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## DETROIT LIONS VS. NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

The Detroit Lions will host the New England Patriots at Ford Field for preseason game No. 3 Saturday, August 27 at 8 p.m. The game will be televised nationally on CBS with **Greg Gumbel** handling play-by-play, **Dan Dierdorf** adding color commentary and **Leslie Visser** reporting from the sideline. Saturday will mark the seventh time Detroit and New England have met in the preseason, with the Lions holding a 4-2 edge in the previous six.

## PRESEASON MATCH-UP: AN OFFENSIVE EXHIBITION

This week's game between the Lions and Patriots features two of the most productive offenses thus far through the first two weeks of the preseason. Detroit (2nd with 32.0 pts/gm) and New England (1st with 36.0 pts/gm) are the two highest scoring teams in the NFL with all of their touchdowns coming via their respective offenses. Both teams rank in the Top-5 in both total offense and passing offense.

- Detroit's offensive attack has been paced by the play of the team's four quarterbacks. Through the first two games, Detroit has accumulated the top passer rating in the NFL (125.4) with all four quarterbacks seeing significant action during pre-season play.
- Among the 19 passers in preseason play this year who have accumulated a passer rating over 100.0, Detroit is the only team that features three quarterbacks who have acquired a rating over that mark, including **Matthew Stafford** (138.7), **Drew Stanton** (112.6) and **Zac Robinson** (150.4).
- Including QB **Shaun Hill's** rating of 94.2, the Lions are the only team in the preseason with four quarterbacks ranked on the Top-30 in passer rating.
- Detroit's 6 touchdown passes and 67.7 completion percentage (42-of-62) leads the NFL through two weeks of the preseason.

## LIONS RALLY

The Lions got their second win of the preseason last week with a 30-28 victory in Cleveland.

Despite being down by 15 points in the third quarter, the Lions scored 17 unanswered points, eventually sealing the game on a 48-yard field goal from K **Dave Rayner** in the fourth quarter.

The first quarter showcased the first team offense, led by QB **Matthew Stafford**. Stafford set-up two scoring drives through the first four series with a 4-yard touchdown pass to WR **Nate Burleson** and a 25-yard field goal from K **Jason Hanson**.

With WR **Calvin Johnson** sidelined against the Browns, Burleson became Stafford's primary target, connecting with the receiver twice on a 30-yard catch and a 4-yard score.

**Stafford:** "He's doing a great job. He keeps asking me why I have to make it so hard on him. I'm just trying to make him look good; if he keeps making those (catches) then he looks pretty good. He's catching the ball great. (For the catch) down the sideline, he did a great job of keeping his feet in and then obviously the touchdown was a great catch."

Aside from Johnson, TE **Tony Scheffler** was also out of the starting line-up due to stitches in his hand, and RB **Jahvid Best** left the game early after getting shaken up on the first offensive play.

## 2011 DETROIT LIONS SCHEDULE

(\*\*\* DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE \*\*\*)

### PRESEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Fri., Aug. 12	CINCINNATI BENGALS	W, 34-3
Fri., Aug. 19	at Cleveland Browns	W, 30-28
Sat., Aug. 27	NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS CBS#	8:00 p.m.
Thurs., Sept. 1	at Buffalo Bills	WXYZ Ch. 7 6:30 p.m.

### REGULAR SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sun., Sept. 11	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 18	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	CBS 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Sept. 25	at Minnesota Vikings	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 2	at Dallas Cowboys	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 10	CHICAGO BEARS	ESPN# 8:30 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 16	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 23	ATLANTA FALCONS	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 30	at Denver Broncos	FOX 4:05 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 6	*** BYE WEEK ***	
Sun., Nov. 13	at Chicago Bears	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 20	CAROLINA PANTHERS	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Thurs., Nov. 24	GREEN BAY PACKERS	FOX# 12:30 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 4	at New Orleans Saints	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 11	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	FOX 1:00 p.m.
Sun., Dec. 18	at Oakland Raiders	FOX 4:05 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 24	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	CBS 4:05 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 1	at Green Bay Packers	FOX 1:00 p.m.

➢ All times Eastern Time; Home Games in BOLD CAPS

➢ # Nationally Televised

➢ FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING: NFL Sun. games during flexible weeks 10-15 and 17 are subject to change 12 days in advance. Week 17 schedule is subject to change six days in advance. Games are subject to move to different time slots but dates will remain as announced.

## GAME INFORMATION

Date:	..... Sat., Aug. 27
Kickoff:	..... 8 p.m. ET
Stadium:	..... Ford Field
Capacity:	..... 64,500
Television:	..... CBS
Play-By-Play:	..... Greg Gumbel
Color:	..... Dan Dierdorf
Sidelines:	..... Leslie Visser

## LIONS RADIO NETWORK

Flagship:	..... 97.1 FM The Ticket (WXYZ-FM)
Play-By-Play:	..... Dan Miller
Color:	..... Jim Brandstatter
Sidelines:	..... Tony Ortiz
2011 Preseason Records:	..... Lions 2-0; Patriots 2-0
2010 Records:	..... Lions 6-10; Patriots 14-2
Playing Surface:	..... FieldTurf

## PRESEASON COMPARISON

	Det	NE
Total Points	64	78
NFL Rank	2	1
Offensive TDs	7	10
NFL Rank	2	1
Total Offense	757	859
NFL Rank	4	2
Total Passing	511	518
NFL Rank	5	3
Passer Rating	125.4	94.6
NFL Rank	1	6
Time of Possession	34:39	34:28
NFL Rank	3	5



Despite not having all the starters in for the first quarter, Head Coach **Jim Schwartz** was pleased with Stafford's ability to spread the ball and for players to step up.

**Schwartz:** "We've got other good players. I think that accounts a little bit for that. Will Heller made a couple real good plays early in the game; he jumped right in there when Schef (Tony Scheffler) was out (due to) injury. Rashied Davis made a big first down catch in there. I think there were a lot of guys that stepped up and made a lot of plays. It really doesn't matter who's in there, the quarterback's responsibility is to get the ball to the right spot and move the chains."

When asked how he felt the offense performed without "as many weapons," Stafford didn't feel there was any shortage, and all-around the offense did a solid job.

**Stafford:** "It was good. I was really proud of the way we came out and played. Played fast again on the road, we did a good job. I think top to bottom, units one through four, all four quarterbacks played really well tonight. We ran the ball a lot better, made it a point of emphasis to run the ball and late in the game, we had to run the ball to keep the ball and win the game and we were able to do that."

Offensive Coordinator **Scott Linehan** liked a lot of what he saw through all four quarters.

With the exception of the fumble early in the first quarter, Linehan took a lot of positives from the game and felt that the offense did a good job of responding to and overcoming adversity.

**Linehan:** "The only thing I was really disappointed in was the early turnover. We want to start fast and that's not how you start. We did overcome it after Cleveland went down and scored the touchdown. We were able to overcome it with an 80-yard drive for a touchdown and get it back to 7-7, so I was pleased with how they responded to it.

"General execution of the game from balance, run and pass production, I was pretty happy with. We were pretty explosive in the passing game and pretty explosive in the run game."

**SHARP PERFORMANCES FROM THE QBs**

All four quarterbacks: Stafford, **Shaun Hill**, **Drew Stanton** and **Zac Robinson**, walked away from the second preseason game having showed command of the offense.

Each was able to keep control of the ball and orchestrate scoring drives, putting the Lions in position to take home the victory.

**Schwartz:** "I think that we are getting outstanding play from all four quarterbacks. They are all making good decisions; they are taking care of the ball, making some plays with their feet. Stafford made a couple plays where he kept plays alive with his feet, good decisions, getting rid of the ball and a lot of those things. We're not turning the ball over and they are very efficient in the passing game. And all of them have scored points, I like where the quarterback play is going."

Stafford finished connecting on 6-of-10 passes for 85 yards and a touchdown for a QB rating of 120.8; while Stanton completed 6-of-8 passes for 80 yards and 2 touchdowns for a QB rating of 145.8.

Overall, Linehan was pleased with their ability to prevent turnovers and put points on the board.

**Linehan:** "From a quarterback standpoint, I'm pleased with how they've progressed. I think they've improved everyday.

**PRESEASON PASSING LEADERS**

NFL Preseason Leaders, Passer Rating

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Cmp	Att	Yds	Pct	Avg	Lg	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Anderson	Car	2	3	4	71	75.0	17.8	35	1	0	156.2
2	Robinson	Det	2	4	5	53	80.0	10.6	28	1	0	150.4
3	Rivers	SD	2	13	17	179	76.5	10.5	48	2	0	148.9
4	Hall	Arz	2	6	8	79	75.0	9.9	28	1	0	145.3
5	McCown	Jax	2	8	9	86	88.9	9.6	20	1	0	143.5
6	Stafford	Det	2	12	17	156	70.6	9.2	30	3	0	138.7
7	Roethlisberger	Pit	2	10	15	147	66.7	9.8	29	2	0	138.1
8	Rodgers	GB	2	15	20	171	75.0	8.6	31	2	0	133.5
9	McCoy	Cle	2	19	28	231	67.9	8.2	37	4	0	132.6
10	Flynn	GB	2	16	24	267	66.7	11.1	97	2	0	131.8
11	Sanchez	NYJ	2	18	27	216	66.7	8.0	43	2	0	115.7
12	Tebow	Den	2	7	9	101	77.8	11.2	43	0	0	113.4
13	Stanton	Det	2	13	23	190	56.5	8.3	35	2	0	112.6
14	Brady	Ne	2	11	19	118	57.9	6.2	16	2	0	111.3

**PRESEASON NOTABLES**

**OFFENSE**

- Lions QB **Matthew Stafford** is 12-of-17 for 156 yards and three touchdowns through the first two preseason games. The four Lions quarterbacks (Stafford, **Shaun Hill**, **Drew Stanton** and **Zac Robinson**) are a combined 42-of-62 for 515 yards and six touchdowns with no interceptions.
- Lions RB **Ian Johnson** led an improved rushing game in Preseason Week 2 with 34 yards on seven carries. Newcomers **Mike Bell** and **Jerome Harrison** also found some success on the ground with a combined 60 yards rushing.
- For the second consecutive week, Stafford was able to find WR **Nate Burleson** for a first quarter touchdown pass. With WR **Calvin Johnson** sidelined, Burleson became the main target for Stafford in the passing game vs. Cleveland grabbing a pair of passes for 34 yards.
- WR **Maurice Stovall** had an impressive showing vs. the Browns with a team-leading four receptions for 67 yards and a touchdown.

**DEFENSE**

- Lions LB **Bobby Carpenter** leads the team with 11 tackles through the first two preseason games.
- Lions CB **Brandon McDonald** and S **Ricardo Silva** both continue to impress during the preseason. McDonald has nine tackles during the first two weeks while Silva has eight, with an interception and a forced fumble.
- Lions S **Amari Spivey** has been a bright spot during the first two weeks with three tackles in both games.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**

- Lions Ks **Jason Hanson** and **Dave Rayner** have been perfect this preseason going a combined 5-for-5. Rayner booted a 48-yard field goal in the fourth quarter vs. Cleveland that gave the Lions the victory.
- With the new kickoff rules, kickoff returns have been few and far between, however, WR **Nate Hughes** had a nice return vs. the Browns of 32 yards.
- Rookie P **Pyan Donahue** had a 56-yard punt vs. Cleveland. On the evening, the former Iowa Hawkeye totaled 132 yards on three punts, an average of 44.0 yards.

**LIONS-PATRIOTS SERIES**

The Lions-Patriots series dates back to 1971 when the two teams met for the first time in Schaefer Stadium (later renamed Foxboro Stadium) with the Lions winning 34-7. The two teams have played nine times since then with the Patriots winning six of those meetings. They last met on Thanksgiving 2010 when New England beat Detroit, 45-24, at Ford Field.

**SERIES BY THE NUMBERS**

Preseason Record vs. Patriots:	4-2-0
Regular Season Record vs. Patriots:	4-6-0
Home Record vs. Patriots:	2-3-0
Road Record vs. Patriots:	2-3-0
Last regular season game:	NE 45, Det 24; at Det (11/25/10)
Last preseason game:	NE 13, Det 10 at Det (8/4/00)



I'm really happy with their game management and skills and I think all four of them did a good job of running our offense. I like the tempo of how they're calling the offense and executing it. I think we're playing at a very good pace and we're executing. That helps your tempo when you're executing, moving the chains and scoring; that I've been happy with. I give the quarterbacks a lot of credit for that tempo because they're in control of that.

"The decision making has been good; we've limited our turnovers pretty good. I'd like to keep that going, but it's all a process. We have a long way to go and there are still a lot of things that we have to improve on."

**DEFENSIVE PRESSURE**

When looking at the final stats from Friday's game, the defense didn't come up with any interceptions or sacks, but did have 3 forced fumbles and 2 fumble recoveries on the day.

While they didn't walk away with the numbers they would have liked to see, they were able to keep pressure on Browns' QB Colt McCoy.

**DT Corey Williams:** "We were getting at it; he felt pressure in the pocket, he was moving around and didn't sit in the pocket like we thought he would. We didn't get him down, that's the bad thing about it. We got pressure, but we didn't get a chance to sack him."

Another thing the defense obviously wasn't happy about was giving up 21 points in the first half.

**Williams:** "Preseason, regular season, it's all the same to me. Even though the preseason doesn't count, for us to give up points like that, it's not good. We had a couple of guys out of gaps, missed assignments and stuff like that, but it's stuff we can fix. We just have to go back to the classroom."

DE **Kyle Vanden Bosch** feels that for this defense to be considered one of the best in the league, they need to clean up their errors and be able to get to the quarterback every time he drops back.

Against the Browns, they weren't able to do that.

**Vanden Bosch:** "Obviously some of the things in the first half were unacceptable from mistakes, penalties, breakdowns – those are things a good football team can't do, and we're a good football team. We feel we have the talent in this room to beat anybody and one thing we can't do is beat ourselves in games."

**PENALTIES AND AREAS TO IMPROVE**

The Lions walked away from the game with 14 penalties for 123 yards, 75 yards just in the first half.

Penalties are something that Schwartz talked a lot on in 2010 as well, and it's an aspect of the game that needs to be cleaned up.

**Schwartz:** "I think that we had a couple defensive holding penalties, roughing the quarterback, a couple of off sides. Sloppy was probably more off sides on the kickoff and things like that. The other ones, maybe a little too aggressive at times, but we got to clean that up, because again those led to points. That's how they were able to keep a couple drives alive, and we weren't able to hold them to field goals because of a couple of them."

Taking away the penalties, LB **DeAndre Levy** feels the defense played pretty well numbers wise.

**CONNECTIONS**

**COLLEGE CONNECTIONS**

- > Patriots QB **Brian Hoyer** (2005-08) spent a couple seasons backing up Lions QB **Drew Stanton** (2002-06) while each were at Michigan State University.
- > Patriots QB **Tom Brady** (1996-99) had Lions OT **Jeff Backus** (1997-2000) protecting him when they were together at the University of Michigan.
- > Lions RB **Jahvid Best** (2007-09) and Patriots RB **Shane Vereen** (2007-10) formed one of the nation's top rushing duos at California. Lions P **Nick Harris** (1996-2000) and Patriots DE **Andre Carter** (1997-2000) also played at Cal.
- > Lions DE **Cliff Avril** (2004-07) and Patriots LB **Rob Ninkovich** (2004-05) joined forces in West Lafayette as Purdue Boilermakers.
- > Patriots DL **Ron Brace** (2004-08) and Lions OT **Gosder Cherilus** (2003-07) spent a few years together at Boston College.
- > Lions LB **Ashtlee Palmer** (2007-08) and Patriots RB **BenJarvus Green-Ellis** (2005-07) played together at Mississippi.

**TEACHER VS. PUPIL**

- > Lions Head Coach **Jim Schwartz** got his start in the NFL under Patriots Coach **Bill Belichick** while both were part of the Cleveland Browns organization. Belichick, who was the head coach in Cleveland from 1991-1995, hired Schwartz as a scout in 1993 and the current Lions head man spent three seasons with the Browns. In addition to being a college and professional scout, Schwartz assisted the defensive coaching staff with film breakdowns and scouting reports.

**TITAN TERROR**

- > Lions Head Coach **Jim Schwartz** spent seven years as the defensive coordinator for the Tennessee Titans. During that time, Patriots DT **Albert Haynesworth** was creating havoc in the middle of his defensive line, which culminated in Haynesworth being named to his first Pro Bowl following the 2007 season.

**FAMILIAR FOE**

- > Patriots DB **Leigh Bodden** spent one year playing in Detroit during the 2008 season.

**HURRICANE SECONDARY**

- > Lions secondary coach **Tim Walton** (2004-07) was Patriots S **Brandon Meriweather's** (2002-06) position coach at Miami. In 2005, they led the nation in pass defense.

**WELCOME HOME**

- > Patriots Defensive Line coach **Pepper Johnson** was a standout linebacker at MacKenzie High School in Detroit and played one season for the Lions in 1996.

**NEW TO DETROIT IN 2011**

**2011 UNRESTRICTED FREE AGENTS**

Bell, Mike	RB	5-10	225	Arizona	UFA-Cle '11
Chambers, Kirk	G	6-7	315	Stanford	UFA-Cin '11
Davis, Rashied	WR	5-9	187	San Jose St.	UFA-Chi '11
Dawson, Keyunta	DE	6-3	254	Texas Tech	UFA-Ind '11
Durant, Justin	LB	6-1	240	Hampton	UFA-Jax '11
Madison, Anthony	CB	5-9	180	Alabama	UFA-Pit '11
Francisco, Aaron	S	6-2	207	Brigham Young	UFA-Ind '11
Harrison, Jerome	RB	5-9	205	Washington St.	UFA-Pit '11
Johnson, Michael	S	6-2	207	Arizona	UFA-NVG '11
Niswanger, Rudy	C	6-5	301	LSU	UFA-KC '11
Robinson, Gijon	TE	6-1	255	Missouri Western St.	UFA-Ind '11
Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	220	Notre Dame	UFA-TB '11
Tulloch, Stephen	LB	5-11	240	No. Carolina St.	UFA-Ten '11
Wright, Eric	CB	5-10	190	UNLV	UFA-Cle '11

**2011 DRAFT CLASS**

Fairley, Nick	DT	6-4	298	Auburn	D-1 '11
Young, Titus	WR	5-11	174	Boise State	D-2a '11
Leshoure, Mikel	RB	6-0	233	Illinois	D-2b '11
Hogue, Doug	LB	6-2	266	Syracuse	D-5 '11
Culbreath, Johnny	T	6-5	322	So. Carolina St.	D-7 '11

**2011 FREE AGENTS**

Coleman, Erik	S	5-10	207	Washington St.	FA '11
Pitcock, Quinn	DT	6-2	299	Ohio St.	FA '11
Stanley, Montavious	DT	6-2	302	Louisville	FA '11

**2011 WAIVERS**

Hughes, Nate	WR	6-2	195	Alcorn State	W-Jax '11
Niland, Greg	G	6-5	305	Massachusetts	W-Arx '11

**2011 UNDRAFTED ROOKIE FREE AGENTS**

Donohue, Ryan	P	6-3	190	Iowa	FA '11
Fulghum, Dejuan	LB	6-1	220	Texas Southern	FA '11
Harris, Marcus	WR	6-1	185	Murray State	FA '11
Ballard, Demario	WR	6-6	220	Western Oregon	FA '11
Barnes, Dominique	WR	5-11	185	Youngstown State	FA '11
Mixon, Cobranie	LB	6-1	240	Kent State	FA '11
Silva, Ricardo	S	6-3	225	Hamp State	FA '11



But, as a defense, penalties are something that obviously still hurts them in the game and needs to be eliminated moving forward – especially in the regular season.

**Levy:** “I think it was a pretty good game when you look at the stats and take away the penalties. That’s probably two or three more three-and-outs. We extended about three of those drives. That’s something that hurt us last year and that’s something that we’re going to continue to work on. (We’re going to try to) clean that up. When the games start counting, that’s going to come back to bite us and tonight I think we finished well and kind of covered up for it.”

Schwartz did see quite a few positives they can take out of the second preseason game, but the penalties overshadowed a lot of those despite their ability to come out with a win.

**Schwartz:** “There were a lot of areas that you look at and you say, ‘Hey, if not for penalties, this would have looked a lot different.’ And I think that’s when we look at the film and say, ‘Okay, we had over 400 yards of offense, we held them to under 300; we had 24 first downs, they had 15, of which four were penalties; then the special teams penalties we had.

“Typically, the second preseason game is always the most heavily penalized game. If you look around the League, officials for some reason throw more flags in the second game, and it was both teams. That being said, we can’t have times like that.”

Another area that Schwartz wants to see improvement with is offensive third-down conversions.

The Lions finished 2-for-12 for a conversion percentage of 16.7.

**Schwartz:** “Third downs were good on defense, but on offense, we need to play better on third down situations. Red Zones were good on offense, but on defense, we need some more work. Both of those are a little disappointing, because we spent so much time on those in practice.

“It was good not to play your best, but also be able to eke out a win. It’s a lot better than playing your best and still not being able to win, or playing poorly and getting blown out. There are probably some more learning opportunities in a close win than if we would have gone out and had another 34-3.”

For Linehan, this too was really the biggest negative he took away from the offense’s performance on Friday, but because they were able to do other things well he didn’t think it outweighed the positives.

**Linehan:** “The disappointing part of the game from an overall standpoint was that the third-down conversions weren’t on par for what our standard is; but we never really felt like that because we did everything else pretty well. The only goal we didn’t get, our offensive goal, was our third down percentage. Everything else we got.

“We overcame our third-down game, but you can’t have really good offensive days with that number. We were good the first week and we worked at it a lot and I think we’ll do a better job as we go.”

**PRESEASON TURNOVERS**

Ball security factors greatly in a team’s success, and so far in the 2011 Preseason, Detroit has protected that aspect of their game. Besides losing one fumble, at Cleveland last week, the Lions have not turned the ball over. On the flip side, the team has been opportunistic in taking the ball away from their opponent.

**LIONS GO STREAKING**

The Detroit Lions were one of only four teams (only NFC) to end the 2010 season on a 20-game winning streak.

- With the 20-13 win over Minnesota in the finale, Detroit finished with four-straight wins. The last time the Lions won four consecutive games was October-November 1999 (25-23 vs. Min 10/17/99; 24-9 at Car Oct 10/10/99; 20-3 vs. TB 10/31/99 and 31-27 vs. StL 11/7/99).
- The win over the Vikings marked the first four-game winning streak in December since the team won all four games in December 1995 (27-7 vs. Chi 12/4/95; 24-17 at Hou 12/10/95; 44-0 vs. Jax 12/17/10 and 37-10 at TB 12/23/95).
- Years ending 4-game winning streak: 1944 (5), 1953 (6), 1960 (4), 1970 (5), 1989 (5), 1991 (6), 1995 (7) and 2010 (4).

**ROAD WORK**

- The win over Miami (12/26), combined with the team’s 23-20 overtime win at Tampa Bay (12/29) the prior week gave the Lions their first consecutive road wins since they opened the 2004 season with three straight road victories (20-16 at Chi 9/12/04; 17-10 at Atl 10/10/04 and 28-13 at the NYG 10/24/04).
- The road wins in those two weeks are the first road wins in consecutive weeks since October 1993 when the Lions won 16-13 at the Los Angeles Rams (10/24/93) and at Minnesota (10/31/93).
- With a win at Miami, the Lions won back-to-back road games in December for the first time since 1991 (21-17 at Green Bay 12/15/91 and 17-14 in OT at Buffalo 12/22/91).
- The victory at Tampa Bay (12/19) not only ended the club’s 26-game skid on the road, but the overtime win was the club’s first road overtime win since the Lions defeated the New York Giants 28-25 October 30, 1994 in sudden death.

**2011 PRONUNCIATION CHART**

Cliff Avril.....	A-vrill
Demario Ballard.....	de-MAR-io
Jahvid Best.....	JAH-vid
Nate Burleson.....	BUR-luh-un-sun
Goodser Chenilus.....	GOS-der SHARE-uh-less
Rashied Davis.....	RA-sheed
Keyunta Dawson.....	KEY-uhm-tay
Louis Delmas.....	DEL-mus
Isciah Ekjebuba.....	ek-a-jub-a
Dejuan Fulghum.....	Day-wan FUL-jum
Doug Hogue.....	Ho-ge
DeAndre Levy.....	LEV-ee
Don Muhlbach.....	MULE-bach
Dominic Raiola.....	rye-OH-la
Amari Spivey.....	uh-MAR-ee spu-VAI
Maurice Stovall.....	More-eece STOW-vall
Ndamukong Suh.....	En-dom-ah-ken Soo
Stephen Tulloch.....	TULL-uck

**GAME CREDENTIALS**

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**LIONS RADIO NETWORK**

During the 2011 preseason, all Detroit Lions’ football games will be broadcast live in Metro Detroit on the team’s flagship station, 97.1 The Ticket (WXYZ-FM). Through the Lions’ radio network, fans will be able to hear the team’s live game broadcasts on 29 stations Michigan, Ohio and the state of Nebraska. **Dan Miller**, in his seventh season as the voice of the Lions, will provide the play-by-play analysis while **Jim Brandstatter** assists with color commentary and **Tony Ortiz** reports from the sidelines.

CITY	STATION	CITY	STATION
DETROIT	WXYZ - 97.1 FM	Lansing	WVFN - 94.9 FM
Detroit	WXYZ - 1270 AM	Lincoln, Neb.	KLIN - 1400 AM
Battle Creek	WBCK - 930 AM	Marquette	WDMJ - 1320 AM
Benton Harbor	WSJL - 94.9 FM	Mio	WAVC - 93.5 FM
Big Rapids	WBRN - 1460 AM	Muskegon	WEFG - 97.5 FM
Cheboygan	WLJZ - 94.5 FM	Newberry	WNBY - 1450 AM
Colwarer	WTVB - 1590 AM	Port Huron	WPHM - 1380 AM
Escanaba	WKYK - 104.7 FM	Saginaw	WKQZ - 93.3 FM
Flint	WTRT - 1330 AM	Sandusky	WTFG - 97.7 FM
Grand Rapids	WBBL - 107.3 FM	South Ste Marie	WCSO - 1230 AM
Hillsdale	WCSR - 1340 AM	South Haven	WCSY - 103.7 FM
Hillsdale	WCSR - 92.1 FM	Sturgis	WBET - 1230 AM
Holland	WHTC - 1450 AM	Toledo, Ohio	WLQR - 1470 AM
Houghton	WCYU - 1400 AM	Traverse City	WCCW - 1310 AM
Kalamazoo	WKZO - 590 AM		



- Through the first two weeks of the preseason, the Lions rank second in the NFL with a +4 turnover margin (5 takeaways and 1 giveaway).
- The Lions are tied with Pittsburgh and Atlanta having compiled a total of 5 takeaways (2 interceptions and 3 fumble recoveries).
- Early on, the stage was set for the Lions when the team's kick-off cover unit forced and recovered a fumble on the first kickoff they covered in the preseason opener again Cincinnati. On defense, that unit responded when CB Chris Houston intercepted a pass on the very first defensive play of the preseason.
- In the team's come-from-behind preseason win at Cleveland, their 17 unanswered points in the second half were paced by two defensive fumble recoveries that resulted in 14 points off those turnovers.

**QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

In many ways, the 2010 Detroit Lions were perhaps the most-improved team in the entire NFL.

- In 2010, the Lions were one of only 7 teams in the League to increase their win totals by at least four games.
- Improvements are found across the board in each of the team's offense, defense and special teams units. Detroit joined the New York Giants, San Diego Chargers and Tampa Bay Buccaneers as the only teams in the NFL to improve in all six key offensive and defensive League rankings (total, rushing and passing) compared to 2009.

**OFFENSIVE CHARGE**

On offense, the Lions improved in many areas as it increased production from the 2009 season. In total offense, the Lions were one of just seven teams to improve at least nine positions from 2009, as they went from 26 in 2009 to 17 last year in total offense. In passing, they were one of just three teams to improve their ranking by 9 spots (21 in 2009 to 12 in 2010).

- Detroit had the third-most improved scoring offense in the NFL this season, when compared to 2009. **The Lions scored 100 more points than they did last season, which accounts for an average of 6.3 more points per game.**
- In 2010, the Lions had the fourth-most improved offense in the NFL. **When compared to last year's totals, the Lions gained 639 more yards than they did in 2009 (39.9 more yards per game).**
- Detroit's pass offense accounted for 642 more yards in 2010 than it did in 2009, which was a total of 40.1 more yards per game and made the Lions' pass offense fifth-most improved unit in the League.
- The Lions were also the eighth-most improved offense converting on 3rd down. The Lions' offense was confronted with eight more 3rd downs this season, but converted 13 more than it did in 2009, which is a 4.2 percent increase.

**NOT AS GIVING**

- Detroit's offense was the NFL's most improved unit in giveaways. **The offense gave the ball away 16 less times in 2010 (25) than it did in 2009 (41).** In 2010, the Lions giveaways occurred off 16 interceptions and nine lost fumbles.
- With 16 less interceptions this year than last year (16 in 2010 and 32 in 2009), the Lions were the second-most improved club when it came to throwing picks. They were one of only two clubs (Tampa Bay) to throw at least 10 less interceptions when compared to the year before.

**GETTING DEFENSIVE**

- The 2010 edition of the Detroit Lions had one of the most improved defenses in the NFL, especially along the defensive line. The Lions' defense improved in several vital statistical categories.
- Detroit was one of six teams to improve their overall total defense ranking by 11 spots (32 in 2009 to 21 in 2010), and they were one just three teams to improve their pass defense by 16 (32 in 2009 to 16 in 2010).

**PRESEASON TURNOVERS**

Rk	Team	TAKE-AWAYS			GIVE-AWAYS			Margin
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1	Detroit	4	1	5	0	0	0	5
2	Pittsburgh	2	3	4	0	1	1	4
3	Houston	1	2	3	0	1	1	3
3t	NV Jets	4	0	4	0	1	1	3
3t	NY Giants	2	1	3	0	0	0	3
3t	Tampa Bay	1	3	4	1	0	1	3
3t	St. Louis	4	0	4	1	0	1	3

Rk	Team	Total Takeaways			GIVE-AWAYS			Margin
		Int	Fum	Total	Int	Fum	Total	
1	Pittsburgh	4	1	5	0	0	0	5
1t	Detroit	2	3	5	0	1	1	4
1t	Atlanta	2	3	5	2	2	4	1
1t	Houston	1	3	4	1	1	2	3
3t	NY Jets	4	0	4	0	1	1	3
3t	Tampa Bay	1	3	4	1	0	1	3
3t	St. Louis	4	0	4	1	0	1	3

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**OFFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT**

NFL Leaders, Offensive Improvement - Total Yards

Rk	Tm	G	2010	2009	Diff.	Diff./G
1	Oak	16	5674	4258	1416	88.5
2	TE	16	5362	4690	762	47.6
3	KC	16	5595	4851	744	46.5
4	DET	16	5423	4784	639	39.9

NFL Leaders, Offensive Improvement - Passing Yards

Rk	Tm	G	2010	2009	Diff.	Diff./G
1	Cle	16	2899	2076	823	51.4
2	Cle	16	3767	2890	877	54.8
3	NVJ	16	3242	2380	862	53.9
4	Buf	16	3158	2515	643	40.2
5	Det	16	3810	3168	642	40.1

NFL Leaders, Offensive Improvement - Points

Rk	Tm	G	2010	2009	Diff.	Diff./G
1	Oak	16	4100	197	213	13.3
2	STL	16	2890	175	114	7.1
3	Det	16	3620	262	100	6.3

NFL Leaders, Offensive Improvement - 3rd Down Offense

Rk	Tm	Made	Att	Pct	Difference					
					2010	2009	Diff			
1	Buf	80	211	37.9	51	198	25.8	29	13	12.2
2	TB	89	211	42.2	71	218	32.6	18	-7	9.6
3	KC	83	226	36.7	62	227	27.3	21	-1	9.4
4t	Atl	112	240	46.7	81	216	42.1	21	24	4.5
4t	NE	95	197	48.2	90	206	43.7	5	-9	4.5
4t	Oak	75	220	34.1	63	213	29.6	12	7	4.5
4t	Cle	75	202	37.1	76	233	32.6	-1	-31	4.5
8	Det	97	242	40.1	84	234	35.9	13	8	4.2

NFL Leaders, Turnovers Improvement - Giveaways

Rk	Tm	Int	Fum	Total	Difference					
					2010	2009	Diff			
1	Det	16	9	25	32	9	41	-16	0	-16
2	TB	6	13	19	29	5	34	-23	8	-15
3	KC	8	6	14	17	10	27	-9	-4	-13

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**DEFENSIVE IMPROVEMENT**

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Total Yards Allowed

Rk	Tm	G	2010	2009	Diff.	Diff./G
1	KC	16	5283	6211	-928	-58.0
2	SD	16	4345	5232	-887	-55.4
3	NO	16	4900	5724	-824	-51.5
4	Det	16	5497	6274	-777	-48.6

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Passing Yards Allowed

Rk	Tm	G	2010	2009	Diff.	Diff./G
1	Det	16	3498	4249	-751	-46.9
2	NO	16	3103	3769	-666	-41.6
3	SD	16	2845	3348	-503	-31.4

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Points Allowed

Rk	Tm	G	2010	2009	Diff.	Diff./G
1	Det	16	369	494	-125	-7.8
2	STL	16	328	436	-108	-6.8
3	KC	16	326	424	-98	-6.1

NFL Leaders, Turnovers Improvement - Takeaways

Rk	Tm	Int	Fum	Total	Difference					
					2010	2009	Diff			
1	NVG	16	23	39	13	11	24	3	12	15
2	Pit	21	14	35	12	10	22	9	4	13
3t	NE	25	13	38	18	10	28	7	3	10
3t	Was	14	3	17	11	6	17	3	7	10
3t	Cle	19	9	28	19	19	39	0	9	9
5t	Dal	20	10	30	11	10	21	9	0	9
7t	Chi	21	14	35	13	15	28	8	-1	7
8t	Det	14	15	29	9	14	23	5	1	6
8t	STL	14	12	26	8	12	20	6	0	6



- In the passing game, the defense was the most-improved unit in the NFL. **When compared to 2009, the Lions allowed 751 less yards, which equals 46.9 yards per game.**
- Detroit was also the most-improved defensive unit in the League in points allowed when compared to 2009. **The Lions allowed 125 points less than they did last season, which is 7.8 less points per game.**
- The Lions defense was the League's fourth-most improved unit in regards to total yards allowed compared to 2009. **The Lions gave up 777 yards less than they did in 2009, which equates to 48.6 less yards per game.**
- In the team's 44-6 win over St. Louis (10/10), the Lions did not allow a touchdown. The last time the Lions did not allow the opponent to score a touchdown was vs. Seattle Sept. 10, 2006 when they allowed just three field goals against the Seahawks. The Lions lost on a late field goal 9-6.
- The team's defensive effort vs. the Rams marked the first time the Lions allowed six points or less since they defeated Green Bay 17-3 Sept. 11, 2005.
- In Week 13, the defense was instrumental in the team's 7-3 win over the Green Bay Packers, and they held the Packers to 0 points in the first half. They allowed a season-low 258 total yards and a season-low 66 rushing yards.
- **In four home victories in 2010, the defense allowed just two touchdowns, which occurred against Washington (10/31). The defense did not allow a touchdown vs. St. Louis (10/10), Green Bay (12/12) and Minnesota (1/2/11).**

**TAKEAWAY TALLIES**

- Detroit's defense forced six more turnovers this season than they did last year, which makes that unit the eighth-most improved unit in the NFL in 2010. This past season the Lions registered 29 takeaways (14 interceptions, 15 fumble recoveries).

**SPECIAL RETURN**

Improvement was not only prevalent with the Lions' offensive and defensive units in 2010, but their special teams also improved in some key areas. The return game that was fueled by Pro Bowl alternate WR **Stefan Logan**, who had one of the finer seasons in club history as a kick returner, and the cover teams took a giant step forward led by Pro Bowl alternate S **John Wendling** (special teamer).

- The Lions' kick return unit was the third-most improved unit in the League in kickoff return average. The Lions averaged 3.5 more yards per return than they did in 2009.
- The Lions' had the NFL's 10th-most significant improvement in punt return average in 2010 compared to last season. In 2009, the Lions had an 8.8 punt return average. This year, the Lions improved to average 12.1 yards per return.
- In average kickoff return yardage allowed, Detroit had the fourth-most improved coverage unit. The Lions allowed an average of 2.7 less yards per each kick return.

**FRONTAL FORCE**

One specific area of great improvement was up front for the Lions on defense that included a revamped defensive line built with super starters and tremendous depth. This upgrade was definitely noticed when it came to rushing the passer.

- The Lions had the most-improved pass rush in the NFL. **Even though teams threw the ball 9 times less against the Lions this season than they did in 2009, the Lions picked up 18 more sacks, which accounts for an increase of 3.28 sacks per pass play.**
- **Of the Lions 44 sacks, 39 were attributed to the defensive line, 23.5 more than the Lions defensive line accounted for last season.**
- The Detroit defensive line was also the most-improved unit in the League in regards to sack yardage, when compared to 2009. **The Lions defensive line was responsible for 179 more yards of sack yardage than last year.**

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**SPECIAL TEAMS IMPROVEMENT**

NFL Leaders, Special Teams Improvement - KO Ret. Avg.												
		2010					2009					Difference
Rk	Team	G	KR	Yds	Avg	KR	Yds	Avg	KR	Avg	Difference	
1	Oak	16	68	1532	22.5	66	1199	18.2	4.4			
2	Ten	16	64	1556	24.3	69	1417	20.5	3.8			
3	Det	16	61	1519	24.9	96	2050	21.4	3.5			
4	Den	16	59	1435	24.3	57	1217	21.4	3.0			
5	Atl	16	46	1221	26.5	35	1336	24.3	2.3			

NFL Leaders, Special Teams Improvement - KR Avg. Allowed												
		2010					2009					Difference
Rk	Team	G	KR	Yds	Avg	KR	Yds	Avg	KR	Avg	Difference	
1	NJ	16	73	1428	19.5	70	1685	24.1	-4.5			
2	Pit	16	77	1540	20.0	74	1795	24.3	-4.3			
3	KC	16	66	1336	20.2	60	1446	24.1	-3.9			
4	Det	16	72	1487	20.7	58	1353	23.3	-2.7			

**D-LINE DOMINANCE**

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Sacks												
		2010					2009					Difference
Rk	Team	G	Att	Sk	Yds	Sk	Yds	Sk	Yds	Difference		
1	Det	16	518	44	7,933	545	26	4,55	18	3.28		
2	Jax	16	506	26	4,889	510	14	2,67	12	2.22		
3	StL	16	570	43	7,011	491	25	4,84	18	2.17		
4	KC	16	581	39	6,229	509	22	4,14	17	2.15		
5	NYG	16	539	46	7,86	498	32	6,04	14	1.83		

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Sacks Per Pass Play												
		2010					2009					Difference
Rk	Team	G	Att	Sk	Yds	Att	Sk	Yds	Sk	Yds	Difference	
1	Det	16	518	44	7,933	545	26	4,55	18	3.28		
2	Jax	16	488	47	8,793	534	35	6,15	12	2.63		
3	SD	16	506	26	4,889	510	14	2,67	12	2.22		
4	StL	16	570	43	7,011	491	25	4,84	18	2.17		
5	KC	16	581	39	6,229	509	22	4,14	17	2.15		

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Defensive Line Sacks												
		2010					2009					Difference
Rk	Team	G	Att	Sk	Yds	Att	Sk	Yds	Sk	Yds	Difference	
1	Det	16	39.0	269.0	115.5	90.0	23.5	179.0	0			
2	NYG	16	39.5	274.0	21.5	153.5	18.0	120.5				
3	StL	16	31.0	203.0	19.0	109.0	12.0	94.0				

NFL Leaders, Defensive Improvement - Def. Line Sack Yards												
		2010					2009					Difference
Rk	Team	G	Att	Sk	Yds	Att	Sk	Yds	Sk	Yds	Difference	
1	Det	16	39.0	269.0	115.5	90.0	23.5	179.0	0			
2	NYG	16	39.5	274.0	21.5	153.5	18.0	120.5				
3	Buf	16	31.5	225.0	20.0	113.0	11.5	112.0				

**PROTECTING THE QUARTERBACK**

The Lions offensive line was one of the top pass protecting lines in the NFL in 2010. Detroit had the third most pass attempts in the League (633) and only allowed 27 sacks.

- The Lions pass protection has been consistent despite the team starting three different quarterbacks. **Among the teams in the Top-5 in sacks per pass play, only the Lions have started more than one quarterback this season.**
- For the season, the Lions finished with a sacks per pass play percentage of 4.09. It is the third-lowest sacks per pass play percentage allowed by the Lions since 1960.

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**THREE-QB PRODUCTION**

2010 Lions QBs with 90.0 Single Game Passer Rating (20 att.)										
Player	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Rt	Opp	Date	Rating
Hill	32	21	65.6	227	7	3	0	117.6	SFL	10/10
Stafford	45	26	57.8	212	4	4	1	90.2	Was	10/31
Stafford	36	20	55.6	240	6	7	2	94.7	NYJ	11/7
Stanton	24	16	66.7	178	7	4	0	102.4	Chi	12/5
Stanton	37	23	62.2	252	6	8	1	91.3	ATB	12/19
Hill	26	14	53.8	222	8	5	0	108.2	Mia	12/26

**NFL Leaders, +10 TD: Int Ratio and Starting QBs**

Rk	Team	G	TD	Int	+10 TD: Int	Starting QBs
1	NE	16	37	5	32	Brady
2	TB	16	26	6	20	Freeman
3	Atl	16	28	8	19	Ryan
3t	KC	16	27	8	19	Cassel, Croyle
5	GB	16	31	13	18	Rodgers, Flynn
6	SD	16	30	13	17	Rivers
7	Ind	16	33	17	16	Manning
8	Phi	16	28	13	15	Vick, Kolb
8t	Bal	16	29	10	15	Flatco
10t	Den	16	25	12	13	Orton, Tebow
10t	Pit	16	22	9	13	Roethlisberger, Batch, Dixon
12t	Hou	16	24	12	12	Shaub
13	NO	16	33	22	11	Brees
14t	Det	16	26	16	10	Stafford, Hill, Stanton
14t	Dal	16	29	19	10	Romo, Kitna, Mc Gee



**IN THE REDZONE**

The Detroit Lions offense was second in the League in Red Zone efficiency. In 45 trips, the Lions converted 29 TDs.

- QB **Matthew Stafford** engineered touchdowns on 9 of 10 trips in the redzone (other possession resulted in a FG).

**IMPROVEMENT**

- The Detroit offense was the third-most improved unit in Red Zone touchdowns compared to 2009. **The Lions had 12 more Red Zone touchdowns in 2010 than they did the previous year.** That equates to a 17.2 percent difference, which makes the Lions' offense the second-most improved unit in Red Zone touchdown percentage as well.
- **The Lions scored 82 more points in the Red Zone than they did in 2009,** which tallied the third-highest improvement.
- They had the fifth-highest increase of Red Zone possessions in the League. **The Lions had 45 red zone possessions in 2010 compared to 36 in 2009.**

**TURNOVER TURNAROUND**

When it comes to ball security, the Lions were much better in 2010 than in 2009, giving up the ball less and taking away more. Those factored in making the Lions perhaps the most-improved team in the turnover department in 2010. Detroit registered 29 takeaways and 25 giveaways for a +4 turnover margin.

- The Lions were the most improved team in the NFL in turnover margin when compared to the 2009 season. **The Lions had a difference of +22 in turnover margin when comparing the past two seasons.** In 2010, Detroit was +4 and in 2009, it was -18.

**THREE-QB PRODUCTION**

Despite injuries at the Lions quarterback spot in 2010, all three of the team's signal callers were able to maintain production throughout the season and all three have led the Lions to victory. In all, the Lions started QB **Matthew Stafford** (3 games), QB **Shaun Hill** (10 Games) and QB **Drew Stanton** (3 games), and the team ranked third in the NFL in completions (383), third in attempts (633), 12th in gross passing yards (4,001) and were tied for 11th in touchdown passes (26).

- For the first time in team history, three quarterbacks each registered 20-or-more attempts and a passer rating of 90.0 each in two games during the same season.
- The quarterback unit has also produced 26 touchdown passes and 16 interceptions for a +10 difference. The last team to finish the season having three quarterbacks start three games and finished with a +10 TD to Int ratio was the Philadelphia Eagles in 1993 (+10, 23 TD to 13 Int; Randall Cunningham, Bubby Brister and Ken O'Brien).
- Of the 15 teams to record +10 TD to INT ratio, only Detroit, Pittsburgh and Dallas started three different quarterbacks. The Lions were the only team to start each at least three games.

**UPCOMING MEDIA SCHEDULE**

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**

11:15 AM: PRACTICE (Coach Schwartz and Players available on the field immediately after practice)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

11:15 AM: PRACTICE (Coach Schwartz and Players available on the field immediately after practice)

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 26**

NO MEDIA ACCESS

**UPCOMING NFL CALENDAR**

- August 24** Deadline for Old Club to exercise Right of First Refusal to Restricted Free Agents
- August 25** Deadline for June 1 Tender to Restricted Free Agents who have received a Qualifying Offer for a Right of First Refusal Only. The Prior Club shall be the only Club with which the player may negotiate or sign a Player Contract during the period from August 25 until the Tuesday following the tenth week of the regular season.
- August 30** Possible roster reduction from 90 players to 80 players

**SEPTEMBER**

- September 3** Signing Period ends for Unrestricted Free Agents who received the June 1 Tender.
- Roster reduction to 53 players**
- September 5** Deadline for June 15 Tender to Restricted Free Agents. If player's Qualifying Offer is greater than 110% of the player's prior year's Paragraph 5 Salary (with all other terms of his prior year contract carried forward unchanged), the Club may withdraw the Qualifying Offer on September 5 and retain its exclusive negotiating rights to the player, so long as the Club immediately tenders the player a one-year Player Contract of at least 110% of his prior year's Paragraph 5 Salary, with all the terms of his prior year's contract carried forward unchanged.

**LIONS PRESEASON TV**

2011 Lions preseason games will be aired in HD on the Lions new Preseason TV partner, **WXYZ-TV ABC 7** in Metro Detroit and can be viewed throughout the six-station network that covers Michigan and portions of northwest Ohio. Lions preseason broadcasts will feature **Matt Shepard** calling the play-by-play, former Lions TE **Rob Rubick** will add color commentary while WXYZ-TV sportscaster **Tom Leyden** reports from the sideline.

**LIONS PRESEASON TELEVISION NETWORK**

CITY	STATION	CHANNEL
Detroit*	WXYZ-TV	ABC 7
Cadillac/Traverse City	WFOX-TV	FOX 33
Grand Rapids	WXMI-TV	FOX 17
Lansing	WSYM-TV	FOX 47
Marquette/Escanaba	WJMN-TV	CBS 3
Saginaw/Flint/Bay City*	WNEM-TV	CBS 5

\* Subject to Local TV Blackout

**LIONS KICKOFF LUNCHEON**

The 15th annual Detroit Lions Kickoff Luncheon presented by the Wisne Family and hosted by the Detroit Economic Club will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 31, at Ford Field. Lunch and team introductions will begin at Noon in the Ford Field atrium followed by the program that will feature Lions' head coach Jim Schwartz and the 2011 Detroit Lions. A portion of the proceeds from the luncheon will go to Detroit Lions Charities, the Lions' non-profit foundation that has donated nearly \$6 million to charities in Michigan. The primary recipient of Charities' proceeds from the luncheon will be Think Detroit PAL youth football, which includes approximately 3,200 Detroit children playing in the nation's largest after-school tackle football league. The event is open to the public. Tickets for the luncheon are \$70 per person and \$700 for tables of 10. Tickets are on sale now and may be purchased online through Ticketmaster ([www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)) at by calling 800.745.3000. Tickets are also on sale at the Ford Field Gate G Ticket Office, Mon.-Fri. from 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

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## 2011 DETROIT LIONS DEPTH CHART

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Updated: Aug. 23, 2011

### OFFENSE

WR	13	Nate Burleson	15	Derrick Williams	82	Rashied Davis	11	Stefan Logan
					18	Tim Toone	<u>16</u>	<u>Titus Young</u>
LT	76	<i>Jeff Backus</i>	70	<i>Jason Fox</i>	62	Kirk Chambers		
LG	67	Rob Sims	74	Donald Thomas	<u>63</u>	<u>Greg Niland</u>		
C	51	Dominic Raiola	64	Dan Gerberry	68	Rudy Niswanger		
RG	66	Stephen Peterman	65	Dylan Gandy				
RT	77	Gosder Cherilus	78	Corey Hilliard	<u>72</u>	<u>Johnny Culbreath</u>		
TE	84	Brandon Pettigrew	85	Tony Scheffler	89	Will Heller	40	Joe Jon Finley
					46	Richard Dickson	47	Gijon Robinson
WR	81	Calvin Johnson	80	Maurice Stovall	86	Nate Hughes	<u>87</u>	<u>Demario Ballard</u>
					<u>19</u>	<u>Marcus Harris</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>Dominique Barnes</u>
QB	9	Matthew Stafford	14	Shaun Hill	5	Drew Stanton	10	Zac Robinson
FB	45	Jerome Felton	35	Matt Clapp				
RB	44	Jahvid Best	28	Maurice Morris	21	Aaron Brown	41	Ian Johnson
					34	Mike Bell	36	Jerome Harrison

### DEFENSE

LE	92	Cliff Avril	94	Lawrence Jackson	75	Keyunta Dawson		
DT	90	Ndamukong Suh	91	Sammie Hill	95	Quinn Pitcock	97	Montavious Stanley
DT	99	Corey Williams	96	Andre Fluellen	61	Robert Callaway	<u>98</u>	<u>Nick Fairley</u>
RE	93	Kyle Vanden Bosch	79	Willie Young	<u>69</u>	<u>Narada Williams</u>		
OLB	57	Justin Durant	59	Bobby Carpenter	<u>52</u>	<u>Doug Hogue</u>		
MLB	54	DeAndre Levy	58	Ashlee Palmer	<u>40</u>	<u>Dejuan Fulghum</u>		
OLB	55	Stephen Tulloch	50	Isaiah Ekejiuba	53	Caleb Campbell	<u>46</u>	<u>Cobrani Mixon</u>
LCB	23	Chris Houston	<u>27</u>	<u>Alphonso Smith</u>	32	Aaron Berry	35	Anthony Madison
RCB	21	Eric Wright	30	Nathan Vasher	33	Brandon McDonald	36	Paul Pratt
							38	Prince Miller
SS	42	Amari Spivey	24	Erik Coleman	<u>39</u>	<u>Ricardo Silva</u>	34	Aaron Francisco
FS	26	Louis Delmas	29	John Wendling	45	Michael Johnson		

### SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	4	Jason Hanson	3	Dave Rayner				
P	2	Nick Harris	<u>6</u>	<u>Ryan Donahue</u>				
H	2	Nick Harris	<u>6</u>	<u>Ryan Donahue</u>				
LS	48	Don Muhlbach						
PR	11	Stefan Logan	13	Nate Burleson	86	Nate Hughes	<u>19</u>	<u>Marcus Harris</u>
							18	Tim Toone
KR	11	Stefan Logan	21	Aaron Brown	86	Nate Hughes	38	Prince Miller
							18	Tim Toone

*Italics indicate injured player; Underline indicates rookie player*

### Practice Squad:

Reserve/Injured: S Randy Phillips, RB Mikel Leshoure,

Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform:

Practice Squad Reserve/Injured:

### 2011 DETROIT LIONS COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Jim Schwartz

Gunther Cunningham (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator)

Scott Linehan (Offensive Coordinator)

Danny Crossman (Special Teams Coordinator)

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2011 DETROIT LIONS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

Updated: August 23, 2011

Table with columns: No., Name, Pos, Ht, Wt, Age, Birthdate, Exp, College, Hometown, How Acq, G, S, DNP, I. Contains roster data for players from No. 25 to 34, including Leshoure, Mikel, and Phillips, Randy.

RESERVE/INJURED

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# 2011 DETROIT LIONS POSITION-BY-POSITION ROSTER

Updated: Aug. 23, 2011

## OFFENSE

### Quarterbacks

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
14	Hill, Shaun	QB	6-3	220	31	10	Maryland
10	Robinson, Zac	QB	6-3	218	24	2	Oklahoma State
9	Stafford, Matthew	QB	6-3	232	23	3	Georgia
5	Stanton, Drew	QB	6-3	230	27	5	Michigan State

### Running Backs

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
43	Bell, Mike	RB	6-0	225	28	7	Arizona
44	Best, Jahvid	RB	5-10	199	22	2	California
21 b	Brown, Aaron	RB	6-1	205	25	3	Texas Christian
36 b	Harrison, Jerome	RB	5-9	205	28	7	Washington State
41	Johnson, Ian	RB	5-11	212	25	1	Boise State
28	Morris, Maurice	RB	5-11	216	31	10	Oregon
35	Clapp, Matt	FB	6-2	246	24	1	Oklahoma
45	Felton, Jerome	FB	6-0	246	25	4	Furman

### Wide Receivers

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
12	Barnes, Dominique	WR	5-11	185	22	R	Youngstown State
87	Ballard, Demario	WR	6-6	220	27	R	Western Oregon
13	Burleson, Nate	WR	6-0	198	29	9	Nevada
82	Davis, Rashied	WR	5-9	187	32	7	San Jose State
19	Harris, Marcus	WR	6-1	185	22	R	Murray State
86	Hughes, Nate	WR	6-2	195	26	2	Alcorn State
81	Johnson, Calvin	WR	6-5	236	25	5	Georgia Tech
11	Logan, Stefan	WR	5-6	180	30	3	South Dakota
80	Stovall, Maurice	WR	5-5	220	26	6	Notre Dame
18	Toone, Tim	WR	5-10	185	26	1	Weber State
15	Williams, Derrick	WR	5-11	197	25	3	Penn State
16	Young, Titus	WR	5-11	174	22	R	Boise State

### Tight Ends

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
46 b	Dickson, Richard	TE	6-2	245	23	1	Louisiana State
40 b	Finley, Joe Jon	TE	6-6	251	26	1	Oklahoma
89	Heller, Will	TE	6-6	275	30	10	Georgia Tech
84	Pettigrew, Brandon	TE	6-5	265	26	3	Oklahoma State
47	Robinson, Gijon	TE	6-1	255	26	4	Missouri Western St.
85	Scheffler, Tony	TE	6-5	255	28	6	Western Michigan

### Offensive Line

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
65	Gandy, Dylan	C/G	6-3	295	29	6	Texas Tech
64	Gerberry, Dan	C	6-3	302	25	1	Ball State
51	Raiola, Dominic	C	6-1	295	32	11	Nebraska
68	Niswanger, Rudy	G/C	6-5	301	28	6	Louisiana State
63	Niland, Greg	G	6-5	305	22	R	Massachusetts
66	Peterman, Stephen	G	6-4	323	29	7	Louisiana State
67	Sims, Rob	G	6-3	312	27	6	Ohio State
74	Thomas, Donald	G	6-4	310	25	4	Connecticut
76	Backus, Jeff	T	6-5	305	33	11	Michigan
62	Chambers, Kirk	T	6-7	315	32	7	Stanford
77	Cherilus, Gosder	T	6-7	325	27	4	Boston College
72	Culbreath, Johnny	T	6-5	322	23	R	South Carolina State
70	Fox, Jason	T	6-6	314	23	2	Miami (Fla.)
78	Hilliard, Corey	T	6-6	300	26	5	Oklahoma State

### RESERVE/INJURED

25	Leshoure, Mikel	RB	6-0	233	23	R	Illinois
34	Phillips, Randy	S	6-1	210	24	1	Miami (Fla.)

## DEFENSE

### Defensive Line

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
92	Avril, Cliff	DE	6-3	260	25	4	Purdue
75	Dawson, Keyunta	DE	6-3	254	25	5	Texas Tech
94	Jackson, Lawrence	DE	6-4	271	25	3	Southern California
93	Vander Bosch, Kyle	DE	6-4	278	32	11	Nebraska
69	Williams, Narada	DE	6-3	245	25	R	Fort Valley State
79	Young, Willie	DE	6-4	251	25	2	North Carolina State
61	Callaway, Robert	DT	6-5	312	23	1	Saginaw Valley State
98	Fairley, Nick	DT	6-4	298	23	R	Auburn
96	Fluellen, Andre	DT	6-2	302	26	4	Florida State
91	Hill, Sammie	DT	6-4	329	24	3	Stillman
95	Pittcock, Quinn	DT	6-2	299	27	2	Ohio State
97	Stanley, Montavious	DT	6-2	302	29	5	Louisville
90	Suh, Ndamukong	DT	6-4	307	24	2	Nebraska
99	Williams, Corey	DT	6-4	320	30	8	Arkansas State

### Linebackers

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
53	Campbell, Caleb	LB	6-2	237	25	1	Army
59	Carpenter, Bobby	LB	6-2	249	28	6	Ohio State
57	Durant, Justin	LB	6-1	240	25	5	Hampton
50	Ekejiuba, Isaiah	LB	6-4	240	29	7	Virginia
40 w	Fulghum, Dejuan	LB	6-1	220	22	R	Texas Southern
52	Hogue, Doug	LB	6-2	266	22	R	Syracuse
54	Levy, DeAndre	LB	6-2	238	24	3	Wisconsin
46 w	Mixon, Cobrani	LB	6-1	240	23	R	Kent State
58	Palmer, Ashlee	LB	6-1	236	25	3	Mississippi
55	Tulloch, Stephen	LB	5-11	240	26	6	North Carolina State

### Defensive Backs

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
32	Berry, Aaron	CB	5-11	180	23	2	Pittsburgh
23	Houston, Chris	CB	5-11	178	26	5	Arkansas
35w	Madison, Anthony	CB	5-9	180	29	6	Alabama
33	McDonald, Brandon	CB	5-10	185	25	5	Memphis
38	Miller, Prince	CB	5-9	198	23	2	Georgia
36 w	Pratt, Paul	CB	5-10	185	26	1	Nevada-Reno
27	Smith, Alphonso	CB	5-9	190	25	3	Wake Forest
42	Spievey, Amari	CB	5-11	195	23	2	Iowa
30	Vasher, Nathan	CB	5-11	185	29	8	Texas
21 w	Wright, Eric	CB	5-10	190	26	5	Nevada-Las Vegas
24	Coleman, Erik	S	5-10	207	29	9	Washington State
26	Delmas, Louis	S	5-11	202	24	3	Western Michigan
34	Francisco, Aaron	S	6-2	207	28	7	Brigham Young
45w	Johnson, Michael	S	6-2	207	27	5	Arizona
39	Silva, Ricardo	S	6-3	225	23	R	Hampton
29	Wendling, John	S	6-1	222	28	5	Wyoming

### SPECIAL TEAMS

#### Specialists

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
4	Hanson, Jason	K	6-0	190	41	20	Washington State
3	Rayner, Dave	K	6-2	215	28	5	Michigan State
6	Donohue, Ryan	P	6-3	190	23	R	Iowa
2	Harris, Nick	P	6-2	218	33	11	California
48	Muhlback, Don	LS	6-4	265	29	8	Texas A&M

### 2011 DETROIT LIONS ROSTER

OFFENSE	NO.	DEFENSE	NO.
Quarterbacks	4	Defensive Line	14
Running Backs	9	Defensive End	6
Running Backs	7	Defensive Tackle	8
Fullbacks	2	Linebackers	10
Wide Receivers	12	Defensive Backs	16
Tight Ends	6	Cornerbacks	10
Offensive Linemen	14	Safeties	6
Centers	3	TOTALS	40
Guards	5		
Tackles	6	ROSTER TOTALS	90
TOTALS	45		

### SPECIAL TEAMS

Kickers	2	Practice Squad	0
Punters	2	Reserve/PUP	0
Long Snappers	1	Reserve/Injured	2
TOTALS	5	PS Reserve/Injured	0

# LIONS ROSTER MOVES

## JUNE 2010

- June 3.....Lions release CB Jahi Word-Daniels.  
June 17.....Lions claim K Justin Medlock from the Washington Redskins.  
June 23.....Lions release LS Sam Scroggins and claim LB Lee Campbell from the New York Giants.  
June 25.....Lions sign T Jason Fox and release WR Marko Mitchell.  
June 29.....Lions release K Jason Medlock and G Kurt Quarterman.  
June 30.....Lions sign K Aaron Pettrey, CB Amari Splevey and DE Willie Young.

## JULY 2010

- July 1.....Lions sign WR Tim Toone and claim DT Leger Douzable from the St. Louis Rams.  
July 2.....Lions sign CB Dre' Bly, release T Kirk Barton and CB Paul Pratt and place DE Copeland Bryan on reserve/injured list.  
July 13.....Lions release S Daniel Bullocks and sign draft choice DE Willie Young.  
July 30.....Lions agree to terms with RB Jahvid Best on five-year deal.  
July 31.....The Detroit Lions sign LB Isaiah Ekejiuba and released LB Lee Campbell.

## AUG. 2010

- Aug. 4.....Lions sign first-round draft selection DT Ndamukong Suh. The Lions also sign S Randy Phillips and release DT Leger Douzable and S Marquand Manuel.  
Aug. 7.....Lions signed DB Paul Pratt and release DT Rob Callaway.  
Aug. 9.....Lions release DT Joe Cohen and re-sign DT Rob Callaway.  
Aug. 16.....Lions place LB Jordan Dizon on injured/reserve and re-sign LB Lee Campbell. The Lions also release DE Jason Hunter.  
Aug. 17.....Lions release TE Richard Dickson and sign DE Corey Bosworth and DB Jahi Word-Daniels.  
Aug. 18.....Lions claim K Steven Hauschka from the Atlanta Falcons and release FB Matt Clapp, S Marvin White and DB Jahi-Word Daniels. The Lions also sign CB T.J. Rushing.  
Aug. 19.....Lions trade for DE Lawrence Jackson and claim DB David Roach.  
Aug. 20.....Lions sign G Noah Franklin and release G Roy Schuening.  
Aug. 23.....Lions release WR Contrevious Parks.  
Aug. 24.....Lions picked up T Cliff Louis from the New York Giants.  
Aug. 25.....Lions claim T Tyler Polunbus and release from the Denver Broncos and waived/injured G Trevor Canfield.  
Aug. 27.....Lions claim DT Jaron Baston and DS John Wendling and have placed DE Jared DeVries on Injured Reserve and also waived/injured DB David Roach.  
Aug. 30.....Lions sign LB Rocky Boiman; release WR Eric Fowler, LB Lee Campbell and DE Chima Ihekwoaba; waived/injured FB Jake Nordin.  
Aug. 31.....Lions trade T Tyler Polunbus to Seattle for a 2012 draft pick and place CB Jack Williams on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform List.

## SEPT. 2010

- Sept. 3.....Lions release DT Jaron Baston.  
Sept. 4.....Lions release the following players: CB Dre' Bly, DE Corey Bosworth, DT Rob Callaway, LB Caleb Campbell, LB Vinny Curcio, WR Brian Clark, DT Landon Cohen, RB DeDe Dorsey, G Noah Franklin, C Dan Gerberry, K Steven Hauschka, CB Jonathan Hefney, T Jon Jensen, CB Eric King, T Cliff Louis, WR Michael Moore, CB Paul Pratt, CB T.J. Rushing, WR Tim Toone and S Ko Simpson, CB Dante Wesley.  
Sept. 5.....Lions release LB Rocky Boiman and WR Dennis Northcutt.  
Sept. 6.....Lions claim LB Spencer Hawner and RS Stefan Logan and trade TE Dan Gronkowski to the Denver Broncos for CB Alphonso Smith. The Lions and Broncos also exchanged undisclosed 2011 draft picks.  
Sept. 8.....Lions sign TE Joe Jon Finley to the practice squad.  
Sept. 14.....Lions sign CB Nathan Vasher and place CB Aaron Berry on Injured Reserve.  
Sept. 21.....Lions sign C Cody Wallace to the practice squad and release DB Jonathan Hefney from the practice squad.  
Sept. 30.....Lions sign S Dante Wesley and release S Randy Phillips.

## OCT. 2010

- Oct. 2.....Lions sign S Randy Phillips to the practice squad and release S Cody Wallace from the practice squad.  
Oct. 5.....Lions release G Manny Ramirez.  
Oct. 6.....Lions claim T Jamon Meredith from the Buffalo Bills.  
Oct. 7.....Lions sign WR Atric Arnett to the practice squad and place WR Tim Toone on Practice Squad Reserve/Injured.  
Oct. 14.....Lions release LB Spencer Hawner and sign LB Vinny Curcio.  
Oct. 16.....Lions waive T Jamon Meredith and activate DB Paul Pratt from the practice squad to the active roster.  
Oct. 19.....Lions release DB Paul Pratt and DB Dante Wesley.  
Oct. 20.....Lions sign LB Bobby Carpenter, sign C Cody Wallace from the New York Jets practice squad, and sign DB Paul Pratt to the practice squad.  
Oct. 27.....Lions place LB Zack Follett on Injured Reserve.  
Oct. 28.....Lions claim CB Brandon McDonald off waivers from the Arizona Cardinals.

## NOV. 2010

- Nov. 9.....Lions release DB Jonathan Wade and C Cody Wallace, sign K Dave Rayner and claim QB Zac Robinson from the Seattle Seahawks. DB Jack Williams remains on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform.  
Nov. 20.....Lions place RB Kevin Smith on Injured Reserve and sign LB Caleb Campbell from the practice squad to the active roster.  
Nov. 23.....Lions release LB Caleb Campbell and sign G Donald Thomas.  
Nov. 24.....Lions re-sign LB Caleb Campbell to the practice squad.

## DEC. 2010

- Dec. 1.....Lions place K Jason Hanson on Injured Reserve and sign CB Tye Hill.  
Dec. 8.....Lions place CB Alphonso Smith and DE Kyle Vanden Bosch on Injured Reserve and sign CB Prince Miller from the Baltimore Ravens practice squad.  
Dec. 9.....Lions claim DE Barry Turner from the Chicago Bears.  
Dec. 10.....Lions place WR Derrick Williams on Injured Reserve and sign WR Brian Clark.  
Dec. 11.....Lions place LB Isaiah Ekejiuba on Injured Reserve and sign T Tony Ugho.  
Dec. 14.....Lions place DB Brandon McDonald on Injured Reserve, sign LB Caleb

Campbell from the Practice Squad, and sign WR Roy Hall to the Practice Squad.

- Dec. 15.....Lions place T Gosder Cherilus on Injured Reserve.  
Dec. 16.....Lions claim DB Eric King off waivers from the Cleveland Browns.  
Dec. 24.....Lions place QB Matthew Stafford on Injured Reserve and activate S Randy Phillips from the practice squad to the active roster.  
Dec. 30.....Lions place LB Landon Johnson on Injured Reserve, sign DB Paul Pratt from the practice squad to the active roster, and release WR Michael Moore from the practice squad.

## JAN. 2011

- Jan. 3.....Lions re-sign G Rob Callaway, TE Jon Joe Finley, C Dan Gerberry, RB Ian Johnson, WR Michael Moore and WR Tim Toone.  
Jan. 31.....Lions sign FB Matt Clapp.

## FEBRUARY 2011

- Feb. 1.....The Lions sign RB Matt Clapp for the 2011 season.  
Feb. 11.....The Lions release G Trevor Canfield.  
Feb. 14.....The Lions release CB Eric King.  
Feb. 23.....The Lions sign S Erik Coleman.

## MAR. 2011

- Mar. 4.....The Lions re-sign CB Nathan Vasher and release LB Julian Peterson.

## JULY 2011

- July 29.....The Lions sign the following 2011 draft choices: T Johnny Culbreath, DT Nick Fairley, LB Doug Hogue, RB Mikel Leshoure and WR Titus Young.  
July 29.....The Detroit Lions sign the following rookie free agents: LB Daunte Akra, WR Demario Ballard, WR Dominique Barnes, DB Brandon Bufford, LB Quentin Davie, TE Preston Dial, P Ryan Donahue, DE Juan Fulghum, WR Marcus Harris, OL Pat Illig, WR Jared Jenkins, DB Marquise Liverpool, OL Jeff Maddux, LB Cobrani Mixon, DB Jamal Robinson, DB Ricardo Silva, DB Brandon Stephens and DE Narada Williams  
July 29.....The Lions released LB Jordan Dizon and WR Bryant Johnson.  
July 29.....The Lions sign the following unrestricted free agents: WR Rashied Davis, LB Justin Durant, C Dylan Gandy, K Dave Rayner, QB Drew Stanton and S John Wendling.  
July 29.....The Lions sign free agents CB Maurice Leggett and DT Quinn Pitcock; the Lions also sign restricted free agents: FB Jerome Felton and DT Andre Fluellen  
July 29.....The Lions sign exclusive rights players: LB Corey Bosworth, LB Caleb Campbell, T Corey Hilliard, WR Stefan Logan, CB Prince Miller, LB Ashlee Palmer, S Randy Phillips and CB Paul Pratt.  
July 29.....The Lions place T Jeff Backus and CB Alphonso Smith on the Active/Non-Football Injury List.  
July 30.....The Lions sign unrestricted free agents CB Brandon McDonald and CB Eric Wright and release CB Marquis Liverpool.

## AUG. 2011

- Aug. 1.....The Lions sign unrestricted free agent LB Stephen Tulloch.  
Aug. 2.....The Lions sign WR Maurice Stovall and release LB Zack Follett and WR Jared Jenkins.  
Aug. 3.....The Lions release LB Corey Bosworth, LB Zack Follett and CB Jack Williams and sign DE Greg Banks.  
Aug. 4.....The Lions sign LB Bobby Carpenter, CB Chris Houston, DE Cliff Avril and T Isaac Sowells and release CB Brandon Bufford, G Pat Illig, WR Michael Moore and CB Brandon Stephens.  
Aug. 4.....The Lions claimed WR Nate Hughes (Jacksonville) and G Greg Niland (Arizona) from waivers.  
Aug. 8.....The Lions release LB Daunte Akra, DE Greg Banks and CB Jamal Robinson and sign DE Keyunta Dawson and DT Montavious Stanley.  
Aug. 9.....The Lions sign RB Mike Bell and RB Jerome Harrison, release FB Preston Dial and waive/injure CB Maurice Leggett.  
Aug. 10.....The Lions sign S Michael Johnson and C Rudy Niswanger and release LB Quentin Davie.  
Aug. 11.....The Lions sign T Kirk Chambers and waived/injured G Jeff Maddux.  
Aug. 13.....The Lions place RB Mikel Leshoure on the reserve/injured list.  
Aug. 14.....The Lions sign CB Anthony Madison and release T Tony Ugho.  
Aug. 16.....The Lions sign DB Aaron Francisco  
Aug. 21.....The Lions place S Randy Phillips on Reserve/Injured and release T Isaac Sowells.  
Aug. 22.....The Lions sign TE Gijon Robinson

**2011 DETROIT LIONS PRESEASON STATISTICS**

Won 2, Lost 0

Date	W-L	Score	OT	Opponent	Attendance
08/12	W	34-3		Cincinnati at Cleveland	42,768
08/19	W	30-28		New England at Buffalo	56,004
08/27					
09/01					

**Team Stats**

	Det	Opp
Total First Downs	42	29
Rushing	13	7
Passing	26	15
Penalty	3	7
3rd Down: Made/Att	10/29	6/23
3rd Down Pct.	34.5	26.1
4th Down: Made/Att	1/2	0/1
4th Down Pct.	50.0	0.0
Possession Avg.	34:39	25:22
Total Net Yards	757	476
Avg. Per Game	378.5	238.0
Total Plays	141	105
Avg. Per Play	5.4	4.5
Net Yards Rushing	246	205
Avg. Per Game	123.0	102.5
Total Rushes	78	43
Net Yards Passing	511	271
Avg. Per Game	255.5	135.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	1/4	1/6
Gross Yards	515	277
Att./Completions	62/42	61/35
Completion Pct.	67.7	57.4
Had Intercepted	0	2
Punts/Average	10/41.6	13/47.3
Net Punting Avg.	10/32.9	13/43.2
Penalties/Yards	20/197	16/137
Fumbles/Ball Lost	4/1	4/3
Touchdowns	7	4
Rushing	1	1
Passing	6	3
Returns	0	0

**Score By Periods**

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
Team	24	13	7	20	0	64
Opponents	7	17	7	0	0	31

**Scoring**

	TD	Ru	Rec	Ret	PAT	FG	S	Pts
Hanson	0	0	0	0	4/4	3/3	0	13
Burleson	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Rayner	0	0	0	0	3/3	2/2	0	9
Finley	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Sh. Hill	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	6
Hughes	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
C. Johnson	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
Stovall	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
<b>Team</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>7/7</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4/4</b>	<b>1/2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>31</b>

2-Pt Conv: Team: 0-0; Opponent: 0-0

Sacks: C. Williams 1, Team 1, OPP 1

FUM/Lost: Bell 1/0, Best 1/1, M.Harris 1/0, Stanton 1/0

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
I. Johnson	16	55	3.4	19	0
Bell	16	38	2.4	9	0
Harrison	12	35	2.9	7	0
A. Brown	10	32	3.2	17	0
Burleson	1	26	26.0	26	0
Felton	2	20	10.0	16	0
Hughes	1	12	12.0	12	0
Best	6	11	1.8	7	0
Sh. Hill	2	8	4.0	7t	1
Z. Robinson	10	6	0.6	14	0
Stanton	2	3	1.5	3	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>246</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>205</b>	<b>4.8</b>	<b>81t</b>	<b>1</b>

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
A. Brown	6	61	10.2	16	0
Heller	5	38	7.6	15	0
Stovall	4	67	16.8	35	1
Burleson	4	51	12.8	30	2
Finley	3	35	11.7	20t	1
Scheffler	3	34	11.3	18	0
Best	3	26	8.7	10	0
C. Johnson	2	37	18.5	26t	1
Dickson	2	30	15.0	22	0
Hughes	2	28	14.0	28t	1
Bell	2	14	7.0	11	0
D. Williams	1	32	32.0	32	0
Pettigrew	1	27	27.0	27	0
Felton	1	17	17.0	17	0
Davis	1	10	10.0	10	0
Toone	1	10	10.0	10	0
Harrison	1	-2	-2.0	-2	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>7.9</b>	<b>21t</b>	<b>3</b>

**Interceptions**

	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Houston	1	0	0.0	0	0
Silva	1	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>0</b>

**Punting**

	Pnt	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
Donahue	6	253	42.2	34.3	1	2	56	0
N. Harris	4	163	40.8	30.8	1	1	54	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>416</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>615</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>43.2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>0</b>

**Punt Returns**

	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Hughes	4	1	8	2.0	8	0
M. Harris	1	0	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Toone	1	0	6	6.0	6	0
Logan	0	1	0	---	---	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>11.8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>0</b>

**Kickoff Returns**

	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Hughes	1	24	24.0	24	0
Logan	1	31	31.0	31	0
<b>Team</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>27.5</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>0</b>

**Field Goals**

	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Hanson	0/0	1/1	1/1	1/1	0/0
Rayner	0/0	0/0	0/0	2/2	0/0
<b>Team</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>3/3</b>	<b>0/0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>1/1</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>0/1</b>	<b>0/0</b>
Hanson: (37G); Rayner: (44G) (48G)					
<b>Team: (37G, 44G) (25G, 49G, 48G)</b>					
<b>Opponent: (27G, 42N)</b>					

**Passing**

	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Avg	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lg	Sk/Y	Rtg
Stanton	23	13	190	56.5	8.26	2	8.7	0	0.0	35	0/0	112.6
Sh. Hill	17	13	116	76.5	6.82	0	0.0	0	0.0	18	1/4	94.2
Stafford	17	12	156	70.6	9.18	3	17.6	0	0.0	30	0/0	138.7
Z. Robinson	5	4	53	80.0	10.60	1	20.0	0	0.0	28t	0/0	150.4
<b>Team</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>67.7</b>	<b>8.31</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9.7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>1/4</b>	<b>125.4</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>4.54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>21t</b>	<b>1/6</b>	<b>71.6</b>

**2011 DETROIT LIONS PRESEASON STATISTICS**

*Based on Press Box Statistics as of August 19, 2011*

DEFENSE	TT	ST	AT	Sk	SkY	Int	IntY	PD	FF	FR	Saf
Carpenter, Bobby	11	5	6	0	0						
McDonald, Brandon	9	7	2	0	0	0	0	1			
Silva, Ricardo	8	6	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	
Spievey, Amari	6	5	1	0	0						
Young, Willie	6	3	3	0	0						
Calloway, Robert	4	4	0	0	0				1	0	
Hogue, Doug	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Miller, Prince	4	2	2	0	0				1	1	
Tulloch, Stephen	4	2	2	0	0						
Delmas, Louis	3	2	1	0	0						
Durant, Justin	3	2	1	0	0						
Levy, DeAndre	2	2	0	0	0						
Mixon, Cobrani	2	2	0	0	0						
Williams, Corey	2	2	0	1	6						
Avril, Cliff	2	1	1	0	0						
Campbell, Caleb	2	1	1	0	0						
Jackson, Lawrence	2	1	1	0	0						
Vasher, Nathan	2	1	1	0	0						
Dawson, Keyunta	2	0	2	0	0						
Stanley, Montavious	3	1	2	0	0						
Fulghum, Dejuan	2	2	0	0	0						
Palmer, Ashlee	1	1	0	0	0						
Pratt, Paul	1	1	0	0	0						
Wendling, John	1	1	0	0	0						
Johnson, Michael	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Suh, Ndamukong	1	0	1	0	0						
Williams, Narada	1	0	1	0	0						
Berry, Aaron	0	0	0	0	0						
Coleman, Erik	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	
Ekejuba, Isaiah	0	0	0	0	0						
Fairley, Nick	0	0	0	0	0						
Fluellen, Andre	0	0	0	0	0						
Hill, Sammie	0	0	0	0	0						
Houston, Chris	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2			
Madison, Anthony	0	0	0	0	0						
Muhlbach, Don	0	0	0	0	0						
Phillips, Randy	0	0	0	0	0						
Pitcock, Quinn	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1			
Smith, Alphonso	0	0	0	0	0						
VandenBosch, Kyle	0	0	0	0	0						
Wright, Eric	0	0	0	0	0						
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Opponents</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

Special Teams	TT	ST	AT	FF	FR	Bl-XP	Bl-FG	Bl-Pnt	TD	Saf
Coleman, Erik	3	3	0							
Barnes, Dominique	1	1	0							
Ekejuba, Isaiah	1	1	0	1	0					
Fulghum, Dejuan	1	1	0							
Miller, Prince	1	1	0							
Clapp, Matt	1	1	0							
Harrison, Jerome	1	1	0							
Francisco, Aaron	1	1	0							
Davis, Rashied				0	1					
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>					
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>					

MISCELLANEOUS	TT	ST	AT	FF	FR	Saf
Hilliard, Corey	1	1	0	0	0	
Bell, Mike	0	0	0	0	1	
Harrison, Jerome	0	0	0	0	1	
<b>LIONS</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	
<b>Opponent</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	

Game	Date	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS			MARGIN		
		W/L	Int	Fum	Tot	Int	Fum		Tot	
CINCINNATI	8/12	W	2	1	3	0	0	0	3	3
at Cleveland	8/19	W	0	2	2	0	1	1	1	4
NEW ENGLAND	8/27				0			0	0	4
at Buffalo	9/1				0			0	0	4
<b>Totals</b>			<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>



**PRESEASON GAME #1**

LIONS 34, BENGALS 3  
 FORD FIELD, AUGUST 12, 2011  
 ATTENDANCE: 42,768

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
CINCINNATI BENGALS	0	3	0	0	-	3
DETROIT LIONS	14	10	0	10	-	34

LIONS.....C. Johnson 26 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)  
 LIONS.....Burleson 7 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)  
 BENGALS.....Nugent 27 yd. Field Goal  
 LIONS.....S. Hill 7 yd. run (Hanson kick)  
 LIONS.....Hanson 37 yd. Field Goal  
 LIONS.....N. Hughes 28 yd. pass from Robinson (Rayner kick)  
 LIONS.....Rayner 44 yd. Field Goal

	BENGALS	LIONS
First Downs	14	18
Total Net Yards	205	350
Net Yards Rushing	70	70
Net Yards Passing	135	280
(Att/Comp/Int)	31-19-2	33-23-0
Punts-Average	5-50.6	5-42.2
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	1-0
Sacks-Yards	0-0	1-6
Penalties-Yards	4-9	6-74
Time of Possession	27:34	32:26

**RUSHING**

BENGALS: Benson 6-37; Finley 7-15; Leonard 4-10; Griffin 2-8; Williams 2-0.  
 LIONS: Johnson 9-21; Brown 4-21; Best 4-12; Harrison 6-8; Hill 1-7, 1TD;  
 Bell 5-5; Robinson 4(-4)

**PASSING**

BENGALS: Dalton 15-11, 69, 0 TD, 1 INT; Gradkowski 11-6 58 OTD, 0 INT,  
 Palmer 4-1, 7, 0 TD, 1 INT; LeFevour 1-1, 7, 0 TD, 0 INT  
 LIONS: Stafford 7-6, 71, 2 TD, 0 INT; Stanton 15-7, 110 0 TD, 0 INT; Hill  
 9-8, 63, 0 TD, 0 INT; Robinson 2-2 36, 1 TD, 0 INT

**RECEIVING**

BENGALS: Shipley 4-37; Green 4-29; Finley 3-14; Standeford 2-25; Simpson  
 2-17; Coffman 1-9; Williams 1-7; Gresham 1-3; Scaife 1-0  
 LIONS: Brown 5-49; Scheffler 3-34; Heller 3-21; Johnson 2-37, 1 TD; Best  
 2-17; Burleson 2-17, 1 TD; Williams 1-32; Hughes 1-28, 1 TD; Dickson  
 1-22; Felton 1-17; Finley 1-8; Harrison 1(-2)

**SUMMARY**

The Lions opened their 2011 preseason with an impressive showing at Ford Field. Lions QB Matthew Stafford and the first-team offense got rolling on the very first possession of the game. The third-year signal-caller went 4-for-4 on the drive, concluding it with a 26-yard touchdown pass to his favorite target, WR Calvin Johnson, on a well-thrown back shoulder fade. On the subsequent kickoff, LB Isaiah Elejuba hit rookie returner John Griffin, causing a fumble and Lions WR Rashid Davis recovered the ball at the Bengals 16-yard line. Four plays later, on 4th and 1, Stafford hit WR Nate Burleson for a 7-yard score. Initially, the play was ruled incomplete, but Coach Jim Schwartz challenged the call and the replay showed that both of Burleson's feet were in bounds and he controlled the ball so the ruling was reversed. After the score, the Cincinnati offense, led by rookie QB Andy Dalton, finally got a chance to get on the field, but they did not stay on long. On the first play, Dalton threw a deep pass for fellow rookie, WR A.J. Green, but Lions CB Chris Houston picked it off. The Bengals would finally get on the board early in the second quarter on a 27-yard field goal by K Mike Nugent. On the next possession for the Lions, QB Shaun Hill, who took over for Stafford halfway through the first quarter, led the team on a 11 play, 77-yard drive resulting in a 7-yard TD scramble and flip by the quarterback. The Lions ended the first half in style as well as third QB Drew Stanton led a 2-minute drive that led to a last-second field goal by K Jason Hanson giving the Lions a 24-3 halftime edge. During the drive, Stanton connected on an 11 yard pass to RB Aaron Brown and a 32-yard grab by WR Derrick Williams. After another 15-yard catch and run by Brown, the Lions ran the field goal unit on with 0:13 remaining and successfully snapped the ball before time expired. The third quarter was dominated by the defenses as both teams did not get much going offensively. The fourth quarter, however, started with a big offensive play when the fourth Lions QB of the night, Zac Robinson, replaced Stanton and quickly found WR Nate Hughes on a 28-yard touchdown strike down the left sideline. Even with a comfortable 31-3 lead, the Lions defense did not ease up and caused a third Bengals' turnover when rookie S Ricardo Silva picked off Cincinnati QB Jordan Palmer at the Bengals 28-yard line. After three punts by Lions RB Ian Johnson, K Dave Rayner booted a 44-yard field goal to conclude the scoring.

**PRESEASON GAME #2**

LIONS 30, BROWNS 28  
 CLEVELAND BROWNS STADIUM, AUGUST 19, 2011  
 ATTENDANCE: 56,004

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	10	3	7	10	-	30
CLEVELAND BROWNS	7	14	7	0	-	28

BROWNS.....E. Moore 2 yd. pass from McCoy (Dawson kick)  
 LIONS.....Burleson 4 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)  
 LIONS.....Hanson 25 yd. Field Goal  
 BROWNS.....E. Moore 21 yd pass from McCoy (Dawson kick)  
 BROWNS.....Little 13 yd. pass from McCoy (Dawson kick)  
 LIONS.....Hanson 43 yd. Field Goal  
 BROWNS.....A. Smith 81 yd run (Dawson kick)  
 LIONS.....Stovall 7 yd. pass from Stanton (Rayner kick)  
 LIONS.....Finley 20 yd. pass from Stanton (Rayner kick)  
 LIONS.....Rayner 48 yd. Field Goal

	LIONS	BROWNS
First Downs	24	15
Total Net Yards	407	271
Net Yards Rushing	176	135
Net Yards Passing	231	136
(Att/Comp/Int)	29-19-0	30-16-0
Punts-Average	5-41.0	8-45.3
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	3-2
Sacks-Yards	0-0	1-4
Penalties-Yards	14-123	12-88
Time of Possession	36:51	23:09

**RUSHING**

LIONS: Johnson 7-34; Bell 11-33; Harrison 6-27; Burleson 1-26; Felton  
 2-20; Hughes 1-12; Brown 6-11; Robinson 6-3; Best 2(-1)  
 BROWNS: A. Smith 6-90 1 TD.; Jackson 8-19; Brown 2-9; Wallace 1-9;  
 Porter 4-5; McCoy 1-3

**PASSING**

LIONS: Stafford 10-6, 85, 1 TD; Hill 8-5, 53; Stanton 8-6, 80 2 TD;  
 Robinson 3-2 17

BROWNS: McCoy 18-10, 96, 3 TD; Wallace 8-6, 40; Brown 4-0, 0

**RECEIVING**

LIONS: Stovall 4-67, 1 TD; Burleson 2-34 1 TD; Finley 2-27, 1 TD; Heller  
 2-17; Bell 2-14; Pettigrew 1-27; Brown 1-12; Davis 1-10; Toone 1-10;  
 Best 1-8; Dickson 1-8  
 BROWNS: Moore 3-40 2 TD; Little 2-25 1 TD; Smith 2-10; Cameron  
 2-7; Windsor 1-14; Al. Smith 1-10; Porter 1-8; A. Smith 1-7; Marecic 1-6;  
 Jackson 1-5; Clutts 1-4

**SUMMARY**

The Lions went to Cleveland for the annual Great Lakes Classic preseason matchup with the Browns and overcame a 15-point deficit in the third quarter for a 30-28 victory. Following an early fumble by Lions RB Jahvid Best, the Browns' offense, led by second-year QB Colt McCoy, struck first with a 3-yard TD pass to TE Evan Moore. QB Matthew Stafford and the Lions' offense answered quickly with a tremendous 4-yard TD catch from WR Nate Burleson. For the second week in a row, Burleson was able to keep his feet in bounds on a tough catch for a score. He also helped set up the TD with a 26-yard reverse earlier in the drive. A 25-yard field goal by Lions K Jason Hanson would give Detroit a 10-7 lead entering the second quarter, but two more McCoy TD throws would give the Browns an advantage at the half. McCoy found Moore once again from 21-yards out early in the quarter and then WR Greg Little on a 10-yard strike on the next Cleveland possession giving the Browns a 21-10 edge. Another Hanson field goal, this one from 49 yards away cut the lead to eight at the half. The second-half began with some excitement for the hometown Browns fans as RB Armond Smith ran off left tackle 81 yards for a score. The rookie from Union College showed good speed outrunning the Lions secondary on his way to the end zone. On the next Cleveland possession, Smith would fumble a screen pass from QB Seneca Wallace and Lions S Ricardo Silva recovered the ball. Lions third QB Drew Stanton would find WR Maurice Stovall from 7 yards out to cut the deficit to eight, 28-20. Stanton to Stovall would be a popular connection as the QB would find his WR a couple more times in the third quarter, including a 35-yarder. Stovall would end the day as the Lions' leading receiver with four catches for 67 yards. The fourth quarter began with another Browns turnover as Lions' CB Prince Miller hit Armond Smith to cause another fumble. Miller would recover the ball, setting the Lions up in prime field position to cut into the Browns lead. It didn't take long for Detroit to strike, as Stanton hit TE Joe Jon Finley down the middle for a 20-yard score making it 28-27 Cleveland. On the next Lions possession, fourth QB Zac Robinson methodically took the turn down the field to set up a 48-yard field goal from K Dave Rayner, which turned out to be the game-winner.

