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CONNECTED CAREERS

What is Connected Careers?

Live the NFL dream—whenever you want, wherever you want in a fully interactive, social, and connected online experience. Create your personal legacy or relive an all-time legend's as you build the ultimate franchise as a coach, an NFL superstar, or yourself. Manage your team from your console, the web, or mobile phone in a 24/7 world as NFL insiders and experts analyze, praise, and criticize every move along the way.

Getting Started

You can choose to startup a Connected Career as a player or coach. In both cases, you then select whether or not you want to take over a current NFL player or coach, create a player, create yourself using EA SPORTS Game Face, or as a NFL Legend.

Backstories

When creating a player or coach in Connected Careers, you'll also select a backstory in order to distinguish them. This backstory will affect your character during your career so it's important to understand what each one does.

COACH BACKSTORIES

Motivator

You'll be cut from the same cloth as John Madden and Vince Lombardi. Your players will lay it all on the line for you and you'll attract free agents as well. Being a motivator will also give you a 25% discount on packages that increase a free agent's interest in signing with your team as well as 25% off packages to decrease the odds of a player retiring.

Strategist

You're one of the smartest men in football when it comes to the X's and O's, perhaps the next Bill Walsh. Being a strategist will give you a 25% discount on XP boost packages, the Coach XP package, discount packages which reduces the XP cost for your players, and the Predictability Package.

Team Builder

Being the head coach is only one of the hats you wear. Scouting and roster management are also key components of your abilities. Being a team builder will give you a 25% discount in packages that increase the interest of a player re-signing with you, the Expert Scout Package, and Trade Influence Package.

COACH LEVEL

Coach Progression

Each coach in Madden NFL 13 will have a Coach Level. It begins at Level 1 and will go up to Level 4. If you create a coach, you'll enter the league as a Level 1. This will give you easier team goals, but you'll be paying full price for packages. As you begin to have success, you'll begin to level up. A Level 4 coach will have extremely high team goals but will be able to purchase packages at a discounted price.

PLAYER BACKSTORIES

High Draft

You're essentially a first round draft pick. You'll come in with the highest ratings but will also have lofty goals that will be tougher to meet. Choosing this backstory gives you the quickest way to crack the starting lineup and contribute right away.

Low Draft

You've been drafted near the end of the draft. You'll have mediocre ratings and will have to really excel in practice and in the pre-season just to earn a few snaps in your first year. However, your goals will not be set quite as high. Choosing this backstory makes it less likely to see significant playing time in year one, but has the chance to develop later on.

Undrafted

You've been completely ignored and were not selected in the draft. Your ratings will be much lower than the other backstories and you'll have to scratch and claw for every piece of XP you can get. Choosing the backstory will provide the toughest grind and you can expect to not see much playing time in the first season.

NEW RATINGS

About

Five brand new ratings are introduced in Connected Careers and play a big role. These ratings give each team an authentic identity to who they are and how they construct their football team. It will be important to understand what these new ratings do and how they are calculated. These new ratings do not affect your player on the field but instead are used to help shape the personality of each NFL organization.

Physical Rating

Calculated from a player's physical ratings, player type and position. For example, a WR's physical rating would weigh heavier on speed, agility, jumping and catching where as an offensive lineman is weighed on run, pass, and impact blocking.

Intangible Rating

Calculated off of a player's intangible ratings. Player type and position are also taken into consideration. For example, a QB's intangible rating would be weighed heavier on short, medium, and deep accuracy while a defensive end is weighed on block shedding, power, and finesse moves.

NEW RATINGS

Size Rating

Calculated from the height and weight of a player while also factoring in the position and player type of that individual. For example, a Power RB who is 6'0", 247lbs, would have a 99 size rating. But if he were a Speed HB, his size grade would be considerably lower.

Production Rating

Calculated from the player's season and career stats, position and age. It is important to understand that a rookie will enter with a production rating of 0. That will increase as he begins to produce on the field.

Durability Rating

Calculated from a player's durability rating. Injury, stamina, and toughness are all factored in when determining the durability rating. The age and position of a player are taken into consideration as well.

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

About

It is important to understand the scheme in which your team runs and what player type they look for at a specific position. Since each NFL team evaluates players differently, it'll be essential to know what peaks their interest and in turn, value you even higher. For example, if you're a receiving back looking to crack into the Arizona Cardinals starting lineup, you may find yourself buried on the depth chart. The Cardinals are a Power Run offense, looking for a Power HB. Your overall rating will be lower in that system than it will be in Miami, who is looking for a Receiving HB.

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Player Types

Quarterbacks

Strong Arm QB: Elite Arm Strength

West Coast QB: Short Accuracy and Mobility

Field General QB: High Awareness, Throw on the Run, Play Action

Balanced QB: Decent Arm Strength, Speed and Acceleration

Pocket Passer QB: High Accuracy and Arm Strength

Halfbacks

Balanced HB: Decent Speed and Acceleration

Power Back HB: Strength and Trucking

Speed Back HB: Speed and Acceleration

Receiving Back HB: Elusiveness and Catching

One Cut HB: Acceleration and Ball Carrier Vision

Fullbacks

Runner Receiver FB: Catching, Speed, and Ball Carrier Vision

Blocking FB: Strength, Run and Impact Blocking

Balanced FB: Decent Speed, Agility, and Run Blocking

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Player Types

Wide Receivers

Possession WR: Catch in Traffic

Red Zone Threat: Spectacular Catch and Catch in Traffic

Route Runner: Agility and Route Running

Balanced WR: Decent Speed Acceleration and Agility

Speed WR: Speed and Acceleration

Tight Ends

Balanced TE: Decent Speed Acceleration and Agility

Blocking TE: Impact, Run and Pass Blocking

Vertical Threat: Speed, Agility, and Route Running

Receiver TE: Catching and Route Running

Offensive Linemen

Run Blocker OL: Run Blocking, Strength, and Acceleration

Big Mauler OL: Run Blocking, Strength, and Impact Blocking

Zone Blocking OL: Run Blocking, Agility, and Acceleration

Balanced: Decent Strength, Awareness, Pass and Run Blocking

Pass Blocker: Pass Blocking, Strength, and Awareness

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Player Types

Defensive Ends

Balanced 4-3 DE: Decent Speed, Power and Finesse Moves

4-3 Run Stopper: Strength, Block Shedding and Tackling

3-4 Run Stopper: Strength, Pursuit and Tackling

3-4 Versatile: Decent Physical and Intangible Ratings

Speed Rusher: Speed Acceleration and Pass Rushing

Defensive Tackles

Pass Rusher DT: Acceleration and Pass Rushing

Prototype DT: Agility, Strength, and Acceleration

Nose Tackle DT: Strength and Tackling

Run Stopper: Strength, Block Shedding, and Tackling

Balanced DT: Decent Physical and Intangible Ratings

Line Backers

Cover 2 LB: Zone Coverage Decent Speed and Agility

Run Stopper LB: Block Shedding Pursuit and Tackling

3-4 Pass Rusher LB: Acceleration and Pass Rushing

Prototype LB: Speed Agility, and Acceleration

Balanced LB: Decent Speed, Acceleration, and Agility

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Player Types

Corner Backs

Man to Man CB: Man Coverage, Speed, Acceleration, and Agility
Run Support: Press Coverage, Tackling, Decent Speed and Agility
Balanced CB: Decent Speed, Agility, Man and Zone Coverage
Prototype CB: Speed, Strength, and Acceleration
Zone CB: Zone Coverage and Play Recognition

Safeties

Zone Safety: Zone Coverage and Play Recognition
Playmaker: Pursuit, Play Recognition, and Awareness
Balanced Safety: Speed, Agility, Coverage and Tackling
Prototype Safety: Speed, Agility, and Acceleration
Run Support Safety: Block Shedding Pursuit and Tackling

Kickers

Clutch Kicker: Kicking Accuracy and Awareness
Accurate: Kicking Accuracy
Balanced: Decent Kicking Power and Accuracy
Power: Kicking Power

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Offensive Schemes

Balanced Offense

A 50/50 mix of running and passing. Offense is built around having players who can do multiple things well.

Power Run

Offense is built upon running the ball right at the defense. The scheme values a Power HB and offensive linemen who excel at run blocking.

Spread

Offense is built on having a deep WR core and players who excel at making plays in space. Speed and acceleration is much needed in this scheme.

Vertical Offense

Offense is built around a Strong Arm QB who can get the ball down the field. There is a premium placed on players who are tall and can jump up to make plays on the football.

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Offensive Schemes

West Coast

Offense is built on a quick, short passing game to complement the run game. Getting a West Coast QB who excels at accuracy and throwing on the run is vital.

Zone Run

Offense is built on running the ball and attacking the edge of a defense. Getting smaller, athletic offensive linemen is key as well as having multiple, One Cut HB's.

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Defensive Schemes

Attacking 4-3

Defense is built around four down linemen and linebackers and defensive backs who can blitz to pressure the opposing offense.

Base 4-3

Defense is built around getting pressure from the four down linemen and having linebackers and safeties that excel in coverage.

Attacking 3-4

Defense is built around three down linemen and having two outside linebackers who can rush the quarterback. The secondary must excel at coverage.

Base 3-4

Defense is built around three down linemen, especially the nose tackle. The rest of the defense must be versatile enough to cover as well as making the occasional blitz.

PLAYER TYPES & SCHEMES

Defensive Schemes

Hybrid Multiple Front

Defense is built around giving the offense multiple looks. This includes both three and four down linemen alignments so having versatile players is key.

Tampa 2

Defense is built around getting a good pass rush from the front four linemen and having linebackers and secondary players who excel at zone coverage.

Zone Blitz 3-4

Defense is built around three down linemen and two outside linebackers that can rush the quarterback. Both middle linebackers and secondary players must excel at zone coverage.

OVERVIEW

What's Right For Me?

Here's a quick and easy breakdown of the top places to consider when you first start up a Connected Career. These are the top five places you can see significant playing time right away as a High Draft Pick Rookie.

Offense

QB	HB	WR	TE
CLE	DET	BAL	CHI
JAX	GB	CAR	DEN
KC	NE	DEN	NYG
MIN	TB	DET	PHI
TEN	WAS	NO	PIT

Offense

DE	LB	CB	S
CAR	BAL	BAL	DET
CIN	MIN	DET	HOU
JAX	NYG	NE	GB
TB	PHI	NO	NE
TEN	TB	PIT	PHI

OVERVIEW

Playing As A Coach

Ready to Win Now

BAL
GB
NE
NO
PHI

Major Rebuilding Needed

CLE
IND
MIA
MIN
STL

Built for Future

CAR
KC
SF
STL
WAS

Most Salary Cap Room

CIN
CLE
HOU
IND
TEN

BEING A COACH

Spending XP

Spending XP as a coach is much different than spending it as a player. As a coach, you'll have the option to spend your XP on packages that will decrease the odds a player of a player retiring, make it easier for you to re-sign a player, boost the amount of XP a particular position earns, and even a package to increase the amount of Scouting Points you earn every week.

The screenshot shows the 'PURCHASE UPGRADES' menu for Greg Schiano. At the top, it displays '19,225 XP To Spend'. Below this, there are three upgrade packages, each costing 9,375 XP. The packages are: 'WR Retirement Package' (slightly decreases the chance a player at this position will retire), 'DT Free Agent Package' (increases the interest in your team if you make an offer to a player at this position in free agency), and 'TE Free Agent Package' (increases the interest in your team if you make an offer to a player at this position in free agency). The menu also shows 'Coach Traits' for Greg Schiano, including 'D.Scheme Power Run Level 1' and 'D.Scheme Base 4-3 Legacy 105'. At the bottom, there are navigation buttons for 'Purchase', 'Save', and 'Back'. The footer includes 'MADDEN 13', the user name 'jakeGameFace13', 'EA servers for NFL news', and the 'NFL.COM' logo.

PURCHASE UPGRADES		19,225 XP To Spend
	Greg Schiano D.Scheme Power Run Level 1 D.Scheme Base 4-3 Legacy 105	
Coach Traits	Description	
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DT Free Agent Package Increases the interest in your team if you make an offer to a player at this position in free agency.	9,375XP COST	
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Purchase Save Back		
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BEING A COACH

Progressing Players

As a coach, not only will you be accruing XP and Scouting Points to use for yourself, but your players will be earning XP based on their in-game performance and own set of personal goals. One of the great things about Connected Careers is that you'll have the option to apply that XP yourself or just have the AI do it for you.

PLAYER PROGRESSION

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PLAYER NAME

Name	POS	OVR	Age	XP*
 Michael Koenen	P	84	32	34085
S.Martin	FS	77	29	20536
M.Reece	FB	91	29	20170
J.Murphy	TE	78	22	18641
I.Lee	CB	84	22	15701
E.Wright	CB	78	29	15332

34085 XP To Spend

P: Balanced, Punt Yards: 231, Age: 32, Yards per Punt: 38

A Select Player X Sort Y Auto Progress Player O Save R Back

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BEING A COACH

Progressing Players

The benefits of applying XP on your own is that you can start to shape your players based on how you want them to fit into your system. If you want the smartest team in the league, use all of your XP on Awareness and Play Recognition. However, if you just want to beef up the weaknesses of players on your squad to make them well-rounded contributors, you can go that route as well. The choice is yours to make.

Of course, applying XP to every player on your roster can be time consuming. So maybe after you get through spending the XP of key players, you can back out and delegate the AI to apply everyone else's XP. This will not only save time but ensure that everyone is using the XP they have earned.

BEING A COACH

Scouting Players

During each week of the regular season, you'll have the ability to take a look at the upcoming draft class and begin to target who might be a good fit on your team. Each week, you'll earn Scouting Points that can be used to unlock ratings, traits, and even the player type of anyone in the draft.

The screenshot displays the 'TEAM DRAFT BOARD' interface for a player named Ladarris Vaughns. The player's profile includes a photo, name, position (Quarterback), age (22), weight (229), college (Syracuse), and height (6'3"). A '2000SP To Spend' indicator is visible in the top right. The stats are organized into two rows of six categories each. The first row includes Overall (10000), Scheme (100), Intangible (750), Production (96, Scouted), Speed (100), and Agility (100). The second row includes Player Type (1000), Durability (500), Physical (750), Size (97, Scouted), Acceleration (100), and Strength (50). Navigation arrows are present on the left and right sides of the stats grid. At the bottom, there are control buttons for 'Scout Trait', 'Save', and 'Back', along with the EA Sports logo, the player's name 'JakeGameFace13', and the NFL.com logo.

TEAM DRAFT BOARD						
	Ladarris Vaughns			2000SP To Spend		
Position	Quarterback	Age	22	WT	229	
College	Syracuse	HT	6'3"			
Overall	Scheme	Intangible	Production	Speed	Agility	
?	?	?	96	?	?	
10000	100	750	Scouted	100	100	
Player Type	Durability	Physical	Size	Acceleration	Strength	
?	?	?	97	?	?	
1000	500	750	Scouted	100	50	
Scout Trait	Save	Back				
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BEING A COACH

Scouting Players

Points will be limited so it will be important to have a good plan and know what position you are weak in or what player is in the final year of his contract. Having a firm grasp on the state of your team both in the present and future will steer you in the right direction when it comes to scouting.

Another reason why it is so important to scout during the season is that if you don't, you'll have no knowledge of any player once the draft comes along. Trying to blindly select a player will come back to bite you more than ever in Madden NFL 13. For example, if your team runs a 3-4 defensive scheme but you end up drafting a 4-3 defensive end, your team will strongly downgrade that defensive end because he does not fit your system. The only way to avoid errors like that is by scouting before the draft.

BRANCHING STORYLINES

News Center

Another HUGE feature this year in Madden is the addition of branching storylines. Each year, there are a handful of players whose path to the draft may take several twist and turns. What that means is that it will be imperative to keep up with the draft stories during the year -- just as much as it is to actually scout the player. If you don't keep up with the storylines, you may run the risk of banking on the can't-miss running back only to find out later that he's switched positions or even pulled out of the draft altogether.



CONTRACTS

Extensions & Getting Fired

At the end of the season, you'll find out whether you have earned a contract extension, or if you have been fired. This will be based on the season goals that you have reached or surpassed. If you achieve the level two season goal, you will get a contract extension. In fact, you'll even receive a nice XP bonus. However, if you fail to meet your level two season goal, then you'll probably be fired and be out looking for a new job.



CONTRACTS

Breakdown

Salary Cap

Each team in the NFL must maintain a total salary that is under the league salary cap. In 2012, the league salary cap is \$120 M. The league cap will increase a bit each year to account for inflation. A team's total salary includes the combined current year salary for the 53 highest paid players on the team. Each player's salary includes his base salary and his signing bonus for that year. In Connected Careers, a player's signing bonus is spread out evenly across each year of his contract, while his base salary typically increases each year.

When offering a player, pay close attention to the yearly salary breakdown. A player might be cheap in the first year of his contract, but could cripple your ability to sign other players in his last year.

CONTRACTS

Cap Penalties

When you release a player or trade him to another team, his base salary transfers to the new team, but his remaining signing bonus must be paid in full by your team. The signing bonus is applied to your team salary as a cap penalty. This penalty is “dead money” that cannot be spent on other players.

Be aware of this penalty when releasing players, and be careful when offering a player a large signing bonus. If the player doesn't work out for your team or is injured, you won't have a chance to repurpose that money. However, low-balling a player's signing bonus might convince him to take his talents elsewhere.

Cap Room

Salary cap room is the amount of money available to spend on acquiring players. The number listed on each screen depends on the context of that screen.

Team Salaries

This screen lists the current year cap room, current and next year cap penalties, and a salary breakdown for each player on the team. The “rookie reserve” lists the amount of money reserved for draft picks for the upcoming draft, and is taken out of your cap room when the off-season begins. Whenever you trade for draft picks, the rookie reserve will increase to account for them.

CONTRACTS

Re-Sign Players Screen

When you re-sign a player, you are signing him to a contract extension that begins next year. The cap room displayed on this screen is therefore next year's available cap room. This number also includes any outstanding re-sign offers. Whenever you make an offer, the available cap room will go down by the amount you offered the player in his first extension year. When a player declines an offer, the number will go back up and you can use it for another offer.

Free Agents Screen

During off-season free agency, you have the opportunity to offer contracts to several players over the course of several weeks. The cap room displayed on this screen is for the upcoming year, and includes any outstanding free agent offers you have made. As you make offers, this number will go down to account for that offer. If a player declines your offer, the number will go back up and you can use it for another offer.

CONTRACTS

Contract Offers Screen

This screen allows you to actually make an offer to a player. The spending money listed is the exact amount you have to offer that player for the first year of his contract. Read the salary breakdown graph to determine exactly how much the player will make in his first year.

Note that if you have already made this player an offer, the previous offer amount is included in the available spending money. In this case, the spending money listed will be larger than the cap room listed on the Re-sign Players or Free Agents screen.

RETIREMENT

Retiring Players

During the offseason, players will begin to retire from around the league. There is not an actual stage for retirement like in past Maddens'. Instead you'll have to wait for the entire offseason to be completed before you can be sure whether or not a player has retired. Of course it's more likely for a player to retire at the beginning of the offseason, but there's a chance that he waits until after the NFL Draft before he makes that decision and leaves you in a tough spot. Be sure to keep an eye in the News Center for the most up-to-date information.

OFF SEASON

Re-Signing Players

During the regular season, you'll notice pending free agents want to start negotiations on a new deal. If you decide against negotiating in the middle of the season, you'll have one last opportunity to re-sign your own free agents to-be at this stage of the offseason. But before you choose to re-sign a player, remember that during the offseason it's important to understand how much money your team has available to spend because you'll have to choose if it's best to re-sign a player, use the franchise tag, or opt to replenish the roster in free agency or the draft.

RE-SIGN PLAYERS

A. Okoye
Position: DT | Scheme: Tampa 2 | College: Louisville | Pick: 1st Round

\$25.85M
Cap Room

Buccaneers | All | RT

Name	POS	OVR*	XP	Status	Age	Tag
A. Talib	CB	89	40	Unavailable	27	\$10.0
A. Okoye	DT	83	42	Available	26	\$8.1
L. Blount	HB	83	26	Available	26	\$9.1
M. Bennett	LE	82	78	Available	27	\$11.1
R. Barber	FS	81	165	Available	38	\$7.6

Options | Sort | Franchise Tag | Save | Back

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OFF SEASON

Re-Signing Players

If you do decide to enter into negotiations with one of your players at this stage, make sure it's an offer that suits both you and the player. If the player declines to sign the deal, he'll be off to test the open free agent market so make your first offer count!

OFF SEASON

Free Agency Bidding

After having a chance to re-sign your own free agents, you'll then have your pick of the litter in free agency. This free-agency period is a time when teams can beef up their roster in a hurry, assuming your team has plenty of salary cap space and the right free agents are on the market.

You'll first notice that each player has a current market value, which is essentially telling you what you can expect to pay for the services of that player. You'll also notice the logos from other teams in the NFL. These are all the teams that have an interest in that player.

FREE AGENCY BIDDING

Cap Room: \$14.23M | Scheme Fit: Good | Position Grade: F | Total FB's: 0

All Available

Player	Position	Overall	Age	Market Value	Bids	Offer Made	Scheme
M. Reece	FB Runner-Receiver	91	28	\$1.58M - \$1.92M	2	No	Vertical Offense
M. McBriar	P Power	90	34	\$2.70M - \$3.30M	0	No	Balanced Offense
B. Albert	LT Pass Blocker	89	28	\$3.38M - \$4.12M	8	No	Zone Run

Make an Offer | Save | Back

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OFF SEASON

You can also quickly view the player type and if he is a good fit in your scheme.

When you do decide to go after a particular free agent, it will be crucial to understand the contract offer screen. One of the major areas to look at is the “Desired” column towards the top of the page. This has both the years desired and the AVERAGE amount of money per season the player is looking for.

In the example below, you’ll see that Aqib Talib wants a 5-year contract that averages \$8.80 million per season. In other words, he seeks a deal that totals \$44 million. You as the pseudo General Manager in this situation, have a few options when it comes to constructing this contract. The main one will be to use the signing bonus as a way to give the player the money he wants while also creating salary cap room for your team.

Once again referencing the screen below, the user has offered a 5-year deal that averages \$6 million in base salary with a signing bonus of \$10 million (\$2 million over the course of 5 years). Notice in the graph that since the base salary is an average, that it starts off lower in the early years of the contract and then progressively increases year after year. This brings the total value of the contract to \$40 million and would be considered a legitimate offer for Talib to consider.

OFF SEASON

Contract Offers

After offering your initial contract to the free agents that you've targeted, you'll have to advance the week to get an update on the player. Go back into the free agency screen and sort by "My Negotiations" for a quick view of all the players you are attempting to sign. At this point, you'll see whether or not the player has a) decided to sign with you b) accepted another teams' offer or c) not made a decision just yet. If the player has not made a decision, you have the option to increase your offer, pull your offer, or keep it as is. Free agency lasts 4 weeks so make sure you keep an eye on everything.



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Draft Participation

After the free agency period has ended, it's off to the NFL Draft! From this hub you'll see the draft order plus a list of actions you can take. While another team is on the clock, you have the option to offer a trade to that team and move up in the draft order, take a look at the overall draft board, or advance the draft. Sticking around and watching the action unfold has never felt as alive as it does in Madden NFL 13.



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Draft Participation

You'll see tweets start flying in as sports personalities react to the most recent selection. Also, as previously mentioned, certain players have branching storylines and their path to the draft will be told by the voice of Trey Wingo once that player has been selected. However, if you are looking to speed the process up, you can advance to the next user pick to eliminate all draft selections by the AI.

Signing Rookies

This year, we have taken out the option for you to negotiate with the rookies you have drafted. This task is automatically completed for you as a way to replicate the new way rookie contracts are constructed in the NFL.

TEAM PROFILES: ARI

Arizona Cardinals



Scheme: Power Run / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$9.45M

Strengths: HB, LT, LE, SS

Weaknesses: QB, TE, LOLB

Playing as a Coach

Right away you'll have a major decision to make when coaching the Cardinals. You'll have to weigh the pros and cons for both Kevin Kolb and John Skelton and decide who starts. Ultimately, you may decide it's best to draft another QB depending on the draft class. Arizona does have some pieces surrounding the QB with Larry Fitzgerald, Beanie Wells, and the drafting of Michael Floyd. Keep your opponents off guard with a nice mix of run and play action pass.

The defense appears to be on the rise in Arizona. Calais Campbell is poised to have a big year in 2012 and Daryl Washington looks like he'll be your middle linebacker for the next decade. Patrick Peterson had an excellent rookie season and should continue to improve at CB. The NFC West is much improved from years past, and the Cardinals are a big reason why.

TEAM PROFILES: ARI

Scouting for the Cardinals can lead you into a couple different directions. As mentioned before, you'll need to decide if you have the right QB on the roster right now or if you need to dip back into the draft for your signal caller. TE appears to be the position in most need on offense and in the 3-4 defense, you might need another MLB to play alongside Daryl Washington.

Playing as a Player

Arizona is a great place to play as a Field General QB. You'll be throwing to the likes of Larry Fitzgerald and Michael Floyd and it's tough to top that duo. Also, you have the ability to start from day 1 as a Balanced TE, ahead of Todd Head and Jeff King. On defense, you can step in as 3-4 Tackling MLB and get reps as the second inside linebacker in this defense. Also, a Prototype CB can see some early action in Arizona.

TEAM PROFILES: ARI

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Power Back	4 ½ Star
FB 1	Blocking	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
TE 1	Balance	3 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Run Blocker	3 ½ Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Run Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	3-4 Versatile	4 ½ Star
RE 1	3-4 Versatile	5 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	3 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Prototype	5 Star
CB 2	Prototype	4 Star
FS 1	Prototype	4 ½ Star
SS 1	Run Support	5 Star

TEAM PROFILES: ARI

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: ATL

Atlanta Falcons



Scheme: Power Run / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$2.86M

Strengths: HB, WR, RE, DT, CB

Weaknesses: RG, MLB, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Atlanta Falcons is an organization ready to win and win now. The team is built around running the ball with Michael Turner and using play action pass to get big plays down the field from Roddy White and Julio Jones. Tony Gonzalez is close to the end of his career but is still one of the most effective TE's in the league.

The defense can be a difference maker as well. The front four is built to put pressure on the opposing QB and the secondary, especially at CB, can cover even the top receivers in the game. However, the loss of Curtis Lofton leaves a huge gap in the middle of the defense. Concentrate on getting a lead early and letting your D-Line and secondary do what it does best!

TEAM PROFILES: ATL

The scouting department has a few areas to address. One is along the offensive line. The center and right guard are starting to get up in age and will need to be bolstered. Also, even if Tony Gonzalez sticks it out for another year, the depth at TE is lacking. The defense needs an upgrade at SS and possibly another RE to groom once John Abraham is gone.

Playing as a Player

If you're looking to crack the starting lineup on offense, you might want to try being the Receiving TE complement to Tony Gonzalez. Also, there is an opportunity to come in as a Pocket Passing QB and beat out Matt Ryan. It may take a year of practice to build up your XP, but the job is there for the taking. The defense could use a Balanced MLB or Balanced SS to instantly improve that side of the ball.

TEAM PROFILES: ATL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Power Back	5 Star
HB 2	Power Back	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Blocking	3 Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 3	Red Zone Threat	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiving	5 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Pass Rusher	4 Star
DT 2	Pass Rusher	4 Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	3 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	4 ½ Star
MLB 2	Run Stopper	3 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star

TEAM PROFILES: ATL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
CB 2	Man to Man	5 Star
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: BAL

Baltimore Ravens



Scheme: Power Run / Hybrid Multiple Front

Salary Cap Room: \$246M

Strengths: HB, RE, ROLB, FS

Weaknesses: TE, LOLB

Playing as a Coach

The Baltimore Ravens are a team on the cusp of a Super Bowl ring. The roster has very few holes and some prime time players in key positions. Running back, Ray Rice, is the foundation for the offense. He has big play ability and the chance to take it to the house every time he touches the ball. Joe Flacco has shown glimpses of brilliance but still needs to be more consistent. Focus on pounding the rock behind an above average offensive line for the most success on offense.

Baltimore has been known for its defense for some time now and they put another top tier squad on the field in 2012. Haloti Ngata, Ray Lewis, and Ed Reed bring playmakers at every level of the defense. The one thing to keep in mind is that Terrell Suggs will be injured to start the beginning of the 2012 season and rookie, Courtney Upshaw, will be replacing him.

TEAM PROFILES: BAL

The scouting department has only a few places to focus on to improve the roster. Depth at running back will need to be addressed and the same goes for wide receivers and tight ends. A position you do not want to overlook is free safety. Ed Reed is nearing the end of his career and his current backups leave a lot to be desired.

Playing as a Player

The Ravens are always looking for more offensive weapons. A Possession WR or Balanced TE can expect to see some decent playing time right away. Spots on defense are a little tougher to come by. A 3-4 Pass Rushing LOLB can get some snaps in as well as a Man to Man CB.

TEAM PROFILES: BAL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Strong Arm	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
HB 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Blocking	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Possession	5 Star
WR 2	Possession	4 Star
TE 1	Balanced	4 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Versatile	5 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 ½ Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
LOLB 2	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	4 ½ Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: BAL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Playmaker	5 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Power	3 ½ Star
P 1	Power	3 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: BUF

Buffalo Bills



Scheme: Spread / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$4.25M

Strengths: HB, LE, DT, FS

Weaknesses: WR, TE, CB

Playing as a Coach

Coaching the Bills will provide some challenges but not insurmountable ones. Buffalo spent its attention this past offseason on upgrading the defense and they did just that. Signing Mario Williams and Mark Anderson gives them an elite front 4 and the drafting of Stephon Gilmore starts solidifying the secondary.

Buffalo's offense is lacking firepower. Fred Jackson and Stevie Johnson are the standouts and the production drops off after that. You'll have to make a decision on Ryan Fitzpatrick and if he's the future as the Bills signal caller.

TEAM PROFILES: BUF

That decision might be easier if you find a stud QB in the upcoming draft. Fitzpatrick is serviceable but doesn't have one attribute that stands out as elite. An argument can be made that the weapons just aren't there for Fitzpatrick. Buffalo could certainly target a WR or TE to help ease the pressure. Defensively, both outside linebackers are creeping up in age and CB will still need to be bolstered.

Playing as a Player

A Field General QB could easily start on the Bills as well as a Route Running WR or Balanced TE. The only spots on defense you won't start at right away is along the defensive line. You'll have opportunities to see significant playing time in the secondary as a Prototype CB or Balanced SS.

TEAM PROFILES: BUF

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
HB 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Route Runner	5 Star
WR 2	Route Runner	3 ½ Star
TE 1	Balanced	3 Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
LG 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Balanced	5 Star
DT 2	Balanced	5 Star
LOLB 1	Run Stopper	3 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
CB 1	Prototype	4 ½ Star
CB 2	Prototype	4 Star
FS 1	Playmaker	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: BUF

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: CAR

Carolina Panthers



Scheme: Balanced / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$9.68M

Strengths: QB, LT, RE, MLB

Weaknesses: LG, RG, FS

Playing as a Coach

Cam Newton has reenergized the Carolina Panthers organization. The team hit it big when they drafted him last season and now look to take the next step. The Panthers are built to run the ball and hit big pass plays to Steve Smith. Carolina now has a 4 headed monster on the ground with DeAngelo Williams, Jonathan Stewart, Mike Tolbert, and of course Cam himself. Pound your opponent into submission and keep your defense fresh.

Speaking of defense, the Panthers hope they are headed in the right direction with the drafting of Luke Kuechly at ROLB. That combined with the return of Jon Beason should make this defense a lot more formidable in 2012. There are still holes in the secondary, so be sure to mix up your coverages often.

TEAM PROFILES: CAR

The scouting department has a few areas to address. On offense, Steve Smith needs another WR to take away the constant double teams. Also there is a need at both guard positions. The defense needs help at FS and CB to become a top 10 squad.

Playing as a Player

You can step in and contribute right away as a Route Running WR and play second fiddle to Steve Smith. It will probably take you a year or two to overtake him, but you'll see plenty of action as the teams' number two option. A Balanced FS would be able to start from Day 1 in Carolina. Can you be the defining factor for the Panthers and their hopes of becoming a champion?

TEAM PROFILES: CAR

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Strong Arm	5 Star
HB 1	Power Back	5 Star
HB 2	Power Back	4 Star
HB 3	Power Back	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Blocking	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Route Runner	5 Star
WR 2	Route Runner	3 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	5 Star
TE 2	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
LOLB 1	Prototype	4 ½ Star
MLB 1	Prototype	5 Star
MLB 2	Prototype	4 Star
ROLB 1	Prototype	4 ½ Star
CB 1	Man to Man	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: CAR

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: CHI

Chicago Bears



Scheme: Power Run / Tampa 2

Salary Cap Room: \$4.04M

Strengths: QB, HB, RE, MLB, ROLB

Weaknesses: TE, OL, DT, FS, SS

Playing as a Coach

This team is capable of winning now, but it's going to take hard work and understanding your personnel. The Bears are built around Matt Forte. Make sure you use him both on the ground and in the passing game. Brandon Marshall is a new addition and reunited with Jay Cutler. He provides a legitimate threat outside the numbers and in red zone situations.

But let's make no bones about it, Chicago is built on defense. With an elite pass rusher in Julius Peppers and Brian Urlacher anchoring the linebacker core, opposing offenses will struggle consistently moving the ball on you. Play smart on offense and rely on your defense to create turnovers and frustrate your opponents.

TEAM PROFILES: CHI

You have plenty of options when it comes to scouting. The Bears lack firepower at the TE position as well as all along the offensive line. On defense, you'll need to find some competition for both safety positions. Keep in mind when scouting your first year as the Bears, you will not have a 3rd round pick because of the Brandon Marshall trade.

Playing as a Player

You might have trouble playing with the Bears if you're a QB, HB, RE, MLB, or ROLB and looking to start right away. Your best bet to crack the lineup and play from Week 1, is with a Receiving TE on offense and Run Supporting FS or SS on defense.

Feel free to go in another direction, just know that it will take a lot of time on the practice field and possibly a minimum of 1 full year of seeing sporadic playing time in order to start earning enough XP and building your player's attributes to make your way up the depth chart.

TEAM PROFILES: CHI

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Strong Arm	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Blocking	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	3 ½ Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Run Blocker	4 Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 Star
DT 2	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	Cover 2	3 Star
MLB 1	Prototype	5 Star
ROLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star
FS 1	Run Support	4 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: CHI

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: CIN

Cincinnati Bengals



Scheme: Balanced Offense / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$17.91M

Strengths: LT, LE, DT, LB, CB

Weaknesses: WR, TE, RG, SS

Playing as a Coach

Coaching the Cincinnati Bengals may be a dream come true for some users. Most would agree that Cincinnati overachieved in 2011 by making the playoffs, but the foundation looks to be there. The Bengals signed BenJarvus Green-Ellis in the offseason to be their new HB and will look to mirror the same gameplan that won games the previous year: run the ball, big plays by A.J. Green, and play great defense.

Speaking of defense, Cincinnati has a young and talented group. The front 7 is quite stout and Nate Clements and Leon Hall are above average CB's. Focus on stopping the run and then allow that defensive line to wreck havoc on the QB.

TEAM PROFILES: CIN

The scouting department for the Bengals has to have a smile on its face. Andy Dalton and A.J. Green are now in their second year and that eliminates two key positions that you might have had to address for the next decade. What Cincy lacks, is depth. After Green, the WR core falls off and the same could be said for TE's after Gresham. Also, don't overlook the CB position. 2 of your top 3 corners are over the age of 32 so make sure you inject some youth!

Playing as a Player

As good as Andy Dalton was for the Bengals his rookie year, there is still room to overtake him with the right kind of player. That player type that Bengals crave is a Field General QB. Come in and do well in preseason and in practice and you'll have no problem starting Week One.

A Red Zone Threat WR is also needed on offense. You won't come in and be the number 1 receiver, but you'll get solid playing time as the number 2 and potentially be the go-to guy within a years' time. Your best bet to start right away on defense is to come in as a Run Supporting SS. You'll do nothing but improve what is already one of the league's best defenses.

TEAM PROFILES: CIN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Speed Rusher	5 Star
RE 1	Speed Rusher	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 Star
DT 2	Nose Tackle	5 Star
LOLB 1	Prototype	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
MLB 2	Run Stopper	2 ½ Star
ROLB 1	Prototype	4 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	4 ½ Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Prototype	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: CIN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	6
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: CLE

Cleveland Browns



Scheme: West Coast / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$9.62M

Strengths: HB, LT, DT, MLB

Weaknesses: QB, WR, LG, RT, FS

Playing as a Coach

The Cleveland Browns are a tough franchise to play with in Connected Careers. The roster is in need of improvements in multiple areas and they play in arguably the toughest division in football. The Browns are hoping they got on the right track with the drafting of Trent Richardson and Brandon Weeden and addressing an offense that did not strike fear in its opponents.

The defense will be the key in determining how well your season turns out. The Browns have a young defense that is only going to get better. MLB D'Qwell Jackson is the leader and Joe Haden and T.J. Ward provide playmakers in the secondary. Prepare to go out each Sunday knowing you need to bring your A game.

TEAM PROFILES: CLE

Playing as a Player

Pat Shurmur is searching for a West Coast QB and that's exactly what you can do to step right in and start from day 1. Trent Richardson will be tough to overtake in the backfield, but a Red Zone Threat WR should see significant playing time, if not the number 1 spot on the depth chart. The same could be said with a Receiver TE. Your best chance of starting right away on defense will be as a Run Supporting FS or SS. Get on the field and help turn this franchise around!

TEAM PROFILES: CLE

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	West Coast	4 ½ Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	3 Star
TE 1	Receiver	3 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 ½ Star
DT 2	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	3 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	3 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Run Support	4 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: CLE

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: DAL

Dallas Cowboys



Scheme: Balanced Offense / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$3.38M

Strengths: TE, DT, ROLB

Weaknesses: TE, DT, ROLB

Playing as a Coach

The Dallas Cowboys have an above average roster but play in one of the toughest divisions in football. That means each and every week, you're going to need to bring your A game. Tony Romo has had moments of brilliance and moments that you'd like to forget. The truth is, Dallas has the pieces in place to compete for a championship right now. Dez Bryant, Miles Austin, Jason Witten, and DeMarco Murray are all excellent offensive weapons. You should have no problem making opposing defenses pick their poison of getting gauged on the ground or through the air.

TEAM PROFILES: DAL

Dallas spent this past offseason upgrading their secondary. They signed free agent, Brandon Carr and drafted Morris Claiborne in the first round. There are still some questions at the safety position but overall they are much improved. The defense is built around DeMarcus Ware, the elite pass rushing OLB. Pressure opposing offenses into making bad decisions and give your offense some great field position.

The scouting department has a couple of clear goals. One of those is to continue to improve the offensive line, mainly the interior. Keeping Tony Romo upright and making plays is key in Dallas' offense. Also look to upgrade both safety positions. A playmaking safety might be what it takes to put the Cowboys over the top.

Playing as a Player

The Cowboys have some solid options at WR, but the door is open to come in as a Speed WR and contribute right away. Even with a little practice and standout games in the preseason, you may just start the season as Tony Romo's go-to guy. On defense, you can make a splash as a Balanced FS or Prototype SS.

TEAM PROFILES: DAL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Speed	5 Star
WR 2	Speed	5 Star
WR 3	Speed	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	5 Star
LT 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
LG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Prototype	5 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	3 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Prototype	5 Star
CB 2	Prototype	5 Star
CB 3	Prototype	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: DAL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star
SS 1	Prototype	4 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: DEN

Denver Broncos



Scheme: Spread / Attacking 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$4.80M

Strengths: QB, LT, RE, DT, LOLB, ROLB

Weaknesses: WR, TE, LG, C, RT, FS, SS

Playing as a Coach

Coaching the Denver Broncos in 2012 will be a lot different than it was in 2011, especially on offense. Tim Tebow gets traded away and in comes Peyton Manning. Denver has an average supporting cast and is hoping Peyton will maximize the talent. You might find the best way to move the ball on offense is with the short passing game to help protect the lack of weapons and suspect offensive line.

The front 7 of the defense is very strong. Elvis Dumervil and Von Miller provide elite pass rushers and Champ Bailey can still get it done at the age of 34. This should be one of, if not the best defense that Peyton Manning has been paired up with, making Denver a very intriguing team.

TEAM PROFILES: DEN

You do have some definite issues that can be addressed during the draft. As mentioned earlier, the WR and TE position need depth and there are multiple areas along the offensive line that need a boost. The glaring need on defense is at both safety positions. CB and DT will need to be addressed due to the ages of your current starters.

Playing as a Player

As you would imagine, it might be tough to beat out Peyton Manning right away, so you may want to look elsewhere. A Balanced WR or Receiving TE would see significant playing time right away. On defense, you could start right away with a Balanced FS or Run Supporting SS.

TEAM PROFILES: DEN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
HB 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Balanced	5 Star
WR 1	Balanced	4 Star
WR 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 3	Balanced	4 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	5 Star
LT 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
LG 1	Balanced	4 Star
C 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Balanced	4 Star
LE 1	Speed Rusher	5 Star
RE 1	Speed Rusher	4 Star
DT 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 2	Run Stopper	5 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	5 Star
CB 1	Balanced	5 Star
CB 2	Balanced	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: DEN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Power	3 ½ Star
P 1	Power	3 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
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2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
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2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: DET

Detroit Lions



Scheme: Vertical Offense / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$3.05M

Strengths: QB, WR, LE

Weaknesses: C, CB, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Detroit Lions came out of nowhere last season to become a serious contender in the NFC North. Matt Stafford stayed healthy and threw for over 5,000 yards. A big chunk of that went to Calvin Johnson, Jr. He may very well be the best WR in the NFL so make sure you target him early and often. The Lions are full of receivers and tight ends and have a solid stable of running backs. Putting up points should be the least of your worries when coaching this team.

The Lions defense is centered on getting pressure from the front four. Cliff Avril and Ndamukong Suh lead the charge on getting after the QB. The linebacker squad has been taken a step up with the addition of Stephen Tulloch. You won't need too many stops on D as the Detroit offense can keep you in games that turn into shootouts.

TEAM PROFILES: DET

Planning for the future in Detroit is pretty clear cut. The Lions need to continue to bolster their secondary. A Run Supporting SS and Balanced CB should be what you are looking for. Also, making sure Stafford stays upright by continuing to address the offensive line will give you long term success.

Playing as a Player

You'll have the opportunity to come in and get significant playing time in a number of positions. A Speed HB will need to do well in practice and the preseason, but should be able to come away with the job by Week 1. Also a Red Zone Threat WR can come in and play alongside Calvin Johnson. On defense, you can make a splash as a Balanced CB or Run Supporting SS.

TEAM PROFILES: DET

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Speed Back	4 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
WR 3	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	5 Star
TE 2	Receiver	2 ½ Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Speed Rusher	5 Star
RE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Prototype	5 Star
DT 2	Prototype	4 ½ Star
DT 3	Prototype	3 Star
LOLB 1	Prototype	3 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
ROLB 1	Prototype	3 Star
CB 1	Balanced	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: DET

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
CB 2	Balanced	4 Star
FS 1	Playmaker	4 ½ Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: GB

Green Bay Packers



Scheme: West Coast / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$4.81M

Strengths: QB, WR, LOLB

Weaknesses: HB, LT, FS, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Green Bay Packers won the Super Bowl in 2010 and then went 15-1 in the 2011 regular season. Clearly this is a team capable of going all the way and it begins with Aaron Rodgers making plays at QB. He's developed into one of the elite QB's in the NFL which gives the Packers a chance to win each and every week. A solid complement of WR's, lead by Greg Jennings, and a Vertical Threat TE in Jermichael Finley gives Rodgers a slew of weapons.

The Packers defense struggled in 2011, despite having serviceable personnel. The drafting of Nick Perry should provide another pass rushing threat besides Clay Matthews. Green Bay has a solid group of corners but the safeties need to improve. If the Packers defense takes a step forward this season, they will be awfully hard to beat.

TEAM PROFILES: GB

The Packers are an elite team today due to killing it in previous years' drafts. Continue that success and Green Bay will remain dominant for many more years to come. Addressing the running back and LT positions is needed on the offensive side of the ball and upgrading both safety spots will take your defense to the next level.

Playing as a Player

The one place where you can make an immediate impact on the Packers offense is at running back. A Balanced HB can come in and start from Day 1 and provide the balance that Aaron Rodgers needs. The defense is desperate for a Playmaking FS and Balanced SS. What will you do to help take this team back to the promise land?

TEAM PROFILES: GB

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	4 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	3 Star
WR 1	Balanced	5 Star
WR 2	Balanced	5 Star
WR 3	Balanced	4 Star
TE 1	Vertical Threat	5 Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	4 ½ Star
LG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
C 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	5 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Run Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
ROLB 1	Run Stopper	3 Star
CB 1	Balanced	5 Star
CB 2	Balanced	4 Star
FS 1	Playmaker	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: GB

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Power	2 ½ Star
P 1	Power	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6

TEAM PROFILES: HOU

Houston Texans



Scheme: Zone Run / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$14.62M

Strengths: HB, C, MLB

Weaknesses: RG, RT, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Houston Texans were a welcomed surprise in 2011. They overcame numerous key injuries and made the playoffs for the first time in the franchise's brief history. Now comes the challenge of doing it all over again. The Texans are built on running the football. Arian Foster and Ben Tate are an outstanding duo at running back and Andre Johnson provides enough of a threat to keep defenses honest. A run-first and then play action pass philosophy will suit you well with the Texans.

The defense was what stood out for Houston a year ago. Even with the loss of Mario Williams, the Texans rushed the passer about as well as anyone. J.J. Watt and Connor Barwin are a handful to deal with and Brian Cushing is a tackling machine at middle linebacker. Continuing to find ways to sack the quarterback and create turnovers will be the key to your success in 2012.

TEAM PROFILES: HOU

The scouting department has a few areas of concern for the Texans. One is to find another Red Zone Threat WR to play next to Andre Johnson. The right side of the offensive line also needs to be addressed after losing a few players in free agency. The defense could also use a strong safety and even additional help at cornerback.

Playing as a Player

The Texans could use another big play, Red Zone Threat WR to solidify the receiver core. You'll be the number two wideout, but that won't be a bad thing in this offense as Andre Johnson is sure to get most of the attention from the defense. The defense is in need of a Balanced SS to come in from Day 1 and be the difference maker and help get Houston to the Super Bowl.

TEAM PROFILES: HOU

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	One Cut	5 Star
HB 2	One Cut	4 Star
FB 1	Blocking	3 Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	3 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Zone Blocking	5 Star
LG 1	Run Blocker	3 ½ Star
C 1	Zone Blocking	4 Star
RG 1	Zone Blocking	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Zone Blocking	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Versatile	5 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Prototype	4 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 ½ Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: HOU

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6

TEAM PROFILES: IND

Indianapolis Colts



Scheme: Balanced / Hybrid Multiple Fronts

Salary Cap Room: \$32.10M

Strengths: LOLB, ROLB, FS

Weaknesses: HB, WR, TE, OL

Playing as a Coach

Last year proved to be disastrous for the Colts with the loss of Peyton Manning. They hope to bounce back in the near future with the drafting of franchise QB, Andrew Luck. Luck has his work cut out for him. Indy has very few offensive weapons and a suspect offensive line. You'll have to be very careful when coming up with your offensive gameplan.

The defense is in a little better shape but not without questions of their own. The scheme is switching from a 4-3 to a 3-4 this year and that means Dwight Freeney and Robert Mathis are now converted to OLB's. Their cover skills are extremely low so make sure you are blitzing these two guys more than dropping them back.

TEAM PROFILES: IND

Scouting for this team can be both a nightmare and a blessing all rolled into one. Indy has so many positions of need that you can really just target the best player in a given draft and know that you'll be upgrading your roster. At the same time, know that it might take some time to build the Colts up to what they once were.

Playing as a Player

Indianapolis is an open field when it comes to what player you want to come in and play as. Even at QB, the Colts are wide open at virtually every position on the team. Whether you want to be a Possession WR, or 3-4 Tackling MLB, or even a Run Supporting SS, the options are endless. All would be able to come in and start right away. Can you help turn this franchise around?

TEAM PROFILES: IND

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	4 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	3 Star
WR 1	Possession	4 Star
WR 2	Possession	3 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	5 Star
TE 2	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Balanced	5 Star
LG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
C 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
LE 1	3-4 Versatile	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Versatile	5 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	4 ½ Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star
FS 1	Playmaker	5 Star

TEAM PROFILES: IND

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: JAX

Jacksonville Jaguars



Scheme: Balanced Offense / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$8.66M

Strengths: HB, LOLB, MLB

Weaknesses: QB, LG, RE

Playing as a Coach

The Jaguars have question marks on both sides of the ball. For starters, you need to decide if your QB of the future is currently on the roster. Blaine Gabbert and Chad Henne have had tough times in their early careers. The weapons for Jacksonville are also lacking. They did sign Laurent Robinson and draft Justin Blackmon to help but it may need even more. Maurice Jones-Drew has been the work horse for the Jags. Use him to grind down the clock and frustrate opposing defenses.

The defense is in much better position to succeed than the offense. Daryl Smith and Paul Posluszny are excellent linebackers that the rest of the defense feeds off of. The two safeties are serviceable but you may look to improve on them in the years to come.

TEAM PROFILES: JAX

The main focus for the Jaguars scouts has to be on the offense. As mentioned before, you must make a decision on the QB. You may lean towards going back into the draft if the right player is there. A Balanced WR or Receiving TE will also go a long ways on improving your offensive statistics.

Playing as a Player

The Jags are a perfect place to come in as a Field General QB and compete for the starting spot. A strong preseason should secure you spot as the teams' starting signal caller. A Balanced WR will also get some early action in Jacksonville. The defense needs play makers on the back end. A Balanced FS or Playmaking SS will take the Jags defense to the next level.

TEAM PROFILES: JAX

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Balanced	4 Star
WR 2	Balanced	3 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	5 Star
DT 2	Nose Tackle	4 ½ Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
ROLB 1	Run Stopper	3 Star
CB 1	Balanced	4 Star
CB 2	Balanced	4 Star
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star
SS 1	Playmaker	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: JAX

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Power	3 ½ Star
P 1	Power	3 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: KC

Kansas City Chiefs



Scheme: Zone Run / Base 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$7.06M

Strengths: HB, RT, MLB, ROLB

Weaknesses: TE, FS

Playing as a Coach

The Chiefs might be right up some Coach's alley. This team has perhaps the best combination of youth and talent in the NFL. Offensively, KC is built on running the ball with Jamaal Charles and Peyton Hillis behind a very solid offensive line. They do however have the weapons to throw the ball down the field with big play WR Dwayne Bowe and Jonathan Baldwin. It'll be up to how much confidence you have in Matt Cassel.

The defense is full of play makers. Tamba Hali is an elite pass rusher and Derrick Johnson is a force in the middle. Eric Berry is coming back from an injury in 2011 and should be back to his Defensive Rookie of the Year self. Play solid defense and let your offense grind it out and you'll find the win column start to fill up.

TEAM PROFILES: KC

You'll have only a few positions to target in the draft, depending on how you feel about Cassel. KC could use a pass catching TE and a Run Supporting FS. If the value isn't there in the draft, feel free to trade down or take the best player available.

Playing as a Player

KC might be the ultimate destination for a Field General QB and looking to play and compete from day 1. You'll come in ahead of Cassel and with solid play in the preseason, you'll solidify the starting job. The Chiefs could also use a Receiving TE and Run Supporting FS. You'll have the opportunity to make a big difference on a team that appears to be on the doorstep of a championship.

TEAM PROFILES: KC

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	4 ½ Star
HB 1	One Cut	5 Star
HB 2	One Cut	4 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	3 Star
WR 1	Possession	4 ½ Star
WR 2	Possession	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Zone Blocking	5 Star
LG 1	Zone Blocking	3 ½ Star
C 1	Zone Blocking	4 Star
RG 1	Zone Blocking	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Zone Blocking	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	5 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	5 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	5 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 ½ Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	5 Star
FS 1	Run Support	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: KC

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Playmaker	5 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6

TEAM PROFILES: MIA

Miami Dolphins



Scheme: West Coast / Base 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$9.84M

Strengths: HB, LT, RE, DT, MLB

Weaknesses: WR, TE, RT, FS, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Miami Dolphins have a major dilemma at QB. One of your first decisions as head coach will be whether or not you want to start Ryan Tannehill in Week 1. He's currently third on the depth chart but getting some reps in practice and preseason might be what he needs to go into the season with confidence. Regardless of who's under center, he will have a difficult time finding open receivers. The WR and TE core leave a lot to be desired and will need to be addressed in the offseason.

The defense is good enough to keep you in games. Cameron Wake and Karlos Dansby are players opposing offenses must gameplan against. Vontae Davis, Sean Smith, and Richard Marshall are a solid trio at CB in a division that can throw the ball extremely well. It'll take a timely offense and turnovers on defense to rack up the wins with the current roster.

TEAM PROFILES: MIA

The draft will provide a few challenges for Miami. They desperately need a threat at receiver to ease the pressure off the QB and the running game. The safety position could also use a boost in play. Suring that up would give Miami one of the best secondary's in the NFL.

Playing as a Player

If you decide that none of the QB's are the answer for the Dolphins, you can come in as a West Coast QB and compete for the starting job right away. Dominating the preseason should make this a no brainer for coach when it comes time to decide who starts. A Balanced WR or Receiving TE will also get to play from Day 1. On defense, you can make a big splash as a Prototype FS or Run Supporting SS.

TEAM PROFILES: MIA

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	West Coast	4 ½ Star
HB 1	Receiving Back	4 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Balanced	4 Star
WR 2	Balanced	3 ½ Star
WR 3	Balanced	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	3 ½ Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
C 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
RG 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 2	Run Stopper	4 Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	3 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	4 ½ Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	5 Star
FS 1	Prototype	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: MIA

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Power	2 ½ Star
P 1	Power	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: MIN

Minnesota Vikings



Scheme: West Coast / Tampa 2

Salary Cap Room: \$12.68M

Strengths: HB, RE, DT

Weaknesses: QB, LG, MLB, FS, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Minnesota Vikings are a team on the rebuild and in a very competitive division. That can be a recipe for pain early on, so be prepared for a longer rebuilding process than some other teams. In 2011, the Vikings drafted Christian Ponder in the first round but was only average.

Ponder will need to improve for the Vikings to stay on track with their rebuilding plan and not go back and get another QB. To relieve the pressure of the QB, make sure you use a heavy dose of Adrian Peterson.

The defense of the Minnesota Vikings is no doubt built around the elite pass rushing abilities of Jared Allen. In fact, the front seven is for the most part, fairly strong. The middle linebacker does need to be upgraded as well as most of the secondary. Harrison Smith is a rookie FS but has a ways to go in order to become a difference maker. The Minnesota defense will be at its best when it can get opposing offenses in obvious passing downs and put pressure on the QB.

TEAM PROFILES: MIN

Scouting for the Vikings will be critical. There are numerous holes to fill so be sure you have a good plan before going into the draft. As mentioned earlier, you may decide that you need to readdress the QB position. TE and LG are also spots that need help. The defense needs major work done in the secondary to keep up with the high power offenses in the NFC North.

Playing as a Player

You have multiple options if you're looking to start right away on the Vikings. A West Coast QB and Receiving TE will get instant playing time and hopefully ignite the Minnesota offense. The defense is craving a Cover 2 middle linebacker and Zone strong safety to help hide a below average pass defense. You might be just what the Vikings need to continue getting things back on track.

TEAM PROFILES: MIN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	West Coast	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Speed	5 Star
WR 2	Speed	3 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	5 Star
LG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
DT 1	Prototype	5 Star
DT 2	Prototype	2 ½ Star
LOLB 1	Cover 2	4 Star
MLB 1	Cover 2	4 Star
ROLB 1	Cover 2	4 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star
FS 1	Zone	4 Star
SS 1	Zone	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: MIN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Power	3 ½ Star
P 1	Power	3 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4

TEAM PROFILES: NE

New England Patriots



Scheme: Spread / Hybrid Multiple Front

Salary Cap Room: \$10.18M

Strengths: QB, TE, DT

Weaknesses: HB, RE, CB, FS

Playing as a Coach

There aren't many jobs better than coaching the New England Patriots. With Tom Brady under center and countless weapons on offense, you can't beat it. The Pats took the league by storm last year by utilizing not one, but two TE's to stretch the field. Stick to the same gameplan and chuck the ball up and down the field to the TE's, Welker and newly acquired Brandon Lloyd.

The New England defense was a little bit of a letdown in 2011 and they hope that improves this season. The Pats drafted Dont'a Hightower and Chandler Jones in the first round but both will need time to develop into solid contributors. There are holes in the secondary that leaves you open to the passing game, so be sure you get consistent pressure on the QB to help cover up your weaknesses.

TEAM PROFILES: NE

Don't be too comfortable when it comes to drafting for the Pats. It looks like the offense is set, but you'll need to make sure you inject some youth into the QB and WR positions. Your immediate concerns however will most likely fall on the secondary. Upgrade the FS and CB spots to continue your reign of dominance.

Playing as a Player

As you would imagine, cracking the starting offensive lineup for the Patriots is no easy task, especially right away. The one area you can sneak in is as a Balanced HB. You'll need to use practice and the preseason to stand out from the crowd, but if you perform well, you can make it as the teams' number one. The defense is in need of a Balanced FS and Man to Man CB.

TEAM PROFILES: NE

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	4 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Route Runner	5 Star
WR 2	Route Runner	4 Star
WR 3	Route Runner	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Vertical Threat	5 Star
TE 2	Vertical Threat	5 Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	4 ½ Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Pass Blocker	4 ½ Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Versatile	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Versatile	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	5 Star
DT 2	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
ROLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	4 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: NE

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Power	3 ½ Star
P 1	Power	3 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: NO

New Orleans Saints



Scheme: Vertical Offense / Attacking 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$6.24M

Strengths: QB, HB, TE

Weaknesses: C, CB

Playing as a Coach

The New Orleans Saints have one of the most complete rosters in the NFL and it starts with Drew Brees. Brees broke the single season passing record last year and the Saints are in position to threaten breaking it again in 2012. Marques Colston, Jimmy Graham, and Darren Sproles all provide major threats at three different offensive positions. Putting points on the board should be no problem with New Orleans.

The defense for the Saints is very much underrated. Curtis Lofton was signed in the offseason to help bolster the linebacker core. Malcolm Jenkins and Roman Harper provide a nice duo at safety but the cornerback position lacks depth. At the end of the day, you'll need to make just enough stops on defense and just allow your offense to win the game.

TEAM PROFILES: NO

The scouting department only has a few areas to target. The offense could use an upgrade at center as well as a Red Zone Threat WR. The defense needs more depth at cornerback. The Saints value Run Supporting CB's, so look for one in the draft. Overall though, the Saints are in a great position. If the right player is available, feel free to trade down or take the best player available.

Playing as a Player

As explosive of an offense that the Saints have, you still have the opportunity to make a big splash as a Red Zone Threat WR and see significant playing time right away. You won't be Brees' number one target, but you should see plenty of action in this pass-first offense. The defense is solid, with little opportunities to play right away, but you can get on the field as a Run Supporting CB. How will you help get this team back to the Super Bowl?

TEAM PROFILES: NO

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Receiving Back	5 Star
HB 2	Receiving Back	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	5 Star
WR 3	Red Zone Threat	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Vertical Threat	5 Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
C 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
RT 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	5 Star
DT 2	Nose Tackle	5 Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: NO

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Zone	4 Star
SS 1	Prototype	4 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4

TEAM PROFILES: NYG

New York Giants



Scheme: Balanced Offense / Attacking 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$4.56M

Strengths: QB, LE, RE

Weaknesses: TE, RT, MLB, ROLB

Playing as a Coach

Playing as the reigning Super Bowl Champs certainly isn't the worst thing in the world! The Giants obviously are built for success and that starts with Eli Manning at the helm. Eli has proven he is elite and drives this offense. Hakeem Nicks and Victor Cruz make for excellent options at WR. Ahmad Bradshaw and newly drafted RB, David Wilson, provide a nice 1 – 2 punch on the ground.

When you think of Giants defense, it starts and ends with the pressure created by the defensive line. Jason Pierre- Paul, Osi Umenyiora, and Justin Tuck strike fear in offensive lineman across the league. Make sure you utilize the “Nascar” defensive package to get all of these studs on the field at the same time.

TEAM PROFILES: NYG

The scouting department will need to target a few positions in the draft. A Receiving TE is much needed as well as some help all across the linebacker positions. The secondary is relatively solid, but don't be afraid to pull the trigger on a safety or corner if a quality player falls to you in the draft.

Playing as a Player

There's no question that if you're looking to crack the starting lineup for the Giants offense, the way to go is with a Receiving TE. You'll start from Day 1 and look to become Eli's security blanket. If defense is more your style, you can compete for a job in the linebacker core as a Balanced MLB. Are you going to help these Super Bowl Champs repeat?

TEAM PROFILES: NYG

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
HB 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Balanced	5 Star
WR 2	Balanced	5 Star
WR 3	Balanced	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
LG 1	Balanced	4 Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
LE 2	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
RE 2	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
DT 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 2	Run Stopper	4 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
ROLB 1	Run Stopper	3 Star

TEAM PROFILES: NYG

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
CB 1	Prototype	4 ½ Star
CB 2	Prototype	4 Star
FS 1	Prototype	5 Star
SS 1	Playmaker	5 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5

TEAM PROFILES: NYJ

New York Jets



Scheme: Power Run / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$5.94M

Strengths: HB, LT, C, DT, CB

Weaknesses: RT, WR, LOLB

Playing as a Coach

Does it even need to be said? Yes, you'll have to manage having both Mark Sanchez and Tim Tebow on your roster. Will you play one or the other? How about both? That decision may dictate how you gameplan with this offense. You do have Shonn Greene in the backfield behind a solid offensive line. A run first attitude mixed with play action pass may be the best line of attack.

The defense will have to carry you when the offense is faltering. The drafting of Quinton Coples provides the Jets an athletic pass rusher they've been craving. It'll be up to you to find a way to maximize his impact at LE. New York also has one of the best secondary's in the NFL, lead by Darrelle Revis. Stop the run early and force your opponents to have to throw, which should play right into your strength.

TEAM PROFILES: NYJ

There are a couple directions you can go in the draft. The Jets still need a WR to help ease the pressure from Santonio Holmes. Also, the defense could use a boost at LOLB. If the value isn't there, feel free to trade back or select the best player on the board.

Playing as a Player

Even with Sanchez and Tebow on the team, there is room for another Balanced QB to come in and overtake them both. Also a Route Running WR could play alongside Santonio Holmes right away. The defense is solid but could use help with a Balanced LOLB. Anywhere else on the defense will take some time gaining XP in practice and building yourself up.

TEAM PROFILES: NYJ

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Balanced	5 Star
HB 1	Power Back	5 Star
HB 2	Power Back	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Blocking	3 Star
WR 1	Route Runner	5 Star
WR 2	Route Runner	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 ½ Star
LT 1	Run Blocker	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 ½ Star
LOLB 1	Run Stopper	3 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	5 Star
FS 1	Run Support	5 Star

TEAM PROFILES: NYJ

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	5 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: OAK

Oakland Raiders



Scheme: Vertical Offense / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$9.17M

Strengths: FB, LT, DT

Weaknesses: TE, LG, LE

Playing as a Coach

The Oakland Raiders have a decent roster but lack an identity. Last season, Oakland traded for Carson Palmer but things just didn't click. They are hoping that a full offseason and the return of Darren McFadden will reignite the offense and win more games. The Raiders have a young group of WR's that show signs of promise but will need to be more consistent to take the next step.

The Raiders defense is anchored by the veteran defensive tackle, Richard Seymour. His leadership and play on the field sets the tempo. Michael Huff and Tyvon Branch are a good duo at safety that can cause confusion to opposing QB's. Play good, opportunistic defense to help out your offense. It will take winning in all three phases: offense, defense, and special teams to fill up the win column.

TEAM PROFILES: OAK

The scouting department has its work cut out. It will first take a conscious decision of what your teams' identity will be. If you want to run the ball more, perhaps you target offensive lineman that can create more movement against the defensive line. If it's passing, you need to address the TE position which is extremely weak. The defense needs another corner and to get younger at a few positions such as DT.

Playing as a Player

The Raiders value speed, a lot. A way to make a quick splash is as a Speed WR. You will come in and compete and if your performance is worthy, you'll be the number 1 target for Carson Palmer by the time Week 1 comes. A Prototype CB will take a solid Oakland secondary to the next level.

TEAM PROFILES: OAK

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Strong Arm	4 ½ Star
HB 1	Speed Back	5 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	3 Star
WR 1	Speed	5 Star
WR 2	Speed	5 Star
WR 3	Speed	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Balanced	4 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LG 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
DT 2	Balanced	4 ½ Star
LOLB 1	Prototype	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
CB 1	Prototype	4 Star
CB 2	Prototype	4 Star
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: OAK

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	5 Star
K 1	Power	3 ½ Star
P 1	Power	3 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6

TEAM PROFILES: PHI

Philadelphia Eagles



Scheme: Spread / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$11.29M

Strengths: HB, WR, LT, RE, DT

Weaknesses: C, RG, ROLB, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Philadelphia Eagles are one of the best run organizations in football. Constantly ahead of the curve when it comes to drafting and player management, the Eagles are an excellent team to start coaching. With players like Mike Vick, LeSean McCoy, and DeSean Jackson, Philly is certainly built upon speed on offense. Getting the football to each of these players in space will create turmoil amongst opposing defenses trying to tackle you in the open field.

The defense can flat out get after the QB. Jason Babin and Trent Cole are two elite pass rushing DE's. The addition of DeMeco Ryans at MLB finally gives Philly the athleticism they've lacked at the line-backer position in the past few years and Nnamdi Asomugha is one of the best cover corners in the NFL.

TEAM PROFILES: PHI

You get a sense of flexibility when it comes to scouting for the Eagles. They have plenty of pieces already and just looking to upgrade in a few key areas. The center and right guard could use an upgrade, but you may feel Mike Vick helps make up for a lack of protection. Outside LB and SS are two areas on defense that can improve to make this squad even deadlier.

Playing as a Player

There are not many options in cracking the offensive starting lineup of the Eagles. One of the few is as a Receiving TE. You'll need to earn XP in practice and during preseason. If you play well enough, you might be able to supplant Brent Celek as the starter by the end of the season. On defense, your best bet of playing right away is with a Balanced SS or Prototype OLB.

TEAM PROFILES: PHI

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	West Coast	5 Star
HB 1	Receiving Back	5 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Speed	5 Star
WR 2	Speed	5 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	5 Star
LG 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
C 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
RG 1	Pass Blocker	4 Star
RT 1	Pass Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Speed Rusher	5 Star
RE 1	Speed Rusher	5 Star
DT 1	Balanced	4 Star
DT 2	Balanced	4 Star
LOLB 1	Prototype	3 Star
MLB 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
ROLB 1	Prototype	3 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 3	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Balanced	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: PHI

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: PIT

Pittsburgh Steelers



Scheme: Balanced Offense / Zone Blitz 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$3.27M

Strengths: QB, DT, LOLB, ROLB, SS

Weaknesses: LT, CB

Playing as a Coach

The Pittsburgh Steelers have one of the most complete rosters in all of football and ready to compete for a championship the moment you select them. Ben Roethlisberger is already a two-time winning Super Bowl QB and is looking for more. He has all kinds of weapons to target including WR's Mike Wallace and Antonio Brown. The Steelers did go out and address the offensive line in this past years' draft, so you should be able to run the ball as well as have more time in the pocket.

While the defense might be getting older, they are still every bit effective. Led by dominant pass rushing outside linebackers, LaMarr Woodley and James Harrison, and a playmaking safety in Troy Polamalu, opposing offenses will constantly have threats to consider and struggle to move the ball. Make sure you are constantly blitzing Woodley and Harrison and just let the rest of the defense react to the controlled chaos.

TEAM PROFILES: PIT

Don't let the current roster give you a false sense of security. There are some age concerns with Pittsburgh and you'll need to stay ahead of the curve if you hope to keep this dynasty on track. RE, DT, ROLB, CB, FS, and SS all feature starters that over the age of 30. You'll have to formulate a good plan to replenishing these players and it all may just depend on what potential replacements are available in the draft.

Playing as a Player

As mentioned before, the Steelers have a very tough lineup to crack and start from Day 1. Your best bet on offense is to become a Balanced TE. You won't be the starter right away you you'll still need practice and the preseason to rack up XP and build up your character. The defense is equally hard to crack. A Zone CB might be the best route to go if you're hoping to make a sudden impact for this championship caliber team.

TEAM PROFILES: PIT

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Speed	5 Star
WR 2	Speed	4 ½ Star
WR 3	Speed	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Balanced	4 ½ Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	4 star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 ½ Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	4 ½ Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
ROLB 2	3-4 Pass Rusher	2 ½ Star
CB 1	Zone	4 Star
CB 2	Zone	3 Star

TEAM PROFILES: PIT

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Run Support	4 Star
SS 1	Playmaker	5 Star
K 1	Power	2 ½ Star
P 1	Power	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3

TEAM PROFILES: SD

San Diego Chargers



Scheme: Vertical Offense / Attacking 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$1.75M

Strengths: QB, HB, RE, LOLB, FS

Weaknesses: LG, SS

Playing as a Coach

The San Diego Chargers have no shortage of players who can get it done at a high level. The only catch is that your window for winning is right now. Both TE's, Antonio Gates and Randy McMichael are over 32 years old as well as starting CB, Quentin Jammer. You might need to spend some Coaching XP on increasing your chances of these players not retiring.

Putting age aside, San Diego has the roster to get it done in 2012. Philip Rivers had a disappointing 2011, but look for him to bounce back in a big way. The Chargers lost Vincent Jackson in free agency but acquired Robert Meachem and Eddie Royal to help fill the void. Also, Ryan Mathews could be ready to explode onto the scene. He's shown signs of being great but needs to stay healthy to be more consistent. Durability might be a good place to spend XP for Mathews.

TEAM PROFILES: SD

The Chargers defense is full of exceptional players as well. No one stands out above the rest, but that's because there are few holes on this side of the ball. Eric Weddle is a force in the secondary and Shaun Phillips can still be a dominant pass rusher.

The scouting department for San Diego has to be feeling good. They're in a position to take the best player available in most cases. A few areas you can target early on however is LG and SS. Also Takeo Spikes is 35 years old and the starting MLB. You'll certainly need to bolster that position in the offseason.

Playing as a Player

If you're looking to play right away for a contender, I can't think of a better position than as a Red Zone Threat WR for the Chargers. While they aren't desperate for a WR, you can come in right away and make an impact and with maximizing practice time and pre-season reps, you just might break camp as the teams number 1 WR. On defense, you'll want to look at a Run Supporting SS.

TEAM PROFILES: SD

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
HB 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	3 Star
WR 1	Red Zone Threat	4 ½ Star
WR 2	Red Zone Threat	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 ½ Star
LT 1	Pass Blocker	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
LOLB 2	3-4 Pass Rusher	4 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: SD

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
FS 1	Playmaker	5 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Clutch	3 Star
P 1	Clutch	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3

TEAM PROFILES: SF

San Francisco 49ers



Scheme: Power Run / Base 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$6.3M

Strengths: HB, TE, LG, RE, MLB

Weaknesses: C, RG

Playing as a Coach

The 49ers exploded in 2011 and look to keep the momentum rolling this season. Alex Smith had a career year and got some additional weapons with the signings of Randy Moss and Mario Manningham, as well as the drafting of A.J. Jenkins. Vernon Davis proved that he is an elite TE and can stretch the field on any defense.

Speaking of defense, that's where the 49ers excel. Justin Smith is a dominant pass rusher, Patrick Willis is a one man wrecking crew across the middle and Aldon Smith showed he can also make big plays. This defense is ready to line up and play against any offense with very little holes to expose.

TEAM PROFILES: SF

Hopefully the scouting department has a keen eye on offensive lineman, because that's the position where you'll probably look to upgrade first. The center and right guard could improve to make this team even scarier. Also, if you feel the jury is still out on Alex Smith, than perhaps you'll take a look at the incoming rookie QB's. The defense is stout but if you're looking at the future, maybe drafting a RE to eventually replace Justin Smith could be a nice route to go.

Playing as a Player

You can come in and compete for the starting QB job as a West Coast QB, but you'll need time to develop in practice and in the preseason. If all goes well, you could earn enough XP to overtake Smith in the QB battle. The defense does not offer many areas to come in and start from Day 1. You'll have to choose a position and prepare to grind it out in practice to build up your character.

TEAM PROFILES: SF

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	West Coast	4 ½ Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
FB 1	Blocking	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Possession	4 Star
WR 2	Possession	4 Star
WR 3	Possession	2 ½ Star
TE 1	Vertical Threat	5 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 ½ Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	5 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 ½ Star
LOLB 1	Run Stopper	3 ½ Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 ½ Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star
FS 1	Prototype	4 ½ Star

TEAM PROFILES: SF

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Clutch	3 Star
P 1	Clutch	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round	Year	Round
2013	1	2014	5
2013	2	2014	6
2013	3	2014	7
2013	3		
2013	4		
2013	5		
2013	5		
2013	6		
2013	6		
2013	7		
2013	7		
2014	1		
2014	2		
2014	3		
2014	4		

TEAM PROFILES: SEA

Seattle Seahawks



Scheme: West Coast / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$5.99M

Strengths: HB, FS, DT

Weaknesses: WR, LG, RG

Playing as a Coach

The Seattle Seahawks are a team on the rise. They do have a decision to make at QB. Tarvaris Jackson, Matt Flynn, and even Russell Wilson all provide different strengths and weaknesses and it'll be up to you who you feel the most comfortable with. Marshawn Lynch was a true beast last season and Seattle hopes he can duplicate that performance in 2012. With the WR core overall being weak, you'll have to rely on Lynch for a big part of your offensive output.

The defense is young and full of playmakers, however no true standouts. The Seattle secondary could develop into one of the best in the NFL. Richard Sherman and Brandon Browner are two, tall and athletic, corners and Earl Thomas and Kam Chancellor provide two heavy hitting safeties. The defense will have to carry the load and be the force that keeps the Seahawks in ball games.

TEAM PROFILES: SEA

Playing as a Player

The Seattle Seahawks have no true standout at quarterback which leaves the door wide open for you to step in as a Field General QB. By doing so, you'll take over the position right away and inject some much needed juice into the offense. There's also a need for Possession WR's as well. The starting defense is a little tougher to crack but you can make a difference as a Balanced OLB.

TEAM PROFILES: SEA

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Power Back	5 Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Possession	5 Star
WR 2	Possession	4 ½ Star
TE 1	Vertical Threat	5 Star
LT 1	Balanced	5 Star
LG 1	Balanced	4 Star
C 1	Balanced	4 Star
RG 1	Balanced	4 Star
RT 1	Balanced	3 ½ Star
LE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 2	Run Stopper	4 Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
ROLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
CB 1	Prototype	4 Star
CB 2	Prototype	4 Star
FS 1	Playmaker	5 Star
SS 1	Balanced	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: SEA

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: STL

St. Louis Rams



Scheme: Power Run / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$7.68M

Strengths: HB, RG, LE

Weaknesses: WR, TE, LG

Playing as a Coach

There's no question that the rebuild is underway in St. Louis. After a solid rookie season, Sam Bradford was injured and played poorly in 2011. The Rams hope he gets back on track this season and that won't be an easy task. St. Louis has little weapons surrounding Bradford. The one constant has been Steven Jackson at running back. You'll have to rely on him heavily for the bulk of your offense.

The defense has a few more pieces in place. Chris Long is a young and extremely talented defensive end that can take over games. James Laurinaitis is another young defensive playmaker at linebacker whom you can continue to build around. Free agent cornerback, Cortland Finnegan, signed in the offseason and hopes to improve a depleted St. Louis secondary.

TEAM PROFILES: STL

You'll have plenty of options when it comes to scouting for the draft. There's no question, major pieces are missing on offense. Sam Bradford needs weapons to have a chance of developing into the QB the Rams think he will be. I'd focus on WR's and possibly OLB's later in the draft to beef up the linebacker crew. The good news is, you have two, first round picks in each of the next two years.

Playing as a Player

The Rams are one of the few teams where you can come in as a Balanced WR and be the top WR on the depth chart from Day 1. If you're looking to build a potential Hall of Fame wideout, this very well may be your destination. The defense needs Balanced OLB's and also a Man to Man CB to make a sudden impact and turn this franchise around.

TEAM PROFILES: STL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Pocket Passer	5 Star
HB 1	Power Back	5 Star
FB 1	Blocking	3 Star
WR 1	Balanced	4 Star
WR 2	Balanced	3 ½ Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RT 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
DT 1	Balanced	5 Star
DT 2	Balanced	5 Star
LOLB 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Stopper	5 Star
ROLB 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Run Support	4 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: STL

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: TB

Tampa Bay Buccaneers



Scheme: Power Run / Tampa 2

Salary Cap Room: \$7.72M

Strengths: QB, WR, LT, LG

Weaknesses: TE, RT, MLB

Playing as a Coach

The Bucs are a tough team to peg. They seem to have a lot of pieces in place, yet seem like they're far away from competing for a title. After a disappointing 2011 campaign, QB Josh Freeman will look to get things back on track. He has a new WR in Vincent Jackson and LG in Carl Nicks that should pack a punch for the offense. Tampa also drafted Doug Martin to team with LeGarrette Blount in the backfield.

The defense has tried to be addressed. The defensive line has seen numerous 1st and 2nd round picks invested but no one has yet to stand out. The secondary has question marks as well and even sees Ronde Barber switching from CB to FS this year.

TEAM PROFILES: TB

The scouting department could go in a few directions with this organization. The TE position lacks on offense as well as a RT. Your best bet on defense might be to take the best player available, as the Bucs could upgrade in almost all areas. Perhaps targeting a FS to go along with Mark Barron is the best strategy as Barber could surely retire after this season.

Playing as a Player

You could develop a Strong Arm QB to compete with Josh Freeman, but you may have to wait a full year to overtake him as the starter. A Balanced HB or TE could make their way onto the field quicker for the Buccaneer offense. The defense is desperate for a Cover 2 MLB and Balanced Defensive End.

TEAM PROFILES: TB

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Strong Arm	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	5 Star
HB 2	Balanced	2 ½ Star
FB 1	Runner-Receiver	3 Star
WR 1	Possession	4 ½ Star
WR 2	Possession	4 Star
TE 1	Balanced	4 Star
LT 1	Run Blocker	4 ½ Star
LG 1	Run Blocker	4 Star
C 1	Run Blocker	4 Star
RG 1	Run Blocker	4 Star
RT 1	Run Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
RE 1	Balanced 4-3	5 Star
DT 1	Pass Rusher	5 Star
DT 2	Pass Rusher	5 Star
LOLB 1	Cover 2	3 Star
MLB 1	Cover 2	4 Star
ROLB 1	Cover 2	3 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	4 ½ Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Zone	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: TB

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	5 Star
K 1	Clutch	3 Star
P 1	Clutch	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
2013	4
2013	5
2013	6
2013	7
2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: TEN

Tennessee Titans



Scheme: Balanced Offense / Base 4-3

Salary Cap Room: \$14.21M

Strengths: HB, LT, LG, RT

Weaknesses: C, RG, LE

Playing as a Coach

The Tennessee Titans are a team caught in the middle. This team could scrap out 10 wins or 10 losses. This begins with the decision of who to start at QB. Matt Hasselbeck is a veteran who is better right now, but Jake Locker showed is more athletic and showed signs of being ready to play right now in 2011. No matter who starts under center, the offense must be built around Chris Johnson and the offensive line. Keeping defenses off guard with a good mix of run and pass will greatly improve the productivity your offense produces.

The defense has some young players that they hope continue to develop. Akeem Ayers and Colin McCarthy are two, second-year linebackers that could pan out to be studs. Michael Griffin provides a playmaking free safety who can give opposing offenses headaches. You'll have to focus on stopping the run and then pressuring the quarterback for the most success with the Tennessee defense.

TEAM PROFILES: TEN

The scouting department has a few areas in which it could go. The offense needs more weapons at wide receiver and tight end. The offensive line is strong overall but where it's weak, it's really weak. Target a center and right guard to truly solidify the line. The defense only needs help at strong safety and corner as long as the other young players develop as they should.

Playing as a Player

The Titans desire a Strong Arm QB and you have the opportunity to step in and start right away. Your abilities might be just what this offense needs to get going. The offense could also use a Possession WR to help out Kenny Britt. On defense, you could start at a few positions, but I'd target a Run Supporting CB or SS.

TEAM PROFILES: TEN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Strong Arm	5 Star
HB 1	Speed Back	5 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Possession	5 Star
WR 2	Possession	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	4 ½ Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
LG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
C 1	Big Mauler	4 Star
RG 1	Big Mauler	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Run Blocker	3 ½ Star
LE 1	Balanced 4-3	4 Star
RE 1	4-3 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Run Stopper	4 Star
LOLB 1	Balanced	4 Star
MLB 1	Run Support	4 Star
ROLB 1	Prototype	4 Star
CB 1	Run Support	4 Star
CB 2	Run Support	4 Star
FS 1	Balanced	5 Star
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

TEAM PROFILES: TEN

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
P 1	Accurate	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	1
2013	2
2013	3
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2014	1
2014	2
2014	3
2014	4
2014	5
2014	6
2014	7

TEAM PROFILES: WAS

Washington Redskins



Scheme: West Coast / Base 3-4

Salary Cap Room: \$3.74M

Strengths: MLB, ROLB

Weaknesses: RT, FS, SS

Playing as a Coach

The Washington Redskins are a team that many will want to check out. Robert Griffin III might be the most physically gifted QB to come out since Michael Vick. It will be important to hit the practice field just to get a feel for playing with RG3. It will be just as critical to understand RG3's limitations as it is with what he excels in. Washington also spent some money in free agency to further beef up the offense with the signings of Pierre Garcon and Josh Morgan. A creative and multi-dimensional offense will be what it takes to maximize the explosiveness that Washington possesses.

TEAM PROFILES: WAS

The front seven of the defense is one of the best in the NFL. London Fletcher and Brian Orakpo lead the way and Ryan Kerrigan will look to improve on an impressive rookie season. DeAngelo Hall and Josh Wilson are both solid corners but both starting safeties will need to improve before the secondary is considered to be solid. Overall, make sure you are bringing Orakpo and Kerrigan on the blitz more times than not, as their specialty is rushing the passer.

Scouting for the Skins won't be too hard. The needs are fairly clear. The offensive line needs to be upgraded. A Zone Blocking lineman will suit your offense the best. Also, don't be afraid to pull the trigger on a Balanced HB if the right player falls to you at the right time. As mentioned earlier, the defense needs a FS and SS to plug the immediate holes. It'll probably be smart to look for a replacement for London Fletcher as he draws closer to the end of his career.

Playing as a Player

A Balanced HB can come in and compete for reps right away. You'll need to shine in practice and in the preseason to earn XP and start building up your running back. You should have no problem overtaking the starting job by mid-season. The defense is hungry for a Prototype FS and Run Supporting SS. Are you prepared to take the Skins to the next level and compete for a championship in the NFC East?

TEAM PROFILES: WAS

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
QB 1	Field General	5 Star
HB 1	Balanced	4 Star
FB 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
WR 1	Speed	5 Star
WR 2	Speed	4 Star
TE 1	Receiver	5 Star
LT 1	Big Mauler	5 Star
LG 1	Zone Blocking	3 ½ Star
C 1	Zone Blocking	4 Star
RG 1	Zone Blocking	3 ½ Star
RT 1	Zone Blocking	3 ½ Star
LE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	5 Star
LE 2	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
RE 1	3-4 Run Stopper	4 Star
DT 1	Nose Tackle	4 Star
LOLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
MLB 1	3-4 Tackler	5 Star
MLB 2	3-4 Tackler	4 Star
ROLB 1	3-4 Pass Rusher	5 Star
CB 1	Man to Man	5 Star
CB 2	Man to Man	4 Star
FS 1	Prototype	4 Star

TEAM PROFILES: WAS

Player Types & Value Ratings

Position	Player Type	Importance
SS 1	Run Support	4 Star
K 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star
P 1	Balanced	2 ½ Star

Draft Picks

Year	Round
2013	2
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About

Madden NFL 13 is very excited to be delivering NFL legends. You'll find these players in both Madden Ultimate Team and Connected Careers. Below is a brief bio of each legend and where they might best fit in today's NFL. Keep in mind, the legends you are playing with are rookie versions of the player. They're initial ratings will be higher than your average rookie, but nowhere near the heights that you can take them as you get deeper in your career.

Barry Sanders

Speed Back / Zone Run Scheme 97 SPD, 99 AGI, 98 ACC

Barry Sanders spent his entire career as a Detroit Lion and that's exactly the perfect place to restart his career. Barry's explosiveness should give the Lions the balance they need and could quite possibly push them over the edge for a Super Bowl ring. Can you get Barry the championship he never achieved?

Dave Casper

Receiver TE / Vertical Offense 85 SPD, 87 CTH, 93 CIT

Dave "The Ghost" Casper is known for his time spent on the Oakland Raiders and that's a perfect fit for him to begin his career. The Raiders are desperate for a Receiving TE and Casper can come in and start from day one. How much can you improve on Casper's career in today's NFL?

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Deion Sanders

Man to Man / Base 4-3 95 MCV, 90 ZCV, 99 SPD, 99 ACC

“Prime Time” Deion Sanders spent his career with multiple franchises but he arguably is best known for his time on the Dallas Cowboys. By going back to Dallas to restart your career, you can see immediate time as the second cornerback. It surely won't take long for Deion to overtake the number one spot and start tormenting opposing QB's once again.

Derrick Brooks

Cover 2 / Tampa 2 Scheme 89 TAK, 88 SPD, 93 PUR

Derrick Brooks spent his entire career with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Labeled as too small to play in the NFL, Brooks quickly proved that he could play just fine and helped turn around a franchise that was going nowhere. He'll have the same opportunity if he is brought back to the Bucs in today's game. Can you repeat history and get Tampa another Super Bowl ring?

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Night Train Lane

Run Support / Base 3-4 85 MCV, 90 ZCV, 91 PRS

Night Trane Lane began his career as a Los Angeles Ram in 1952 and quickly made a name for himself. He set the single season record for interceptions with 14 in his rookie year and did that with just a 12 game schedule! He's a perfect fit to return to the Rams organization, now in St. Louis and help a young team get meaner on defense. Can you repeat 14 INT's in your first season?

Emmitt Smith

Power Back / Power Run 89 TRK, 95 ACC, 92 SFA

Emmitt Smith spent the majority of his career with the Dallas Cowboys and racked up 3 Super Bowls rings. A trip back to Dallas would give Emmitt another chance to succeed as the teams' number one running back. Can you break Emmitt's own record of 18,355 rushing yards?

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George Blanda

Pocket Passer / Vertical Offense 92 THP, 86 SAC, 87 DAC

George Blanda is considered one of the best football players of all time. Blanda spent time at linebacker, kicker, and of course quarterback during his record, 26 years in the NFL. There is some slight competition for Blanda if he heads back to Oakland. It will take practice and a good performance in the preseason to overtake Carson Palmer. If you're looking for a place that values Blanda and can start right away, St. Louis might be your preferred destination.

Jerry Rice

Balanced WR / West Coast 90 CTH, 96 SPD, 98 AGI

Many consider Jerry Rice to be the greatest football player of all time. He has set countless records, some thought never to be broken. Rice can certainly go back to San Francisco and help get the franchise to yet another Super Bowl. He'll start off as the teams' number 3 wideout, but is only one overall point behind the number 1 spot. Practice and preseason should gain you enough XP to start the season as San Francisco's primary target. Another path is with the Oakland Raiders where you'll be the number one as soon as you step foot through the door. Can you top the G.O.A.T.'S receiving records?

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Mean Joe Greene

Prototype DT / Attacking 3-4 93 STR, 94 PMV, 95 BSH

Mean Joe Greene is considered to be one of the best defensive linemen in the history of the NFL. The 1969 Rookie of the Year, Greene became the anchor of the "Steel Curtain" defense. However, today's Pittsburgh Steelers have switched to a 3-4 defense and do not value the Prototype DT that Greene is. Your best bet of playing early on is with the rival Dallas Cowboys. You'll come in just behind Jay Ratliff, but nothing Mean Joe Greene can't overcome with a little practice and on-field performance.

Joe Montana

West Coast QB/ West Coast Scheme 97 SAC, 92 RUN, 89 MAC

Some still consider Joe Montana to be the greatest quarterback of all time mostly due to his four Super Bowl victories and 31, fourth quarter comebacks. It seems logical to take Joe back to San Francisco where he would supplant Alex Smith as the starter and look to start another dynasty. Can you prove to the world that the same success can be had, this time without Jerry Rice?

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John Elway

Field General / Vertical Offense 99 THP, 88 DAC, 90 RUN

John Elway is a Hall of Fame QB who spent his entire career with the Denver Broncos. He walked away from football after winning back to back Super Bowls. However, going back to Denver to resume his career won't be so easy. Peyton Manning is firmly cemented in as the number one QB on the depth chart. Maybe you can prove Denver wrong by signing with division rival, Kansas City, and becoming their starting QB?

John Mackey

Vertical Threat / Vertical Offense 88 SPD, 94 ACC, 90 CTH

John Mackey joined the Baltimore Colts in 1963 and quickly changed the way tight end was played in the NFL. Mackey was the first tight end to truly stretch the field. In 1966, he had six touchdowns that were 50 yards or more. Reuniting with Baltimore seems to be a logical choice. The Ravens are in need of a Receiving TE to complement Joe Flacco. Prove that Mackey can still play in today's NFL!

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Kellen Winslow

Receiver TE / Balanced Offense 87 SPD, 93 CTH, 94 SPC

Kellen Winslow is described as “a receiver in an offensive linemen’s body.” He became one of the first tight ends whose primary job was to catch the football. As great as it would be for Winslow to go back to San Diego, Antonio Gates has a firm lock on the starting job. So perhaps a trip to division rival, Denver, would be the best way to go in order to play right away. It won’t take long for Chargers fans to remember what made Kellen so great.

Lawrence Taylor

3-4 Pass Rusher / Attacking 3-4 97 ACC, 96 PMV, 95 FMV

L.T. spent his entire career with the New York Giants and was one of the best pass rushers to ever play the game of football. Restarting your career with the G-men is possible. They value a 3-4 pass rushing outside linebacker. L.T. can come in and start right away and attempt to surpass his original legacy which included two Super Bowl victories and a league MVP.

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Marshall Faulk

Receiving Back / Vertical Offense 97 JKM, 99 ACC, 95 ELU

Marshall Faulk was a key cog in what was called “The Greatest Show on Turf” for the St. Louis Rams. Faulk was just as deadly catching the ball as he was running which made him almost indefensible. While a return to the Rams would be great, you’ll be stuck behind Steven Jackson since the team values a Power Runner. So going back to the team that originally drafted Faulk could be your best bet for early, on-the-field action. That is of course the Indianapolis Colts, who need as many playmakers as they can get. Marshall was originally in Indy to mentor a young Peyton Manning and now he has the opportunity to do the same with Andrew Luck. Are your shoulders wide enough for the challenge?

Michael Irvin

Red Zone Threat / Balanced Offense 93 SPD, 93 JMP, 96 ACC

Michael Irvin was known as “The Playmaker” due to his propensity for making plays in the clutch. Irvin played a big role in Dallas’ three Super Bowl titles during the 90’s. The door is open for “The Playmaker” to return to Dallas and start his career over. You’ll come in as the number two wideout but only one point behind the starter. A strong preseason and XP earned from practice should be more than enough to make you Tony Romo’s number one target. Can you recreate the same chemistry with Romo as you had with Troy Aikman?

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Otto Graham

Strong Arm QB / Balanced Offense 93 THP, 94 DAC, 92 RUN

Otto Graham spent his entire career with the Cleveland Browns and is still widely considered the best QB to ever put on a Browns uniform. Factoring in both the AAFL and the NFL, Cleveland was an amazing 114-20-4 with Graham under center. Of course Cleveland is still in need of a quarterback in today's NFL and Otto could step right in and look to repeat his dominance that he had from 1946-1955.

Reggie White

Balanced 4-3 / Base 4-3 97 PMV, 92 BSH, 93 STR

Reggie White was known as the "Minister of Defense" due to both his faith and dominant play at defensive end. Reggie was a 13 time Pro Bowler and two-time Defensive Player of the Year and even has a Super Bowl ring to his name. Reggie is known for his days as an Eagle and Packer but both teams are not good places for Reggie to return to. He actually finished his career with the Carolina Panthers and that's exactly where you should go back to. Just imagine today's Panthers with Reggie White as a rookie defensive end!

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Rod Woodson

Prototype / Attacking 4-3 92 ZCV, 95 JMP, 95 ACC

Rod Woodson played 17 years in the NFL for four different teams. Rod was a dynamic corner and still holds the record for most interceptions returned for touchdowns. Woodson began his career with the Pittsburgh Steelers and that's a great place to relive his career in today's NFL. You'll come in as the number two corner but it won't take long to earn the top spot.

Ronnie Lott

Prototype / Base 3-4 92 ZCV, 95 POW, 90 SPD

In a game full of tough and almost unbreakable athletes, Ronnie Lott might be the baddest of them all. Lott wasn't just tough, he was one of the games' best defensive backs of all-time and a four-time Super Bowl Champion. Lott is known for his time on the 49ers and the door is open for him to return to San Francisco. Also, a team in today's NFL that fits Lott's play type so well is the Washington Redskins. You have a chance to step in and start for both organizations.

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Shannon Sharpe

Receiver TE / Balanced Offense 93 ACC, 86 CTH, 88 SPC

Shannon Sharpe might be the greatest receiving tight end in the history of the NFL. He's number two all-time in receptions, receiving yards, and touchdowns for tight ends. Sharpe spent the bulk of his career with the Denver Broncos with John Elway and now he can return to Denver and catch passes from Peyton Manning. Denver is in need for a Receiving TE and that's where Sharpe excels. Can you match or even surpass Sharpe's own legacy?

Steve Young

West Coast / West Coast 92 SAC, 88 SPD, 95 ACC

Steve Young had the near-impossible task of replacing Joe Montana in San Francisco and proved that he was up the challenge. Young went on to win three Super Bowls of his own as well as a two-time league MVP. Young is certainly capable of returning to the bay area and competing with Alex Smith for the starting job. You'll both be tied, but dominating on the practice field and in the preseason should put Young over the top and start Week 1 for the 49ers.

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Troy Aikman

Pocket Passer / Balanced Offense 94 THP, 93 SAC, 90 PAC

Troy Aikman was the number one overall selection in the 1989 draft for the Dallas Cowboys. He went 1-15 in his rookie season but that didn't stop him from becoming a great quarterback. Dallas got the right pieces in place and Aikman and the Cowboys went on to win three Super Bowls in the 1990's. Starting back with the Cowboys is not an easy thing to do in today's NFL for Aikman. He's currently 3 points behind Tony Romo and it'll take practice and patience to overtake him. You could stay in the state of Texas but move over to Houston and take over as the starting QB from day one.

Walter Payton

Balanced / Balanced Offense 98 SPD, 99 ACC, 97 JKM

Walter Payton might have one of the best nicknames in all of sports, "Sweetness." That's the only way to describe his playing style. Payton is number two on the all-time rushing list and also a Super Bowl champion for the Chicago Bears. Restarting his career with the Bears will be tough. Matt Forte is securely the number one running back for Chicago you might decide to take Payton elsewhere for more immediate playing time. One option is with arch-rival, Green Bay. Can you imagine how difficult it would be to slow down the Packer offense with "Sweetness" in the mix?

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Warren Moon

Strong Arm / Vertical Offense 95 THP, 90 SAC, 94 MAC

Warren Moon became the face of the Houston Oilers when he came to the NFL in 1984. Moon was a prolific passer and threw for close to 4700 yards in 1990 and 1991, a number still impressive in today's NFL. Moon is a great fit to return to the franchise that gave him his start in the NFL, now in Tennessee. Can you surpass Warren Moon's legacy and even achieve a Super Bowl victory?