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Become the ultimate field general with GameSpot's comprehensive Madden 09 game guide. Inside you'll find full Madden 09 team rosters and ratings, analysis of all 32 NFL teams, tips for offensive and defensive formations and playbooks, exclusive in-depth offensive and defensive strategies from the experts at SportsGamer, and the complete list of Xbox 360 achievements.

- Team Stats: Look here the Madden 09 overall ratings for all 32 NFL teams
- Team Profiles and Rosters: We profile all 32 NFL teams and reveal complete rosters and statistics.
- Read & React Weapons: The weapon feature returns for Madden 09. We reveal all player weapons and their statistics.
- Offensive Formations and Playbooks: This section features a compilation and tips for offensive formations and team playbooks.
- **SportsGamer's Madden 09 Offensive Training Camp**: With the help of the experts at SportsGamer, we've included select strategy articles from their Madden 09 offensive training camp.
- **Defensive Formations and Playbooks**: This section covers strategies for defensive formations and a list of defensive playbooks.
- SportsGamer's Madden 09 Defensive Training Camp: The experts at SportsGamer reveal top Madden 09 defensive strategies.
- Xbox 360 Achievements: A full list of Madden 09 Xbox 360 achievements.

Chapter 1 - Team Stats

The following table reveals the Madden 09 overall rating for all 32 NFL teams. We've also included the top players and weapons listed in the game's franchise mode.

TEAM	CONFERENCE AND DIVISION	'07 RECORD	OVERALL RATING	TOP PLAYERS AND WEAPONS
Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	8-8	78	Larry Fitzgerald: Quick Receiver; Anquan Boldin: Possession Receiver
Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	4-12	67	John Abraham: Finesse Move D-Lineman; Ovie Mughelli; Crushing Run Blocker
Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	5-11	81	Ed Reed: Smart Safety; Matt Stover: Accurate Kicker
Buffalo Bills	AFC East	7-9	82	Jason Peters: Pass Blocker; Marcus Stroud: Power Move D-Lineman
Carolina Panthers	NFC South	7-9	86	Steve Smith: Speed; Julius Peppers: Finesse Move D-Lineman
Chicago Bears	NFC North	7-9	80	Brian Urlacher: Smart Linebacker; Tommie Harris: Power Move D-Lineman
Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	7-9	80	Chad Johnson: Quick Receiver; Carson Palmer: Cannon Arm QB
Cleveland Browns	AFC North	10-6	88	Kellen Winslow: Possession Receiver; Joe Thomas: Pass Blocker
Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	13-3	96	Terrell Owens: Possession Receiver; DeMarcus Ware: Finesse Move D-Lineman
Denver Broncos	AFC West	7-9	84	Champ Bailey: Speed; D.J. Williams: Brick Wall Defender
Detroit Lions	NFC North	7-9	78	Ernie Sims: Big Hitter; Roy Williams: Spectacular Catch Receiver
Green Bay Packers	NFC North	13-3	91	Aaron Kampman: Power Move D-Lineman; Chad Clifton: Pass Blocker
Houston Texans	AFC South	8-8	78	Mario Williams: Power Move D-Lineman; Andre Johnson: Spectacular Catch Receiver
Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	13-3	95	Peyton Manning: Smart QB; Bob Sanders: Big Hitter
Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	11-5	93	John Henderson: Power Move D-Lineman; Rashean Mathis: Shutdown Corner
Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	4-12	71	Tony Gonzalez: Quick Receiver; Larry Johnson: Power Back

Miami Dolphins	AFC East	1-15	67	Ronnie Brown: Power Back; Joey Porter: Big Hitter
Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	8-8	90	Pat Williams: Power Move D-Lineman; Steve Hutchinson: Crushing Run Blocker
New England Patriots	AFC East	16-0	97	Tom Brady: Smart QB; Randy Moss: Spectacular Catch Receiver
New Orleans Saints	NFC South	7-9	87	Jeremy Shockey: Quick Receiver; Drew Brees: Accurate QB
New York Giants	NFC East	10-6	94	Osi Umenyiora: Finesse Move D-Lineman; Plaxico Burress: Spectacular Catch Receiver
New York Jets	AFC East	4-12	76	Kerry Rhodes: Smart Safety; Alan Fanaca: Crushing Run Blocker
Oakland Raiders	AFC West	4-12	71	Shane Lechler: Big Foot Kicker; Nnamdi Asomugha: Shutdown Corner
Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	8-8	91	Brian Westbrook: Elusive Back; Asante Samuel: Shutdown Corner
Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	10-6	94	Troy Polamalu: Smart Safety; Casey Hampton: Power Move D-Lineman
San Diego Chargers	AFC West	11-5	95	LaDainian Tomlinson: Elusive Back; Antonio Gates: Quick Receiver
San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	5-11	72	Andy Lee: Big Foot Kicker; Patrick Willis: Brick Wall Defender
Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	10-6	87	Lofa Tatupu: Brick Wall Defender; Patrick Kerney: Power Move D-Lineman
St. Louis Rams	NFC West	3-13	77	Steven Jackson: Power Back; Torry Holt: Quick Receiver
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	NFC South	9-7	91	Derrick Brooks: Smart Linebacker; Ronde Barber: Press Coverage Corner
Tennessee Titans	AFC South	10-6	89	Albert Haynesworth: Poiwer Move D- Lineman; Keith Bulluck: Brick Wall Defender
Washington Redskins	NFC East	9-7	88	Jason Taylor: Finesse Move D-Lineman; London Fletcher-Baker: Brick Wall Defender

Chapter 2 - Team Profiles and Rosters

This section covers team profiles for all 32 Madden 09 NFL teams. Here you'll find each team's outlook for the upcoming season, coverage of key players, weapons, and strategies for executing offense and defense. The rosters included are based on the game's default rosters with major player movement based on the first roster update. You'll find Brett Favre on the New York Jets, Jeremy Shockey on the New Orleans Saints, and Jason Taylor on the Washington Redskins.

All players are rated on the following list of statistics. Many of these statistics are directly associated with a specific read and react weapon: for instance, the speed statistic determines whether or not a player has the Speed (or Speed QB) weapon. You'll find more statistic and weapon relationships in the Read & React Weapons section of this game guide.

- Overall (OVR) The overall rating for the player. The higher the better!
- Speed (SPD) How fast the player can run. This attribute is associated with the Speed and Speed QB weapons.
- Strength (STR) The player's strength, which affects his ability to break tackles.
- Agility (AGI) The player's agility, enhancing his ability to switch directions.
- Acceleration (ACC) How fast a player reaches full speed. Great for sprinting through open holes in your line.
- Awareness (AWR) A player's ability to react and adjust. High awareness generally comes with more experience. This attribute is associated with the Smart QB weapon.
- Trucking (TRK) Player's ability to run over a defender attempting a tackle. Think of it as the offense's hit stick. This attribute is associated with the Power Back weapon.
- Elusiveness (ELU) Likely the ability to escape tackles (or perhaps sacks). This is a key statistic for running backs, receivers, and quarterbacks. This attribute is associated with the Elusive Back weapon.
- Ball Carrier Vision (BCV) Ball carrying vision: ability to spot the open field. This is a key statistic for running backs.
- Stiff Arm (SFA) Player's ability with the stiff arm maneuver. This attribute is associated with the Stiff Arm Ball Carrier Copyright ©1995-2008 CNET Networks. Inc. All rights reserved.

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- weapon.
- Spin Move (SPM) Player's ability with the spin maneuver.
- Juke Move (JKM) Player's ability with the juke move.
- Carrying (CAR) How well the player holds onto the football. A higher rating means the less chance of a fumble.
- Catching (CTH) How well the player can catch. A higher rating means fewer drops. This attribute is associated with the Hands weapon.
- Spectacular Catch (SPC) A player's ability to make a spectacular catch. This attribute is associated with the Spectacular Catch Receiver weapon.
- Catch in Traffic (CIT) How well the player can catch the ball and maintain possession in tight coverage. This attribute is associated with the Possession Receiver weapon.
- Route Running Rating (RTE) How well the player runs the play's passing route. This attribute is associated with the Quick Receiver weapon.
- Jumping (JMP) The player's ability to jump, such as for grabbing high passes.
- Throw Power (THP) How far a player can throw the ball. This attribute is associated with the Cannon Arm QB weapon.
- Throw Accuracy (THA) How accurate a player throws. This attribute is associated with the Accurate QB weapon.
- Tackle (TAK) A player's ability to tackle. This attribute is associated with the Brick Wall Defender weapon.
- Hit Power (POW) The strength of the player's hit, which can determine the success of a tackle or the possibility of a fumble This attribute is associated with the Big Hitter weapon.
- Power Moves (PMV) Look for high power moves in Defensive Linemen. Power Moves is the ability to power through the block. This attribute is associated with the Power Move D-Lineman weapon.
- Finesse Moves (FMV) Similar to power moves but it's the ability to spin or swim around blocks. This attribute is associated with the Finesse Move D-Lineman weapon.
- Block Shedding (BSH) How well the player can shed a block.
- Pursuit (PUR) Skill in finding and pursuing the ball carrier, likely laterally. For instance: a linebacker moving down the line to cut off the ball carrier.
- Man Coverage (MCV) Skill of the defender in man coverage. This attribute is associated with the Shutdown Corner weapon.
- Zone Coverage (ZCV) Skill of the defender in zone coverage.
- Press Rating (PRS) Ability of defender in press coverage. This attribute is associated with the Press Coverage Corner weapon.
- Release Rating (RLS) Ability of receiver to release from press coverage.
- Play Recognition (PRC) A defender's ability to recognize the offense's play. This rating is directly related to the Smart Linebacker, Smart Corner, and Smart Safety weapons.
- Pass Block (PBK) How well a player pass blocks.
- Run Block (RBK) How well a player run blocks.
- Impact Blocking (IBL) Would seem to be the blockers ability to make a leveling "impact" style block.
- Run Block Strength (RBS) How well the player run blocks. This rating is associated with the Crushing Run Blocker weapon.
- Run Block Footwork (RBF) How well the player maintains footing during a run block.
- Pass Block Strength (PBS) How well the player pass blocks. This rating is associated with the Pass Blocker weapon.
- Pass Block Footwork (PBF) How well the player maintains footing during a pass block.
- Kick Power (KPW) A kicker's power. Higher power means longer kicks. This attribute is associated with the Big Foot Kicker weapon.
- Kick Accuracy (KAC) A kicker's accuracy. This attribute is associated with the Accurate Kicker weapon.
- Return (RET) Skill of the player as a punt or kick returner.
- Stamina (STA) The player's stamina level. The higher the rating, the more the player can be in the game before he becomes fatigued.
- Injury (INJ) The likelihood of an injury. The higher the rating, the less likely a player will get injured.

Arizona Cardinals

- '07 Record: 8-8 (2nd in NFC West)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 344.1 yards per game (12th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 330.2 yards allowed per game (17th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 25.2 points per game (7th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 24.9 points allowed per game (27th in NFL)



The Arizona Cardinals have one of the strongest wide receiver duos in the league.

The league is still waiting for the Arizona Cardinals to have that breakout season. When the Cardinals added former Indianapolis Colts standout running back Edgerrin James a few seasons back, most thought the Cardinals had finally put together a playoff team. But it's now a couple seasons later and the Arizona Cardinals' lack of consistency keeps the team from challenging the NFC's elite. Last season's 8-8 record sums up the Cardinals: good enough for 8 wins but bad enough for 8 losses.

The Cardinals have two of the best Wide Receivers in the game-Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin-and Edgerrin James remains one of the game's better running backs. Both Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin feature a variety of player weapons, including Hands, Spectacular Catch, Quick, and Possession, and both should be a focal point of the offense. Edgerinn James is a Stiff Arm Ball Carrier and best suited to power through between the tackles. The quarterback situation remains cluttered going into the 2008 season: both veteran Kurt Warner and former Heisman trophy winner Matt Leinart remain in contention for the starting job. Both are nearly identical in ratings with Leinart boasting better speed and Warner gaining the veteran awareness edge.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Leinart	85	78	87	92	60	65	61	65	65	48	87	92
Kurt	Warner	85	88	88	92	46	44	54	44	30	32	60	90
Brian	St.Pierre	69	65	83	81	52	54	50	54	55	38	77	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Larry	Fitzgerald	97	93	90	70	90	95	70	89	98	87	80	86	75	95	77	95	96

Anquan	Boldin	95	91	89	80	87	93	80	91	90	86	82	90	95	91	88	99	92
Early	Doucet	77	90	93	62	54	80	71	92	90	88	80	65	65	70	88	84	79
Jerheme	Urban	74	88	87	52	68	80	65	84	81	64	73	64	44	80	72	80	79
Steve	Breaston	71	93	94	52	58	74	72	94	86	93	88	93	44	84	92	68	74

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Edgerrin	James	92	88	85	78	88	78	85	90	88	80	92	97	92	89	99	60
Marcel	Shipp	76	85	85	79	82	66	84	80	65	50	85	89	89	68	88	35
J.J.	Arrington	73	91	92	62	62	67	74	91	85	79	60	60	69	84	90	37
Tim	Hightower	71	88	85	64	52	70	76	90	75	65	65	65	83	80	92	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Terrelle	Smith	88	66	67	85	78	60	74	55	45	35	55	80	75	78	60

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Leonard	Pope	78	82	83	68	55	79	70	80	87	74	69	64	65	75	77	75	65
Troy	Bienemann	76	78	78	68	52	75	72	82	79	60	50	55	65	60	65	65	66
Ben	Patrick	73	77	74	65	66	81	74	74	82	70	64	70	62	84	72	77	75
Jerame	Tuman	72	62	64	78	72	66	65	62	57	45	59	60	65	48	45	66	55

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Mike	Gandy	86	85	49	82	88	54	88	89	84	89	78	89	72
RT	Levi	Brown	85	70	62	84	93	58	91	85	91	93	87	91	82
LG	Reggie	Wells	85	80	57	72	87	62	86	87	78	86	84	86	82
С	Al	Johnson	80	74	54	70	87	54	88	83	79	86	69	84	65
RG	Deuce	Lutui	79	64	45	64	94	53	84	82	84	90	86	86	80
RG	Elton	Brown	74	62	49	60	90	53	84	80	69	86	63	83	66
С	Lyle	Sendlein	73	62	52	62	85	55	85	81	76	84	68	82	65
LG	Scott	Peters	66	56	60	64	81	60	74	73	74	81	71	74	73
RT	Brandon	Keith	66	35	66	78	93	62	82	74	80	88	55	85	55
LT	Elliot	Vallejo	65	58	45	55	86	50	77	79	72	79	65	81	74

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Darnell	Dockett	93	68	75	92	90	70	68	92	94	89	91	85	85	65
LE	Antonio	Smith	83	74	74	79	79	68	60	79	84	78	82	80	74	68
DT	Gabe	Watson	80	66	58	65	93	49	52	65	89	64	90	82	50	60
DT	Alan	Branch	79	58	62	68	94	53	60	68	90	67	90	78	55	50
LE	Calais	Campbell	79	55	78	84	82	72	74	84	83	80	82	75	80	48
RE	Joe	Tafoya	76	74	69	76	77	68	65	76	80	70	78	77	66	68
RE	Kenny	Iwebema	74	55	74	75	78	70	75	75	82	74	80	74	70	50

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Gerald	Hayes	86	87	75	77	84	85	88	74	66	90	88	94	85	50	65
ROLB	Chike	Okeafor	85	85	79	75	85	82	78	80	88	86	88	88	78	50	65
ROLB	Clark	Haggans	85	84	77	75	78	80	80	88	87	91	89	90	78	60	65
MLB	Karlos	Dansby	85	79	85	84	86	73	74	82	86	90	86	93	78	75	75
LOLB	Bertrand	Berry	82	84	80	77	84	85	84	87	82	88	85	90	78	40	50
LOLB	Travis	LaBoy	75	70	77	75	84	78	80	76	86	86	80	88	72	40	55
MLB	Monty	Beisel	75	80	76	78	80	75	68	70	67	78	83	86	68	55	65
MLB	Matt	Stewart	74	70	73	73	75	76	65	66	72	82	84	86	78	50	70

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Roderick	Hood	86	90	92	82	60	69	91	86	66	78	78	90	85	78	42
Eric	Green	83	89	91	74	60	68	91	90	68	79	70	85	82	82	64
Dominique	Cromartie	82	97	98	48	58	75	98	97	55	80	46	82	82	77	50
Ralph	Brown	69	88	85	70	49	64	88	78	55	64	54	78	75	55	38
Michael	Adams	66	88	88	60	52	60	89	75	56	68	44	77	74	55	45

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Adrian	Wilson	96	80	89	72	87	90	70	99	82	90	87	65	85	45	84
FS	Antrel	Rolle	89	70	89	68	92	92	79	92	70	83	66	79	88	80	45
FS	Aaron	Francisco	78	75	86	56	80	85	67	78	66	80	70	60	80	55	55
SS	Oliver	Celestin	70	62	85	62	82	85	60	83	73	78	56	55	75	40	64

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Neil	Rackers	82	97	84	64	12	45	22	15	

Punters

Fi Na	irst ame	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Dirl	k	Johnson	73	88	86	55	33	41	47	37

Atlanta Falcons

- '07 Record: 4-12 (4th in NFC South)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 301.0 yards per game (23rd in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 355.5 yards allowed per game (29th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 16.2 points per game (29th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 25.9 points allowed per game (29th in NFL)



The Atlanta Falcons acquired former LaDainian Tomlinson-back-up Michael Turner-he's a bruising Power Back.

The Atlanta Falcons continue to rebuild after a couple tough seasons. First it was their star quarterback and former Madden cover player Michael Vick busted on dog-fighting charges and then it was last season's head coach Bobby Petrino abandoning the team midseason. And with offensive, defensive, and points for and points allowed rankings near the bottom of the league, the Falcons can only go up-right?

The Falcons' used their first round draft pick on former Boston College standout quarterback Matt Ryan; the average rated starter is still the best quarterback on the team. Atlanta made a big offseason move by adding former LaDainian Tomlinson backup Michael Turner. He's a Power Back and a formidable ball carrier; capitalize on Turner's trucking ability with dives, off tackle, and iso runs. Use packages to work in backup running back Jerious Norwood, one of the fastest players with 96 speed. Emerging star Roddy White leads a below average receiving corp.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Ryan	83	72	93	87	63	62	62	64	55	45	90	92
Chris	Redman	82	78	87	90	56	58	53	49	45	10	86	85
Joey	Harrington	79	72	88	84	62	60	56	63	50	51	90	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Roddy	White	89	93	95	60	87	84	70	92	90	87	82	65	48	88	85	86	93
Laurent	Robinson	80	92	93	50	68	84	65	91	90	88	83	79	39	84	80	80	84
Harry	Douglas	79	91	94	48	66	83	74	94	84	95	90	85	40	70	94	80	83
Michael	Jenkins	79	89	88	66	80	86	70	87	94	68	66	66	55	79	69	70	77
Joe	Horn	79	86	86	64	82	82	70	85	86	83	84	87	55	72	85	78	84
Adam	Jennings	71	93	94	38	60	79	60	94	88	88	88	80	21	74	89	66	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Michael	Turner	88	92	95	82	85	68	90	86	88	65	88	91	94	78	92	35
Jerious	Norwood	82	96	97	68	74	70	84	94	87	82	82	58	76	84	90	33
Jason	Snelling	75	86	82	79	66	75	80	82	74	60	70	88	89	66	85	48
Thomas	Brown	73	90	91	70	42	74	80	90	80	65	55	85	82	80	95	30

Fullbacks

	First lame	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
O	vie	Mughelli	90	66	74	88	79	69	78	55	46	35	65	87	84	74	48

Tightends

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Ben	Hartsock	68	68	73	72	66	75	62	68	73	62	45	56	50	47	56	62	58
Martrez	Milner	66	74	82	62	59	68	72	79	86	79	73	77	66	83	82	66	76

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Kynan	Forney	85	78	58	70	87	58	86	88	82	88	79	87	74

RT	Todd	Weiner	84	80	54	70	91	50	87	89	82	92	82	90	84
С	Todd	McClure	82	80	58	82	82	58	85	83	85	80	90	79	88
LT	Sam	Baker	78	65	66	78	90	59	79	86	79	88	84	91	86
LG	Justin	Blalock	77	55	52	60	93	50	84	80	87	92	80	89	70
С	Alex	Stepanovich	75	75	46	63	85	48	85	83	82	78	75	82	78
RT	Tyson	Clabo	75	66	58	72	87	54	85	80	85	85	85	85	85
LG	Quinn	Ojinnaka	75	67	54	64	83	61	82	82	71	80	66	84	70
RG	D'Anthony	Batiste	72	58	48	55	88	48	83	78	76	86	65	83	58
LT	Renardo	Foster	69	60	48	60	88	54	78	82	72	80	66	84	70

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	John	Abraham	92	72	80	85	77	78	60	85	82	92	85	77	88	78
LE	Jamaal	Anderson	83	56	80	85	72	80	74	85	82	88	76	77	82	55
DT	Jonathan	Babineaux	82	68	69	90	85	69	52	90	84	77	84	80	75	55
DT	Trey	Lewis	78	65	62	70	88	59	60	70	84	74	81	79	70	58
DT	Kindal	Moorehead	77	68	67	82	84	66	65	82	77	78	82	79	70	55
RE	Kroy	Biermann	76	52	77	82	80	72	78	82	80	70	84	80	86	50
RE	Chauncey	Davis	76	66	76	82	66	70	54	82	70	82	80	80	78	58
DT	Montavious	Stanley	73	58	62	70	86	55	49	70	82	66	82	78	68	58
DT	Tim	Anderson	72	72	55	67	84	50	50	67	76	68	85	83	71	50
LE	Derrick	Jones	70	44	77	79	74	78	65	79	74	78	70	70	78	42

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Keith	Brooking	89	86	78	76	82	77	80	87	88	85	90	90	87	60	75
LOLB	Michael	Boley	87	80	85	85	88	65	77	64	84	78	88	92	80	60	80
MLB	Curtis	Lofton	81	69	82	86	85	78	90	85	70	87	86	93	69	57	67
LOLB	Stephen	Nicholas	76	69	79	85	85	67	78	70	82	76	82	87	66	54	68
ROLB	Robert	James	74	58	80	82	82	65	77	55	65	72	81	85	52	68	78
MLB	Tony	Taylor	65	59	77	74	75	74	70	68	68	76	77	84	60	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Von	Hutchins	79	90	92	72	52	68	91	83	74	78	65	80	84	70	38
Chris	Houston	78	96	93	55	72	62	94	94	55	70	45	79	72	92	54
Chevis	Jackson	77	89	90	54	60	72	88	94	60	80	50	79	80	80	65
David	Irons	76	91	92	61	59	67	90	87	56	70	50	80	76	78	70
Brent	Grimes	68	89	91	55	44	66	89	82	54	75	54	74	70	60	40

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Lawyer	Milloy	82	76	82	69	80	83	54	72	82	87	80	40	65	39	85
FS	Erik	Coleman	80	74	89	54	84	87	68	83	77	82	66	60	77	56	70
FS	Jimmy	Williams	77	50	92	70	89	92	65	95	64	85	56	75	75	80	68
FS	Thomas	DeCoud	75	52	92	65	92	90	58	95	80	87	46	60	74	60	80
SS	Daren	Stone	74	52	90	60	88	92	66	94	77	80	50	60	72	68	80

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jason	Elam	90	93	92	55	21	35	26	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Michael	Koenen	77	93	84	57	14	35	45	45

Baltimore Ravens

• '07 Record: 5-11 (4th in AFC North)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 302.0 yards per game (22nd in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 301.6 yards allowed per game (6th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 17.2 points per game (24th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 24 points allowed per game (22nd in NFL)

The Ravens' Kyle Boller never emerged as a dependable starting quarterback; so Baltimore used a first-round draft pick on Cannon Arm QB Joe Flacco. None of the Ravens' signal callers are rated highly. Mix in speedy quarterback Troy Smith as a change of pace for a more mobile option. Former Buffalo Bill Willis McGahee had a solid season last year; he offers a decent mix of speed and power and possesses a 98 stiff arm rating making him a Stiff Arm Ball Carrier.

Veteran Derrick Mason leads the receivers; although none of the receivers are superior rated, the Ravens' do have some speed at the position. Tight end Todd Heap is often the Ravens' most consistent target. Defense remains the Baltimore Ravens' strength. Future Hall of Famer Ray Lewis is a Smart Linebacker; corner Chris McAlister is a Smart and Shutdown Corner; and safety Ed Reed is a Smart Safety and one of the highest rated players in the game.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Joe	Flacco	79	60	97	83	66	60	78	60	55	45	95	92
Kyle	Boller	78	69	92	78	69	68	55	66	60	60	74	90
Troy	Smith	73	58	89	73	81	86	60	88	70	87	93	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Derrick	Mason	87	88	87	46	95	93	72	89	82	94	90	91	30	74	95	84	88
Mark	Clayton	85	92	94	45	85	88	68	92	86	92	91	91	40	79	94	82	86
Demetrius	Williams	78	91	94	55	68	82	66	93	95	87	82	55	39	90	87	72	78
Marcus	Smith	70	92	90	62	46	77	68	90	88	76	66	65	55	78	70	72	72
Justin	Harper	68	93	88	60	40	76	65	88	88	65	60	50	40	86	70	70	73
Yamon	Figurs	66	97	98	44	54	72	73	95	81	93	89	90	30	66	92	69	62

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Willis	McGahee	91	92	94	79	84	76	87	93	92	78	90	98	93	79	93	40
Ray	Rice	80	91	94	78	58	75	85	93	74	64	75	74	88	78	95	40
Cory	Ross	77	90	92	68	55	68	80	92	88	84	74	68	78	86	90	35

Fullbacks

	First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
1	Le'Ron	McClain	86	77	70	80	68	74	75	66	65	55	70	77	75	70	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Todd	Неар	91	82	84	66	84	87	72	82	89	72	70	82	55	88	75	91	92
Daniel	Wilcox	76	75	77	74	74	77	65	73	75	59	54	54	66	72	52	68	71
Quinn	Sypniewski	73	81	84	69	72	75	68	75	76	64	61	65	45	66	68	67	70

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Jason	Brown	93	85	52	65	93	60	93	88	93	95	88	90	80
RG	Ben	Grubbs	88	69	62	75	88	65	90	83	93	93	92	90	82
С	Chris	Chester	84	70	68	85	86	69	84	85	85	84	89	80	87
LT	Adam	Terry	79	68	55	75	88	54	86	87	78	86	74	88	73
RT	Marshal	Yanda	79	70	60	78	86	68	84	85	79	85	79	87	82
LT	Jared	Gaither	78	56	60	78	92	59	81	88	85	88	75	92	85
LG	David	Hale	73	42	62	76	87	60	80	80	78	87	82	87	80
С	Adrien	Clarke	72	68	40	74	88	40	84	78	76	84	65	81	63
RT	Oniel	Cousins	71	44	64	78	91	62	83	78	82	91	80	89	70
RG	Mike	Kracalik	70	54	62	77	86	58	80	79	77	75	65	77	63

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Haloti	Ngata	91	78	66	76	95	64	82	76	96	76	95	86	82	82
LE	Trevor	Pryce	90	85	68	74	93	66	68	74	93	76	93	84	72	80
DT	Kelly	Gregg	88	88	56	70	88	55	60	70	88	60	89	88	60	85
LE	Dwan	Edwards	82	80	62	75	89	54	64	75	91	72	90	82	75	74
DT	Justin	Bannan	78	70	56	68	88	50	55	68	82	78	85	80	66	68
RE	Amon	Gordon	68	59	60	68	88	60	60	68	82	68	84	78	65	52
DT	J'Vonne	Parker	66	65	56	63	85	53	65	63	75	60	82	76	75	30

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Ray	Lewis	94	92	82	82	84	78	94	78	80	88	94	95	95	60	80
MLB	Bart	Scott	90	85	82	80	86	82	94	85	87	89	91	92	86	55	75
ROLB	Terrell	Suggs	88	79	87	86	94	74	70	87	98	87	84	95	78	60	75
LOLB	Jarret	Johnson	84	82	76	70	82	85	78	87	77	90	86	90	80	50	68
LOLB	Antwan	Barnes	81	66	89	88	92	74	80	70	81	82	83	94	59	54	68
ROLB	Gary	Stills	77	79	77	74	82	72	74	56	77	79	83	87	70	50	65
MLB	Nick	Greisen	77	84	73	72	77	77	76	49	61	80	83	84	82	40	75
LOLB	Tavares	Gooden	73	47	86	86	90	70	82	60	66	76	80	93	50	54	66
MLB	Brendon	Ayanb- adejo	70	68	74	72	76	80	80	60	64	77	80	80	66	55	65
ROLB	Prescott	Burgess	68	58	79	78	79	65	65	55	75	68	76	85	52	60	75

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Chris	McAlister	94	93	94	86	58	73	94	95	60	89	90	92	91	93	55
Samari	Rolle	84	88	90	88	43	72	90	90	45	80	80	85	88	82	39
Fabian	Washington	77	98	96	58	46	66	91	92	58	80	58	78	72	70	42
Corey	Ivy	76	90	88	74	46	64	88	76	56	75	68	82	80	78	49
Frank	Walker	68	89	89	58	55	62	89	85	54	74	50	74	70	60	34

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Ed	Reed	98	81	93	58	94	92	80	92	65	92	90	75	90	66	85
SS	Dawan	Landry	88	79	86	65	84	85	74	92	84	84	70	70	80	40	78
SS	Tom	Zbikowski	74	48	92	68	91	92	65	90	80	88	44	45	70	50	84
FS	Haruki	Nakamura	72	47	90	70	87	90	60	88	78	90	46	55	75	55	78

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Matt	Stover	95	90	98	51	21	20	24	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Sam	Koch	80	92	87	58	33	50	40	45	

Buffalo Bills

• '07 Record: 7-9 (2nd in AFC East)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 277.1 yards per game (30th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 362.9 yards allowed per game (31st in NFL)

'07 Points Scored Per Game: 15.8 points per game (30th in NFL)

'07 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.1 points allowed per game (18th in NFL)



Rookie Marshawn Lynch has emerged as one of the league's strongest ball carriers.

Ranking 30 and 31 in offensive and defensive yardage stats isn't a blueprint for success. In order to improve and challenge the New England Patriots for an AFC East title, the Buffalo Bills first decision will be at quarterback. Does the team stick with J.P. Losman or move forward with Trent Edwards; both feature nearly identical ratings with Losman having the edge in power and speed and Edwards the more accurate of the two. Second-year starter Marshawn Lynch is an emerging star at running back; he's a good mix of speed (93 speed, 95 acceleration) and power (94 stiff arm, 95 trucking for the Power Back weapon).

Wide receiver speed is one of the team's strengths. Look to match the speedy slot receiver Roscoe Parrish against slower defenders.

Lead receiver Lee Evans is one of the fastest players in the game with 98 speed and 99 acceleration. The Buffalo Bills lack defensive standouts; in the offseason, the team added former Jacksonville Jaguar Marcus Stroud to plug the interior at defensive tackle.

Quarterbacks

	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
J.P.	Losman	79	64	94	80	70	70	56	70	60	54	79	90
Trent	Edwards	79	65	90	87	63	68	61	63	60	45	70	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Lee	Evans	91	98	99	55	86	88	65	93	88	82	82	79	45	82	91	85	88
James	Hardy	79	93	88	55	62	82	70	87	95	80	70	70	60	90	80	83	81
Roscoe	Parrish	78	96	97	43	68	82	65	96	84	92	88	77	21	80	95	69	79
Josh	Reed	77	86	86	55	80	86	70	85	76	77	84	75	53	66	87	84	80
Steve	Johnson	71	91	90	53	52	78	65	89	90	74	66	70	40	75	86	78	76

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Marshawn	Lynch	90	93	95	82	64	75	88	93	94	88	80	94	95	86	92	45
Fred	Jackson	79	93	94	70	62	75	82	90	80	75	65	70	80	84	90	35
Dwayne	Wright	74	84	85	76	65	70	80	82	72	65	78	87	89	65	80	60
Xavier	Omon	72	87	86	78	40	77	80	84	70	60	65	80	88	75	95	40

Fullbacks

Firs	t Last ne Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Daria	n Barnes	78	66	66	82	66	58	75	60	35	30	50	85	68	68	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Robert	Royal	78	76	76	70	78	80	70	74	60	65	60	60	63	60	63	66	68
Derek	Schouman	72	79	78	70	58	78	68	74	84	50	40	40	60	62	60	74	77
Derek	Fine	70	77	78	72	52	80	72	72	80	55	40	55	55	60	55	72	75

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF	
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LT	Jason	Peters	97	94	56	72	94	64	92	97	92	92	89	97	96
LG	Derrick	Dockery	91	85	46	62	95	47	95	86	92	96	85	88	75
RT	Langston	Walker	86	82	46	66	93	48	92	88	87	92	78	91	72
С	Melvin	Fowler	83	79	54	72	87	55	88	86	84	87	79	85	76
RG	Brad	Butler	83	80	48	60	89	52	89	85	76	86	78	88	75
RG	Duke	Preston	78	72	53	65	87	52	85	82	73	84	83	86	82
С	Jason	Whittle	75	74	47	57	88	46	87	81	72	87	70	84	68
LG	Christian	Gaddis	72	66	52	62	84	58	79	79	70	82	75	84	75
LT	Patrick	Estes	71	60	50	65	87	65	82	83	71	80	84	84	80
RT	Kirk	Chambers	69	66	46	56	86	48	83	78	73	82	65	79	77
LT	Demetrius	Bell	54	32	60	82	78	70	66	78	62	72	70	70	75

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Marcus	Stroud	94	77	61	80	95	62	64	80	97	80	96	82	78	75
RE	Aaron	Schobel	92	80	74	82	82	72	70	82	92	80	88	82	85	85
DT	Kyle	Williams	84	74	59	74	88	63	50	74	86	78	86	82	88	75
LE	Chris	Kelsay	83	80	75	78	79	70	60	78	85	74	80	82	79	70
DT	John	McCargo	83	66	66	85	87	66	50	85	88	78	87	78	76	58
DT	Spencer	Johnson	82	70	65	70	88	66	54	70	85	68	88	80	70	65
LE	Ryan	Denney	79	78	71	76	82	65	55	76	86	72	82	80	76	62
RE	Chris	Ellis	75	50	82	82	72	78	75	82	75	80	75	70	82	48
DT	Jason	Jefferson	71	52	58	82	82	61	49	82	83	72	85	78	72	52

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
LOLB	Angelo	Crowell	90	84	82	80	85	75	75	65	74	88	92	92	85	60	70
ROLB	Kawika	Mitchell	87	79	84	80	88	77	78	66	78	84	87	90	78	60	75
MLB	John	DiGiorgio	82	87	75	70	78	72	78	70	65	86	88	90	84	50	70
MLB	Paul	Posluszny	82	74	82	85	88	70	82	72	79	84	84	93	79	65	75
ROLB	Keith	Ellison	79	68	83	84	84	70	68	62	74	79	83	88	70	60	65
ROLB	Alvin	Bowen	72	52	82	85	84	66	75	50	65	70	78	85	55	68	75

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Terrence	McGee	93	94	97	87	50	77	96	87	58	87	85	95	94	78	65
Jabari	Greer	82	92	94	78	46	68	90	84	57	78	75	88	81	72	37
Leodis	McKelvin	82	94	96	59	58	76	95	85	59	77	59	86	80	78	48
Will	James	77	91	90	66	63	64	89	90	62	76	68	79	82	55	36
Reggie	Corner	74	90	92	48	55	70	92	92	58	78	46	79	79	68	55
Ashton	Youboty	71	92	92	56	54	57	94	90	65	80	40	78	78	60	45

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Donte	Whitner	92	69	92	70	91	92	67	92	86	87	70	75	86	55	88
FS	George	Wilson	83	69	88	60	88	90	67	86	77	87	66	65	80	60	72
FS	Ко	Simpson	83	61	89	61	90	90	64	91	76	84	60	78	85	55	55
FS	John	Wendling	79	60	89	65	89	90	66	92	70	85	55	70	80	50	60
SS	Bryan	Scott	72	60	86	65	84	86	62	85	74	74	54	60	70	39	80

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Rian	Lindell	92	93	95	48	19	25	17	16

Punters

	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Brian	Moorman	89	94	92	90	19	46	49	44	

Carolina Panthers

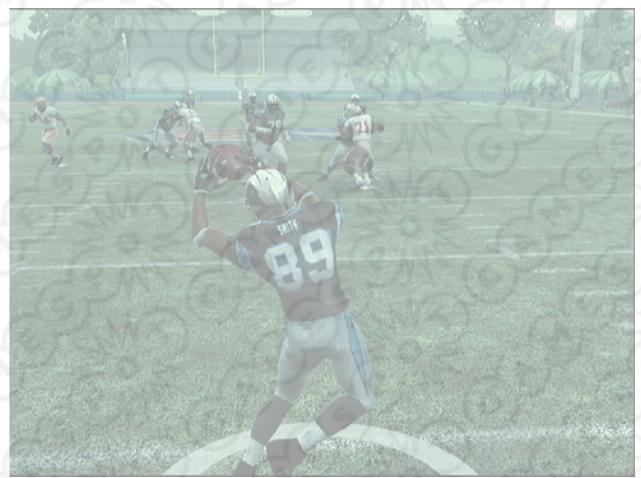
• '07 Record: 7-9 (2nd in NFC South)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 284.9 yards per game (29th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 324.8 yards allowed per game (16th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 16.7 points per game (26th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 21.7 points allowed per game (15th in NFL)



The Carolina Panthers should take advantage of speed, specifically wide out Steve Smith and running back DeAngelo Williams.

The Carolina Panthers struggled on offense last season after losing starting quarterback Jake Delhomme to an elbow injury. If the Panthers hope to rebound and improve on their 7-9 2007 record, look for star receiver Steve Smith and running back DeAngelo Williams to lead the way on offense. These are the Panthers' top stars; move Steve Smith around the field (using packages and motion) and take advantage of his high speed and acceleration. Steve Smith also possesses top ratings in catch, juke move, ball carrier vision, elusiveness, catch in traffic, and route running-many of these providing player weapons making Steve Smith one of the most decorated receivers in Madden 09.

Speedy DeAngelo Williams and rookie Jonathan Stewart are likely to share the team's load at running back. Work Williams' speed into the passing game with dump offs into the flat and against the slower middle linebacker or Safeties. The Panthers top defenders are Finesse Move D-Lineman Julius Peppers and Brick Wall Defender middle linebacker Jon Beason.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jake	Delhomme	85	82	88	88	63	63	52	64	56	53	80	92
Matt	Moore	79	69	88	83	69	69	51	70	60	65	90	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Steve	Smith	98	97	99	68	85	95	80	99	92	98	94	95	75	88	95	95	93
D.J.	Hackett	86	89	92	58	88	88	65	90	89	84	73	65	45	78	75	84	89
Muhsin	Muhammad	84	85	82	70	88	90	70	80	86	80	74	89	75	80	75	84	90

Dwayne	Jarrett	76	85	83	67	55	84	68	82	94	82	70	74	77	92	78	88	80
Jason	Carter	75	89	88	62	56	80	66	91	88	85	75	70	45	82	80	78	80
Ryne	Robinson	72	92	93	44	59	80	65	95	82	94	89	91	30	82	94	68	77

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
DeAngelo	Williams	85	93	96	61	64	70	85	94	94	96	90	60	80	95	93	40
Jonathan	Stewart	83	93	92	78	56	74	90	93	84	70	70	87	90	82	93	40
LaBrandon	Toefield	76	87	87	72	68	74	87	85	72	66	78	76	84	74	80	25
Alex	Haynes	73	91	91	69	54	74	78	88	75	65	58	70	80	80	90	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Brad	Hoover	87	78	79	75	78	78	85	76	68	55	82	75	78	64	54

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jeff	King	78	76	78	76	66	76	66	72	90	42	35	45	66	52	45	68	67
Gary	Barnidge	75	86	82	68	54	82	70	76	80	55	40	50	65	65	55	76	79
Dante	Rosario	70	75	72	71	62	78	70	76	86	55	45	45	60	66	55	70	72

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Jordan	Gross	90	85	63	83	88	68	91	92	85	88	91	91	92
LG	Travelle	Wharton	88	78	58	80	86	62	87	89	86	88	88	89	90
RG	Jeremy	Bridges	82	72	54	62	87	56	88	85	82	88	82	88	78
С	Ryan	Kalil	82	68	66	80	86	68	85	86	78	85	90	83	90
LG	Evan	Mathis	79	60	66	79	85	65	83	84	79	83	82	80	80
RT	Jeff	Otah	78	64	48	72	93	52	87	82	88	92	75	91	70
RG	Keydrick	Vincent	77	63	47	61	91	46	88	79	78	89	66	85	56
RG	Milford	Brown	76	60	48	60	91	46	84	80	82	90	73	85	72
С	Geoff	Hangartner	75	65	55	65	86	55	85	85	75	84	78	82	78
LT	Frank	Omiyale	73	68	45	50	88	48	86	79	80	88	69	85	66
LG	Geoff	Schwartz	70	52	50	62	92	50	78	72	78	89	65	87	60
RT	Rueben	Riley	67	48	56	68	90	52	78	79	76	87	70	82	65

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Julius	Peppers	96	70	87	92	80	86	89	92	84	97	80	70	88	70
DT	Ma'ake	Kemoeatu	83	80	50	55	96	48	60	55	88	60	90	84	58	68
DT	Darwin	Walker	78	64	66	80	84	67	58	80	82	76	84	72	72	70
LE	Charles	Johnson	78	60	77	81	78	72	75	81	77	85	75	72	74	50
LE	Tyler	Brayton	77	70	70	78	80	69	57	78	80	75	80	79	74	60
DT	Damione	Lewis	77	68	64	76	86	63	57	76	79	77	82	80	67	52
RE	Stanley	McClover	76	58	78	87	70	72	77	87	70	84	76	70	76	55
DT	Nick	Hayden	72	46	65	72	93	58	70	72	84	60	80	75	65	48

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Jon	Beason	93	85	85	86	92	78	85	76	72	93	94	97	84	66	76
LOLB	Thomas	Davis	87	64	87	87	92	69	92	78	82	82	85	90	74	70	80
ROLB	Landon	Johnson	84	80	81	81	86	68	70	67	75	87	86	87	80	62	70
ROLB	Na'il	Diggs	80	74	78	74	80	74	68	57	78	84	85	86	70	70	70
MLB	Dan	Connor	76	74	80	76	82	73	78	70	65	84	84	90	70	40	65
LOLB	James	Anderson	73	58	85	86	86	67	75	70	77	74	80	78	58	55	78

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Chris	Gamble	88	92	94	70	60	78	93	94	59	82	68	90	90	75	45
Ken	Lucas	88	93	94	72	58	74	94	94	62	84	65	90	87	88	48
Richard	Marshall	83	92	93	64	54	74	93	91	64	85	58	87	84	78	51
Dante	Wesley	70	89	89	74	59	60	86	79	60	76	60	66	76	68	45
Ricardo	Colclough	69	91	93	59	50	65	90	91	55	73	52	72	65	60	40

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Chris	Harris	84	70	86	58	87	88	67	87	85	85	60	65	75	45	95
FS	Nate	Salley	77	68	86	64	85	86	60	83	72	80	65	60	78	48	68
FS	Charles	Godfrey	77	53	93	64	90	95	69	91	62	84	44	74	79	74	60
FS	Terrence	Holt	76	60	85	55	82	86	68	85	67	84	70	65	75	45	78
SS	C.J.	Wilson	68	52	88	56	90	89	72	92	68	76	48	70	74	60	68

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
John	Kasay	92	93	94	52	12	37	24	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jason	Baker	82	92	88	61	14	38	48	45

Chicago Bears

- '07 Record: 7-9 (4th in NFC North)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 293.2 yards per game (27th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 354.7 yards allowed per game (28th in NFL)
 '07 Points Scored Per Game: 20.9 points per game (18th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 21.8 points allowed per game (16th in NFL)

The Chicago Bears aren't far removed from their Super Bowl appearance and loss a few seasons back. Defense remains the Bears' strength while the offense lags behind with a lack of talent and standout stars. Quarterbacks Rex Grossman and Kyle Orton battled in training camp for the starting nod (with Kyle Orton emerging on top). Both are rated similar with Grossman gaining an edge with throw power making him a Cannon Arm QB. The Bears' best offensive weapon is returner Devin Hester-100 speed is all you need to know. Shift Hester around the field with motion and packages and a look to hit the receiver on go and cross routes to capitalize on the speed advantage.

The Chicago Bears jettisoned problem running back Cedric Benson and will look to rookie Matt Forte to assume the starting nod. Work in backups Adrian Peterson (the other Adrian Peterson!) and Garrett Wolfe as a chance of pace. Take advantage of two tight end sets to use both Bear tight ends standouts Desmond Clark and Greg Olson. As stated, defense is the team's strength with excellent Linebackers (led by Smart Linebacker Brian Urlacher) and highly rated lineman Tommie Harris.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Rex	Grossman	79	66	95	84	57	60	51	59	55	44	70	90
Kyle	Orton	76	72	85	84	59	63	54	60	60	41	92	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Marty	Booker	82	86	84	67	87	85	70	83	85	65	58	83	64	81	65	85	82
Devin	Hester	81	100	99	50	69	83	55	99	88	98	96	95	45	70	99	70	80
Earl	Bennett	79	93	91	56	52	85	70	90	90	84	77	75	55	71	82	79	86
Mark	Bradley	77	92	94	60	68	80	65	93	93	90	89	84	53	70	90	74	77
Rashied	Davis	74	94	95	48	66	78	65	95	87	80	85	55	30	77	93	69	73
Brandon	Lloyd	73	88	90	44	70	79	60	89	92	78	87	70	25	98	87	71	72

Halfbacks

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Cedric	Benson	80	87	87	75	72	62	85	84	84	70	84	89	87	80	95	46

Matt	Forte	80	92	90	78	54	78	84	90	75	65	60	85	90	80	93	50
Adrian	Peterson	78	89	91	73	69	72	76	89	91	72	68	80	78	86	88	23
Garrett	Wolfe	72	92	94	49	60	72	76	96	90	82	82	40	55	90	88	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Jason	McKie	84	74	70	80	84	68	74	65	45	30	50	75	70	68	55

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Desmond	Clark	86	79	82	68	85	86	70	79	85	68	60	67	40	85	58	85	85
Greg	Olsen	85	87	86	63	78	85	70	85	90	68	55	70	65	87	68	83	87
Kellen	Davis	72	84	80	60	55	78	68	78	82	65	50	70	55	78	65	77	79

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
С	Olin	Kreutz	93	90	62	84	92	62	88	89	89	90	90	92	92
RT	John	Tait	85	84	52	70	90	50	87	89	82	90	80	90	74
RG	Roberto	Garza	85	78	49	67	91	53	87	89	84	86	84	85	84
LT	Chris	Williams	79	65	68	88	88	73	78	86	78	86	82	92	86
LG	Terrence	Metcalf	78	65	52	68	88	52	84	82	80	87	70	85	68
LG	Josh	Beekman	78	65	51	64	86	57	85	80	82	88	82	86	80
LT	John	St. Clair	73	73	53	65	88	48	86	79	70	87	60	78	60
RT	Kirk	Barton	70	55	60	70	89	55	80	76	80	88	65	88	60
RG	Tyler	Reed	68	61	47	58	86	46	80	76	70	82	65	78	64
С	Anthony	Oakley	67	66	57	68	84	54	77	77	65	70	58	70	60

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Tommie	Harris	96	80	77	91	90	69	69	91	93	93	90	75	85	75
LE	Adewale	Ogunleye	89	79	83	90	73	79	54	90	74	94	75	74	89	70
RE	Alex	Brown	85	72	83	88	74	75	52	88	75	88	74	74	89	68
RE	Mark	Anderson	84	64	85	87	76	78	55	87	79	90	75	70	79	55
DT	Dusty	Dvoracek	79	60	68	76	88	63	48	76	85	72	84	80	78	55
DT	Anthony	Adams	78	68	61	70	87	61	55	70	83	66	83	80	77	66
DT	Marcus	Harrison	77	50	68	86	90	68	80	86	86	70	85	74	80	55
DT	Matt	Toeaina	77	58	66	78	92	62	60	78	86	70	84	70	68	52
RE	Dan	Bazuin	76	57	77	80	80	73	78	80	75	77	76	72	75	55
LE	Israel	Idonije	76	68	72	76	80	64	53	76	78	84	72	70	74	60

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Brian	Urlacher	98	92	88	88	90	77	95	85	90	88	93	97	95	80	85
ROLB	Lance	Briggs	95	85	80	80	82	80	90	78	86	94	92	94	85	70	80
LOLB	Hunter	Hillen- meyer	79	80	75	73	78	74	66	70	66	85	86	84	78	55	65
ROLB	Jamar	Williams	73	68	76	78	77	78	79	57	74	76	80	80	60	55	65
LOLB	Michael	Okwo	70	62	74	82	81	73	78	70	75	78	78	84	58	50	65
MLB	Rod	Wilson	69	68	80	78	85	68	75	60	70	72	80	78	65	54	67

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Charles	Tillman	91	88	88	80	68	73	89	94	70	88	86	93	89	94	52
Nathan	Vasher	91	92	93	80	52	82	94	90	52	86	90	90	89	83	42
Danieal	Manning	78	91	92	69	60	68	92	92	74	82	62	75	80	65	64
Trumaine	McBride	78	89	92	68	55	67	92	87	58	80	66	84	80	68	60
Ricky	Manning	76	88	90	55	49	72	91	87	52	82	66	78	80	76	52
Zackary	Bowman	71	94	92	42	52	72	93	85	42	70	42	75	74	75	40

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Mike	Brown	87	72	87	56	85	86	72	78	70	90	82	65	88	60	74
SS	Brandon	McGowan	83	69	87	68	85	87	65	84	82	86	66	60	75	40	82
FS	Josh	Gattis	73	58	89	64	89	90	66	88	60	86	55	60	70	40	74
SS	Craig	Steltz	73	50	86	65	82	86	68	85	82	85	48	45	70	35	84

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
	Gould			96		23			20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Brad	Maynard	82	88	90	49	12	31	47	45	

Cincinnati Bengals

- '07 Record: 7-9 (3rd in AFC North)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 348.0 yards per game (10th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 348.8 yards allowed per game (27th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 23.8 points per game (11th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 24.1 points allowed per game (24th in NFL)

A couple seasons ago the Bengals looked to be on the cusp of greatness-the emergence of Carson Palmer leading one of the most explosive offenses in the NFL. But a few years later and the Cincinnati Bengals can't meet expectations; last season ended with a disappointing 7-9 finish and a third place standing in the AFC North. Carson Palmer remains one of Madden's best quarterbacks with high throw power, accuracy, and awareness (making him one of the game's Smart QBs). The running game faltered last season with an injury to starter Rudi Johnson (his meager ratings are helped by high stiff arm and trucking providing Stiff Arm Ball Carrier and Power Back weapons). Expect to work in backups Kenny Watson and Chris Perry as a change of pace.

The offense's true strength lies in its receivers-the Bengals have two of the best in Madden in speedy Quick Receiver Chad Johnson and Hands and Possession Receiver T.J. Houshmandzadeh. Move these top receivers around the field and spread the ball around to keep your opponent guessing on where your pass is headed. Defense remains a weakspot (27th in yards allowed and 24th in points allowed last year). Cincinnati lacks defensive standouts.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Carson	Palmer	96	93	97	95	54	56	63	55	60	40	89	93
Ryan	Fitzpatrick	75	66	86	84	60	62	54	62	60	43	93	85
Jeff	Rowe	70	59	83	81	65	68	67	67	75	78	90	88

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chad	Johnson	97	96	96	58	86	94	70	96	97	94	90	92	45	96	93	90	97
T.J.	Housh- mandzadeh	95	90	90	66	90	98	75	88	87	82	87	84	72	77	85	99	95
Andre	Caldwell	77	96	97	52	54	80	70	90	91	78	68	80	40	80	82	78	80
Jerome	Simpson	76	94	92	52	44	80	72	92	95	75	70	70	40	88	85	79	78
Antonio	Chatman	73	93	94	49	78	79	65	95	72	90	87	88	34	66	91	66	75
Glenn	Holt	71	91	90	52	59	78	65	90	89	86	82	82	45	72	85	69	73
Mario	Urrutia	70	90	88	62	47	78	68	87	93	55	50	70	45	85	75	74	74

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Rudi	Johnson	84	87	85	84	85	69	90	84	75	60	97	96	94	70	90	47
Kenny	Watson	82	89	91	72	82	80	82	88	85	77	85	67	80	80	85	29
Chris	Perry	80	90	92	69	66	79	79	89	88	84	80	68	72	88	88	41
Kenny	Irons	78	91	93	60	54	72	78	94	91	88	80	60	77	85	90	61

Fullbacks

	First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
4	Jeremi	Johnson	87	72	70	80	78	69	77	66	45	40	65	85	80	70	52

Tightends

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Ben	Utecht	81	75	78	68	75	83	70	75	75	55	50	55	85	60	75	73	70
Reggie	Kelly	81	72	75	76	77	79	70	68	68	55	40	50	70	66	48	75	72

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RT	Willie	Anderson	92	92	48	64	96	50	94	91	93	94	85	92	79
LT	Levi	Jones	88	82	59	82	90	60	89	90	87	90	88	92	87
RG	Bobbie	Williams	86	85	46	60	93	50	89	87	80	90	76	87	79
LG	Stacy	Andrews	83	66	48	68	93	50	88	82	87	92	70	88	72
LG	Andrew	Whitworth	82	73	45	54	93	48	88	82	87	93	80	91	78
С	Eric	Ghiaciuc	79	72	52	68	88	52	89	85	82	84	69	78	66
RT	Scott	Kooistra	75	70	47	69	90	48	83	84	73	86	69	85	66
LT	Anthony	Collins	73	48	56	72	91	60	82	83	84	92	78	89	75
С	Dan	Santucci	68	58	54	68	84	54	79	79	72	80	78	82	80
RG	Nate	Livings	62	40	46	64	88	52	72	68	75	85	70	82	60

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Antwan	Odom	84	70	75	86	78	76	56	86	83	83	85	74	68	65
DT	John	Thornton	83	80	62	73	86	59	55	73	86	58	86	85	68	70
DT	Domata	Peko	83	69	61	79	92	62	51	79	88	74	84	82	66	54
RE	Robert	Geathers	83	72	77	88	77	75	60	88	74	88	79	76	82	58
DT	Pat	Sims	76	48	72	86	88	68	82	86	85	78	84	72	82	46
RE	Jonathan	Fanene	74	67	70	76	79	72	52	76	78	78	76	74	78	50
LE	Frostee	Rucker	73	65	70	78	77	78	50	78	74	82	75	75	80	40
RE	Angelo	Craig	71	44	78	80	72	79	80	80	72	78	75	70	80	44
DT	Michael	Myers	71	58	64	74	84	60	50	74	79	67	86	78	65	40
DT	Jason	Shirley	71	46	67	77	90	58	75	77	85	66	81	72	70	45

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Keith	Rivers	82	64	89	88	92	75	86	65	75	85	84	88	66	55	65
MLB	Dhani	Jones	78	82	80	80	84	74	75	67	74	78	82	86	83	55	65

LOLB	Rashad	Jeanty	78	75	77	75	80	75	72	50	65	79	82	86	74	60	65
MLB	Ahmad	Brooks	77	72	77	78	80	78	84	58	60	84	80	88	79	60	70
LOLB	Darryl	Black- stock	74	68	82	76	88	73	74	68	82	72	79	84	66	55	65
ROLB	Brandon	Johnson	67	48	86	85	88	69	74	65	82	73	77	84	48	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Deltha	O'Neal	84	93	93	72	49	80	90	92	52	80	69	82	85	72	47
Johnathan	Joseph	83	97	96	68	53	69	96	93	62	78	64	82	80	74	40
Leon	Hall	80	91	92	65	56	70	91	90	65	78	60	80	82	78	57
David	Jones	67	91	92	44	48	65	93	90	48	65	45	74	70	58	42
Blue	Adams	67	88	89	58	48	59	86	79	60	68	50	76	74	55	40

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Nedu	Ndukwe	80	66	90	60	87	89	70	92	72	82	66	60	75	70	80
SS	Dexter	Jackson	79	80	85	54	82	85	64	84	67	80	80	65	80	50	65
FS	Marvin	White	76	58	90	58	91	92	67	88	74	86	58	55	73	55	81
FS	Ethan	Kilmer	72	52	89	62	86	90	68	90	66	79	57	60	70	45	60

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Shayne	Graham	90	92	93	62	15	32	24	19

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
	Larson								

Cleveland Browns

'07 Record: 10-6 (2nd in AFC North)

'07 Offensive Stats: 351.1 yards per game (8th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 359.6 yards allowed per game (27th in NFL)

'07 Points Scored Per Game: 25.1 points per game (8th in NFL)

'07 Points Allowed Per Game: 23.9 points allowed per game (21st in NFL)



The Cleveland Browns' 2007 success surprised the league-wide receiver Braylon Edwards had a spectacular season.

The 2007 Cleveland Browns surprised many-although there's a lot of room for improvement defensively, the Browns' offense enters 2008 as one of the most explosive in the league. Quarterback Derek Anderson is a Cannon Arm QB and a quality starter; Brady Quinn will have to wait another season to get his shot. Former Ravens running back Jamal Lewis is an inside runner (run behind the left side of the line and top linemen Joe Thomas and Eric Steinbach) with high stiff arm and trucking ratings providing both the Stiff Arm Ball Carrier and Power Back weapons.

The Browns added Speed receiver Donte Stallworth to complement Braylon Edwards, who has emerged as one of the league's top targets (a 100 spectacular catch rating). Kellen Winslow is one of Madden's top tight ends and features a host of player weapons, such as Quick Receiver and Possession Receiver.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Derek	Anderson	87	77	96	89	58	58	65	58	60	38	94	90
Brady	Quinn	82	69	89	86	71	75	66	74	65	52	93	92
Ken	Dorsey	71	69	81	86	50	52	45	50	55	44	86	84

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Braylon	Edwards	95	93	95	68	89	89	65	94	99	89	86	85	60	100	88	88	93
Donte	Stallworth	85	97	98	55	80	84	65	92	88	89	86	88	40	76	91	74	84
Joe	Jurevicius	83	85	84	69	86	90	70	83	89	65	62	78	75	70	71	92	80

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Josh	Cribbs	73	94	95	54	69	79	80	97	82	88	88	90	46	66	94	68	71
Travis	Wilson	71	89	88	68	64	77	65	86	86	78	70	75	57	69	82	71	72
Paul	Hubbard	67	92	92	62	44	70	70	90	93	70	55	65	45	82	84	72	70

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Jamal	Lewis	90	92	88	88	95	76	89	86	82	60	96	96	97	70	94	54
Jason	Wright	77	88	90	67	68	79	77	88	85	84	80	67	70	84	85	40
Jerome	Harrison	77	92	94	66	60	77	75	93	86	84	82	55	67	90	90	39

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Lawrence	Vickers	92	78	80	82	70	66	78	74	55	45	70	85	84	72	50

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Kellen	Winslow	97	85	85	70	84	87	72	82	92	80	70	75	81	92	82	94	93
Steve	Heiden	79	74	73	73	78	82	70	69	56	64	40	64	64	65	50	82	65
Martin	Rucker	76	84	84	68	55	82	74	78	85	70	60	65	60	80	70	80	80

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Joe	Thomas	97	90	68	82	93	74	88	96	96	96	97	97	97
LG	Eric	Steinbach	95	90	60	72	88	66	91	93	88	93	96	95	95
RG	Rex	Hadnot	90	80	57	67	93	54	93	86	90	90	85	88	75
С	Hank	Fraley	89	87	52	66	90	52	92	88	92	94	78	91	75
RT	Kevin	Shaffer	89	84	58	70	90	67	90	91	85	90	87	90	92
RT	Ryan	Tucker	84	85	48	65	91	48	89	86	87	91	82	89	78
С	LeCharles	Bentley	82	72	58	72	90	50	88	84	86	88	70	87	65
LG	Lennie	Friedman	79	78	46	55	86	48	88	84	80	85	70	80	78
RG	Seth	McKinney	77	73	57	70	85	52	81	82	71	85	69	84	73
RT	Isaac	Sowells	69	59	54	60	88	52	84	79	76	85	77	78	76

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Shaun	Rogers	94	76	55	76	97	62	64	76	98	84	98	80	75	76
LE	Corey	Williams	90	74	70	88	86	65	60	88	88	92	87	82	80	68

RE	Robaire	Smith	87	85	65	79	87	63	56	79	88	78	88	85	78	79
LE	Shaun	Smith	85	82	64	74	94	65	55	74	88	74	89	85	70	75
DT	Louis	Leonard	72	58	58	62	93	50	66	62	84	60	80	74	45	48
DT	Ahtyba	Rubin	70	48	60	72	94	54	74	72	87	58	84	65	65	45
RE	Melila	Purcell	68	55	68	76	79	68	60	76	82	72	75	70	65	42

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Kamerion	Wimbley	88	82	85	86	92	80	82	88	94	88	87	92	78	55	65
MLB	D'Qwell	Jackson	85	82	83	85	86	73	80	75	80	88	90	92	83	45	65
LOLB	Willie	McGin- est	85	91	78	74	83	76	75	85	90	84	88	88	86	55	70
MLB	Andra	Davis	84	80	77	75	80	78	75	82	74	90	90	90	84	50	70
MLB	Leon	Williams	83	76	84	87	87	78	82	65	75	92	90	95	78	35	45
LOLB	Antwan	Peek	78	77	82	78	86	70	78	80	86	78	82	88	69	50	65
ROLB	Shantee	Orr	70	66	79	72	82	74	75	71	81	78	77	80	55	55	65
MLB	Beau	Bell	69	62	77	70	78	77	80	75	65	80	82	85	65	40	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Eric	Wright	84	92	94	70	64	66	94	86	69	85	68	89	84	78	58
Brandon	McDonald	82	91	92	67	54	69	92	95	60	78	66	87	83	73	44
Daven	Holly	78	93	93	68	44	66	90	89	50	74	68	84	80	68	45
Jereme	Perry	68	89	90	60	57	60	88	86	59	74	50	72	74	56	60
A.J.	Davis	68	92	94	50	46	60	95	90	48	70	50	76	70	50	60

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Sean	Jones	87	70	90	65	90	92	73	89	82	86	72	60	70	40	88
FS	Brodney	Pool	84	66	90	65	91	92	73	90	74	87	68	62	77	50	80
FS	Gary	Baxter	84	77	85	64	82	85	70	85	62	84	75	80	80	80	62
FS	Mike	Adams	75	66	85	54	85	87	66	83	67	80	66	60	75	31	68
SS	Steve	Cargile	68	66	86	63	84	86	58	80	74	78	50	55	65	40	65
SS	Nick	Sorensen	65	65	84	59	83	84	56	67	74	76	55	45	65	39	62

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Phil	Dawson	91	91	94	55	20	20	26	21

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Dave	Zastudil	81	92	88	59	12	50	52	48

Dallas Cowboys

'07 Record: 13-3 (1st in NFC East)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 365.7 yards per game (3rd in NFL)

'07 Defensive Stats: 307.6 yards allowed per game (9th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 28.4 points per game (2nd in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.3 points allowed per game (13th in NFL)



The Dallas Cowboys enter 2008 as one of the favorites to win the NFC. Tight end Jason Witten is one of the best in the game.

After a strong regular season, the Dallas Cowboys looked like they were ready to punch their ticket to another Super Bowl-but the road warrior and eventual Super Bowl Champion New York Giants ripped that ticket in half. Despite the defeat, the Cowboys remain one of the league's favorites to represent the NFC in the Super Bowl and are one of Madden 09's best all-around teams.

Accurate QB Tony Romo leads the offense; wide receiver Terrell Owens is a top target and one of the most decorated receivers in the game (Stiff Arm Ball Carrier, Speed, Possession, Quick). Romo's other favorite receiving target is tight end Jason Witten, one of the best rated in the game. With the departure of Julius Jones, Cowboys' 99 trucking Power Back Marion Barber assumes the starting role-the Cowboys also have a strong Offensive Line. The Cowboys are also strong on defense led by DeMarcus Ware and Zach Thomas (Smart Linebacker) at linebacker and Terence Newman at corner.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Tony	Romo	94	80	90	96	78	82	59	82	65	85	93	90
Brad	Johnson	78	84	84	87	46	47	52	44	45	35	75	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Terrell	Owens	98	96	94	82	95	89	70	94	90	88	86	92	96	87	88	97	96
Terry	Glenn	86	92	93	45	88	94	70	93	87	85	85	80	40	70	87	78	85
Patrick	Crayton	82	91	92	48	76	94	65	88	83	80	72	66	44	82	85	79	76
Sam	Hurd	73	89	87	57	62	80	65	87	86	87	82	59	48	85	84	77	74
Miles	Austin	69	94	92	60	56	74	70	90	87	72	60	75	55	68	82	68	71
Isaiah	Stanback	66	89	89	72	52	71	78	88	88	85	79	82	45	72	86	69	64

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Marion	Barber	93	92	95	86	80	77	89	94	86	70	85	95	99	85	92	44
Felix	Jones	80	96	97	60	52	79	85	97	92	87	76	60	66	92	90	35
Tashard	Choice	77	90	92	74	45	74	82	88	85	78	78	76	82	80	94	55

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Deon	Anderson	83	78	78	80	58	72	75	76	50	40	45	80	80	66	47

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jason	Witten	97	84	82	74	80	85	77	79	88	72	60	85	78	82	68	92	94
Martellus	Bennett	80	84	80	66	58	80	72	78	94	75	65	65	65	87	65	82	80
Tony	Curtis	73	75	74	68	66	78	65	74	88	55	40	55	65	74	40	74	70

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Leonard	Davis	97	88	48	58	99	48	98	90	99	99	85	92	76
LT	Flozell	Adams	94	76	48	70	97	52	97	97	96	98	88	98	83
С	Andre	Gurode	94	88	55	80	92	52	94	94	93	95	86	94	70
LG	Kyle	Kosier	89	86	57	72	85	57	89	88	86	89	84	89	80

RT	Marc	Colombo	88	85	51	68	93	48	93	92	78	90	85	93	70
LT	Doug	Free	78	68	66	76	84	72	81	86	78	84	80	87	85
RT	James	Marten	77	69	62	72	86	71	79	85	78	82	74	88	70
LG	Pat	McQuistan	77	65	45	58	91	48	85	83	79	86	78	88	74
С	Cory	Procter	70	64	52	58	85	50	82	80	72	84	65	82	63
RG	Joe	Berger	68	60	48	54	84	46	79	74	79	82	60	80	58

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Chris	Canty	84	72	72	77	82	68	65	77	84	82	82	79	82	70
DT	Jay	Ratliff	84	78	67	78	84	66	65	78	83	78	83	80	74	68
LE	Marcus	Spears	82	69	69	78	82	75	61	78	87	75	87	82	74	64
DT	Tank	Johnson	80	68	64	82	85	68	60	82	84	80	84	78	79	57
LE	Jason	Hatcher	71	55	74	78	84	72	46	78	67	84	75	72	67	40
DT	Remi	Ayodele	68	50	68	78	84	66	58	78	78	70	72	74	65	40
RE	Stephen	Bowen	67	55	64	68	83	59	53	68	80	72	72	79	66	50

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	DeMarcus	Ware	98	87	87	90	97	83	88	93	98	98	94	99	84	45	75
MLB	Zach	Thomas	94	97	76	72	78	79	87	75	76	94	97	95	97	50	70
LOLB	Greg	Ellis	89	92	78	75	86	82	79	92	78	94	87	95	86	48	68
MLB	Bradie	James	87	86	78	82	84	79	80	77	74	89	90	94	84	55	70
MLB	Kevin	Burnett	82	70	85	87	87	75	88	65	75	88	85	93	76	55	65
ROLB	Bobby	Carpe- nter	80	60	85	85	85	70	66	65	75	81	80	84	77	68	75
LOLB	Anthony	Spencer	80	69	83	80	88	80	78	83	84	85	79	88	68	60	68
ROLB	Justin	Rogers	69	62	75	80	82	74	72	79	74	78	78	82	60	45	65
LOLB	Erik	Walden	68	48	82	74	86	68	78	65	75	80	78	88	49	47	62

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Terence	Newman	95	97	98	86	50	79	97	92	55	82	85	96	90	80	42
Anthony	Henry	88	87	88	85	64	74	84	94	58	82	86	86	90	90	45
Mike	Jenkins	82	94	97	55	56	65	94	88	48	74	57	89	85	86	44
Orlando	Scandrick	73	97	97	42	46	64	96	95	52	82	44	79	78	55	46
Evan	Oglesby	72	90	91	55	50	62	92	92	54	78	55	77	74	65	54
Alan	Ball	67	90	90	48	42	60	90	90	50	65	46	74	74	60	44

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Ken	Hamlin	90	72	88	65	86	90	69	89	85	92	78	65	85	45	95
SS	Roy	Williams	88	70	86	80	80	85	62	80	90	95	70	40	65	55	98
SS	Pat	Watkins	76	62	89	54	88	90	74	96	72	86	56	70	80	45	66
FS	Courtney	Brown	67	44	95	54	92	95	65	94	52	74	40	65	70	60	52

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Nick	Folk	89	95	92	58	25	55	55	50

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mat	McBriar	95	97	93	62	10	40	49	47

Denver Broncos

• '07 Record: 7-9 (2nd in AFC West)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 346.3 yards per game (11th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 336.0 yards allowed per game (19th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 20 points per game (21st in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 25.6 points allowed per game (28th in NFL)

The Denver Broncos have a young group on offense but one that still ranked near the top ten in offensive yards gained per game. Jay Cutler remains the heir apparent to John Elway; he's a Cannon Arm QB. Brandon Marshell emerged as the Broncos' top receiving target; former Seahawk and 49er Darrell Jackson and former Raven and Colt Brandon Stokely provide veteran leadership.

The Broncos have a couple strong tight ends and use a young running back Selvin Young after letting one-year troubled starter Travis Henry go. Defensively the Broncos strength lies with linebacker, and D.J. Williams, and cornerback, with Champ Bailey, one of the strongest man-to-man defenders in Madden.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jay	Cutler	86	70	95	86	74	74	70	70	65	60	95	90
Patrick	Ramsey	79	75	92	81	55	54	59	57	60	42	89	89

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Brandon	Marshall	93	92	93	80	86	89	80	94	96	95	92	95	88	95	95	90	88
Darrell	Jackson	86	89	90	62	85	88	65	90	88	90	74	85	55	72	91	82	90
Brandon	Stokley	84	90	93	54	88	87	65	91	79	79	78	70	25	68	80	87	87

Eddie	Royal	77	97	97	48	64	80	74	97	90	95	90	85	40	70	94	76	79
Keary	Colbert	76	90	91	50	70	80	65	89	84	80	77	68	45	74	82	75	82
Samie	Parker	74	93	94	38	69	79	65	93	82	90	87	74	30	68	90	72	79

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Selvin	Young	84	92	94	70	70	78	82	91	88	78	78	80	83	88	90	35
Michael	Pittman	81	89	92	75	74	78	76	86	85	71	72	87	85	80	90	39
Andre	Hall	75	92	93	66	50	68	80	93	87	77	68	65	75	88	88	30
Ryan	Torain	71	88	86	74	44	75	82	86	75	60	50	80	86	75	92	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Cecil	Sapp	79	86	84	74	70	68	84	84	78	64	84	85	86	54	47
Mike	Bell	78	87	90	74	66	70	80	86	78	70	78	84	85	55	48

Tightends

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Daniel	Graham	86	77	77	75	72	78	75	70	75	73	67	77	87	55	80	78	70
Tony	Scheffler	84	85	85	68	78	85	75	84	72	62	60	69	47	85	67	82	87

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
С	Tom	Nalen	89	89	62	84	83	64	89	85	82	83	88	82	90
LG	Ben	Hamilton	87	84	62	80	85	62	88	86	82	80	88	84	86
С	Casey	Wiegmann	85	85	61	75	84	56	88	88	85	82	89	82	90
RG	Montrae	Holland	79	76	44	49	93	48	87	78	82	90	65	86	62
RT	Chris	Kuper	79	76	62	72	86	67	87	83	78	84	88	82	90
LT	Ryan	Clady	79	64	66	85	87	69	80	88	78	86	83	91	82
RT	Erik	Pears	79	74	60	74	87	61	87	82	80	87	85	88	80
RT	Ryan	Harris	78	72	65	78	86	69	78	84	76	84	75	89	75
LG	Dylan	Gandy	76	58	56	74	84	57	82	88	73	82	73	84	80
RG	Kory	Lichtensteiger	76	55	58	72	87	59	82	76	80	90	80	85	70

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Elvis	Dumervil	90	70	82	90	72	78	50	90	95	92	80	70	85	66

DT	Dewayne	Robertson	84	66	64	84	88	63	58	84	87	82	86	84	65	65
RE	Ebenezer	Ekuban	82	78	72	79	75	67	54	79	77	79	83	78	72	78
LE	John	Engelberger	81	78	71	76	78	68	60	76	79	79	83	78	84	70
LE	Jarvis	Moss	81	60	82	88	68	86	60	88	76	87	73	76	90	50
LE	Tim	Crowder	80	55	84	80	82	78	65	80	80	84	75	72	75	45
DT	Marcus	Thomas	79	56	65	84	87	65	70	84	87	83	85	79	78	50
DT	Alvin	McKinley	78	70	56	65	91	53	55	65	85	52	85	80	65	66
DT	Carlton	Powell	70	48	65	78	89	58	72	78	85	66	83	64	70	44

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	D.J.	Williams	95	84	86	87	90	76	90	70	82	85	92	90	82	68	80
LOLB	Boss	Bailey	82	64	87	88	91	70	69	65	77	78	82	90	62	70	83
LOLB	Nate	Webster	81	80	79	81	85	68	69	43	63	76	85	88	79	55	70
ROLB	Jamie	Winborn	75	74	80	79	82	65	65	50	70	75	82	82	55	65	75
MLB	Niko	Kouto- uvides	74	72	78	82	85	75	70	67	77	79	84	85	66	55	65
ROLB	Louis	Green	71	67	83	80	87	63	68	55	70	85	78	84	55	50	60
MLB	Jordan	Beck	70	62	84	86	88	74	65	68	67	77	82	86	50	60	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Champ	Bailey	97	97	97	85	55	78	98	94	56	90	90	95	95	93	50
Dre'	Bly	89	93	96	82	42	80	95	87	43	79	78	90	88	88	58
Domonique	Foxworth	78	93	96	70	49	65	96	87	55	84	60	82	77	68	40
Karl	Paymah	76	93	90	65	61	60	91	87	63	78	58	82	77	65	45
Jack	Williams	76	94	95	48	55	68	94	92	58	78	48	78	80	70	60

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	John	Lynch	92	84	85	72	80	84	50	75	90	90	88	50	65	40	94
SS	Marlon	McCree	83	78	84	68	80	85	58	82	73	87	80	55	70	50	86
FS	Hamza	Abdullah	79	66	88	68	87	90	65	85	78	84	62	62	75	60	75
FS	Marquand	Manuel	74	64	85	64	87	86	65	80	74	87	62	55	70	50	70
FS	Josh	Barrett	73	42	94	70	92	95	64	92	79	85	44	55	75	70	80

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Matt	Prater	70	92	81	62	20	30	45	45

Punters

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Sam	Paulescu	77	92	86	60	25	35	50	50	

Detroit Lions

- '07 Record: 7-9 (3rd in NFC North)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 322.9 yards pre game (19th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 377.6 yards allowed per game (32nd in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 21.6 points per game (16th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 27.8 points allowed per game (32nd in NFL)

The Detroit Lions' Mike Martz era has ended-enter a more conservative approach? Perhaps but the Lions still have one of the better receiver corps in the league. Both Roy Williams and Calvin Johnson possess high speed, jump, and spectacular catch ratings; and third and fourth stringers Shaun McDonald and Mike Furrey are solid targets in multiple receiver sets. With Kevin Jones no longer on the roster, the running back duties lie with rookie Kevin Smith and speedster and former Denver Bronco Tatum Bell-couple with a meager Offensive Line, the running game won't be one of the Lions' strengths.

Defensively the Detroit Lions have no where to go but up-the Lions ranked dead last in the league in both yards allowed per game and points allowed per game. Brick Wall Defender Ernie Sims is the Lions' top player on defense.

Quarterbacks

First Name		OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jon	Kitna	84	78	89	89	60	60	56	60	55	42	90	90
Drew	Stanton	77	61	90	85	66	76	65	72	65	70	82	92
Dan	Orlovsky	73	65	86	84	55	58	58	54	50	40	91	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Roy	Williams	92	92	92	69	88	92	70	91	96	88	86	77	72	93	89	86	87
Calvin	Johnson	91	97	94	78	68	86	77	94	98	90	85	88	60	97	93	87	90
Shaun	McDonald	87	94	96	42	85	89	70	94	77	91	90	84	20	74	93	84	90
Mike	Furrey	84	89	91	62	80	89	75	90	86	80	78	67	40	70	80	84	85
Kenneth	Moore	71	92	94	44	47	80	72	93	82	88	82	75	32	66	88	77	81

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Kevin	Smith	79	92	92	73	55	76	85	92	80	70	55	87	82	80	95	45
Tatum	Bell	78	95	95	68	67	73	76	89	88	78	69	58	70	88	85	40
Brian	Calhoun	75	94	92	66	58	74	76	90	85	85	68	50	70	88	90	34

Fullbacks

	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Jerome	Felton	78	76	72	77	40	84	80	70	65	55	55	84	84	60	40
Jon	Bradley	68	58	60	90	44	58	70	48	15	15	30	65	55	72	44

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Michael	Gaines	79	78	76	75	64	77	68	70	80	45	42	42	61	74	35	76	78
Dan	Campbell	78	68	70	74	74	76	65	65	54	54	35	55	74	52	44	74	64
Sean	McHugh	74	72	70	77	68	75	65	60	70	45	45	55	60	40	50	65	60

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
С	Dominic	Raiola	87	85	60	78	88	58	88	88	84	84	88	86	85
LT	Jeff	Backus	84	82	53	74	89	54	86	87	82	88	78	91	75
RG	Stephen	Peterman	80	72	48	72	88	46	86	80	78	88	70	85	65
LG	Edwin	Mulitalo	79	72	45	54	92	46	87	80	82	89	74	85	59
RT	Gosder	Cherilus	79	62	58	74	93	58	89	83	85	92	77	90	65
LT	Jonathan	Scott	77	70	52	66	87	62	82	87	75	80	85	87	85
LG	Manny	Ramirez	75	58	54	60	93	54	82	74	82	92	65	85	58
RT	George	Foster	74	55	55	74	92	56	87	81	78	89	70	87	65
RG	Jon	Dunn	71	50	51	70	87	49	82	78	76	84	65	83	60
С	Corey	Hulsey	71	68	50	66	85	48	82	79	71	83	59	80	59

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Cory	Redding	91	80	70	88	88	68	60	88	88	78	90	80	80	74
RE	Dewayne	White	86	74	77	88	75	76	70	88	79	88	76	75	88	68
DT	Chuck	Darby	83	71	67	87	82	64	45	87	83	84	84	84	78	65
LE	Jared	DeVries	82	80	74	78	80	66	64	78	82	78	78	80	76	65
RE	Corey	Smith	79	72	74	78	70	68	70	78	74	84	77	78	82	64
RE	Cliff	Avril	76	44	85	88	66	86	78	88	70	75	74	80	86	52
LE	Ikaika	Alama-Francis	76	58	72	78	77	74	78	78	78	82	77	74	85	50
DT	Shaun	Cody	76	65	64	82	82	67	55	82	79	82	83	79	78	55
DT	Andre	Fluellen	75	50	72	82	88	65	75	82	83	73	79	74	80	52

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Ernie	Sims	94	70	90	88	93	85	95	82	88	90	93	96	72	66	72
LOLB	Paris	Lenon	84	82	79	81	83	72	80	56	64	84	87	89	78	55	70
MLB	Jordon	Dizon	78	70	82	82	88	74	77	70	65	82	83	90	75	45	75
LOLB	Alex	Lewis	74	66	85	81	87	65	73	40	70	71	80	85	55	70	70
MLB	Buster	Davis	69	56	80	85	84	69	86	79	70	80	80	88	60	40	60
ROLB	Anthony	Cannon	68	62	77	80	80	70	74	62	72	78	82	82	56	40	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Leigh	Bodden	90	90	93	88	67	70	92	88	67	84	80	93	87	88	51
Brian	Kelly	82	88	90	85	57	70	90	89	66	84	85	70	90	78	45
Keith	Smith	78	93	95	66	48	65	95	87	52	70	65	82	78	74	40
Travis	Fisher	76	91	91	65	55	65	88	88	56	75	62	75	80	77	44
Stanley	Wilson	72	93	93	60	52	60	93	88	50	70	60	75	75	62	40

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Dwight	Smith	86	70	89	62	90	90	72	89	80	85	74	70	75	62	77
FS	Daniel	Bullocks	82	72	87	57	83	84	72	85	72	85	65	70	85	54	42
FS	Gerald	Alexander	80	64	90	60	91	90	66	85	70	80	60	75	80	60	62
SS	Kalvin	Pearson	73	65	88	56	86	88	60	84	72	78	65	65	75	30	65
FS	LaMarcus	Hicks	72	57	88	54	89	89	65	88	55	78	52	72	76	65	55
SS	Caleb	Campbell	69	50	90	72	82	88	55	78	78	88	45	40	65	50	78

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jason	Hanson	91	93	93	52	23	31	28	20

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Nick	Harris	81	92	88	58	13	44	50	51	

Green Bay Packers

- '07 Record: 13-3 (1st in NFC North)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 370.7 yards per game (2nd in NFL) '07 Defensive Stats: 313.3 yards allowed per game (11th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 18.2 points allowed per game (6th in NFL)



With the gunslinger gone, Aaron Rodgers assumes control of the Packers' powerful offense.

There's a familiar face missing from the Green Bay Packers' roster-and he's on the cover of Madden 09! Brett Favre retired, unretired, and was traded before the season started and is now a member of the New York Jets. The Packers are now Aaron Rodgers team; he's filled in sparingly for Favre (who was the Iron Man afterall) and shown promise, though his unspectacular Madden statistics don't reflect it.

Let's not forget the Packers were 13-3 last year and a bad Favre interception away from possibly representing the NFC in the Super Bowl. The NFC's second best offense in yards per game is led by running back Ryan Grant, who took over the starting job later in the season and runs behind a strong Offensive Line, and Speed receiver Greg Jennings, the Packers' deep threat. Veteran Donald Driver and young James Jones are also excellent targets for the young quarterback. The Packers remain strong on defense as well with top players in Aaron Kampman at left end, Nick Barnett and A.J. Hawk at linebacker, and Al Harris at cornerback.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Aaron	Rodgers	83	72	90	88	66	69	54	66	60	65	84	92
Brian	Brohm	80	65	91	88	64	64	63	64	60	48	87	92
Matt	Flynn	72	58	86	78	75	78	64	76	75	80	89	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE	
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Greg	Jennings	93	96	97	55	88	90	70	93	86	91	87	85	44	88	92	88	92
Donald	Driver	92	93	92	56	90	90	78	95	93	94	88	90	45	84	96	90	93
James	Jones	84	91	90	66	74	87	65	88	92	74	70	65	48	77	70	85	85
Jordy	Nelson	78	92	93	65	60	82	75	92	82	78	68	55	55	68	78	82	82
Ruvell	Martin	76	88	86	64	69	82	65	84	94	69	65	67	70	82	75	78	78

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Ryan	Grant	87	93	92	80	84	79	83	88	87	74	85	93	92	77	92	30
Brandon	Jackson	81	92	92	64	68	74	79	93	87	82	78	72	79	87	88	35
DeShawn	Wynn	77	89	92	78	65	71	80	84	80	70	75	87	86	72	85	34

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Korey	Hall	86	80	82	76	65	68	74	78	55	45	50	77	72	68	48
John	Kuhn	85	78	80	78	68	78	78	75	45	40	56	65	76	63	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Donald	Lee	83	82	82	70	80	79	70	78	85	68	63	64	62	78	69	80	85
Jermichael	Finley	77	85	84	66	55	82	68	84	92	65	60	60	55	80	70	76	80

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Chad	Clifton	95	92	54	77	93	59	93	96	89	93	88	95	92
RT	Mark	Tauscher	94	90	52	65	94	54	94	96	92	93	89	96	90
RG	Jason	Spitz	87	77	52	68	88	56	90	90	84	89	88	88	92
С	Scott	Wells	86	85	58	80	85	62	88	90	75	82	79	82	89
LG	Junius	Coston	82	70	52	66	87	52	86	82	88	91	70	88	70
LG	Daryn	Colledge	77	62	66	82	83	72	80	84	74	74	90	78	88
RG	Josh	Sitton	76	52	62	76	88	60	80	78	80	90	82	88	76
С	Allen	Barbre	72	48	69	84	84	70	78	80	72	81	88	83	89
LT	Breno	Giacomini	68	56	62	82	85	70	74	79	70	80	84	85	86
RT	Tony	Moll	68	55	59	68	86	54	77	82	70	78	64	83	64
LT	Orrin	Thompson	67	55	52	65	85	52	77	82	70	80	70	83	65

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Aaron	Kampman	97	80	79	84	86	72	62	84	95	90	92	82	85	74
RE	Cullen	Jenkins	92	80	74	88	88	66	56	88	92	86	88	80	80	70
RE	Kabeer	Gbaja Biamila	88	70	85	92	70	80	60	92	74	92	75	70	90	74
DT	Ryan	Pickett	86	74	60	78	93	58	55	78	87	70	87	85	65	66
DT	Johnny	Jolly	82	66	66	79	89	60	60	79	86	69	86	80	69	65
DT	Justin	Harrell	77	56	62	77	91	62	70	77	88	72	85	79	62	40
DT	Colin	Cole	76	62	59	72	89	56	54	72	83	62	82	83	66	60
LE	Mike	Montgomery	76	59	80	84	76	72	58	84	74	79	78	70	77	56
LE	Jeremy	Thompson	74	52	80	78	78	76	75	78	80	74	78	75	75	42

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Nick	Barnett	94	87	84	85	88	75	78	77	74	92	94	95	87	75	85
ROLB	A.J.	Hawk	94	78	87	83	90	77	84	77	86	88	92	94	80	70	78
LOLB	Brady	Poppinga	82	82	79	74	83	76	77	76	75	80	87	90	78	50	65
LOLB	Brandon	Chillar	80	79	78	76	82	74	74	49	69	82	85	88	76	50	65
MLB	Abdul	Hodge	75	69	79	74	83	76	77	75	74	88	84	86	75	40	55
MLB	Desmond	Bishop	73	62	77	77	80	82	85	76	70	86	82	88	66	45	55
ROLB	Tracy	White	71	65	79	78	82	70	72	59	68	77	79	85	60	45	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Al	Harris	93	88	93	94	72	63	94	90	70	85	93	95	90	98	72
Charles	Woodson	92	88	92	90	63	72	92	93	65	86	91	88	94	92	48
Pat	Lee	76	92	93	53	60	64	90	86	66	84	48	83	75	85	55
Jarrett	Bush	76	91	93	60	50	65	94	94	58	85	56	80	74	72	45
Tramon	Williams	75	93	94	54	46	66	94	92	56	80	55	80	74	68	44
Will	Blackmon	70	92	94	48	52	72	93	88	52	74	48	75	70	55	30

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Atari	Bigby	87	70	86	78	85	88	67	85	82	90	68	50	70	50	94
FS	Nick	Collins	86	66	93	64	91	92	65	92	78	85	66	74	80	65	77
FS	Aaron	Rouse	77	59	88	66	83	90	70	86	78	85	58	60	75	40	85
SS	Charlie	Peprah	67	58	86	56	86	85	62	87	68	82	48	65	70	45	65

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Mason	Crosby	88	97	90	66	30	60	40	40	

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Jon	Ryan	80	96	84	63	31	42	49	47	

Houston Texans

• '07 Record: 8-8 (4th in AFC South)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 333.6 yards per game (14th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 344.2 yards allowed per game (24th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 23.7 points per game (12th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 24 points allowed per game (22nd in NFL)

An 8-8 finish for the 2007 Houston Texans was an impressive feat considering the team's injuries-starting quarterback Matt Schaub, starting receiver Andre Johnson, and starting running back Ahman Green all missed significant time. Schaub to Johnson could one of the strongest combinations this season; Andre Johnson is one of the game's top receivers with high ratings in speed, jumping, catch in traffic, route running, and spectacular catch.

The Texan running backs aren't superior; though mix in rookie Steve Slaton and take advantage of his high speed. Former first overall draft pick Mario Williams is finally living up to expectations; he's one of the game's best defensive ends. Brick Wall Defender DeMeco Ryans anchors the Linebackers.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Schaub	85	78	88	92	62	64	64	62	60	44	85	90
Sage	Rosenfels	79	74	87	86	60	63	54	60	50	43	84	88
Quinn	Gray	76	66	90	78	71	70	59	69	60	62	88	88

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Andre	Johnson	96	95	94	80	87	90	75	93	96	87	85	78	85	94	88	92	94
Kevin	Walter	80	88	86	62	80	86	70	85	83	82	79	67	36	74	79	85	81
Andre	Davis	78	96	95	46	77	80	65	87	88	73	60	52	38	76	77	70	80
Jacoby	Jones	76	92	92	64	66	79	75	91	93	77	70	70	40	85	72	68	78
David	Anderson	70	90	92	55	65	78	57	86	85	85	66	75	23	65	87	70	70

Halfbacks

Name Name	First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
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Ahman	Green	82	87	88	74	85	75	80	84	80	72	85	86	86	72	85	50
Chris	Brown	79	88	88	70	78	66	84	86	79	70	84	87	80	78	84	36
Darius	Walker	76	90	89	62	52	78	80	91	85	80	75	66	75	82	90	57
Steve	Slaton	72	93	95	65	44	77	72	93	92	90	45	52	68	90	90	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Vonta	Leach	81	70	70	84	68	75	70	66	45	35	60	78	74	66	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Owen	Daniels	88	85	82	66	83	85	70	84	80	60	54	60	66	77	60	84	87
Mark	Bruener	74	56	54	80	78	55	70	59	59	30	25	55	64	45	38	68	52

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Chester	Pitts	83	77	60	65	89	63	86	82	82	87	86	85	82
RT	Eric	Winston	82	78	64	84	85	66	84	87	83	79	88	85	87
С	Chris	Myers	80	78	54	68	85	58	88	84	74	83	85	82	80
LT	Ephraim	Salaam	78	72	52	64	88	52	87	84	80	85	80	87	85
RG	Fred	Weary	77	66	52	62	86	51	87	80	76	84	73	85	70
RG	Mike	Brisiel	77	68	54	68	85	54	80	80	78	87	85	88	80
LT	Duane	Brown	76	58	69	86	88	65	78	84	80	89	79	93	83
LT	Jordan	Black	74	64	51	55	87	49	88	83	77	87	75	83	70
RG	Brandon	Frye	73	58	74	76	87	70	74	78	74	78	86	82	87
LG	Kasey	Studdard	73	58	52	56	88	50	84	79	78	85	70	82	60
RT	Rashad	Butler	72	60	62	82	83	60	78	84	76	80	84	85	80
С	Chris	White	71	59	50	71	88	54	80	84	71	83	65	82	67

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Mario	Williams	97	68	86	94	85	87	70	94	95	95	88	74	92	58
DT	Amobi	Okoye	92	76	69	89	89	69	65	89	90	89	90	82	87	74
LE	Anthony	Weaver	80	76	67	78	84	66	59	78	85	74	87	83	78	60
RE	N.D.	Kalu	78	78	75	78	69	72	48	78	67	81	78	76	76	70
DT	Travis	Johnson	76	60	65	87	84	68	60	87	81	85	82	80	75	40
DT	Anthony	Maddox	75	64	67	76	86	64	50	76	82	58	77	80	68	45
DT	Frank	Okam	72	52	55	78	94	50	70	78	86	66	78	72	65	50
LE	Earl	Cochran	71	66	72	74	77	68	55	74	72	76	78	74	74	50

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	DeMeco	Ryans	95	88	84	86	90	77	80	66	79	93	96	97	87	66	78
ROLB	Morlon	Green- wood	89	86	85	84	87	67	77	42	67	82	89	91	81	65	75
ROLB	Chaun	Thom- pson	75	68	85	82	88	70	70	65	75	80	84	82	60	55	60
LOLB	Zac	Diles	74	69	78	76	80	70	72	65	70	77	83	87	62	55	65
LOLB	Kevin	Bentley	74	70	78	80	82	73	56	68	72	82	80	84	65	65	65
LOLB	Xavier	Adibi	73	45	84	87	88	65	76	55	70	74	80	88	44	68	78
MLB	Ben	Moffitt	69	60	78	72	85	75	75	70	65	78	80	85	60	50	70

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Dunta	Robinson	87	96	97	77	57	69	96	88	70	85	70	88	78	90	54
Fred	Bennett	82	92	91	70	59	65	92	94	66	78	65	86	80	78	54
Jacques	Reeves	77	94	94	64	52	63	93	86	59	76	60	80	78	70	32
DeMarcus	Faggins	74	92	94	68	48	64	93	84	60	77	62	78	72	60	39
Antwaun	Molden	73	93	95	36	66	60	95	94	60	85	38	80	75	78	55

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Will	Demps	82	80	85	66	82	86	56	79	80	86	72	60	80	52	77
SS	Glenn	Earl	79	66	86	65	83	86	64	83	72	79	70	62	83	35	80
SS	C.C.	Brown	78	72	87	64	87	87	64	82	73	85	68	60	75	45	68
FS	Nick	Fergu- son	75	70	84	67	80	82	62	70	80	84	70	55	70	40	80
SS	Dominique	Barber	70	46	87	72	84	86	60	87	82	84	40	55	70	50	77

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Kris	Brown	88	96	90	44	19	26	18	20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Matt	Turk	77	85	89	56	13	21	39	39

Indianapolis Colts

- '07 Record: 13-3 (1st in AFC South)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 358.7 yards pre game (5th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 279.7 yards allowed per game (3rd in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 28.1 points per game (3rd in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 16.4 points allowed per game (1st in NFL)



Recent Super Bowl MVP Peyton Manning is one of the Madden 09's best, and smartest, quarterbacks.

There's no reason to think the Indianapolis Colts won't be one of 2008's best teams-the Colts are talent rich! Of course the biggest star is Super Bowl MVP quarterback Peyton Manning. He returns as one of the best quarterbacks in Madden with 100 awareness (Smart QB), 96 throw power, 99 accuracy, and high durability. The receiving trio of Reggie Wayne, Marvin Harrison, and Anthony Gonzalez is one of the league's best; don't forget to mix in tight end Dallas Clark. Utilize a diverse selection of passing plays and work the ball all over the field.

Joseph Addai provides an excellent combination of running back and receiver; don't neglect to work him into your short-to-medium passing game to help open up the Colts skilled Wide Receivers. Finesse Move D-Linemen Robert Mathis and Dwight Freeney anchor the Colts' excellent Defensive Line. Smart Safety and Big Hitter Bob Sanders is one of the highest rated players in the game.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Peyton	Manning	99	100	96	99	59	55	64	54	65	44	99	99
Jim	Sorgi	73	68	84	81	62	64	52	62	55	50	88	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Reggie	Wayne	97	91	95	58	95	97	75	93	88	88	84	88	50	89	90	94	97
Marvin	Harrison	94	92	91	48	95	97	75	92	84	88	82	90	30	84	88	91	99
Anthony	Gonzalez	80	94	95	55	66	82	65	92	85	87	70	75	23	77	85	80	82
Devin	Aroma- shodu	75	92	93	61	65	80	60	88	93	75	65	65	45	78	75	70	76
Roy	Hall	72	92	85	66	58	79	60	88	93	65	50	55	55	80	65	70	70
Pierre	Garcon	70	93	91	65	35	80	68	90	95	80	70	80	55	80	82	74	72

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Joseph	Addai	91	93	92	68	72	80	90	93	96	90	85	65	84	94	93	70
Dominic	Rhodes	83	89	91	72	76	77	82	91	84	74	86	77	88	80	90	25
Kenton	Keith	77	90	91	60	67	73	80	89	88	84	76	60	76	84	82	30
Mike	Hart	74	87	90	74	58	77	88	90	65	55	70	70	84	72	95	35

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Jacob	Tamme	79	87	84	68	70	86	82	76	58	49	65	68	68	52	54

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Dallas	Clark	93	88	86	66	92	91	68	86	82	78	70	78	55	80	70	89	95
Tom	Santi	75	78	75	68	50	78	65	70	80	55	40	60	65	68	50	78	78

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
С	Jeff	Saturday	96	95	58	80	87	63	91	97	85	90	94	96	97
RT	Ryan	Diem	93	92	52	72	94	55	92	96	86	91	91	91	94
LG	Ryan	Lilja	90	93	56	67	87	64	89	93	79	85	93	89	92
LT	Tony	Ugoh	88	86	63	76	89	65	86	89	87	90	84	91	80
RG	Mike	Pollak	78	58	62	77	88	65	80	81	80	87	84	86	82
RG	Charlie	Johnson	77	60	64	74	85	62	83	82	73	82	65	84	75
С	Steve	Justice	74	65	60	78	84	70	76	79	72	82	84	80	85
LT	Michael	Toudouze	68	54	50	58	87	50	83	81	73	83	69	84	67
RT	Corey	Hilliard	67	55	50	54	88	48	80	77	78	86	70	87	60

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	LG	Jamey	Richard	64	44	54	66	82	52	77	74	70	82	70	80	65

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Robert	Mathis	95	74	88	94	76	87	58	94	79	96	79	74	95	70
RE	Dwight	Freeney	95	70	88	94	78	85	60	94	87	96	84	70	92	65
DT	Ed	Johnson	86	75	66	78	88	64	60	78	86	86	88	80	82	70
DT	Raheem	Brock	82	72	76	86	80	74	54	86	78	86	75	82	85	65
RE	Josh	Thomas	81	70	76	80	78	69	54	80	80	86	80	72	78	60
LE	Keyunta	Dawson	79	60	80	82	74	78	65	82	80	82	77	76	80	50
DT	Darrell	Reid	78	68	64	72	84	63	60	72	82	74	81	78	64	65
LE	Jeff	Charleston	74	60	74	78	74	76	60	78	74	76	74	72	82	60
RE	Marcus	Howard	74	40	87	90	70	86	78	90	70	80	70	70	82	44
DT	Quinn	Pitcock	73	56	61	74	86	62	58	74	82	80	80	76	65	48

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Gary	Brackett	91	88	80	82	84	75	76	60	74	86	94	93	87	70	85
ROLB	Freddie	Keiaho	87	76	86	88	90	68	82	52	66	82	86	94	70	65	75
LOLB	Tyjuan	Hagler	81	74	86	84	89	74	78	68	78	78	82	92	70	45	68
MLB	Phillip	Wheeler	74	65	84	78	87	72	86	65	75	77	84	86	62	50	65
ROLB	Clint	Session	70	56	80	84	80	82	82	80	70	79	78	82	55	40	60
LOLB	Ramon	Guzman	68	58	79	78	80	72	65	60	68	75	75	84	46	60	70
MLB	Victor	Worsley	66	55	82	80	84	74	74	70	78	74	78	84	52	45	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Kelvin	Hayden	87	92	95	82	60	73	94	89	80	84	74	82	88	77	77
Marlin	Jackson	87	88	92	86	70	67	91	93	86	90	75	78	91	85	78
Tim	Jennings	77	96	96	65	40	64	93	88	48	75	55	82	83	60	35
Dante	Hughes	76	88	89	66	52	70	88	90	62	79	60	79	81	70	50
T.J.	Rushing	73	94	93	58	54	66	87	84	50	65	48	78	80	60	44
Michael	Coe	69	89	90	51	50	61	90	90	48	65	46	76	79	60	52

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Bob	Sanders	99	87	93	80	94	97	68	88	90	97	95	80	95	54	98
FS	Antoine	Bethea	93	80	90	67	88	92	70	88	85	88	82	65	85	45	79
SS	Matt	Giordano	76	66	94	55	88	90	60	82	77	84	65	55	75	55	60



Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Adam	Vinatieri	93	90	96	59	32	40	29	15

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Hunter	Smith	87	91	92	61	14	44	47	45	

Jacksonville Jaguars

• '07 Record: 11-5 (2nd in AFC South)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 357.4 yards per game (7th in NFL)

'07 Defensive Stats: 313.8 yards allowed per game (12 in NFL)
'07 Points Scored Per Game: 25.7 points per game (6th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 19 points allowed per game (10th in NFL)



The Tiny Cannonball Maurice Jones-Drew provides a dynamic mix of speed and power

The Jacksonville Jaguars are a team that could surprise the league in 2008-but first they must provide a significant challenge to the Indianapolis Colts for the AFC South division title. With former first round draft pick bust Byron Leftwich finally cut, the Jaguars have Copyright ©1995-2008 CNET Networks, Inc. All rights reserved.

turned over their future to Accurate QB David Garrard. The receivers are still suspect even with the signing of former Raider Jerry Porter. Although the Jaguars have some speed at the position, the team lacks a true standout go-to guy.

The biggest offensive weapons are in the backfield; the Jaguars have one of the league's strongest one-two punch in future Hall of Famer (hopefully) Fred Taylor and "Pocket Hercules" Maurice Jones-Drew. Use "Dual RB" packages to get both on the field at the same time and take advantage of both backs blend of speed and power (both have high trucking ratings and are Power Backs). Defensively, the Jaguars strengths are on the interior line with John Henderson, interior linebacker with Smart Linebacker Mike Peterson, and Smart Corner Rashean Mathis.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
David	Garrard	92	77	93	93	77	78	68	74	75	66	88	92
Cleo	Lemon	77	70	84	85	65	66	54	66	70	58	92	94

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jerry	Porter	86	91	93	64	78	84	65	92	96	85	78	76	67	88	86	82	88
Reggie	Williams	83	90	91	70	75	82	65	90	95	66	55	65	65	88	72	82	86
Dennis	Northcutt	81	95	95	45	82	80	70	94	81	95	91	88	33	80	94	77	85
Troy	Williamson	78	96	96	54	69	76	65	94	89	86	75	56	45	79	87	70	82
Matt	Jones	77	93	90	66	68	80	76	92	96	90	88	88	75	94	88	66	76
Mike	Walker	71	94	90	51	48	78	65	90	90	89	82	82	42	80	85	74	72
John	Broussard	70	93	94	48	55	77	70	92	94	80	70	70	25	66	88	66	73

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Fred	Taylor	94	93	96	80	90	66	87	94	96	88	90	88	93	93	92	33
Maurice	Jones-Drew	91	95	96	85	65	76	87	95	96	95	65	85	95	93	92	30
Chauncey	Washington	74	91	90	68	48	66	82	90	82	72	65	66	84	80	90	35

Fullbacks

	First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
ľ	Greg	Jones	91	86	84	79	62	68	93	79	70	55	88	96	94	62	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Marcedes	Lewis	84	82	80	74	75	82	71	78	78	75	68	70	64	79	72	78	82
George	Wrighster	80	78	81	69	75	79	70	76	74	55	57	64	63	69	57	77	70

Greg	Estandia	71	74	72	69	60	80	70	68	88	55	45	60	75	74	60	70	70

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Vince	Manuwai	94	84	53	72	93	54	94	88	95	96	88	92	82
С	Brad	Meester	93	89	55	70	91	58	93	91	92	95	94	92	90
RG	Maurice	Williams	91	85	51	62	92	53	93	89	90	94	87	91	82
LT	Khalif	Barnes	90	82	62	82	90	61	94	89	92	93	92	93	91
RT	Tony	Pashos	87	85	48	50	92	48	95	87	90	94	86	91	74
RG	Tutan	Reyes	74	60	47	64	89	46	84	80	75	84	69	83	67
LG	Uche	Nwaneri	72	56	48	56	89	48	82	79	78	87	70	87	65
LT	Richard	Collier	72	64	48	58	90	52	84	78	75	90	64	86	60
С	Dennis	Norman	68	68	48	49	84	48	82	80	71	80	65	78	64
RT	Andrew	Carnahan	66	56	52	62	87	50	79	77	74	82	75	82	60

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	John	Henderson	95	82	62	72	95	60	62	72	97	65	96	86	76	86
LE	Paul	Spicer	87	82	70	78	86	64	60	78	88	80	89	80	70	76
RE	Reggie	Hayward	86	70	77	83	78	73	65	83	83	86	84	78	77	66
DT	Rob	Meier	86	80	60	76	89	56	52	76	86	70	88	80	85	80
LE	Derrick	Harvey	81	50	81	90	79	84	78	90	78	84	79	70	86	50
RE	Quentin	Groves	79	44	87	90	74	84	80	90	74	82	74	74	87	45
DT	Derek	Landri	77	65	66	82	84	60	58	82	80	82	82	79	84	54
LE	Brent	Hawkins	76	60	78	85	72	78	65	85	69	79	75	75	80	58
DT	Jimmy	Kennedy	73	60	58	72	88	51	54	72	84	64	85	72	64	60
RE	Jeremy	Mincey	69	54	75	85	73	75	60	85	72	70	80	72	70	45

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Mike	Peterson	93	91	84	84	85	76	82	78	83	95	93	97	90	65	70
ROLB	Daryl	Smith	92	82	82	83	85	85	90	68	78	92	90	92	86	60	65
LOLB	Justin	Durant	83	69	85	87	88	68	82	50	70	82	85	92	69	60	70
LOLB	Clint	Ingram	78	70	84	85	86	69	77	67	77	78	83	86	60	48	75
ROLB	Brian	Iwuh	73	66	78	80	82	71	84	45	62	75	80	86	67	50	60
LOLB	Thomas	Williams	72	52	78	78	80	72	75	65	70	77	78	84	52	67	77
MLB	Tony	Gilbert	69	69	75	74	78	75	74	73	62	82	80	85	60	40	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Rashean	Mathis	95	94	95	75	66	78	94	95	60	85	93	95	92	88	40
Drayton	Florence	85	91	92	77	63	70	91	89	63	76	78	85	84	80	45
Scott	Starks	75	92	92	67	46	67	94	82	58	76	52	79	77	70	39
Trae	Williams	73	91	93	49	52	69	93	85	55	80	45	74	84	68	50

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Reggie	Nelson	92	66	93	60	95	97	82	94	78	93	70	65	85	60	84
SS	Brian	Williams	87	80	88	68	88	89	72	89	78	77	80	80	85	89	60
SS	Gerald	Sensabaugh	79	68	87	62	87	88	66	96	72	80	65	60	75	39	81
FS	Jamaal	Fudge	70	58	86	72	84	87	66	80	74	86	55	50	65	50	82
SS	Chad	Nkang	66	48	88	74	84	87	52	84	78	82	44	45	55	45	74

Kickers

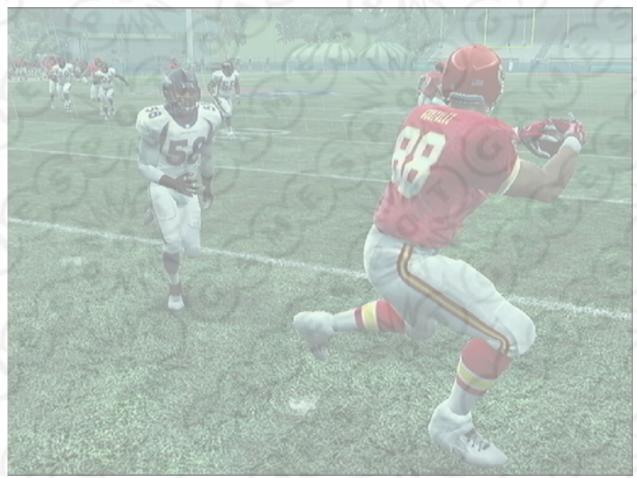
First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Josh	Scobee	86	93	90	56	21	30	8	8

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Adam	Podlesh	77	93	84	78	30	52	45	45

Kansas City Chiefs

- '07 Record: 4-12 (3rd in AFC West)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 276.8 yards per game (31st in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 319.4 yards allowed per game (13th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 14.1 points per game (31st in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.9 points allowed per game (14th in NFL)



The Kansas City Chief offense will feature a blend of Larry Johnson and Tony Gonzalez.

An injury to Stiff Arm Ball Carrier and Power Back Larry Johnson derailed an already struggling Kansas City Chief offense. Brodie Croyle hasn't emerged as a reliable starter and the Chief offense languished near the bottom of the league in both yards gained per game and points scored. Power Back (97 trucking) Larry Johnson is the offensive focal point along with future Hall of Famer tight end Tony Gonzalez, one of the best rated in the game with high awareness, catch in traffic (Possession) and route running (Quick). Keep Tony Gonzalez on the field with careful formation and package play calling.

Second year star Dwayne Bowe is by far the best Kansas City Chief wide receiver. Defensively, the outside Linebackers Donnie Edwards and Derrick Johnson are the best players along with veteran corner Patrick Surtain.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Brodie	Croyle	78	66	93	85	55	66	53	55	60	44	78	90
Damon	Huard	78	75	86	86	57	59	55	56	55	48	75	87
Tyler	Thigpen	74	58	85	80	79	80	64	82	75	80	90	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Dwayne	Bowe	90	93	92	79	77	86	74	92	94	88	82	78	78	92	82	90	88
Devard	Darling	77	94	93	57	69	83	69	92	87	72	54	60	57	70	78	70	79
Jeff	Webb	76	91	89	64	66	81	66	90	90	67	49	55	55	72	70	73	78

Will	Franklin	75	94	95	48	54	80	58	92	95	80	70	65	35	72	85	78	74
Bobby	Sippio	75	88	85	72	56	83	70	88	89	69	54	58	68	74	74	82	74
Kevin	Robinson	72	88	86	49	54	81	75	90	88	90	85	90	35	75	92	79	77

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Larry	Johnson	94	92	92	82	88	76	95	90	88	76	92	96	97	85	99	25
Kolby	Smith	79	90	92	64	60	79	86	92	86	80	74	65	75	86	90	30
Jamaal	Charles	75	96	98	62	50	78	75	95	90	85	55	60	66	90	92	35

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Oliver	Hoyte	78	74	77	82	60	58	68	70	62	48	50	79	70	68	52

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Tony	Gonzalez	98	86	82	72	95	94	80	80	92	82	74	86	68	91	77	97	97
Brad	Cottam	76	85	84	70	55	78	65	77	78	60	45	60	70	65	65	70	75
Michael	Allan	72	82	77	66	62	80	75	73	90	75	65	60	65	77	65	78	77

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Brian	Waters	91	83	52	60	93	52	93	86	94	95	87	92	82
LT	Branden	Albert	81	66	62	86	88	72	82	86	83	90	84	92	82
RT	Damion	McIntosh	80	80	48	54	92	48	87	85	78	88	75	90	65
RG	Adrian	Jones	78	64	62	78	84	62	81	83	76	84	75	86	70
RG	Herb	Taylor	76	65	56	76	85	58	80	82	70	80	85	85	85
С	Rudy	Niswanger	76	68	53	64	87	55	86	83	79	85	75	80	72
LT	Will	Svitek	75	69	53	60	86	55	81	85	77	85	85	86	85
С	Wade	Smith	73	66	50	64	88	50	82	84	74	82	70	82	60
LG	Tre	Stallings	71	60	50	55	85	53	83	79	73	83	65	82	66
RT	Anthony	Alabi	71	55	52	65	85	58	86	82	78	85	85	83	85
LT	Barry	Richardson	64	44	54	62	88	59	78	78	75	83	70	85	72

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Tamba	Hali	86	75	74	84	75	69	65	84	77	87	82	80	85	75

LE	Alfonso	Boone	84	88	64	68	93	55	50	68	87	75	86	87	65	78
DT	Glenn	Dorsey	84	64	70	88	92	70	66	88	87	85	87	68	85	62
DT	Ron	Edwards	83	78	62	76	88	66	51	76	82	66	80	82	65	70
DT	Tank	Tyler	78	55	64	78	96	52	66	78	87	72	87	78	66	45
LE	Turk	McBride	75	52	65	82	85	66	68	82	80	81	80	76	72	55
RE	Johnny	Dingle	68	55	66	72	82	62	65	72	78	72	78	70	75	55

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Donnie	Edwards	93	90	80	84	86	66	70	52	66	74	88	90	90	82	90
LOLB	Derrick	Johnson	93	82	87	86	89	69	84	68	82	84	90	95	85	70	80
MLB	Napoleon	Harris	84	80	85	86	87	75	75	68	79	86	87	90	77	58	70
ROLB	Demorrio	Williams	84	79	86	87	89	68	68	55	70	78	84	88	80	62	72
LOLB	Pat	Thomas	70	66	80	76	82	72	70	50	75	72	80	82	55	50	65
ROLB	Johnny	Baldwin	70	55	83	82	85	78	80	70	78	74	79	80	40	60	70
MLB	Nate	Harris	65	54	80	82	80	74	79	65	72	76	78	84	48	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Patrick	Surtain	89	90	91	88	50	78	92	90	55	86	83	90	90	84	42
Brandon	Flowers	79	90	93	55	58	72	94	90	69	90	50	80	85	80	78
Tyron	Brackenridge	70	90	92	55	55	62	92	89	61	70	40	77	70	68	68
Dimitri	Patterson	69	90	90	48	50	63	92	90	54	72	40	78	72	66	48
Brandon	Carr	67	92	90	35	44	66	90	90	40	80	35	77	75	66	45
B.J.	Sams	63	92	92	54	54	62	83	72	45	68	38	70	68	55	38

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Bernard	Pollard	87	68	86	78	85	87	65	82	85	87	66	62	77	45	90
FS	Jarrad	Page	85	72	88	69	85	88	69	81	70	86	69	66	86	55	86
FS	Jon	McGraw	71	60	87	60	84	87	60	83	76	84	55	50	70	40	82
SS	DaJuan	Morgan	70	50	88	66	85	90	62	90	65	85	48	60	80	65	75

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	ТНА
Billy	Cundiff	76	94	83	60	15	25	30	18

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Dustin	Colquitt	94	96	94	62	29	40	40	45

Miami Dolphins

• '07 Record: 1-15 (4th in AFC East)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 287.5 yards per game (28th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 342.2 yards allowed per game (23rd in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 16.7 points per game (26th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 27.3 points allowed per game (30th in NFL)

If it weren't for the victory against Baltimore (in Madden 09 as a Madden Moment), the Miami Dolphins would have become the anti-New England Patriots and finished 2007 at 0-16. This season's outlook isn't dramatically better-the Dolphins have big questions at quarterback (although they acquired former Jet Chad Pennington, who was expendable upon the arrival of Brett Favre, and is expected the start the season) and receiver (speedy second-year Ohio State star Ted Ginn is the best downfield target). Ronnie Brown was having a great season before suffering a knee injury; he's expected to share duties with Ricky Williams...yes, that Ricky Williams.

Obviously winning with the Dolphins will be a challenging task (there's an Xbox 360 achievement for scoring six rushing touchdowns using the Dolphins, a tough feat with the Dolphins' meagerly rated Offensive Line). With Jason Taylor now on the Washington Redskins and Smart Linebacker Zach Thomas on the Dallas Cowboys, the Dolphins best defender is Big Hitter Joey Porter at right outside linebacker.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Chad	Pennington	81	78	82	94	55	55	49	56	55	46	65	90
Josh	McCown	79	65	87	83	79	79	59	75	70	62	75	90
John	Beck	78	64	89	86	64	70	58	66	65	60	85	90
Chad	Henne	77	63	95	82	60	58	64	58	55	40	88	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Ernest	Wilford	84	86	84	69	85	87	65	84	92	65	64	79	67	88	70	88	85
Ted	Ginn	82	98	99	51	66	82	75	99	88	97	96	98	25	74	99	74	83
Derek	Hagan	72	87	87	60	63	82	65	87	86	74	72	78	45	78	85	62	75
Greg	Camarillo	69	87	88	48	64	80	65	86	83	63	64	78	25	68	80	70	72
David	Kircus	68	87	85	52	60	78	60	87	88	85	80	75	54	72	82	71	68

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Ronnie	Brown	92	91	93	80	85	80	86	91	90	78	90	86	94	84	94	50
Ricky	Williams	83	90	92	73	86	72	79	88	85	75	75	75	84	80	90	47
Jalen	Parmele	76	91	90	68	56	76	87	91	79	72	55	76	83	77	92	30

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Patrick	Cobbs	74	84	85	77	66	72	79	82	78	70	70	80	86	75	80	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Reagan	Mauia	89	82	78	88	68	60	78	76	68	55	70	87	88	72	45

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Anthony	Fasano	82	75	70	77	68	76	70	70	68	55	44	65	70	64	46	75	70
David	Martin	79	80	77	69	72	77	65	78	67	59	55	60	55	76	45	74	82
Justin	Peelle	73	74	76	69	67	75	66	69	56	60	57	57	60	60	45	70	70
Sean	Ryan	72	70	72	72	68	74	66	70	70	44	39	61	68	55	66	68	66

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Justin	Smiley	89	76	60	76	90	63	89	86	88	92	85	90	78
С	Samson	Satele	88	78	62	85	88	66	89	84	85	90	80	88	85
RT	Vernon	Carey	87	82	52	74	91	60	87	89	88	90	82	93	86
LT	Jake	Long	85	70	65	82	93	62	90	84	90	95	88	92	77
RG	Steve	McKinney	77	74	56	66	85	57	82	83	70	83	65	82	80
RG	Shawn	Murphy	76	50	58	78	88	60	84	78	78	85	75	84	70
LG	Donald	Thomas	71	38	66	78	87	70	78	75	78	86	79	84	78
RT	Julius	Wilson	65	54	46	58	87	50	79	75	75	87	65	82	55
LT	Ike	Ndukwe	65	52	57	72	86	51	83	76	68	80	60	78	58
С	Mike	Byrne	64	42	58	68	86	58	75	79	70	82	72	83	74

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Jason	Ferguson	84	80	55	64	90	53	55	64	88	54	92	84	65	82
DT	Vonnie	Holliday	84	80	63	66	86	60	59	66	86	74	85	80	78	80
LE	Phillip	Merling	81	50	78	85	80	80	80	85	85	83	80	75	82	48
LE	Matt	Roth	80	62	73	82	84	74	56	82	83	79	79	77	85	60
DT	Randy	Starks	79	63	64	76	88	60	54	76	84	76	82	80	72	60
LE	Kendall	Langford	74	48	75	72	86	66	74	72	85	76	80	74	80	46
DT	Rodrique	Wright	68	50	62	74	84	65	45	74	79	68	79	70	60	60
RE	Lionel	Dotson	67	44	68	80	76	66	70	80	82	70	77	72	75	44

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Joey	Porter	88	80	82	80	84	76	95	93	90	88	91	92	80	50	70
MLB	Channing	Crowder	85	82	79	84	86	77	80	80	78	85	89	89	82	65	70
MLB	Akin	Ayodele	81	82	82	83	86	76	74	68	78	85	86	85	76	55	66
LOLB	Reggie	Torbor	78	74	82	79	88	67	78	77	74	79	84	82	66	55	70
LOLB	Charlie	Anderson	76	72	80	78	86	68	70	55	70	82	82	85	65	50	70
ROLB	Edmond	Miles	68	60	74	78	78	74	74	80	75	76	80	85	54	50	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Will	Allen	86	96	96	87	48	56	93	92	62	78	80	91	82	82	38
Michael	Lehan	80	89	92	77	52	66	92	80	61	72	70	87	78	78	38
Travis	Daniels	73	87	88	66	64	60	88	88	58	80	64	77	73	78	51
Andre'	Goodman	72	93	90	68	45	60	89	86	58	80	65	75	72	65	48
Nathan	Jones	66	90	89	59	48	60	86	81	54	79	50	74	70	55	35

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Yeremiah	Bell	83	77	86	60	87	87	64	87	77	86	65	65	75	45	84
SS	Keith	Davis	77	70	86	62	84	87	58	82	75	80	60	70	75	40	77
FS	Jason	Allen	77	58	92	66	89	91	64	90	70	84	60	70	70	66	70
FS	Renaldo	Hill	77	70	87	55	85	87	63	85	65	80	68	70	72	43	57
FS	Chris	Crocker	75	60	89	56	85	91	62	85	75	82	70	45	75	55	83

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jay	Feely	88	93	92	55	12	39	22	16

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Brandon	Fields	76	93	84	60	50	58	55	50

Minnesota Vikings

- '07 Record: 8-8 (2nd in NFC North)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 336.2 yards per game (13th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 338.1 yards allowed per game (20th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 22.8 points per game (15th in NFL)



Adrian Peterson went from rookie to superstar when he broke the single game rushing record in 2007.

The Minnesota Vikings enter the 2008 season as one of the teams to watch. The Vikings have one of the league's best defenses, particularly on the Defensive Line (the Vikings added Finesse Move D-Lineman Jared Allen). Tarvaris Jackson remains the Vikings' quarterback; although he boasts meager ratings (particularly 78 accuracy), Jackson's speed provides the opportunity for a very mobile offense. Your offensive gameplan should focus around second-year superstar Adrian Peterson, one of the fastest players in the game-96 speed, 99 acceleration, 98 agility, 99 juke move, 99 elusiveness, and 99 spin move.

The Vikings upgraded their receiving corp with the addition of former Chicago Bear Bernard Berrian; use his 97 speed to stretch the opponent's defense deep once they've put eight defenders in the box to counter your rushing attack. Speaking of the rushing attack again, the Vikings have one of the best Offensive Lines in the game, especially on the left side with Steve Hutchinson, Bryant McKinnie, and center Matt Birk.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Tarvaris	Jackson	79	58	94	78	86	85	62	85	70	80	85	90
Gus	Frerotte	77	78	86	84	52	54	52	52	50	39	66	80
John David	Booty	77	65	89	86	58	59	62	62	60	40	85	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Bernard	Berrian	85	97	98	52	84	82	65	94	84	91	87	78	36	88	92	78	82
Sidney	Rice	83	90	91	52	70	88	70	92	95	79	70	72	45	95	76	80	84
Bobby	Wade	81	89	92	48	79	85	75	92	76	87	87	82	25	69	88	82	86
Robert	Ferguson	77	90	88	70	72	79	64	86	88	82	67	57	65	77	77	75	77
Aundrae	Allison	76	93	96	52	55	82	62	94	88	91	87	85	44	85	93	76	76
Jaymar	Johnson	72	94	95	52	35	82	68	94	93	88	78	70	45	79	88	72	78

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Adrian	Peterson	95	96	99	76	70	77	79	98	99	99	82	95	92	99	94	45
Chester	Taylor	88	90	92	74	85	78	80	94	90	88	85	75	86	87	90	35
Maurice	Hicks	76	89	91	64	69	72	73	88	83	80	75	54	75	86	80	40

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Thomas	Tapeh	85	82	82	70	68	78	82	78	60	50	60	82	75	60	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Visanthe	Shiancoe	79	78	82	68	78	79	70	75	75	67	64	53	65	74	58	78	80
Jim	Kleinsasser	78	70	70	84	70	70	75	64	59	55	65	65	85	31	45	62	51
Garrett	Mills	71	82	84	68	52	84	75	82	82	65	50	70	65	52	68	65	64

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBI
LG	Steve	Hutchinson	98	90	55	64	97	60	99	85	99	99	93	90	84
LT /	Bryant	McKinnie	96	86	55	74	95	58	97	95	98	98	92	97	90
С	Matt	Birk	95	95	54	76	86	60	94	95	90	92	96	90	94
RG	Anthony	Herrera	88	80	48	65	90	48	94	85	88	93	82	87	72
RT	Ryan	Cook	87	82	58	77	90	57	92	86	87	93	86	91	74
RG	Artis	Hicks	80	65	50	66	89	54	88	84	76	88	68	82	70
С	John	Sullivan	73	62	56	76	86	56	79	79	77	86	82	85	82
RT	Marcus	Johnson	73	58	51	64	88	50	89	82	80	90	74	84	70
LG	Brian	Daniels	70	55	56	64	85	62	77	77	75	80	70	82	67
LT	Chase	Johnson	65	59	49	62	85	50	76	79	70	74	65	82	60

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Pat	Williams	98	90	56	82	99	42	65	82	99	69	99	86	70	85
DT	Kevin	Williams	97	78	71	88	92	68	66	88	95	94	95	78	80	80
RE	Jared	Allen	97	78	84	90	76	78	61	90	88	96	88	79	90	75
LE	Ray	Edwards	83	60	78	87	74	75	62	87	79	87	82	74	85	64
RE	Brian	Robison	82	60	79	86	79	74	69	86	80	80	82	75	84	60
DT	Ellis	Wyms	76	69	65	75	85	67	55	75	78	75	81	81	65	45
DT	Letroy	Guion	71	45	65	84	90	59	75	84	84	64	80	74	74	40
LE	Jayme	Mitchell	70	56	70	75	82	66	55	75	79	64	70	76	60	65

DT	Fred	Evans	68	47	61	76	86	58	50	76	84	48	84	80	50	35

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	zcv
MLB	E.J.	Henderson	92	87	78	75	84	85	96	66	72	95	95	95	88	50	65
ROLB	Chad	Greenway	87	79	85	86	88	72	75	69	79	87	85	95	79	55	70
LOLB	Ben	Leber	81	78	78	72	79	76	72	59	67	84	85	86	75	60	70
ROLB	Rufus	Alexander	71	52	80	86	84	68	74	62	70	70	76	88	42	75	80
MLB	Derrick	Pope	69	66	79	76	82	75	66	48	77	78	79	85	60	50	65
LOLB	Vinny	Ciurciu	69	70	70	64	72	68	76	55	70	85	80	82	55	60	60
ROLB	Heath	Farwell	68	65	74	70	77	72	60	50	68	78	78	83	58	55	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Antoine	Winfield	91	90	92	88	70	66	92	88	82	92	90	88	90	94	80
Cedric	Griffin	83	89	92	73	66	65	90	89	75	80	70	86	85	78	58
Marcus	McCauley	79	92	93	60	56	64	91	90	59	74	65	83	77	84	72
Benny	Sapp	77	93	93	66	48	60	90	82	59	82	64	84	79	76	54
Charles	Gordon	77	90	91	64	54	69	90	84	58	80	62	83	78	72	52

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Darren	Sharper	92	84	88	60	85	86	78	87	72	84	90	80	90	70	75
FS	Madieu	Williams	88	64	90	63	91	90	73	92	72	87	72	75	87	65	75
FS	Tyrell	Johnson	80	48	94	77	92	94	68	95	84	90	44	67	77	45	78
SS	Michael	Boulware	79	62	85	68	84	85	72	80	80	85	60	60	75	45	80
SS	Eric	Frampton	71	52	89	52	90	90	66	88	72	86	48	55	75	44	82

Kickers

	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Ryan	Longwell	90	90	94	46	13	27	25	18

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Chris	Kluwe	82	93	88	69	20	35	53	51

New England Patriots

- '07 Record: 16-0 (1st in AFC East)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 411.2 yards per game (1st in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 288.3 yards allowed per game (4th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 36.8 points per game (1st in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 17.1 points allowed per game (4th in NFL)



Something you heard a lot during the 2007 season: Brady to Moss.

The 2007 New England Patriots are the best team ever to not win the Super Bowl in their season. Just look at their statistics: a staggering 411 yards per game and a mind-blowing 36.8 points scored per game. Tom Brady, the NFL's best quarterback, is also the highest rated in Madden 09-100 awareness, 99 throw power, 99 throw accuracy, and 99 injury and stamina ratings. Brady also has two of the league's best downfield targets in Randy Moss (Speed, Hands, Spectacular Catch, not to mention 100 jump rating) and Wes Welker. And Stiff Arm Ball Carrier Laurence Maroney leads the Patriots' ground game...if they even need one.

Despite losing Asante Samuel to the Philadelphia Eagles, the Patriots remain tough on defense with stars Richard Seymour on the line, Adalius Thomas anchoring the Linebackers, and Smart Safety and Big Hitter Rodney Harrison patrolling the secondary. It goes without saying that the Patriots are the best team in Madden 09. Shift Randy Moss around the field and take advantage of his speed in go and crossing routes; match him against the defense's weaker defensive backs and Brady will have little trouble getting him the ball.

Quarterbacks

First Name		OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Tom	Brady	99	100	99	99	64	64	65	62	65	42	99	99
Matt	Cassel	76	68	86	82	64	66	62	67	62	46	87	90

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Kevin	O'Connell	73	50	93	78	77	75	68	80	60	78	85	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Randy	Moss	99	98	92	56	93	97	75	93	100	85	80	95	50	99	90	88	94
Wes	Welker	94	93	99	60	87	92	82	96	80	95	88	92	55	70	94	95	97
Jabar	Gaffney	82	89	90	45	83	87	65	90	84	86	74	76	28	74	88	79	88
Chad	Jackson	78	93	91	50	65	82	60	92	88	87	84	75	54	84	88	76	80
Kelley	Washington	74	92	91	64	66	79	65	88	92	73	55	52	61	78	86	62	70
Sam	Aiken	68	90	89	49	58	79	60	87	81	65	63	62	54	73	72	66	69

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Laurence	Maroney	90	93	95	82	75	70	94	90	88	77	86	97	94	82	95	40
Kevin	Faulk	81	89	92	62	80	88	80	92	90	90	90	55	65	88	90	25
Sammy	Morris	81	87	89	74	80	77	76	84	72	65	80	88	88	78	87	53

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Heath	Evans	84	85	82	76	70	72	85	79	78	58	78	78	86	58	52
Kyle	Eckel	78	78	75	84	60	64	82	68	60	50	75	78	88	60	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Benjamin	Watson	87	89	92	70	78	83	70	88	88	84	78	74	68	86	80	82	82
Marcus	Pollard	79	74	76	68	79	81	74	75	82	76	73	84	65	70	71	80	80
David	Thomas	78	80	84	68	69	78	68	80	84	71	66	72	40	85	70	77	79

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Logan	Mankins	96	90	58	70	92	67	91	96	90	90	96	96	97
LT	Matt	Light	95	92	62	80	90	75	89	96	87	91	94	97	98
С	Dan	Koppen	95	96	54	78	91	60	90	98	86	90	92	95	97
RG	Stephen	Neal	94	92	60	72	90	64	89	94	89	88	89	93	94
RT	Nick	Kaczur	86	82	54	70	92	54	88	90	86	87	80	92	74
LG	Russ	Hochstein	80	79	51	62	85	49	85	83	78	84	75	87	78
RT	Ryan	O'Callaghan	77	69	44	48	94	48	82	88	74	90	64	90	58

RG	Billy	Yates	73	62	54	70	84	50	81	81	71	80	63	80	65
LT	Wesley	Britt	69	66	60	65	82	60	82	80	73	75	75	75	77
С	Dan	Connolly	66	56	49	64	85	50	79	79	79	79	66	78	68

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Richard	Seymour	96	88	71	80	92	70	74	80	96	82	93	86	80	82
DT	Vince	Wilfork	94	80	60	77	95	58	68	77	95	79	95	86	78	79
LE	Ту	Warren	90	84	68	75	88	65	60	75	92	79	90	86	79	85
RE	Jarvis	Green	87	79	69	78	86	70	66	78	89	76	89	83	78	78
DT	Mike	Wright	81	78	58	78	87	60	51	78	78	79	84	80	72	70
DT	Le Kevin	Smith	70	55	62	78	84	60	70	78	82	62	84	78	59	36
LE	Santonio	Thomas	67	55	66	70	87	62	65	70	80	64	77	74	60	52

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Adalius	Thomas	95	83	87	80	88	82	84	95	92	90	90	90	82	75	80
LOLB	Mike	Vrabel	88	90	79	72	78	78	80	84	93	78	88	90	86	60	70
MLB	Tedy	Bruschi	86	96	75	72	78	72	74	75	85	85	89	90	94	60	75
MLB	Jerod	Mayo	82	66	86	86	90	79	86	60	70	88	86	93	66	60	75
MLB	Victor	Hobson	80	79	78	74	82	77	81	70	74	85	86	89	79	50	65
ROLB	Shawn	Crable	74	59	85	82	90	72	80	80	75	80	84	90	50	45	60
LOLB	Pierre	Woods	71	58	77	78	84	74	60	82	75	80	77	79	68	60	66
MLB	Eric	Alexander	70	66	76	72	77	74	77	63	66	77	82	82	65	60	64

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Ellis	Hobbs	87	94	96	76	47	74	95	94	65	85	70	91	84	72	35
Fernando	Bryant	83	92	94	85	50	60	92	87	58	70	77	88	84	74	46
Jason	Webster	79	87	88	80	58	65	88	88	69	84	68	78	84	74	36
Terrence	Wheatley	77	94	96	52	48	70	95	95	54	82	48	80	83	65	52
Lewis	Sanders	72	88	88	64	55	62	87	86	60	75	65	70	80	75	42
Jonathan	Wilhite	71	94	93	38	58	62	93	90	48	80	38	78	77	70	50

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Rodney	Harrison	94	84	84	78	75	82	52	75	90	88	90	45	75	40	97
FS	Brandon	Meriwe- ather	86	64	92	54	93	94	69	92	72	89	63	75	84	70	70

FS	James	Sanders	86	79	88	70	87	90	66	82	75	82	74	60	85	55	66
SS	Tank	Williams	78	65	86	68	82	86	58	79	80	86	65	50	65	60	85

Kickers

	First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
ľ	Stephen	Gostkowski	92	93	95	60	13	15	27	22

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Chris	Hanson	74	90	85	56	12	39	50	50

New Orleans Saints

• '07 Record: 7-9 (3rd in NFC South)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 361.2 yards per game (4th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 348.1 yards allowed per game (26th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 23.7 points per game (12th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 24.2 points allowed per game (25th in NFL)

After surprising the league a couple seasons ago, the New Orleans Saints took a step back last year. While the offense remained potent, the defense struggled and ranked 26th in yards allowed per game and 25th in points allowed per game. That will have to change if the Saints hope to challenge some of the NFC elite teams, such as the Dallas Cowboys and Super Bowl Champion New York Giants. Accurate QB Drew Brees is one of the league's best quarterbacks. Possession Receiver Marques Colston is one of Brees' top targets; take advantage of Devery Henderson's 98 speed by working him into the line-up.

The Saints are sure to employ a multiple running back system again and will use former Heisman trophy winning running back Reggie Bush in both the backfield and as a wide receiver. Bush is a big match-up problem because of his staggering 97 speed and 100 agility. Mix up your gameplan with inside runs with Stiff Arm Ball Carrier Deuce McAlister. To bolster an already potent offense, the Saints added former New York Giant Jeremy Shockey, one of the top tight ends in Madden.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Drew	Brees	94	88	90	96	65	66	55	66	55	46	93	95
Mark	Brunell	77	76	85	82	60	56	46	60	55	54	55	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Marques	Colston	94	87	90	72	92	94	70	88	94	80	70	66	72	95	77	97	91
David	Patten	81	91	93	47	85	85	70	91	80	77	70	50	30	70	84	72	86
Lance	Moore	79	93	95	46	78	83	75	94	83	86	89	70	28	68	87	72	80
Robert	Meachem	77	92	94	61	60	80	62	92	89	78	75	76	54	79	83	75	77

Devery	Henderson	76	98	98	54	82	74	60	95	83	74	85	62	40	70	85	68	76
Terrance	Copper	73	88	90	54	66	80	60	87	88	74	76	48	42	84	77	75	72
Adrian	Arrington	68	90	88	50	46	76	68	90	95	79	74	70	40	88	84	72	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Reggie	Bush	86	97	99	62	78	86	77	100	99	97	70	55	66	96	90	33
Deuce	McAllister	86	89	87	82	87	74	85	86	84	70	96	95	93	72	91	42
Aaron	Stecker	79	89	89	62	74	78	79	89	85	75	86	65	78	85	88	23
Pierre	Thomas	78	91	92	64	62	78	80	92	86	81	75	58	77	86	90	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Mike	Karney	85	77	72	80	64	74	80	70	62	52	70	78	82	65	51

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jeremy	Shockey	95	84	82	72	82	85	75	84	90	81	74	85	88	79	82	92	92
Eric	Johnson	80	77	77	66	84	87	70	74	67	65	50	80	35	62	45	80	84
Mark	Campbell	77	74	77	66	72	77	65	69	61	55	40	58	55	49	48	68	59
Billy	Miller	74	82	82	67	78	82	65	82	85	70	74	50	60	68	82	74	81

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Jammal	Brown	94	84	60	80	92	65	93	95	91	93	89	95	92
RG	Jahri	Evans	84	78	49	60	90	55	90	86	82	86	82	87	83
RT	Jon	Stinchcomb	82	78	56	75	86	55	85	91	71	85	75	87	80
LG	Jamar	Nesbit	82	80	48	65	89	52	84	88	79	84	78	87	78
LG	Andy	Alleman	79	66	66	78	86	70	81	79	76	82	78	84	80
С	Matt	Lehr	78	70	58	72	84	58	84	84	78	84	76	82	73
С	Jonathan	Goodwin	75	68	53	69	85	50	83	84	77	83	68	83	68
RT	Carl	Nicks	72	42	64	78	94	64	82	80	82	92	84	90	78
LT	Jermon	Bushrod	72	58	63	79	85	68	79	81	78	84	85	87	87
RG	Tim	Duckworth	69	54	48	58	87	48	80	74	77	85	65	82	55

Defensive Line

Position	First	Last	OVP	AWD.	SDD	ACC	STD	۸GI	DOW	ACC	DIMM	EMM	BCH	TAK	DIID	DDC	
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RE	Will	Smith	90	70	82	84	80	75	62	84	85	93	85	70	86	70
LE	Charles	Grant	87	74	74	82	80	75	62	82	84	82	84	82	80	74
DT	Brian	Young	85	84	67	79	85	63	55	79	82	60	85	84	78	75
DT	Sedrick	Ellis	84	58	66	88	93	65	75	88	89	83	90	77	80	55
RE	Bobby	McCray	80	66	79	84	72	78	60	84	75	84	75	72	75	60
DT	Hollis	Thomas	80	80	48	56	91	49	55	56	85	48	88	85	68	78
DT	DeMario	Pressley	72	44	71	85	87	68	70	85	82	69	80	76	78	42
LE	Josh	Savage	66	55	64	70	78	62	55	70	75	75	80	70	75	50

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Jonathan	Vilma	91	84	85	85	88	72	82	66	84	85	91	95	89	78	84
LOLB	Scott	Fujita	84	85	82	79	86	73	68	45	64	82	85	90	85	55	65
LOLB	Mark	Simon- eau	83	82	80	77	82	73	68	67	69	82	86	86	78	64	74
ROLB	Scott	Shanle	80	78	78	77	85	73	68	64	73	82	85	90	76	55	65
ROLB	Troy	Evans	64	71	74	70	75	70	47	55	70	85	78	80	60	40	45
MLB	Marvin	Mitchell	64	56	74	74	75	77	82	75	65	78	78	86	48	45	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Mike	McKenzie	89	90	93	86	65	63	92	89	68	86	85	94	88	80	48
Randall	Gay	82	89	91	79	50	67	89	86	63	85	70	88	85	72	34
Jason	Craft	78	92	91	74	50	66	88	85	60	78	65	84	77	70	44
Tracy	Porter	76	94	96	40	59	75	95	93	52	80	40	79	78	76	48
Jason	David	73	87	88	66	43	70	88	84	45	77	70	76	82	60	45
Usama	Young	70	94	96	48	46	62	96	93	54	79	46	72	75	59	40

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Kevin	Kaesviharn	81	80	84	60	82	84	70	88	65	82	74	60	80	45	58
FS	Josh	Bullocks	81	64	90	58	87	89	74	89	66	84	72	60	80	50	65
SS	Roman	Harper	79	66	85	62	84	87	62	85	74	86	66	60	80	58	80
SS	Chris	Reis	69	56	88	62	85	89	62	88	78	85	45	50	65	40	65

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Martin	Gramatica	85	89	92	53	13	17	23	17
Taylor	Mehlhaff	79	94	88	60	30	65	45	45

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Steve	Weatherford	78	91	86	80	23	45	48	45

New York Giants

- '07 Record: 10-6 (2nd in NFC East and Super Bowl Champions)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 331.4 yards per game (16th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 305.0 yards allowed per game (7th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 23.3 points per game (14th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 21.9 points allowed per game (17th in NFL)



The Super Bowl Champion New York Giants feature one of the game's top receivers, Plaxico Burress.

Super Bowl Champion New York Giants-that's correct, Super Bowl Champion New York Giants. No one would have predicted that statement at the start of the 2007 season or even in the middle of the 2007 season. Or even at the beginning of the 2007 playoffs. And probably not even at the beginning of the Super Bowl! The road warrior Giants had one of the best playoff runs in history, which culminated in a victory over the previously undefeated New England Patriots.

Super Bowl MVP Eli Manning has grown out of his older brother's shadow and is a solidly rated Madden quarterback. Spectacular Catch Receiver Plaxico Burress is Eli's top target. Run inside with Power Back (98 trucking) Brandon Jacobs while mixing in faster Ahmad Bradshaw-the Giants also have one of the strongest Offensive Lines across the board. Dominating lineman Osi Umenyiora leads the Giants' defense alongside Smart Linebacker Antonio Pierce. Future Hall of Famer Michael Strahan retired in the offseason.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Eli	Manning	93	88	93	94	61	64	56	57	55	45	95	95
David	Carr	76	60	89	84	68	72	63	69	55	52	90	90
Andre	Woodson	71	50	93	80	66	66	62	69	65	70	94	95

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Plaxico	Burress	96	93	90	72	88	92	70	94	98	85	82	85	78	98	88	90	93
Amani	Toomer	86	88	86	65	94	88	72	85	86	70	70	85	55	78	72	88	87
Steve	Smith	83	93	94	56	70	85	70	92	86	92	88	82	44	74	92	80	86
Mario	Manni- ngham	78	92	92	52	56	82	72	94	97	92	84	80	45	93	91	75	81
David	Tyree	74	87	86	60	72	80	65	85	85	70	70	60	55	88	64	72	77
Sinorice	Moss	72	95	96	37	58	78	75	96	90	94	90	78	23	72	95	66	73
Domenik	Hixon	70	94	88	62	55	77	70	88	88	80	75	70	52	68	84	68	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Brandon	Jacobs	87	90	88	86	90	66	78	87	82	68	93	95	98	80	88	33
Ahmad	Bradshaw	82	93	94	74	65	72	78	95	84	78	65	80	83	86	91	40
Derrick	Ward	81	89	90	76	75	75	81	90	84	74	79	55	84	85	88	35

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Madison	Hedgecock	88	70	70	85	80	66	72	65	55	45	65	77	70	74	57

Tightends

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Kevin	Boss	80	79	75	70	75	82	70	70	90	65	60	70	76	75	68	82	80

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Chris	Snee	95	88	56	70	92	55	94	91	94	95	89	92	89
LT	David	Diehl	93	92	58	75	90	60	91	93	88	92	88	93	86
RT	Kareem	McKenzie	93	90	48	68	95	50	95	93	93	93	88	96	80

С	Shaun	O'Hara	92	92	54	68	89	55	92	94	92	92	88	93	92
LG	Rich	Seubert	91	87	52	60	89	54	93	90	88	93	88	91	82
RG	Kevin	Boothe	78	66	55	58	88	53	87	80	80	88	69	83	65
С	Grey	Ruegamer	75	72	44	60	88	46	88	84	67	85	55	80	64
LT	Guy	Whimper	75	65	64	78	85	59	80	84	80	80	84	84	82
RG	Na'shan	Goddard	69	46	47	54	87	48	85	80	75	87	67	82	63
RT	Adam	Koets	69	66	56	68	84	60	76	79	72	82	75	82	80

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Osi	Umenyiora	97	75	85	92	78	82	55	92	92	96	86	76	94	68
LE	Justin	Tuck	94	75	78	88	88	76	70	88	93	88	88	74	85	70
LE	Michael	Strahan	94	84	77	80	86	70	70	80	92	88	92	76	80	74
DT	Fred	Robbins	87	82	58	80	90	50	56	80	89	68	89	85	70	75
DT	Barry	Cofield	85	70	68	80	89	68	45	80	86	74	85	82	70	64
DT	Jay	Alford	75	64	63	79	86	62	54	79	80	80	78	78	50	45
RE	Dave	Tollefson	74	58	74	78	70	74	65	78	74	82	74	72	78	54
DT	Rodney	Leisle	68	64	56	67	86	53	70	67	70	70	84	78	75	50

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Antonio	Pierce	95	88	85	85	88	76	84	80	87	92	94	95	92	77	80
LOLB	Mathias	Kiwan- uka	81	74	82	75	88	78	74	79	88	86	84	88	69	49	69
ROLB	Danny	Clark	78	75	78	78	82	76	70	66	67	82	81	89	78	45	65
ROLB	Gerris	Wilkin- son	77	68	82	85	85	73	74	64	77	78	82	88	58	55	70
MLB	Jonathan	Goff	73	65	80	75	82	78	80	75	65	80	83	86	60	48	68
LOLB	Zak	DeOssie	72	62	79	80	82	70	62	70	77	69	77	85	60	60	75
MLB	Chase	Blackb- urn	72	76	77	73	82	70	70	45	61	78	83	85	65	45	60
LOLB	Bryan	Kehl	72	46	84	84	85	70	80	60	65	75	79	85	48	60	75

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Sam	Madison	88	87	89	94	56	65	90	91	57	82	90	92	88	92	51
Aaron	Ross	86	92	93	74	58	68	93	92	66	80	68	88	85	88	68
Kevin	Dockery	83	91	93	77	52	66	93	88	65	78	72	87	82	82	58
Corey	Webster	80	90	91	69	52	65	91	94	58	80	68	85	80	77	47
Terrell	Thomas	77	92	93	50	60	73	92	90	62	82	44	78	79	80	77
R.W.	McQuarters	74	88	89	82	45	68	88	80	50	85	72	75	79	58	46

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Sammy	Knight	83	80	80	66	78	80	64	67	80	85	80	40	80	40	82
FS	James	Butler	82	75	87	60	85	88	62	96	80	86	70	60	75	45	68
FS	Kenny	Phillips	80	46	93	68	94	95	66	94	80	86	48	72	82	65	86
SS	Michael	Johnson	77	68	89	56	89	92	68	85	72	82	60	74	78	70	70

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Lawrence	Tynes	85	92	90	55	32	40	22	15

Punters

	First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Į	Jeff	Feagles	81	83	94	51	19	20	45	45

New York Jets

• '07 Record: 4-12 (3rd in AFC East)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 294.7 yards per game (26th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 331.9 yards allowed per game (18th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 16.8 points per game (25th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.2 points allowed per game (19th in NFL)



It's still strange getting used to number 4 playing for the New York Jets.

The biggest offseason acquisition went to the New York Jets. Future Hall of Famer, former Green Bay Packer, and current Madden 09 cover star Brett Favre is a New York Jet. Sounds strange, doesn't it? The 2007 Jets were an unspectacular 4-12 with the 26th ranked offense in the league. But the acquisition of the gunslinger Brett Favre raises expectations considerably. The Jets upgraded their Offensive Line with the addition of Crushing Run Blocker Alan Fanaca; former Chicago Bear Thomas Jones is a solid, but not superior rated running back. Take advantage of Leon Washington's speed and get him in the game using packages.

Favre will have a couple solid downfield targets in Jets' leading receiver Laveranues Coles (97 speed and 96 acceleration) and the slower, more possession-type Jerricho Cotchery. Favre even has a former teammate at tight end with Bubba Franks. Smart Safety Kerry Rhodes leads the defense. Expectations are now higher for the Jets and they will get four games against the Dolphins and Bills...but of course that means two games against the Patriots. The fans are the winner there-Favre versus Brady is a great matchup.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Brett	Favre	94	86	98	92	60	62	55	62	60	49	99	97
Kellen	Clemens	77	62	93	82	66	68	56	68	65	54	85	92
Erik	Ainge	74	58	92	84	58	58	54	56	55	40	88	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Laveranues	Coles	91	97	96	53	87	91	70	93	87	90	88	88	60	90	92	95	86

Jerricho	Cotchery	89	89	92	58	87	93	70	89	88	78	80	82	50	84	85	94	85
Brad	Smith	76	90	92	65	78	80	79	93	90	87	83	85	66	72	88	69	74
Wallace	Wright	73	92	90	56	58	78	65	93	92	90	70	65	45	79	88	70	77
Marcus	Henry	71	90	85	60	50	82	68	85	92	65	55	60	45	78	65	74	75
Chansi	Stuckey	69	92	95	54	54	76	74	95	89	93	88	89	45	73	94	64	72

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Thomas	Jones	88	90	93	80	84	70	90	90	90	78	82	90	90	82	94	30
Leon	Washington	82	94	97	66	65	70	77	95	88	86	85	67	75	93	88	37
Jesse	Chatman	80	92	90	76	69	76	80	87	86	80	78	78	86	78	85	27

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Tony	Richardson	90	82	84	78	80	78	86	78	66	60	85	85	78	63	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chris	Baker	80	78	80	65	72	82	70	73	74	62	55	61	65	78	55	75	71
Dustin	Keller	80	89	90	68	66	82	75	88	90	78	68	70	65	80	75	82	84
Bubba	Franks	78	64	64	78	74	72	70	62	70	50	30	75	85	60	40	67	70

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Alan	Faneca	95	92	52	70	93	54	94	88	95	95	92	90	86
С	Nick	Mangold	93	88	63	86	91	57	90	92	88	88	92	92	92
RT	Damien	Woody	88	85	52	70	91	53	89	91	87	92	82	93	79
RG	Brandon	Moore	87	78	58	72	89	60	88	86	82	88	85	87	82
LT	D'Brickashaw	Ferguson	84	69	66	88	91	66	89	88	85	88	80	89	80
LG	Jacob	Bender	73	59	54	68	86	55	82	76	75	84	70	82	70
С	Will	Montgomery	71	66	48	66	86	50	80	80	77	85	69	84	66
RG	Robert	Turner	69	52	48	58	86	52	79	79	75	86	70	85	65
LT	Clint	Oldenburg	68	58	60	70	86	63	77	77	72	78	70	85	74
RT	Wayne	Hunter	68	59	51	49	91	45	80	81	75	78	64	80	62

Defensive Line

Position	First	Last	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	
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DT	Kris	Jenkins	92	75	60	78	93	62	66	78	95	80	95	82	76	78
RE	Kenyon	Coleman	87	79	75	78	78	70	60	78	78	82	82	88	80	80
LE	Shaun	Ellis	86	80	69	78	87	65	62	78	90	75	90	80	78	75
DT	C.J.	Mosley	74	66	62	70	84	54	60	70	84	60	80	78	64	58
RE	Kareem	Brown	72	59	65	72	87	64	70	72	82	74	80	72	66	51
DT	Sione	Pouha	70	52	62	75	88	61	50	75	79	60	82	79	64	45
LE	Mike	Devito	67	56	65	75	84	60	55	75	80	70	78	74	66	44

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	David	Harris	90	82	82	84	85	76	85	74	68	91	94	95	84	55	75
LOLB	Calvin	Pace	87	78	82	84	88	78	82	73	85	85	87	92	78	50	70
MLB	Eric	Barton	85	86	78	77	83	74	78	69	75	89	88	93	86	55	70
ROLB	Vernon	Gholston	82	64	85	82	92	87	90	87	85	87	84	86	60	55	65
LOLB	Bryan	Thomas	79	70	78	77	86	76	70	77	85	86	78	90	70	65	75
MLB	Brad	Kassell	72	85	72	73	77	72	77	66	67	78	85	89	72	35	40
LOLB	David	Bowens	71	72	74	68	76	78	60	78	82	82	78	82	70	45	65
ROLB	Matt	Chatham	68	72	74	70	78	71	76	50	60	72	81	79	65	40	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Darrelle	Revis	88	93	95	69	56	77	94	91	68	84	66	90	85	85	66
Hank	Poteat	79	88	90	80	49	66	89	81	56	78	77	84	84	68	45
Dwight	Lowery	77	90	93	58	48	82	90	88	46	78	55	75	83	70	48
Justin	Miller	75	98	98	52	59	66	96	93	52	80	50	70	76	68	64
David	Barrett	75	87	86	66	62	65	88	90	58	83	70	77	81	68	44
Drew	Coleman	68	89	91	58	48	64	89	87	54	82	50	70	72	66	51

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Kerry	Rhodes	96	80	88	68	86	90	68	94	85	90	90	60	90	41	80
FS	Abram	Elam	78	68	87	65	89	89	65	77	75	82	65	58	75	48	68
SS	Eric	Smith	77	66	88	66	91	90	63	86	74	82	60	70	75	45	70
FS	Artrell	Hawkins	71	72	86	48	87	88	60	82	67	74	55	68	65	68	55
SS	Darnell	Bing	70	50	86	72	84	88	66	82	76	84	45	45	65	40	84

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mike	Nugent	86	92	92	49	25	34	28	20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Ben	Graham	79	92	88	66	39	50	45	50	

Oakland Raiders

• '07 Record: 4-12 (4th in AFC West)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 294.8 yards per game (25th in NFL)

'07 Defensive Stats: 341.6 yards allowed per game (22nd in NFL)
'07 Points Scored Per Game: 17.7 points per game (25th in NFL)

'07 Points Allowed Per Game: 24.9 points allowed per game (26th in NFL)

A young quarterback and running back lead the rebuilding Oakland Raiders. Former LSU Tiger JaMarcus Russell begins the 2008 campaign as full-time starter; in Madden he's a Cannon Arm QB and boasts enough speed to be a highly mobile quarterback. The Raiders utilized their first round draft pick on Razorback standout running back Darren McFadden. He boasts high speed, acceleration, agility, juke move, and is a Stiff Arm Ball Carrier. Last year's starter Justin Fargas is also a speedy back and worth working into your game plan.

The Raiders spent a lot of money in free agency in acquiring former Packer and Bronco Javon Walker to bolster the receiving corp. He's a solid but not a superior rated wide receiver. Defensively the Raiders' strength are the corner backs; Nnamdi Asomugha and DeAngelo Hall are two of the best at their position with Hall one of the fastest players in the game.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
JaMarcus	Russell	83	59	98	87	72	74	78	73	75	78	93	94
Andrew	Walter	76	62	92	86	54	57	60	58	50	38	78	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Javon	Walker	87	91	90	66	82	87	74	88	92	82	82	86	50	92	85	87	88
Ronald	Curry	82	89	92	57	82	86	75	93	92	82	76	83	50	79	85	74	82
Drew	Carter	76	94	96	55	69	79	65	88	89	65	60	35	34	80	67	71	78
Johnnie Lee	Higgins	72	95	96	48	50	78	65	94	90	88	84	87	47	79	88	74	74
Chris	McFoy	71	90	91	56	58	78	65	92	92	75	60	60	35	68	80	75	75
Arman	Shields	69	95	96	48	34	78	64	96	95	80	70	70	35	72	85	74	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Darren	McFadden	85	97	99	64	60	78	82	96	96	90	75	95	74	92	92	35
Justin	Fargas	85	94	97	76	70	74	84	94	87	78	65	86	88	80	92	40
LaMont	Jordan	79	85	82	79	78	78	86	82	75	55	82	88	88	70	85	42



Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Justin	Griffith	84	80	78	70	68	80	84	73	70	60	80	82	78	60	52
Oren	O'Neal	80	76	72	85	60	56	72	64	55	40	45	80	80	73	40

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Zach	Miller	83	78	77	64	80	85	74	79	86	68	55	70	60	77	68	88	85
John	Madsen	77	86	82	68	69	80	68	80	90	62	58	65	70	72	70	72	79
Tony	Stewart	75	76	78	69	78	78	66	68	54	54	55	50	59	67	44	69	66

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Cooper	Carlisle	86	82	56	64	87	66	90	86	85	82	92	87	88
С	John	Wade	86	87	52	63	88	54	90	88	85	87	75	88	76
LG	Robert	Gallery	85	70	57	85	88	56	87	81	83	90	85	89	75
С	Jake	Grove	83	78	56	74	87	59	85	85	82	87	87	87	83
RT	Cornell	Green	83	79	50	62	91	48	91	86	84	89	77	88	72
RG	Paul	McQuistan	81	74	46	60	92	48	86	86	76	85	70	89	65
LT	Kwame	Harris	78	66	55	79	88	54	86	85	82	86	84	88	80
LT	Mario	Henderson	70	56	60	72	84	56	79	84	75	80	75	86	79
RT	Mark	Wilson	66	47	47	67	87	46	83	75	85	85	85	86	85
LG	Chris	Morris	66	62	52	55	82	50	77	80	68	78	80	74	78

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Derrick	Burgess	92	75	85	88	73	80	58	88	77	93	82	72	89	80
DT	Tommy	Kelly	91	82	68	82	88	65	58	82	88	78	92	84	78	78
DT	Terdell	Sands	83	70	51	68	95	47	58	68	89	72	91	86	68	65
RE	Greg	Spires	81	72	74	78	73	70	60	78	77	83	80	77	80	70
DT	Gerard	Warren	79	64	61	76	89	57	57	76	86	72	85	80	66	60
DT	William	Joseph	78	64	64	79	87	62	56	79	82	79	80	80	68	55
LE	Kalimba	Edwards	76	62	79	85	70	75	48	85	68	87	72	70	88	58
RE	Jay	Richardson	72	58	72	70	79	70	66	70	80	76	73	76	70	50

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Kirk	Morrison	92	85	80	75	82	79	76	68	74	92	95	96	90	65	85
ROLB	Thomas	Howard	91	74	88	88	92	70	78	62	72	84	86	91	74	75	85
LOLB	Robert	Thomas	79	79	83	80	85	69	68	45	62	77	84	86	69	60	65
LOLB	Sam	Williams	78	77	81	76	84	76	70	54	80	80	83	84	68	60	65
ROLB	Jon	Alston	67	46	87	86	87	75	74	45	55	74	80	84	35	65	60
ROLB	Isaiah	Ekejiuba	65	58	78	79	80	75	70	45	55	76	77	80	48	45	55
MLB	Ricky	Brown	62	52	77	73	78	69	65	50	65	76	79	82	60	45	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nnamdi	Asomugha	96	93	92	90	66	74	90	92	69	86	92	99	90	92	48
DeAngelo	Hall	93	99	98	76	54	82	98	94	60	77	72	93	90	76	50
Stanford	Routt	80	97	94	69	48	66	94	88	52	76	66	84	77	75	40
Tyvon	Branch	72	96	94	40	58	62	90	93	63	84	38	76	75	64	55
Chris	Johnson	66	96	95	56	47	54	84	85	53	72	44	71	69	55	38
John	Bowie	63	95	95	42	48	56	94	92	40	70	36	66	68	50	60

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Michael	Huff	87	65	93	64	92	92	63	94	78	90	70	77	80	72	73
SS	Gibril	Wilson	87	74	88	67	87	88	62	88	82	88	70	65	85	42	80
SS	Jarrod	Cooper	74	64	85	68	82	86	45	78	77	82	60	50	72	39	80
FS	Hiram	Eugene	71	57	88	60	80	89	61	80	69	82	58	65	70	56	66

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Sebastian	Janikowski	81	100	82	64	44	55	24	16

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Shane	Lechler	97	98	94	60	18	33	57	50	

Philadelphia Eagles

- '07 Record: 8-8 (4th in NFC East)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 358.1 yards per game (6th in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 311.4 yards allowed per game (10th in NFL)

- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 21 points per game (17th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 18.8 points allowed per game (9th in NFL)



The Philadelphia Eagles' Brian Westbrook is one of the best all-around running backs in the game.

The Philadelphia Eagles are in arguably the toughest division in the NFL-the NFC East. This division produces the Super Bowl Champion New York Giants and the Super Bowl favorite Dallas Cowboys. Despite some offseason rumors, Donovan McNabb returns as the Eagles' starting quarterback-he's a Cannon Arm QB to go along with decent mobility and speed.

Expect the Eagle leading receiver to be running back Brian Westbrook, one of the most elusive players in the game (97 speed, 98 acceleration, 98 agility, 98 juke, 99 spin, and 98 elusiveness). Take advantage of Westbrook's skills out of the backfield and call plays that send him into the flat or over the middle in pass routes. Speaking of the passing game, be sure to work in rookie DeSean Jackson and take advantage of his 97 speed. The Eagles' defensive strength are the Cornerbacks with offseason acquisition Asante Samuel and Pro Bowler Lito Sheppard (even nickel back Sheldon Brown is rated highly).

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Donovan	McNabb	92	83	95	85	77	75	68	78	70	73	82	95
Kevin	Kolb	78	60	90	87	66	72	60	72	70	65	92	90
A.J.	Feeley	76	70	87	85	54	56	59	64	65	44	86	89

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE	
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Kevin	Curtis	87	96	95	46	85	87	70	87	84	87	80	70	35	85	85	84	88
Reggie	Brown	86	91	92	58	83	88	70	92	92	88	87	76	48	85	89	82	84
DeSean	Jackson	78	97	98	44	60	80	74	97	90	97	92	88	40	76	95	77	82
Jason	Avant	76	88	86	56	72	82	65	88	87	75	75	74	52	82	84	78	74
Greg	Lewis	74	93	93	49	74	81	70	94	70	78	75	49	20	64	85	70	77
Hank	Baskett	74	87	88	64	68	82	65	83	92	73	66	63	60	85	70	71	72

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Brian	Westbrook	97	97	98	68	90	90	90	98	98	99	95	70	78	98	97	34
Correll	Buckhalter	82	91	90	76	78	74	79	88	84	75	85	82	88	74	88	39
Lorenzo	Booker	76	92	95	54	58	81	79	97	95	92	80	40	55	93	88	48
Tony	Hunt	75	85	85	75	58	70	82	80	77	72	78	90	89	68	88	58

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Dan	Klecko	66	65	60	87	55	54	66	52	15	10	30	65	60	68	45

Tightends

First Name	Last Name		SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
L.J.	Smith	85	79	80	69	77	84	68	80	85	77	70	75	50	74	70	82	82
Kris	Wilson	80	81	85	68	78	82	70	78	85	75	60	70	55	68	75	72	79
Brent	Celek	73	76	77	67	68	79	65	68	75	50	45	45	65	62	50	77	75

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Shawn	Andrews	96	81	52	60	99	54	98	89	99	99	79	95	79
LT	William	Thomas	95	91	52	72	94	60	94	94	92	96	92	95	93
С	Jamaal	Jackson	92	88	57	72	92	54	93	90	91	94	78	84	86
RT	Jon	Runyan	90	92	48	62	97	50	93	88	88	94	85	91	75
LG	Todd	Herremans	88	84	54	67	88	57	89	89	88	88	86	89	82
RG	Max	Jean-Gilles	80	60	42	52	94	48	93	81	87	92	68	88	60
RG	Mike	McGlynn	79	55	55	78	91	58	81	81	80	90	77	90	76
LT	Winston	Justice	76	50	56	75	89	58	89	89	82	87	80	85	65
LG	Scott	Young	75	65	50	75	86	48	83	75	70	84	65	84	64
С	Nick	Cole	68	54	48	60	87	47	85	79	65	89	65	85	60
RT	King	Dunlap	60	42	52	62	87	50	72	78	66	78	66	85	72

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Trent	Cole	93	76	85	92	75	78	65	92	78	94	85	75	88	74
LE	Juqua	Parker	87	78	79	86	74	76	60	86	79	88	80	75	85	68
LE	Chris	Clemons	85	76	82	88	70	79	60	88	75	85	79	79	89	62
DT	Mike	Patterson	84	70	63	86	89	68	56	86	82	84	84	82	80	64
DT	Brodrick	Bunkley	84	60	65	82	95	67	67	82	89	80	87	80	80	55
DT	Trevor	Laws	79	52	74	82	92	65	78	82	85	77	83	79	88	50
DT	LaJuan	Ramsey	76	60	60	80	88	64	65	80	83	76	82	78	60	50
LE	Victor	Abiamiri	75	56	76	80	76	77	75	80	80	78	70	76	79	45
RE	Bryan	Smith	75	42	84	89	68	83	75	89	70	82	78	74	85	42

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Omar	Gaither	87	79	82	87	87	72	75	50	72	85	87	92	80	55	75
LOLB	Chris	Gocong	81	78	78	78	82	78	78	74	77	84	85	90	72	45	65
MLB	Stewart	Bradley	79	79	78	76	82	78	78	80	72	86	86	85	70	45	70
LOLB	Rocky	Boiman	73	72	74	73	75	73	64	67	65	78	79	86	68	55	70
MLB	Pago	Togafau	68	59	78	80	78	74	78	70	65	80	82	80	55	50	65
ROLB	Akeem	Jordan	64	58	80	78	82	70	70	65	70	72	74	82	46	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Asante	Samuel	96	93	95	85	59	76	94	88	68	84	92	94	97	90	58
Lito	Sheppard	93	94	96	85	54	77	96	90	60	84	90	94	90	82	42
Sheldon	Brown	91	91	93	85	57	74	92	87	66	84	80	93	92	85	44
Joselio	Hanson	78	90	92	68	45	64	90	84	56	85	65	87	84	68	35
Jack	Ikegwuonu	76	92	92	46	60	68	92	93	62	82	48	79	77	78	55

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Brian	Dawkins	92	82	88	78	88	87	60	90	84	88	88	60	85	60	94
SS	Quintin	Mikell	83	70	85	66	79	85	60	79	79	84	72	70	80	35	80
SS	Sean	Considine	78	66	86	64	86	88	66	85	72	84	70	50	75	45	75
FS	Quintin	Demps	73	50	93	54	92	92	72	90	55	82	48	60	78	55	65

Kickers

First	Last Name	OVD	NDW/	VAC	CDD	TAV	CTD	TUD	THA	
Name	Name	OVK	KPVV	KAC	SPD	IAK	SIK	ППР	ППА	

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David	Akers	82	91	88	62	13	50	24	17	

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Saverio	Rocca	74	93	82	68	68	65	60	55	

Pittsburgh Steelers

• '07 Record: 10-6 (1st in AFC North)

'07 Offensive Stats: 327.4 yards per game (17th in NFL)

'07 Defensive Stats: 266.4 yards allowed per game (1st in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 24.6 points per game (9th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 16.8 points allowed per game (2nd in NFL)



Ben Roethlisberger had a strong 2007 season, helped greatly by the emergence of Santonio Holmes.

When you think of the Pittsburgh Steelers you often think of an imposing defense-and that was certainly the case statistics-wise last season. The Steelers' defense ranked 1st in the league in yards allowed per game and 2nd in the league in points allowed per game. Power Move D-Lineman Casey Hampton anchors a strong line; Smart Linebacker James Farrior patrols the middle of the field; and strong safety Troy Polamalu is one of the top ranked defensive backs in the game.

Ben Roethlisberger is one of the game's top quarterbacks and he has quality targets including veteran Hines Ward (a Possession Receiver with high catch in traffic rating) and Speed receiver Santonio Holmes, one of the league's emerging stars. Move Santonio Holmes around the field and look to exploit match-ups against the defense's slower players. Fast Willie Parker is just that, fast with 97 speed and 99 acceleration; use Parker on outside runs and look to get along the sidelines for a big run. Don't neglect Heath

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Ben	Roethlisberger	95	87	95	91	73	70	84	70	65	74	92	95
Charlie	Batch	78	80	86	84	50	52	55	50	45	39	68	86
Dennis	Dixon	72	50	90	75	85	84	52	85	70	88	88	94

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Hines	Ward	90	87	86	77	91	93	75	89	84	88	85	88	85	70	88	97	90
Santonio	Holmes	85	96	96	56	82	82	65	93	88	93	92	90	25	75	94	78	86
Limas	Sweed	80	93	90	56	62	85	70	93	96	80	74	70	55	92	82	84	78
Nate	Washin- gton	77	94	92	52	72	79	60	90	91	74	74	65	45	74	75	77	79
Willie	Reid	72	91	93	54	57	75	80	93	87	92	89	89	40	74	91	76	72
Dallas	Baker	72	88	85	52	66	80	65	82	91	75	65	75	30	80	80	66	76

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Willie	Parker	93	97	99	70	90	75	82	94	95	96	90	79	85	90	97	45
Rashard	Mendenhall	81	92	94	82	55	75	87	92	80	65	60	85	91	80	93	40
Najeh	Davenport	80	86	87	83	78	79	80	83	75	60	82	88	92	68	88	49
Mewelde	Moore	77	88	90	58	72	77	75	90	89	89	84	45	67	89	90	44

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Carey	Davis	83	85	82	80	60	82	85	76	70	55	72	82	87	58	44

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Heath	Miller	92	82	80	75	83	87	70	77	80	68	60	80	65	71	70	90	82
Matt	Spaeth	73	72	72	68	78	83	72	73	86	64	55	66	59	68	62	82	76

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Marvel	Smith	88	84	50	67	97	52	93	87	87	93	88	92	72
RG	Kendall	Simmons	87	77	54	74	90	54	90	84	85	91	87	89	75
С	Justin	Hartwig	85	84	56	63	87	56	89	88	82	90	86	88	84
RT	Willie	Colon	83	78	56	70	89	55	90	87	77	89	70	88	72
RT	Max	Starks	81	76	49	67	91	48	90	86	78	90	66	88	60
С	Sean	Mahan	79	74	58	79	84	60	82	85	76	82	79	82	75
LT	Trai	Essex	77	69	57	70	86	56	84	86	76	84	76	88	76
LG	Chris	Kemoeatu	76	54	44	52	95	48	87	78	88	91	71	85	67
LT	Tony	Hills	70	52	66	85	86	65	77	79	78	85	80	88	80
LG	Darnell	Stapleton	69	48	60	70	82	66	80	76	70	80	75	78	70
RG	Matt	Lentz	69	50	50	57	86	49	82	78	80	81	75	83	74

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Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Casey	Hampton	96	89	54	65	98	56	64	65	98	68	98	86	72	84
LE	Aaron	Smith	94	92	70	77	88	65	62	77	94	80	94	85	85	86
RE	Brett	Keisel	84	82	73	79	85	68	56	79	86	72	85	82	78	70
DT	Chris	Hoke	82	76	59	74	88	58	56	74	86	60	87	82	66	65
LE	Travis	Kirschke	75	76	64	68	85	56	54	68	85	66	85	80	74	70
RE	Nick	Eason	70	68	58	65	88	55	50	65	82	72	85	80	66	58
DT	Scott	Paxson	69	54	62	72	86	60	65	72	84	65	78	70	60	40

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	James	Harrison	93	82	83	77	88	86	92	92	90	96	90	97	82	55	68
MLB	James	Farrior	92	90	78	80	80	82	90	88	88	95	93	96	93	55	70
MLB	Larry	Foote	86	86	80	82	84	75	82	75	84	88	88	91	82	62	70
LOLB	LaMarr	Woodley	79	68	82	76	88	80	77	78	85	85	82	90	65	50	65
ROLB	Bruce	Davis	75	59	84	81	92	67	80	74	82	78	81	91	54	54	67
MLB	Lawre- nce	Timmons	75	60	85	88	92	72	84	80	88	80	82	90	50	70	75
MLB	Keyaron	Fox	74	68	82	83	85	77	80	65	67	78	81	87	62	55	65
ROLB	Mike	Humpal	73	60	80	78	82	75	75	70	65	82	82	90	55	40	70
LOLB	Arnold	Harrison	70	69	77	72	79	72	74	67	79	74	80	82	64	50	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Deshea	Townsend	89	88	89	92	60	65	90	84	68	85	88	93	90	90	46
Ike	Taylor	89	94	94	80	65	59	91	91	76	84	79	93	85	92	55
Bryant	McFadden	84	90	92	78	60	64	91	90	65	80	75	89	84	78	46

William	Gay	71	91	92	54	52	68	90	92	54	73	49	72	72	64	60
Anthony	Madison	66	89	87	50	47	62	86	85	52	70	66	70	69	55	48

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Troy	Polamalu	98	72	93	65	92	95	72	85	88	93	90	65	85	60	90
FS	Ryan	Clark	83	76	87	60	85	88	67	85	77	85	70	60	80	55	72
SS	Tyrone	Carter	76	78	82	60	80	80	62	74	74	80	66	60	80	28	68
FS	Anthony	Smith	75	60	87	52	85	88	70	86	72	87	62	60	70	38	88

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jeff	Reed	84	91	91	51	26	42	15	15

Punters

	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Daniel	Sepulveda	79	92	87	85	55	66	45	45

San Diego Chargers

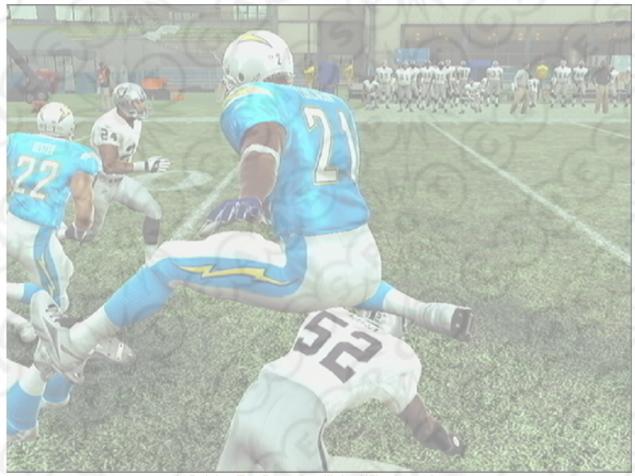
• '07 Record: 11-5 (1st in AFC West)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 315.2 yards per game (20th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 320.2 yards allowed per game (14th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 25.8 points per game (5th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 17.8 points allowed per game (5th in NFL)



LaDainian Tomlinson is still the NFL's best player

Expectations are, once again, high for the San Diego Chargers. That's what happens when you have the game's best overall player in running back LaDainian Tomlinson. Choosing to play as the Chargers in Madden means taking advantage of Tomlinson both on running plays and as a receiver; Tomlinson's statistics are near the top in every important category. Last season the Chargers added former Dolphin Chris Chambers to improve the passing game; expect All-Pro tight end Antonio Gates, another Charger rated 99 overall, to be your preferred downfield target.

Even with all of these offensive weapons, it was the Chargers' defense that often excelled in 2007. Standouts include Power Move D-Lineman Jamaal Williams at defensive tackle, decorated right outside linebacker Shawne Merriman, and solid corners in Quentin Jammer and Antonio Cromartie.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Philip	Rivers	90	87	87	95	64	65	56	55	55	42	97	92
Billy	Volek	82	78	90	88	55	58	50	54	50	45	78	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chris	Chambers	91	94	94	66	87	88	65	92	97	87	83	84	55	97	88	87	87
Vincent	Jackson	89	93	87	78	86	89	70	87	95	65	50	55	68	88	69	88	82
Buster	Davis	79	93	95	51	66	82	75	93	86	92	88	86	42	76	90	82	79
Eric	Parker	79	90	91	44	80	84	75	88	84	78	86	67	25	66	87	84	82

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Legedu	Naanee	73	91	91	75	55	80	75	89	95	75	65	76	65	68	80	76	72
Kassim	Osgood	71	90	88	63	64	79	65	84	92	60	48	54	65	72	65	77	70

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
LaDainian	Tomlinson	99	96	98	72	97	87	93	99	99	96	98	98	92	99	96	40
Darren	Sproles	79	96	98	55	60	76	75	95	95	90	78	55	65	95	93	30
Jacob	Hester	77	88	88	74	52	80	88	86	75	65	75	75	86	76	90	50
Marcus	Thomas	73	89	90	66	44	82	75	90	78	68	55	58	80	85	90	40

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Andrew	Pinnock	76	75	82	76	66	60	80	75	62	45	66	77	68	63	45

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Antonio	Gates	99	88	86	77	85	90	75	86	94	88	82	89	78	92	87	94	95
Brandon	Manuma- leuna	76	67	74	80	78	76	60	63	61	42	37	57	75	50	35	65	55
Scott	Chandler	72	76	74	62	72	84	70	78	85	66	55	68	57	74	65	80	79

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Kris	Dielman	94	87	56	68	92	60	93	88	93	94	88	90	86
С	Nick	Hardwick	94	86	60	80	90	60	93	90	92	95	88	89	88
LT	Marcus	McNeill	93	82	60	74	94	65	95	90	96	97	92	95	89
RG	Mike	Goff	88	84	47	58	92	47	92	88	85	92	78	88	75
RT	Jeromey	Clary	80	78	56	60	88	56	90	83	80	86	75	88	74
С	Cory	Withrow	77	78	58	65	80	55	82	80	82	86	78	82	74
RT	L.J.	Shelton	75	70	48	55	93	46	84	81	82	91	78	86	78
LG	Scott	Mruczkowski	73	66	51	69	82	53	83	78	71	80	65	78	72
RG	Erik	Robertson	70	50	50	64	86	52	80	77	80	86	75	84	70
LT	Tony	Pape	62	54	47	74	79	46	77	72	75	85	65	84	60

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Jamal	Williams	97	90	54	70	98	50	60	70	98	67	98	85	78	88

LE	Luis	Castillo	93	88	70	80	95	64	70	80	96	75	93	88	75	80
RE	Igor	Olshansky	86	82	62	79	91	65	65	79	89	74	88	86	86	79
RE	Jacques	Cesaire	83	85	69	78	86	67	55	78	80	80	85	84	74	60
DT	Brandon	McKinney	70	56	60	64	89	52	50	64	81	62	82	75	63	50
LE	Ryon	Bingham	66	62	60	70	87	62	60	70	82	62	77	78	65	50
DT	Keith	Jackson	64	48	59	60	88	54	66	60	78	58	84	72	55	40

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Shawne	Merriman	97	85	87	88	95	88	97	98	95	98	93	95	78	55	70
LOLB	Shaun	Phillips	92	80	87	85	92	79	82	85	92	88	96	95	75	59	66
MLB	Stephen	Cooper	86	80	79	84	85	74	78	69	73	86	90	93	79	65	80
MLB	Derek	Smith	80	85	74	72	74	74	74	70	65	87	87	90	85	48	60
MLB	Matt	Wilhelm	78	78	75	76	78	78	77	65	66	88	85	88	77	45	65
ROLB	Jyles	Tucker	72	65	80	79	85	77	78	70	80	80	80	85	55	40	60
LOLB	Marques	Harris	70	66	80	76	84	67	66	65	77	78	80	84	66	45	55
MLB	Anthony	Waters	70	62	80	76	84	76	82	82	74	82	82	85	45	45	70
MLB	Brandon	Siler	70	60	82	80	87	71	79	76	72	85	84	84	60	40	45

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Quentin	Jammer	93	94	94	82	66	69	93	94	74	85	82	92	88	94	62
Antonio	Cromartie	92	97	96	68	63	84	96	97	65	83	68	87	92	84	45
Antoine	Cason	79	92	94	50	62	77	90	94	64	80	48	82	80	65	58
Cletis	Gordon	73	94	96	58	54	68	92	90	56	80	48	72	74	60	56
DeJuan	Tribble	72	88	92	46	55	76	91	85	55	78	42	74	82	65	55

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Clinton	Hart	85	72	87	58	86	88	77	78	78	85	70	70	80	55	72
SS	Eric	Weddle	79	60	89	58	90	90	70	85	78	82	65	65	78	55	74
FS	Paul	Oliver	71	50	89	60	92	91	65	90	62	76	48	72	72	66	70
FS	Steve	Gregory	71	58	88	55	90	89	62	86	64	78	55	65	70	54	62
SS	Brian	Bonner	67	45	87	60	86	88	66	88	74	78	46	50	65	50	82

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Nate	Kaeding	94	92	96	58	16	28	10	7	

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mike	Scifres	86	96	88	67	22	42	56	49

San Francisco 49ers

• '07 Record: 5-11 (3rd in NFC West)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 237.3 yards per game (32nd in NFL)

'07 Defensive Stats: 346.2 yards allowed per game (25th in NFL)
'07 Points Scored Per Game: 13.7 points per game (32nd in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.8 points allowed per game (20th in NFL)

It's been a long time since the days of Montana to Rice-it's almost shocking to see a 49ers offense ranked last in the league in both yards gained and points scored. Former first overall pick quarterback Alex Smith hasn't turned into the superstar the team hoped; in fact, he enters the 2008 season battling for his job. All three 49er quarterbacks have nearly similar ratings-take your pick! In the real league, though, it looks like J.T. O'Sullivan will start opening day for the 49ers.

Other offensive skill players are better, including running back Frank Gore and tight end Vernon Davis. The 49ers added former Rams' wide receiver Issac Bruce along with former Cardinal wide receiver Bryant Johnson. Brick Wall Defender Patrick Willis leads the 49er defense; the middle linebacker is the top ranked defender on the team.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Shaun	Hill	79	70	87	87	64	60	51	62	41	40	88	88
Alex	Smith	79	67	89	83	72	72	55	73	65	68	88	94
J.T.	O'Sullivan	77	68	87	86	58	58	60	60	55	42	86	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Isaac	Bruce	85	87	87	46	90	92	65	90	82	93	88	88	20	68	94	82	90
Arnaz	Battle	82	89	92	62	80	88	75	90	84	87	87	89	62	78	85	78	79
Bryant	Johnson	82	92	93	55	79	87	66	86	87	80	74	63	45	81	74	80	82
Jason	Hill	77	94	93	54	66	82	65	92	92	90	80	82	40	82	87	73	74
Ashley	Lelie	73	93	94	42	60	80	55	90	92	74	75	55	20	82	82	66	73
Josh	Morgan	71	92	90	46	42	77	70	93	96	88	78	80	35	84	88	74	77

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Frank	Gore	93	92	93	78	88	82	84	93	92	82	90	90	92	88	94	41
DeShaun	Foster	82	92	92	72	68	70	72	92	91	89	75	87	82	89	85	35
Michael	Robinson	77	86	88	77	62	75	82	88	84	85	70	68	83	80	85	32

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Moran	Norris	85	74	74	88	70	64	74	70	48	38	55	75	70	74	48

Tightends

First Name		OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Vernon	Davis	87	92	91	68	72	84	70	89	94	86	82	76	75	82	84	77	82
Delanie	Walker	73	85	85	69	68	79	70	83	88	62	45	39	72	68	65	66	69
Billy	Bajema	73	71	77	64	64	78	62	71	76	50	50	50	85	50	50	62	66

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RT	Jonas	Jennings	88	86	50	72	96	48	93	86	87	93	85	90	70
LT	Joe	Staley	86	78	72	89	86	77	85	90	82	85	94	90	93
С	Eric	Heitmann	85	84	51	61	90	50	90	90	87	88	77	85	73
RG	David	Baas	84	69	54	71	88	55	88	87	86	87	85	87	74
LG	Adam	Snyder	82	69	49	64	91	53	88	86	85	87	85	85	78
LG	Chilo	Rachal	78	45	59	79	92	60	84	78	84	92	76	89	70
RG	Tony	Wragge	75	62	48	62	90	52	83	79	80	85	75	84	70
С	Cody	Wallace	73	66	54	76	85	55	77	79	76	87	74	85	70
LT	Qasim	Mitchell	71	55	47	59	95	46	88	79	78	83	68	83	69
RT	Damane	Duckett	61	40	60	67	90	52	84	66	80	89	50	76	50

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Justin	Smith	89	82	75	83	82	69	60	83	88	79	88	80	84	75
LE	Isaac	Sopoaga	83	85	58	74	95	58	51	74	87	76	90	88	70	70
DT	Aubrayo	Franklin	79	69	55	64	91	48	50	64	87	66	88	82	66	62
DT	Ronald	Fields	77	66	56	66	90	56	58	66	85	67	85	77	70	65
LE	Kentwan	Balmer	76	56	60	78	92	60	70	78	87	77	84	79	78	55
DT	Joe	Cohen	75	58	60	68	91	55	62	68	86	73	82	80	45	40
RE	Ray	McDonald	75	59	68	80	83	71	55	80	82	78	77	78	60	50

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Patrick	Willis	96	80	91	88	96	88	95	70	80	94	96	98	85	60	70

LOLB	Manny	Lawson	85	77	90	89	95	73	70	69	87	83	86	91	69	55	70
MLB	Jeff	Ulbrich	80	88	74	70	76	74	74	67	71	88	86	90	85	40	60
ROLB	Tully	Banta- Cain	79	77	78	76	86	76	70	80	84	84	82	86	78	45	65
MLB	Dontar- rious	Thomas	77	70	85	77	89	71	78	76	82	82	84	92	68	50	65
MLB	Brandon	Moore	76	72	79	79	82	79	73	78	85	82	82	85	72	55	70
ROLB	Parys	Haral- son	74	68	80	82	84	74	74	84	82	84	80	86	65	40	60
LOLB	Jay	Moore	72	72	77	78	80	77	75	80	77	75	83	85	64	40	55
MLB	Larry	Grant	67	56	80	82	80	65	76	55	70	75	80	85	50	60	70

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nate	Clements	92	92	94	89	66	73	92	95	68	87	75	92	85	92	54
Walt	Harris	88	88	92	90	53	70	90	85	66	84	86	91	91	82	42
Shawntae	Spencer	79	91	92	70	51	65	92	91	64	76	74	79	83	61	46
Reggie	Smith	77	90	94	48	64	69	94	94	68	85	45	77	80	84	78
Marcus	Hudson	70	88	89	64	64	62	88	86	66	72	49	74	70	66	58
Allen	Rossum	64	94	96	64	42	62	92	75	37	71	50	64	68	48	35

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Michael	Lewis	87	74	87	68	83	87	59	84	87	90	68	60	80	56	85
FS	Mark	Roman	79	76	88	58	86	88	66	86	68	75	66	65	75	55	65
FS	Dashon	Goldson	75	58	88	58	89	90	62	86	65	77	60	70	75	65	74
SS	Keith	Lewis	73	65	87	57	84	88	62	86	77	85	65	65	66	32	55

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Joe	Nedney	90	92	94	49	18	37	25	17

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
	Lee								

Seattle Seahawks

- '07 Record: 10-6 (1st in NFC West)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 348.9 yards per game (9th in NFL)

- '07 Defensive Stats: 321.8 yards allowed per game (15th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 24.6 points per game (9th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 18.2 points allowed per game (6th in NFL)

The flame out of former league MVP Shaun Alexander and Madden cover player has reached a conclusion-the Seattle Seahawks cut the former touchdown record holder and as of this writing, Alexander doesn't even have a job. Without Alexander, the Seahawks lack a standout star on offense. Quarterback Matt Hasselback is solid (excellent accuracy); use the backup QB package to get Seneca Wallace in the game for mobility and to mix up your offense.

Like the quarterbacks, the receivers are solid but no league leaders. The Seahawks added former Cowboy running back Julius Jones to carry the ball along with backup Maurice Morris. Insert Power Back T.J. Duckett in short yardage situations: run behind Crushing Run Blocker Walter Jones. Seahawk defender standouts include Patrick Kerney on the end, Smart Linebacker Lofa Tatupu, and cornerback Marcus Trufant.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Hasselbeck	91	88	88	93	66	62	54	64	56	53	94	92
Seneca	Wallace	82	72	84	82	85	85	52	87	75	87	84	90
Charlie	Frye	80	70	85	86	72	71	55	72	68	57	93	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Deion	Branch	87	92	93	52	84	86	70	93	84	90	88	90	35	77	92	85	92
Bobby	Engram	87	88	92	46	93	90	70	94	79	92	72	86	25	70	94	82	94
Nate	Burleson	83	92	93	50	78	81	75	93	93	91	76	87	45	82	92	81	85
Ben	Obomanu	73	87	88	58	68	79	70	92	92	78	76	60	50	69	85	75	74
Logan	Payne	73	90	92	92	54	79	68	88	90	76	66	60	55	64	75	74	74
Courtney	Taylor	69	88	86	64	55	77	65	89	90	76	70	60	55	74	82	70	68

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Julius	Jones	84	91	90	70	72	70	84	93	92	86	86	73	81	87	88	37
Maurice	Morris	80	91	93	66	72	74	80	90	88	87	80	60	75	87	85	31
T.J.	Duckett	78	87	82	85	80	66	85	80	72	65	84	93	93	64	80	39

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Leonard	Weaver	88	86	84	78	66	85	86	80	66	55	75	74	77	62	50
Owen	Schmitt	76	78	72	85	40	50	85	70	55	40	50	85	88	62	44

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
John	Carlson	79	77	76	75	60	80	72	72	80	65	55	50	65	70	50	79	78
Will	Heller	66	70	70	64	64	74	66	65	62	42	35	45	35	56	48	62	68

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Walter	Jones	95	91	52	68	95	60	94	94	95	95	90	94	90
LG	Mike	Wahle	90	82	65	80	86	67	89	90	82	87	88	87	93
RT	Sean	Locklear	86	80	60	78	86	60	90	90	86	86	84	91	80
С	Chris	Spencer	82	66	60	77	88	60	87	88	84	88	88	82	88
RG	Rob	Sims	80	72	54	66	86	49	86	85	82	84	78	84	72
С	Chris	Gray	77	80	51	64	86	50	84	84	75	82	68	84	68
RG	Mansfield	Wrotto	76	60	57	68	87	65	80	78	82	88	68	85	65
LT	Floyd	Womack	73	62	42	50	95	46	87	80	77	91	62	85	60
RT	Ray	Willis	72	62	52	55	90	56	85	80	74	89	64	85	62
LG	Steve	Vallos	68	48	56	64	85	54	78	74	74	84	70	83	65

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Patrick	Kerney	95	84	78	84	84	70	75	84	93	86	90	78	83	80
DT	Rocky	Bernard	87	74	64	85	89	63	54	85	85	86	86	84	80	68
RE	Darryl	Тарр	83	68	82	84	74	78	55	84	74	86	82	72	88	65
DT	Marcus	Tubbs	83	66	60	76	92	59	58	76	88	67	92	82	68	65
DT	Brandon	Mebane	80	60	63	82	91	65	60	82	88	75	85	76	58	55
RE	Lawrence	Jackson	78	48	79	78	83	72	76	78	86	77	80	74	82	50
DT	Craig	Terrill	77	68	62	74	85	60	50	74	80	70	84	78	75	70
LE	Baraka	Atkins	77	64	76	78	77	75	80	78	82	75	71	75	73	54
RE	Jason	Babin	76	56	79	80	67	75	50	80	82	82	77	72	84	55
DT	Red	Bryant	74	46	70	80	94	58	75	80	84	66	79	74	75	50

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Lofa	Tatupu	97	90	85	85	94	78	89	74	82	94	96	98	94	60	80
ROLB	Julian	Peterson	95	82	86	88	92	74	85	80	92	90	90	98	86	70	75
LOLB	LeRoy	Hill	89	84	83	79	87	82	84	74	82	88	89	90	80	55	70
MLB	D.D.	Lewis	75	70	77	75	75	78	80	65	75	84	85	86	70	50	65
LOLB	Lance	Laury	69	64	75	76	77	78	75	74	72	82	78	80	50	50	65
ROLB	Will	Herring	69	66	83	82	84	67	59	60	75	70	80	84	60	60	50

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Marcus	Trufant	94	94	98	85	55	77	98	97	64	84	84	94	88	85	47
Kelly	Jennings	88	94	93	82	48	66	93	93	63	78	77	92	86	82	48
Jordan	Babineaux	79	90	88	74	58	65	90	88	70	86	65	80	82	77	66
Josh	Wilson	77	95	93	59	58	61	94	86	62	82	49	80	80	78	70
Kevin	Hobbs	65	87	88	59	44	62	86	85	56	80	48	70	72	60	60

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Deon	Grant	87	74	89	57	90	90	72	88	72	84	70	70	85	55	75
SS	Brian	Russell	86	84	85	55	82	85	75	82	64	84	86	65	85	45	84
SS	Mike	Green	80	70	86	59	86	85	57	84	74	84	70	70	80	34	76
FS	C.J.	Wallace	68	54	87	60	88	88	58	85	70	82	42	65	70	50	68

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Olindo	Mare	79	90	87	54	15	33	20	19
Brandon	Coutu	75	94	84	58	30	48	40	40

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Ryan	Plackemeier	75	92	84	55	40	52	40	45	

St. Louis Rams

- '07 Record: 3-13 (4th in NFC West)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 297.5 yards per game (24th in NFL)
 '07 Defensive Stats: 341.1 yards allowed per game (21st in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 16.4 points per game (28th in NFL)
- '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 27.4 points allowed per game (31st in NFL)



Steven Jackson possesses a powerful combination of stiff arm and trucking.

The greatest show on turf wasn't so great last season-the Rams offense ranked 24th in the league in yards gained and 28th in the league in points scored. Matt Bulger is an Accurate QB and still has one of the best receivers in the game as his primary target-Quick Receiver Torry Holt.

Steven Jackson is one of the best running backs in the game. Avoid outside runs and keep this Power Back inside with dives and isos. Jackson is also a Stiff Arm Ball Carrier. Make him the focal point of your offense and force your opponent to move players up to the line to defend against the power run; when your opponent does, look to hit Torry Holt on deeper routes.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Marc	Bulger	89	86	90	94	55	54	48	54	55	41	75	90
Trent	Green	81	83	86	90	48	50	52	46	45	42	50	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Torry	Holt	94	93	91	55	92	97	66	93	89	88	85	85	50	80	91	81	98
Drew	Bennett	82	87	85	63	86	84	69	84	90	69	65	86	60	91	83	78	84
Reche	Caldwell	78	90	91	52	77	85	65	91	86	87	78	74	40	69	81	70	80
Donnie	Avery	76	96	97	50	55	80	74	97	90	96	90	85	45	72	88	74	80
Keenan	Burton	75	92	92	52	50	80	68	92	94	85	78	80	50	80	84	80	80

Dante	Hall	71	96	96	45	64	76	72	96	70	97	97	92	25	70	96	60	72
Dane	Looker	71	87	86	48	66	82	60	84	77	66	70	66	40	66	79	74	76
Brandon	Williams	66	91	92	41	57	78	70	93	85	91	85	82	20	67	88	68	62

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Steven	Jackson	97	90	92	87	90	83	86	93	92	78	90	97	98	92	98	46
Antonio	Pittman	77	90	93	60	60	74	82	91	85	79	77	60	74	82	88	52
Travis	Minor	75	88	89	56	74	74	74	88	86	79	80	55	65	87	90	34

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Brian	Leonard	83	86	87	68	68	86	86	87	82	72	82	79	84	54	48
Richard	Owens	72	68	70	74	55	68	70	55	40	30	45	70	67	64	58

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Randy	McMichael	84	82	82	71	70	80	73	85	88	81	80	77	72	80	78	80	82
Anthony	Becht	77	62	62	78	70	74	65	58	59	37	25	58	74	50	40	70	64
Joe	Klopfenstein	75	83	79	67	66	79	67	82	84	68	58	70	54	62	68	78	67

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Jacob	Bell	94	86	55	78	90	62	93	91	88	90	93	89	84
LT	Orlando	Pace	91	90	50	60	94	50	91	93	88	92	88	95	85
RT	Alex	Barron	85	69	58	75	92	56	91	91	87	90	87	92	86
RG	Richie	Incognito	81	60	61	75	87	56	87	83	84	87	78	85	68
С	Brett	Romberg	79	78	50	68	83	52	85	85	85	85	85	85	85
С	Mark	Setterstrom	77	66	56	72	84	66	84	84	80	80	88	78	86
LT	Adam	Goldberg	77	72	51	66	87	52	82	88	75	85	64	86	60
RT	John	Greco	76	64	60	78	89	60	83	80	82	91	82	88	80
RG	Roy	Schuening	75	50	54	68	91	52	82	78	82	91	72	87	68
RG	Nick	Leckey	75	66	55	72	81	52	80	83	73	84	66	81	65

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Adam	Carriker	89	65	76	78	92	72	74	78	91	84	88	80	78	60

LE	Leonard	Little	87	73	84	87	75	84	59	87	72	88	80	74	88	70
DT	La'Roi	Glover	84	84	64	74	82	61	55	74	82	86	84	78	87	82
RE	Chris	Long	84	60	80	78	84	82	70	78	84	83	83	72	85	60
RE	James	Hall	82	68	73	75	80	70	59	75	78	86	80	74	74	70
LE	Victor	Adeyanju	76	58	78	84	77	75	54	84	76	82	70	72	78	50
DT	Cliff	Ryan	74	55	64	68	86	60	60	68	86	75	84	70	70	58
RE	Eric	Moore	72	58	77	78	68	76	53	78	70	82	70	72	76	52
DT	Claude	Wroten	69	49	63	74	84	65	68	74	75	74	84	79	58	54

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Will	Withers- poon	92	86	88	90	95	72	72	75	85	85	93	98	85	75	80
ROLB	Pisa	Tinois- amoa	85	77	87	86	86	67	84	70	85	80	84	92	70	60	75
LOLB	Chris	Draft	79	78	78	82	82	74	62	66	75	79	84	88	70	65	65
LOLB	Quinton	Culberson	72	56	79	84	80	68	77	65	70	72	77	79	52	72	78
MLB	Tim	McGarigle	68	72	74	72	75	74	65	55	65	79	80	85	65	40	60
ROLB	Vince	Hall	66	56	79	77	82	70	85	65	65	72	77	85	50	40	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Fakhir	Brown	87	88	90	88	63	70	89	86	66	74	80	90	86	88	46
Туе	Hill	86	98	97	74	44	68	96	91	60	79	70	89	83	74	45
Ronald	Bartell	77	92	91	64	62	63	88	93	56	78	62	80	78	74	51
Jonathan	Wade	75	96	98	56	48	68	95	96	48	76	48	78	73	66	40
Justin	King	73	97	98	38	48	63	97	93	49	82	40	79	78	60	50

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	O.J.	Atogwe	90	78	90	65	87	92	82	92	76	80	70	70	85	40	74
SS	Corey	Chavous	82	85	85	54	84	85	72	81	66	80	80	65	80	65	72
SS	Todd	Johnson	75	65	83	68	80	82	50	77	80	78	65	40	65	40	93
FS	Jerome	Carter	73	66	86	64	86	87	58	85	78	78	60	58	68	45	68

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	ТНА
Josh	Brown	91	95	92	46	15	25	30	18

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Donnie	Jones	90	96	90	71	23	45	45	45

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

• '07 Record: 9-7 (1st in NFC South)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 326.8 yards per game (18th in NFL)

'07 Defensive Stats: 278.4 yards allowed per game (2nd in NFL)
'07 Points Scored Per Game: 20.9 points per game (18th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 16.9 points per game (3rd in NFL)

The 2007 Tampa Bay Buccaneers were a surprise division champion last season (before falling to the road warrior Giants in the opening round of the playoffs). Although there were rumors that the Buccaneers were looking to trade for Brett Favre, it's journeyman Jeff Garcia that will once again lead the team. Take advantage of wide receiver Joey Galloway's speed.

The Buccaneers have a quartet of running backs; you'll find these have similar ratings (Earnest Graham is more of the short yardage back and fourth stringer Michael Bennett is the speedster). Smart Linebacker Derrick Brooks and Smart Corner Ronde Barber leads the Buccaneers defense, which in 2007 ranked 2nd in the NFL in yards allowed per game and 3rd in the NFL in points allowed per game.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jeff	Garcia	90	88	87	88	74	72	46	76	65	75	80	95
Brian	Griese	77	73	87	86	53	52	54	54	55	39	65	90
Luke	McCown	77	66	87	80	78	77	56	70	70	48	88	92
Josh	Johnson	72	42	87	83	88	84	55	85	75	86	92	94

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Joey	Galloway	88	97	97	48	88	88	75	94	86	92	87	85	40	77	91	82	85
Ike	Hilliard	80	87	86	46	88	86	75	87	82	82	72	82	45	68	87	76	84
Maurice	Stovall	79	88	88	68	76	84	65	85	93	74	65	63	62	84	66	79	77
Michael	Clayton	78	86	87	66	75	80	65	87	91	82	74	74	66	74	82	78	81
Antonio	Bryant	77	91	91	66	58	80	65	90	95	84	85	81	65	87	88	73	80
Dexter	Jackson	73	97	97	46	44	80	74	96	90	95	90	85	40	70	94	77	72
Micheal	Spurlock	64	87	91	58	56	70	64	92	88	78	72	56	42	60	70	64	68

Halfbacks

	Name																
Carnell	Williams	85	92	93	68	72	65	82	93	94	89	80	77	84	88	92	45

Warrick	Dunn	85	92	93	62	84	84	88	94	90	88	90	70	65	88	92	32
Earnest	Graham	84	88	90	72	79	79	88	87	79	68	80	92	90	76	90	44
Michael	Bennett	74	96	97	60	74	65	78	89	80	72	68	52	65	82	88	26

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
B.J.	Askew	87	82	78	74	72	72	80	73	65	50	55	77	78	67	55

Tightends

	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Alex	Smith	83	79	82	68	78	83	65	81	82	74	68	66	66	77	72	80	80
Ben	Troupe	79	84	86	67	70	79	65	84	89	83	82	75	70	76	78	76	73

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Davin	Joseph	93	77	60	78	90	64	94	89	90	92	92	92	87
С	Jeff	Faine	88	87	58	80	87	58	88	93	78	84	85	87	92
RT	Jeremy	Trueblood	87	85	50	60	91	55	92	91	79	90	85	93	78
LT	Luke	Petitgout	87	87	51	74	88	55	86	93	78	86	85	91	86
LG	Arron	Sears	85	68	60	70	90	65	87	82	87	90	82	91	80
LG	Anthony	Davis	78	65	46	55	91	48	87	83	79	89	76	84	76
RG	Jeremy	Zuttah	78	46	64	76	92	64	82	79	85	92	80	90	70
LT	Donald	Penn	76	72	49	60	87	50	84	85	74	85	67	86	66
С	Dan	Buenning	76	68	48	64	88	50	87	83	80	88	74	85	69
RT	Chris	Denman	63	59	49	59	85	49	70	77	72	78	65	82	70

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Gaines	Adams	88	60	86	94	74	86	60	94	82	92	83	75	92	50
DT	Jovan	Haye	87	74	70	74	89	66	60	74	86	79	87	86	65	68
LE	Marques	Douglas	86	82	70	78	85	68	65	78	87	78	86	84	80	70
RE	Greg	White	85	65	82	88	72	78	64	88	80	90	78	77	80	55
DT	Chris	Hovan	84	75	66	88	86	65	55	88	80	86	83	82	84	70
LE	Kevin	Carter	82	80	65	72	86	60	68	72	85	80	84	80	74	72
DT	Ryan	Sims	79	64	62	77	89	62	58	77	84	74	87	82	65	55
LE	Jimmy	Wilkerson	77	65	74	82	80	72	65	82	72	82	74	72	78	58
DT	Greg	Peterson	73	55	74	79	84	68	60	79	79	80	76	74	75	48
DT	Dre	Moore	72	38	75	84	91	68	74	84	85	66	83	70	75	37

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Derrick	Brooks	93	90	80	80	80	71	84	72	86	77	90	90	90	80	85
LOLB	Cato	June	91	86	84	86	88	66	72	63	76	72	88	93	85	75	84
MLB	Barrett	Ruud	89	87	82	77	90	78	80	70	66	89	93	94	86	50	70
LOLB	Quincy	Black	74	66	87	84	88	66	70	50	55	66	79	86	60	60	70
MLB	Teddy	Lehman	71	70	82	78	84	69	66	65	67	80	80	84	68	45	65
ROLB	Adam	Hayward	68	55	88	86	88	70	70	55	75	70	77	85	48	50	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Ronde	Barber	92	88	94	92	62	78	94	91	71	91	94	78	96	97	56
Phillip	Buchanon	82	96	95	74	44	69	95	89	48	70	74	83	83	68	36
Aqib	Talib	80	91	93	52	56	78	92	97	58	82	50	82	82	80	48
Sammy	Davis	72	91	92	58	52	60	93	87	53	77	56	80	75	62	39

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Jermaine	Phillips	88	72	87	69	83	88	55	85	87	87	70	65	75	36	92
FS	Tanard	Jackson	87	70	89	52	91	91	72	90	74	80	69	78	84	68	86
FS	Eugene	Wilson	84	64	90	62	88	88	66	87	71	82	70	79	82	65	72
SS	Sabby	Piscitelli	74	65	91	62	90	92	68	89	70	80	59	70	70	60	60

ľ	First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
ľ	Matt	Bryant	89	94	91	54	15	42	31	16

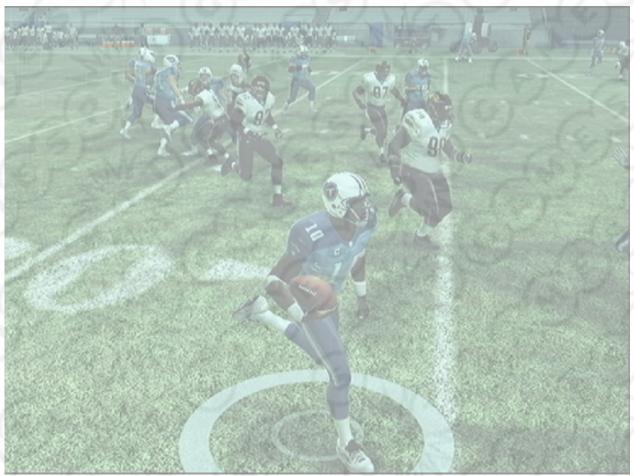
Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Josh	Bidwell	84	92	89	52	23	24	47	41

Tennessee Titans

- '07 Record: 10-6 (3rd in AFC South)
- '07 Offensive Stats: 311.7 yards per game (21st in NFL)
- '07 Defensive Stats: 291.6 yards allowed per game (5th in NFL)
- '07 Points Scored Per Game: 18.8 points per game (22nd in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 18.6 points allowed per game (8th in NFL)



With Michael Vick no longer in the NFL, Vince Young is Madden 09's fastest starting quarterback.

Tennessee Titans quarterback Vince Young didn't live up to his lofty 2007 expectations (Madden cover curse?). Still, he's versatile in Madden. With Michael Vick no longer in the game, Vince Young is the best balance between pass and run (90 speed and 93 acceleration provides mobility). But Vince may have to carry the offense because the receiving corp is one of the worst rated in the game (utilize former Falcon Alge Crumpler as a primary receiving target) and the running backs lack a breakaway star.

Starter LenDale White provides better power inside but use packages to insert rookie Chris Johnson into the lineup and take advantage of his 97 speed and 98 acceleration. The Titans are stout on defense (ranked 5th last year in yards allowed and 8th in points allowed). Top defenders include Power Move D-Lineman Albert Haynesworth and highly rated linebacker Keith Bulluck.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Vince	Young	88	70	93	84	90	93	69	92	74	94	92	96
Kerry	Collins	79	79	92	82	47	52	66	49	45	35	93	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Justin	Gage	80	89	91	67	79	84	70	89	94	64	67	67	55	68	77	80	78
Brandon	Jones	80	91	90	56	79	85	70	90	88	84	85	72	45	70	85	82	80
Roydell	Williams	79	90	91	54	77	83	65	89	82	80	77	63	29	80	82	79	79

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Justin	McCareins	77	90	87	65	74	78	65	86	88	71	72	62	65	78	82	80	78
Chris	Davis	73	93	95	49	59	79	78	95	82	93	89	88	36	74	92	73	75
Mike	Williams	72	85	80	74	64	78	66	80	94	55	60	50	85	88	65	70	75
Lavelle	Hawkins	72	93	92	44	49	78	68	94	90	95	90	85	40	78	94	71	77
Paul	Williams	68	89	91	53	44	78	64	92	84	88	82	84	45	72	82	72	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
LenDale	White	84	87	87	82	86	72	92	83	82	72	92	94	92	65	90	47
Chris	Henry	78	94	92	66	55	74	79	92	89	82	60	68	84	82	90	30
Chris	Johnson	77	97	98	65	40	85	77	95	96	86	45	56	72	92	90	35

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Ahmard	Hall	84	77	75	75	68	66	78	70	58	42	65	75	70	65	54

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Alge	Crumpler	86	78	74	74	80	82	70	72	77	80	74	88	75	85	72	86	80
Во	Scaife	81	83	85	66	82	85	68	78	83	76	65	72	45	74	70	80	85
Craig	Stevens	77	82	76	80	42	77	65	76	70	55	40	40	65	62	55	74	68

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	РВК	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
С	Kevin	Mawae	94	95	60	73	88	58	91	93	90	91	92	93	90
RG	Jake	Scott	92	92	58	70	86	64	90	94	85	84	94	91	93
RT	David	Stewart	88	80	50	62	92	52	92	91	91	94	85	93	79
LT	Michael	Roos	88	85	56	74	89	62	91	88	89	93	88	92	92
LG	Eugene	Amano	77	69	58	68	86	56	83	83	71	82	66	82	65
LG	Leroy	Harris	77	65	52	62	88	52	83	78	82	87	77	88	72
LT	Daniel	Loper	75	70	54	60	82	54	80	88	80	80	75	85	74
RG	Enoka	Lucas	68	46	48	68	85	55	78	77	72	84	75	82	74
RT	Michael	Otto	66	57	50	62	86	48	74	79	76	82	85	86	85
С	Jason	Murphy	65	44	62	72	86	60	74	74	75	84	70	82	65

Docition	First	Last	OVD	AMD	CDD	ACC	CTD	ACI	POW	ACC	DMM	EN/IV/	DCII	TAK	DUD	DDC	
Position	Name	Name	OVR	AVVR	SPD	ACC	SIR	AGI	POW	ACC	PIVIV	FIVIV	ВЗП	IAK	PUR	PRC	

DT	Albert	Haynesworth	98	79	64	85	98	62	70	85	98	77	98	85	78	75
RE	Kyle	Vanden Bosch	93	80	74	75	84	70	62	75	94	86	93	80	87	80
DT	Tony	Brown	86	72	66	80	87	65	60	80	86	84	88	82	79	77
LE	Bryce	Fisher	81	68	77	79	78	72	46	79	76	84	82	78	84	64
LE	Jevon	Kearse	81	68	82	84	70	80	57	84	68	88	70	70	86	68
RE	Jason	Jones	74	46	78	80	82	72	72	80	84	78	78	70	78	40
DT	Kevin	Vickerson	73	58	67	70	85	64	60	70	80	78	80	74	70	48
DT	Antonio	Johnson	71	48	70	79	87	68	60	79	82	78	78	70	70	40
LE	William	Hayes	71	35	85	88	72	78	78	88	72	78	75	70	85	38

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Keith	Bulluck	97	82	86	86	88	74	90	77	88	90	91	92	86	75	85
LOLB	David	Thornton	89	87	77	76	83	74	79	70	75	87	92	94	84	65	70
MLB	Stephen	Tulloch	79	77	80	83	85	72	80	58	72	84	85	90	69	55	70
MLB	Ryan	Fowler	79	79	78	79	84	74	78	47	67	84	85	90	73	50	65
ROLB	Stanford	Keglar	75	46	84	86	87	76	78	65	65	77	78	86	55	65	75
LOLB	Josh	Stamer	67	69	73	70	75	72	69	55	70	85	79	84	58	40	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nick	Harper	88	88	90	88	56	78	88	84	70	83	85	85	90	82	42
Cortland	Finnegan	88	92	93	85	60	74	91	92	79	82	72	88	80	84	68
Reynaldo	Hill	75	89	90	66	46	67	89	87	60	83	60	80	82	62	41
Eric	King	71	90	93	65	44	65	90	83	52	75	59	76	73	60	40
Chris	Carr	71	93	94	60	40	64	89	77	51	68	57	79	76	60	45

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Chris	Hope	92	78	88	68	84	90	65	86	88	88	74	65	85	48	85
FS	Michael	Griffin	88	65	92	63	92	94	72	92	66	86	71	75	85	70	82
FS	Vincent	Fuller	78	60	88	60	86	89	66	84	65	79	60	77	80	66	68
SS	Calvin	Lowry	77	70	86	60	85	88	65	84	78	84	65	50	75	40	68
SS	Donnie	Nickey	69	68	85	60	82	81	60	82	74	79	55	60	60	30	63

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA	
Rob	Bironas	91	97	91	42	13	40	26	10	

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Craig	Hentrich	77	90	85	57	12	48	67	62

Washington Redskins

• '07 Record: 9-7 (3rd in NFC East)

• '07 Offensive Stats: 333.4 yards per game (15th in NFL)

• '07 Defensive Stats: 305.2 yards allowed per game (8th in NFL)

• '07 Points Scored Per Game: 20.9 points per game (18th in NFL)

• '07 Points Allowed Per Game: 19.4 points allowed per game (11th in NFL)

The Washington Redskins snuck into the playoffs last year losing in the first round to the Seattle Seahawks. Despite an injury late in the season, Jason Campbell returns as the Redskins' starter (backup Todd Collins has similar ratings basically flipping better accuracy for less power and he's far less mobile). The Redskins have fast downfield targets including Santana Moss and former Steeler Antwaan Randle El. Don't forget the tight end position-Chris Cooley is one of the best in the game.

Clinton Portis returned to form last season with a strong season. He provides decent outside speed; run to the left and take advantage of Crushing Run Blocker Chris Samuels. Defensive stars include Smart Linebacker London Fletcher-Baker and Big Hitter strong safety LeRon Landry.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jason	Campbell	86	77	93	85	69	67	58	68	60	58	92	90
Todd	Collins	85	86	86	92	52	50	54	51	45	39	80	85
Colt	Brennan	73	55	87	86	66	62	46	63	60	60	87	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Santana	Moss	87	97	98	44	84	86	60	98	85	97	96	88	30	82	98	81	88
Antwaan	Randle El	83	94	97	52	84	84	74	97	83	96	96	92	54	74	98	70	85
Malcolm	Kelly	81	92	90	70	57	84	76	91	95	80	70	70	65	90	84	85	77
Devin	Thomas	80	94	91	75	55	83	74	94	92	90	85	80	78	82	87	84	76
Anthony	Mix	75	92	88	72	66	80	60	88	92	65	60	70	60	88	70	72	71
James	Thrash	75	91	89	53	82	80	65	84	80	78	74	80	37	70	70	70	78

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	РВК
Clinton	Portis	91	93	95	70	87	74	83	94	92	88	88	70	88	91	95	46
Ladell	Betts	84	88	90	73	85	68	85	89	84	72	87	85	87	82	85	25
Rock	Cartwright	73	91	88	78	69	62	82	82	65	73	77	88	88	55	75	45

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	РВК
Mike	Sellers	85	72	66	84	66	66	76	58	40	40	65	75	86	70	64

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	СТН	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chris	Cooley	92	85	84	68	85	88	72	85	85	77	72	80	70	79	74	89	93
Fred	Davis	77	85	82	65	54	82	68	86	90	65	60	60	55	82	76	79	80
Tyler	Ecker	70	68	68	72	59	74	70	66	80	45	40	45	65	55	45	58	60

Offensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Chris	Samuels	96	90	54	74	96	60	95	94	94	96	88	95	89
RG	Randy	Thomas	92	87	55	72	92	54	90	93	87	87	92	93	92
RT	Jon	Jansen	90	87	49	65	95	52	93	91	92	93	79	90	78
LG	Pete	Kendall	86	88	52	70	86	52	86	87	82	84	84	88	84
С	Casey	Rabach	84	84	53	65	87	52	88	87	86	89	76	85	80
RG	Jason	Fabini	83	85	47	62	89	48	85	86	82	88	80	86	79
RT	Todd	Wade	78	74	47	60	88	48	89	84	82	92	74	84	69
LT	Stephon	Heyer	76	65	48	62	92	49	82	85	80	88	70	90	60
LG	Chad	Rinehart	73	40	58	76	90	59	80	78	80	89	76	85	72
С	Justin	Geisinger	67	55	49	53	89	50	84	79	76	80	64	79	66

Defensive Line

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Jason	Taylor	98	84	85	90	77	83	70	90	75	96	84	80	93	85
RE	Andre	Carter	88	78	78	84	75	74	54	84	79	87	83	82	84	70
DT	Cornelius	Griffin	88	80	65	78	86	64	56	78	89	72	92	82	80	80
DT	Anthony	Montgomery	85	79	48	55	93	46	47	55	92	68	93	86	72	74
LE	Phillip	Daniels	84	84	68	72	85	64	57	72	84	72	86	84	75	85
DT	Kedric	Golston	75	60	61	80	84	62	55	80	82	55	85	85	64	60
RE	Erasmus	James	74	52	77	79	72	73	55	79	78	82	77	66	85	55
LE	Demetric	Evans	72	68	72	76	75	68	51	76	77	68	79	78	60	60
DT	Lorenzo	Alexander	72	58	64	74	87	62	65	74	82	56	80	75	65	48
RE	Chris	Wilson	71	56	76	78	70	70	68	78	70	78	74	78	78	48

Linebackers

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	London	Fletcher- Baker	96	93	82	85	85	70	82	65	84	94	97	98	93	68	80
LOLB	Marcus	Washin- gton	89	85	82	82	82	76	75	65	75	87	90	90	85	65	64
ROLB	Rocky	McIntosh	88	79	84	85	88	68	78	55	70	85	87	89	79	67	77
MLB	H.B.	Blades	74	70	77	77	79	68	74	55	70	78	85	88	66	55	75
LOLB	Khary	Campbell	70	68	78	76	79	68	77	58	74	74	80	82	60	50	59
ROLB	Rian	Wallace	65	62	73	71	78	74	55	66	76	79	83	80	65	40	50

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	СТН	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Carlos	Rogers	89	91	92	80	66	65	92	93	68	86	72	92	89	93	51
Shawn	Springs	88	88	90	88	55	66	88	93	64	80	88	88	92	89	40
Fred	Smoot	87	92	94	80	45	69	94	91	59	80	72	92	88	82	42
Justin	Tyron	74	93	95	44	58	63	93	88	56	85	40	80	77	79	52
Leigh	Torrence	72	89	89	50	50	69	90	85	60	82	50	79	77	68	52

Safeties

Position	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	СТН	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	LaRon	Landry	93	64	94	80	94	97	67	96	84	92	66	65	85	44	94
FS	Stuart	Schweigert	76	66	90	62	86	90	58	83	66	85	64	55	75	45	84
FS	Reed	Doughty	75	69	87	63	84	88	59	79	78	80	68	55	70	40	68
SS	Vernon	Fox	71	64	86	60	80	88	60	74	71	80	65	66	70	46	62
FS	Chris	Horton	66	42	90	62	88	88	60	82	78	85	44	55	65	60	85

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Shaun	Suisham	82	91	91	43	13	40	26	10

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Durant	Brooks	80	95	85	52	30	47	45	45
Derrick	Frost	76	89	86	62	10	40	45	45

Chapter 3 - Read & React Weapons

The player weapon feature returns for Madden 09. Essentially the player weapons are a visual representation of a player's statistics

and skills. It will help you read defenses-you can instantly spot where your opponent's Shutdown Corner is lined up or where your opponent's Brick Wall Defenders stand.

This section covers Madden 09's read and react player weapons. You'll find descriptions for each weapon and all players that feature that weapon. Also included is the player statistic tied into that weapon. Note that these player weapons and statistics are based off of the day one Madden 09 roster update.

Cannon Arm QB

The Cannon Arm QB player weapon is tied into the quarterback's throw power rating-signal callers with over a 95 throw power rating possess the weapon. The following quarterbacks can throw the farthest deep passes and the fastest bullet passes (hold down the receiver button to throw a bullet pass).

PLAYER	TEAM	THROW POWER RATING
Tom Brady	New England Patriots	99
JaMarcus Russell	Oakland Raiders	98
Brett Favre	New York Jets	98
Joe Flacco	Baltimore Ravens	97
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	97
Derek Anderson	Cleveland Browns	96
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	96
Jay Cutler	Denver Broncos	95
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh Steelers	95
Rex Grossman	Chicago Bears	95
Chad Henne	Miami Dolphins	95
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia Eagles	95

Accurate QB

The Accurate QB player weapon relates to the quarterback's throw accuracy rating. These quarterbacks will be more precise on their throws, though all quarterbacks are less accurate on deep balls or while the quarterback is on the run.

PLAYER	TEAM	THROW ACCURACY RATING
Tom Brady	New England Patriots	99
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	99
Tony Romo	Dallas Cowboys	96
Drew Brees	New Orleans Saints	96
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	95
Philip Rivers	San Diego Chargers	95
Marc Bulger	St. Louis Rams	94
Eli Manning	New York Giants	94
David Garrard	Jacksonville Jaguars	93
Matt Hasselbeck	Seattle Seahawks	93

Smart QB

The Smart QB weapon is a reflection of the quarterback's awareness rating-Super Bowl MVPs Peyton Manning and Tom Brady have the highest possible awareness rating in the game. Awareness also affects the size of the passing vision cone. If the opposing defense calls the same play over and over again, the Smart QB can use the coach's cam (right trigger) and press the left shoulder button to reveal the defense's playart. Counter the ability by calling a diverse selection of defensive plays.

PLAYER	TEAM	AWARENESS RATING
Tom Brady	New England Patriots	100
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	100
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	93

Speed QB

These quarterbacks are the fastest in the game. A scrambling quarterback adds a different element to the offense. If the Offensive Line protection breaks down, these quarterbacks have little trouble avoiding the penetration and can scamper outside the pocket or even start downfield as a ball carrier.

PLAYER	TEAM	SPEED RATING
Vince Young	Tennessee Titans	90
Josh Johnson	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	88
Tarvaris Jackson	Minnesota Vikings	86
Dennis Dixon	Pittsburgh Steelers	85
Seneca Wallace	Seattle Seahawks	85

Elusive Back

The Elusive Back weapon relates to the elusiveness rating. Elusive Backs are generally tougher to wrap up and can spin or juke their way out of a tackle (these backs are generally higher in spin move and juke move ratings than trucking or stiff arms). Being generally smaller than Power Backs, the Elusive Backs are vulnerable to Brick Wall Defenders and Big Hitters-they'll fall backward instead of forward and could be more susceptible to fumbling if you overdo sprint or special moves. Cover the ball! Note that there are several rookies making the cut here, including Darren McFadden of the Oakland Raiders and Felix Jones of the Dallas Cowboys.

PLAYER	TEAM	ELUSIVENESS RATING
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	99
Adrian Peterson	Minnesota Vikings	99
Brian Westbrook	Philadelphia Eagles	98
Reggie Bush	New Orleans Saints	96
DeAngelo Williams	Carolina Panthers	95
Darren Sproles	San Diego Chargers	95
Joseph Addai	Indianapolis Colts	94
Lorenzo Booker	Philadelphia Eagles	93
Fred Taylor	Jacksonville Jaguars	93
Maurice Jones-Drew	Jacksonville Jaguars	93
Leon Washington	New York Jets	93
Darren McFadden	Oakland Raiders	92
Steven Jackson	St. Louis Rams	92
Felix Jones	Dallas Cowboys	92
Chris Johnson	Tennessee Titans	92

Power Back

The Power Back weapon is associated with the player's trucking rating. These backs are generally better at knocking off defenders with power moves like the truck stick and stiff arms than using spin and juke moves. Power Backs also have a greater tendency to fall forward for additional yardage. Tackle a Power Back with a Brick Wall Defender or Big Hitter by using the hit stick down to take

out the Power Back's legs. One fullback makes the cut: Greg Jones of the Jacksonville Jaguars.

PLAYER	TEAM	TRUCKING RATING
Marion Barber	Dallas Cowboys	99
Steven Jackson	St. Louis Rams	98
Brandon Jacobs	New York Giants	98
Larry Johnson	Kansas City Chiefs	97
Jamal Lewis	Cleveland Browns	97
Maurice Jones-Drew	Jacksonville Jaguars	95
Marshawn Lynch	Buffalo Bills	95
Rudi Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	94
Ronnie Brown	Miami Dolphins	94
Michael Turner	Atlanta Falcons	94
Laurence Maroney	New England Patriots	94
Greg Jones	Jacksonville Jaguars	94
Willis McGahee	Baltimore Ravens	93
TJ Duckett	Seattle Seahawks	93
Fred Taylor	Jacksonville Jaguars	93
Deuce McAllister	New Orleans Saints	93
Ryan Grant	Green Bay Packers	92
Najeh Davenport	Pittsburgh Steelers	92
LenDale White	Tennessee Titans	92
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	92
Frank Gore	San Francisco 49ers	92
Edgerrin James	Arizona Cardinals	92
Adrian Peterson	Minneosta Vikings	92
Rashard Mendenhall	Pittsburgh Steelers	91
Thomas Jones	New York Jets	90
Matt Forte	Chicago Bears	90
Jonathan Stewart	Carolina Panthers	90
Earnest Graham	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	90

Stiff Arm Ball Carrier

The players with the highest stiff arm rating in the game have the Stiff Arm Ball Carrier weapon. These players have strong stiff arms capable of shedding defenders. Beware that you're more susceptible to fumbles while using special moves, especially from Big Hitters (and attempts to strip the ball).

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	STIFF ARM RATING
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	RB	98
Willis McGahee	Baltimore Ravens	RB	98
Steven Jackson	St. Louis Rams	RB	97
Laurence Maroney	New England Patriots	RB	97
Edgerrin James	Arizona Cardinals	RB	97
Rudi Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	RB	96
Jamal Lewis	Cleveland Browns	RB	96
Larry Johnson	Kansas City Chiefs	RB	96
Greg Jones	Jacksonville Jaguars	FB	96
Terrell Owens	Dallas Cowboys	WR	96

Marion Barber	Dallas Cowboys	RB	95
Brandon Jacobs	New York Giants	RB	95
Darren McFadden	Oakland Raiders	RB	95
Deuce McAllister	New Orleans Saints	RB	95
Adrian Peterson	Minnesota Vikings	RB	95
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	WR	95

Possession Receiver

The new catch in traffic rating corresponds to the Possession Receiver weapon. These receivers (and some tight ends) are the best at catching the ball in traffic. Performing a user catch (doing the action yourself) will assist in holding onto the ball. Big Hitters are best at jarring the ball loose from the Possession Receivers.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	CATCH IN TRAFFIC RATING
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	WR	99
TJ Houshmanzadeh	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	99
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh Steelers	WR	97
Terrell Owens	Dallas Cowboys	WR	97
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	WR	97
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City Chiefs	TE	97
Wes Welker	New England Patriots	WR	95
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	WR	95
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	WR	95
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	WR	95
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	WR	94
Jerricho Cotchery	New York Jets	WR	94
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	TE	94
Kellen Winslow	Cleveland Browns	TE	94
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	WR	92
Joe Jurevicius	Cleveland Browns	WR	92
Jason Witten	Dallas Cowboys	TE	92
Jeremy Shockey	New Orleans Saints	TE	92
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	WR	91
Todd Heap	Baltimore Ravens	TE	91
Dwayne Bowe	Kansas City Chiefs	WR	90
Plaxico Burress	New York Giants	WR	90
Donald Driver	Green Bay Packers	WR	90
Derrick Mason	Baltimore Ravens	WR	90
Brandon Marshall	Denver Broncos	WR	90
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	90
Heath Miller	Pittsburgh Steelers	TE	90

Quick Receiver

The Quick Receiver weapon is associated with a player's route running rating. Receivers with high route running are better at shaking defenders and can beat press coverage. Counter a Quick Receiver with a Shutdown Corner. Note that some of the game's best tight ends are also skilled route runners.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	ROUTE RUNNING RATING

Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	WR	99
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	WR	98
Wes Welker	New England Patriots	WR	97
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	WR	97
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	97
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City Chiefs	TE	97
Terrell Owens	Dallas Cowboys	WR	96
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	WR	96
TJ Houshmanzadeh	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	95
Dallas Clark	Indianapolis Colts	TE	95
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	TE	95
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	WR	94
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	WR	94
Bobby Engram	Seattle Seahawks	WR	94
Jason Witten	Dallas Cowboys	TE	94
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	WR	93
Donald Driver	Green Bay Packers	WR	93
Braylon Edwards	Cleveland Browns	WR	93
Roddy White	Atlanta Falcons	WR	93
Plaxico Burress	New York Giants	WR	93
Chris Cooley	Washington Redskins	TE	93
Kellen Winslow	Cleveland Browns	TE	93
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	WR	92
Greg Jennings	Green Bay Packers	WR	92
Deion Branch	Seattle Seahawks	WR	92
Todd Heap	Baltimore Ravens	TE	92
Jeremy Shockey	New Orleans Saints	TE	92
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	WR	91

Hands

The Hands player weapon is associated with a player's catch rating: the higher the catch rating, the better chance the player has of catching a pass. Most of these players are Wide Receivers and tight ends but there's a Hands receiver running back: Brian Westbrook of Philadelphia.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	CATCH RATING
TJ Houshmanzadeh	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	98
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	WR	98
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	WR	97
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	WR	97
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	WR	97
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	WR	95
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	WR	95
Patrick Crayton	Dallas Cowboys	WR	94
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	WR	94
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	94
Derrick Mason	Baltimore Ravens	WR	94
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas Chiefs	TE	94
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh Steelers	WR	93

Jerricho Cotchery	New York Jets	WR	93
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	WR	93
Isaac Bruce	San Francisco 49ers	WR	92
Plaxico Burress	New York Giants	WR	92
Roy Williams	Detroit Lions	WR	92
Wes Welker	New England Patriots	WR	92
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	WR	91
Dallas Clark	Indianapolis Colts	TE	91
Donald Driver	Green Bay Packers	WR	90
Greg Jennings	Green Bay Packers	WR	90
Muhsin Muhammad	Carolina Panthers	WR	90
Bobby Engram	Seattle Seahawks	WR	90
Joe Jurevicius	Cleveland Browns	WR	90
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	WR	90
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	TE	90
Brian Westbrook	Philadelphia Eagles	RB	90

Spectacular Catch Receiver

The Spectacular Catch Receiver weapon means that these following receivers can perform the toughest catches in the game-leaping, stretching, and one-arming the ball. The spectacular catch animation can leave the player vulnerable to a Big Hitter, which could jar the ball loose. Several rookies make the cut, including Mario Manningham of the New York Giants, Limas Sweed of the Pittsburgh Steelers, and James Hardy of the Buffalo Bills. Three tight ends also feature the spectacular catch weapon.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	SPECTACULAR CATCH RATING
Braylon Edwards	Cleveland Browns	WR	100
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	WR	99
Plaxico Burress	New York Giants	WR	98
Chris Chambers	San Diego Chargers	WR	97
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	WR	97
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	96
Sidney Rice	Minnesota Vikings	WR	95
Brandon Marshall	Denver Broncos	WR	95
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	WR	95
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	WR	95
Matt Jones	Jacksonville Jaguars	WR	94
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	WR	94
Roy Williams	Detroit Lions	WR	93
Mario Manningham	New York Giants	WR	93
Dwayne Bowe	Kansas City Chiefs	WR	92
Javon Walker	Oakland Raiders	WR	92
Dwayne Jarrett	Carolina Panthers	WR	92
Limas Sweed	Pittsburgh Steelers	WR	92
Kellen Winslow	Cleveland Browns	TE	92
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	TE	92
Drew Bennett	St. Louis Rams	WR	91
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	WR	91
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City Chiefs	TE	91
Demetrius Williams	Baltimore Ravens	WR	90

Malcolm Kelly	Washington Redskins	WR	90
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	WR	90
James Hardy	Buffalo Bills	WR	90

Crushing Run Blocker

Focus your rushing attack behind Crushing Run Blockers. Call running plays that open lanes between or around your team's Crushing Run Blockers. It's not surprising that some of the league's best running backs, such as LaDainian Tomlinson, Adrian Peterson, Marion Barber, and Maurice Jones-Drew run behind Crushing Run Blockers. Defensive players with the Power Move D-Lineman weapon are the best counter for the Crushing Run Blocker.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	RUN BLOCK STRENGTH RATING
Leonard Davis	Dallas Cowboys	RG	99
Shawn Andrews	Philadelphia Eagles	RG	99
Steve Hutchinson	Minnesota Vikings	LG	99
Bryant McKinnie	Minnesota Vikings	LT	98
Flozell Adams	Dallas Cowboys	LT	98
Marcus McNeil	San Diego Chargers	LT	97
Joe Thomas	Cleveland Browns	LT	96
William Thomas	Philadelphia Eagles	LT	96
Vince Manuwai	Jacksonville Jaguars	LG	96
Chris Samuels	Washington Redskins	LT	96
Derrick Dockery	Buffalo Bills	LG	96
Walter Jones	Seattle Seahawks	LT	95
Alan Faneca	New York Jets	LG	95
Chris Snee	New York Giants	RG	95
Brad Meester	Jacksonville Jaguars	С	95
Andre Gurode	Dallas Cowboys	С	95
Jake Long	Miami Dolphins	LT	95
Brian Waters	Kansas City Chiefs	LG	95
Nick Hardwick	San Diego Chargers	С	95
Ovie Mughelli	Atlanta Falcons	FB	95

Pass Blocker

The Pass Blocker weapon helps protect pocket passers from the incoming defensive rush. These linemen offer the best pass protection for their quarterbacks and are best countered by Finesse Move D-Linemen.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	PASS BLOCK STRENGTH RATING
Flozell Adams	Dallas Cowboys	LT	98
Jason Peters	Buffalo Bills	LT	97
Joe Thomas	Cleveland Browns	LT	97
Matt Light	New England Patriots	LT	97
Bryant McKinnie	Minnesota Vikings	LT	97
Logan Mankins	New England Patriots	LG	96
Kareem McKenzie	New York Giants	RT	96
Mark Tauscher	Green Bay Packers	RT	96
Jeff Saturday	Indianapolis Colts	С	96
Williams Thomas	Philadelphia Eagles	LT	95

Shawn Andrews	Philadelphia Eagles	RG	95
Eric Steinbach	Cleveland Browns	LG	95
Marcus McNeil	San Diego Chargers	LT	95
Chad Clifton	Green Bay Packers	LT	95
Dan Koppen	New England Patriots	С	95
Orlando Pace	St. Louis Rams	LT	95
Chris Samuels	Washington Redskins	LT	95
Jamaal Brown	New Orleans Saints	LT	95
Walter Jones	Seattle Seahawks	LT	94
Andre Gurode	Dallas Cowboys	С	94

Speed

This weapon is simple: these players are the fastest in the league. These players include Wide Receivers, Cornerbacks, running backs, and kick returners. The Chicago Bears' explosive Devin Hester leads the pack with a perfect 100 speed rating. Hester is the league's best kick returner but he can also be utilized at wide receiver.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	SPEED RATING
Devin Hester	Chicago Bears	WR/KR	100
DeAngelo Hall	Oakland Raiders	СВ	99
Lee Evans	Buffalo Bills	WR	98
Devery Henderson	New Orleans Saints	WR	98
Justin Miller	New York Jets	СВ	98
Fabian Washington	Baltimore Ravens	СВ	98
Tye Hill	St. Louis Rams	СВ	98
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	WR	98
Ted Ginn	Miami Dolphins	WR/KR	98
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	WR	97
Yamon Figurs	Baltimore Ravens	WR	97
Darren McFadden	Oakland Raiders	RB	97
Chris Johnson	Tennessee Titans	RB	97
DeSean Jackson	Philadelphia Eagles	WR	97
Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie	Arizona Cardinals	СВ	97
Justin King	St. Louis Rams	СВ	97
Eddie Royal	Denver Broncos	WR	97
Dexter Jackson	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	WR	97
Orlando Scandrick	Dallas Cowboys	СВ	97
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	СВ	97
Santana Moss	Washington Redskins	WR	97
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	WR	97
Joey Galloway	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	WR	97
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	WR	97
Donte Stallworth	Cleveland Browns	WR	97
Brian Westbrook	Philadelphia Eagles	RB	97
Terence Newman	Dallas Cowboys	СВ	97
Reggie Bush	New Orleans Saints	RB	97
Antonio Cromartie	San Diego Chargers	СВ	97
Johnathan Joseph	Cincinnati Bengals	СВ	97
Stanford Routt	Oakland Raiders	СВ	97

Willie Parker	Pittsburgh Steelers	RB	97
Bernard Berrian	Minnesota Vikings	WR	97
Dunta Robinson	Houston Texans	СВ	96
Troy Williamson	Jacksonville Jaguars	WR	96
Roscoe Parrish	Buffalo Bills	WR	96
Darren Sproles	San Diego Chargers	RB	96
Santonio Holmes	Pittsburgh Steelers	WR	96
Tim Jennings	Indianapolis Colts	СВ	96
Jerious Norwood	Atlanta Falcons	RB	96
Greg Jennings	Green Bay Packers	WR	96
Kevin Curtis	Philadelphia Eagles	WR	96
Chris Johnson	Oakland Raiders	СВ	96
Andre Davis	Houston Texans	WR	96
Will Allen	Miami Dolphins	СВ	96
Phillip Buchanon	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	СВ	96
Terrell Owens	Dallas Cowboys	WR	96
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	96
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	RB	96
Michael Bennett	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	RB	96
Tyvon Branch	Oakland Raiders	СВ	96
Felix Jones	Dallas Cowboys	RB	96
Jamaal Charles	Kansas City Chiefs	RB	96
Andre Caldwell	Cincinnati Bengals	WR	96
Donnie Avery	St. Louis Rams	WR	96
Jonathan Wade	St. Louis Rams	СВ	96
Adrian Peterson	Minnesota Vikings	RB	96
Chris Houston	Atlanta Falcons	СВ	96

Finesse Move D-Lineman

These defenders are best with finesse moves to shed offensive blockers. The Finesse Move D-Lineman weapon is associated with the players' finesse move rating; these defenders are some of the best pass rushers in the game.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	FINESSE MOVE RATING
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas Cowboys	ROLB	98
Julius Peppers	Carolina Panthers	RE	97
Terrell Suggs	Baltimore Ravens	ROLB	96
Osi Umenyiora	New York Giants	RE	96
Jason Taylor	Washington Redskins	LE	96
Dwight Freeney	Indianapolis Colts	RE	96
Robert Mathis	Indianapolis Colts	LE	96
Jared Allen	Minnesota Vikings	RE	96
Mario Williams	Houston Texans	RE	95
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	ROLB	95
Kamerion Wimbley	Cleveland Browns	ROLB	94
Adewale Ogunleye	Chicago Bears	LE	94
Trent Cole	Philadelphia Eagles	RE	94
Kevin Williams	Minnesota Vikings	DT	94
Tommie Harris	Chicago Bears	DT	93

Will Smith	New Orleans Saints	RE	93
Mike Vrabel	Carolina Panthers	LOLB	93
Derrick Burgess	Oakland Raiders	LE	93
Adalius Thomas	New England Patriots	ROLB	92
Kabeer Gbaja-Biamila	Green Bay Packers	RE	92
John Abraham	Atlanta Falcons	RE	92
Elvis Dumervil	Denver Broncos	RE	92
Corey Williams	Cleveland Browns	LE	92
Gaines Adams	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	RE	92
Shaun Phillips	San Diego Chargers	LOLB	92
Julian Peterson	Seattle Seahawks	ROLB	92

Power Move D-Lineman

The Power Move D-Lineman weapon is tied to the defenders' power move rating. These defenders use strength and power moves to bull rush the offense.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	POWER MOVE RATING
Pat Williams	Minnesota Vikings	DT	99
Casey Hampton	Pittsburgh Steelers	DT	98
Albert Haynesworth	Tennessee Titans	DT	98
Shaun Rogers	Cleveland Browns	DT	98
Jamal Williams	San Diego Chargers	DT	98
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	ROLB	98
Marcus Stroud	Buffalo Bills	DT	97
John Henderson	Jacksonville Jaguars	DT	97
Richard Seymour	New England Patriots	RE	96
Luis Castillo	Baltimore Ravens	LE	96
Haloti Ngata	Baltimore Ravens	RE	96
Kevin Williams	Minnesota Vikings	DT	95
Mario Williams	Houston Texans	RE	95
Elvis Dumervil	Denver Broncos	RE	95
Adalius Thomas	New England Patriots	ROLB	95
Aaron Kampman	Green Bay Packers	LE	95
Vince Wilfork	New England Patriots	DT	95
Kris Jenkins	New York Jets	DT	95
Darnell Dockett	Arizona Cardinals	DT	94
Kyle Vanden Bosch	Tennessee Titans	RE	94
Aaron Smith	Pittsburgh Steelers	LE	94
Patrick Kerney	Seattle Seahawks	LE	93
Trevor Pryce	Baltimore Ravens	LE	93
Tommie Harris	Chicago Bears	DT	93
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas Cowboys	ROLB	93
Joey Porter	Miami Dolphins	ROLB	93
Justin Tuck	New York Giants	LE	93

Shutdown Corner

The strongest man coverage Cornerbacks are given the Shutdown Corner weapon. You can count on these defenders in single coverage against the opposition's top receiver. These corners may not be as strong in zone defenses.

PLAYER	TEAM	MAN COVERAGE RATING
Nnamdi Asomugha	Oakland Raiders	99
Terence Newman	Dallas Cowboys	96
Rashean Mathis	Jacksonville Jaguars	95
Al Harris	Green Bay Packers	95
Terrence McGee	Buffalo Bills	95
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	95
Mike McKenzie	New Orleans Saints	94
Marcus Trufant	Seattle Seahawks	94
Lito Sheppard	Philadelphia Eagles	94
Asante Samuel	Philadelphia Eagles	94
Sheldon Brown	Philadelphia Eagles	93
Charles Tillman	Chicago Bears	93
Deshea Townsend	Pittsburgh Steelers	93
Ike Taylor	Pittsburgh Steelers	93
Leigh Bodden	Detroit Lions	93
DeAngelo Hall	Oakland Raiders	93
Chris McAlister	Baltimore Ravens	92
Fred Smoot	Washington Redskins	92
Carlos Rogers	Washington Redskins	92
Kelly Jennings	Seattle Seahawks	92
Quentin Jammer	San Diego Chargers	92
Nate Clements	San Francisco 49ers	92
Sam Madison	New York Giants	92

Press Coverage Corner

The Press Coverage Corner weapon is tied to the defender press rating, which determines the defenders' skill in press coverage. Using press coverage can disrupt a receiver's route at the line of scrimmage. It can be a risk or reward scenario-Quick receivers can beat the press coverage and have step on the defender for a deeper pass.

PLAYER	TEAM	PRESS RATING
Al Harris	Green Bay Packers	98
Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	97
Charles Tillman	Chicago Bears	94
Quentin Jammer	San Diego Chargers	94
Antoine Winfield	Minnesota Vikings	94
Carlos Rogers	Washington Redskins	93
Chris McAlister	Baltimore Ravens	93
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	93
Nnamdi Asomugha	Oakland Raiders	92
Charles Woodson	Green Bay Packers	92
Ike Taylor	Pittsburgh Steelers	92
Chris Houston	Atlanta Falcons	92
Nate Clements	San Francisco 49ers	92
Sam Madison	New York Giants	92

Smart Corner

The Smart Corner weapon is given to Cornerbacks with high play recognition rating. If the offense calls the same play multiple times, the smart corner can read and reveal the receiver routes and playart. Counter a Smart Corner by calling a diverse range of passing plays.

PLAYER	TEAM	PLAY RECOGNITION RATING
Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	94
Rashean Mathis	Jacksonville Jaguars	93
Al Harris	Green Bay Packers	93
Nnamdi Asomugha	Oakland Raiders	92
Asante Samuel	Philadelphia Eagles	92
Charles Woodson	Green Bay Packers	91
Chris McAlister	Baltimore Ravens	90
Antoine Winfield	Minnesota Vikings	90
Lito Sheppard	Philadelphia Eagles	90
Sam Madison	New York Giants	90
Nathan Vasher	Chicago Bears	90
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	90

Smart Linebacker

The Smart Linebacker weapon is given to Linebackers with high play recognition rating. If the offense calls the same play multiple times, the smart linebacker can read and reveal the playart between the tackles. Counter a Smart Linebacker by calling a diverse range of plays.

PLAYER	TEAM	PLAY RECOGNITION RATING
Zach Thomas	Dallas Cowboys	97
Brian Urlacher	Chicago Bears	95
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	95
Lofa Tatupu	Seattle Seahawks	94
Tedy Bruschi	New England Patriots	94
James Farrior	Pittsburgh Steelers	93
London Fletcher-Baker	Washington Redskins	93
Antonio Pierce	New York Giants	92
Mike Peterson	Jacksonville Jaguars	90
Kirk Morrison	Oakland Raiders	90
Derrick Brooks	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	90
Donnie Edwards	Kansas City Chiefs	90

Brick Wall Defender

The Brick Wall Defenders are the best tacklers in Madden 09. These defenders will consistently wrap up ball carriers, but may have a tougher time against Power Backs and Elusive Backs.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	TACKLE RATING
Zach Thomas	Dallas Cowboys	MLB	97
London Fletcher-Baker	Washington Redskins	MLB	97

Shaun Phillips	San Diego Chargers	LOLB	96
Lofa Tatupu	Seattle Seahawks	MLB	96
DeMeco Ryans	Houston Texans	MLB	96
Patrick Willis	San Francisco 49ers	MLB	96
Kirk Morrison	Oakland Raiders	MLB	95
EJ Henderson	Minnesota Vikings	MLB	95
Nick Barnett	Green Bay Packers	MLB	94
Antonio Pierce	New York Giants	MLB	94
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	MLB	94
Gary Brackett	Indianapolis Colts	MLB	94
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas Cowboys	ROLB	94
Jon Beason	Carolina Panthers	MLB	94
David Harris	New York Jets	MLB	94
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	ROLB	93
Barrett Ruud	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	MLB	93
Ernie Sims	Detroit Lions	ROLB	93
Mike Peterson	Jacksonville Jaguars	MLB	93
Brian Urlacher	Chicago Bears	MLB	93
James Farrior	Pittsburgh Steelers	MLB	93
Will Witherspoon	St. Louis Rams	MLB	93
David Thornton	Tennessee Titans	LOLB	92
Lance Briggs	Chicago Bears	ROLB	92
Angelo Crowell	Buffalo Bills	LOLB	92
AJ Hawk	Green Bay Packers	ROLB	92
DJ Williams	Denver Broncos	ROLB	92
Jonathan Vilma	New Orleans Saints	MLB	91
Bart Scott	Baltimore Ravens	MLB	91
Joey Porter	Miami Dolphins	ROLB	91
Keith Bulluck	Tennessee Titans	ROLB	91

Smart Safety

The Smart Safety weapon is given to Safeties with high play recognition rating. If the offense calls the same play multiple times, the smart Safeties can read and reveal the offense's entire playart. Counter a Smart Safety by calling a diverse range of plays.

PLAYER	TEAM	PLAY RECOGNITION RATING
Bob Sanders	Indianapolis Colts	95
Kerry Rhodes	New York Jets	90
Rodney Harrison	New England Patriots	90
Ed Reed	Baltimore Ravens	90
Troy Polamalu	Pittsburgh Steelers	90
Darren Sharper	Minnesota Vikings	90

Big Hitter

The Big Hitter weapon is associated with a player's hit power rating. Combining the hit stick with a Big Hitter increases the chances of a fumble. But if a Big Hitter misses the target, it could leave the defense vulnerable to a big gain.

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	HIT POWER RATING
Roy Williams	Dallas Cowboys	SS	98
Bob Sanders	Indianapolis Colts	SS	98
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	ROLB	97
Rodney Harrison	New England Patriots	SS	97
EJ Henderson	Minnesota Vikings	MLB	96
Ken Hamlin	Dallas Cowboys	FS	95
Brian Urlacher	Chicago Bears	MLB	95
Joey Porter	Miami Dolphins	ROLB	95
Ernie Sims	Detroit Lions	ROLB	95
Patrick Willis	San Francisco 49ers	MLB	95
LaRon Landry	Washington Redskins	FS	94
Atari Bigby	Green Bay Packers	SS	94
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	MLB	94
Brian Dawkins	Philadelphia Eagles	FS	94
Bart Scott	Baltimore Ravens	MLB	94
Todd Johnson	St. Louis Rams	SS	93
Jermaine Phillips	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	SS	92
Chris Harris	Carolina Panthers	SS	92
Thomas Davis	Carolina Panthers	ROLB	92
James Harrison	Pittsburgh Steelers	ROLB	92
DJ Williams	Denver Broncos	ROLB	90
Daryl Smith	Jacksonville Jaguars	ROLB	90
Bernard Pollard	Kansas City Chiefs	SS	90
Troy Polamalu	Pittsburgh Steelers	SS	90
Lance Briggs	Chicago Bears	ROLB	90
James Farrior	Pittsburgh Steelers	MLB	90
Keith Bulluck	Tennessee Titans	ROLB	90
Vernon Gholston	New York Jets	ROLB	90
Curtis Lofton	Atlanta Falcons	MLB	90
Julius Peppers	Carolina Panthers	RE	89
Lofa Tatupu	Seattle Seahawks	MLB	89
Kevin Burnett	Dallas Cowboys	MLB	88
Donte Whitner	Buffalo Bills	SS	88
Anthony Smith	Pittsburgh Steelers	FS	88
Sean Jones	Cleveland Browns	SS	88
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas Cowboys	ROLB	88
Gerald Hayes	Arizona Cardinals	MLB	88

Big Foot Kicker

These Kickers and Punters kick and punt farther than any player in Madden 09. The Big Foot Kicker weapon is tied to a player's kick

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	KICK POWER RATING
Sebastian Janikowski	Oakland Raiders	K	100
Shane Lechler	Oakland Raiders	P	98
Neil Rackers	Arizona Cardinals	K	97
Mat McBriar	Dallas Cowboys	P	97

Andy Lee	San Francisco 49ers	Р	97
Rob Bironas	Tennessee Titans	K	97
Mason Crosby	Green Bay Packers	K	97
Jon Ryan	Green Bay Packers	Р	96
Dustin Colquitt	Kansas City Chiefs	P	96
Mike Scifres	San Diego Chargers	P	96
Donnie Jones	St. Louis Rams	Р	96
Kris Brown	Houston Texans	K	96
Josh Brown	St. Louis Rams	K	95
Nick Folk	Dallas Cowboys	K	95
Durant Brooks	Washington Redskins	Р	95

Accurate Kicker

The Accurate Kicker weapon is associated with a player's kick accuracy rating. These Kickers (or Punters) rarely miss their target

PLAYER	TEAM	POSITION	KICK ACCURACY RATING
Matt Stover	Baltimore Ravens	K	98
Adam Vinatieri	Indianapolis Colts	K	96
Nate Kaeding	San Diego Chargers	K	96
Robbie Gould	Chicago Bears	K	96
Steven Gostkowski	New England Patriots	K	95
Rian Lindell	Buffalo Bills	K	95
Shane Lechler	Oakland Raiders	P	94
John Kasay	Carolina Panthers	K	94
Joe Nedney	San Francisco 49ers	K	94
Jeff Feagles	New York Giants	Р	94
Phil Dawson	Cleveland Browns	K	94
Ryan Longwell	Minnesota Vikings	K	94
Dustin Colquitt	Kansas City Chiefs	P	94
Andy Lee	San Francisco 49ers	P	94

Chapter 4 - Offensive Formations and Playbooks

This section covers Madden 09 offensive formations and packages and provides details on the strengths and weaknesses of each You'll also find breakdowns of each team's offensive playbook and the default playbooks.

Offensive Formations and Packages

The list below provides tips on using each offensive formation based on situational decisions and team strategies.

- Goal Line: Every team playbook includes this formation: it's a short yardage formation, either two yards or under to go for a
 first down or on the opposing team's goal line. The quarterback sneak from goal line is generally effective and usually
 capable of picking up a couple yards at least; snap the ball quickly (don't let an opposing defense set up and plug gaps) and
 push forward and cover up the ball. Deceptive passing or play-action passing from goal line can be effective if the defense
 isn't on a heavy blitz.
- I Form: This is a versatile formation offering solid run plays as well as variations for the short-to-medium passing game. Use I-Form for teams with a strong blocking fullback, such as Cincinnati or Atlanta. You can also use the Dual HB package to insert your team's second RB into the fullback position (great for teams like New Orleans, Carolina, Jacksonville, and others

with a couple solid ball carriers) and use run or pass plays (sending the backs into the flat or on medium passing routes).

- Strong, Weak: These formations are similar to I Form but the fullback is offset to the strong (side of the line of scrimmage with the tight end) or weak (side of the line of scrimmage without the tight end). Consider the same strategies as I Form-teams with skilled Fullbacks or using two running backs in a run or pass situation. Note that these formations are referred to as Strong I and Weak I in the default playbooks.
- Far, Near: These formations are similar to Strong and Weak but the fullback is positioned alongside the running back. Far
 and Near aren't particularly common; find them in Seattle's playbook (or the default West Coast playbook). Use these
 formations as you would with Strong, Weak, and I Form-teams with strong Fullbacks or in two RB sets.
- Split: The two backs are lined up split behind the quarterback. The backs can reach the flat quickly for passing situations.
 The base formation uses a running back and fullback but you can use packages to insert a second running back to make it difficult for the defense to determine where you're going with the ball on a short passing play.
- Full House and Jumbo T: This formation is another rare set seen in Green Bay's playbook. The Full House features three backs behind the quarterback. You can use packages to alter the personnel (exchanging running backs for Fullbacks for instance). The extra backs can provide blocking or use them in the passing game. It's also useful to disguise the direction of your run and who will be the runner given the number of options. Find Jumbo T in the "Run Heavy" playbook, which also features several variations of Full House. Jumbo T is similar to Full House with three backs; however, the three backs are lined perpendicular to the quarterback.
- Singleback: Unlike previous formations, there's only one back lined up behind the quarterback. This is a common, yet
 extremely versatile formation. For run situations you can call singleback variations that include additional tight ends for
 blocking or in passing situations call singleback variations with more receivers. For run situations, singleback can be stronger
 for teams without a skilled fullback but better depth at the tight end position.
- Gun, Rifle, Shotgun: This is generally a passing formation: the quarterback lines up off the center providing extra time to find
 opening receivers before facing the opposing rush. Gun, or Shotgun, can be a deceptive run formation, especially if you've
 called a formation with four receivers as defenses will usually select dime coverage to protect against the pass.

After selecting a formation, you can use package substitutions to further alter a formation's positioning and personnel. You can substitute a fullback for a second running back, move your weapon-laden WR around the formation into the slot or swap positions with the second receiver; adjust a star tight end into the slot; or place a Hands running back into the slot or wideout position. The list below covers the most common packages and lists tips for using each.

- Dual HB: For formations with two backs, such as I Form, Strong, Weak, Far, Near, and Shotgun 2RB, this package allows you to substitute your team's second running back in for the starting fullback. Use this package to capitalize on a team with multiple skilled running backs, such as the Jacksonville Jaguars (Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew). You can run the second running back from fullback plays or use the package in passing plays where both backs offer outlet options in the flat or short-to-medium passing game.
- Jumbo Backfield: Essentially the opposite of Dual HB-this package substitutes your running back for the fullback. This package can be useful in short yardage situations and for teams with good Fullbacks.
- WR Swap: Swap the primary and secondary receiver positions to alter their assigned pass routes. Could create mismatches
 against a defense that hasn't made defensive assignments for man coverage.
- WR Swap Strong: Places your best two receivers on the strong side then swaps their position (essentially placing your top receiver in the slot position).
- HB Slot and HB Wideout: If your selected team has a great pass-catching running back (such as Brian Westbrook of Philadelphia and Reggie Bush of New Orleans), use this package to position your starting running back into the slot or wideout position. This can create some good speed mismatches against a defense's third corner in the slot as well as open up new passing routes for your skilled running back in either the slot or wideout position.
- Strong Slot: Substitutes your best receiver into the slot position. Strong Slot is excellent for opening new routes for a weapon-laden receiver and putting that receiver up against new defenders-possibly a mismatch against a safety or even a linebacker. Move receivers like Larry Fitzgerald, Steve Smith, Chad Johnson, or Randy Moss around the field to give your star pass catcher more route options.
- TE Slot: Substitutes your tight end into the slot position. Use this package if your team has a good receiving tight end (Jason Witten of Dallas, Antonio Gates of San Diego, Tony Gonzalez of Kansas City, Todd Heap of Baltimore, or Dallas Clark of Indianapolis) or plan to run in the formation toward the tight end-the tight end is usually a better blocker.
- TE Swap: Switch tight end positions in formations with two tight ends. Also could be strong and weak.
- TE Backfield: Switched the tight end into the backfield. You can use this formation in run plays using the tight end to block or even in a short passing game to open up unique passing routes for teams with skilled tight ends.
- WR Strong, WR Strong Weak, and WR Bunch: Places your top receivers on the strong side of the formation. In Strong Weak, places your best two receivers on the same side in a multiple receiver set-for instance in a five receiver set. Bunch positions the top receivers into the "bunch" area of the formation.
- Big: Substitutes Wide Receivers for tight ends and Fullbacks for a "big" formation. This could turn a bunch formation passing
 play into a solid running play with the increased blocking abilities of the tight ends and Fullbacks.
- Strong Solo: In formations with multiple receivers on one side and one receiver on another, places your top receiver in the solo position.

- WR HB and WR FB: Move your top wide receiver into the running back or fullback position. This can be great for creating mismatches and hitting a speedy receiver on swing passes out of the backfield.
- Patriot: Insert a linebacker on a Goal Line formation. Think Mike Vrabel of the New England Patriots.
- Heavy: A linemen subs for a tight end, optimum for extra blocking in lead blocker mode.
- Miami: On goal line, substitutes your receiver for a tight end and a

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man for your tight end.

Madden 09 Team Playbooks

The table below reveals each Madden 09 team playbook and featured offensive formations. Each team also includes Goal Line.

TEAM PLAYBOOK	MADDEN 09 OFFENSIVE FORMATIONS						
Arizona Cardinals	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread, Empty: Trips, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot, Strong: Pro, Strong: Slot, Weak: Pro, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Bunch Wk, Gun: Spread Wk, Gun: Empty Trips, Gun: Y-Trips Open						
Atlanta Falcons	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight, Strong: Pro, Strong: H Slot, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Ace Pair Wk, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips, Gun: Snugs, Gun: Empty Trips						
Baltimore Ravens	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Wing Trio, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot, I-Form: Tight, Strong: Pro, Strong: Y-Flex, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Snugs Flip, Gun: Spread Y-Flex, Gun: Trey Open						
Buffalo Bills	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Slot, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Slot, Strong: H Pro, Strong: H Slot, Weak: H Pro, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles Wing, Gun: Y-Trips HB Wk, Gun: Flanker Close, Gun: Spread, Gun: Trips Open						
Carolina Panthers	Singleback: Jumbo, Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Snugs, Singleback: Spread, Empty: Trips, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: H Slot, Weak: Twins Flex, Gun: Split Slot, Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips Open, Gun: Spread Wk, Gun: Spread Left Flex, Gun: Empty Y-Flex						
Chicago Bears	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: F Wing, Singleback: F Wing Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Wing Trips, Singleback: Spread Flex, Singleback: Trio, Singleback: Trey Open, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Y-Flex, Weak: Pro, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Wing Trips Wk, Gun: Spread Y-Flex						
Cincinnati Bengals	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Snugs, Singleback: Trey Open, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Close, I-Form: H Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: H Slot, Weak: Pro, Weak: H Slot, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Wing Trio Wk, Gun: Bunch TE, Gun: Double Flex						
Cleveland Browns	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Trey Open, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Slot, Strong: Tight, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Bunch Str, Gun: Double Flex, Gun: Trey Open						
Dallas Cowboys	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: F Wing, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight, I-Form Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Weak: Pro, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Ace Pair Wk, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips, Gun: Snugs Flip, Gun: Empty Trey						
Denver Broncos	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Base Flex, Singleback: Empty Trey, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Close, I-Form: Slot, I-Form: Tight, I-Form Tight Pair, Strong: Pro Twins, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Spread, Gun: Spread Flex Wk						

Detroit Lions	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: F Wing, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Wing Trio, Singleback: Spread Flex, Singleback: Trey Open, Empty: Trey Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight, Split: Slot, Strong: Pro, Strong: Slot, Weak: H Pro, Weak: H Slot, Rifle: Split Slot, Rifle: Doubles, Rifle: Y-Trips, Rifle: Snugs Flip, Rifle: Doubles Y-Slot, Rifle: Spread Flex Wk
Green Bay Packers	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Spread Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form Pro Twins, I-Form Slot Flex, I-Form Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Y-Flex, Weak: Pro, Full House: Wide, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Bunch Wk, Gun: Double Flex, Gun: Trey Open, Gun: Ace Empty, Gun: Flex Trey
Houston Texans	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread, Empty: Trey Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Close, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Y-Flex, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips, Gun: Wing Trips Wk, Gun: Snugs Flip
Indianapolis Colts	Singleback: Deuce, Singleback: Deuce Twins, Singleback: Dice, Singleback: Dice Slot, Singleback: Dice Fly, Singleback: Trips, Singleback: Doubles Close, Singleback: Dice Open, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Tight Pair, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Deuce, Gun: Dice, Gun: Dice Wk, Gun: Dice Slot, Gun: Dice Slot Wk, Gun: Trips, Gun: Trips Wk, Gun: Bunch TE
Jacksonville Jaguars	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Tight, Strong: Pro, Strong: Flex Twins, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Spread Y-Flex, Gun: Trey Open
Kansas City Chiefs	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: F Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Weak: Pro, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Doubles Y-Slot, Gun: Spread Flex Wk, Gun: Flex Trey
Miami Dolphins	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: F Wing, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Weak: Pro, Weak: Slot, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Ace Pair Wk, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips, Gun: Empty Trey
Minnesota Vikings	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Double Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Pro, Strong: Pro, Strong: Flex Twins, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Double Flex, Gun: Trey Open
New England Patriots	Singleback: Jumbo, Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Snugs Flip, Singleback: Trips Open, I-Form: Slot, I-Form Tight, Strong: Slot, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips Open, Gun: Bunch TE, Gun: Bunch Wk, Gun: Snugs Flip, Gun: Spread, Gun: Spread Wk, Gun: Spread Y-Flex, Gun: Spread Left On, Gun: Trips Open, Gun: Empty Trips Open
New Orleans Saints	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Snugs Flip, Singleback: Spread, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Flex Twins, Weak: Pro, Weak: Flex Twins, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Spread, Gun: Double Flex, Gun: Trey Open, Gun: Empty Trey Open
New York Giants	Singleback: Jumbo, Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Y-Trips Open, Gun: Double Flex
New York Jets	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Weak: Close, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips Open, Gun: Bunch Wk, Gun: Snugs, Gun: Spread Y-Slot, Gun: Spread Flex Wk, Gun: Flex Trey
Oakland Raiders	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Wing Trio, Singleback: Snugs, Singleback: Trey Open, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Close, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Y-Flex, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Wing Trips, Gun: Double Flex, Gun: Trey Open
Philadelphia Eagles	Singleback: Jumbo, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Double Flex, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Slot, Strong: Pro, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Gun: Split, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Bunch Wk, Gun: Snugs Flip, Gun: Spread Y-Flex
Pittsburgh Steelers	Singleback: Jumbo, Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Close Twins, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Flex Twins, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Bunch Wk, Gun: Bunch TE, Gun: Snugs, Gun: Spread, Gun: Empty Trips Open

San Diego Chargers	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: F Wing, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Wing Trio, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Normal, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Strong: Y-Flex, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Y-Flex, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Spread Y-Slot, Gun: Y-Trips Open
Seattle Seahawks	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Tight Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch Swap, Singleback: Spread, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Pro, Split: Pro Slot, Far: Pro, Far: Tight Twins, Near: Pro, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Snugs Flip, Gun: Spread Wk, Gun: Empty Trey
San Francisco 49ers	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: F Wing, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Snugs Flip, Singelback: Spread Flex, Singleback: Trey Open, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Slot, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Weak: Tight Pair, Rifle: Doubles, Rifle: Y-Trips, Rifle: Snugs Flip, Rifle: Doubles Y-Slot, Rifle: Spread Flex Wk
St. Louis Rams	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Snugs Flip, Empty: Trips, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight Pair, Strong: Pro, Strong: Pro Twins, Strong: Y-Flex, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Bunch TE, Gun: Spread
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Wing Trio, Singelback: Doubles, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Snugs, Singleback: Empty Bunch, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Tight, Split: Slot, Strong: Pro, Strong: Tight Pair, Weak: Pro, Weak: Pro Twins, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Y-Trips Wk, Gun: Snugs, Gun: Snugs Flip, Gun: Spread
Tennessee Titans	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Twins, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Ace Pair Twins, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread, I-Form: H Pro, I-Form H Twins, I-Form H Slot Flex, Strong: H Pro, Strong: H Twins, Weak: H Pro, Weak: H Twin TE, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles Wk, Gun: Doubles On, Gun: Wing Trips, Gun: Snugs, Gun: Spread Wk, Gun: Trey Open
Washington Redskins	Singleback: Ace, Singleback: Ace Pair, Singleback: Doubles, Singleback: Flex, Singleback: Y-Trips, Singleback: Bunch, Singleback: Spread, I-Form: Pro, I-Form: Pro Twins, I-Form: Slot Flex, I-Form: Tight, I-Form: Tight Pair, Split: Pro, Strong: Pro, Weak: Pro, Weak: Tight Pair, Gun: Split Slot, Gun: Doubles, Gun: Y-Trips, Gun: Doubles Y-Slot, Gun: Spread Flex Wk

Team Playbooks: Passing Plays

The chart below lists the passing play types in all Madden 09 NFL team playbooks.

TEAM	QUICK	STANDARD	SHOTGUN	PLAY ACTION	SCREEN
Arizona Cardinals	21	93	60	55	12
Atlanta Falcons	19	94	52	60	9
Baltimore Ravens	21	86	50	65	10
Buffalo Bills	22	87	48	56	12
Carolina Panthers	17	95	52	60	10
Chicago Bears	22	89	41	63	15
Cincinnati Bengals	21	97	41	55	10
Cleveland Browns	23	89	51	60	13
Dallas Cowboys	22	80	63	62	12
Denver Broncos	19	90	46	65	13
Detroit Lions	16	98	50	53	12
Green Bay Packers	14	76	69	61	7
Houston Texans	22	98	51	65	7
Indianapolis Colts	11	63	78	63	17
Jacksonville Jaguars	25	81	42	68	7
Kansas City Chiefs	20	91	63	58	9
Miami Dolphins	23	85	58	63	12
Minnesota Vikings	23	89	50	64	7
New England Patriots	7	58	117	49	12
New Orleans Saints	25	86	50	66	8

New York Giants	19	79	53	63	9
New York Jets	21	68	63	58	7
Oakland Raiders	19	85	54	60	8
Philadelphia Eagles	22	78	55	56	8
Pittsburgh Steelers	24	80	57	64	5
San Diego Chargers	23	82	45	67	7
Seattle Seahawks	21	100	53	56	12
San Francisco 49ers	25	86	40	63	11
St. Louis Rams	24	99	53	62	10
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	13	96	55	52	9
Tennessee Titans	21	81	56	67	15
Washington Redskins	21	94	45	62	8

Team Playbooks: Running Plays

The following table reveals the number of different run play types available in each Madden 09 NFL team playbook. Note that the QB Run column also includes the quarterback sneak plays.

TEAM	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	PITCH	COUNTER	DRAW	FB RUN	QB RUN AND OPTION
Arizona Cardinals	32	13	7	9	12	8	1
Atlanta Falcons	34	12	7	11	12	9	1
Baltimore Ravens	31	17	6	9	12	10	1
Buffalo Bills	30	14	9	11	12	8	1
Carolina Panthers	27	17	7	9	12	9	2
Chicago Bears	34	16	10	9	13	7	1
Cincinnati Bengals	35	11	9	12	12	7	1
Cleveland Browns	33	12	7	10	12	8	1
Dallas Cowboys	33	17	9	9	11	9	1
Denver Broncos	32	21	9	7	11	8	1
Detroit Lions	31	14	7	8	15	9	1
Green Bay Packers	27	16	4	11	10	6	1
Houston Texans	30	19	8	12	11	9	1
Indianapolis Colts	23	26	4	8	17	4	1
Jacksonville Jaguars	29	18	5	12	11	7	1
Kansas City Chiefs	28	12	8	11	10	8	1
Miami Dolphins	34	16	9	9	11	10	1
Minnesota Vikings	27	19	5	11	11	8	1
New England Patriots	16	21	4	6	19	3	1
New Orleans Saints	30	18	6	12	11	8	1
New York Giants	29	16	8	11	11	9	1
New York Jets	25	17	5	8	13	6	1
Oakland Raiders	28	17	6	9	11	9	1
Philadelphia Eagles	25	17	6	10	13	7	1
Pittsburgh Steelers	24	16	6	15	10	9	1
San Diego Chargers	30	18	6	9	9	11	1
Seattle Seahawks	25	16	11	13	13	9	1
San Francisco 49ers	29	16	7	12	10	10	1
St. Louis Rams	30	15	8	11	12	8	1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	27	7	6	11	16	9	2

Tennessee Titans	24	20	4	12	14	6	8	
Washington Redskins	27	18	4	14	9	8	1	

Default Offensive Playbooks

The chart below reveals the offensive formations included in each of the default playbooks. These playbooks can be geared more toward the pass or run or feature a more balanced attack. Note that the West Coast playbook features no shotgun formations.

DEFAULT PLAYBOOK	MADDEN 09 OFFENSIVE FORMATIONS						
Balanced	Singleback: Big, Singleback: Twin TE, Singleback: Normal Slot, Singleback: Slot Strong, Singleback: Trips Bunch, Singleback: Flip Trips, Singleback: 4WR, Singleback: Trips WR, I-Form: Normal, I-Form: Twin WR, I-Form 3WR, Split Backs: Normal, Split Backs: 3WR, Strong I: Normal, Strong I: 3WR, Weak I: Normal, Weak I: Twin TE, Full House: Normal Wide, Shotgun: 2RB 3WR, Shotgun: 4WR, Shotgun 5WR						
Pass Balanced	Singleback: Big, Singleback: Normal, Singleback: Slot Strong, Singleback: Trips Bunch, Singleback: Flip Trips, Singleback: Tight, Singleback: 4WR Flex, I-Form: Normal, I-Form 3WR, Split Backs: Pro, Split Backs: 3WR, Strong I: Normal, Strong I: 3WR, Weak I: Normal, Weak I: Twin WR, Shotgun: Normal, Shotgun: Slot Strong TE Flip, Shotgun: Trips TE, Shotgun: 4WR, Shotgun: Twin TE Trips, Shotgun: Empty Trey Stack, Shotgun: 5WR						
Run Balanced	Singleback: Big, Singleback: Big Twin WR, Singleback: Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal, Singleback: Normal Slot, Singleback: Base Flex, Singleback: Empty Trey, I-Form: Normal, I-Form: Twin WR, I-Form: Twin TE Wing, Split Backs: Normal, Split Backs: 3WR, Strong I: Normal, Strong I: Twin WR, Strong I: Big Tight, Weak I: Normal, Weak I: Twin WR, Weak I: Close, Weak I: Tight Twins, Full House: Normal Wide, Shotgun: 2RB Flex, Shotgun: 4WR, Shotgun: 5WR						
Run Heavy	Singleback: Big 3TE, Singleback: Big, Singleback: Big Twin WR, Singleback: Twin TE, Singleback: Normal Slot, Singleback: Slot Strong, Singleback: Trips Bunch, Singleback: 4WR, I-Form: Normal, I-Form: Big, I-Form: Twin TE, Strong I: Normal, Strong I: Twin TE, Weak I: Normal, Weak I: Twin WR, Weak I: Twin TE, Full House: Strong, Full House: Weak, Full House: Wide, Jumbo T: Big, Shotgun: Normal Slot, Shotgun: Wing Trips						
West Coast	Singleback: Big, Singleback: Twin TE WR, Singleback: Normal, Singleback: Slot Strong, Singleback: Tight, Singleback: Trips Bunch, Singleback: Empty Bunch, Singleback: Empty 5WR, I-Form: Normal, I-Form 3WR, I-Form Twin TE, Split Backs: 3WR, Near: Pro, Near: Close, Far: Pro, Far: 3WR, Strong I: Normal, Strong I: Twin WR, Weak I: Normal, Weak I: Twins WR						
Run 'N' Gun	Singleback: Big, Singleback: Normal, Singleback: Bunch TE, Singleback: Tight Slots, Singleback: Empty Bunch, I-Form: Normal, I-Form: Big, I-Form: Twin TE, Strong I: Normal, Strong I: Twin TE, Weak I: Close, Weak I: Tight Twins, Full House: Strong, Full House: Weak, Gun: Normal, Gun: Trips TE, Gun: Tight, Gun: 4WR, Gun: 5WR Bunch, Gun: 5WR						

Default Playbooks: Passing Plays

The chart below lists the passing play types in all Madden 09 NFL team playbooks.

DEFAULT PLAYBOOK	QUICK	STANDARD	SHOTGUN	PLAY ACTION	SCREEN
Balanced	13	88	34	32	13
Pass Balanced	10	90	58	35	16
Run Balanced	15	87	28	41	16
Run Heavy	9	68	13	36	14
West Coast	18	108	0	35	12
Run 'N' Gun	5	75	54	34	11

Default Playbooks: Running Plays

The following table reveals the number of different run play types available in each Madden 09 NFL team playbook. Note that the QB Run column also includes the quarterback sneak plays.

DEFAULT PLAYBOOK	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	PITCH	COUNTER	DRAW	FB RUN	QB RUN AND OPTION
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Balanced	34	9	16	16	16	12	2
Pass Balanced	24	11	11	11	18	8	3
Run Balanced	29	21	14	20	9	10	5
Run Heavy	44	12	21	20	17	13	3
West Coast	26	6	14	13	13	14	3
Run 'N' Gun	31	12	12	11	13	8	4

Chapter 5 - SportsGamer's Madden 09 Offensive Training Camp

This section provides select articles from SportsGamer's Madden 09 Training Camp feature and focus on the offensive side of the ball. These articles provide examples of using new Madden 09 features as well as applying general Madden strategies to your game. For more of SportsGamer's Madden 09 Training Camp, visit their web site at http://www.sportsgamer.com/madden_09/training_camp/.

Getting Started: Setting Audibles

By: Daniel Grundei

One of the most frustrating things about Madden is setting your audibles before each game. This is especially frustrating when you play online, and you have to pause the game, and set your audibles while you opponent does the same. This can take several minutes, and can be annoying for both you and your opponent. Luckily, there is a way to set your audibles to your profile. From past online experience, I'd imagine only about 10% of people take advantage of this technique. This should be a much higher number! If you don't like wasting your time on audibles, follow the instructions below.

Proceed to the main Madden menu. To set your audibles, move down to the "My Madden" tab. After clicking on the tab, you want to move down to the "Strategy" tab. Now you can see that there are options for your audibles. Click the "Offensive Audibles" tab. You can actually set both Offensive and Defensive Audibles from here. Now that you're in the Offensive Audible tab, make sure you pick the playbook that you typically use. These audibles will only be set if you use that particular playbook during the game. So if you always use the Chicago Bears playbook, for instance, you will need to select that particular playbook and click on it.

Now you can set five audibles to correspond to the Y, A, X, RB, and LB buttons (using an Xbox 360 as the example). When you're done setting your offensive audibles, you can click the RB button to set your defensive audibles. When you're finished, simply save your settings. Whenever you play a game, regardless of what team you choose, you won't have to waste time setting your audibles anymore. Just remember it's tied to the playbook!

Leaning to Run: FB Dives

By: Kyle Cooper

Fullback dives were the most effective runs in Madden last season and they'll be the most effective runs in Madden this season. The fact remains that these runs simply develop so much quicker than every other run in the game. Some fullback dives are faster than others, but the ones that are the quickest to develop are by far the most difficult runs to stop in the game.

Tip: Zone defenses are one of the best times to utilize a running back draw play. The reason zones are perfect for draws is because the defenders begin retreating away from the ball carrier because they anticipate that the play is a pass. The delayed handoff is what fakes out the defense and allows you to pick up some easy yardage. Opponents that back more defenders into coverage will be most susceptible to the draw play. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper

In this example, we've chosen to use a split back formation on the Washington Redskins to demonstrate the effective of the fullback dive. On these particular runs you don't need a lead blocker because they develop so quickly. Redskin running back Clinton Portis

goes in motion and quarterback Jason Campbell prepares to receive the snap. Even if our opponent knows that the fullback dive is coming it is still extremely difficult to stop for as loss. The worst result we could possible ever see is a loss of one yard or no gain because the exchange from the quarterback is so quick and so close to the line of scrimmage-a big key to the running game.



The FB Dive play is effective because the ball exchange happens quickly.

In the FB Dive play, the fullback receiving the ball just three yards shy of the line of scrimmage. The holes in the Offensive Line may look easily exploitable, but these runs actually have very good protection up front and losses on the play rarely ever happen. Tight end Chris Cooley (who can be packaged in at fullback and become the ball carrier) crosses the line of scrimmage as the defenders are engaged with our linemen. In our example, we already have at least five yards on the play and the defense is just now beginning to close in. Cooley's finally taken down to the ground after a gain of 11 yards on the play.

Another quick developing fullback dive can be found in the Weak formation. This time we're going to run the play with our normal fullback Mike Sellers, despite him being much slower than Cooley. The snap is taken and this time the exchange takes place just two yards deep in the backfield. It's almost impossible to lose yardage when running this particular play.

Stay in tight behind the linemen as continue to push forward for extra yardage. In our example, we slide off our linemen with Sellers and he's finally taken down after a gain of almost five yards on the play.

There's no doubt that the fullback dive should be a part of every single Madden player's offense. There simply aren't that many runs in the game that develop as quickly, or are as consistent. When you figure out which formations you'll be using this season be sure to make sure that there's at least one fullback dive available to you.

Learning to Run: Tosses

By: Kyle Cooper

Tosses and sweeps are a great way to provide your running back with a little bit of freedom in the backfield. Once your runner receives the pitch you can look to cut it up field at any point-good stick skill is certainly a plus so you can maneuver around blockers

or dodge an incoming tackler. You'll want to use tosses and sweeps with a running back that has exceptional speed because you never know when a defender might get instant penetration into the backfield. Let's take a look an example.

To get the best results when using a toss or a sweep you may want to call the play out of a Twin WR set. Calling a toss out of a Twin WR set will open up the opposite side of the field if the opponent is in man-to-man defense.

Tip:Counter running plays are some of the most dangerous for the offense and defense. The reason it's dangerous for the offense to use counters is because there's a risk of losing significant yardage in the backfield if the defense gets penetration. However, counters are also dangerous for the defense because these runs provide some of the best chances for breaking a long run off for six. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper

In our example, the Atlanta Falcons have seven defenders in the box-but that's exactly what we want because we know that this play is headed for the outside. New Orleans' quarterback Drew Brees pitches the ball out wide to running back Reggie Bush, one of the fastest running backs available in Madden 09. Bush hauls in the easy pitch and is already on his way up the field with a lead blocker clearing the path in front. Bush uses his great speed to quickly get to the line of scrimmage while the linemen continues to look to make a block downfield. Bush is finally dragged down after an easy gain of five yards on the play.



One of the keys to outside runs is using a running back fast enough to get outside.

Sweeps and tosses are good choices if you have a speedy running back and you're having trouble finding room up the middle of the field. However, there's always a risk that you could lose yardage on these types of runs because they start so deep in the backfield. If you feel that you've got the vision and the stick control to succeed with sweeps and tosses, then incorporate them into your game this season.

Advanced Running Techniques: Flipping Runs

By: Kyle Cooper

Flipping your running plays is a great way to completely change the direction of your offensive attack without letting your opponent in on the adjustment. Of course, the quarterback always stands up and gives a gesture when the call is made on the field; however, since you can have your quarterback make the gesture even if you aren't really flipping the play, it's still difficult for your opponent to prepare. Let's take a look at an example on flipping your running play.

We've called for a toss to the running back out of the huddle. However, we want to see if our opponent is going to try to make any adjustments before the play. It's important to read the defense and make an educated decision on the field even when you've called a running play. If your opponent is consistently overloading one side of the Offensive Line, then make him pay by pulling off a big run to the other side of the field.

Tip: Here are some tips for running Goal Line on the five yard line and under to get a touchdown. Run a Strong Toss whenever you spot the opponent's corners sliding to the middle of the field (our tight end can seal the block). QB Sneaks are extremely effective, especially in two yards or under. You could even run a QB Sneak multiple times from the four or three and get in but remember that damaging hits to your quarterback could cause injury or a fumble. Consider a FB Dive instead. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper.

Let's say we notice our opponent manually moving several players over toward the tight end side, so we flip the play back to the other side. To make this change flick the right analog stick to the left before the snap. If we decided that we wanted to run the play back to the right all we have to do is flick the right analog stick back to the right.

After our opponent has completely setup his defense, the commitment could be made on the right side of the Offensive Line. With far less defenders on the left side, the decision on where to run the football is easy! In our example, Buffalo Bills' quarterback J.P. Losman swings the ball out wide to running back Marshawn Lynch with a wall of blockers in front. A couple perfect blocks from our linemen, combined with a sweet block in the back, allows us to get to the outside and using a flipped run, we totally avoided the defense's stacked front and his prediction on where the run was going.

Advanced Running Techniques: Controlling a Lead Blocker

By: Kyle Cooper

Believe it or not, lead blocking control can have significant benefits when used in certain situations. In this tip, we're going to take a look at two plays in particular where this feature turned a worthless play into a positive gain. We don't see this feature changing the way that people play Madden, but it's certainly entertaining and will have some value in some offensive schemes.

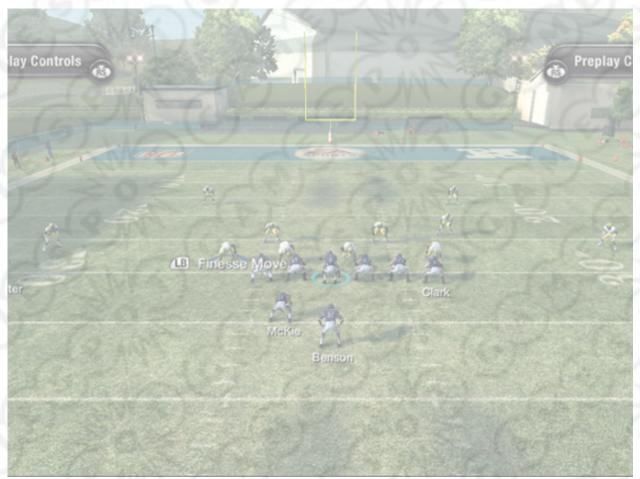
In our example, we've come out of the huddle with the Chicago Bears having called the HB Draw out of a shotgun formation to try to trick our opponent. As soon as quarterback Rex Grossman takes the snap we notice the weak defensive tackle coming off the line unblocked. The weak defensive tackle is already right in the face of our running back and we haven't even had a chance to get started. Our running back is dropped in the backfield for a big loss on the play. Why did that happen you ask? Well, the blocking scheme on this particular play typically allows the weak defensive tackle to come free every time when the opponent has pinched in his Defensive Line.

We could switch to another play, but we like the fact that our opponent is pinching his line because we think we might be able to get to the outside and turn this into an even bigger gain. To counter the unblocked defensive tackle we use the lead blocking control to take over the left guard. To make this change we cycle over to the player then press (360 - LB / PS3 - L1) before the snap. Our goal after the snap is to make sure that this lineman gets picked up so we can get up field.

Tip: The running back is the most dynamic player on the field in Madden. It's very important to get your running back involved in your passing game early and often. Play action passes, screens, flat routes, and short routes over the middle make the running back very dangerous. The running back is often the outlet or dump-down pass on other players where the first read is deeper downfield. - SportsGamer's Daniel Grundei

The computer controls the running back as soon as the play begins. However after we've secured a block on the weak defensive tackle we want to click back over the take control of the running back by pressing (360 - B / PS3 -O) on the controller. In our example, the play begins and we immediately run right into the weak defensive tackle. Next, we click back to the running back to try to find an opening in the line. We've already got back to the line of scrimmage, so the lead blocking control certainly helped out more than the last time we ran this play. We're able to squirm through a tight hole in the line to pick up a few yards just before

getting hit. The end result on the play this time is a gain of six yards. On this particular play the different between using the lead blocking control and not using it was nine yards.



Micromanaging your running game with lead blocker control can boost your yards per carry.

In this example, we've chosen to run a counter to the backside of the Offensive Line. This counter calls for the right guard to vacate his area and pull across the field to help make a lead block for the runner. Unfortunately, as you're about to see we need someone to help pick up the right guard's vacated area before we can even worry about following his lead block!

In our example, the play begins and our right guard moves in front of the quarterback across the field to try to lead the way for our runner. What's more important right now is the fact that the strong defensive tackle has begun attacking the vacated area. Our running back has just taken the ball as the defensive tackle closes in for the hit in the backfield. The defensive tackle blows this play up before it even got started.

Sometimes you don't have to worry about picking up the pressure, but simply just controlling someone else on the line to change the assignments. We've run this play enough to know that if we use the lead blocking control to take over the center the right tackle will actually slide over and pick up that pesky defensive tackle that continues to shoot the gap. Being able to control the center allows us to add yet another lead blocker without having to worry about getting hit in the backfield again.

The right tackle shuts down the defensive tackle as we switch back over to the running back to take control of him. The two linemen continue moving up the field as our fullback applies the first block on a defender. Perfect blocking allows us to get through the hole easily and try to turn this into a nice gain. Our running back get four yards up the field before he's approached by the a defender. A net gain of seven yards is well worth using the Lead Blocking Control on this play.

The Lead Blocking Control is a feature that is proven to be successful in certain situations. In fact, if somebody created an entire offensive scheme around this feature we'd imagine that it'd be pretty tough to stop. However, we just don't see that kind of dedication occurring with this feature. Expect to see it used sparingly, but unfortunately most people will probably only try it once and then quit.

Formation Audibles Are Back

By: Daniel Grundei

Formation audibles are back! For those new to the game, formation audibles were on the XBox and PS2 version of Madden a few years ago, but never were added to the next generation consoles until this year. Formation audibles are a technique that allows for each playbook to have specific audibles for each formation, which can be called at the line of scrimmage. These audibles have some level of consistency, and are very useful when putting together an offensive scheme. Let's take a look at how this works.

In our example, we see that Tampa Bay has come out of the huddle in the Singleback Snugs formation (a new formation in Madden 09). We use the Xbox 360 controls in our example. Load this up in practice mode and check out the play art that corresponds to each formation audible to see how it switches up your called play.

- Press X + right on the right analog stick: For most formations, the right formation audible switches the play to a standard pass play.
- Press X + down on the right analog stick: For most formations, the down formation audible switches the play to a running play.
- Press X + left on the right analog stick: For most formations, the left formation audible switches the play to a play action play.
- Press X + up on the right analog stick: For most formations, the up formation audible switches the play to a deep pass play.

While every formation is slightly different, you can be fairly confident that when you use your formation audibles, you're going to have a play action pass, a run, and two passes. By taking advantage of these formation audibles, you can really open up your playbook. And don't worry if you haven't memorized the formation audibles. With the addition of bluff play art, you can check your real play art on the field, and still disguise it from the defense.

Utilizing Player Packages to Create Mismatches

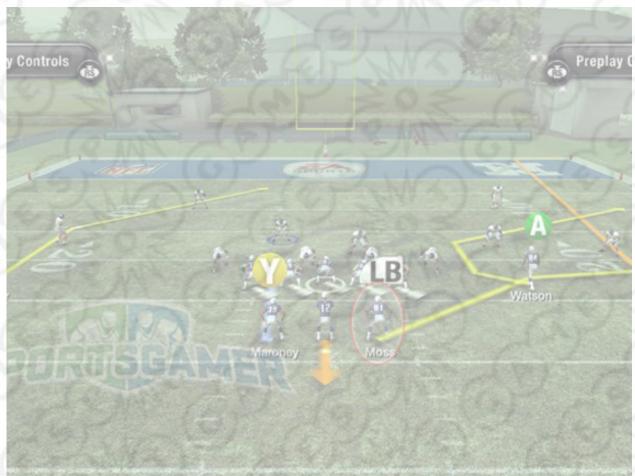
By: Daniel Grundei

Over the years, EA Sports has consistently tried to make Madden as much of a simulation as possible. However, that can be difficult when users continue to manipulate the game and play it in ways that weren't intended! One main obstacle EA has dealt with has been gamers placing players at odd positions. For instance, in Madden 03, users used to put Wide Receivers in at quarterback all game long, simply because the Wide Receivers were fast. EA countered by limiting the spots on the field that players can play. In an effort to give users more options, EA added player packages, which put players in different positions on the field. With these packages, there is quite a bit of flexibility. Here's how it works.

Have you ever wanted to add your Linebackers to your goal line package? The New England Patriots are famous for doing this, and EA has added a "Patriot" package to the Goal Line formation this year. To switch packages, simply scroll through them with the LB / RB buttons. The "Patriot" package places a linebacker in at fullback and at tight end.

Tip: Have you ever been playing Madden and wondered what blue routes on the play meant? Okay, so you know that the blue routes are delayed routes. A delayed route is one in which the receiver stays in to block initially, and then goes out for a route. The advantage of this is it can buy the quarterback extra time against the blitz; it can give zones time to drop back to create space for routes; or it can simply trick the defender into leaving the receiver alone. - SportsGamer's Daniel Grundei

Patriots' linebacker Mike Vrabel is positioned at tight end. In our example, he runs a corner route-and as you've seen on Sundays, can be amazing at using his big body to get open in the endzone. Vrabel slips toward the sideline and with a nice touch pass from Brady, Vrabel scores a touchdown. However, this isn't the only package that can be used in Madden. Take a look at another example of how to utilize packages.



Use packages to move players into other positions, such as Randy Moss to fullback!

In this example, the Patriots are calling the Shotgun Split Slot formation, with the "WR FB" package. This puts your top wide receiver in at the fullback spot. In our example, this puts speedy Randy Moss lined up as the fullback. This can create a match-up problem as likely a linebacker will be matched up on Moss-a huge speed mismatch. Call a play that sends Moss into the flat. In this example, the play starts and Moss breaks toward the sideline. Brady completes an easy reception to Moss, which goes for a nice gain.

As you can see, packages can be utilized in many different ways in Madden. Examples of other packages are added extra Offensive Linemen, for running situations, or a backup quarterback put in, for situations where you might want to run a QB Draw (for instance, on Seattle where the backup is a Speed QB). There are literally hundreds of packages in Madden NFL 09. Make sure to browse the packages in your playbook to see if you can expand your offense.

Pick up the Blitz:Offensive Line Slide Protection

By: Daniel Grundei

If you've every played Madden in the past, you know the defense can bring serious pressure-Madden NFL 09 is no different. However, this year there's a totally new way to pick the pressure up: EA has added Offensive Line Slide Protection to the next generation systems for the first time. Slide Protection is a technique that tells the Offensive Line where to go after the snap of the ball. Think Peyton Manning, pre-snap, telling the Offensive Linemen who to block. The best part is that slide protection actually works. Let's take a look at a few examples of how you can incorporate Slide Protection into your offensive scheme.

In our example, we're controlling the Cleveland Browns against the Baltimore Ravens. Now, the Baltimore Ravens are known for their unique blitz packages. In our example, the Ravens' have overloaded the right side of the line of scrimmage.



Slide protection can help you buy your quarterback extra time to make an accurate throw.

As the ball is snapped, the defense overloads the right side of the line. While the Offensive Line tries to react, they simply can't get over in time. Browns' quarterback Derek Anderson nearly gets his head ripped off (and wishes Brady Quinn was in on this snap).

To counter the defensive overload, we're going to use the Slide Protection. To do this, press the left rigger then move right on the left analog stick. You can see the Offensive Line blocking angles are now pointing to the right. In addition, you can see the WR, Cleveland's Joshua Cribbs, has a blocking angle to the right. When you call for slide protection, it makes all blockers slide. The WR will now work with the Offensive Line to create a pocket.

In our example, the Ravens' defense lines up again in an overloaded set. We anticipated the pressure coming from the right side, so we've called for slide protection to the right. Once the ball is snapped, the Offensive Line moves to the right to pick up defenders. The line does a great job of picking up the pressure, giving Derek Anderson the time needed to look down field and pick up a big gain.

Tip: Have you ever wanted to tell your receiver to change his route in the middle of the play? Now you can. By utilizing the playmaker feature, you can tell a receiver to change directions while the play is happening. It's not always as easy as it sounds: you can only playmaker one receiver at a time and since there could be five receivers at a time, it can be confusing. Generally, you're going to playmaker the closest receiver. Use the right analog stick during the play to direct the closest receiver. - SportsGamer's Daniel Grundei

Now let's take a look at another example of how to effectively use a blocking scheme to direct blockers. In this example we have both Wide Receivers running slant routes. Currently, the running back is going to the flats and the fullback has a standard blocking angle.

However, by keeping our backs in to block, they take a different blocking angle than usual: the running back blocks to the left and the fullback blocks to the right. Here's how it works: if the receiver (in this case the running back and fullback) is directly behind the center, and you call for a block (Y + Left Trigger / Right Trigger) and the receiver will block to the left / right. This can be very useful when trying to pick up pressure if you know where it's coming from.

In our example, let's take a look at what happens after the snap. Just as the ball is snapped, both backs move to the outside. This, coupled with slide protection down (makes the Offensive Line pinch), creates a very tight pocket, giving the quarterback plenty of time to make a throw. Again, the quarterback has all day to throw the ball. Both slant routes are open, and the quarterback gets to choose which side he wants to throw. Making sure you have time to throw the ball is essential to a pass play's success. Using slide protection, we created the time needed to move the chains.

In this example, we're going to show you how the slide protection can be effective in combination with play action passes. Play action plays can be very effective, but if the defense sniffs out the play action, this can often lead to a sack.



Use slide protection to move the Offensive Line together, which can help close gaps in the line.

Let's take a look at how this play action play develops without the benefit of slide protection. The defense doesn't bite on the play action, and they come around the outside to put pressure on the QB. Derek Anderson again gets sacked. Now, let's examine how this play develops with slide protection.

By hitting left trigger then right on the left analog stick, we now have our blockers sliding to the right. Immediately after the snap, all the Offensive Line shift to the right. With the entire Offensive Line sliding together, it helps close gaps in the line, and creates great blocking. When Browns' quarterback Anderson does complete the play action fake, the entire defensive pass rush has been neutralized. In addition, the running back that performed the play action fake is now going out on a pass pattern while the defender responsible for guarding him is stuck in the middle of the Offensive Line because of our slide protection.

Here are the Offensive Line Slide Protection shifts.

- Slide Protect Left: Shift blockers to the left.
- Slide Protect Right: Shift blockers to the right.
- Slide Protect Up: Make line more aggressive.
- Slide Protect Down: Pinch Offensive Line to pick up middle pressure.

Make sure to take advantage of the new Madden 09 Slide Protection feature. Slide protection can help pick up the blitz, create passing angles, and shore up play action blocking. But beware: if you slide protect in the wrong direction, you might see more Copyright ©1995-2008 CNET Networks. Inc. All rights reserved.

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Create New Plays on the Fly

By: Daniel Grundei

Hot routes have been in Madden for many years. A hot route is when you tell your receiver at the line of scrimmage to run a different route than originally called. In Madden NFL 09, it's not just hot routes that you're going to need to know how to perform. EA Sports has added "Smart Routes" to this year's game. A smart route tells the receiver to make sure their route goes just past the first down marker. For instance, it's 3rd down and 10 and your receiver is running a seven-yard curl. What good is a seven-yard curl on 3rd down and 10? By calling for a smart route, the receiver will now run a 10-yard curl-much more useful in the situation!

Now that you know what hot and smart routes are, let's take a look at the different options to use them and even combine them if needed. For all of these examples, we've kept everyone back to block, simply to keep those players out of the way. That is everyone except for Indianapolis Colts' wide receiver Reggie Wayne. Let's go over the different routes you can perform.

- Push "Y" then the receiver icon (for instance, "X") then up on the left analog stick: the receiver performs a streak route. That's "Y" (trigger hot route) + X (receiver icon) + up (left analog stick).
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + down (left analog stick) = a curl route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + left (left analog stick) = an out route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + right (left analog stick) = an in route. Note that the in and out routes are dependent on which side of the field you're currently on. So if Reggie Wayne is on the right side of the field, this button sequence would make Wayne do the same route but instead it's considered an out route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + up (right analog stick) = fade route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + left (right analog stick) = slant out route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + right (right analog stick) = slant in route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + down (right analog stick) = drag route.

Now here's where things get a little trick yet very interesting. We're going to combine hot routes and smart routes to show you how powerful these can be. In this example, first call for a slant out route: "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + left (right analog stick). Then call for a smart route: "Y" (trigger hot routes) + "X" (receiver icon) + click on the right analog stick. The result is a deeper version of the slant out! Here are some examples:

- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + right (right analog stick) = slant inside + "Y" + "X" + click on the right analog stick = deep slant inside.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + down (left analog stick) = curl route + "Y" + "X" + click on the right analog stick = deep curl route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + left (left analog stick) = in route + "Y" + "X" + click on the right analog stick = deep in route.
- "Y" (trigger hot route) + "X" (receiver icon) + right (left analog stick) = out route + "Y" + "X" + click on the right analog stick = deep out route.

As you can see, there are several options when it comes to changing routes at the line of scrimmage. The addition of the smart route gives you more control over what happens on the field. You must remember that when it comes to smart routes, the route will change depending on the first down marker. If it's 2nd down and 16, the smart route will be deeper than a 3rd down and three play. Experiment with smart routes and hot routes in practice mode and make sure you understand how to use them. You never know when the game is going to come down to converting a 4th and 12!

Audible to Create Mismatches

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Audibles have always been a part of Madden. Sometimes, audibles can put player in positions they don't traditionally play and often this leads to quite an advantage for the offense. Some gamers will call this a Madden 09 cheat, but it's just the nature of the Madden gameplay. Let's take a look at how you can use a strategic audible to place intense pressure on the defense.

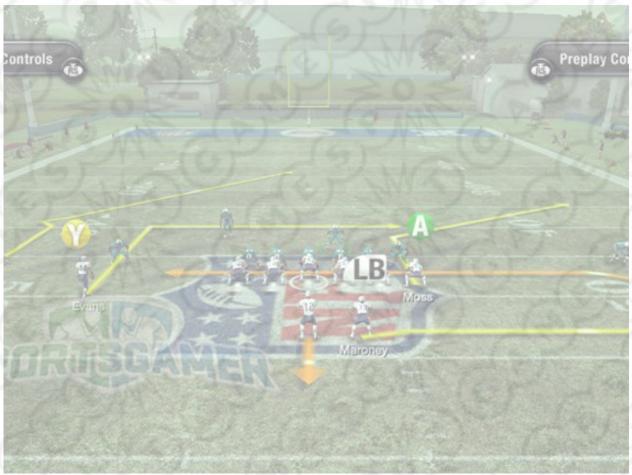
The New England Patriot offense comes out in a Goal Line formation with Randy Moss lined up as the outside tight end. Accomplish Copyright ©1995-2008 CNET Networks, Inc. All rights reserved.

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this with the "WR Wing" package. The defense has countered by calling a Goal Line formation and Jam Cover 1 defense.

Tip: Probably the most important factor to running a good offense is being able to tell what the defensive coverage-man or zone-is before the snap. Here are a few techniques. Are defenders lined up directly across your receiver or off to the side then slide in front? If they start lined up directly, it's man coverage; if they slide in, it's zone. Call a bunch formation and watch the differences. Another way to tell is to use motion. If the defender follows the receiver all the way across to the other side of the line, it's man. You can also try flipping the play at the line-if the defenders follow their man, it's man coverage. Otherwise, it's zone. - SportsGamer's Daniel Grundei

Tom Brady recognizes the potential mismatch and audibles to a Gun formation. To do this, simply hit the X button and then call your audible. You need to make sure this play is set in your audibles before the play. Now let's see what happens to dynamic receiver Randy Moss. He is still lined up as a tight end and has a linebacker guarding him! Most defensive backs can't keep up with Randy Moss, so it's obvious that no linebacker is going to run with Moss downfield.



Audible from Goal Line to Gun and you may find Randy Moss mismatched against a linebacker.

The key to utilizing your audibles is to know what you want to accomplish on offense and know how to attack different kinds of defense. In this example, we came out in a Goal Line play then audibled to the Gun formation. If the defense comes out in a passing defense, simply run the ball out of Goal Line. If the defense comes out in a heavy run stopping defense, audible to Gun. As a good offensive Madden gamer, you need to dictate the flow of play to the defense. Audibles are a great way to accomplish this.

Relearning to Throw the Deep Ball

By: Daniel Grundei

You drop back to pass and you see the receiver get behind the cornerback by a step. You execute an easy tap of the button to perform a deep lob 40 yards downfield. The receiver catches the ball in stride for a touchdown! That was the Madden of the past-not Madden NFL 09. You can still go deep, but it's much more difficult.

The deep ball mechanics have changed dramatically in Madden 09. This is something that every Madden gamer should take note of and make sure to understand. We're going to explain how the deep ball works and how best to utilize the deep throw. To do this, we're going to break down four different types of deep throws. Then we'll explain why two of the throws work and two don't. It doesn't matter how experienced of a Madden player you are-you need to understand this tip!

Each of the throws in this example will be performed against a Man Cover 2 defense. In our example, we've used the Detroit Lions. We're also going to roll out in each example, simply to buy us enough time to throw deep. In our first example, Kitna sees Calvin Johnson behind the defense and decides to attempt a deep throw. However, Kitna's feet aren't set. He's trying to throw on the run, and that just isn't a good idea this year!

The throw is well under thrown, and although Johnson was behind the defense, the defender recovered to make the interception. Why was this an interception? It's all about the quarterback mechanics. This throw should never have been attempted. You need to make sure your quarterback has time to set his feet and launch the ball deep downfield. But it's not all about setting your feet. You need to understand the nuances of Madden 09. Take a look at the next example.

In our next example, we attempt a more traditional deep Madden lob. In years past, if you see the receiver get behind the defense, simply tap the receiver icon, and the ball lobs deep downfield to the streaking receiver. The ball typically hits the receiver in stride for a touchdown. EA wanted to change the deep ball and have. First, take note of the quarterback's mechanics. When tossing the deep ball, the quarterback puts his entire body into the throw. The motion takes longer to perform and means if you get hit while the throw is being made, the throw is going to be short. Make sure you do in fact have time to throw the ball deep.



The deep ball throw mechanics have changed somewhat in Madden 09.

In our example, Detroit Lions' wide receiver Calvin Johnson is behind both the defenders. Quarterback Jon Kitna performs the deep lob-tapping the receiver icon button. The longer you press the receiver icon, the more of a bullet pass it becomes. Calvin Johnson has a step on both defenders. If the ball is thrown ahead of Johnson, this is a touchdown, right? While the ball is in the air, the defenders catch up to Johnson. The amazing thing about this is that both defenders are several speed points slower than Johnson. Shouldn't Johnson be the one pulling away? Now the defenders have both run past the receiver by two yards. The defense tracks the deep lob in an amazing way this year!

Not only did the defense get behind the receiver. They had time to strafe up and prepare to catch the pass. Johnson has very little chance against two defenders facing the ball. Why did we get this result? The deep lob has been changed. If you let you receiver get downfield far enough to beat the safety, you simply can't use the deep lob. You can lob the ball if the defense is playing bump and run coverage, with no safety help over the top. But that lob has to come within the first twenty yards or so. After that, the lob doesn't work. So what type of deep ball will work?

Tip: For years Michael Vick was the most used, or should I say overused, player in Madden. His mobility gave the offensive team more options and made it easier to execute a gameplan. Often times, though, first time Madden players pick a mobile quarterback and simply try to run around to buy time. It's true, but it's short-sighted. There are several benefits, including the able to create better passing angles, scramble for yardage, and execute better play action passes. But usually the mobile quarterbacks lack the accuracy or throwing power of pocket passers. Also, when scrambling for yardage, slide! Don't take an unnecessary hit. - SportsGamer's Daniel Grundei

This pass isn't a "deep'" pass per se. The key here is you see that the receiver has a step on the defense. But when you let the receiver get more than about 35 yards downfield, the quarterback mechanics change. Instead of the deep lob, let's take another example with a 30-yard bullet pass. Instead of tapping the button, we'll hold down the receiver icon button when making the throw.

When performing this pass, Detroit Lions' quarterback Jon Kitna starts his motion and steps into his throw. Kitna's hips don't drop and it's a very compact movement. It's a qiuck release with great mechanics. Jon Kitna gets this animation because of the user's stick work to face Kitna perfectly to the line of scrimmage and because of the receiver's location on the field. When not going into the full deep ball mechanics, the quarterback simply can't throw any further, so the timing of this throw is critical. Now let's take a look at the deepest bullet pass.

In our example, Jon Kitna is ready to throw the ball deep with no defenders around him. This is important because this pass takes some time to perform. Watch the mechanics closely. Also, remember, this isn't a deep lob-it's a deep bullet. To perform this, hold down on the receiver button.

Try it in practice and watch Kitna's mechanics. The quarterback makes his first move toward the line of scrimmage. He's gearing up to throw the ball deep. Now his feet are back together-he makes a slide step to get his lower body into the throw. Now notice how Kitna drops his back shoulder and bends his back knee. He wants to leverage his entire body to get the ball as deep as possible. The motion that Kitna is making really allows him to heave the ball downfield. Notice he's ready to release the ball, but it much lower than he was for the shorter version of the deep pass. He finally releases the ball. How far did he throw it? A little farther than the previous example!

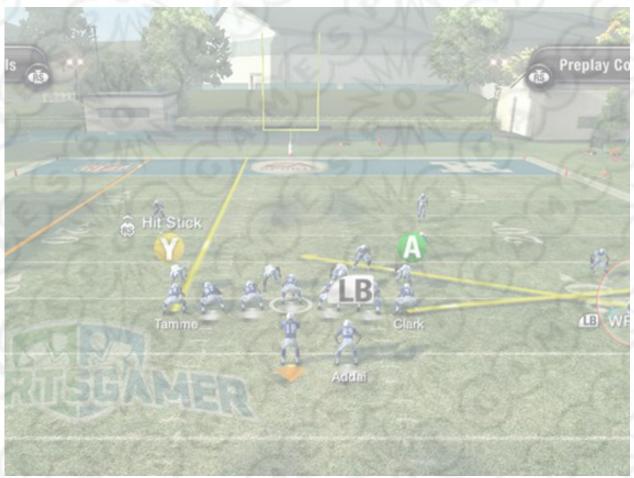
It's important to understand what throws you can make and which throws you can't make. The throwing mechanics have changed this year enough that some throws that you've made in the past simply aren't going to work this year. With the defense able to react so much faster, one bad pass is likely going to be an interception and not just a deflected pass. Work on your deep passing game in practice mode before risking the deep ball in live game action.

Controlling the Receiver During the Play

By: Daniel Grundei

Controlling the receiver during the play can be one of the most fun things to do in Madden 09. Most gamers haven't taken full advantage of this technique, but there are strategies that can make this very effective. If you've ever been frustrated at watching your receiver run bad routes or not get off the bump, now you can take control of the receiver and do it yourself!

In order to take control of your receiver before the snap, you will need to cycle to the receiver and click the "LB" button. The ring around the receiver will now turn light blue. For this example, put the receiver in motion and we'll show you how to create a very unique route. Snap the ball just as the receiver nears the tight end on that side of the field.



Control a wide receiver during the play and create your own routes.

After the ball has been snapped, immediately run back and to the left with the receiver. Check out the receiver's position now. You will never get bumped if you're not moving toward the line! Even better, the defender is trying to chase the receiver around your Offensive Line's right tackle.

We run across the line of scrimmage and behind the line. Our Offensive Line picks up the defender guarding the receiver and pancakes him! Now our wide receiver is running wide open on the opposite side of the line. In our example, Indianapolis Colts' quarterback Peyton Manning swings the ball to Marvin Harrison. This is done because as we get open, we hit the "A" button to call for the ball. This action triggers the throw by Peyton Manning. It is highly recommended to only do this technique with a quarterback with very high awareness. The reason for this is if you don't get open quickly enough, the quarterback will throw the ball. You don't want a rookie quarterback out there making decisions to throw into coverage! A quarterback like Peyton Manning or Tom Brady with high awareness will rarely make throws into coverage. Also, make sure the route you want to run is short. Sit in soft spots against zone coverage and run away from man-to-man coverage. This technique takes some practice, but is very fun to execute during the game.

Chapter 6 - Defensive Formations and Playbooks

This section provides coverage of Madden 08's defensive formations and playbooks and provides tips on using defensive shifts and playmaker modes to stop the opposition's offense.

Defensive Formations and Packages

The table below covers all formations, reveals the personnel and packages, and offers some tips on when and when not to use them.

FORMATION	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGES	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES

Goal Line	Run prevent in short yardage situations, specifically third or fourth and short or on the goal line.	Safety Swap, Jumbo, 3 DT, Strong, LB Ends	Packed defense to prevent the short run. There are a lot of tacklers near the line of scrimmage.	Audible to another defense if the offense changes formation. So many defenders near the line can be disastrous if a running back breaks through.
4-3 Normal	Four Defensive Linemen, three Linebackers, four defensive backs.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, LB Flip, DE Flip	A balanced run and pass defense. Good against inside runs and short to medium passing.	Avoid using against four or more receiver sets (even three is risky). Blitzing Linebackers can leave slants and outside runs open.
4-3 Over, Under	Moves an outer linebacker to the line for five Defensive Linemen, two Linebackers, and four defensive backs (Over and Under refers to different sides of the line).	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, LB Flip, DE Flip	Increased pass rush possibilities. Protect against inside and outside runs.	Vulnerable to the passing game and fewer Linebackers in the middle could mean fewer tacklers if the back breaks the line.
3-4 Normal	Three Defensive Linemen, four Linebackers, and four defensive backs.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	A balanced run and pass defense. Defends outside runs and flat passes.	Softer pass rush, though more blitz variation with extra Linebackers. Vulnerable to multiple receiver sets.
3-4 Over, Under	Three Defensive Linemen, four Linebackers, and four defensive backs. An outside linebacker tightens up the edge of the line (Over and Under refers to different sides of the line).	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	Increased pass rush with linebacker at the line.	Fewer Linebackers defending the short passes. Vulnerable to multiple receiver sets.
3-4 Solid	Three Defensive Linemen, four Linebackers, and four defensive backs. Both outside Linebackers crowd the line.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	Increased pass rush opportunities and disguised blitzing. Stuff the run with increased penetration.	Vulnerable to quick passes if outside Linebackers blitz. Avoid against multiple receiver sets.
3-4 Even	Three Defensive Linemen, four Linebackers, and four defensive backs. Outside Linebackers crowd the line and middle Linebackers tighten up.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, SS at LB	Balanced run stoppage for inside and outside runs.	Tighter formation could be vulnerable to the pass.
3-4 Stack	Three Defensive Linemen, four Linebackers, and four defensive backs. Resembles a 4-3 in alignment.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	A 4-3 look for your excellent Linebackers. Variation in pass rushing for fast outside Linebackers.	Avoid using against heavy passing situations.
46 Normal	Four Defensive Linemen, three Linebackers, four defensive backs but shifts one safety up to the linebacker position leaving one safety deep.	Speed, OLB Swap	Similar to 4-3 but safety provides extra run stopping support. Pressuring defense.	Vulnerable to deep passes with just one safety back. Avoid using against heavy passing situations and multiple receiver sets.
46 Bear	Six Defensive Linemen (some are Linebackers on the line), one linebacker, three defensive backs with one safety playing in a linebacker spot leaving one deep safety.	46 Swap, LB/DE Swap, LB Coverage	Combines the 46 Normal and 4-3 Over defenses. Increased pressure along the line for stronger run defense and pressure.	Weak pass defense. Avoid using against multiple receiver sets.
Nickel Normal	Four Defensive Linemen, two Linebackers, five defensive backs.	Strong Nickel, Strong Shift, CB Swap, Safety Swap, LOLB Right, LOLB Left, LB Swap, Big Nickel	An additional defensive back helps protect against the pass. Be sure the "nickel back" is lined up against the slot receiver. Optimum against 3 WR sets.	Losing a linebacker means losing a good tackler. Use packages to ensure best corners are against best receivers. Your nickel back isn't as skilled as your starters, usually.

Nickel Strong	Same as nickel but shifts the safety toward the strong side.	Strong Nickel, Strong Shift, CB Swap, Safety Swap, LOLB Right, LOLB Left	Increased safety help on the strong side. Helps provide additional coverage on a stacked formation (where more receivers and/or tight ends are on one side).	Similar to the standard nickel. Also the safety shifted over could leave the other side open, especially if there are backs on pass patterns.
Nickel 1-5-5, 1-5-5 Prowl	One Defensive Lineman, five Linebackers, five defensive backs. Crowded line of scrimmage with basically one MLB (prowl with two). Found in the New England playbook.	DE Pass Rush, MLB Swap (MLB 2 in Prowl), OLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, SS Nickel, FS Nickel	Five Linebackers help defend against a run and five defensive backs help defend the pass. Allows for some blitzing variation.	Can be a weak run defense if your Linebackers focus on coverage.
Nickel 2-4-5	Two Defensive Linemen, four Linebackers, five defensive backs.	DE Pass Rush, MLB Swap, OLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, SS Nickel, FS Nickel	Added Linebackers help defend against an unexpected run. In the 3-4 playbook because of the team's typical linebacker skill.	Need to increase pass rush with linebacker pressure.
Nickel 3-3-5	Three Defensive Linemen, three Linebackers and five defensive backs.	4th CB, OLB Flip, Safety NB, Safety Flip, DE Flip, CB Flip	An added linebacker to defend the run or short passing.	Need to increase pass rush with linebacker pressure.
Dime Normal	Four Defensive Linemen, one linebacker, six defensive backs.	ROLB, LOLB, CB Swap, LB Pass Rush, Safety Swap, D-Line Sub	Six defensive backs to counter the passing game. Use against four or more wide receiver sets.	Weak against an unexpected run
Same as dime but closes Dime Flat Safeties in and backs off corners. ROLB, LOLB, CB Swap, DE Swap, DT Swap, LB Rush		Defenders are tighter and closer to the line to protect against run or short passing. Good for end zone defense.	Weaker against deep passing.	
Quarters Normal	Three Defensive Linemen, one linebacker, seven defensive backs.	Linebackers, LB Pass Rush, LOLB, ROLB, CB Flip, Safety Swap, Slot CB Flip, SS Tight	Seven defensive backs as a pass prevent defense.	Easy to run against.
Quarters 3 Deep	Same as quarters but shifts a defensive back into a deep safety position for three deep Safeties.	ROLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Swap, Slot Swap, LB Pass Rush, LOLB Swap, Dline Sub	Three deep Safeties to protect against the deep ball. Use in long yardage situations.	Easy to run against.
Quarters Combo	Combination of Quarters normal and 3 deep.	ROLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Swap, Slot Swap, LB Pass Rush, LOLB Swap, Dline Sub	Protects against the deep ball with three deep Safeties.	Easy to run against.
FS Sub, MLB/ROLB Swap, MLB/LOLB Swap, Safety Flip, CB Strong RT, CB Strong LT, Safeties, D-Line Sub, Quarter		Eight players focused on stopping the pass. Use in certain passing situations (long yardage) or even in the red zone to crowd the end zone.	You have a lot of bad tacklers on the field if your opponent runs the ball!	

Team Defensive Playbooks

The table below reveals the defensive playbook for each NFL team in Madden 09. Note that each team features the Goal Line formation.

TEAM	MADDEN 09 DEFENSIVE FORMATIONS

Arizona Cardinals	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Under, 3-4 Even, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Dime Normal, Dolla Normal, Quarter 3 Deep	
Atlanta Falcons	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Baltimore Ravens	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Even, 3-4 Stack, 46 Normal, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Buffalo Bills	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal, Quarter 3 Deep	
Carolina Panthers	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, 46 Normal, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter 3 Deep	
Chicago Bears	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, 46 Normal, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Cincinnati Bengals	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal	
Cleveland Browns	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Stack, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Nickel 1-5-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Dallas Cowboys	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Under, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Stack, Nickel 2-4-5, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal	
Denver Broncos	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Detroit Lions	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Green Bay Packers	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Houston Texans	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter 3 Deep	
Indianapolis Colts	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Jacksonville Jaguars	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, 46 Normal, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Kansas City Chiefs	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel Strong, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal, Quarter 3 Deep	
Miami Dolphins	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Minnesota Vikings	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
New England Patriots	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Under, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Stack, Nickel 2-4-5, Nickel 1-5-5, Nickel 1-5-5 Prowl, Dime Normal, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
New Orleans Saints	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
New York Giants	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
New York Jets	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Even, 3-4 Stack, Nickel 2-4-5, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal	
Oakland Raiders	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 3-4 Under, 46 Normal, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Philadelphia Eagles	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, 46 Normal, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Pittsburgh Steelers	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Under, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Even, 3-4 Stack, Nickel 2-4-5, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
San Diego Chargers	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Under, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Stack, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
San Francisco 49ers	3-4 Normal, 3-4 Over, 3-4 Solid, 3-4 Stack, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Nickel 2-4-5, Dime Normal, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	
Seattle Seahawks	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo	

St. Louis Rams	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo
Tennessee Titans	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Combo
Washington Redskins	4-3 Normal, 4-3 Over, 4-3 Under, Nickel Normal, Nickel Strong, Nickel 3-3-5, Dime Normal, Dime Flat, Dollar Normal, Quarter Normal

Default Formation Playbooks

This chart reveals which specific defensive formations are featured within each default, non-team specific defensive playbook.

PLAYBOOK	4-3 DEFENSES	3-4 DEFENSES	46 DEFENSES	NICKEL DEFENSES	DIME DEFENSES	DOLLAR DEFENSES	QUARTER DEFENSES
4-3	Normal, Over, Under	None	Normal	Normal, Strong, 3-3-5	Normal, Flat	Normal	Combo
3-4	None	Normal, Over, Under, Solid, Even, Stack	None	3-3-5, Strong, 2- 4-5	Normal	Normal	3 Deep
Cover 2	Normal, Under, Over	None	None	Normal, 3-3-5, Strong	Normal, Flat	Normal	Combo
46	Over	None	Normal, Bear	Normal, Strong, 3-3-5	Normal, Flat	Normal	Combo
Multiple D	Normal	Normal, Under, Stack	Normal	2-4-5, 3-3-5, 1-5- 5	Normal	Normal	Combo

Defensive Shifts

After you've called your defensive formation and personnel, you can still make adjustments to your current alignment. You can make shifts to the line, Linebackers, or defensive backs to guard against your opponent's tendencies or expected play. Make these adjustments using the left analog stick on the Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3.

POSITION	SHIFTS (LEFT ANALOG STICK)	COMMENTARY	
Defensive Line	Shift outside tackles, shift tight between tackles, shift line left, shift line right	Against an expected inside run, shift line tighter; against an expected outside run, spread line out. Shift line toward a left or right run or toward a tight end to bump him at the line.	
Linebackers	Spread Linebackers out, shift Linebackers in tight, shift Linebackers left, shift Linebackers right	Against an expected inside run, shift Linebackers tighter; against an expected outside run, spread Linebackers out. Shift Linebackers left or right against corresponding run or to help free up blitzing Linebackers.	
Defensive Backs Put defensive backs into press coverage, put defensive backs in loose coverage, show blitz or align coverage.		Press coverage with Press Coverage corners and to slow down receir routes; play looser against expected deep passes. Show blitz to disguise coverage, confuse blockers, and perhaps force opponent to throw earlier.	

The following table reveals further global adjustments that can be made to the Defensive Line, Linebackers and defensive backs. Make these adjustments using the right analog stick on the Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3. Use these adjustments to counter an expected offensive play, perhaps to disrupt the direction of a run play or to call an impromptu blitz.

POSITION	ADJUSTMENTS (RIGHT ANALOG STICK)	COMMENTARY
Defensive Line	Crash the line left, crash the line right, crash the line outside, or crash the line inside.	Adjust the line depending on where you think the run play will go. Crash left or right against runs expected in those directions. Crashing outside can help guard against either and inside against inside runs.

Linebackers	Blitz the left linebacker, blitz the right linebacker, hook zones for all Linebackers (up), blitz all Linebackers (down).	Change your defensive call at the linebacker position with these hot routes. Add pass rush to the left or right side (or all) with linebacker pressure or call them back into a zone to protect the middle of the field.
Defensive Backs	Shift deep zones left, right, or out.	Shift deep zone coverage toward the side of the field with more receivers.

Defensive Playmaker

By: Kyle Cooper from SportsGamer

When attempting to play Madden at a high level the standard defenses provided within the game aren't always enough to stop certain opponents. Sometimes to cover a particular part of the field or stop that annoying running quarterback it's going to take a manual adjustment to one of your defenders before the snap to stop it. Fortunately, EA has done a great job of giving users the defensive tools necessary to counter almost any offense. Below we're going to showcase all of the possible pre-snap individual player adjustments that can be made to help get you ready for the Madden 09 season!

- To assign a defender to blitz, cycle to that player and "A" on the 360 and "X" on the PS3 and move the right analog stick down.
- In case your opponent thinks about taking off with the quarterback, assign a defender to a QB spy. Do so by using "A" (360) or "X" (PS3) and move the right analog stick left.
- If your opponent is constantly hitting his running back out of the backfield in the flats, then you may want to consider placing your defender in a flat zone. Press "A" (360) or "X" (PS3) and move the right analog stick to the right.
- A good way to stop curl routes or corner routes is to hot route a defender into a buzz zone. Press "A" (360) or "X" (PS3) and move the left analog stick to the right.
- Most Linebackers can't cover downfield very effectively; however, utilizing deep zones with any onf your front seven
 defenders can prove to be beneficial because often times the player's lack of speed places him in perfect position underneath
 of the receiver to swat away the pass. Also, using a defender up front can provide you with some much needed height in the
 secondary to deal with those tall receivers. To hot route a defender to perform a deep zone, select the desired player and
 press "A" (360) or "X" (PS3) and move the right analog stick up.
- Hook zones are a great way to slow down slants and deep ins over the middle of the field. Press "A" (360) or "X" (PS3) and move the left analog stick up.
- Hot routing a defender to perform a QB Contain is another way you can attempt to slow down a running quarterback. Press "A" (360) or "X" (PS3) and move the left analog stick down. QB Contain routes typically will not attack the quarterback until he approaches the defender's area, so do not use this assignment if you're expecting to create a pass rush.
- To hot route a defender to play man-to-man coverage on someone, select the defender and press "A + receiver's icon" (360) or "X + receiver's icon" (PS3) and move the right analog stick left. Being able to place a defender in man-to-man coverage on a receiver is a great way to make sure you account for all of your opponent's on the field.
- The ultimate man-to-man defense on your opponent's #1 receiving threat is to double team him. Hot routing a defender to double team a receiver can be done the exact same way that you assign a defender to man-to-man coverage; do so when you already have a corner in man-to-man against that receiver. Double teaming a receiver doesn't always mean that the defense will make a play on the ball; however, it does mean that the offensive player will have a much tougher time consistently hanging onto the ball since two players will be hitting him after the catch instead of one.

Chapter 7 - SportsGamer's Madden 09 Defensive Training Camp

This section provides select articles from SportsGamer's Madden 09 Training Camp feature and focus on the defense side of the ball. These articles provide examples of using new Madden 09 features as well as applying general Madden strategies to your game. For more of SportsGamer's Madden 09 Training Camp, visit their web site at http://www.sportsgamer.com/madden_09/training_camp/.

Learning the Defensive Formations

By: Kyle Cooper

Having the right personnel on the field on defense can be the difference between winning and losing. In this Madden 09, we'll break down the different defensive formation to provide a better understanding of what you should expect when exiting the huddle.

The first formation we're going to take a look at is the 4-3. It's called the 4-3 because there are four Defensive Linemen and three Linebackers on the field. This defense is typically decent at stopping the run and good against users who enjoy running offenses from bigger sets. This formation should avoid against opponents who like to throw every play with four and five receiver sets.

The 3-4 defense is similar to the 4-3, only there's one more linebacker and one less Defensive Linemen on the field. This is another defense that should be used against bigger sets because you don't want to leave your Linebackers matched up in man-to-man coverage on receivers. However, some teams may be able to get away with using a 3-4 against spread offenses if they have a fast group of Linebackers.

The 46 defense is one of the most popular defensive formations in the game. The personnel is the same as the 4-3, but the ability to bring consistent pressure and stop the run with more regularity is enough for many users to make this their base defense throughout an entire game. However, spread sets can beat this defense if pressure isn't applied on the quarterback.

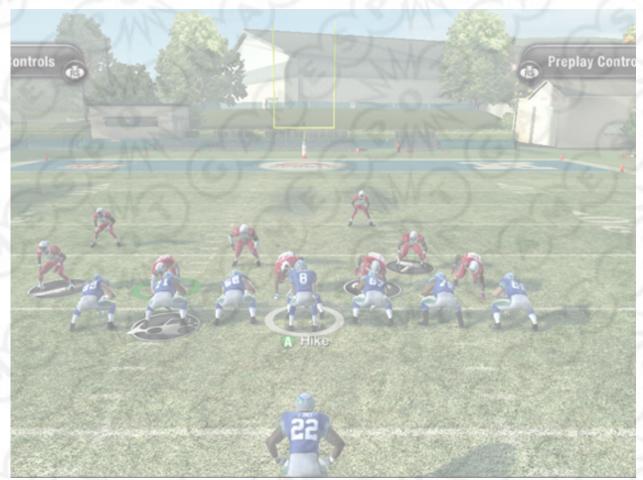
Tip: One of the most important keys to creating a solid defense is being able to disguise your play calling. The truth is many Madden players out there just don't realize how easily this can be done within the same formation. Each defensive formation in the game has been provided with a group of four pre-set formation audibles that can be used to quickly go back and forth between zone and man coverage. Before the snap hit "X" on the 360 or "Square" on the PS3 and use the right analog stick up for Man Cover 2, right for Cover 3 Zone, left for Cover 2 Zone, and down for a blitz. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper

The Nickel 3-3-5 has three Defensive Linemen, three Linebackers, and five defensive backs. Many Madden players love the flexibility of this defense because it matches up fairly well against both big and spread sets. This flexibility allows players to counter opponents who like to audible up and down throughout the course of a game. A couple of downsides to this defense include the lack of pressure on the quarterback and the inability to consistently stop the run. Both of these weaknesses can be fixed with manual movements before the snap, but it certainly takes some work.

The Nickel 1-5-5 is one of the more unique defenses in the game. This defense calls for five Linebackers, five defensive backs, and just one Defensive Lineman. Needless to say, pressure from this defense isn't always easy or consistent. Furthermore, stopping the run with this formation takes a lot of work. The best part about this defense is that the player is able to move ten players anywhere on the field. The only player that cannot be moved with resetting to his original position is the Defensive Lineman. This defense may be confusing for opponents at times, but there are just too many weaknesses for it to be used throughout the course of a game.

The Nickel 1-5-5 Prowl is basically the same defense as the Nickel 1-5-5, but the Defensive Linemen is standing up instead of in a three-point stance. The good thing about both the 1-5-5 and the Prowl is that you can mix both formations together and create a truly unique defense if perfected.

The Nickel Normal is another defense that is flexible enough to be used against multiple offensive sets. This defense provides us with four Defensive Linemen, two Linebackers, and five defensive backs. With six big defenders in the box we are able to create solid pressure, as well as slow down most running plays. This is a formation that is good to start a game because you don't risk getting beat deep and it forces your opponent to work up the field as you learn tendencies.



Nickel personnel is versatile and able to counter both run and passing plays.

The Nickel Strong can be just as useful as the Nickel Normal formation. The two differences between the formations is that in the Strong formation the nickel back stands right next to the defensive end on the left side of the Offensive Line and the strong safety is about three to four yards closer to the line of scrimmage. Having the nickel back stand next to the defensive end allows for great blitzes around the outside. However, most people usually suspect blitz from that side in this formation while the Nickel Normal formation can bring an element of surprise.

The Dime Normal formation is best used for passing situations because it places four Defensive Linemen, one linebacker, and seven defensive backs on the field. Most people prefer to stick with a defense that can stop both the run and the pass, so not too many users throw out the Dime look for opponents.

The Quarters 3 Deep formation is great for long yardage situations. There's also a Quarters Normal formation, but in that formation there isn't a deep safety in the middle of the field. Many Madden gamers will take this defense and hot route two of the three Defensive Linemen to play zones underneath. Obviously, this means that there's only one defender rushing after the quarterback, but when you've got ten other players in coverage downfield that doesn't always seem to matter.

The Goal Line formation is typically only used inside the ten yardline. However, this is a formation that can be productive against big offensive sets. The problem with coming out of the huddle having called a Goal Line defense is running into those opponents who audible up and down numerous times before the snap. You don't want to get caught trying to guard four and five receivers with your Goal Line personnel package on the field.

The best defenses to use are formations that can do a little bit of everything. It's probably going to be to your benefit to start every game by coming out in the Nickel Normal or 46 Normal defense until you get a feel for what your opponent is trying to do offensively. These formations are great because they can guard against both the run and the pass effectively. Also, these formations can bring consistent pressure as well. With that said, once you begin to start looking deeper into your defensive schemes you're going to want to consider which formations really allow you to utilize your strengths on the field.

Understanding Defensive Coverages

By: Kyle Cooper

Knowing the different defensive coverages in Madden is the first step towards becoming a better player. In this article, we check out all of the different defensive coverages available in Madden 09 to help you know what you should be looking for on the field. Take a look below as SportsGamer walks you through each one step by step.

Take a look at the basic man cover 2 defense. They call this defense a cover 2 because we are provided with two deep zones downfield. Cover 2 defenses are the most commonly used by Madden gamers because they provide users with a safety net on both sides of the field if one of their Cornerbacks happens to get beat deep.

Check out the cover 1 defense. A cover 1 defense has just one defender playing in a deep zone downfield. The reason cover 1 defenses are used is not only because it still provides one safety net over the top, but now we're also able to use an extra defender to rush or help cover if needed.

The reason behind using a cover 0 defense is typically to get to the quarterback as quickly as possible. Obviously, there's no help deep in case one of your Cornerbacks get beat, so getting immediate pressure on the opponent is key. Cover 0 defenses aren't used very often because the risk is simply too high for the reward.

Cover 3 defenses are certainly popular, but more so when playing a zone. Many Madden gamers like to turn to the Quarters 3 Deep: 3 Deep Man when they've forced their opponent into a third and long situation. The reason this defense is a good choice in that particular situation is because everyone on offense is manned up and we've got plenty of help over the top. A cover 3 is usually good enough to stop a deep pass anywhere on the field.

Cover 2 zones are riskier than cover 2 man defenses because once the receivers have gotten behind the cornerback's flat zones they will have a one-on-one matchup with the Safeties, which more often than not favors the receiver. However, if the defense was a man defense, the Cornerbacks would have also been in the picture downfield. Most people like to use cover 2 zone defenses when their opponent gets inside the 10 to 15 yard line. A much shorter field to work with makes this defense very difficult to beat for opponents.

Tip: Defending against a mobile quarterback has always been one of the toughest things to do in Madden. Fortunately, there are more than enough tools in Madden 09 to slow down those opponents who have a run first mentality in the pocket. First, place defensive ends in QB contain assignment using hot routes or a play call. Second, call blitzes from the outside (corners and nickel backs). Third, have defenders in the flats that will attack the roll out. Finally, have a defender in QB spy on the quarterback. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper

Cover 4 defenses are about as good as you can get as far as covering deep across the entire the field. The only bad thing about using most cover 4 defenses is that the flats are usually left open. Just remember to stick to using this type of coverage when your opponent is in long yardage situations.

If a cover 4 defense is almost a good as you can get covering deep, then the prevent defense is as good as you can get. A prevent defense calls for nine defense to perform deep zones on the play. Obviously this is a defense that should only be used at the end of halves and games because there's no coverage anywhere underneath.

Another type of defense coverage that can be used is a man and zone combination. Combination defenses are great because on some formations it can appear to the opponent that you are in man coverage on everyone. Unique coverages such as this often confuse opponents into making poor decisions because they aren't using to seeing them as much on the field.



Mix up your coverages with a zone blitz.

Another type of defensive coverage is a zone blitz. On this particular play we have our left cornerback (on the right side of the field) in the flats, a cover 3 over the top, and we are rushing five at the quarterback. Zone blitzes are a great way to force your opponent to have to make strong throws in the pocket. Otherwise, if a throw is rushed and the quarterback isn't able to get everything behind it because of the pressure it could result in a turnover.

The last type of coverage we'll be discussing is certainly different, but there are actually some stock plays in the game already that place your defensive end in man-to-man coverage. In addition to the man coverage, we also have a cover 3 over the top, as well as overload pressure coming from the backside of the line. This defense is certainly a combination of everything. Playing good defense in Madden and in the NFL is about disguising your pressure and mixing your coverages. However, the first thing you need to understand is what the different coverages do. Also, be sure to use defensive hot routes on certain plays to try to create even more unique defensive looks for your squad. Getting stops this season won't be easy, but clearly you'll have the tools to make it happen!

Front-Seven Quick Control Guide

By: Kyle Cooper

There are a number of different options that users can utilize with the members of their front seven defenders. However, the truth is that most people out there don't make any pre-play adjustments, allowing their opponents to feel extremely comfortable in the pocket even before the play begins. By simply using and learning some of these basic movements in Madden 09 you can at least make your opponent think that pressure is coming even if you aren't bringing any. Check it out below!

The defensive formation that we'll be using to showcase all the different options up front is the 4-3 Normal. These movements will work with any formation, so be sure to try to incorporate them into your defensive scheme this season. The list below reveals adjustments that can be made to both the Defensive Linemen and Linebackers.

• "LB" + left on the left analog stick (360) or "L1" + left on the left analog stick (PS3): Shifts your Defensive Line to the left. As

a general rule, many Madden gamers choose to shift their Defensive Line to the side of the Offensive Line that has more players to protect against the run. For instance, because the offense is in the I Form Normal formation and the tight end is on the right side of the line those players would shift their Defensive Line to the right instead. This is a solid general rule of thumb, but it's certainly not set in stone as 100% effective.

- "LB" + right on the left analog stick (360) or "L1" + right on the left analog stick (PS3): Shifts your Defensive Line to the right. Shifting the Defensive Line to one side or the other is often a good way to allow your defensive end to create pressure around the outside because it usually forces the tackle to have to block him straight up without any help.
- "LB" + up on the left analog stick (360) or "L1" + up on the left analog stick (PS3): Spreads the Defensive Line. Spreading the Defensive Line can create outside pressure, as well as prevent the quarterback from rolling out of the pocket too quickly.
- "LB" + down on the left analog stick (360) or "L1" + down on the left analog stick (PS3): Pinches the Defensive Line in. Most people use the pinched in Defensive Line only when the opponent gets inside the five yard line to prevent a quick run up the middle.
- "LB" + up on the right analog stick (360) or "L1" + up on the right analog stick (PS3): Crashes the Defensive Line out. This changes the blitz angles at which our Defensive Linemen rush the quarterback. This can prevent the quarterback from getting outside of the pocket right away.
- "LB" + right on the right analog stick (360) or "L1" + right on the right analog stick (PS3): Crashes the Defensive Line to the right. Crashing the angles to the right will overload the right side of the Offensive Line, but the quarterback will be able to escape to the backside if he's quick enough.
- "LB" + left on the right analog stick (360) or "L1" + left on the right analog stick (PS3): Crashes the Defensive Line to the left. Again, this will put pressure on the left side of the Offensive Line, but the opposite side will be left open.
- "LB" + down on the right analog stick (360) or "L1" + down on the right analog stick (PS3): Crashes the Defensive Line in. This is another change that typically will only be used inside the five yard line to prevent opponents from running up the middle too easily.
- "RB" + right on the left analog stick (360) or "R1" + right on the left analog stick (PS3): Shifts Linebackers to the right. This shift is usually made to either overload one side of the Offensive Line with a blitz or to try to stop the run.
- "RB" + left on the left analog stick (360) or "R1" + left on the left analog stick (PS3): Shifts Linebackers to the left. Again, this change is typically made to show an overload blitz or to help stop the run.
- "RB" + up on the left analog stick (360) or "R1" + up on the left analog stick (PS3): Spreads the Linebackers. Spreading the
 Linebackers will provide better spacing on the field to help cover with, but it will also leave you a little thin up the middle
 when trying to stop the run.
- "RB" + down on the left analog stick (360) or "R1" + down on the left analog stick (PS3): Pinches the Linebackers. Pinching the Linebackers is another tactic that you will normally only see in short yardage situations to help against quick runs up the middle.
- "RB" + left or right on the right analog stick (360) or "R1" + left or right on the right analog stick (PS3): Outside left or right linebacker to blitz. Blitzing either one of your outside Linebackers in this fashion is a good way to surprise your opponent off the end with pressure without having to give your movements away by manually doing it before the snap.
- "RB" + down on the right analog stick (360) or "R1" + down on the right analog stick (PS3): Blitz all of the Linebackers. Using this option is certainly risky, but if you get to the quarterback it could pay off big time.
- "RB" + up on the right analog stick (360) or "R1" + up on the right analog stick (PS3): Send Linebackers into hook zones.
 Madden gamers rarely use this option because having three of the exact same zones in the same area of the field is far too crowded.

We want to show one more quick option that can be made on the field that many people are unaware of. The option that we're referring to can be used when cycling through the different defenders on defense. We all know that hitting (360 - B / PS3 - O) repeatedly before the snap will allow us to move from player to player as we decide who we are going to control during the play. However, there's a quicker way to move through each player on the field. Instead of repeatedly hitting the button, hold down (360 - B / PS3 - O) and use the directional pad we can quickly switch our player control to a member on the Defensive Line.

By holding the cycle players button and pressing down on the d-pad our player control instantly moved to the left defensive end. Learning how to cycle through your players the quickest way possible is vital to making sure you get your defense set up in time before the play begins.

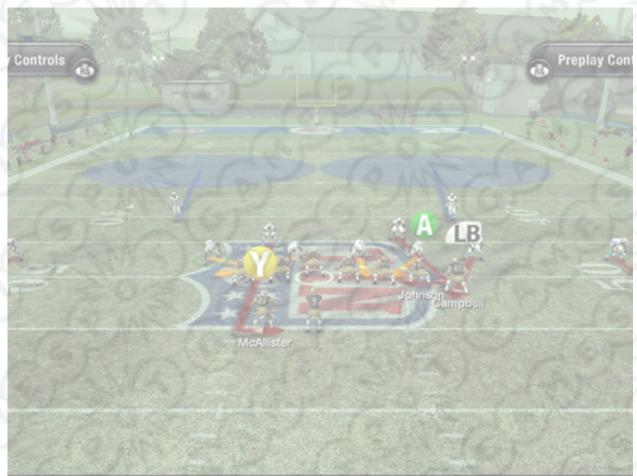
If you haven't been using any of the shifts available to your front seven defenders you've been missing out. With Madden 09 now right around the corner maybe this should be the first year that you give it a try to take your defense to another level. Even showing your opponent the appearance of a blitz is enough for most people to have to make an adjustment before the snap on offense.

Disguising Bump and Run Coverage

By: Kyle Cooper

Many Madden players like their Cornerbacks to apply bump and run coverage on the receivers after the snap. The reason this type of coverage is so popular is because it slows the progress of the receivers up the field, providing extra time for the defense to apply pressure on the quarterback. Because so many players choose to use bump and run coverage, most people try to get comfortable by consistently practicing different ways to beat it. Still, if you can learn to disguise your bump and run coverage before the snap you can throw off your opponent's timing. Read below to discover some of the options that defenses have to disguise the bump in Madden 09.

In our example, we're using the Carolina Panthers in a Dime Man Cover 2 defense. We want to use bump n' run coverage on this play, so we prepare to make the change before the snap. On the 360 press "Y" + down on the left analog stick and on the PS3 press "Triangle" and down on the left analog stick before the snap. Our Cornerbacks move up closer to the receivers near the line of scrimmage. However, there's one more change that we want to make before we're completely ready for the offense to snap the ball.



Make a press coverage adjustment before the snapyou're your defensive backs move closer to their assignments.

The last change we make is resetting the play by pressing "X" + left trigger on the 360 and "Square" plus "L2" on the PS3. By calling for bump and run coverage before the snap and then resetting the play our Cornerbacks don't appear that they are going to bump the receivers anymore because they moved back to their original spots on the field. However, even though we reset the play our Cornerbacks will still apply the bump on the receivers, only this time it will be slightly delayed.

The best way to use the delayed bump and run coverage is to make the changes immediately out of the huddle. If you make the changes before your defenders get set your opponent won't see your Cornerbacks move closer, therefore preventing him from getting a read on whether your defense is bumping or not.

Another way to disguise the bump and run coverage is to use a zone defense. In this example, we've come out in the Dime Cover 3 Zone to try to mix things up. Next, we make the call for bump and run coverage on the outsides once again. Our opponent clearly sees our Cornerbacks move up on the line of scrimmage to show that the bump is coming. However, we know that when our Cornerbacks are playing a deep zone (dark blue) they will not bump the receivers off the line of scrimmage no matter the pre-snap adjustment.

This can lead to confusion as your opponent looks for the bump and run coverage to occur but instead the cornerback gets up field

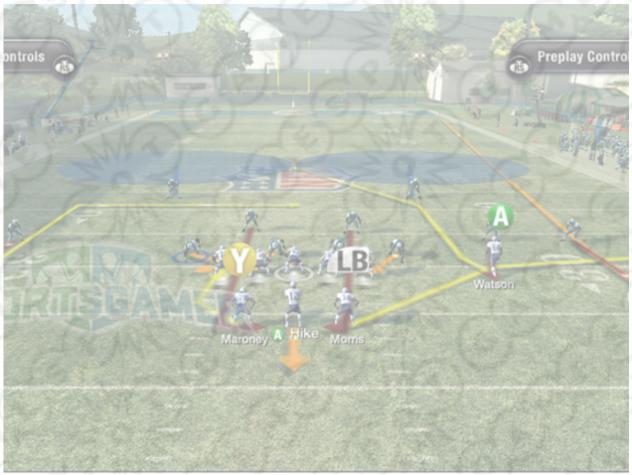
faster than expected. The throwing window may have passed making the throw later than desired. This means your defenders have a greater chance of breaking up the passing play.

Disguising the bump and run coverage can be just as important as disguising your play-calling. Another option you may want to consider is calling for bump and run coverage, and then manually moving each of one your Cornerbacks back to provide an even later bump after the play has begun. However, it's important to remember that if you choose to do this you don't want to move your players back too far or they won't bump the receiver at all.

Shutdown a Receiver with the Spotlight

By: Kyle Cooper

The idea behind spotlighting a player is to make sure that the receiver essentially has two defenders on him at all time. The way that spotlighting works is any defender who is playing a zone will help out on the spotlighted player when he enters their area on the field. Spotlighting a player in Madden 09 definitely works and should be used quite a bit against some of the upper echelon receivers in the league. Check out the examples below to see first hand how spotlighting a receiver can improve your defense this year!



Randy Moss burning you? Take advantage of the receiver spotlight feature.

In our example, the New England Patriots have come out of the huddle with a goal of hitting wide receiver Randy Moss deep downfield. The defense that we've come out in with the New York Jets has basic man-to-man coverage with two deep Safeties playing over the top. We're going to run through this play the first time without using the spotlighting feature to allow you to see how the

Safeties

react.

As soon as quarterback Tom Brady receives the snap the strong safety on the right side of the field makes an initial break toward Moss. Unfortunately, it's the strong safety's second move on the field that makes us wish we had used the spotlighting feature. You'll see the strong safety has now squared up on the quarterback and is in no position to try to turn and run with a speedster like Randy Moss. The strong safety now finally turns and begins to try to run with Moss.

Tip: Sometimes you don't have to be flashy in order to be successful. Using the swat button instead of always going for the interception may not be as much fun, but it certainly has a higher chance of accomplishing what you want to happen-which is disrupting the offensive play! Go into this season with a goal of not giving up easy touchdowns and start utilizing the swat more to make your opponents really work on offense. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper

The bad news is he doesn't have the speed or the angle to prevent Moss from getting behind him at this point in the play. Patriots' quarterback Tom Brady sets his feet and prepares to make the deep throw across the field to Moss. Meanwhile, the safety remains slightly ahead of Moss at this point, but slightly ahead won't be enough to stop the pass once the ball is in the air. Brady fires the pass as Moss is already almost dead even with the strong safety. As the ball approaches Moss begins to widen the gap between himself and these two members of the Jets' secondary. The deep pass from Brady is completed to Moss; he's able to get behind the entire New York defense with ease.

Now let's take a look at the exact same play, only this time we'll be using the spotlight receiver feature to focus the Jets' defense on the electrifying Randy Moss.

We make the quick call to spotlight Moss by pressing right trigger + receiver icon on the 360 or "R2" + receiver icon on the PS3 before the snap. You can only spotlight one receiver per play, so don't waste your time trying to spotlight every receiver on the field. In our example now, our deep safety makes an initial break towards Moss as soon as Brady takes the snap. The difference in the play this time is our strong safety continues running toward Moss instead of standing flat-footed closer towards the middle of the field-spotlight!

At this point in the play our strong safety is moving deeper down the field as he lines up directly in front of Moss. Our defender is in a much better position to try to stop the deep ball now because he realized his biggest responsibility much quicker than he did before without the spotlight receiver feature being used.

When Brady rolls out of the pocket once again and attempts to throw deep to Moss. Our safety is running at full speed and still remains a couple yards in front of Moss. As the ball closes in our safety continues to run at full speed and has great inside position on Moss. Even against the speed of Randy Moss our much slower strong safety is now in position to make a play. Our safety uses his great inside position to leap into the air in an attempt to make a play on the ball at its highest point. Moss is behind the defense now, but that's only because our strong safety broke off his coverage to try to make the interception.

One way to counter opponents that like to abuse the spotlight receiver feature is to use your main threat as a decoy. In our next example, we've hot routed Moss to perform a curl route instead of going deep because we suspect that our opponent will be spotlighting him once again. Our goal on this play is to get the strong safety to commit to Moss early, allowing our tight end to get open over the middle against one-on-one coverage.



If your opponent repeatedly uses spotlight, look for other open targets.

As soon as Brady takes the snap the strong safety runs over to help on Moss once again. Our tight end has a little extra room over the middle of the field to operate with one of the Safeties out of the picture now. Try this out and you can see the strong safety totally committed to Moss on the right side of the field as our tight end prepares to make his break over the middle. New England tight end Ben Watson cuts to the inside and we make a high pass with quarterback Tom Brady.

Spotlighting a receiver is a great way to try to take out your opponent's best threat on the field. Many people have had trouble stopping players like Randy Moss and Plaxico Burress for years, but now this feature should likely force opponent's to have to look to throw somewhere else on the field more often. However, like everything, it can be countered with some savvy offensive play in Madden 09.

The Art of the Click-Off

By: Kyle Cooper

Being able to make manual plays in Madden is definitely something to be proud of. However, often there's a smarter way to do things on defense. In this tip, we're going to showcase a couple different examples of when it's beneficial to click off of the player you're manually controlling to make the play. Read below as we take you step by step through the breakdown.

To manually make a tackle on a ballcarrier in the open field can be extremely difficult sometimes. The biggest reason open field tackles are so challenging is because the runner is typically approaching at full speed, while your defender is often flat-footed and therefore much slower to react.

In our example, the Houston Texans have just pitched the ball out wide to running back Ahman Green. As soon as Green hauls in the toss we quickly click on to the closest defender in position to make the tackle and try to bring him down. Green slightly moves to the inside and we follow to try to make the tackle. Unfortunately, Green has already built up a lot more speed than our defender is currently moving at, allowing him to make much quicker cuts on the field.



Sometimes you aren't always the best tackler. Let the computer do the work for you.

One quick spin to the outside by Green and our defender is left in the dust. By manually controlling the defender as we try to make the open field tackle we are placing so much unnecessary pressure on ourselves. Furthermore, when Green gets by us there's no help on the sidelines because wide receiver Andre Johnson is about to make a block on the next closest defender. Green turns the corner and heads up field for a huge gain simply because we got caught out of position trying to make the tackle.

In the next example, our opponent attempts to pitch the ball out wide to Green once again. However, we're going to defend against this play by clicking off of the cornerback when the time is right. Green receives the ball and looks to get to the outside. Our cornerback recognizes the run and peels off the receiver to try to help make the tackle on Green. At this point in the play we manually click on the cornerback and sprint towards the ball carrier. Our goal this time is to place our defender in a position to make the tackle, and then click off to let the computer take control of him.

Our defender is now in position and we prepare to click off to let the computer take control. The two reasons we click off the defender once he's in position is not only because the computer is better at consistently making open field tackles, but also because now we can take control of the second closest defender and hold the sprint button to get him involved in the play as well.

Tip: It's important that you learn how to bring pressure from different spots on the field to consistently keep your opponent's guessing. Being able to attack all the different gaps in the Offensive Line is great, but maybe what's equally important is being able to disguise all your blitzes as well. For instance, corner blitzes provide surprise for the pocket passer but also help contain a mobile quarterback. Move blitzing defenders into particular gaps, such as between the center and tackle or between tackle and guard; the Offensive Linemen must decide who to block, the Defensive Line or the incoming blitzing defender. - SportsGamer's Kyle Cooper

We are now in a good position to help as we've taken control of the highlighted strong safety. This is a much better scenario for our defense because even if Green happens to shake the computer controlled cornerback we can still be in position to make an immediate tackle right behind him before this turns into an even bigger play. We continue to sprint over towards the ball carrier with the strong safety as our cornerback attempts to make the tackle. Our cornerback makes the impressive open field tackle. However, even if Green had escaped we would've been in perfect position to deliver as second hit on him right away.

Now we're going breakdown a way that you can use the clicking off method to help you defend the pass better. Houston Texans' quarterback Matt Schaub drops back to pass and looks to go downfield. Schaub finds what seems to be an open target on the right side of the field and tries to fire the ball in there.

The defender appears to be out of position at the moment, but shortly after the throw is made our goal is to click onto the defender and try to get him back into position before the ball arrives. We now take control of the cornerback and begin sprinting to try to gain ground on the receiver.

As the ball closes in we are still maintaining control of the cornerback until we get into position to make a play. Your goal when attempting to swat the pass away against most routes is to make sure that you move your cornerback slightly underneath of the receiver before clicking off.

Next, we've now clicked off the cornerback and we are leaving it up to the computer to make a play on the ball. The reason clicking off at this point in the play is good timing is because the cornerback's angle at which he is running will place him slightly underneath of the receiver just as the ball should arrive.

The receiver continues to fade as our now computer controlled cornerback leaps underneath to get into position for the ball. Now we could've kept control of the cornerback the whole time and done the exact same thing. However, why would anyone want to place more pressure on their stick skills to make a play manually when the computer will make it for them? As long as you learn how to place your players into the correct spots on the field to make plays, then clicking off will be the best option most of the time.



Click off a defensive back once he's in position and let the computer make the tough swat.

Our defender has the receiver completely blanketed now as he flies through the air in an attempt to swat away the pass. The computer-controlled cornerback successfully swats away the pass because we placed him in a great position on the field to make the play before clicking off.

Clicking off isn't always the answer on defense when making tackles or swatting away passes. However, there are certainly plenty of occasions throughout the course of a game where clicking off is the best solution. A good place to practice clicking off and bringing extra defenders over to help can be found in the Running Back Challenge mini-game.

In the Running Back Challenge you'll be able to work on sprinting over towards the ball with one defender, and then clicking off once you've placed him into position to make the tackle. Also, don't forget that once you click off that defender it will give you control of the second closest player. This will enable you to work on placing this defender in a good position as well to help out just in case the first defender gets beat.

Shutdown Offenses by Committing to the Run/Pass

By: Kyle Cooper

Using the pass or run commit after the snap is definitely high risk and reward. On one hand it's great to be able to stuff the ball carrier as soon as he takes the handoff. Unfortunately, if the ball carrier doesn't take the handoff your defense could be in some serious trouble. Take a look at the examples in this tip to create your own opinion of the pass or run commit feature in Madden 09.

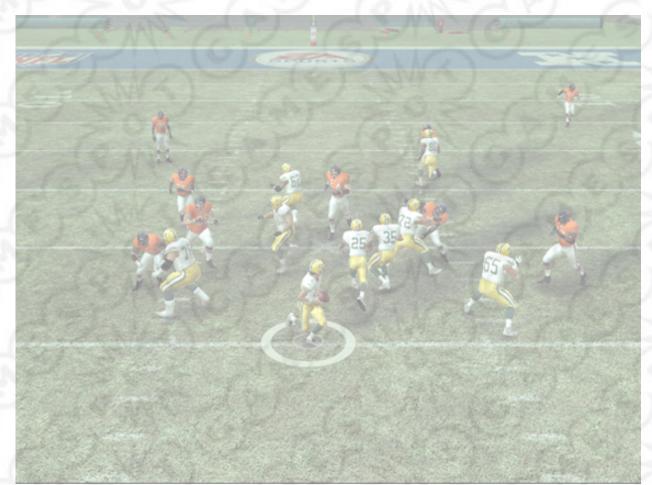
In our example, the Green Bay Packers use the I Form Normal formation. We are expecting a run because the situation is 1st down and 10. The Packers have been running all over us down the field, so we've got to put a stop to it right now before they reach the end zone. As soon as Packers' quarterback Aaron Rodgers takes the snap we can see that a run play is developing.

As soon as we're convinced that this is a running play we quickly flick down on the right analog stick to let our defense know we want them to commit to the run. Committing to the run means that all of your defenders will begin moving towards the line of scrimmage more aggressively. The commit to run works perfectly as our defense has the ball carrier in a great position to bring him down early!

The run commit works great when the offense actually runs the ball. However, check what happens when you commit to the run when your opponent is actually passing the ball instead. This time we see Rodgers make the motion to the running back that he is going to hand him the ball. Unfortunately, this is the point in the play where we called for the run commit to try to put a stop to the ball carrier as quickly as possible.

Rodgers fakes the handoff and our strong safety playing in a deep zone on the right side of the field is basically frozen. The safety can't quite tell if the ball has actually been handed off just yet, so he maintains his ground while the tight end continues to run up the seam. Our defense has just now realized that Rodgers pulled the ball back from Grant and is now looking to hit a receiver downfield.

Tight end Donald Lee is almost five yards behind our strong safety as Rodgers prepares to make the throw. Rodgers delivers the pass to the open Lee running along the right hash mark. The ball closes in and all our defense can do now is hope that he drops it.



Guess correctly with pass or run commit and your defense will stuff a run or have blanket coverage on your opponent's receivers.

The play-action pass fooled us last time because we were expecting the run. However, now that we've gotten used to some of our opponent's tendencies we are going to commit to the pass early to prevent from getting beat deep again.

Our opponent wants us to think that he's running the ball. Unfortunately, it's 3rd down and eight yards to go, so there's no reason for us to commit to the run. This time we commit to the pass because we're almost certain that the play-action is coming once again.

The guess to pass commit paid off and our defenders held their ground downfield. The tight end is blanketed and our safety is trotting back on the right side of the field. Rodgers doesn't have an open receiver yet and the pocket is beginning to break down. Rodgers could force the ball downfield but our tight coverage could lead to a costly interception.

It's easy to see the benefits to using the pass or run commit feature. However, you can also see what can happen if you guess wrong after the snap. Many top players stick to using the run commit feature in short yardage situations only because it's almost certain that the opponent is going to run.

Chapter 8 - Xbox 360 Achievements

The table below reveals the Xbox 360 Madden 09 achievements, descriptions, and associated gamer points. There are a lot fewer achievements this year than previous seasons and most are much more specialized, such as scoring 6 rushing touchdowns using the Miami Dolphins or passing for 7 touchdowns using the Atlanta Falcons. To unlock the secret achievement, "Now Here's a Guy..." just create a player named JOHN MADDEN and save the player!

For "Steal Their Thunder" score a touchdown and go to one of the blue squares and press the "B" button. For the team specific achievements, such as scoring a number of touchdowns with the Falcons or gaining a number of yards with the Titans, just tilt the game in your favor by editing rosters, unlimited rewinds, or longer quarters. For the "Midway Monster" achievement, create a player with the name BONES JACKSON and put him on the Bears. Save the player.

ACHIEVEMENT	DESCRIPTION	GAMER POINTS
2 TD Kickoff Returns in a game	Return 2 Kickoffs for a TD in a game (non co-op)	75
Shut out Rival in a Franchise	Shut out Rival in a Franchise game (non co-op)	50
Kick a FG for over 50 yards	Kick a FG for over 50 yards in a Franchise game (non co-op)	15
Complete a game without an INT	Complete a game without an interception, 5 min+ quarter length (non co-op)	30
6 Rush TDs with the Dolphins	6 Rush TDs in a game with the Dolphins (non co-op)	50
Catch 10 passes in a game	Catch 10 passes in a game with one receiver (non co-op)	50
Complete game without fumbling	Complete a game without fumbling, 5 min+ quarter length (non co-op)	25
2 TD Punt Returns in a game	2 TD Punt Returns in a game (non co-op)	65
Intercept 6 passes in a game	Intercept 6 passes in a game (non co-op)	50
Hold a Rival to under 300 yards	Hold a Rival to under 300 yards total offense in game (non co-op)	50
Score 60 points in a Rival game	Score 60 points in a Rival game (non co-op)	30
Score 40 points in a Rival game	Score 40 points in a Rival game (non co-op)	20
Record 12 sacks in a game	Record 12 sackes in a game (non co-op)	50
6 sacks with 1 player in a game	6 sacks with 1 player in a game (non co-op)	50
80% completion for a game	80% pass completion in a Franchise game, 5 min+ quarter length (non co-op)	50
7 Pass TDs with the Falcons	Throw 7 pass TDs in a game with the Falcons (non co-op)	50
550 Pass Yds with the Titans	550 Pass Yds in a game with the Titans (non co-op)	50
300 Rush Yds with the Jets	300 Rush Yds in a game with the Jets (non co-op)	10
Hold a Rival to under 20 points	Hold a Rival team to under 20 points in a game (non co-op)	10
Midway Monster	Create a legendary player from the past.	50
Can You Believe These Seats?!	Celebrate a touchdown in a wall hotspot.	30
Steal Their Thunder	Steal an opposing player's touchdown celebration	30
Slam Dunk All-Star	Dunk the ball over the goalpost (or at least attempt to) after a touchdown	30
Shine In The Spotlight	Celebrate a touchdown in an endzone hotspot	30
Now Here's a Guy	Thank you for purchasing Madden NFL 09. Here's to another 20 years!	50