed player in college football.

Whatever happened Sunday, even if the Saints had lost to the Browns, even if he had fumbled three times, Bush, making his NFL debut, would have been THE story.

In one way or another, it will be the same in the coming weeks, weeks after Bush talked about carrying the ball 14 times for 61 yards, catching eight passes for 58, returning three punts for 22.

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Given the circumstances, the media was far more concerned with Bush than what the other two Saints in the room had done -- in this case, Drew Brees throwing for his first touchdown, Deuce McAllister rushing for a game-high 90 yards.

There was one moment that struck me -- McAllister saying rather off-handedly that Bush is the second Heisman Trophy winner to be his teammate, this from someone who had spent his rookie season of 2001 in the company of Ricky Williams.

After arriving as a player with more than 1,000 all-purpose yards in each of his three seasons at Ole Miss, with a record 41 touchdowns, McAllister spent his rookie year as Williams' cheerleader.

While Williams rushed for 1,245 yards in his final year with the Saints, McAllister was playing in all 16 games and was rushing for a grand total of 91, one more than he had against the Browns. He didn't carry the ball more than four carries in a game.

But there were no complaints from McAllister, not a negative peep.

Instead, there were always encouraging words, always high praise for the gifted, yet troubled, Heisman winner from Texas battling problems off the field that were beginning to surface, problems that still cloud a career.

For Williams, McAllister was the ideal teammate.

For Bush, McAllister will be the same.

How important is this?

Well, thinking back to another gifted athlete who passed through town, let me say this: Coach Sean Payton can thank his lucky stars McAllister is no Baron Davis.

Remember the guy who filled two roles during his days with the basketball Hornets?

Remember the highly talented guard who doubled as a coach killer?

When it comes to ego, to me first, team second, McAllister is the flip side of Davis.

Over time, Davis has proven to be a case of terminal poison for a basketball team.

Over time, McAllister has proven to be a champion of locker-room harmony, the kind of positive influence P.J. Brown of the Hornets tried to generate during the divisive days Davis nursed injuries, played when he wanted, but never, ever missed picking up a huge check.

Can Bush use McAllister? You bet.

For all the accolades that have come his way, Bush, at least to McAllister, has two things going for a guy headed to the top.

He asks questions. And he listens.

"I really like him," McAllister said. "He knows he's going to have to make an adjustment, here and there, to the way he attacks a defense, and that's half the battle. He's smart and he's mature beyond his years. Even on a 6-yard run, he's poetry in motion."

On Sunday, a terror who scored 18 touchdowns last season for Southern Cal, didn't get into the end zone. His longest run against the Browns was 18 yards. Last season the average length of his 18 touchdown runs was 31 yards.

On Sunday, he had 14 carries. Last season he averaged a touchdown every 14 times he touched the football.

Which gives you some idea of the adjustments Bush will be facing, at least as the media pulls out those measuring sticks, week after week.

After a first day at the office in Cleveland, there was a moment McAllister looked over at his teammate and said, "he's only tapping his potential."

He talked like a man happy to be along for the ride.

On the field and off, McAllister talked like a man determined to make sure Bush, and McAllister, get there.

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ANOINTED TO PLAY

Reggie Bush has always believed he plays football for a reason. Is it to be the answer to Saints fans' prayers?

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By Jimmy Smith

Staff writer

Teenager Reggie Bush was sitting at the kitchen table of his family's suburban San Diego home doing his schoolwork while his mother watched televangelist T.D. Jakes' show "The Potter's Touch."

Jakes was speaking about how certain people are anointed for a purpose, to carry out specific missions in life.

Bush suddenly put his pen down, looked up from his books, and startled Denise Griffin with this pronouncement: "Mom, I feel I was anointed to play football."

"I was shocked," Griffin said recently. "Most teenagers don't pay attention to that. I didn't think he understood what T.D. Jakes was saying. But you know, I think he is. I think he is anointed to play football."

Reginald Alfred Bush II, whom the Saints selected with the No. 2 pick in this year's NFL draft and are counting on to bring some life to their offense starting Sunday against the Cleveland Browns, verbalized this epiphany five years ago, but in reality he likely felt it the first time he put on football equipment as a 9-year-old on the pee-wee fields of Southern California.

A running start

It had taken a lot to convince his parents, Denise and her husband, LaMar Griffin, Reggie's stepfather, who married Denise when Reggie was about 2, that football was something Reggie really wanted to experience.

"He wanted to play when he was 8, and his mom said she didn't want him to play," LaMar Griffin said. "He asked me again when he was 9. I kind of talked her into it. We were all a little surprised with what we'd seen, him being 9 years old and so fast and so elusive. I mean, he just took the ball, head turned, and he was gone."

Legend has it that Reggie ran for about 300 yards and scored five touchdowns in his first Pop Warner football game.

Then, the story goes, Reggie seemed perplexed by his parents' amazed stares, how someone so slight, so dwarfed by the size of the helmet and shoulder pads, could be so stunningly gifted and do so much the first time he played in the organized sport.

It was as if he were anointed to play football.

"Reggie was real hyper as a kid," LaMar Griffin said. "We needed to find something to slow him down. He mentioned football. I said, 'Are you sure you want to play football?' He was real small, a real tiny kid. 'Are you sure you want to play football?' 'Yeah, Dad. I want to try it out.' "

Lofty ambitions

Not long after his sensational debut, Reggie was charting his future.

"At 9 years old," Griffin said, "he told me he was going to play pro football. He said that's what he wanted to do. He mentioned it at 9 years old. 'I want to play pro football one day.' I said, 'If that's what you want to do.'

"I didn't think Reggie knew how talented he was in football. You tell a kid, 'Take the football and run to the touchdown.' It was kind of funny. He was so little, he had these big old pads on, but when he got the football, we called him Speedy Gonzalez, because he was so small, he'd just take off. By all means necessary, he would get to the touchdown. Whatever it took. That's what he did. Come to find out, he had a little talent."

Move ahead to 2004.

Bush had returned to Helix Charter High School in La Mesa, Calif., to attend a ceremony at which his jersey number, 5, was retired. It wasn't long after his University of Southern California teammate Matt Leinart had won the Heisman Trophy. Bush, as a sophomore, finished fifth in the voting.

Afterward, Bush was having dinner with his high school coach, Gordon Woods, and his running backs coach at Helix, James Cook.

"I asked him, 'What do you think about next year?' " Cook said recently. "And he says, 'I'm going to win the Heisman.' Now that sounds like he's full of himself. But he's not. He's just that confident."

As if he were anointed to play football.

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'A clear-cut idea'

USC running backs coach Todd McNair noticed a particular awareness Bush possessed when he first met Bush on the campus in Los Angeles.

"The first thing I always tell people with Reg is he's got an uncanny ability to focus his whole world into what he wants to do and who he wants to be," McNair said recently, sitting in his office at USC's Heritage Hall, a pile of Bush memorabilia on the floor just to the left of his desk. "I think he had a clear-cut idea.

"Different kids have different goals. Some kids, their goal is to start. Some kids, their goal is to contribute. He had very lofty goals. This is a prestigious institution. A lot of history. A lot of running back history. He placed himself in his mind, with Charlie and O.J. and Marcus and those guys. He had an uncanny ability to focus everything into being that."

Bush became "that" in 2005, joining Charles White, O.J. Simpson, Marcus Allen and Mike Garrett as Heisman Trophy-winning tailbacks from the school, almost as if it were predestined.

As if he were anointed to play football.

All-around athlete

In the first few years of his life, Denise Griffin said, Reggie clung to her, quiet and shy, surrounded by adults who, she believes, helped make him more introspective and mature than other children his age.

He read "Goosebumps" books, played with oversized toy dinosaurs and later got into the pogs craze, playing games and swapping the plastic or metal discs with friends. He collected football cards and followed his favorite NFL team, the San Francisco 49ers.

"I always got him things I thought he could learn from," Denise Griffin said. "If it wasn't something he could learn from, I didn't buy it for him."

As Reggie grew, his athletic prowess began to blossom in T-ball, karate, basketball and swimming.

"I actually thought in junior high he'd grow up to be a lifeguard," Denise Griffin said. "He was an amazing swimmer."

"He was pretty good in mostly all the sports he played," LaMar Griffin said.

Eventually, Bush matriculated to Helix, a school with an impressive academic and athletic background.

Bush didn't play varsity football as a freshman, as tradition at Helix dictated that freshmen play freshman football.

Breakout game

And it really wasn't until the sixth or seventh game of Bush's sophomore season, when Helix was playing archrival Mount Miguel, that the Reggie Bush phenomenon exploded.

It was a sloppy field, and Helix was losing 19-0 at halftime.

"The players were neutralized," said Woods, who is now a grammar school principal in Lake Elsinore, Calif. "At the time, we weren't giving Reggie a whole lot of touches. When we did that night, he made a difference. He was the one guy who seemed to rise above it all.

"We started giving him the ball because we knew in time, he was going to start popping them. I can't remember if he scored them all, but he made all the big plays in that game."

Helix came back to win, 28-19.

"We looked like geniuses," Cook said.

And Reggie Bush, though his football skills were still somewhat raw, was on his way to stardom.

"His sophomore year," Cook said, "he was a skinny little kid and he looked like a rooster running. His head was always up. As his body started developing, he started getting down a little lower. His senior year, if you saw him with his shirt off, it looked like he'd been lifting weights his whole life. He was starting to get ripped.

"His junior year, we were so dominant, we were averaging close to 48 points a game and he'd be out of the game by halftime. We were concerned because we were only playing him two quarters. Who knew what could have happened? We had to pull these guys out because it wouldn't have been fair."

Doing it all

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Despite his limited playing time, Bush ran for more than 2,200 yards, scored 204 points on 34 touchdowns -- 26 on the ground, six on receptions and two on punt returns -- averaged 36.4 yards per rushing touchdown and accumulated 3,135 all-purpose yards.

As a senior, Bush missed four games with a broken wrist, but still ran for 1,691 yards on 140 carries, a 12.1 average, with 27 touchdowns.

"We didn't even know his wrist was broken," Cook said. "The next game was a pretty big game against Vista, a big game in the San Diego area. He couldn't play tailback because he had this big cast. We had him play a little bit of cornerback. It was a 'cover that guy' kind of thing. I remember he came up flying and stopped a guy on fourth and 1.

"He was our punter, too. Faked a punt and ran for a touchdown once. About the only thing he didn't do was kick a field goal. He was a natural."

Down to earth

Yet for all his on-the-field notoriety at Helix -- "He was so popular that the referees would ask for autographs after the game his senior year," Cook said -- Bush never exhibited a superstar persona.

The principal at Helix is Doug Smith, a former football coach whose brother, John L. Smith, is the head football coach at Michigan State, and whose son, Alex, was the first choice in the 2005 NFL draft by the 49ers.

"My best memories of Reggie are just the association with him across the campus," said Doug Smith, whose office wall is adorned with a photograph of Albert Einstein. "He was certainly a person who could have been a big show, if you will, and he never was. He has a great smile. And he had that great smile every day.

"He was friendly and quiet and unassuming. He never used his athletics off the field to play himself as the big man on campus, by any means. He kept his ego in the proper perspective."

To satisfy all the academic requirements for graduation from Helix, students are required to complete a senior project.

Bush's idea was to begin a mentoring program in which senior athletes would adopt incoming freshmen to help guide them through the expectations of academics and athletics, helping to steer those younger than him into making correct life decisions.

"Actually," Smith said, "that kind of project is an excellent one. It involved the component of community service and getting people together for a good reason and good cause. He was working on trying to develop that program within the school, reach down and help kids who had plenty of opportunity to make bad decisions.

"I think Reggie was very cognizant of his teammates and friends who didn't make as good decisions as he was making in relationship to academics and athletics being duly important."

Hitting the books

Academics never were an issue for Bush, primarily because he absorbed the lessons taught to him as a child by his step-father.

"When he was younger," LaMar Griffin said, "I told him, 'You don't bring me the grades, you don't play ball.' That was Pop Warner. When he was a sophomore in high school, there was an article, and it said, 'My parents said if I don't bring them the grades, I can't play football.' It shocked me. It was quoted in big letters. Wow, he remembered that.

"For them to remember and to live by most of the stuff you've told them, and hope that they keep it in their life and use it, I was surprised by it. He's quoted a few things to me I don't remember I even said."

But Bush was nothing if not impressionable.

When he was a youngster living near the campus of San Diego State University, a young Aztecs football player lived in an apartment across the street and was drafted by an NFL team.

Bush knew him. And when the player was selected in the first round of the draft, Bush asked that the player bring back some team gear. The player signed the items and gave them to Bush.

Bush says he always remembered what Kyle Turley, the Saints' 1998 first-round pick, did for him, and Bush admits that was another lesson that stuck: take time out for others.

Playing the role model

Bush's younger brother, Jovan, has always been the primary beneficiary of Reggie's attention. Jovan, 15, plays basketball

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at Helix, and doesn't mind getting advice from his older sibling.

"He always tells me to keep my grades up if I want to play basketball," Jovan said. "And he tells me to stay out of trouble, don't be a bad influence. He says, 'Other people are looking up to you now that you're older. Be a good example to the younger kids.' "

Recently, Jovan, who at 6 feet 4 inches is taller than the 5-foot-11-inch Reggie, beat his older brother 10-6 in a game of one on one.

"I like to be the younger brother," Jovan said, "because he gives me the clothes he can't wear anymore."

It's difficult to find any criticism about Reggie Bush's character with possibly one exception: his obsession with perfection.

"Reggie has been determined all his life, no matter what he did," LaMar Griffin said. "Reggie is the type of kid that had to have everything the way he wanted to have it. If he had to write an essay, if it didn't sound right or look right, he'd redo it. He'd stay up all night until he got it right.

"He's a perfectionist. He's got to have everything right. Reggie beats himself up sometimes. I do have to say that. He hates to make mistakes. And he's a team player. If he feels like he made a mistake that let the team down, or made a mistake for the team to lose, he really takes it hard.

"I try to tell Reggie that sometimes he's not Superman. You can't do everything."

Getting the call

That drive to be the best was tested in April as the NFL draft neared. It seemed probable that Bush would be the overall first choice of the Houston Texans.

But the night before the draft, the Texans finalized a contract with North Carolina State University defensive end Mario Williams, leaving Bush to be the second choice for the Saints.

"I told Reggie before we went to the draft, 'If you don't go first, God has a plan for you,' " LaMar Griffin said. "I knew he was going one or two. But I told him, 'God does things for a reason.' "

Almost as if Reggie Bush was anointed to play football.

For a team called the Saints.

"When the city embraced him the way they did," LaMar Griffin said, "it was like saying he needed to be in New Orleans."

"I can pretty much envision what's going to happen there," said Gordon Woods, Bush's high school coach. "He's going to be very successful, because he has everything it takes. The attitude. The off-the-field stuff. He's going to gain advantages in all areas. His commitment. His work ethic. His loyalty to what has to be done, the task at hand, his professionalism. He's going to do some magical things there."

THE PAINTED MAN

Saints center Jeff Faine nurtures his artistic side off the field, but when the football game's on, he unveils the animal within

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Wipe off the snarl, yank off the Saints jersey, peel away the intimidating tattoos and muscles, and what do you have?

Jeff Faine, art lover.

The guy who teammates liken to "a cage-fighter" is -- don't tell anyone -- quite cerebral. Monday through Saturday, of course.

"I'm really into art -- I love music, plays, actual art, painting," said Faine, the Saints center who bought a loft in the artsy Warehouse District. "I want to own a gallery. I'd love to get into that some day."

For now, he has got himself into another daunting but rewarding task. There is \$172 million in talent playing behind him.

Though there are plenty of concerns with the Saints' offensive line -- can Jammal Brown make the switch to left tackle? Can rookie Jahri Evans be a factor at right guard? -- the Saints are confident in their cerebral cage-fighter of a center.

"He provides pretty good leadership," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "He's a good figure in there, and I know he's

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helped in that locker room. We're excited about that -- and he's just a smart player."

Faine, 25, acquired in an offseason trade with Cleveland, is 6 feet 3, 291 pounds of grit. He admits that he is undersized for his position, "but I'll make up for it with good technique and good leverage -- and just playing hard."

He is known for his intelligent approach to the game, handling calls on the line with a swagger. And once he snaps the ball, Faine is sturdy and stingy, as irritating to opponents as is a wobbly restaurant table to diners.

"You can ask any of my teammates -- I think I bring a pretty good fight on that line," Faine said. "I have a little bit of a bite."

"I would say he's like one of those ultimate fighting champions," said guard Jamar Nesbit, as guard Montrae Holland nodded in agreement. "Just look at him."

Faine has started all 36 NFL games he has played, but he has ended each of his three seasons on injured reserve -- right ankle in 2003, left ankle in 2004 and torn biceps in 2005.

Though Cleveland's coaches were high on him, they were smitten with the Saints' center. LeCharles Bentley, a two-time Pro Bowl lineman, signed with his hometown Browns in the spring. Some thought the Browns were going to move Faine to guard. Instead, they moved Faine to Bentley's old spot in New Orleans. Cleveland traded former first-rounder Faine -- and the No. 43 pick in the 2006 draft -- for the Saints' No. 34 pick.

"I couldn't say that right from the beginning we identified him as one of the free agents (we desired) like (quarterback) Drew Brees," Payton said. "But we felt like we needed to do something with that center position, and as we went through the offseason free-agency period, then into the draft, we knew that he was a guy that could potentially come free. For us to be able to back up a couple spots and be able to draft (safety) Roman Harper -- who was one of the guys that we targeted in that round -- and then acquire a guy like Jeff? We had some good fortune, and it worked out."

Sure enough, Faine's first regular-season game with the Saints is Sunday at Cleveland; Bentley is out for the year with a left knee injury.

Faine embraced training camp as though he was fresh out of Notre Dame, where he went to college.

Faine called previous Cleveland camps "laid back" and the Saints camp as "a wake-up." There was plenty of jelling and yelling to be done -- new faces and old ones, like Brown, in new places.

"I think it's kind of like being a rookie again," Faine said. "It's a fresh start. I was excited about it -- it was well documented that I wanted out of Cleveland, and I was excited to get a new start, get into a new system, new team, new coaches, new city. It's an exciting time for myself."

And his artistic side does creep onto the football field, while his tattoos creep from under his sleeves down to his forearms.

"I have a full sleeve on my left arm, working on my right," Faine said. "And a cross on my back."

"Oh," said Nesbit, smiling, when asked about Faine's body art. "That Color-By-Numbers stuff?"

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Brees Is Coming Back With New Orleans

By LEE JENKINS

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 30 — On the first anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Drew Brees wrestled with some of the immediate questions facing his adopted hometown.

Which light switches still work? Why is the air-conditioning out again? What paint color would look best on the front of the new house?

"I'm going to wait until he's on a road trip," said Brittany Brees, Drew's wife. "Then maybe I'll paint the whole house pink."

It would not be the couple's first bold move. Last off-season, Brees left his comfortable perch as the San Diego Chargers' starting quarterback to sign a free-agent contract with the New Orleans Saints, a losing franchise in a hurricane-ravaged city.

Brees and his wife had been living in a five-year-old house in San Diego, surrounded by plush golf courses and rolling hills, just a few minutes from the beach. They happily traded it for a classic four-bedroom home, in the Uptown neighborhood of New Orleans, that is more than 100 years old and has sticky locks.

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“I love the charm of this place,” Brees said Tuesday night, traversing his empty living room. “Who knows how long these wood floors have been here, how long these chandeliers have hung here. That is the fun of being in an old house like this.”

Right now, the wood floors are covered with brown paper. A mountain bike stands in the dining room. Two toilets sit on the floor of a bedroom. The Brees house looks like so many others in New Orleans — under construction.

Workers arrive every day at 6:45 a.m. Painters follow at 7. The crew was recommended by Archie and Olivia Manning, who live nearby. Archie Manning, drafted by the Saints 35 years ago, is still probably the most recognized football player in town.

Second would have to be Reggie Bush, the prized running back selected in this year’s draft. But unlike Manning and Bush, Brees did not come here simply because the Saints drafted him. He chose New Orleans, even after thousands had evacuated it.

“It felt very natural for me,” Brees said. “This city and I — we have some similarities. A lot of people think we may not come back.”

They have both been beaten up. Brees tore the labrum in his throwing shoulder at the end of last season, enabling San Diego to lowball him during free agency. The Chargers, who benched Brees in 2003 and drafted his replacement in 2004, finally found a way to get rid of Brees, their Pro Bowl quarterback. Shoulder surgery was an easy excuse.

At 6 feet and 209 pounds, Brees is not particularly tall, fast or strong-armed. But his tough spirit appealed to the Saints, for obvious reasons. Brees has mastered an underdog’s mentality and passes it on to teammates wherever he goes.

“The first time he had us in a huddle, he let the guys know: ‘I’m here to lead you to a Super Bowl and anything else is despicable,’” Saints receiver Joe Horn said. “He was scrappy. He sounded like a warrior.”

Just as easily, he can sound like an interior designer — talking about wrought-iron balconies and French doors. While most Saints players live in spacious suburban developments near the team headquarters, Brees and his wife yearned for an authentic New Orleans experience, jackhammers and all.

In mid-March, Brittany Brees flew to New Orleans and toured 15 houses in one day. She found three that were not flooded. She settled on a place that needed \$50,000 in roof repairs. The hurricane had inflicted significant wind damage, but it could not blow away character.

The house features wooden fans, push-button light switches, chandeliers that look like crowns and toilets that were made in 1912. In the corner of the basement is a mysterious little room with five-foot ceilings and exposed brick walls. Digging around that room one day, Drew Brees uncovered a metal sign from a historic tavern.

Oddly enough, Brees has one of the most modern houses on the block. Neighbors live in Victorian mansions with white columns, covered by a canopy of oak trees. A few steps away are city hallmarks — a park, a church, a university and a liquor store. When the St. Charles Avenue streetcar line is repaired, Brees will be able to hear the trolleys from his front yard.

“This is what I think of when I think of New Orleans,” Brittany Brees said. “In San Diego, we had a really easy life. But the easy life isn’t always the best life.”

So she waits in long lines at the cable company, calls movers to see why they are late and rips out palm trees in the yard because they remind her of California. In a way, Brittany and Drew Brees are like any other young couple without children starting over in New Orleans. And yet, a six-year, \$60 million contract with the Saints sets them apart.

In an effort to blend in, they have taken one of the ghost tours in the French Quarter, shopped for antiques on Magazine Street and eaten at almost every notable restaurant in New Orleans, which is quite a list.

After inhaling a few too many beignets, Brittany Brees tried plugging in her treadmill. There was just one problem. The outlet in the house would not take a modern plug. “I’ve already gained 10 pounds since we got here,” she said.

She walks the neighborhood, marveling at the purple and pink paint jobs on the houses, thinking about how she and her husband can make their mark on New Orleans. The main priority is for Brees to lead the Saints to the playoffs. But restoring a colorful old house is another way to help preserve the city.

Two kinds of locals approach Brees on the street. There are the Saints fans, who thank him for joining a team that lost 13 games last season. And there are the New Orleans fans, who thank him for showing that it is O.K. to move here and invest here.

Brees is partly responsible for luring at least one new resident. The night before the N.F.L. draft, when Bush learned that he was not going to be taken by the Houston Texans with the first pick, Brees called to sell him on New Orleans.

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"I'm from San Diego and I grew up a Chargers fan," Bush said. "It meant a lot."

Bush and Brees are not so different. Both of them were rejected to some degree in the off-season. Neither of them ever planned on winding up in New Orleans. And now they are being asked to assume a dramatic role in the hurricane relief effort.

Of course, this city needs inspired homeowners more than it needs star football players. But an Uptown quarterback is proving they can be one and the same.

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One year later

McAllister reflects on New Orleans post-Katrina

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NEW ORLEANS -- A year has passed, a 52-week blur of loss and pain and fear and guilt and doubt, and still Deuce McAllister charges forward, dreaming of a better day. The New Orleans Saints' second-most heralded halfback sees his rebuilt right knee as a metaphor for a battered region and, like so many Gulf Coast residents, wonders how, 12 months after the worst natural disaster in U.S. history, so much devastation can remain.

"You kind of force yourself not to look at the big picture," McAllister said on Monday evening -- the eve of Katrina's one-year anniversary -- after offering the first of several heavy sighs. "You try to attack it in small ways. When you talk to people and hear what they're still going through, you see how overwhelming it is. You have some people still waiting on FEMA trailers, so obviously the level of assistance isn't where it should be."

McAllister and I were sitting in the lobby of the New Orleans Airport Hilton, across the street from Louis Armstrong International Airport, one of the haunting locales he and I and three Salvation Army workers visited last September, five days after the levees were breached. By the time we concluded that long, harrowing Sunday, we had heard so many treacherous tales of survival, crime and desperation -- and witnessed so much madness -- that it was hard to process it all.

Had you asked me then where we'd be in a year, I'd have answered that we'd be eating gumbo while celebrating the triumph of the human spirit and a city's unquenchable resolve.

Realistically, I'd have expected something more along the lines of what we have now: a government that still seems detached and neglectful at worst, bogged down by bureaucracy and corporate cronyism at best; semi-functional upscale and tourist-frequented neighborhoods bordered by barely repaired poor ones; people scarred and scared and praying they don't get slammed again.

As McAllister noted, "[Tropical Storm] Ernesto is lurking out there, and that puts fear in people's hearts. As it should: I don't know if we're ready."

While it looks as though Ernesto will likely spare New Orleans, the Crescent City remains more vulnerable than most outsiders realize. And even as he confronts his own professional and personal frailty, McAllister, 27, is focused on contributing to the region's revival.

He's just not making a big public fuss about it.

Since the Saints drafted the man who may well replace McAllister, Heisman Trophy winner and No. 2 overall pick Reggie Bush, it has been hard to avoid hearing about the former USC star's transformative trip through the Lower Ninth Ward and the resulting largesse it inspired. Commendably, Bush is donating 25 percent of the revenue from his jersey sales to hurricane-relief efforts. He's also paying \$86,000 to repair and maintain the field at Tad Gormley Stadium, a community facility capable of hosting multiple high school football games each weekend, and has given another \$56,000 to a special-needs Catholic school in Metairie.

Let me clarify that I am not bashing Bush or his publicity-savvy marketing agent, Mike Ornstein; I'm just trying to give some equal time to McAllister, who happens to be one of my favorite people.

Why the love? Well, there are two reasons: First, he is a quality person, an unfailingly polite kid from a one-stoplight Mississippi town of 200 who spent his college summers soaking up knowledge while working in a legal office; he eventually parlayed his football notoriety into a budding business empire that includes a Jackson, Miss., car dealership.

Second, though we'd never met before last Sept. 1, we went through some serious stuff together in the days that followed, including a tour of shelters in Mississippi. Having seen the man in such a charged and intense situation, I'm wholly confident that his passion, sincerity and perspective are beyond reproach.

Among other things, McAllister is quietly hosting a Sept. 23 charity gala, Cocktails for Katrina, that should raise more than \$100,000 toward the rebuilding of the inner-city NFL YET (Youth Education Town) Center that was heavily damaged by the storm. McAllister isn't particularly eager to publicize this or any of his other efforts.

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As I started to ask about the hype Bush has received for his charitable efforts, McAllister smiled and cut me off. "It doesn't bother me, because Reggie's doing it for the right reason," he said. "That's the most pleasing part about it. As for [talking about] what I'm doing, I would say it's not even worth it. Obviously, it means a lot to the people we're helping, but you're supposed to do it if you're in my situation. I feel like I'd be cheating these people and myself if we didn't."

For my own edification, I called Josselyn Miller, the smart and talented ex-Saints staffer who runs McAllister's Catch-22 Foundation, and got her to tell me all about the relief efforts in which he's involved. Included is a pending, sizable donation to help fund the renovation of Pan American Stadium in City Park, another site at which numerous high school games can be played.

As for Cocktails for Katrina, the event -- which will be held at the plush Generation Hall in downtown New Orleans two nights before the reopening of the Superdome for the Saints' Monday-night game against the Falcons -- is expected to draw celebrities such as Ludacris and Usher. And how's this for a creative touch: Those of us unable to attend can make donations to the youth center, wedding-registry style.

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NICE CATCH

The Saints realized when Marques Colston still was available in the seventh round of the draft it might be their last chance to snatch the physically gifted receiver out of Hofstra

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By Mike Triplett

Staff writer

The Saints deserve more praise than any other NFL team for "discovering" receiver Marques Colston, but they won't try to take too much credit.

After all, they passed on him seven times before making him the 252nd overall pick in April's draft.

"Hey, if we loved him, we would have drafted him in the third round or the fourth round," Coach Sean Payton said. "But we liked him.

"I think the feeling in the room was, here's a very athletic player who's got size, who's maybe not as developed as some of the other players who were on the draft board, who's maybe going to need a little bit more work. He had more potential than polish at the time."

Four months later, the 6-foot-4, 231-pound receiver from Hofstra has polished up rather nicely.

He is penciled in as the Saints' starting receiver opposite Joe Horn heading into the season, and he made it easier for the Saints to trade away former starter Donté Stallworth to the Philadelphia Eagles on Monday.

Not bad for one of the final four picks in the draft. In fact, neither Payton nor Saints vice president of player personnel Rick Mueller could ever remember someone drafted so low becoming a starter by Week 1.

Payton said sixth-round pick Rob Petitti started for him with the Dallas Cowboys at right offensive tackle last season. Mueller recalled seventh-round pick Colby Bockwoldt and fifth-round pick Mike Karney becoming starters during their rookie seasons with the Saints.

"But no one as a compensatory seventh-round pick, that's for sure," Mueller said.

Mueller said Colston was discussed as early as the fifth round in the Saints' draft room, but New Orleans grabbed receiver Mike Hass in the sixth round -- then they began to consider taking a chance that Colston would sign with them as an undrafted free agent once the selection process was over.

"As it started getting closer, we thought, 'Hey, do we take a chance and maybe try to get him after the draft or try to get him now?' " Mueller said. "But when you talk about a guy so much, you might as well just go ahead and take him."

Mueller said the Saints evaluated Colston at Hofstra, a Division I-AA school, and got a longer look at him during the week of the East-West Shrine Game in San Antonio, where he had five catches for 82 yards and a touchdown.

Northeast area scout David Hinson and college scouting director Rick Reiprish liked what they saw early from Colston, as did coaches Curtis Johnson and John Morton.

Mueller said there was a general consensus from everyone in the draft room that they wanted Colston. They liked his potential and especially liked his size, since the Saints did not have any receivers that big.

Still, the Saints had the same concerns as everyone else. He played at a small school against lesser competition, and he was raw and probably would need to be a developmental project.

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"I've got to be honest, he's probably outperformed what we thought he would do at this point. And that's to his credit," Mueller said. "He's really responded in camp. It hasn't been too big for him."

Payton said Colston is an "easy target" for his size and more importantly, he catches the ball when it's thrown to him. Colston also has been doing a good job with his playbook, lining up correctly and running the right routes.

"He's knowing some of those things better than some guys that have been here for a while. I'll say that," said Payton, who was surprised by the speedy development, but who certainly was not afraid to open the competition anywhere on his roster. Fourth-round draft pick Jahri Evans will open the season as the starting right guard.

"You can't put a finger on it," Payton said of Colston's rise. "You get him here in the spring, and even then you think, 'Well, this guy's going to take a while.' And the more reps he's gotten, the more he's improved."

Colston, meanwhile, is just as surprised as anyone that things have happened so quickly.

He didn't get invited to any individual workouts before the draft, other than the NFL combine in Indianapolis. And at that time, he was willing to consider moving to tight end, where some teams had projected him in the NFL.

Colston said he expected to be anything from a third-round draft pick to an undrafted free agent. He watched the draft Saturday and Sunday, which didn't bother him since he is a football fan and usually watches the draft anyway. But he admitted it was a long wait.

"It's definitely a surprise to me, but coming into camp, I really didn't have too many expectations," Colston said. "I just wanted to come in and see what I could do and try to compete, and things are working out pretty good for me.

"Just coming in and playing at this level, it makes you step up your game a little bit, and I think that's really helped me a lot."

When it comes to their receiving corps, the Saints are proving that on-field performance matters a whole lot more than where you came from and where you were drafted.

Stallworth was a first-round pick in 2002, but he didn't do enough to win over his new coaching staff this year. Colston also has worked his way ahead of Devery Henderson, a second-round pick in 2004.

Now, Henderson is competing for playing time with Jamal Jones, an even more obscure acquisition for the Saints this spring.

Jones went undrafted out of North Carolina A&T in 2004 and was working as a personal trainer in the spring when the Saints invited him to be an extra body at their minicamp.

Jones, 5-11, 205 pounds, had played in two games on special teams for Green Bay last season and spent some time on the Packers' practice squad. He also had spent training camp with the St. Louis Rams in 2004 and played in NFL Europe in 2005.

But he admitted that he wasn't sure if the phone would ring again this spring. He was getting ready to go back to graduate school.

"I'd like to say, 'Hey, we did our homework and we knew he was going to be a heck of a player.' But we brought him in for that minicamp just to take a look at him, without a contract," said Mueller, who credited scout Ryan Pace and the pro scouting department for finding him. "Maybe it's the time (Jones) had off. Maybe it's a lot of different things. He has some time in the league, so there are some things you liked there beforehand, but we never expected him to be as good as he's been so far."

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In Bush, New Orleans truly has a Saint on its hands

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JACKSON, Miss. — A New Orleans priest nicknamed him "St. Reginald" because of his charitable works. A teammate calls him "The Matrix" because on the football field he dodges tacklers with the same ease bullets were eluded in that movie.

And in college he was known as "The President," after another man named Bush singled him out at the White House.

"But I just go by plain Reggie," says Reggie Bush, the New Orleans Saints running back and the NFL's most anticipated rookie since Michael Vick began playing quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons in 2001. "That's me. That's who I am. And I think that's a powerful name in itself."

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The Saints don't open the season until Sept. 10, but the power of Bush's name already is evident amid New Orleans' struggle to recover from Hurricane Katrina.

PHOTO GALLERY: A trying year for the Saints and their city

Pepsi soon will announce a "Yard by Yard, Neighborhood by Neighborhood" program that aims to build 25 homes in the New Orleans area with donations from the company based on Bush's yardage totals. Holy Rosary High School, a special-needs school in the New Orleans suburb of Metairie, can keep its classes open, thanks to Bush's donation of \$56,000 in sponsorship money from the Adidas shoe and apparel company.

Bush also is personally funding an \$86,000 artificial turf field for Tad Gormley Stadium, where about six high school football games are played each week because many New Orleans schools don't have their own fields.

In September, Bush will introduce his 619 cologne, named for his hometown San Diego area code, and designate a percentage of royalties for hurricane relief.

And on Sept. 5, in conjunction with the NFL Players Association, he and other players will help distribute four tons of food in the New Orleans area.

That will continue the NFL's prominent role in Katrina relief. Among the league's stars who have led fundraising efforts are the New Orleans-born Manning brothers, Eli and Peyton, and native Mississippians Steve McNair and Brett Favre.

Several Saints visited evacuee centers after Katrina swamped New Orleans last Aug. 29, and the team established a relief fund and has participated in cleanup efforts. One bride-to-be who lost an engagement ring in the storm was given a new one by tight end Ernie Conwell.

But Bush, who has purchased a downtown condominium, clearly already rivals the popularity of those veterans in New Orleans. The Saints have sold more than 55,000 season tickets, a franchise record, and one of the loudest cheers at Mayor C. Ray Nagin's inauguration speech in June came when he shouted, "We have Reggie Bush!"

Grateful to be snubbed

The television images of Katrina's brutality, Bush says, didn't prepare him for what he saw on his first-ever trip to New Orleans, in April.

"It's a whole other level," Bush says. "You don't really understand it fully until you see it in person. I was like, 'Man, this is crazy.' "

Having the chance to ease that craziness, Bush says, makes him grateful the Houston Texans shocked fans when they didn't select him as the No. 1 pick in last April's NFL Draft.

"I definitely feel like there's a lot more I can do for the community of New Orleans than I could in Houston," says Bush, who was chosen second behind North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams.

Mike Ornstein, Bush's marketing agent, says the Texans' decision was the key to his client's windfall of endorsements.

"There's no way we get these endorsements if we're in Houston, I believe," Ornstein says.

"Pepsi for sure is a New Orleans relationship. They really wanted to give something back to that community."

Ornstein says Bush's realization that he could contribute to New Orleans' recovery came during his first visit to the city. Accompanying Bush on the limousine ride into town was Sports Illustrated writer Peter King, who, Ornstein says, told Bush, "You have a chance to be the most influential player in the history of the NFL."

"Reggie didn't say anything then, but later that night he said, 'That's who I want to be, so you work out how we do that and let's start getting it done,' " Ornstein says.

Saints general manager Mickey Loomis says: "Reggie really did all of this on his own. We can't take any credit. Reggie deserves the credit."

At the Saints' training camp at Millsaps College here, Bush winced two weeks ago when reminded that he's being called a savior in New Orleans.

"I'm not trying to be a savior. I'm just trying to help win some games and maybe a Super Bowl someday," Bush says.

"I don't feel like I need to be praised for it. I'm just doing what I think anybody else would do if they were in my position."

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Efforts appreciated

Capt. Rob Callahan of the Slidell (La.) Police Department has Bush to thank for his four-wheeled office, a Hummer.

It is one of 12 that Hummer, with whom Bush has an endorsement deal, loaned through next June to Slidell, where being able to cruise through 2 feet of water remains essential for police.

Three-fourths of Slidell was under water after Katrina, Callahan says, and the police department building still hasn't reopened.

"In this area Reggie Bush is, for lack of a better word, a god," Callahan says. "I don't think there is anyone in our area who doesn't know Reggie Bush and what he's doing for the victims of the hurricane."

Callahan adds that Bush's importance to New Orleans isn't a case of sports hyperbole run amok.

"The community here, the entire region, is in need of a winner, something to think about other than the daily problems of Katrina," says Callahan, adding that 60% of Slidell's police officers lost their homes. "People think we're doing OK now, a year after Katrina. But, no, we're still struggling. Many of us are still in FEMA trailers. I'm still in a FEMA trailer."

At Holy Rosary High, school President Patty Glaser says that if not for Bush, her 105 special-needs students would have been scattered to schools that don't specialize in educating teens with dyslexia, attention-deficit problems and other learning issues.

"You get sent to a room with other kids who can't handle it, basically," Glaser says. "That's the message."

When Greg Bensel, the Saints' vice president of communications, told Bush the school needed \$50,000 to avoid closing in a few days, "He said, 'Let's do it,'" Bensel says.

At a May ceremony, the Rev. William Maestri, superintendent of Catholic schools in the New Orleans archdiocese, likened Bush to St. Reginald of Orleans, a 13th-century French saint who helped establish the Dominican order.

"May you be the burning Bush that lights the way of so many," Maestri told Bush. Then Maestri concluded with, "Above all, I want to thank Houston. ... Texans have once again given to Louisiana, and we are very grateful."

After the student body ended with a "Reggie, Reggie" chant, Glaser says, "You could see he was truly moved. He was teary-eyed."

Likewise, Glaser says Bush's effect on Louisiana can't be overstated. At a fish market on the day of the Saints' first pre-season game, she says, all the customers around her were talking about how they rearranged dinner plans to make sure they would see Bush.

"There are days when you go, 'Whoa, it's hard just living here right now,'" Glaser says. "We need a beacon of light here right now. I think he can provide that spark, that energy."

Something to prove

Saints wide receiver Joe Horn christened Bush "The Matrix" and also sometimes calls his 5-11½, 203-pound teammate "Baby Matrix."

"He's a bad boy," Horn says. "His athleticism is crazy. The way he catches the ball, his burst. The defender may think he's got him, then he just kicks it into another gear."

Bush has denied feeling insulted by the Texans' decision to draft Williams No. 1, saying, "There's no chip on my shoulder, not at all. I play with a chip on my shoulder anyway."

But Horn says he thinks the snub will be a major source of motivation.

"Without a doubt," Horn says. "He wants to prove not only to everybody in the league but to himself that, 'I was the second pick, but I should have been the first pick and I'm showing you that now.'"

Among the Saints, the only criticism of Bush is that he perhaps is trying a little too hard.

"I think he needs to learn to put a bad play behind him," Saints coach Sean Payton says after a training-camp practice in which Bush openly vented his frustration over a dropped pass.

Saints quarterback Drew Brees says: "He's one of those guys who's so competitive and so intense. The guy cares. He wants to be the best, he truly does. ... Once he gets comfortable, he can be a terror."

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As a pass-catching running back who hopes to also return kickoffs and punts, Bush mixes an explosive zig with an electric zag. Saints running backs coach George Henshaw naturally won't share details of New Orleans' offensive plan but says, "Obviously, you'd like to see him get the ball in his hands 20 times a game."

In his preseason opener Aug. 12 against the Tennessee Titans, Bush showed his potential to duplicate in the NFL the freelancing runs that helped power Southern California to two national championships. Running left, Bush found defenders in his way and then cut back across the entire field for a 44-yard gain in the Saints victory.

New Orleans' The Times-Picayune newspaper ran an editorial the next day, saying, "As much as the sheer talent on display, Reggie's run was a balm for our spirits. May there be many more to come."

As the nation's collegiate leader last season with 222.3 all-purpose yards a game, Bush understands expectations are at an all-time high in his ravaged city. He is the fourth Heisman Trophy winner drafted by the Saints, and disappointment accompanied the other three.

George Rogers led the NFL in rushing as a rookie in 1981 but was traded three years later when his production declined. Quarterback Danny Wuerffel played in only 16 games with the Saints from 1997 to '99 and threw more interceptions than touchdown passes. Ricky Williams had two 1,000-yard rushing seasons before being traded to the Miami Dolphins in 2002 but is remembered primarily as the player for whom then-coach Mike Ditka gave up far too many draft picks to acquire.

With only one Saints playoff victory in their 39 seasons, New Orleans has long yearned for a winner.

"The pressure of the community — he wants it," marketing agent Ornstein says.

Bush will get it Sept. 25, when the Saints' home opener against the Falcons on a Monday night will give New Orleans a chance to show the nation its resilience and also that much work remains to be done.

Bush says no demands from the fans will be greater than the ones he already puts on himself.

"I want to be the greatest; I want to be the best," he says. "I feel like I'm already my biggest critic."

And for the moment in New Orleans, perhaps the only one.

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Thomas carrying on hefty tradition

JACKSON, MISS. - You know "That Guy," right? He's the narcissist who yearns to take off his shirt and show off his upper body, be it at a beach or a park or a shopping mall. Hollis Thomas is "That Guy." Every day after practice, while the uniformed Saints walk down a hill to the locker room, Thomas goes topless, his body gleaming with sweat. Here's the thing. He's a plump 330. The defensive tackle's pectorals sag just above his perfectly spherical stomach. He's probably the only Saints player who could help a geometry student with homework: $2(\pi)(\text{radius}) = \text{belly}$.

But the jolly Thomas loves the attention as he bounces down the hill. On Wednesday, a couple of the more svelte Saints playfully snickered at Thomas.

"Shut up before I take your woman!" Thomas shouted with a grin.

"I feel like I'm the fat kid on the team," Thomas said. "If I'm a linebacker, it's a problem. But (as a tackle), I just try to stuff the run, take up a couple of blockers and make plays if need be."

He's listed at 306 — "maybe I weighed that coming out of college," the 32-year-old said — but is down to 330. Yes, "down."

"I think he's in a little better shape, so I think he's got a little staying power and stamina," Saints coach Sean Payton said. "He's picked up the things we do defensively. Those things go hand in hand. I'm encouraged by it."

Thomas was a mainstay for the Philadelphia Eagles for the past decade, including their Super Bowl run in the 2004 season; he made four tackles in the NFC championship game, including a sack of the elusive Falcons quarterback Michael Vick.

Last season, he played in every game, starting 12 and finishing with the second-most tackles of Eagles linemen (65).

He's now a Saint, carrying the weight and hefty tradition of former tackles Grady Jackson and Norman Hand.

"It's been a learning experience," Thomas said. "You're used to doing one thing for years — it was second nature — I didn't have to study. My nights were filled with pranks. Now my nights are filled with studying plays."

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“Learning a new scheme, I had a little bit of a rough time during camp. I wasn’t using my hands as well as I had in the past. (Defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs) told me to attack the center. That’s my job. Attack the center – it’s like they didn’t want me to do anything else. I’m attacking the center now – better than I was at first.”

Off the field, he’s a movie nut. In 2001, he served as a celebrity critic for the Philadelphia Daily News. His personal collection has eclipsed 1,000.

“When I go to the store, I’ll be like – ‘Why am I here buying more movies?’” Thomas said. “But it’s new stuff you want to see - and you don’t want to be in a situation with a bunch of friends, and they’re talking about the movie, and some jackass gives away the ending.”

OK, Hollis, here’s the scenario. You. Desert island. Inexplicably, a DVD player and television. You can have three DVDs - what would they be?

“Probably all porn,” he deadpanned.

“But seriously – ‘Friday,’ ‘Hollywood Shuffle’ and ‘The Wedding Singer.’”

And when he’s not terrorizing understaffed restaurant kitchens, Thomas is often in his own kitchen. He’s a cooking connoisseur. It’s hereditary. His dad, Jerome King, is an accomplished chef back home in St. Louis. His buddies still call Thomas to see if King can cook at their weddings or parties.

This season, Thomas plans on hosting a televised segment on a Saints program called, “Cooking With ‘The Tank.’”

“I have to drop some recipes on you guys, and let you know how I do it,” Thomas said. “My marquee recipe is spaghetti. Everybody thinks they make spaghetti, but everyone who tastes my spaghetti, they always want me to tell them how I make it.”

Gibbs can only improve Saints defense

Sunday, August 20, 2006

John DeShazier

JACKSON, MISS. -- Gary Gibbs has spent 26 years coaching football at the college or pro level, so he certainly knows better than to take anything for granted.

Maybe, that especially is what a football coach knows, each of them having seen good go bad, or vice versa, so quickly at some point during his tenure that he's simply had to hold on and endure, or enjoy, the ride. But in his capacity as Saints defensive coordinator -- the first time Gibbs has held that title in the NFL -- it seems safe to assume that unless he loses his notes during film sessions and falls asleep during practice, he'll oversee an improved unit.

Not "Steel Curtain" good, but better than "softer than Charmin."

"We're glad to be here, working with these players," Gibbs said. "Our charge is to go out and play good defense, and win football games."

Actually, there's just about nowhere to go but up in both categories from last season. The Saints didn't win much (3-13) and didn't bother playing good defense, either.

Sure, there were a couple of respectable numbers attained by the unit, which was third in the league in pass defense (178.1 yards per game) and 14th in total defense (312.1 yards per game).

But there were reasons for that. Saints' opponents quickly learned there was no reason to throw when they could run -- to the tune of 134.1 yards per game -- which was sixth-worst in the league. And if the only defensive statistic that really matters is points allowed, the 24.9 they allowed per game were fifth-worst in the NFL. That's not to say it's impossible for the numbers this season to be worse. Unless you're last, there still is room to fall.

But, hey, you have to figure that the slightest improvement -- in mental preparation, in personnel turnover, in getting in better shape, in washing clothes or cleaning cleats -- has to be worth a couple of moves up the rung.

"In terms of his philosophy, (Gibbs) talks about exactness," said linebacker Scott Fujita, who played for Gibbs in Dallas last season, when Gibbs was linebackers coach. "(He talks about) getting guys on the same page."

Just that, too, would be a major step in the right direction. Over the past three seasons, has any team looked more discombobulated than the Saints? Other than the Raiders, for whom the phrase "Commitment to Idiocy" seems to have replaced "Commitment to Excellence?"

Maybe, defensively, more teams have been guilty of jumping off side than the Saints during that time. Or similarly have been penalized for holding or pass interference. Or have allowed more than 108 touchdowns passing and rushing.

But off the top of the head, it's hard to think of one.

You won't find many teams that allowed 20 or more points in each of its first 12 games of 2004. Or many that, after holding a team (Buffalo) to seven points in Week 4 last year, gave up at least 20 in all but three of its remaining 12 games. Even the Texans, the worst team in the NFL, had four games in their final 12 where they allowed less than 20. The Saints, obviously, need a mental and physical upgrade.

"It's a little bit of everything," Gibbs said. "Coming off a 3-13 season, it's all of the above."

Is he, given more responsibility than he's ever had in the NFL, the man to oversee the reconstruction? Coach Sean Payton thinks so, or he wouldn't have sought out his fellow Cowboys assistant to be his defensive coordinator. And Fujita thinks so, having had more exposure to Gibbs and his methods than any Saints player.

"On the field he has a quiet demeanor," Fujita said. "Don't let him fool you. He'll get after your (butt)."

He'll have some chewing to do, as does any coach at any position. But his unit has a lot of room to work with, a lot of space to make him look good.

Whitehead typifies spirit to bounce back

Saturday, August 19, 2006

John DeShazier

JACKSON, MISS. -- There still is a smile on Willie Whitehead's face and a gleam in his eye, and after all he has seen while wearing a Saints uniform, that's a good indication that his spirit is even stronger than the muscles that bulge from his body like a superhero outfit.

Bad? Seen it, in his first season with the Saints, 1999, when the team plunged into chaos and a 3-13 record in the last of Mike Ditka's three years.

Best? Been there, too, with the 2000 Saints, who went 10-6, won the NFC West title and claimed the first, and only, playoff victory in franchise history, under Jim Haslett.

Bottom? Yeah, even that, last year under Haslett, when the team spun out of control. The Saints couldn't win (3-13), couldn't go home (displaced by Hurricane Katrina) and couldn't come up with excuses fast enough to explain the former or angst deep enough to describe the latter.

"I've definitely seen a lot since my first year here," Whitehead said. "I've seen a lot of things I didn't understand, and a lot of things I did understand. That's just the nature of the business. It's just been a blessing for me to still be with the same team. That's kind of taboo now, being with the same team for a long time, with free agency and all."

But every time Whitehead has been a free agent, he has re-signed with the Saints.

"I've had times, twice, where I really thought about going somewhere else," he said. "It just ended up being a better situation coming back to New Orleans. It's where the Lord wants me to be. I love it there, I love playing for the Saints."

Now, the only remaining player from the Ditka years gets to see if his third Saints coach, Sean Payton, loves having him as much as he loves staying. Gets to show why, after seven seasons as a defensive lineman in the NFL, one in NFL Europe, one out of football and all or parts of three others in the CFL, he's still a valuable commodity.

"I don't know myself (how he has managed to stick through all the changes)," Whitehead said. "I work hard, I follow the rules and do everything possible to be the best I can be."

"God still has got me here for a reason."

The reason the Saints keep signing him -- this offseason they re-signed him to a three-year deal, the second straight three-year deal he has signed with the team -- links to versatility almost as much as effectiveness.

Whitehead can, and has, played every position along the defensive line, and played them well. And every team needs a player like that, a jack of all trades who sometimes can be an ace. Sure, he only has half a sack in the past two seasons combined, but he also has 40 starts in 93 games, including 15 last season, and had a career-high 56 tackles last year when many of his teammates appeared to fiddle while the season burned.

"I think he's someone who's pretty durable," Payton said. "He brings experience. Gives us a presence inside. He's pretty physical."

"(Quality depth) is going to be important. More and more people are rotating and rolling your defensive linemen in to keep them fresh, and I think that's important."

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"When you get guys who can play across the board, that definitely can be an addition," Whitehead said. "I pride myself in getting everything down right. Where ever the need is, I just want to be a team player."

That might be a little easier to do this season than last, when, though players always will deny they quit on the season, many Saints gave an unmistakable impression of doing just that.

Almost upon arrival Payton began cleaning house, clipping underachievers and malcontents from the roster. Mostly, he replaced the departed with veteran and rookie winners, self-motivated types that shouldn't be character concerns.

"I think I fit that mold, a good-character guy," Whitehead said. "That's what you need to have a winning team. You've got to be able to depend on guys, and they've got to be dedicated to winning, willing to do whatever is necessary to make it happen.

"It was very frustrating (last season). It was hard on a lot of guys. My spirituality helped me keep up the hope that things can turn around."

Maybe, they will. After all, Whitehead has seen as a Saint -- bad, best, bottom -- maybe he'll get a chance to witness, and be a part of, something else.

Bouncing back.

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Bonamego brings energy to Saints

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Focus On Special Teams: This week the Advocate takes a look at keys to the Saints special teams this season. Today: New special teams coordinator John Bonamego.

JACKSON, Miss. — The air horn blares signaling the end of one period and the start of another.

Suddenly a voice thunders over a microphone instructing the New Orleans Saints which special teams drill they're about to get busy with.

That voice belongs to special teams coordinator John Bonamego, who is part rock star, part church tent revival preacher and all coach.

"The best word to describe coach Bono is definitely energy," said Steve Gleason, one of the Saints' more battle-tested special teams players. "He loves what he does and any time a coach lets you know that, it helps you enjoy what you're doing. He's always picking us up and reminding us that football is just a game, but it's an important game to us at this level."

Bonamego is, indeed, a bundle of energy with a specific message to get across in a short time. So, when it's his time to shine, he's all business.

He straps the portable microphone on his back and starts barking orders. He doesn't care who he's yelling at, but instead is ultimately concerned about getting the job done as well as possible.

"If you're walkin', you're wrong," Bonamego says to start special teams work.

"Donté, if you can't get the job done, get out of the way and let somebody in there who can," he says, calling out veteran wide receiver Donté Stallworth for dogging it on a punt return drill.

"Good job, Reggie. You get an Oscar for that," Bonamego said when star rookie Reggie Bush dekes a hard-charging gunner with a fair-catch call.

"Remember what you're doing from one play to the next, or you'll make me use bad language in front of all those people," Bonamego says, looking up to the crowd of fans assembled at Millsaps College. "Now get your head out of your rear end."

On and on he goes. It might seem that Bonamego is playing up his role, but that's not the case.

The energy he coaches with is simply a byproduct of his personality and a 19-year coaching career custom-built to get him where he's at now.

"I learned a long time ago that the most effective way to coach is to just be yourself," the 43-year-old Bonamego said. "I'm not any different than a lot of coaches here or anywhere else. Every coach in the NFL has passion. It's just a matter of how you show it."

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Bonamego didn't wind up in special teams on purpose. He played quarterback and receiver at Central Michigan and has coached just about every position in football. His ultimate goal is to be a college head coach — only when the situation is right.

“Right now my only focus is on making our special teams as good as we can be this season,” he said. “I’m not a guy who is trying to turn this into a better job. I love what I do and I’m devoted to doing the best job I can do here.”

That devotion finds its roots from Bonamego's first year as a graduate assistant at Maine in 1989 when he met John Baxter.

Baxter was about Bonamego's age and had already “made himself a young authority on special teams.”

“I was coaching wide receivers at the time and he got me involved in the kicking game,” Bonamego said. “I started to notice that he was ascending the coaching ranks pretty quickly and I realized that it helped to know a little bit about every part of the game.”

So Bonamego started learning and expanding his coaching repertoire.

When Kirk Ferentz — now the Iowa coach — took over at Maine in 1991, he promoted Bonamego to full-time status and entrusted him with the Black Bears' special teams. That led to six-year stint at Army, and ultimately to the NFL when Jacksonville's Tom Coughlin hired him.

Once Bonamego reached the NFL, he cut his teeth under veteran special teams gurus Larry Pasquale and Frank Ganz Sr.

“I look at my years with those guys as getting my master's and doctorate in special teams,” Bonamego said with a chuckle. “I learned how to coach in the NFL from Larry and Frank has been a huge influence on my career.”

It wasn't only schemes and game plans or X's and O's Bonamego learned. He did whatever he could to absorb the way his mentors paid attention to detail and made every special teams snap count.

He also learned how to apply life principles to football, especially special teams.

New Orleans punter Mitch Berger said Bonamego is clearly the best storyteller of the coaching staff, often combining a history lesson with strategy.

“He's very good at getting us stirred up and making sure we understand how important special teams is,” Berger said.

Not many players on a 53-man NFL roster will be spared time with Bonamego and that's just the way he likes it.

“One of the things I like best about special teams is getting the opportunity to work with the whole roster,” Bonamego said. “Every player has some sort of special teams responsibility, so I get a chance to coach all aspects of football.”

That might explain why Bonamego seems to be a favorite of the players.

Although Bonamego is no-nonsense when special teams is on the docket, he's just as likely to crack jokes and swap barbs with players during down times.

Bonamego is bald — “about half because of nature and half because I like that way” — which lends itself to several predictable nicknames.

When Bonamego was in Jacksonville, then Jaguars quarterback Mark Brunell called him Yul Brenner. He's heard Kojak, and then there's Dr. Evil and Mini Me from Austin Powers fame. Green Bay receiver Robert Ferguson called Bonamego Vic Mackey, a reference to Michael Chiklis' character in the television police drama “The Shield.”

The only nickname Bonamego cringes at is Uncle Fester, a reference to the eccentric uncle from Addams Family fame.

“That's where I draw the line,” he said with a smile.

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**Nesbit makes strong push at left guard
Brees eager to play entire half vs. Cowboys
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JACKSON, MISS. -- At first, veteran offensive lineman Jamar Nesbit was frustrated when he was moved from right tackle to left guard as an injury replacement early in training camp.

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"The curse of being versatile," said Nesbit, who had spent the offseason learning to play right tackle, a relatively new position for him.

But Nesbit has kept up his strong performance across the offensive line, and Coach Sean Payton said Tuesday that the left guard job is Nesbit's to lose, even though incumbent Montrae Holland is back from a knee injury.

"I'm going to keep Nesbit at left guard until someone beats him out," Payton said. "I visited with Montrae about it. We're not there yet (to Week 1), but it's getting closer. We've got to see who's starting on this front five. I told Nesbit when he came to camp that he'll have a chance to compete for a starting job. I thought it was going to be right tackle, but he's at left guard right now."

It's really nothing new for Nesbit, 29, who has played guard, center, tackle and even emergency tight end for the Saints, Carolina Panthers and Jacksonville Jaguars in his eight-year career.

Nesbit said he is happy with the way things are going so far with the new coaching staff, which has given him an opportunity to win both jobs.

"So far, so good. They've done what they said they'd do, and now it's up to me to maintain and get better," Nesbit said. "It's one of those situations, like I've said before, I'm going to go out there and put the best product out there that I can, and if it shakes out, I'm going to continue to do so. If not, I'll get prepared to play whatever role they want me to play."

"It's good to have an opportunity to actually go out there and compete for something. So, I'm going to enjoy it and work as hard as I can."

Holland will continue to compete with Nesbit, as well as right guards Jahri Evans and Jermaine Mayberry. Mayberry has missed more than a week with a shoulder injury, and Evans, a rookie, has made strides in his place.

Holland, 26, was projected as the Saints' top offensive guard heading into the season, but the knee injury was a setback. He also missed a few months early in the offseason recovering from arthroscopic knee surgery.

"It's real frustrating when your teammates are out there working hard, but it feels good to be back out there. It feels like you're part of the team," said Holland, who understands that he needs to earn a starting job on the field. "You really can't worry about things like that as a player. The only thing you can do is get better."

THE BODYGUARD

Jammal Brown made the transition from college to pro ball last season; now he's learning the nuances of a new position

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By Benjamin Hochman, Staff writer

JACKSON, MISS. -- After a sweaty August morning in the trenches, where Jammal Brown is evolving into a left tackle block by block, Brown was asked who were his football heroes.

"I don't really have any heroes," Brown said. "I want to one day be someone's hero."

This preseason, the second-year player has moved from right tackle to left tackle, the pressure-packed, moneymaking position on the offensive line. Though his goal to become a heroic tackle is understandable, he also understands it is a daunting challenge to play the position.

The Saints, however, don't have time for growing pains.

"We haven't started playing yet, so we'll see (how he does)," said Coach Sean Payton, whose first preseason game is Saturday at the Tennessee Titans. "At practice, he's learning. There's a lot of things that go into what he's doing. So I think it's early right now. He's made some strides, and then he's had some days where he's struggled over there. But he's battling and competing."

Brown was the Saints' first-round draft pick in 2005 out of the University of Oklahoma. He was a three-time All-Big 12 right tackle on a team that played for the 2003 national championship against LSU. He allowed only one sack in 2003, none in 2004 and earned the highest grade of the team's blockers in 20 of his final 26 games.

Last season, the 6-foot-6, 313-pound rookie started 13 games for the Saints at right tackle. He had some high points -- in his first game he prevented Pro Bowl defensive end Julius Peppers from getting a sack -- and some setbacks, notably a sprained ankle that hindered him in some performances.

But now at left tackle "it's a whole different game," Brown said. "You're playing a better athlete on the left side, and you have to be quick on your feet, quick with your hands, be able to get on that guy and be strong."

"Obviously, it's a crucial role, a guy who's typically facing the best pass rusher each week, and typically if there's a one-on-one matchup on every play, it's that guy," said quarterback Drew Brees, whose blind side Brown will be protecting. "I

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think he's made the adjustment pretty well from right tackle to left tackle, but it's still a learning process. But he's doing a great job."

"Just being on a different side, looking in opposite directions I'm used to and doing stunts and things like that, it's a little difficult," Brown said. "But just with practice, I can get that down."

When Brees was asked if he had any advice for his new bodyguard, he said, "There's probably not much I can tell him about the strategy of the left tackle position, other than just 'don't let the guy get me.' Those tackles in this league, that's a tough job, and only the best can do it. And I think he can be one of those guys."

"I can try to get the ball out quick. Be decisive with what you're doing. The better I know what to do, and the faster I get the ball out, the easier it is on them. The goal of an offense is -- as a quarterback, I want to make the offensive line look good, and I know they want to make me look good. That means them just protecting their butts off."

Brown's career path might sound reminiscent to Saints faithful of Willie Roaf's. The former stalwart left tackle previously played right tackle, as well. And then Kyle Turley was moved from right to left.

Wayne Gandy followed Turley at left tackle, but when the Saints traded him this offseason, that opened the position for the hero-less kid looking to become one.

Always an afterthought, the Saints' Aaron Stecker relishes the chance to play in any capacity

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By Jimmy Smith

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JACKSON, MISS. -- Aaron Stecker is one of those glass-half-full kind of guys.

He is No. 3 on the Saints tailback depth chart behind Deuce McAllister and Reggie Bush, two players who won't be out of the lineup, barring something catastrophic.

And Stecker realizes his only game action this season could be on special teams, either as a cover guy or a return specialist.

Then again, Stecker understands he could be working for a living.

"Early in my career, I felt I could do so much more," Stecker said Monday between training camp practices. "Then again, I'm playing the game I love. And I get paid a lot of money to do the stuff I do. A lot of money not to take the punishment that a lot of these running backs do."

"It's a chance to continue to play, to make a living. I get to hang around with the guys. There's nothing like Sunday. Getting ready for the game, going on the field and actually getting a chance to go out there and play. If it's special teams, or getting a play here and there on offense . . . not a lot of people in their lifetime get to say they played in the NFL."

Ordinarily, not much is expected from players who come into the NFL as undrafted free agents.

And initially, that's what the Chicago Bears got out of Stecker, whom they signed in the spring of 1999. He was a camp body, cut near the end of training camp. But two months later, Tampa Bay signed Stecker, 5 feet 10, 213 pounds, to its practice squad.

He was on the Bucs' regular-season roster in 2000, and again in 2001, 2002 and 2003, winning a Super Bowl ring in 2002 as a backup tailback behind Warrick Dunn.

He did enough in 66 games, however, to catch the eye of the Saints, who in 2004 signed Stecker to a four-year, \$4.4 million free-agent contract, with a \$650,000 signing bonus, to back up McAllister.

"I think anytime you go out there and you get a chance to play, it shows your body of work," Stecker said. "It's like the coaches say here, even for a rookie, I remember when I was a rookie coming in, when the preseason comes or you get a chance to play, you've got to go out there and put your best on film, because every team watches it."

"When I was in Tampa, I didn't play a lot, but when Jim Haslett was here, when free agency came, the Saints wanted me. I didn't think anybody saw what I did, because I didn't play as much when I was over there. You never know who's watching and who's checking you out."

When Sean Payton arrived in New Orleans in January and watched Stecker's highlight reel, what he saw last year was a solid tailback who came in when McAllister tore up his knee, starting four games at tailback and rushing for 363 yards on a career-high 95 carries.

Payton also saw a third-down receiver who caught a career-high 35 passes for 281 yards.

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And with kick returner Michael Lewis out, Stecker got an opportunity to further display his talents there.

"He brings value because he plays special teams," Payton said of Stecker on Monday. "So when you start putting your game day together you've got a guy who can play halfback, play in the nickel and play in all your special teams. That's 25 or 30 snaps a game.

"Hey, he's doing well at running back. He's doing well. I view him certainly as a competent halfback. I'm sure he views himself the same way. And he plays special teams. There's a lot of value with him."

Still, this offseason Stecker watched as the Saints signed free-agent Michael Bennett, since traded to Kansas City, then draft Reggie Bush, an unexpected happenstance.

For some, those events might have been disconcerting. Not for Stecker.

"I've been in the league seven years now, and that's how it's been for seven years," he said. "So every year it's the same thing. I'm used to it. It was nothing new. I never think of myself as a guy who's a sure thing. I've always got to work and prove myself. I think that's why I've lasted so long.

"A lot of people didn't expect me to be in the league this long. Obviously I do the things I do. Just work hard, get out there and try to make some plays and make sure I know what I'm doing on offense so I don't make any mistakes. I never take anything for granted. Anything can happen."

And then, Stecker might have to get a real job.

"When I'm done playing and I talk to my kids and tell them my experiences, not everyone can say they were an NFL player who played, seven, eight, maybe 10 years," Stecker said.

"I've been to the Super Bowl and got a Super Bowl ring. I got to experience that. I think that I'm very blessed to have a chance to be out here and compete for a roster spot, because nothing is guaranteed. Hopefully I can continue to work hard and be on this team for the 2006 season."

FRESH BREES

The Saints' new quarterback is eager to help the team -- and the city -- mount comebacks

Monday, August 07, 2006

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Just a few blocks from the 100-year-old Uptown home they are restoring, Drew and Brittany Brees are sitting in Audubon Park on an ideal Wednesday afternoon, boasting about their new city as if they've discovered a hidden treasure.

They've taken walks in the park every day for the past week, in between the scattered rain showers. They come mostly to enjoy the beauty, but also to burn off the calories they're piling on at Drago's, Emeril's, Clancy's, Tommy's, Jacques-Imo's, the Maple Street Cafe and a countless number of snowball stands.

They quickly got hooked on beignets, too, once they discovered Café du Monde, but they knew they had gone overboard when they couldn't wash the powdered sugar out of their clothes.

The couple even got a kick out of their first ghost tour while trying to soak in all the atmosphere the Crescent City has to offer.

"It's like nothing either of us has experienced before," Brittany Brees said, describing the way her new neighbors are often out walking their dogs, stopping to say hello and dropping by with everything from flowers to trays of food and champagne. "The people that are here, they love the city. And they should be proud of the city. This city has so much culture and so much to offer, I think people miss that. I don't think we were aware of it before we got here.

"And I think every day you appreciate it so much more, because you experience something totally different, depending on the restaurant you go to, the area you go to -- the zoo, the French Quarter."

When Drew Brees, 27, joined the Saints four months ago as the highest-paid and perhaps most significant free agent signing in the team's history, it was an important moment for a football team that was rebuilding and needed a new quarterback.

And when Brees chose the Saints, he similarly gave a seal of approval, a vote of confidence, to a city on the mend.

Brees and his wife were welcomed with open arms. And they embraced the city right back -- much like one of New Orleans' favorite adopted couples, Archie and Olivia Manning, did three decades earlier.

Drew and Brittany checked out other areas, but they chose this Uptown neighborhood, they said, because it is "truly New Orleans."

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Plus, Brees said, they feel like they're sort of doing their part as New Orleanians by fixing up an old home and keeping the charm and the history alive.

"If you call ripping out toilets doing our part as New Orleanians," Brittany added with a laugh.

They expect to do much more through the Brees Dream Foundation, which they started in 2003 and which focuses mainly on cancer research and care for cancer patients, and on youth athletics and scholarship programs.

"We want to be the type of people that are right in the heart of the city. We want to be a part of it all and show that we're throwing ourselves into it," Brees said. He had tried to plant those same roots in San Diego until the Chargers let him hit the open market after he injured his shoulder in the final game of last season.

"This was the right fit," he continued. "It just felt like the right place for us. The right fit in so many ways. I think obviously not only football and the feeling that we could be very successful here, but also the feeling that we're kind of building something new. And then obviously the city kind of feels like they're starting over.

"I think the single best thing I could probably do at this point to help this city is win football games, because I think that does wonders just for people's spirits and everything. It's kind of a new beginning. So to be a part of all that was just . . . it just felt like our place."

Rolls with the punches

Brees was not looking for a new beginning.

In fact, he had poured his heart and soul during the past two years into avoiding this fate.

After Brees and the Chargers struggled badly in 2003, the team made a draft-day trade the next year to acquire his heir apparent, Philip Rivers.

More determined than ever, Brees roared back with a remarkable season, leading the Chargers to a 12-4 record in 2004 along with close friend and teammate LaDainian Tomlinson. Brees won the league's Comeback Player of the Year award and earned his first Pro Bowl invitation.

But the Chargers only made a one-year commitment to Brees, placing the franchise tag on him in 2005.

"I would definitely say (I felt) not fully embraced," Brees said. "I was comfortable because it's most important if you know your teammates believe in you. And I knew I had (coach Marty Schottenheimer) on my side, I had the whole team on my side. But there was always that feeling of doubt, that they brought in this young guy, and they were just waiting for something to happen. Something to give themselves an excuse to let me kind of walk out the door."

That "excuse" finally came in heartbreaking fashion during the second quarter of the regular-season finale last New Year's Eve, when Brees was tackled while trying to recover a fumble. He tore the labrum in his right throwing shoulder.

"As I got up and walked to the sideline, it was a bad feeling that in that amount of time, I could go from potentially spending my whole career there to not being there," he said, snapping his fingers to represent how quickly things changed.

The Chargers didn't exactly give up on Brees, so much as feel it was time to decide between him and Rivers. And the injury proved an easy tiebreaker.

It was an unpopular decision among the Chargers' fans, because Brees was beloved in the city both for his on-field performance and his community involvement. Longtime San Diego radio host Lee Hamilton said Brees brought all the intangibles that count.

"He's got great character, he's classy, he's a student of the game, he's a leader," said Hamilton, who placed Brees just below Dan Fouts and alongside Stan Humphries in the franchise's hierarchy of quarterbacks.

The Brees-Rivers controversy was well-publicized in San Diego, where Schottenheimer was seen as a "Brees guy" and General Manager A.J. Smith a "Rivers guy." It didn't help that Brees was drafted by a previous general manager, while Rivers was acquired by Smith.

Brittany Brees, who met Brees while both attended Purdue University, said her husband still felt some shock when the Chargers offered him only a minimal contract this past off-season. "Drew's such a loyal guy," she said. "I think he believes that everyone else is loyal as well. And that's how he thought they would treat him."

But she said she never saw Brees get down about his situation. In fact, it only made him strive to prove himself during the past two years, throwing for 6,735 yards, 51 touchdown passes and 22 interceptions.

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"When Drew's backed into a corner, when someone tells him he can't do something, 'You're too small, you're not fast enough,' whatever they say, he's going to prove them wrong. It just adds fuel to his fire," she said.

Showing heart

Brees has spent his entire football career proving people wrong.

At just 6 feet and 209 pounds, he still gets questions about his size, arm strength, speed -- questions he has always found "ridiculous."

"I've seen plenty of big, fast, tall guys that can't play a lick of football," Brees said. "And I've seen plenty of guys who don't look the part, but they've just got it in them, you know. They just have a certain drive in them that you can't measure in a 40-yard dash time or a distance throw."

Ever since Brees started playing competitive football in ninth grade, nearly all he has done is win.

He never lost a game at Westlake High School in Austin, Texas. He led his freshman and junior varsity squads to unbeaten records. Then as a junior, he led the varsity team to an unbeaten regular season with one tie before tearing a knee ligament during the playoffs.

Brees came back the next season and led the Class 5A Chaparrals to a 16-0 record and a state title in 1996, setting school records for touchdown passes in a single season, 31, and a career, 50.

"He always had that uncanny knack to get the ball to the receiver. I still see it when I watch him today," said Westlake coach Derek Long, who was an assistant coach when Brees was in high school. "And he was tremendously important in keeping his team focused."

Despite his success, Brees' size and injury history scared off all but two major universities. Only Purdue and Kentucky recruited him out of high school.

He chose Purdue, where he became the Big Ten's all-time leader in passing yards -- 11,792 -- and touchdowns -- 90. He led the Boilermakers to the Rose Bowl as a senior and finished third in the Heisman Trophy voting before being drafted by the Chargers with the first pick in the second round in 2001.

The same unflinching confidence that has defined Brees' football career has been on display since he underwent shoulder surgery, performed by renowned specialist Dr. James Andrews in January.

Afterward, Brees insisted that he would be ready for the start of training camp, simply because he wouldn't let himself fail.

"I think my mind just told my shoulder, 'You are not going to get sore. You are not going to have a setback.' And I didn't," Brees said.

"Drew's so athletic and nonstop," Brittany Brees said, "so in the off-season, when we're hiking and he's climbing a tree and doing this and that, I'm like 'OK, seriously. Do you really want to risk this? Is this OK? Are you sure? I'm going to call Dr. Andrews on you.'"

Brees also has his golf handicap back around four, having been honing one of his other competitive passions around New Orleans-area golf courses since April.

Brees' younger brother, Reid, said Brees' competitiveness shines through in everything Brees does. On the rare occasions that Reid Brees wins a hole on the golf course, his older brother makes sure he wins the next hole. It's the same way in a game of horseshoes or in a family conversation about Texas A&M (the brothers' favorite) versus Texas.

But it's especially that way with football.

"I think it definitely drives him, what happened in San Diego," said Reid Brees, who played baseball at Baylor and now works as an intern in the Colorado Rockies' ticket operations department. "Especially in his third year there when he had a bad year and the fans and the team were ready to replace him. Drew wanted to prove them wrong. That's what Drew's been doing his whole career.

"And now he wants to lead the Saints to a Super Bowl. I think he and New Orleans are a perfect fit."

Hitting pay dirt

The concerns about Brees' shoulder were legitimate, especially in February and March, when several teams hesitated to pursue him.

The Saints, however, were believers.

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They aggressively courted Brees, showing him more love -- and more money -- than anyone else. The Saints signed him to a six-year \$60 million contract that includes a guaranteed \$10 million this season.

"We had a lot of people who told us what kind of guy Drew Brees is, what kind of leader he is, from people that knew him all the way through Purdue and his career in San Diego," Saints general manager Mickey Loomis said. "So we knew what kind of guy he is, the leadership he provides. But he's exceeded our expectations."

It didn't take long for players to notice Brees' natural leadership instincts. Even when Brees wasn't yet able to throw during summer practices, receiver Joe Horn said he was still trying to be "the general."

"I like that. I expected that out of Drew, and he showed it once he started throwing the ball," Horn said. "He basically told the guys what he expected as a leader of this football team. He wanted everyone to know that he was the captain."

"We didn't have to vote on who the captain of this football team would be, because we all knew Drew would come in here, and he made that a fact."

So far, Brees has given the Saints exactly what they needed: an accomplished quarterback, a natural leader, someone both his teammates and the fans can rally around.

And in many ways, New Orleans has been exactly what Brees needed.

He may have had to adjust his hopes and dreams a bit when he relocated here four months ago. But maybe, he said, his destiny was to help turn things around in San Diego then come here and win a championship.

"That's fine with me," Brees said. "I feel like I'm at the stage in my career, too, having played five years and started four years and been through the highs and the lows and everywhere in between, I just feel like this is my time."

"This is my time to really give something to this team, just give them my absolute best and be at the top of my game and in my prime and do something special here that I know has never been done here. And that's go and win a championship."

Saints picture glory days when LBs led the way

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If you turned the pulse beat of a Saints fan into a poster for the 2006 season, it would be a poster with two faces: Reggie Bush and Drew Brees.

A running back who'll be running into end zones, a quarterback who'll be throwing for touchdowns.

It has created a giddy preseason feeling for a franchise coming off the double whammy of 3-13 and Hurricane Katrina.

It's a feeling that has translated into the kind of box office buzz that keeps proving, year after year, the fan base is as loyal as any in the league, amazingly loyal when you consider what it has received in the way of victories.

There was a time the poster of the New Orleans Saints did not have the face of a quarterback or a running back.

It was a time of a long-running poster with four faces, a four-headed monster known as the "Dome Patrol," faces belonging to linebackers Rickey Jackson, Sam Mills, Pat Swilling and Vaughan Johnson.

The heart of the Saints, from the late '80s into the early '90s, was a linebacking foursome who gave the Saints their finest sustained run of success in franchise history, which is how it was for Bill Parcells with the New York Giants, before Parcells became a mentor for Saints coach Sean Payton.

Having watched a horror film of the defense he inherited, Payton can appreciate the unenviable job he handed to linebackers coach Joe Vitt.

Coach Vitt is old school and blue collar. He has been at it in the NFL for 25 years, and he understands challenges, having spent the final 11 games of 2005, his second season with the Rams, as the interim head coach, holding a franchise together after head coach Mike Martz was sidelined with heart problems.

Mention the glory days of the Saints, when the linebackers were at the center of everything, and Vitt will tell you he can only "look ahead" and hope for the best.

He talked about how the NFL has become a "passing league" in which linebackers are asked to "cover running backs and tight ends and react to speed" up and down the field.

It's a position, he says, that demands versatility and the ability to adapt "on the fly."

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The day is passed, Coach Vitt feels, when a linebacker, as a rule, can be used in certain situations, suggesting today's linebacker has to be a man for all seasons, someone capable of handling wall-to-wall challenges.

It is not stretching things to say, as a group, the performance of Saints linebackers last season ranked with the worst in the league.

If you look at the drafts since 2001, you probably have one explanation. Toss all those linebacker picks together -- second-rounder Courtney Watson, third-rounders Sedrick Hodge, James Allen, Cie Grant, Alfred Fincher, and seventh-rounder Colby Bockwoldt -- and you have next to nothing in impact performers.

The reason?

In some cases injuries. In most cases talent.

So Vitt finds himself at ground zero.

For Vitt, perhaps the most positive note in joining Payton's staff is rejoining Scott Fujita, the Saints' most significant free-agent pickup after Drew Brees.

A fifth-round pick by Kansas City five years ago, the 6-foot-5, 250-pounder blossomed under Vitt's care when he was a Chiefs assistant. When Fujita was traded to the Cowboys last season, and started the last five games, it means he'll also be rejoining Payton, who got a long look at the University of California product Vitt calls "smart and physical, someone who knows what to do on the football field."

When he was with the Rams in '04, Vitt watched Tommy Polley, another free-agent pickup during the offseason, start 13 games, including two in the playoffs, and was impressed with a six-year pro competing for a spot on the outside.

Vitt calls Fincher, last year's third-round pick who missed the start of his rookie season because of a broken hand, "a quick learner and hard worker" who's battling for a job in the middle.

Anthony Simmons, an eight-year veteran signed as a free agent after staying out of football last season, was supposed to be fighting for a job but decided to take an indefinite vacation.

Part of life, part of the game, old hand Joe Vitt will tell you.

For Coach Vitt, the game, the fight for space on the depth chart, begins Saturday in Nashville against the Tennessee Titans.

On Sunday, Coach Vitt will be grading film. He won't be grading Rickey Jackson, or Sam Mills, or Pat Swilling.

He'll be grading guys looking to play in the NFL, a bunch of guys hoping to make a better linebacker movie than the Saints made last year.

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Henderson gets back 'catching the ball'

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Focus on offense: The Advocate this week takes a look at keys to the Saints offense this season. Today: WR Devery Henderson.

JACKSON, Miss. — After an impressive spring and early summer, all the work Devery Henderson put in since late March was beginning to unravel in three training camp practices last weekend.

When the New Orleans Saints opened camp with a single workout on Friday and two more Saturday, Henderson hardly looked the part of a wide receiver playing with the first-team offense.

There were a couple of dropped passes in the first practice and two more on Saturday. It wasn't the kind of start that Henderson, a former LSU standout and a second-round draft pick in 2004, had envisioned going into his third NFL season.

The quiet and unassuming Opelousas native quickly became frustrated at his uneven performance, which sent him into a deeper funk before wide receivers coach Curtis Johnson intervened.

"The first couple of days, he was too relaxed and he dropped some easy balls," said Johnson. "Devery just had to get his confidence back. The big thing was he was letting the dropped balls linger. I told him that he had to get amnesia, so I had to stay on him a little bit."

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With Johnson's help, Henderson snapped out of his funk and is now, according to first-year coach Sean Payton, doing what he did all spring — catching the football.

Henderson, who caught 22 passes for 343 yards and three touchdowns in 2005 after being active for just two games as a rookie, figures to get more opportunities in the next three weeks than he did in his first two pro camps.

With four-time Pro Bowler Joe Horn being excused from today's intrasquad scrimmage to attend a funeral and 2005 starter Donté Stallworth likely out because of a strained groin, Henderson will surely be put to the test. The scrimmage in Mississippi Veterans Memorial Stadium is closed to the public.

"It's just something I had to fight through," said Henderson, who was battling Stallworth and newcomer Bethel Johnson for practice repetitions earlier in the week. "I was frustrated at first, but I realized I had to prepare mentally, focus and pay more attention to detail.

"I had a real good spring, it just didn't carry over into camp," he said. "But (the coaches) know that I can catch the ball and I know I can catch the ball. I just had to get through it mentally."

Henderson said he'd rather have the drops now than later in the season, but wide receivers who can't catch the ball are usually unemployed or have coaches who don't have any confidence in them.

But Johnson said he never lost confidence in Henderson.

"I pulled him aside Saturday or Sunday and said, 'You've got one shot at this,' and then compared him to myself," Johnson said.

"Basically, I told him I had one shot at being a coach with New Orleans and that I was going to do everything I could to be a winner.

"I had to make him realize that we all are going to make mistakes. The big thing when you make a mistake, you move on. Bad plays are going to happen in games, the key is shaking them off and making something good happen."

Henderson quickly got the point.

"I was carrying a bad play to the next day or the next practice, and it was getting to me," he said. "When coach Johnson came to me, I kind of knew what he was going to say. He knew I was pressing and he said we had to take a different approach to things."

Johnson said he liked the way Henderson responded, doing a much better job in subsequent practices before dropping a sure touchdown pass in a red-zone drill on Wednesday. As Johnson approached him to talk about it, Henderson looked up and said, "I forgot about it already."

Henderson said he caught two or three passes right after that drop.

"It's all about concentrating, learning and focusing," he said.

"You never want to see a guy drop a pass," Johnson said, "but again, you want him to forget about it and move on to the next play."

Payton was asked Friday if he was disappointed in Henderson or Stallworth, who has been out since Wednesday.

"In Devery's case, he's working hard and he keeps going and going," Payton said. "There are things he's working on and improving. There's some things he does real well. I thought he came off a pretty good offseason."

Henderson knows he has to show it today in the scrimmage. At the same time, he knows what he won't do.

"The think I can't do is put any pressure on myself," he said.

Saints' Brown hopes to follow greats

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Focus On Offense: The Advocate this week takes a look at keys to the Saints' offense this season. Today: Tackle Jammal Brown.

JACKSON, Miss. — Before he's finished with professional football 10 or 12 years from now, Jammal Brown would like to carve out a career like former New Orleans Saints' All-Pro Willie Roaf.

Four times an All-Pro and a seven-time Pro Bowl pick in nine years with the Saints, Roaf left a lasting legacy when he

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asked to be traded following the 2001 season. He earned four more Pro Bowl berths with the Kansas City Chiefs before retiring last month.

Brown, a defensive tackle in high school and in his first season at the University of Oklahoma, learned all about Roaf's accomplishments when the Saints made him their first-round pick in the 2005 draft. And he's ready to follow in his giant footsteps after moving to left tackle this spring.

Like Brown, Roaf played right tackle as a rookie in 1993. One year later, the Saints switched him to the left side and he went to play in seven straight Pro Bowls — a streak that ended when he blew out his knee midway through the 2001 season.

"I never really knew who Willie Roaf was until I got to the Saints last year and I found out how good a player he was," said Brown, the 2004 Outland Trophy winner as the top lineman in the nation. "I know he's a very, very good player. He's recognized as one of the best. Hopefully, I can have a career like him."

After moving to the offensive side of the ball as a college sophomore, Brown said he started watching two of the more aggressive tackles in the NFL at that time — Philadelphia Eagles standout Jon Runyan and former Saints player Kyle Turley, particularly Turley.

"Kyle was a right tackle at the time and I wasn't as big as some of the defensive guys that I was going against," said Brown, who grew into a 6-foot-6, 313-pounder. "I saw how he played against some bigger guys."

Brown later studied tape of St. Louis Rams' All-Pro Orlando Pace, but said he really likes Seattle Seahawks tackle Walter Jones — who is widely regarded as the best in the business.

When told that Brown admires Jones, Saints coach Sean Payton quipped, "I like Walter Jones, too."

"I wish I could spend a week with him and just learn a bunch of things," Brown said of Jones. "He knows so much and he's so good with his hands and feet. It just looks easy to him."

Payton asked Brown to make the switch to the left side after three-year starter Wayne Gandy was traded to the Atlanta Falcons in early April. That's a leap of faith most coaches wouldn't have made with a second-year player, considering the left tackle goes against the other team's best pass-rusher.

While Payton would love to eventually see Brown develop into the type of dominating player Jones is, he'll settle for having him anchor his new-look offensive line. Then again, protecting the back side of new quarterback Drew Brees is also a priority.

"I'm starting to feel a lot more comfortable with it," said Brown. "It's a learning experience for me, but left tackle isn't an issue any more. The main thing is getting the footwork down and being sound with my technique."

"The biggest difference is that I'm going to be facing faster, more athletic guys coming from the right end," he said. "I'm seeing guys with a lot more speed now."

Starting with training camp practices. When the first-team offense goes against the first-team defense, Brown has to take on starting right defensive end Will Smith. With 16 sacks in his first two seasons, the 282-pound Smith brings lots of speed off the edge.

"He's done well, he's done everything that we've asked of him," Payton said of Brown. "There are some technique things he's picking up on, but I think the transition so far has been what he expected. There are some stance issues and some technique issues that become habit forming, and that's really what he's worked on. That's been encouraging."

Brown said he remembers what was said when Payton told him about the switch to the left side and there wasn't much dialogue.

"Coach Payton said, 'You're playing left tackle,'" Brown said with a laugh. "That was it, plain and simple."

At the same time, Payton's short and sweet message spoke volumes. Immediately, it told him something about his ability and what the new coaching staff expects from him this season.

"I'm not going to back down from a challenge," Brown said. "That's where they want me to play, that's where they're paying me to play. There was no argument, no nothing. I just wanted to get in there as soon as possible."

While some young players might feel the pressure of being put in such an important and demanding position, Brown isn't fazed.

"There's no pressure on me," he said. "It doesn't matter if they put me at center. The job's the same, I don't want anybody to touch my quarterback."

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QB Martin reports to Saints camp

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JACKSON, Miss. — The competition for the New Orleans Saints' backup quarterback job heated up Wednesday when 12-year veteran Jamie Martin reported to training camp and participated in the afternoon practice.

Martin did not report with the rest of the team last Thursday and missed 10 practices after being excused by coach Sean Payton. Martin remained at his St. Louis home to be with his wife, Kelly, who was diagnosed with breast cancer two weeks ago.

"It's been a tough couple of weeks for us," Martin said after going through his first workout at Millsaps College. "My wife is dealing, as we all are, with something that's very serious. But she's going to come through it. We have a plan for it, and it'll be good."

Martin, who signed a two-year contract on May 2 to compete with Todd Bouman and Adrian McPherson for the backup job behind starter Drew Brees, said getting to training camp helped ease the shock of his wife's illness.

"I'm glad to be back and get in the swing of things," said Martin, whose voice cracked as he talked to reporters shortly after practice ended. "It's the first time I've been able to get away from things."

Martin said his wife urged him to go to training camp, but he refused to leave until they had mapped out a course of treatment. She will remain in St. Louis with family and friends and then join her husband in New Orleans and continue treatment there when the Saints break camp on Aug. 26.

Kelly Martin urged her husband to talk about her illness.

"She's all right with me telling everyone who will listen because she wants to urge everyone to get checked," Martin said. "It's the same old saying, you never think it will happen to you. It was something that she had kind of put off and was told she was OK by some people. And finally, she insisted on getting this checked — and it turned out to be cancer."

The couple has three children ranging in age from 1&perml to eight years of age. Payton said the organization and team will support Martin and his family in any way they can.

"He knows that we're going to do whatever we can to help in this transition," Payton said.

On the field, Payton said Martin isn't too far behind the rest of his teammates and shouldn't need to much time to catch up.

"It's good to have him back," he said. "He's stayed in touch and he's a sharp guy. So he'll get caught up in a day or two. He was with us in the offseason, so the installation of the offense will be familiar."