

YARDAGE+TD RANKINGS

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OVERALL TOP 35 RANKINGS

(TIGHT END AS SEPARATE POSITION)

1	RB	CAR	DeAngelo Williams
2	RB	ATL	Michael Turner
3	RB	MIN	Adrian Peterson
4	RB	JAC	Maurice Jones-Drew
5	RB	CHI	Matt Forte
6	WR	NE	Randy Moss
7	RB	STL	Steven Jackson
8	QB	NO	Drew Brees
9	WR	ARI	Larry Fitzgerald
10	QB	NE	Tom Brady
11	RB	SF	Frank Gore
12	WR	CAR	Steve Smith
13	WR	HOU	Andre Johnson
14	QB	IND	Peyton Manning
15	RB	NYG	Brandon Jacobs
16	RB	HOU	Steve Slaton
17	QB	GB	Aaron Rodgers
18	RB	SD	LaDainian Tomlinson
19	RB	GB	Ryan Grant
20	WR	GB	Greg Jennings
21	WR	IND	Reggie Wayne
22	WR	DET	Calvin Johnson
23	WR	ATL	Roddy White
24	RB	TEN	Chris Johnson
25	WR	CIN	Chad Ochocinco
26	RB	DAL	Marion Barber
27	RB	PHI	Brian Westbrook
28	RB	BAL	Ray Rice
29	RB	DET	Kevin Smith
30	QB	SD	Philip Rivers
31	RB	CIN	Cedric Benson
32	WR	ARI	Anquan Boldin
33	RB	WAS	Clinton Portis
34	WR	NE	Wes Welker
35	WR	SD	Vincent Jackson

QUARTERBACKS

STARTS YDS TD FPG

1	NO	5	Brees	16	291	1.94	22.4
2	NE	8	Brady	16	275	2.07	22.2
3	IND	6	P.Manning	16	264	2.00	21.4
4	GB	5	Rodgers	15	263	2.00	21.9
5	SD	5	Rivers	16	249	1.87	20.1
6	DAL	6	Romo	15	244	1.55	18.8
7	ATL	4	Ryan	16	241	1.50	18.6
8	ARI	4	Warner	14	264	1.77	20.4
9	CHI	5	Cutler	15	234	1.50	18.5
10	PIT	8	Roethlisberger	15	229	1.74	19.0
11	PHI	4	McNabb	14	248	1.61	19.4
12	BAL	7	Flacco	15	221	1.44	17.4
13	CIN	8	C.Palmer	15	239	1.54	18.3
14	HOU10	Schaub	14	254	1.50	19.1	
15	MIN	9	Favre	15	226	1.42	17.0
16	JAC	7	Garrard	15	226	1.24	17.3
17	NYG10	E.Manning	16	211	1.42	16.4	
18	SEA	7	Hasselbeck	14	224	1.41	17.2
19	BUF	9	Edwards	14	220	1.35	16.9
20	CAR	4	Delhomme	15	210	1.26	15.8
21	MIA	6	Pennington	14	218	1.23	16.1
22	KC	8	Cassel	13	218	1.19	16.6
23	WAS	8	Campbell	13	214	1.17	16.2
24	TEN	7	Collins	14	204	1.14	14.9
25	DEN	7	Orton	13	216	1.25	16.1
26	SF	6	S.Hill	13	205	1.19	15.9
27	STL	9	Bulger	14	195	1.01	13.9
28	OAK	9	Russell	13	197	1.11	14.8
29	CLE	9	Quinn	12	205	1.13	15.0
30	NYJ	9	Sanchez	13	184	1.00	13.4
31	DET	7	Stafford	10	197	1.16	14.9

RUNNING BACKS

STARTS YDS TD FPG

1	CAR	4	Williams	15	101	.84	15.1
2	ATL	4	Turner	15	97	.85	14.8
3	MIN	9	Peterson	14	110	.85	16.1
4	JAC	7	Jones-Drew	14	108	.83	15.7
5	CHI	5	Forte	15	102	.75	14.7
6	STL	9	S.Jackson	14	112	.72	15.6
7	SF	6	Gore	14	100	.68	14.1
8	NYG10	Jacobs	14	94	.80	14.2	
9	HOU10	Slaton	14	97	.68	13.8	
10	SD	5	Tomlinson	14	93	.72	13.6
11	GB	5	Grant	14	89	.72	13.2
12	TEN	7	C.Johnson	15	94	.49	12.3
13	DAL	6	Barber	14	83	.75	12.8
14	PHI	4	Westbrook	13	93	.77	13.9
15	BAL	7	Rice	14	94	.53	12.5
16	DET	7	K.Smith	15	85	.53	11.6
17	CIN	8	Benson	15	87	.56	12.1
18	WAS	8	Portis	14	87	.59	12.2
19	KC	8	L.Johnson	15	79	.46	10.7
20	PIT	8	Parker	14	82	.51	11.2
21	OAK	9	McFadden	16	74	.45	10.0
22	NO	5	Thomas	16	63	.55	9.6
23	MIA	6	Brown	15	71	.52	10.1
24	IND	6	Addai	14	70	.57	10.4
25	NYJ	9	T.Jones	16	64	.46	9.2
26	SEA	7	J.Jones	16	66	.42	9.1
27	DEN	7	Moreno	14	76	.46	10.4
28	NO	5	Bush	13	75	.53	10.7
29	NYJ	9	Washington	16	58	.48	8.7
30	ARI	4	Hightower	16	58	.47	8.7
31	NYG10	Bradshaw	2	90	.77	13.7	
32	BUF	9	Lynch	12	84	.51	11.4
33	SD	5	Sproles	2	109	.89	16.2
34	CLE	9	Lewis	14	70	.40	9.4
35	IND	6	D.Brown	2	96	.84	14.7
36	MIN	9	Taylor	2	97	.86	14.8
37	DAL	6	F.Jones	16	56	.42	8.1
38	TEN	7	White	15	42	.65	8.1
39	ARI	4	Wells	16	49	.42	7.4
40	CAR	4	Stewart	14	54	.43	8.0
41	BUF	9	Jackson	4	84	.48	11.3
42	ATL	4	Norwood	15	52	.33	7.1
43	TB	8	Ward	16	48	.30	6.6
44	BAL	7	McGahee	16	43	.39	6.6
45	TB	8	Graham	16	43	.30	6.1
46	NE	8	Morris	16	34	.45	6.1
47	MIA	6	R.Williams	15	49	.26	6.4
48	NE	8	Maroney	16	40	.32	5.9
49	WAS	8	Betts	2	89	.57	12.4
50	KC	8	Charles	16	40	.22	5.3
51	PHI	4	McCoy	3	91	.69	13.2
52	NE	8	Taylor	16	36	.25	5.1
53	SEA	7	E.James	16	36	.24	5.1
54	TB	8	C.Williams	16	35	.25	5.0
55	PIT	8	Mendenhall	2	79	.76	12.5
56	DEN	7	Hillis (FB)	16	31	.31	5.0
57	NE	8	Faulk	15	39	.19	5.1
58	HOU10	C.Brown	2	77	.58	11.2	
59	CLE	9	J.Davis	2	82	.48	11.0
60	GB	5	Jackson	1	85	.63	12.2
61	SF	6	Coffee	2	81	.55	11.4
62	PIT	8	Moore (3rd)	15	34	.15	4.3
63	NYG10	Ware	3	57	.32	7.7	
64	CIN	8	Scott	1	81	.57	11.5
65	OAK	9	Bush	16	28	.20	3.8
66	BAL	7	McClain (FB)	16	23	.25	3.8
67	OAK	9	Fargas	16	29	.16	3.7
68	DEN	7	Buckhalter	2	57	.38	8.0
69	SEA	7	Forsett (3rd)	16	26	.16	3.6
70	NO	5	Bell	16	19	.20	3.1

TIGHT ENDS

STARTS YDS TD FPG

1	IND	6	Clark	15	58	.52	8.9
2	SD	5	Gates	16	51	.46	7.8
3	DAL	6	Witten	16	56	.35	7.7
4	ATL	4	Gonzalez	16	54	.38	7.7
5	NO	5	Shockey	15	50	.27	6.6
6	CHI	5	Olsen	16	45	.30	6.3
7	MIN	9	Shiancoe	16	41	.36	6.2
8	OAK	9	Miller	16	46	.26	6.2
9	HOU10	Daniels	16	48	.22	6.1	
10	WAS	8	Cooley	16	45	.25	6.0
11	SEA	7	Carlson	16	42	.29	5.9
12	PHI	4	Celek	16	41	.30	5.8
13	PIT	8	Miller	16	37	.35	5.8
14	GB	5	Finley	16	38	.32	5.8
15	SF	6	V.Davis	16	39	.23	5.3
16	TB	8	Winslow	15	41	.21	5.4
17	NYJ	9	Keller	16	37	.21	5.0
18	NYG10	Boss	16	30	.32	4.9	
19	JAC	7	Lewis	16	34	.19	4.5
20	MIA	6	Fasano	16	24	.33	4.4
21	BAL	7	Heap	15	30	.27	4.7

KICKERS

STARTS PPG

1	NE	8	Stephen Gostkowski	16	7.6
2	GB	5	Mason Crosby	16	7.3
3	MIN	9	Ryan Longwell	16	7.3
4	SD	5	Nate Kaeding	16	7.3
5	PIT	8	Jeff Reed	16	7.2
6	TEN	7	Rob Bironas	16	7.1
7	ATL	4	Jason Elam	16	7.1
8	CHI	5	Robbie Gould	16	7.0
9	PHI	4	David Akers	16	7.0
10	NYG	10	Lawrence Tynes	16	7.1
11	ARI	4	Neil Rackers	16	6.9
12	CAR	4	John Kasay	16	6.8
13	HOU	10	Kris Brown	16	6.8
14	IND	6	Adam Vinatieri	15	7.0
15	SF	6	Joe Nedney	16	6.7
16	MIA	6	Dan Carpenter	16	6.6
17	DAL	6	Nick Folk	15	6.8
18	STL	9	Josh Brown	16	6.4
19	BUF	9	Rian Lindell	16	6.4
20	JAC	7	Josh Scobee	16	6.3
21	NO	5	John Carney	11	6.9
22	CLE	9	Phil Dawson	16	6.2

DEFENSE / SPECIAL TEAMS

BYE TAKE SACKS TD FPG

1	PIT	8	1.9	2.8	.27	11.0
2	MIN	9	1.9	2.6	.29	10.8
3	NYG	10	1.8	2.8	.24	10.6
4	BAL	7	2.0	2.4	.27	10.4
5	SD	5	1.8	2.5	.27	10.3
6	CHI	5	1.9	2.3	.31	10.2
7	DAL	6	1.8	2.6	.25	10.2
8	PHI	4	1.8	2.4	.27	10.0
9	NE	8	1.9	2.4	.24	10.0
10	NYJ	9	1.8	2.3	.29	9.9
11	MIA	6	1.8	2.4	.24	9.8
12	WAS	8	1.8	2.4	.23	9.7
13	GB	5	1.8	2.3	.24	9.7
14	TEN	7	1.8	2.3	.22	9.5
15	BUF	9	1.7	2.2	.27	9.5
16	SF	6	1.8	2.3	.23	9.4
17	ARI	4	1.8	2.3	.22	9.4
18	CAR	4	1.8	2.3	.22	9.3
19	HOU	10	1.7	2.2	.24	9.3
20	SEA	7	1.7	2.3	.21	9.3

RECEIVERS (WR & TE)

STARTS YDS TD FPG

1	NE	8	R.Moss	16	80	.76	12.5
2	ARI	4	Fitzgerald	16	82	.62	12.0
3	CAR	4	S.Smith	16	83	.48	11.2
4	HOU10	A.Johnson	16	85	.47	11.3	
5	GB	5					

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- 7 RB STL Steven Jackson
- 8 QB NO Drew Brees
- 9 WR ARI Larry Fitzgerald
- 10 QB NE Tom Brady
- 11 RB SF Frank Gore
- 12 WR CAR Steve Smith
- 13 WR HOU Andre Johnson
- 14 QB IND Peyton Manning
- 15 RB NYG Brandon Jacobs
- 16 RB HOU Steve Slaton
- 17 QB GB Aaron Rodgers
- 18 RB SD LaDainian Tomlinson
- 19 RB GB Ryan Grant
- 20 WR GB Greg Jennings
- 21 WR IND Reggie Wayne
- 22 WR DET Calvin Johnson
- 23 WR ATL Roddy White
- 24 RB TEN Chris Johnson
- 25 WR CIN Chad Ochocinco
- 26 RB DAL Marion Barber
- 27 RB PHI Brian Westbrook
- 28 RB BAL Ray Rice
- 29 RB DET Kevin Smith
- 30 QB SD Phillip Rivers
- 31 RB CIN Cedric Benson
- 32 WR ARI Anquan Boldin
- 33 RB WAS Clinton Portis
- 34 WR NE Wes Welker
- 35 WR SD Vincent Jackson

QUARTERBACKS

- 1 NO 5 Drew Brees
- 2 NE 8 Tom Brady
- 3 IND 6 Peyton Manning
- 4 GB 5 Aaron Rodgers
- 5 SD 5 Philip Rivers
- 6 DAL 6 Tony Romo
- 7 ATL 4 Matt Ryan
- 8 ARI 4 Kurt Warner
- 9 CHI 5 Jay Cutler
- 10 PIT 8 Ben Roethlisberger
- 11 PHI 4 Donovan McNabb
- 12 BAL 7 Joe Flacco
- 13 CIN 8 Carson Palmer
- 14 HOU10 Matt Schaub
- 15 MIN 9 Brett Favre
- 16 JAC 7 David Garrard
- 17 NYG10 Eli Manning
- 18 SEA 7 Matt Hasselbeck
- 19 BUF 9 Trent Edwards
- 20 CAR 4 Jake Delhomme
- 21 MIA 6 Chad Pennington
- 22 KC 8 Matt Cassel
- 23 WAS 8 Jason Campbell
- 24 TEN 7 Kerry Collins
- 25 DEN 7 Kyle Orton
- 26 SF 6 Shaun Hill
- 27 STL 9 Marc Bulger
- 28 OAK 9 JaMarcus Russell
- 29 CLE 9 Brady Quinn
- 30 NYJ 9 Mark Sanchez
- 31 DET 7 Matthew Stafford
- 32 DET 7 Daunte Culpepper
- 33 TB 8 Byron Leftwich
- 34 TB 8 Josh Freeman
- 35 PHI 4 Michael Vick
- 36 CLE 9 Derek Anderson

RUNNING BACKS

- 1 CAR 4 DeAngelo Williams
- 2 ATL 4 Michael Turner
- 3 MIN 9 Adrian Peterson
- 4 JAC 7 Maurice Jones-Drew
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- 10 SD 5 LaDainian Tomlinson
- 11 GB 5 Ryan Grant
- 12 TEN 7 Chris Johnson
- 13 DAL 6 Marion Barber
- 14 PHI 4 Brian Westbrook
- 15 BAL 7 Ray Rice
- 16 DET 7 Kevin Smith
- 17 CIN 8 Cedric Benson
- 18 WAS 8 Clinton Portis
- 19 KC 8 Larry Johnson
- 20 PIT 8 Willie Parker
- 21 OAK 9 Darren McFadden
- 22 NO 5 Pierre Thomas
- 23 MIA 6 Ronnie Brown
- 24 IND 6 Joseph Addai
- 25 NYJ 9 Thomas Jones
- 26 SEA 7 Julius Jones
- 27 DEN 7 Knowshon Moreno
- 28 NO 5 Reggie Bush
- 29 NYJ 9 Leon Washington
- 30 ARI 4 Tim Hightower
- 31 NYG10 Ahmad Bradshaw
- 32 BUF 9 Marshawn Lynch
- 33 SD 5 Darren Sproles
- 34 CLE 9 Jamal Lewis
- 35 IND 6 Donald Brown
- 36 MIN 9 Chester Taylor
- 37 DAL 6 Felix Jones
- 38 TEN 7 LenDale White
- 39 ARI 4 Beanie Wells
- 40 CAR 4 Jonathan Stewart
- 41 BUF 9 Fred Jackson
- 42 ATL 4 Jerious Norwood
- 43 TB 8 Derrick Ward
- 44 BAL 7 Willis McGahee
- 45 TB 8 Earnest Graham
- 46 NE 8 Sammy Morris
- 47 MIA 6 Ricky Williams
- 48 NE 8 Laurence Maroney
- 49 WAS 8 Ladell Betts
- 50 KC 8 Jamaal Charles
- 51 PHI 4 LeSean McCoy
- 52 NE 8 Fred Taylor
- 53 SEA 7 Edgerrin James
- 54 TB 8 Cadillac Williams
- 55 PIT 8 Rashard Mendenhall
- 56 DEN 7 Peyton Hillis
- 57 NE 8 Kevin Faulk
- 58 HOU10 Chris Brown
- 59 CLE 9 James Davis
- 60 GB 5 Brandon Jackson
- 61 SF 6 Glen Coffee
- 62 PIT 8 Mewelde Moore
- 63 NYG10 Danny Ware
- 64 CIN 8 Bernard Scott
- 65 OAK 9 Michael Bush
- 66 BAL 7 LeRon McClain
- 67 OAK 9 Justin Fargas
- 68 DEN 7 Correll Buckhalter
- 69 SEA 7 Justin Forsett
- 70 NO 5 Mike Bell
- 71 NYJ 9 Shonn Greene
- 72 PHI 4 Leonard Weaver
- 73 SD 5 Jacob Hester
- 74 JAC 7 Greg Jones

TIGHT ENDS

- 1 IND 6 Dallas Clark
- 2 SD 5 Antonio Gates
- 3 DAL 6 Jason Witten
- 4 ATL 4 Tony Gonzalez
- 5 NO 5 Jeremy Shockey
- 6 CHI 5 Greg Olsen
- 7 MIN 9 Visanthe Shiancoe
- 8 OAK 9 Zach Miller
- 9 HOU10 Owen Daniels
- 10 WAS 8 Chris Cooley
- 11 SEA 7 John Carlson
- 12 PHI 4 Brent Celek
- 13 PIT 8 Heath Miller
- 14 GB 5 Jermichael Finley
- 15 SF 6 Vernon Davis
- 16 TB 8 Kellen Winslow
- 17 NYJ 9 Dustin Keller
- 18 NYG10 Kevin Boss
- 19 JAC 7 Mercedes Lewis
- 20 MIA 6 Anthony Fasano
- 21 BAL 7 Todd Heap

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- 5 PIT 8 Jeff Reed
- 6 TEN 7 Rob Bironas
- 7 ATL 4 Jason Elam
- 8 CHI 5 Robbie Gould
- 9 PHI 4 David Akers
- 10 NYG10 Lawrence Tynes
- 11 ARI 4 Neil Rackers
- 12 CAR 4 John Kasay
- 13 HOU10 Kris Brown
- 14 IND 6 Adam Vinatieri
- 15 SF 6 Joe Nedney
- 16 MIA 6 Dan Carpenter
- 17 DAL 6 Nick Folk
- 18 STL 9 Josh Brown
- 19 BUF 9 Rian Lindell
- 20 JAC 7 Josh Scobee
- 21 NO 5 John Carney
- 22 CLE 9 Phil Dawson

DEFENSE / SPECIAL TEAMS

- 1 PIT 8 Pittsburgh
- 2 MIN 9 Minnesota
- 3 NYG10 NY Giants
- 4 BAL 7 Baltimore
- 5 SD 5 San Diego
- 6 CHI 5 Chicago
- 7 DAL 6 Dallas
- 8 PHI 4 Philadelphia
- 9 NE 8 New England
- 10 NYJ 9 NY Jets
- 11 MIA 6 Miami
- 12 WAS 8 Washington
- 13 GB 5 Green Bay
- 14 TEN 7 Tennessee
- 15 BUF 9 Buffalo
- 16 SF 6 San Francisco
- 17 ARI 4 Arizona
- 18 CAR 4 Carolina
- 19 HOU10 Houston
- 20 SEA 7 Seattle
- 21 ATL 4 Atlanta
- 22 OAK 9 Oakland
- 23 IND 6 Indianapolis
- 24 CLE 9 Cleveland

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- 1 NE 8 Randy Moss
- 2 ARI 4 Larry Fitzgerald
- 3 CAR 4 Steve Smith
- 4 HOU10 Andre Johnson
- 5 GB 5 Greg Jennings
- 6 IND 6 Reggie Wayne
- 7 DET 7 Calvin Johnson
- 8 ATL 4 Roddy White
- 9 CIN 8 Chad Ochocinco
- 10 ARI 4 Anquan Boldin
- 11 NE 8 Wes Welker
- 12 SD 5 Vincent Jackson
- 13 IND 6 Anthony Gonzalez
- 14 KC 8 Dwayne Bowe
- 15 CHI 5 Devin Hester
- 16 BAL 7 Derrick Mason
- 17 SEA 7 T.J. Houshmandzadeh
- 18 BUF 9 Terrell Owens
- 19 NO 5 Marques Colston
- 20 CLE 9 Braylon Edwards
- 21 IND 6 Dallas Clark (TE)
- 22 DEN 7 Eddie Royal
- 23 PHI 4 DeSean Jackson
- 24 GB 5 Donald Driver
- 25 PIT 8 Antonio Holmes
- 26 MIA 6 Ted Ginn
- 27 SD 5 Antonio Gates (TE)
- 28 DAL 6 Jason Witten (TE)
- 29 ATL 4 Tony Gonzalez (TE)
- 30 WAS 8 Santana Moss
- 31 MIN 9 Bernard Berrian
- 32 TEN 7 Justin Gage
- 33 HOU10 Kevin Walter
- 34 CIN 8 Laveranues Coles
- 35 PIT 8 Hines Ward
- 36 BUF 9 Lee Evans
- 37 NO 5 Lance Moore
- 38 CHI 5 Earl Bennett
- 39 JAC 7 Torry Holt
- 40 STL 9 Donnie Avery
- 41 DEN 7 Brandon Marshall
- 42 DAL 6 Roy Williams
- 43 TB 8 Antonio Bryant
- 44 NYJ 9 Jericho Cotchery
- 45 CAR 4 Muhsin Muhammad
- 46 BAL 7 Kelley Washington
- 47 STL 9 Laurent Robinson
- 48 NYG10 Domenik Hixon
- 49 NO 5 Jeremy Shockey (TE)
- 50 CHI 5 Greg Olsen (TE)
- 51 MIN 9 Visanthe Shiancoe (TE)
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- 54 JAC 7 Troy Williamson
- 55 HOU10 Owen Daniels (TE)
- 56 ATL 4 Michael Jenkins
- 57 WAS 8 Chris Cooley (TE)
- 58 OAK 9 Chaz Schilens
- 59 SEA 7 John Carlson (TE)
- 60 DAL 6 Patrick Crayton
- 61 OAK 9 Darrius Heyward-Bey
- 62 MIN 9 Percy Harvin
- 63 PHI 4 Brent Celek (TE)
- 64 PIT 8 Heath Miller (TE)
- 65 GB 5 Jermichael Finley (TE)
- 66 NYG10 Haakeem Nicks
- 67 MIA 6 Brian Hartline
- 68 SF 6 Josh Morgan
- 69 MIN 9 Sidney Rice
- 70 NYG10 Steve Smith
- 71 SEA 7 Nate Burleson
- 72 SF 6 Vernon Davis (TE)
- 73 NO 5 Devery Henderson
- 74 SF 6 Isaac Bruce
- 75 SD 5 Chris Chambers
- 76 CLE 9 Joshua Cribbs
- 77 TB 8 Kellen Winslow (TE)
- 78 NYJ 9 Dustin Keller (TE)
- 79 NYG10 Mario Manningham
- 80 TEN 7 Nate Washington
- 81 CIN 8 Chris Henry
- 82 NYG10 Kevin Boss (TE)
- 83 PHI 4 Kevin Curtis

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22	DEN	7	Royal	16	60	.37	12.6
23	DAL	6	Witten (TE)	16	56	.35	12.6
24	ATL	4	Gonzalez (TE)	16	54	.38	12.5
25	GB	5	Driver	16	56	.41	12.3
26	CIN	8	Coles	16	55	.34	12.2
27	PHI	4	D.Jackson	16	58	.38	12.1
28	HOU10	Walter	16	54	.36	12.0	
29	SD	5	Gates (TE)	16	51	.46	11.9
30	NO	5	Moore	16	54	.33	11.9
31	PIT	8	Ward	15	54	.41	12.5
32	PIT	8	Holmes	16	57	.39	11.8
33	WAS	8	S.Moss	15	62	.33	12.5
34	MIA	6	Ginn	16	61	.31	11.7
35	CHI	5	Bennett	16	56	.30	11.7
36	JAC	7	Holt	16	55	.31	11.7
37	DEN	7	Marshall	14	56	.31	11.8
38	DAL	6	R.Williams	16	53	.33	11.3
39	TEN	7	Gage	16	57	.31	11.3
40	STL	9	Avery	16	56	.29	11.2
41	MIN	9	Berrian	15	60	.34	11.7
42	NYJ	9	Cotchery	16	53	.24	10.9
43	NO	5	Shockey (TE)	15	50	.27	11.3
44	BUF	9	Evans	16	52	.36	10.8
45	TB	8	Bryant	15	56	.30	11.4
46	CAR	4	Muhammad	15	53	.32	11.2
47	STL	9	L.Robinson	16	50	.25	10.4
48	BAL	7	Washington	13	52	.33	11.3
49	HOU10	Daniels (TE)	16	48	.22	10.3	
50	OAK	9	Miller (TE)	16	46	.26	10.2
51	CHI	5	Olsen (TE)	16	45	.30	10.0
52	WAS	8	Cooley (TE)	16	45	.25	9.9
53	PHI	4	Celek (TE)	16	41	.30	9.8
54	NYG10	Hixon	11	51	.32	10.6	
55	MIN	9	Shiancoe (TE)	16	41	.36	9.6
56	SEA	7	Carlson (TE)	16	42	.29	9.6
57	OAK	9	Schilens	12	51	.28	10.7
58	ARI	4	Breaston	2	70	.46	15.1
59	MIA	6	Hartline	15	48	.21	10.0
60	GB	5	Finley (TE)	16	38	.32	9.3
61	NYG10	Nicks	7	53	.31	11.5	
62	PIT	8	Miller (TE)	16	37	.35	9.1
63	ATL	4	Jenkins	16	45	.26	9.1
64	NYG10	S.Smith	9	44	.25	9.7	
65	JAC	7	Williamson	15	49	.27	9.6
66	DAL	6	Crayton	16	43	.26	9.0
67	SF	6	Morgan	14	43	.26	9.0
68	OAK	9	Heyward-Bey	16	43	.25	8.6
69	MIN	9	Rice	16	39	.29	8.5
70	SF	6	V.Davis (TE)	16	39	.23	8.4
71	TB	8	Winslow (TE)	15	41	.21	9.0
72	NYJ	9	Keller (TE)	16	37	.21	8.2
73	SEA	7	Burleson	15	40	.29	8.8
74	SF	6	Bruce	12	41	.24	8.6
75	MIN	9	Harvin (3WR)	16	38	.37	7.9
76	NYG10	Manningham	5	44	.27	9.6	
77	CLE	9	Cribbs (3WR)	16	35	.29	7.6
78	SD	5	Chambers	9	44	.28	9.1
79	JAC	7	Lewis (TE)	16	34	.19	7.5
80	NYG10	Boss (TE)	16	30	.32	7.5	
81	PHI	4	Curtis	16	36	.20	7.4
82	TEN	7	Washington	14	43	.22	8.3

OVERALL TOP 35 RANKINGS

(TIGHT END AS SEPARATE POSITION)

1	RB	JAC	Maurice Jones-Drew
2	RB	CHI	Matt Forte
3	WR	NE	Randy Moss
4	WR	ARI	Larry Fitzgerald
5	RB	STL	Steven Jackson
6	RB	CAR	DeAngelo Williams
7	WR	HOU	Andre Johnson
8	WR	CAR	Steve Smith
9	RB	MIN	Adrian Peterson
10	WR	NE	Wes Welker
11	RB	HOU	Steve Slaton
12	RB	ATL	Michael Turner
13	WR	IND	Reggie Wayne
14	RB	SF	Frank Gore
15	WR	ATL	Roddy White
16	QB	NO	Drew Brees
17	WR	CIN	Chad Ochocinco
18	RB	BAL	Ray Rice
19	RB	SD	LaDainian Tomlinson
20	RB	TEN	Chris Johnson
21	RB	PHI	Brian Westbrook
22	QB	NE	Tom Brady
23	WR	ARI	Anquan Boldin
24	WR	DET	Calvin Johnson
25	WR	GB	Greg Jennings
26	RB	NYG	Brandon Jacobs
27	RB	DET	Kevin Smith
28	QB	IND	Peyton Manning
29	RB	DAL	Marion Barber
30	WR	KC	Dwayne Bowe
31	WR	IND	Anthony Gonzalez
32	WR	BAL	Derrick Mason
33	RB	CIN	Cedric Benson
34	QB	GB	Aaron Rodgers
35	WR	SEA	T.J. Houshmandzadeh

QUARTERBACKS

STARTS YDS TD PPG

1	NO	5	Brees	16	291	1.94	22.4
2	NE	8	Brady	16	275	2.07	22.2
3	IND	6	P.Manning	16	264	2.00	21.4
4	GB	5	Rodgers	15	263	2.00	21.9
5	SD	5	Rivers	16	249	1.87	20.1
6	DAL	6	Romo	15	244	1.55	18.8
7	ATL	4	Ryan	16	241	1.50	18.6
8	ARI	4	Warner	14	264	1.77	20.4
9	CHI	5	Cutler	15	234	1.50	18.5
10	PIT	8	Roethlisberger	15	229	1.74	19.0
11	PHI	4	McNabb	14	248	1.61	19.4
12	BAL	7	Flacco	15	221	1.44	17.4
13	CIN	8	C.Palmer	15	239	1.54	18.3
14	HOU10	Schaub	14	254	1.50	19.1	
15	MIN	9	Favre	15	226	1.42	17.0
16	JAC	7	Garrard	15	226	1.24	17.3
17	NYG10	E.Manning	16	211	1.42	16.4	
18	SEA	7	Hasselbeck	14	224	1.41	17.2
19	BUF	9	Edwards	14	220	1.35	16.9
20	CAR	4	Delhomme	15	210	1.26	15.8
21	MIA	6	Pennington	14	218	1.23	16.1
22	KC	8	Cassel	13	218	1.19	16.6
23	WAS	8	Campbell	13	214	1.17	16.2
24	TEN	7	Collins	14	204	1.14	14.9
25	DEN	7	Orton	13	216	1.25	16.1
26	SF	6	S.Hill	13	205	1.19	15.9
27	STL	9	Bulger	14	195	1.01	13.9
28	OAK	9	Russell	13	197	1.11	14.8
29	CLE	9	Quinn	12	205	1.13	15.0
30	NYJ	9	Sanchez	13	184	1.00	13.4
31	DET	7	Stafford	10	197	1.16	14.9

RUNNING BACKS

STARTS YDS TD PPG

1	JAC	7	Jones-Drew	14	108	.83	19.0
2	CHI	5	Forte	15	102	.75	17.7
3	STL	9	S.Jackson	14	112	.72	18.6
4	CAR	4	Williams	15	101	.84	17.1
5	MIN	9	Peterson	14	110	.85	17.6
6	HOU10	Slaton	14	97	.68	16.8	
7	ATL	4	Turner	15	97	.85	15.5
8	SF	6	Gore	14	100	.68	16.5
9	BAL	7	Rice	14	94	.53	16.2
10	SD	5	Tomlinson	14	93	.72	16.3
11	TEN	7	C.Johnson	15	94	.49	14.9
12	PHI	4	Westbrook	13	93	.77	17.5
13	NYG10	Jacobs	14	94	.80	15.9	
14	DET	7	K.Smith	15	85	.53	14.1
15	DAL	6	Barber	14	83	.75	15.2
16	CIN	8	Benson	15	87	.56	14.5
17	GB	5	Grant	14	89	.72	14.5
18	NO	5	Bush	13	75	.53	15.4
19	OAK	9	McFadden	16	74	.45	12.2
20	WAS	8	Portis	14	87	.59	13.6
21	NO	5	Thomas	16	63	.55	11.8
22	NYJ	9	Washington	16	58	.48	11.6
23	KC	8	L.Johnson	15	79	.46	12.2
24	IND	6	Addai	14	70	.57	12.7
25	MIA	6	Brown	15	71	.52	12.1
26	PIT	8	Parker	14	82	.51	12.7
27	SD	5	Sproles	2	109	.89	19.8
28	DAL	6	F.Jones	16	56	.42	10.7
29	MIN	9	Taylor	2	97	.86	17.2
30	ARI	4	Hightower	16	58	.47	10.6
31	BUF	9	Lynch	12	84	.51	14.1
32	DEN	7	Moreno	14	76	.46	11.9
33	SEA	7	J.Jones	16	66	.42	10.3
34	NYJ	9	T.Jones	16	64	.46	10.1
35	NYG10	Bradshaw	2	90	.77	15.1	
36	IND	6	D.Brown	2	96	.84	17.3
37	CLE	9	Lewis	14	70	.40	10.8
38	BUF	9	Jackson	4	84	.48	14.4
39	ATL	4	Norwood	15	52	.33	9.5
40	ARI	4	Wells	16	49	.42	8.3
41	CAR	4	Stewart	14	54	.43	9.2
42	TEN	7	White	15	42	.65	8.4
43	KC	8	Charles	16	40	.22	8.1
44	TB	8	Ward	16	48	.30	8.0
45	WAS	8	Betts	2	89	.57	14.9
46	MIA	6	R.Williams	15	49	.26	8.2
47	NE	8	Faulk	15	39	.19	8.1
48	BAL	7	McGahee	16	43	.39	7.7
49	TB	8	Graham	16	43	.30	7.2
50	DEN	7	Hillis (FB)	16	31	.31	7.0
51	NE	8	Morris	16	34	.45	6.9
52	NE	8	Maroney	16	40	.32	6.5
53	SEA	7	Forsett (3rd)	16	26	.16	6

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- 1 RB JAC Maurice Jones-Drew
- 2 RB CHI Matt Forte
- 3 WR NE Randy Moss
- 4 WR ARI Larry Fitzgerald
- 5 RB STL Steven Jackson
- 6 RB CAR DeAngelo Williams
- 7 WRHOU Andre Johnson
- 8 WR CAR Steve Smith
- 9 RB MIN Adrian Peterson
- 10 WR NE Wes Welker
- 11 RB HOU Steve Slaton
- 12 RB ATL Michael Turner
- 13 WR IND Reggie Wayne
- 14 RB SF Frank Gore
- 15 WR ATL Roddy White
- 16 QB NO Drew Brees
- 17 WR CIN Chad Ochocinco
- 18 RB BAL Ray Rice
- 19 RB SD LaDainian Tomlinson
- 20 RB TEN Chris Johnson
- 21 RB PHI Brian Westbrook
- 22 QB NE Tom Brady
- 23 WR ARI Anquan Boldin
- 24 WR DET Calvin Johnson
- 25 WR GB Greg Jennings
- 26 RB NYG Brandon Jacobs
- 27 RB DET Kevin Smith
- 28 QB IND Peyton Manning
- 29 RB DAL Marion Barber
- 30 WR KC Dwayne Bowe
- 31 WR IND Anthony Gonzalez
- 32 WR BAL Derrick Mason
- 33 RB CIN Cedric Benson
- 34 QB GB Aaron Rodgers
- 35 WR SEA T.J. Houshmandzadeh

QUARTERBACKS

- 1 NO 5 Drew Brees
- 2 NE 8 Tom Brady
- 3 IND 6 Peyton Manning
- 4 GB 5 Aaron Rodgers
- 5 SD 5 Philip Rivers
- 6 DAL 6 Tony Romo
- 7 ATL 4 Matt Ryan
- 8 ARI 4 Kurt Warner
- 9 CHI 5 Jay Cutler
- 10 PIT 8 Ben Roethlisberger
- 11 PHI 4 Donovan McNabb
- 12 BAL 7 Joe Flacco
- 13 CIN 8 Carson Palmer
- 14 HOU10 Matt Schaub
- 15 MIN 9 Brett Favre
- 16 JAC 7 David Garrard
- 17 NYG10 Eli Manning
- 18 SEA 7 Matt Hasselbeck
- 19 BUF 9 Trent Edwards
- 20 CAR 4 Jake Delhomme
- 21 MIA 6 Chad Pennington
- 22 KC 8 Matt Cassel
- 23 WAS 8 Jason Campbell
- 24 TEN 7 Kerry Collins
- 25 DEN 7 Kyle Orton
- 26 SF 6 Shaun Hill
- 27 STL 9 Marc Bulger
- 28 OAK 9 JaMarcus Russell
- 29 CLE 9 Brady Quinn
- 30 NYJ 9 Mark Sanchez
- 31 DET 7 Matthew Stafford
- 32 DET 7 Daunte Culpepper
- 33 TB 8 Byron Leftwich
- 34 TB 8 Josh Freeman
- 35 PHI 4 Michael Vick
- 36 CLE 9 Derek Anderson

RUNNING BACKS

- 1 JAC 7 Maurice Jones-Drew
- 2 CHI 5 Matt Forte
- 3 STL 9 Steven Jackson
- 4 CAR 4 DeAngelo Williams
- 5 MIN 9 Adrian Peterson
- 6 HOU10 Steve Slaton
- 7 ATL 4 Michael Turner
- 8 SF 6 Frank Gore
- 9 BAL 7 Ray Rice
- 10 SD 5 LaDainian Tomlinson
- 11 TEN 7 Chris Johnson
- 12 PHI 4 Brian Westbrook
- 13 NYG10 Brandon Jacobs
- 14 DET 7 Kevin Smith
- 15 DAL 6 Marion Barber
- 16 CIN 8 Cedric Benson
- 17 GB 5 Ryan Grant
- 18 NO 5 Reggie Bush
- 19 OAK 9 Darren McFadden
- 20 WAS 8 Clinton Portis
- 21 NO 5 Pierre Thomas
- 22 NYJ 9 Leon Washington
- 23 KC 8 Larry Johnson
- 24 IND 6 Joseph Addai
- 25 MIA 6 Ronnie Brown
- 26 PIT 8 Willie Parker
- 27 SD 5 Darren Sproles
- 28 DAL 6 Felix Jones
- 29 MIN 9 Chester Taylor
- 30 ARI 4 Tim Hightower
- 31 BUF 9 Marshawn Lynch
- 32 DEN 7 Knowshon Moreno
- 33 SEA 7 Julius Jones
- 34 NYJ 9 Thomas Jones
- 35 NYG10 Ahmad Bradshaw
- 36 IND 6 Donald Brown
- 37 CLE 9 Jamal Lewis
- 38 BUF 9 Fred Jackson
- 39 ATL 4 Jerious Norwood
- 40 ARI 4 Beanie Wells
- 41 CAR 4 Jonathan Stewart
- 42 TEN 7 LenDale White
- 43 KC 8 Jamaal Charles
- 44 TB 8 Derrick Ward
- 45 WAS 8 Ladell Betts
- 46 MIA 6 Ricky Williams
- 47 NE 8 Kevin Faulk
- 48 BAL 7 Willis McGahee
- 49 TB 8 Earnest Graham
- 50 DEN 7 Peyton Hillis
- 51 NE 8 Sammy Morris
- 52 NE 8 Laurence Maroney
- 53 SEA 7 Justin Forsett
- 54 PHI 4 LeSean McCoy
- 55 PIT 8 Mewelde Moore
- 56 TB 8 Cadillac Williams
- 57 GB 5 Brandon Jackson
- 58 SEA 7 Edgerrin James
- 59 NYG10 Danny Ware
- 60 HOU10 Chris Brown
- 61 NE 8 Fred Taylor
- 62 PIT 8 Rashard Mendenhall
- 63 CLE 9 James Davis
- 64 SF 6 Glen Coffee
- 65 BAL 7 LeRon McClain
- 66 DEN 7 Correll Buckhalter
- 67 CIN 8 Bernard Scott
- 68 OAK 9 Justin Fargas
- 69 OAK 9 Michael Bush
- 70 PHI 4 Leonard Weaver
- 71 SD 5 Jacob Hester
- 72 MIA 6 Patrick Cobbs
- 73 CLE 9 Jerome Harrison
- 74 JAC 7 Greg Jones

TIGHT ENDS

- 1 IND 6 Dallas Clark
- 2 DAL 6 Jason Witten
- 3 ATL 4 Tony Gonzalez
- 4 SD 5 Antonio Gates
- 5 NO 5 Jeremy Shockey
- 6 HOU10 Owen Daniels
- 7 OAK 9 Zach Miller
- 8 CHI 5 Greg Olsen
- 9 WAS 8 Chris Cooley
- 10 PHI 4 Brent Celek
- 11 MIN 9 Visanthe Shiancoe
- 12 SEA 7 John Carlson
- 13 GB 5 Jermichael Finley
- 14 PIT 8 Heath Miller
- 15 SF 6 Vernon Davis
- 16 TB 8 Kellen Winslow
- 17 NYJ 9 Dustin Keller
- 18 JAC 7 Marcedes Lewis
- 19 NYG10 Kevin Boss
- 20 BAL 7 Todd Heap
- 21 MIA 6 Anthony Fasano

KICKERS

- 1 NE 8 Stephen Gostkowski
- 2 GB 5 Mason Crosby
- 3 MIN 9 Ryan Longwell
- 4 SD 5 Nate Kaeding
- 5 PIT 8 Jeff Reed
- 6 TEN 7 Rob Bironas
- 7 ATL 4 Jason Elam
- 8 CHI 5 Robbie Gould
- 9 PHI 4 David Akers
- 10 NYG10 Lawrence Tynes
- 11 ARI 4 Neil Rackers
- 12 CAR 4 John Kasay
- 13 HOU10 Kris Brown
- 14 IND 6 Adam Vinatieri
- 15 SF 6 Joe Nedney
- 16 MIA 6 Dan Carpenter
- 17 DAL 6 Nick Folk
- 18 STL 9 Josh Brown
- 19 BUF 9 Rian Lindell
- 20 JAC 7 Josh Scobee
- 21 NO 5 John Carney
- 22 CLE 9 Phil Dawson

DEFENSE / SPECIAL TEAMS

- 1 PIT 8 Pittsburgh
- 2 BAL 7 Baltimore
- 3 MIN 9 Minnesota
- 4 NYG10 NY Giants
- 5 DAL 6 Dallas
- 6 CHI 5 Chicago
- 7 PHI 4 Philadelphia
- 8 NE 8 New England
- 9 SD 5 San Diego
- 10 WAS 8 Washington
- 11 MIA 6 Miami
- 12 NYJ 9 NY Jets
- 13 TEN 7 Tennessee
- 14 GB 5 Green Bay
- 15 SF 6 San Francisco
- 16 ATL 4 Atlanta
- 17 BUF 9 Buffalo
- 18 ARI 4 Arizona
- 19 HOU10 Houston
- 20 CAR 4 Carolina
- 21 SEA 7 Seattle
- 22 OAK 9 Oakland
- 23 IND 6 Indianapolis
- 24 TAM 8 Tampa Bay

RECEIVERS (WR & TE)

- 1 NE 8 Randy Moss
- 2 ARI 4 Larry Fitzgerald
- 3 HOU10 Andre Johnson
- 4 CAR 4 Steve Smith
- 5 NE 8 Wes Welker
- 6 IND 6 Reggie Wayne
- 7 ATL 4 Roddy White
- 8 CIN 8 Chad Ochocinco
- 9 ARI 4 Anquan Boldin
- 10 DET 7 Calvin Johnson
- 11 GB 5 Greg Jennings
- 12 KC 8 Dwayne Bowe
- 13 IND 6 Anthony Gonzalez
- 14 BAL 7 Derrick Mason
- 15 SEA 7 T.J. Houshmandzadeh
- 16 CHI 5 Devin Hester
- 17 BUF 9 Terrell Owens
- 18 SD 5 Vincent Jackson
- 19 NO 5 Marques Colston
- 20 IND 6 Dallas Clark (TE)
- 21 CLE 9 Braylon Edwards
- 22 DEN 7 Eddie Royal
- 23 DAL 6 Jason Witten (TE)
- 24 ATL 4 Tony Gonzalez (TE)
- 25 GB 5 Donald Driver
- 26 CIN 8 Laveranues Coles
- 27 PHI 4 DeSean Jackson
- 28 HOU10 Kevin Walter
- 29 SD 5 Antonio Gates (TE)
- 30 NO 5 Lance Moore
- 31 PIT 8 Hines Ward
- 32 PIT 8 Santonio Holmes
- 33 WAS 8 Santana Moss
- 34 MIA 6 Ted Ginn
- 35 CHI 5 Earl Bennett
- 36 JAC 7 Torry Holt
- 37 DEN 7 Brandon Marshall
- 38 DAL 6 Roy Williams
- 39 TEN 7 Justin Gage
- 40 STL 9 Donnie Avery
- 41 MIN 9 Bernard Berrian
- 42 NYJ 9 Jerrico Cotchery
- 43 NO 5 Jeremy Shockey (TE)
- 44 BUF 9 Lee Evans
- 45 TB 8 Antonio Bryant
- 46 CAR 4 Muhsin Muhammad
- 47 STL 9 Laurent Robinson
- 48 BAL 7 Kelley Washington
- 49 HOU10 Owen Daniels (TE)
- 50 OAK 9 Zach Miller (TE)
- 51 CHI 5 Greg Olsen (TE)
- 52 WAS 8 Chris Cooley (TE)
- 53 PHI 4 Brent Celek (TE)
- 54 NYG10 Domenik Hixon
- 55 MIN 9 Visanthe Shiancoe (TE)
- 56 SEA 7 John Carlson (TE)
- 57 OAK 9 Chaz Schilens
- 58 ARI 4 Steve Breaston
- 59 MIA 6 Brian Hartline
- 60 GB 5 Jermichael Finley (TE)
- 61 NYG10 Hakeem Nicks
- 62 PIT 8 Heath Miller (TE)
- 63 ATL 4 Michael Jenkins
- 64 NYG10 Steve Smith
- 65 JAC 7 Troy Williamson
- 66 DAL 6 Patrick Crayton
- 67 SF 6 Josh Morgan
- 68 OAK 9 Darrius Heyward-Bey
- 69 MIN 9 Sidney Rice
- 70 SF 6 Vernon Davis (TE)
- 71 TB 8 Kellen Winslow (TE)
- 72 NYJ 9 Dustin Keller (TE)
- 73 SEA 7 Nate Burleson
- 74 SF 6 Isaac Bruce
- 75 MIN 9 Percy Harvin
- 76 NYG10 Mario Manningham
- 77 CLE 9 Joshua Cribbs
- 78 SD 5 Chris Chambers
- 79 JAC 7 Marcedes Lewis (TE)
- 80 NYG10 Kevin Boss (TE)
- 81 PHI 4 Kevin Curtis
- 82 TEN 7 Nate Washington
- 83 PHI 4 Jason Avant

TD-ONLY RANKINGS

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1	WR	NE	Randy Moss
2	RB	ATL	Michael Turner
3	RB	CAR	DeAngelo Williams
4	QB	NE	Tom Brady
5	RB	MIN	Adrian Peterson
6	RB	JAC	Maurice Jones-Drew
7	QB	IND	Peyton Manning
8	WR	ARI	Larry Fitzgerald
9	RB	CHI	Matt Forte
10	QB	GB	Aaron Rodgers
11	RB	NYG	Brandon Jacobs
12	QB	NO	Drew Brees
13	RB	DAL	Marion Barber
14	RB	GB	Ryan Grant
15	WR	GB	Greg Jennings
16	RB	STL	Steven Jackson
17	RB	SD	LaDainian Tomlinson
18	RB	TEN	LenDale White
19	QB	SD	Philip Rivers
20	RB	PHI	Brian Westbrook
21	RB	SF	Frank Gore
22	WR	IND	Reggie Wayne
23	RB	HOU	Steve Slaton
24	WR	DET	Calvin Johnson
25	WR	IND	Anthony Gonzalez
26	WR	SD	Vincent Jackson
27	WR	ARI	Anquan Boldin
28	WR	CAR	Steve Smith
29	TE	IND	Dallas Clark
30	WR	HOU	Andre Johnson
31	RB	NO	Pierre Thomas
32	WR	ATL	Roddy White
33	TE	SD	Antonio Gates
34	WR	BUF	Terrell Owens
35	WR	SEA	T.J. Houshmandzadeh

QUARTERBACKS

	STARTS	TD	FPG			
1	NE	8	Brady	16	2.07	8.4
2	IND	6	P.Manning	16	2.00	8.1
3	GB	5	Rodgers	15	2.00	8.2
4	NO	5	Brees	16	1.94	7.8
5	SD	5	Rivers	16	1.87	7.5
6	PIT	8	Roethlisberger	15	1.74	7.2
7	ARI	4	Warner	14	1.77	7.1
8	DAL	6	Romo	15	1.55	6.3
9	CHI	5	Cutler	15	1.50	6.2
10	ATL	4	Ryan	16	1.50	6.1
11	PHI	4	McNabb	14	1.61	6.6
12	BAL	7	Flacco	15	1.44	5.9
13	CIN	8	C.Palmer	15	1.54	6.2
14	NYG	10	E.Manning	16	1.42	5.7
15	MIN	9	Favre	15	1.42	5.7
16	HOU	10	Schaub	14	1.50	6.1
17	SEA	7	Hasselbeck	14	1.41	5.7
18	BUF	9	Edwards	14	1.35	5.6
19	JAC	7	Garrard	15	1.24	5.2
20	CAR	4	Delhomme	15	1.26	5.1
21	MIA	6	Pennington	14	1.23	5.0
22	DEN	7	Orton	13	1.25	5.1
23	TEN	7	Collins	14	1.14	4.6
24	KC	8	Cassel	13	1.19	4.9
25	SF	6	S.Hill	13	1.19	5.0
26	WAS	8	Campbell	13	1.17	4.8
27	OAK	9	Russell	13	1.11	4.6
28	STL	9	Bulger	14	1.01	4.1
29	CLE	9	Quinn	12	1.13	4.6
30	NYJ	9	Sanchez	13	1.00	4.1
31	DET	7	Stafford	10	1.16	4.7
32	DET	7	Culpepper	6	1.46	6.2

RUNNING BACKS

	STARTS	TD	FPG			
1	ATL	4	Turner	15	.85	5.1
2	CAR	4	Williams	15	.84	5.1
3	MIN	9	Peterson	14	.85	5.1
4	JAC	7	Jones-Drew	14	.83	5.0
5	CHI	5	Forte	15	.75	4.5
6	NYG	10	Jacobs	14	.80	4.8
7	DAL	6	Barber	14	.75	4.5
8	GB	5	Grant	14	.72	4.3
9	STL	9	S.Jackson	14	.72	4.3
10	SD	5	Tomlinson	14	.72	4.3
11	TEN	7	White	15	.65	3.9
12	PHI	4	Westbrook	13	.77	4.6
13	SF	6	Gore	14	.68	4.1
14	HOU	10	Slaton	14	.68	4.1
15	NO	5	Thomas	16	.55	3.3
16	WAS	8	Portis	14	.59	3.5
17	CIN	8	Benson	15	.56	3.4
18	IND	6	Addai	14	.57	3.4
19	DET	7	K.Smith	15	.53	3.2
20	SD	5	Sproles	2	.89	5.3
21	MIA	6	Brown	15	.52	3.1
22	NYJ	9	Washington	16	.48	2.9
23	ARI	4	Hightower	16	.47	2.8
24	IND	6	D.Brown	2	.84	5.0
25	TEN	7	C.Johnson	15	.49	2.9
26	BAL	7	Rice	14	.53	3.2
27	NYJ	9	T.Jones	16	.46	2.7
28	NE	8	Morris	16	.45	2.7
29	PIT	8	Parker	14	.51	3.0
30	OAK	9	McFadden	16	.45	2.7
31	KC	8	L.Johnson	15	.46	2.8
32	NO	5	Bush	13	.53	3.2
33	MIN	9	Taylor	2	.86	5.1
34	NYG	10	Bradshaw	2	.77	4.6
35	DAL	6	F.Jones	16	.42	2.5
36	SEA	7	J.Jones	16	.42	2.5
37	ARI	4	Wells	16	.42	2.5
38	DEN	7	Moreno	14	.46	2.7
39	CAR	4	Stewart	14	.43	2.6
40	BAL	7	McGahee	16	.39	2.3
41	BUF	9	Lynch	12	.51	3.0
42	PIT	8	Mendenhall	2	.76	4.6
43	CLE	9	Lewis	14	.40	2.4
44	NE	8	Maroney	16	.32	1.9
45	DEN	7	Hillis (FB)	16	.31	1.9
46	ATL	4	Norwood	15	.33	2.0
47	TB	8	Graham	16	.30	1.8
48	TB	8	Ward	16	.30	1.8
49	BUF	9	Jackson	4	.48	2.9
50	PHI	4	McCoy	3	.69	4.1
51	BAL	7	McClain (FB)	16	.25	1.5
52	NE	8	Taylor	16	.25	1.5
53	TB	8	C.Williams	16	.25	1.5
54	MIA	6	R.Williams	15	.26	1.6
55	SEA	7	E.James	16	.24	1.4
56	HOU	10	C.Brown	2	.58	3.5
57	KC	8	Charles	16	.22	1.3
58	WAS	8	Betts	2	.57	3.4
59	NO	5	Bell	16	.20	1.2
60	SF	6	Coffee	2	.55	3.3
61	CIN	8	Scott	1	.57	3.4
62	CLE	9	J.Davis	2	.48	2.9
63	OAK	9	Bush	16	.20	1.2
64	NE	8	Faulk	15	.19	1.1
65	GB	5	Jackson	1	.63	3.8
66	NYG	10	Ware	3	.32	1.9
67	SEA	7	Forsett (3rd)	16	.16	.9
68	OAK	9	Fargas	16	.16	.9
69	NYJ	9	Greene	14	.17	1.0
70	DEN	7	Buckhalter	2	.38	2.3

TIGHT ENDS

	STARTS	TD	FPG			
1	IND	6	Clark	15	.52	3.1
2	SD	5	Gates	16	.46	2.7
3	ATL	4	Gonzalez	16	.38	2.3
4	MIN	9	Shiancoe	16	.36	2.1
5	PIT	8	Miller	16	.35	2.1
6	DAL	6	Witten	16	.35	2.1
7	MIA	6	Fasano	16	.33	2.0
8	GB	5	Finley	16	.32	1.9
9	NYG	10	Boss	16	.32	1.9
10	PHI	4	Celek	16	.30	1.8
11	CHI	5	Olsen	16	.30	1.8
12	SEA	7	Carlson	16	.29	1.8
13	NE	8	Baker	15	.31	1.9
14	OAK	9	Miller	16	.26	1.6
15	NO	5	Shockey	15	.27	1.6
16	BAL	7	Heap	15	.27	1.6
17	WAS	8	Cooley	16	.25	1.5
18	SF	6	V.Davis	16	.23	1.4
19	HOU	10	Daniels	16	.22	1.3
20	NYJ	9	Keller	16	.21	1.3

KICKERS

	STARTS	PPG			
1	NE	8	Stephen Gostkowski	16	7.6
2	GB	5	Mason Crosby	16	7.3
3	MIN	9	Ryan Longwell	16	7.3
4	SD	5	Nate Kaeding	16	7.3
5	PIT	8	Jeff Reed	16	7.2
6	TEN	7	Rob Bironas	16	7.1
7	ATL	4	Jason Elam	16	7.1
8	CHI	5	Robbie Gould	16	7.0
9	PHI	4	David Akers	16	7.0
10	NYG	10	Lawrence Tynes	16	7.1
11	ARI	4	Neil Rackers	16	6.9
12	CAR	4	John Kasay	16	6.8
13	HOU	10	Kris Brown	16	6.8
14	IND	6	Adam Vinatieri	15	7.0
15	SF	6	Joe Nedey	16	6.7
16	MIA	6	Dan Carpenter	16	6.6
17	DAL	6	Nick Folk	15	6.8
18	STL	9	Josh Brown	16	6.4
19	BUF	9	Rian Lindell	16	6.4
20	JAC	7	Josh Scobee	16	6.3
21	NO	5	John Carney	11	6.9
22	CLE	9	Phil Dawson	16	6.2

DEFENSE / SPECIAL TEAMS

	BYE	TD	FPG	
1	Chicago	5	.31	1.8
2	Minnesota	9	.29	1.7
3	NY Jets	9	.29	1.7
4	Philadelphia	4	.27	1.6
5	Pittsburgh	8	.27	1.6
6	Baltimore	7	.27	1.6
7	Buffalo	9	.27	1.6
8	San Diego	5	.27	1.6
9	Cleveland	9	.26	1.5
10	Dallas	6	.25	1.5
11	Oakland	9	.25	1.5
12	NY Giants	10	.24	1.5
13	Houston	10	.24	1.5
14	New England	8	.24	1.4
15	Miami	6	.24	1.4
16	Green Bay	5	.24	1.4
17	Washington	8	.23	1.4
18	San Francisco	6	.23	1.4
19	Tennessee	7	.22	1.3
20	Arizona	4	.22	1.3

RECEIVERS (WK & TE)

	STARTS	TD	FPG			
1	NE	8	R.Moss	16	.76	4.6
2	ARI	4	Fitzgerald	16	.62	3.7
3	GB	5	Jennings	16	.55	3.3
4	IND	6	Wayne	16	.51	3.1
5	DET	7	C.Johnson	16	.49	3.0
6	IND	6	Gonzalez	16	.49	3.0
7	IND	6	Clark (TE)	15	.52	3.1
8	SD	5	V.Jackson	16	.49	2.9
9	ARI	4	Boldin	14	.55	3.3
10	CAR	4	S.Smith	16	.48	2.9
11	HOU	10	A.Johnson	16	.47	2.8
12	SD	5	Gates (TE)	16	.46	2.7
13	ATL	4	White	16	.45	2.7
14	BUF	9	Owens	15	.46	2.8
15	SEA	7	Houshmandzadeh	16	.43	2.6
16	CHI	5	Hester	16	.43	2.6
17	CIN	8	Ochocinco	16	.43	2.6
18	NO	5	Colston	15	.43	2.6
19	GB	5	Driver	16	.41	2.5
20	KC	8	Bowe	16	.40	2.4
21	NE	8	Welker	16	.40	2.4
22	PIT	8	Holmes	16	.39	2.3
23	PIT	8	Ward	15	.41	2.4
24	PHI	4	D.Jackson	16	.38	2.3
25	BAL	7	Mason	16	.38	2.3
26	ATL	4	Gonzalez (TE)	16	.38	2.3
27	DEN	7	Royal	16	.37	2.2
28	CLE	9	Edwards	16	.36	2.2
29	MIN	9	Harvin (3WR)	16	.37	2.2
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OVERALL TOP 35 RANKINGS

- 1 WR NE Randy Moss
- 2 RB ATL Michael Turner
- 3 RB CAR DeAngelo Williams
- 4 QB NE Tom Brady
- 5 RB MIN Adrian Peterson
- 6 RB JAC Maurice Jones-Drew
- 7 QB IND Peyton Manning
- 8 WR ARI Larry Fitzgerald
- 9 RB CHI Matt Forte
- 10 QB GB Aaron Rodgers
- 11 RB NYG Brandon Jacobs
- 12 QB NO Drew Brees
- 13 RB DAL Marion Barber
- 14 RB GB Ryan Grant
- 15 WR GB Greg Jennings
- 16 RB STL Steven Jackson
- 17 RB SD LaDainian Tomlinson
- 18 RB TEN LenDale White
- 19 QB SD Philip Rivers
- 20 RB PHI Brian Westbrook
- 21 RB SF Frank Gore
- 22 WR IND Reggie Wayne
- 23 RB HOU Steve Slaton
- 24 WR DET Calvin Johnson
- 25 WR IND Anthony Gonzalez
- 26 WR SD Vincent Jackson
- 27 WR ARI Anquan Boldin
- 28 WR CAR Steve Smith
- 29 TE IND Dallas Clark
- 30 WR HOU Andre Johnson
- 31 RB NO Pierre Thomas
- 32 WR ATL Roddy White
- 33 TE SD Antonio Gates
- 34 WR BUF Terrell Owens
- 35 WR SEA T.J. Houshmandzadeh

QUARTERBACKS

- 1 NE 8 Tom Brady
- 2 IND 6 Peyton Manning
- 3 GB 5 Aaron Rodgers
- 4 NO 5 Drew Brees
- 5 SD 5 Philip Rivers
- 6 PIT 8 Ben Roethlisberger
- 7 ARI 4 Kurt Warner
- 8 DAL 6 Tony Romo
- 9 CHI 5 Jay Cutler
- 10 ATL 4 Matt Ryan
- 11 PHI 4 Donovan McNabb
- 12 BAL 7 Joe Flacco
- 13 CIN 8 Carson Palmer
- 14 NYG 10 Eli Manning
- 15 MIN 9 Brett Favre
- 16 HOU 10 Matt Schaub
- 17 SEA 7 Matt Hasselbeck
- 18 BUF 9 Trent Edwards
- 19 JAC 7 David Garrard
- 20 CAR 4 Jake Delhomme
- 21 MIA 6 Chad Pennington
- 22 DEN 7 Kyle Orton
- 23 TEN 7 Kerry Collins
- 24 KC 8 Matt Cassel
- 25 SF 6 Shaun Hill
- 26 WAS 8 Jason Campbell
- 27 OAK 9 JaMarcus Russell
- 28 STL 9 Marc Bulger
- 29 CLE 9 Brady Quinn
- 30 NYJ 9 Mark Sanchez
- 31 DET 7 Matthew Stafford
- 32 DET 7 Daunte Culpepper
- 33 TB 8 Byron Leftwich
- 34 TB 8 Josh Freeman
- 35 CLE 9 Derek Anderson
- 36 PHI 4 Michael Vick
- 37 OAK 9 Jeff Garcia

RUNNING BACKS

- 1 ATL 4 Michael Turner
- 2 CAR 4 DeAngelo Williams
- 3 MIN 9 Adrian Peterson
- 4 JAC 7 Maurice Jones-Drew
- 5 CHI 5 Matt Forte
- 6 NYG 10 Brandon Jacobs
- 7 DAL 6 Marion Barber
- 8 GB 5 Ryan Grant
- 9 STL 9 Steven Jackson
- 10 SD 5 LaDainian Tomlinson
- 11 TEN 7 LenDale White
- 12 PHI 4 Brian Westbrook
- 13 SF 6 Frank Gore
- 14 HOU 10 Steve Slaton
- 15 NO 5 Pierre Thomas
- 16 WAS 8 Clinton Portis
- 17 CIN 8 Cedric Benson
- 18 IND 6 Joseph Addai
- 19 DET 7 Kevin Smith
- 20 SD 5 Darren Sproles
- 21 MIA 6 Ronnie Brown
- 22 NYJ 9 Leon Washington
- 23 ARI 4 Tim Hightower
- 24 IND 6 Donald Brown
- 25 TEN 7 Chris Johnson
- 26 BAL 7 Ray Rice
- 27 NYJ 9 Thomas Jones
- 28 NE 8 Sammy Morris
- 29 PIT 8 Willie Parker
- 30 OAK 9 Darren McFadden
- 31 KC 8 Larry Johnson
- 32 NO 5 Reggie Bush
- 33 MIN 9 Chester Taylor
- 34 NYG 10 Ahmad Bradshaw
- 35 DAL 6 Felix Jones
- 36 SEA 7 Julius Jones
- 37 ARI 4 Beanie Wells
- 38 DEN 7 Knowshon Moreno
- 39 CAR 4 Jonathan Stewart
- 40 BAL 7 Willis McGahee
- 41 BUF 9 Marshawn Lynch
- 42 PIT 8 Rashard Mendenhall
- 43 CLE 9 Jamal Lewis
- 44 NE 8 Laurence Maroney
- 45 DEN 7 Peyton Hillis
- 46 ATL 4 Jerious Norwood
- 47 TB 8 Earnest Graham
- 48 TB 8 Derrick Ward
- 49 BUF 9 Fred Jackson
- 50 PHI 4 LeSean McCoy
- 51 BAL 7 LeRon McClain
- 52 NE 8 Fred Taylor
- 53 TB 8 Cadillac Williams
- 54 MIA 6 Ricky Williams
- 55 SEA 7 Edgerrin James
- 56 HOU 10 Chris Brown
- 57 KC 8 Jamaal Charles
- 58 WAS 8 Ladell Betts
- 59 NO 5 Mike Bell
- 60 SF 6 Glen Coffee
- 61 CIN 8 Bernard Scott
- 62 CLE 9 James Davis
- 63 OAK 9 Michael Bush
- 64 NE 8 Kevin Faulk
- 65 GB 5 Brandon Jackson
- 66 NYG 10 Danny Ware
- 67 SEA 7 Justin Forsett
- 68 OAK 9 Justin Fargas
- 69 NYJ 9 Shonn Greene
- 70 DEN 7 Correll Buckhalter
- 71 TEN 7 Ahmard Hall
- 72 PHI 4 Leonard Weaver
- 73 SD 5 Jacob Hester
- 74 JAC 7 Greg Jones
- 75 PIT 8 Mewelde Moore

TIGHT ENDS

- 1 IND 6 Dallas Clark
- 2 SD 5 Antonio Gates
- 3 ATL 4 Tony Gonzalez
- 4 MIN 9 Visanthe Shiancoe
- 5 PIT 8 Heath Miller
- 6 DAL 6 Jason Witten
- 7 MIA 6 Anthony Fasano
- 8 GB 5 Jermichael Finley
- 9 NYG 10 Kevin Boss
- 10 PHI 4 Brent Celek
- 11 CHI 5 Greg Olsen
- 12 SEA 7 John Carlson
- 13 NE 8 Chris Baker
- 14 OAK 9 Zach Miller
- 15 NO 5 Jeremy Shockey
- 16 BAL 7 Todd Heap
- 17 WAS 8 Chris Cooley
- 18 SF 6 Vernon Davis
- 19 HOU 10 Owen Daniels
- 20 NYJ 9 Dustin Keller
- 21 TB 8 Kellen Winslow

KICKERS

- 1 NE 8 Stephen Gostkowski
- 2 GB 5 Mason Crosby
- 3 MIN 9 Ryan Longwell
- 4 SD 5 Nate Kaeding
- 5 PIT 8 Jeff Reed
- 6 TEN 7 Rob Bironas
- 7 ATL 4 Jason Elam
- 8 CHI 5 Robbie Gould
- 9 PHI 4 David Akers
- 10 NYG 10 Lawrence Tynes
- 11 ARI 4 Neil Rackers
- 12 CAR 4 John Kasay
- 13 HOU 10 Kris Brown
- 14 IND 6 Adam Vinatieri
- 15 SF 6 Joe Nedney
- 16 MIA 6 Dan Carpenter
- 17 DAL 6 Nick Folk
- 18 STL 9 Josh Brown
- 19 BUF 9 Rian Lindell
- 20 JAC 7 Josh Scobee
- 21 NO 5 John Carney
- 22 CLE 9 Phil Dawson
- 23 OAK 9 Sebastian Janikowski

DEFENSE / SPECIAL TEAMS

- 1 CHI 5 Chicago
- 2 MIN 9 Minnesota
- 3 NYJ 9 NY Jets
- 4 PHI 4 Philadelphia
- 5 PIT 8 Pittsburgh
- 6 BAL 7 Baltimore
- 7 BUF 9 Buffalo
- 8 SD 5 San Diego
- 9 CLE 9 Cleveland
- 10 DAL 6 Dallas
- 11 OAK 9 Oakland
- 12 NYG 10 NY Giants
- 13 HOU 10 Houston
- 14 NE 8 New England
- 15 MIA 6 Miami
- 16 GB 5 Green Bay
- 17 WAS 8 Washington
- 18 SF 6 San Francisco
- 19 TEN 7 Tennessee
- 20 ARI 4 Arizona
- 21 CAR 4 Carolina
- 22 SEA 7 Seattle
- 23 ATL 4 Atlanta
- 24 TAM 8 Tampa Bay

RECEIVERS (WR & TE)

- 1 NE 8 Randy Moss
- 2 ARI 4 Larry Fitzgerald
- 3 GB 5 Greg Jennings
- 4 IND 6 Reggie Wayne
- 5 DET 7 Calvin Johnson
- 6 IND 6 Anthony Gonzalez
- 7 IND 6 Dallas Clark (TE)
- 8 SD 5 Vincent Jackson
- 9 ARI 4 Anquan Boldin
- 10 CAR 4 Steve Smith
- 11 HOU 10 Andre Johnson
- 12 SD 5 Antonio Gates (TE)
- 13 ATL 4 Roddy White
- 14 BUF 9 Terrell Owens
- 15 SEA 7 T.J. Houshmandzadeh
- 16 CHI 5 Devin Hester
- 17 CIN 8 Chad Ochocinco
- 18 NO 5 Marques Colston
- 19 GB 5 Donald Driver
- 20 KC 8 Dwayne Bowe
- 21 NE 8 Wes Welker
- 22 PIT 8 Santonio Holmes
- 23 PIT 8 Hines Ward
- 24 PHI 4 DeSean Jackson
- 25 BAL 7 Derrick Mason
- 26 ATL 4 Tony Gonzalez (TE)
- 27 DEN 7 Eddie Royal
- 28 CLE 9 Braylon Edwards
- 29 MIN 9 Percy Harvin
- 30 BUF 9 Lee Evans
- 31 MIN 9 Visanthe Shiancoe (TE)
- 32 HOU 10 Kevin Walter
- 33 PIT 8 Heath Miller (TE)
- 34 DAL 6 Jason Witten (TE)
- 35 CIN 8 Laveranues Coles
- 36 DAL 6 Roy Williams
- 37 NO 5 Lance Moore
- 38 MIA 6 Anthony Fasano (TE)
- 39 GB 5 Jermichael Finley (TE)
- 40 MIN 9 Bernard Berrian
- 41 NYG 10 Kevin Boss (TE)
- 42 MIA 6 Ted Ginn
- 43 WAS 8 Santana Moss
- 44 TEN 7 Justin Gage
- 45 JAC 7 Torry Holt
- 46 CAR 4 Muhsin Muhammad
- 47 DEN 7 Brandon Marshall
- 48 BAL 7 Kelley Washington
- 49 NYG 10 Domenik Hixon
- 50 PHI 4 Brent Celek (TE)
- 51 CHI 5 Earl Bennett
- 52 CHI 5 Greg Olsen (TE)
- 53 SEA 7 John Carlson (TE)
- 54 CIN 8 Chris Henry
- 55 NE 8 Chris Baker (TE)
- 56 ARI 4 Steve Breaston
- 57 STL 9 Donnie Avery
- 58 CLE 9 Joshua Cribbs
- 59 TB 8 Antonio Bryant
- 60 MIN 9 Sidney Rice
- 61 SEA 7 Nate Burleson
- 62 ATL 4 Michael Jenkins
- 63 OAK 9 Zach Miller (TE)
- 64 NYG 10 Hakeem Nicks
- 65 NO 5 Jeremy Shockey (TE)
- 66 DAL 6 Patrick Crayton
- 67 BAL 7 Todd Heap (TE)
- 68 NO 5 Devery Henderson
- 69 JAC 7 Troy Williamson
- 70 OAK 9 Chaz Schilens
- 71 WAS 8 Chris Cooley (TE)
- 72 STL 9 Laurent Robinson
- 73 OAK 9 Darrius Heyward-Bey
- 74 SF 6 Josh Morgan
- 75 NYJ 9 Jerricho Cotchery
- 76 SD 5 Chris Chambers
- 77 SF 6 Vernon Davis (TE)
- 78 NYG 10 Steve Smith
- 79 NE 8 Joey Galloway
- 80 NYG 10 Mario Manningham
- 81 SF 6 Isaac Bruce
- 82 HOU 10 Owen Daniels (TE)
- 83 PIT 8 Limas Sweed

ARIZONA:

Beanie Wells saw his first exhibition action Friday, quickly showing the talent that made him a first-round pick. His 20-yard touchdown run on his fourth carry was a thing of beauty, with Wells following his fullback into a hole and then changing direction twice to elude tacklers and score. Wells, who sprained an ankle in his first practice with the team, later scored again, part of a 7-for-46 effort; after the game he said his ankle still isn't 100 percent and he "felt like he didn't have a lot of burst." We're not going to go overboard on him; **Tim Hightower** will open the season as the starter, probably getting more carries. He knows the offense better. But Wells is the more talented player, and Hightower's stint as the starter last year was so unremarkable the team turned back to Edgerrin James in the postseason. Wells should open the season in a change-of-pace role, and could gradually move into a timeshare and maybe take that starting job at some point during the season. A year from now, if he can shake off the injuries that cost him some time in college and have now cost him the starting job in his rookie season, Wells should definitely be this team's feature back. ... If we were confident **Anquan Boldin** would play 16 games, he'd be considerably higher on our draft board. On a per-game basis, he's arguably a top-5 option in any scoring system. But Boldin tends to get dinged up, having missed time to knee, hamstring and other injuries over the years; he missed Arizona's third exhibition game with a hamstring injury. That's described as minor, and Boldin almost certainly will be on the field for the team's September 13 opener, but he's a player you draft with the thought in mind that he can be expected to miss a game or two during the season. If No. 3 **Steve Breaston** falls far enough, it makes some sense to use a late-round pick on him. Breaston is banged up

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He suffered two weeks of being expected to be out. He might return in the next game. He returned any punts or kickoffs in the preseason, but he's still listed as the team's first-string choice for both jobs. ... It's worth noting that even with Boldin and Breaston out of action, **Larry Fitzgerald** managed to find himself running free all over the field during a 5-for-75 first half Friday night. Arizona's opponent, Green Bay, has a talented secondary, but it still didn't have much luck staying with Fitzgerald. No reason to think any other defenses will, either. ... No. 4 **Jerheme Urban** finished with some nice numbers in a starting role (6 for 103), but he was stripped for a fumble and dropped a pass when he was wide open in the middle of the field. Maybe second-year wideout **Early Doucet** (5 for 93 with a touchdown in the last exhibition) makes a play for that job at some point, which would be a significant one if Boldin or Breaston (or both) are sidelined. Breaston caught 77 balls for 1,006 yards and 3 TDs in that role a year ago. ... Don't read too much into **Matt Leinart's** nice second half (360 yards, 3 TDs) in the latest exhibition, which

came after the Packers' starters had built a 38-10 lead. **Kurt Warner** fumbled twice and hasn't thrown any touchdowns in the preseason, but he looked fine throwing the ball (particularly considering two of his top three wideouts were sidelined). Warner occasionally dishes up too many turnovers and sacks, and he might not be 100 percent yet while coming back from hip surgery, but there isn't any kind of controversy here. Leinart's performance was encouraging for Arizona's receivers should the 38-year-old Warner get hurt, or dynasty owners who've been carrying Leinart, but that's about it.

ATLANTA:

Jerious Norwood left the Falcons' third exhibition game with a knee injury, but early indications are that it's not major. Nothing official as of Sunday evening, but that's the lean from the local media based on reports of returning to the sideline later in the week. Should Norwood be limited at the start of the season, Jason Snelling would be expected to take the No. 2 role, and Thomas Brown would likely play on passing downs. It's reasonable to presume that **Michael Turner** might get a few more snaps if Norwood is sidelined for any length of time. Turner, incidentally, is on top of his game, averaging a whopping 7.0 yards per carry in the exhibitions. ... Watching the Falcons' games you get a sense that Matt Ryan will benefit from having a top tight end at his disposal. Last year Justin Peelle caught 15 passes for 159 yards and 1 TD all season. **Tony Gonzalez** has caught 6 passes for 54 yards and a TD in just nine offensive series, and was targeted on an end-zone throw in the third exhibition. Twice on Saturday, Gonzalez was blanketed by a pair of defenders and Ryan stuck it in there anyway. Doesn't appear that there's been any problem for the two establishing a rapport. ... **Roddy White** also should be in line for another big season. White has caught 3 passes in each exhibition; he appears to be the first read on pretty much every passing play. Like the other offensive starters, White has played just nine series in the three exhibitions – it looks like the team is being careful not to get anyone dinged up in meaningless games. ... With Harry Douglas (knee) out for the year, the No. 3 job is open. Looks like the Falcons might use a committee approach there. **Brian Finneran** definitely will get a lot of playing time there, and the team likes his 6-foot-5 height when it's in the red zone. And **Marty Booker** could be a factor as well. Booker saw some action with the first-team offense in the exhibition, catching 3 passes thrown by Matt Ryan. He's not a big name with the backfield, but he's not a bad pick to see Finneran target in any fantasy format where you're aware of.

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BALTIMORE:

Joe Flacco looks like he's going to be better than last year – a lot better. He's about 10 times more knowledgeable and confident, and the team's going to let him do more. Baltimore has the league's most conservative offense last

year, running the ball more often than any other team, contributing to Flacco averaging only 186 passing yards, with 14 TD passes. Now, Flacco is zipping passes downfield, not only throwing more often but challenging defenses by going deep. With a year of experience, he's just a completely different guy. As a rookie, Flacco in the preseason completed only 52 percent of his passes and averaged 8.1 yards per completion – he was throwing primarily safe passes. This year, Flacco is completing 66 percent of his passes and averaging 11.8 yards per completion, an improvement of 3.7 yards. Do not hesitate to select Flacco as the No. 2 quarterback for your fantasy team. Baltimore's first four home games are against four of the 10 worst teams in the league – Kansas City, Cleveland, Cincinnati and Denver. ... Proceeding under the assumption that Baltimore's passing game will be new and improved, it also makes sense to select some of their pass catchers. **Derrick Mason** may be a sleeper pick, but it doesn't look like he's slowing down at all. He should have another 80-plus catches in him. And we will submit **Kelley Washington** as our nominee for the best player who isn't even drafted in most fantasy leagues. Way back when, he was a promising young receiver for the Bengals, but he got buried behind Chad Ochocinco, T.J. Houshmandzadeh and Chris Henry. Then Washington spent two years in New England, where he developed into a very good special teams player. Now it looks like Washington has swiped a starting job from **Mark Clayton**. Clayton has been sitting out with a hamstring injury, and Washington has used the opportunity to show that he's a better player – a lot bigger (6-3, 217) and a much better downfield threat. In the three exhibition games, Washington has caught 6 passes for 119 yards – that's 19.8 yards per catch. With that big body, he's very good on slant routes and can post up smaller defensive backs. Washington doesn't have great speed, but we think he's going to stick in the starting lineup. And with the Ravens seemingly poised to improve by 25-30 passing yards per game, Washington might finish the season with something like 900 yards and 6-7 TDs. ... With Flacco seemingly headed for a much busier season, we're decreasing expectations for Baltimore's running game. The Ravens ranked in the top 5 in rushing yards and touchdowns last year, in large part because they ran the ball a league-high 592 times. That won't be the case this year. More passing will mean less rushing. **Ray Rice** and **Willis McGahee** should still be an above-average one-two punch; just not quite as productive as what we expected a week ago. They've both been just so-so as runners in the practice games, averaging 3.6 yards per attempt. Rice will get more carries and finish with more yards. McGahee should be the back of choice at the goal line – he's bigger. The Ravens also have **LeRon McClain**, but he's been moved to fullback, meaning he'll more often be a blocker on those plays this season. Twice in the preseason, McGahee has replaced Rice after the ball was driven inside

the 10; he could be Baltimore's version of LenDale White. On the touchdown McGahee punched in at Carolina, McClain was lined up as a tight end. We are confident McGahee – if he stays healthy – will lead this team in rushing touchdowns. Rice should run for more yards, and he might catch 60 passes as well; he caught 8 of the 9 passes thrown his way in the Carolina game. ... **Steven Hauschka** seemingly had Baltimore's kicking job in his grasp. Then he muffed a 27-yard attempt at Carolina. That could cause the team to call **Matt Stover**. Stover still wants to kick, and he's Baltimore's version of John Carney – he doesn't have much power but is reliable on shorter kicks. With their style of play, the Ravens need a proven field goal kicker; they'll probably wind up going back to Stover. If they do, they'll keep Hauschka around for kickoffs and longer attempts. ... **Todd Heap** sighting. He didn't make an impact last year, but he caught 4 passes and a touchdown at Carolina. With Baltimore's passing game seemingly on the upswing, we're upgrading him to being worth a late-round gamble.

BUFFALO:

Terrell Owens has caught a lot of touchdowns over the years – 139, which ranks No. 2 all-time. But he's also 35 years old, so he could be at the point where his body starts to break down. Since catching 2 passes in the Hall of Fame game, Owens has mostly sat out with a toe injury. He should be fine, but there's a worry there, particularly with Owens' track record of getting banged up. Only twice in the last seven years has he missed games. Owens was drafted in 1999, the year as the heralded class of wide receivers including Keyshawn Johnson, Terry Glenn, Marvin Harrison, Eric Moulds and Eddie Kennison. All of those guys are now out of the league. ... We have a couple of issues with **Trent Edwards**. He's a smart, accurate quarterback. He completed 65.5 percent of his passes last year, which by our count is a record for a second-year player (Joe Montana held the old mark). But can the Bills give him enough time to throw? Their offensive line appears to be one of the worst in the league, with rookies starting at both guard spots. Edwards has attempted only 38 passes in the preseason but has been sacked 5 times – that's a bad ratio. And can Edwards make enough throws downfield? He's completed 26 passes in the preseason, but those plays have generated only 189 yards. That's 7.3 yards per completion, which means Edwards is throwing way too many harmless short passes. Since the NFL moved to a 16-game season in 1978, every single team (out of over 900) has averaged at least 8.8 yards per completion. We're not writing off Edwards. We're intrigued by the fast-paced no-huddle offense the Bills will use, and Edwards has been operating without Owens. He hooked up with Owens on a couple of deep routes in the Hall of Fame game, and Edwards hit Lee Evans for 47 yards in a game against Chicago. So maybe Edwards can do it. But we're not sure.

Likely busts.

And we want no part of Edwards if Owens either gets hurt or starts bickering with teammates or coaches. ... **Marshawn Lynch** is a talented back, but he's going to sit out the first three games. That's a big chunk of action, and there are some nice matchups in there – home games against Tampa Bay and New Orleans. And with Lynch sitting for a long spell, that may cause him to be spelled more than usual when he returns. Let someone else in your league select Lynch. Backup **Fred Jackson**, by the way, should be fine for the first game; he has a bruised thumb but will play. Jackson should get maybe 70 percent of the workload in that game, with Dominic Rhodes splitting with Lynch and Jackson will be hurt because of a poor offensive line; both have averaged 3 yards per carry in the preseason.

Likely busts.

CAROLINA:

We're ready to stick **Dwayne Jarrett** in there with Mike Williams, Reggie Williams, and Hart Lee Dykes – wide receivers who dominated in college with their size but simply weren't fast enough or good enough to cut it at the pro level. In the telling third exhibition game, the Panthers used **Kenny Moore** (an undrafted free agent last year) as their slot receiver in the first half. Moore likely will take that spot in the regular-season games. Jarrett has no value on special teams, so he might not even be active on game days. ... Can **Jake Delhomme** get his career back on track? He imploded against the Cardinals in the playoffs last year, and he was also pretty awful in the second half of last season. In his final eight regular-season games (so not including the Arizona debacle), Delhomme averaged only 188 passing yards per game, with 6 TDs and 7 interceptions. He's looked OK in the preseason games, completing almost 66 percent of his passes despite limited playing time with his starting receivers. Carolina's running game can't possibly be as effective this season (in the second half of last year, the Panthers averaged a league-high 191 rushing yards per game, with 22 TD runs). That will help Delhomme. As the team is forced to pass more, Delhomme's numbers will improve. It's possible he'll move up to about 215 passing yards per game, with something like 21 TDs. ... **DeAngelo Williams** might be the best running back in the NFL. If you watch the 25-yard touchdown he scored against Miami a week ago, it's reminiscent of the historic can't-believe-he's-not-down touchdown Barry Sanders scored against the Bears in the early '90s. But Williams will be hurt by strength of schedule. He's got to play all four teams in the NFC East, and he's also going to face the Dolphins, Vikings, Jets and Patriots. Half of the schedule, in other words, is against defenses with a chance to rank in the top 10 against the run. Other than the one touchdown he scored against Miami, he was controlled in that game – 15 yards on his other 7 carries. Worrying. On the plus side, **Jonathan Stewart** has sat out most of camp to rest a sore Achilles, perhaps resulting in Williams getting a larger portion of the workload. Back in the middle of July, we

saw Williams getting only about 55 percent of the carries; now we're thinking he might exceed 65 percent. And while Stewart is a bigger back, the Panthers may want to feature him last year in goal-line situations. Williams got just as much work in the field. ... Fourth-rounder **Mike Goodson** could be worth stashing away in a dynasty format. He's buried behind Williams and Stewart, but Goodson appears to be a viable NFL back.

Likely busts.

CHICAGO:

There's been talk about **Greg Olsen** being the league's "breakout" tight end. The idea is that he's ready to blossom and will get a boost from working with Jay Cutler. And Olsen should be one of the top 5 tight ends selected in most fantasy drafts. But we are skeptical. If Olsen is going to be a breakout guy, it hasn't been apparent in the preseason games. He's caught 4 of the 23 passes Cutler has completed the last two weeks. It looks like **Desmond Clark** will still see plenty of playing time at tight end. And the wide receivers will catch plenty of balls. And did you know, for all the hoopla surrounding Cutler, that Chicago actually completed more 8 passes to tight ends than the Broncos last year? We're not saying Olsen will be a bust, but we don't like the cost associated with what it will take to land him. Better to either spend slightly more to get a true difference-maker at tight end, or spend less to get a tight end who might prove to be just as productive. ... It's easy to hate **Jay Cutler**. He cried his way out of Denver. But he has talent. In his last two games, he's completed 23 of 34 passes for 265 yards and 2 TDs. No interceptions. That's almost 68 percent. ... We have speculated in this space that **Matt Forte** would catch a lot fewer passes this year, citing the incredibly few number of passes Cutler completed to running backs in Denver. In the game Sunday, however, Forte caught 4 passes, including a touchdown. Sounds like he's got another 50-plus catches in him. ... On our draft board, we're pretty high on **Devin Hester**. Just to clarify: that ranking includes Hester returning a kick for a touchdown at some point this season. He may return two or three. He looked very explosive on a long punt return at Denver.

CINCINNATI:

If there was such a thing, **Chris Henry** might be the league's Preseason MVP. He's caught 13 passes for 217 yards and 3 TDs, scoring in every game and averaging 16.7 yards per catch. He's lanky (6-4, 200) and fast, making him a matchup nightmare for smaller cornerbacks. Henry is in a contract year, and it looks like he's cleaned up his act off the field – some team probably will give him a nice contract next spring. Fantasy-wise, however, we're not particularly high on this talented receiver. The Bengals are definitely using **Chad Ochocinco** and **Laveranues Coles** as their starting receivers, and Henry might not even be their primary No. 3. The team is also high on second-year man **Andre Caldwell**, who looks comfortable working in the slot. Henry, it

seems, could see only limited playing time – coming on for four-receiver sets and making a handful of big plays. When the Bengals hosted St. Louis in their dress-rehearsal game, they used Caldwell in almost all three-receiver sets (in the first half, when the regulars were on the field). Our leaning, therefore, is to let some other owner in your league roll the dice on Henry. He's talented, but we just aren't confident he'll get on the field enough. Final thought on Henry and Caldwell: They might be one of the top 5 pairs of backup receivers in the league; this could diminish the values of both Ochocinco and Coles. ... More so than with any other team, Cincinnati's offensive line is a concern. It was one of the worst in the league last year, and it doesn't look like they've done anything to improve it. They finally signed top pick Andre Smith on Sunday, but with just two weeks until the start of the season, they may not get much out of him this year. This is worrying for those who draft **Cedric Benson** or **Carson Palmer**. There definitely will be games where Benson simply doesn't get the necessary holes. He's running hard, but he's averaged only 3.2 yards per attempt in the preseason. And there definitely will be Sundays that Palmer gets knocked down too often. Two years ago (when Palmer put up big numbers), the Bengals allowed only 17 sacks all year. Cincinnati allowed 51 sacks last year, including 11 in the four games that Palmer played. He's not a mobile quarterback; he needs time to throw. Four of the team's first nine games are against Pittsburgh and Baltimore; the offensive line could be simply overwhelmed by those defenses. ... Those in dynasty leagues are advised to select **Bernard Scott**, the running back from Abilene Christian that Cincinnati selected in the sixth round. He went over 2,000 yards in each of his final two college seasons, but slid in draft because of off-field problems. He's been extremely impressive in the exhibitions, consistently making people miss and picking up extra yards. They've already promoted him to the No. 2 tailback spot. Had Scott been selected with the 10th pick of the draft, everyone would be watching him and nodding their heads, saying, "Yeah, I can see why this guy was the first running back selected in the draft." Obviously there's risk involved, but three years from now, we might all look back and realize Scott, not Matthew Stafford or Knowshon Moreno or Michael Crabtree, was the most valuable fantasy player in the 2009 draft. ... **Shayne Graham** has a groin injury that could keep him out of the week 1 game against Denver. Sam Swank would fill in.

CLEVELAND:

Eric Mangini is from the Bill Belichick coaching tree, which means that even if he already knew who his starting quarterback would be this season, he wouldn't necessarily reveal it. Even after the team's third exhibition game, and with the season just two weeks away, Mangini said he didn't really have a timetable on making his decision. We'll forge ahead and guess it will be **Brady Quinn**, who has outplayed **Derek**

Anderson in two of the three games, completing 68 percent of his passes and turning it over just once; Anderson is down at 58 percent with 2 interceptions; he had another one dropped in the third exhibition. Anderson takes too many chances, resulting in too many turnovers. Quinn, the team's first-round pick back in 2007, is the player the franchise would like to build around, so it would be surprising if they suddenly turned back to Anderson, who flopped badly as a starter last season. Quinn looked good in the most recent exhibition, hooking up with Braylon Edwards for a touchdown and showing a quick release on a pass to Joshua Cribbs in the face of a blitz. Anderson also played well, although one of his completions bounced off a defender's chest. There's just enough uncertainty, though, that both quarterbacks are best avoided if you're drafting before Mangini announces his decision. Not that we're recommending you hitch your fantasy wagon to either signal-caller regardless. ... We like the idea of spending a late-round pick on rookie **James Davis**. Davis has outplayed **Jamal Lewis** in the preseason; he simply looks like the quicker, more talented running back. Davis blew up with 116 yards in the second exhibition (with an 81-yard touchdown in the second half), got a lot of work with the No. 1 offense in practice last week, and got some carries with the starters in the third preseason game. He looked pretty quick on a nice 16-yard run. We expect Davis to only be a change-of-pace runner early in the year, but his role should grow as the year wears on, and they may put him in the starting lineup late in the year. Both Lewis and Davis are poor receivers, so Jerome Harrison should play on at least some passing downs. Harrison has been sidelined with an ankle injury for most of the preseason. Lewis just turned 30, but it's an old 30; he might be nearing the end of the road. He's averaging a woeful 2.6 yards per carry in the exhibitions. ... Nice game for **Braylon Edwards** on Saturday, catching the touchdown from Quinn and also making a nice adjustment to grab an off-target throw from Anderson. Edwards' troubles with drops are well-known, but if he's put those behind him, and gets some consistent, competent quarterback play, he should have a bounce-back type of season. The Browns probably won't have a productive No. 2 receiver – they could use a committee at the position – and they don't have big-time receiving talent at tight end, either, after dealing Kellen Winslow.

DALLAS:

Roy Williams has either a bruised or sprained shoulder. He's done for the preseason, but the Cowboys say they're confident he'll play on opening day. He might not be 100 percent and the injury could affect his play, but Williams at least should be out there. The Cowboys need to have him on the field because they don't have much else at the position. **Patrick Crayton**, **Miles Austin** and **Sam Hurd** are all lesser guys. ... **Felix Jones** had a 3-yard touchdown run in the most recent game, but

don't worry that he's suddenly going to be the goal-line back. The play came out of a passing formation with Romo in the shotgun, then handing it to Jones. Jones did have a 1-yard score in the second preseason game, but that came with the team in its no-huddle offense just before the half. (**Marion Barber** also scored a 1-yard touchdown in that game.) There's definitely a concern that Barber will lose some touches in the red zone to Jones; even if it's just out of passing formations, it could cost Barber (who's caught 2 TDs in each of the last three seasons) a couple of scoring opportunities. Barber, though, has received about two-thirds of the offensive touches for the two players in the preseason (29, compared to 14 for Jones), which is how we expect things to go when the games count. Talk of a "three-headed monster" with **Tashard Choice**, incidentally, is apparently just talk; Choice hasn't gotten any snaps with the first-team offense in the three exhibitions. ... It appears that **Jason Witten** will lose some receptions and yards to **Martellus Bennett** this year. The Cowboys are playing a lot of two-tight end sets (perhaps in part due to the injuries to Williams and also Sam Hurd), and Bennett (a

Late-breaking news that could affect your draft/auction.

two years ago) has led the team in receptions this season. Witten's too big a drop behind many other tight ends, but not promising that the team's deficiencies at wideout will result in a big increase in his production. Those numbers could instead go to Bennett. ... **Nick Folk** is only 2 of 4 on field goals in the preseason, with both of the successful kicks inside 30 yards. We're not saying a roster move is imminent, but we're not confident Folk will last there for 16 games.

DENVER:

It looks safe to simply remove **Brandon Marshall** from your draft board. He's a talented guy, but he doesn't want to play in Denver, and it doesn't look like he's going to be able to co-exist with Josh McDaniels. Upset at not getting a contract extension, Marshall has tried to go the malcontent route, intentionally tanking it in practice – dropping balls, not paying attention and maybe faking injuries. The Broncos have responded by suspending him until a week before the opener. And while it's in their best interest to trade him, they're in no hurry to do so after perhaps already making the same mistake with Jay Cutler – it sends a bad message to other players. There's a good chance Marshall will be trapped in Denver for at least the first third of the season, and he won't be productive with this team. He doesn't know the offense, and they've started to move on without him. And if and when Marshall gets moved, it will take him time to get acclimated with his new team. Furthermore, Marshall's antics, which included punting balls across the field rather than handing them to ball boys, makes it less likely that some other team will be willing to give him the contract that he wants. In essentially every fantasy league, Marshall will be one of the first 20 or 25

receivers selected, but that will be a mistake for those teams. ... As a trickle-down effect of the Marshall saga, the team's other wide receivers should be more valuable. **Eddie Royal** looks like the team's clear go-to receiver. **Jabar Gaffney** (if Marshall doesn't return) could be surprisingly effective – he knows this offense. But Gaffney has a broken thumb that could keep him out until October. The Broncos may use Chad Jackson as their starter until Gaffney returns – allowing them to leave Brandon Stokley in the slot. ... **Knowshon Moreno** is Denver's best tailback, but it looks like he'll be trapped in a committee situation for at least the first chunk of the season. He missed part of camp in a holdout, then he sprained his knee. Moreno says he doesn't expect to be 100 percent healthy for the opener, so he should begin the year as a change-of-pace back behind **Correll Buckhalter**. We also consider **Peyton Hillis** to be a sleeper. Every time they put him on the field, good things happen – he's big and he breaks tackles. Hillis ran for 49 yards on 10 attempts at San Francisco. Against Seattle, he had a 30-yard run called back because of a penalty, and the Broncos also brought him on to punch out a third-and-one situation with the first-unit offense, lining him up behind fullback Spencer Larsen. The team used that same formation at the goal-line of the Chicago game, with Hillis punching in a third-quarter touchdown. We think that's significant. We believe that when the Broncos advance the ball inside the 2-yard line, that's the formation they'll use, meaning Hillis might score about a third of their rushing touchdowns. ... **Chris Simms** (high ankle sprain) is out until mid September. **Kyle Orton** has looked shaky, so there's a good chance Simms will start some games at some point. Orton left the Chicago game with a gashed finger, but he should be fine for the first game.

DETROIT:

The Lions are mulling whether to go with Daunte Culpepper or Matthew Stafford at quarterback, and this is a decision that will have a trickle-down effect on the value of **Kevin Smith**. Smith is a pretty good runner. He banged out 50 yards on 8 carries against the Colts, and he also caught 3 passes for 33 yards in that game. And note that Maurice Morris hasn't made much of an impact; we don't envision Morris getting many carries off the bench, and we'll be surprised if he replaces Smith on passing downs (hence the revisions on our projections board). So Smith potentially could be a full-time player again – like he was last year – and put up top-20 numbers at that position. But the Stafford-Culpepper decision will have an impact on his value. Culpepper is a lot more mobile, so if he's the choice, he might score about a third of the team's rushing touchdowns (reducing Smith's value). If Stafford's in there, then Smith might score all of the team's rushing touchdowns. On our current board we're proceeding as if Stafford will start two thirds of the season. The wild-card in the backfield is **Jerome Felton**. Unlike most

fullbacks, he's got some running ability, and the Lions have been toying with the idea of using him more. In the exhibitions, Felton has carried 14 times for 52 yards. This guy weighs 245 pounds, and he scored 63 TDs at Furman. It's possible that the Lions will use him in some goal-line situations. We're not saying such a move is imminent, but it's possible. ... **Matthew Stafford** has met expectations so far, but the Lions have to be wondering what to do with **Daunte Culpepper**. He's gotten himself in shape, and he looks terrific – like he's turned the clock back five years. His mobility is back, he's getting away from pass rushers, and he's moving the offense. He looks like he might be one of the 20 best quarterbacks in the league right now. In the preseason, he's 22 of 34 for 194 yards, with a touchdown and no interceptions. How many quarterbacks in the league, working with the same surrounding cast, would be any better? If the Lions let him start some games, he could be surprisingly productive. Problem: first six games are against New Orleans, Minnesota, Washington, Pittsburgh, Chicago and Green Bay. ... Tight end **Brandon Pettigrew** made his preseason debut against the Colts and appears to have good receiving ability. He's still learning the offense (he didn't even work with the first-team offense), but he might go for 400-plus yards and 3-4 TDs this year. We see him as about the No. 15 tight end in a dynasty-type format. ... The quality of Detroit's receiving corps is improved. **Bryant Johnson** will be one starter; he's not a superstar, but he's a solid player. The team used for a while, which gives them more production. The team will get better with either **Dennis Northcutt** or **Derrick Williams**. Williams looks like a keeper – maybe another Bobby Engram some day. So with all of these extra hands, that could detract from the value of **Calvin Johnson**. He caught two thirds of the team's TD passes last year. More of the touchdowns will be caught by other players this season. ... **Jason Hanson** underwent a knee injury that could keep him out of the first game or two of the season.

GREEN BAY:

Aaron Rodgers' numbers, which are impressive – 6 TDs and no interceptions while completing 71 percent of his passes – are only part of the story of his near-perfect preseason. His 12 drives have resulted in 9 TDs, a field goal, a missed field goal and one fourth-down stop. He's completing both short passes and long bombs, with touchdowns of 50-plus yards to Donald Driver and Jordy Nelson; in the latest exhibition he took off and ran 34 yards for a first down when the pocket collapsed. Maybe you can question the opposition – Cleveland, Buffalo and Arizona all have lesser defenses – but he's arguably been the preseason's top performer. About our only concern with Rodgers is injury; he got hurt a couple of times (despite barely playing) as Brett Favre's backup, and was forced to the sideline with a shoulder injury in a game last season (although he later

returned). Then again, he started every game a year ago despite being sacked 34 times, and hasn't been sacked all preseason in 38 pass attempts. At this point Rodgers looks like he might be a better "value" than the top 3 quarterbacks. Looks like he's going to have a huge year. ... Probably the most important battle here is for the No. 3 receiver job, where **James Jones** appears to have the edge on **Jordy Nelson**. Donald Driver and Greg Jennings are the clear top options, but both guys are smaller players – Driver 6-foot, 194 pounds; Jennings 5-foot-11, 198 pounds – plus Driver is 34 years old. Jennings suffered a concussion from a big hit in the most recent exhibition and didn't return, although he said later he was fine. In any case, the No. 3 might start some games, and should be reasonably productive as a reserve in this high-powered offense regardless. Jones, who has an extra year of experience, has played ahead of Nelson in the exhibitions and replaced Jennings in the most recent one; Nelson did flash his talent – he was Green Bay's top pick a year ago – by blowing past Arizona cornerback Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie to haul in a 76-yard touchdown, a play on which he was the only wide receiver on the field. (Jones later had a scoring play wiped out by a penalty.) If either starter is sidelined, one of these players can be thrown right into a fantasy lineup. Right now, that should be Jones. ... The other, albeit less important battle, is between **Brandon Jackson**, **DeShawn Wynn** and undrafted rookie **Tyrell Sutton** for the No. 2 job behind Ryan Grant. All three players got at least one series of downs with the first-team offense in the third exhibition, with the way they entered the game (Jackson, Wynn, Sutton) a good hint as to the pecking order. Jackson will be the third-down back, but an injury to Grant could result in a committee between two of these players, while the third (either Wynn or Sutton) might find his way onto another roster after final cut downs. ... Awesome preseason for **Jermichael Finley**: 9 catches for 92 yards and 2 TDs in three games, not to mention regular praise during camp from Rodgers and the coaching staff. He's still behind Donald Lee on the depth chart, but both players have started the exhibitions in two-tight end sets; Lee's the superior blocker, but Finley is by far the more talented receiver. He's going to play a lot, and they're definitely going to use him on the ball. On one of his touchdowns against Minnesota, they lined him up at wide receiver, and he caught him in a matchup against a small defensive back. ... Green Bay has been the league's most impressive team in the preseason. In the first halves of its three games, it has outscored its opponents by a combined 76-10. Factoring in that the Packers play one of the league's easiest schedules, we see them being just as likely as any team to win the NFC.

HOUSTON:

If you want to be one of the last owners in your league to address the quarterback position, **Matt Schaub** could be your guy. He's had some

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durability issues (two years in a row, he's missed five starts), but he's been productive. And Houston has a deep group of pass catchers. The Texans ranked 5th in passing last year, way up at 280 yards per game; they finished 11th in 2007 (245 per game). Touchdowns haven't been as impressive – 45 TD passes in 32 games the last two years, which is only slightly above average. Gary Kubiak runs a passer-friendly scheme; since he was named as the head coach, the Texans have completed a league-high 66.6 percent of their passes. And while Schaub has missed almost a third of his starts two years in a row, he doesn't look like a particularly high injury risk – Houston allowed 32 sacks last year, which is almost exactly average in comparison to the rest of the league. ... **Andre Johnson** is a terrific, talented receiver – on some Sundays, as good as anyone in the league. Since Gary Kubiak took over Houston's offense, Johnson has caught 278 passes in 41 games. That projects out to 108 catches for a 16-game schedule. Our main concern is that he might not be used in the red zone as extensively as some receivers around in the league; he caught 8 TDs last year, the same as teammate Kevin Walter. Johnson has also had some knee issues over the years. ... **Chris Brown** is the team's current No. 2 tailback, putting him in line to potentially make an impact. Running backs have a hard time staying healthy, so Brown may start a few games. Houston also might use Brown as a goal-line back this year (Steve Slaton scored on 21 carries inside the 5 last year). But while Brown appears to be healthy and in pretty good shape, he needs to play well in the final two preseason games to show the team that he's indeed the right man for that No. 2 role. In the first two exhibitions, he's run for only 30 yards on 10 attempts. Ryan Moats (the current third-stringer) has run for 77 yards on 19 attempts. ... The Texans selected two tight ends in the draft – **Anthony Hill** in the fourth round, and **James Casey** in the fifth. Casey caught 111 passes last year at Rice. But there's no indication that either of these guys will play much this year; they've gotten no playing time with the first-unit offense in the preseason games. The Texans appear to be set with **Owen Daniels** as their starting tight end. In his 11 games last year with Matt Schaub at quarterback, Daniels was on pace to finish with 1,069 receiving yards (Daniels' stats dipped sharply in the five games Sage Rosenfels filled in). And the Texans appear to prefer Joel Dreessen (who's mostly a blocker) when they use formations with two tight ends. Maybe in a year or two, Hill and Casey will take those jobs (Daniels is in a contract year), but we don't see them doing anything in 2009. ... Three of the Texans first four games are at home against the Jets, Jaguars and Raiders, so they're set up to potentially start the season with a 3-1 record.

INDIANAPOLIS:

Peyton Manning doesn't get as much fantasy pub as Tom Brady and Drew Brees, but he could be right there with those guys. Manning,

recall, missed all of the preseason last year after undergoing surgery to remove an infected bursa sac from his knee. And that likely played a role in him performing below expectations early in the year. In his final eight full games, he put up his usual type of numbers – 274 yards per game, with a 16-3 ratio of TDs to interceptions. That's the type of production he put up the previous two years, and it's likely what you'll see from him this season. He's looked very sharp in the exhibitions, completing 23 of 31 (74 percent) for 296 yards, with 3 TDs and no interceptions. Don't underrate Manning. ... **Dallas Clark** caught 77 passes in 15 games last year. He's caught a league-high 30 passes inside the red zone over the last two years – that's tight ends and wide receivers. Durability is a concern, but Clark definitely is a contender to be the game's most productive tight end. ... Is **Reggie Wayne** a truly elite wide receiver? A guy to put up there with Andre Johnson, Larry Fitzgerald and Randy Moss? His numbers were a little flat last year – 82 for 1,145, with only 6 TDs. But the Colts plan to move him around more this season, which could help. He played only on the left side of the field last season. When Marvin Harrison got hurt in 2007, Indianapolis lined up Wayne in different spots for the only time in his career, and he put up monster numbers – 104 catches

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and 10 TDs. "Nobody really knew I was going to be," said Wayne. "I could have a bead on me. I had 500 yards. Gotta love that." The Colts moved Wayne around some in the Detroit game. He hasn't shined in the preseason, but these are just practice games. He should be the best pass catcher in what looks certain to be a top-4 passing offense. ... After watching the last two preseason games, we're more confident than ever that **Anthony Gonzalez** will make a big impact. About 80 catches and 8 TDs could be a conservative estimate. ... The Colts have been tinkering around with different formations, trying to determine who'll be that 11th starter on the offense. We believe it will be primarily **Gijon Robinson**, who's more of a blocking tight end. That frees up Dallas Clark to split out wide. Early in the all-important third preseason game, the Colts primarily used Robinson, with Austin Collie coming in for only a few plays. And Pierre Garcon didn't play until the second half. Robinson isn't much of a receiving threat. ... **Adam Vinatieri** (hip) is expected to be healthy for the first game. If not, **Shane Andrus** likely will fill in. ... Trouble spot: Indianapolis ranked next-to-last in rushing last year at only 80 yards per game – over 25 below where it finished in each of the previous five years. With a poor offensive line, the Colts might finish with a bottom-5 running game again. **Joseph Addai** and **Donald Brown** combined to run for only 38 yards on 12 attempts on Saturday against a lesser Detroit defense.

JACKSONVILLE:

You can remove the name **Mike Walker** from your draft board. For starters, there is no longer

a player in the league that goes by that name – he's changed his name to Mike Sims-Walker. But more importantly, it doesn't look like he'll be a factor. Sims-Walker has sat out most of camp with an ankle injury, and it doesn't look like he'll be a starter. **Troy Williamson** has filled that spot pretty much all along, and he's won that job. Williamson was plagued by drops in Minnesota, but he's catching everything now. He'll probably never have great hands, and he may never be a precise route runner, but Williamson still has the speed that caused the Vikings to select him with the 7th pick of the 2005 draft. He's caught 8 passes for 232 yards in the preseason games. He looks like a nice complement to Torry Holt – somebody who can stretch secondaries and make some big plays. In comparison with the other 63 receivers who are starters around the league, Williamson will finish below-average in catches. But he'll score some long touchdowns. He merits a roster spot in most fantasy formats. ... **Maurice Jones-Drew** hasn't done a whole lot in the preseason: 7 carries for 18 yards. That's 2.6 yards per attempt. There's been no indication that the supposedly new-and-improved offensive line will be significantly better. But it's early – and they're just practice games. Note that Jones-Drew has been equally bad in his last two preseasons – 10 carries for 28 yards in 2007, and 11 for 31 last year. He has never run for a touchdown in the preseason. He should be fine. And remember: even if Jones-Drew sputters to about 900 yards as a runner, he'll still make a fantasy impact. They'll throw him a ton of dumpoff passes, and he'll turn a lot of those into big plays (like the 45-yarder he had at Philadelphia last week). Even against teams with smothering run defense, in other words, Jones-Drew still should go over 100 combined yards. And the Jaguars so far haven't been able to develop a decent No. 2 tailback (Rashad Jennings and Chauncey Washington just don't appear to be any good), so the team may have to give Jones-Drew far more touches than it would like to. ... **Marcedes Lewis** had a couple of nice catches at Philadelphia. It's possible he'll play well enough to be worth a roster spot in fantasy leagues. ... **David Garrard** looks just a little better than he did last year. He's still basically the same quarterback. His motivation is to get him in a lot of fantasy formats. **Palmer**, **Eli Manning** and **Sammy Winder** run for some yards and touchdowns, but he's a below-average passer.

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KANSAS CITY:

Matt Cassel suffered a sprained MCL in the game against Seattle. He'll probably be sidelined for the first game or two of the regular season. It also is a sign that he probably won't be a top-20 quarterback this season. The line in front of him is shaky, and Kansas City doesn't have many talented pass catchers. They had All-Pro Tony Gonzalez at tight end last year; now they've got journeyman **Sean Ryan**, a former backup with the Jets. At wide receiver, they've got Dwayne Bowe and not much else.

Devard Darling has started all of the preseason games, but he left the Seattle game with a knee injury that could be season-ending. None of the team's other receivers have made an impact in the preseason — **Amani Toomer**, **Bobby Engram**, **Mark Bradley**, **Ashley Lelie** and **Terrance Copper**. It's ugly. Cassel spent last season throwing to Randy Moss and Wes Welker. ... **Dwayne Bowe** is Kansas City's only viable pass catcher. And as a clear go-to option, that makes him a solid candidate for 80-plus catches and 8 TDs. But Bowe doesn't seem to get along well with the new coaching staff; they don't like his work ethic. They benched him for two preseason games for dropping too many balls in practice. Go ahead and draft him; just keep your fingers crossed. ... **Larry Johnson** seems to be in good shape, and he appears to have an improved attitude (after demanding a trade in the offseason). But time will tell how long that holds up. By our estimation, Kansas City will be no better than 1-6 entering its bye in week 8. Kansas City definitely will replace Johnson in passing situations with **Jamaal Charles**. ... **Ryan Succop** might not be reliable enough to handle the kicking job. He missed two field goals against Seattle, including an ugly hook from 28 yards. One more miss along those lines, and he'll almost certainly be gone. Considering Kansas City's lack of firepower, no kicker on this team will be a top-15 scorer.

MIAMI:

So much for the battle between **Davone Bess** and **Greg Camarillo** to be the No. 2 wideout; fourth-rounder **Brian Hartline** appears to have beaten out both players for that job. Hartline started the second exhibition, ran with the first team in practice last week, then started and played into the third quarter of the third exhibition; his 3-for-79 day included a 54-yard reception to set up the game's only touchdown and another nice grab wiped out by a dubious offensive interference penalty. Bess lined up in the slot in three-receiver sets, while Camarillo played with the reserves and didn't have a ball thrown his way until the fourth quarter. Hartline did drop a third-down pass, and Miami's offense wasn't potent enough in that game to rule out things still changing, but for now it's Hartline, not Bess or Camarillo, to consider after No. 1 **Ted Ginn**. (Ginn caught only one pass in the third exhibition, although he did get open for a touchdown, only to be overthrown by Chad Pennington.) Hartline is a tall (6-2, 186) target with good hands; like Ohio State teammate Brian Robiskie, drafted two rounds earlier by Cleveland, Hartline's numbers dipped from 2007 to 2008, largely to the Buckeyes having problems at quarterback. Don't underestimate Hartline's potential as a No. 2 in this offense. Camarillo averaged 5 receptions (for 56 yards) per game in 11 starts last season, while Bess averaged 6 receptions (also for 56 yards) in the five games after Camarillo tore his ACL. Particularly in leagues awarding a point per reception, Hartline is worth a late-round pick; he should be

reasonably productive as long as he hangs onto that starting job. Bess and Camarillo, in contrast, have minimal value unless one of the starters gets hurt. Bess has worked on punt returns in the last two exhibitions. ... **Chad Pennington** has had a workman-like preseason, completing 62 percent of his passes with 2 TDs and no turnovers. Not much different, in other words, than last season, when he won the Comeback Player of the Year. Pennington won't be a fantasy star, and in fact the offense sputtered during most of its most recent exhibition game until putting together scoring drives before and after halftime, but he still looks like a pretty serviceable No. 2 that can be taken in the latter rounds of a draft. Pennington should have had a second touchdown pass in the most recent exhibition, but overthrew an open Ginn. ... Miami's defense has looked strong in the preseason. They look to have a pretty good pass rush again — they finished 8th last year, and recorded 4 against the Bucs in the latest exhibition. One drawback with this defense is that the team's first three games are against the Falcons, Colts and Chargers. Those teams are all among the best half-dozen at not giving up sacks — Matt Ryan, Peyton Manning and Philip Rivers tend to get rid of the ball very quickly. It won't be until weeks 4-5, at home against the Bills and Jets, that Miami's defense should get a chance to shine.

MINNESOTA:

We're not drinking the Kool-Aid on **Brett Favre**. He's one of the all-time greats, but he'll also be 40 in October. His skills are declining, and now he's trying to hop onto a new team after skipping all of the offseason workouts and most of training camp. The Vikings probably will try to protect him by relying heavily on their running game. His top-end potential, in our opinion, is probably about 225 yards per game and 23 TDs — that's the absolute most to expect from him. We envision Favre being selected too early in essentially every league. On the flip side, he could be helped by an unusually easy schedule. The Vikings host Green Bay in week 4. The other four teams they'll play in the first five weeks of the season include Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco and St. Louis. ... **Bernard Berrian** finished last season with 964 yards and 7 TDs, so one school of thought is that Minnesota should be slightly better at quarterback, so Berrian should move up to around 1,100 yards and 8-9 TDs. Maybe. But we see the Vikings being only nominally better (if at all) through the air. This is a team, after all, that managed to throw 22 TD passes last year. And Berrian isn't a dominant No. 1 receiver like Roddy White or Steve Smith. Tight end Visanthe Shiancoe will be heavily involved in the passing game. The other starting receiver, Sidney Rice, appears to be significantly improved — the team could look to utilize his height in the red zone. The Vikings want to get the ball in Percy Harvin's hands; he's an explosive No. 3. Chester Taylor caught 45 passes and 2 TDs last year. And Bobby

Wade might also still have a big role. Berrian also has been sitting out with a hamstring injury that could linger into the regular season. He's a good deep threat, but we don't see him making a big impact. At this time last year, recall, many were sizing up Laveranues Coles and Jericho Cotchery (with a boost from Favre) for big seasons. They scored 12 TDs *combined* (Cotchery caught 71 passes for 858 yards; Coles caught 70 for 850). ... At running back, we don't see much difference between the top running backs on the board — **Adrian Peterson**, Michael Turner, DeAngelo Williams, Steven Jackson and Maurice Jones-Drew. Jackson and Jones-Drew bring a lot of extra receiving production to the table, but they play on teams that probably will finish last in their divisions (and typically, backs on bad teams don't have big years). Peterson, Turner and Williams are remarkably similar. All have a capable backup (Chester Taylor, Jerious Norwood, Jonathan Stewart) behind them who'll siphon away 25-35 percent of the production. All were non-factors as receivers last year. Of these backs, Peterson is the most likely to get injured. On the other hand, he'll also play a much easier schedule. Not much difference between these backs.

NEW ENGLAND:

If you're looking for a last-round sleeper at tight end, **Chris Baker** could be your guy. The Patriots have an explosive offense; they'll probably lead the league in touchdown passes. And it's looking more and more likely that Baker is going to be their starter at tight end, potentially putting him in line for 6-8 TDs. In the three exhibition games, Baker has gotten almost all of the playing time with the first-unit offense, and he caught a pair of touchdowns in the game against the Eagles. Baker is a better blocker than receiver, but he managed to catch 41 passes two years ago for the Jets. **Benjamin Watson**, on the other hand, has missed a lot of practice time for undisclosed reasons and didn't even play in the first two exhibitions. When Watson played against Washington, he didn't enter the game until the third quarter — after the first-team offense had packed it in for the night. Granted, there's some uncertainty involved. That's why we don't have Baker ranked even higher. But it looks like he could help fantasy teams, particularly in a TD-only format. If nothing else, Baker is worth stashing away to potentially use in week 2 against the Jets — he left that team on bad terms, so you know he'll be up for that game. ... We'll be shocked if New England doesn't use an extensive rotation of its running backs, with probably at least three guys having a big role in every game. **Fred Taylor** and **Laurence Maroney** could split the bulk of the traditional carries, with the hotter of those two backs tending to lead the team in rushing each week. The Patriots have had Maroney returning kickoffs in the exhibition games, which is a sure sign that they're not planning on having him carry the ball 18 times per game. **Kevin Faulk** will be third-down back, which probably

will translate into about 40 total yards per game. And **Sammy Morris** should be their main goal-line option, and he should be elevated into bigger role as a runner if either Taylor or Maroney gets hurt. If you're in a TD-only league, don't underestimate Morris; this team has scored at least 17 rushing touchdowns three years in a row, meaning Morris has a solid chance of sneaking up to 10 TDs. **BenJarvus Green-Ellis** has led the team in rushing in the preseason, averaging an impressive 6.2 yards per attempt, but our guess is that he'll be the No. 5 tailback at the start of the season, probably not even active for games. ... **Tom Brady** looks ready to put up big numbers. The knee doesn't appear to be an issue. He won't throw for as many yards as Drew Brees, but if any quarterback is going to reach the 40-TD plateau this year, it probably will be Brady. ... A reminder of a **Randy Moss** stat that was printed in the magazine. Two years ago, when the Patriots were inside the 10, Brady went 15 of 20 when passing to Moss. Last year, with Matt Cassel at quarterback, Moss caught only 3 of 13 passes in that area – they didn't have the same chemistry. Brady is back; the rapport is still there, and that's why Moss looks like a clear favorite to lead all wide receivers in touchdowns. ... The Patriots don't appear to have a competent backup quarterback. They waived Kevin O'Connell, their third-round pick just a year ago, leaving them with Andrew Walter as their No. 2. That's a big concern. Brady has taken hard hits in each of the last two preseason games. New England likely will add a new backup quarterback before long.

NEW ORLEANS:

Robert Meachem has caught 6 passes for 177 yards in the preseason. With 64- and 71-yard receptions, that translates into 29.5 yards per catch. Next big thing? We're not so sure. We see Meachem as awfully similar to Chris Henry of the Bengals: wildly talented guy with a ton of upside, but we have little confidence that he's actually going to help fantasy teams this year. New Orleans has three other capable receivers – **Marques Colston**, **Lance Moore** and **Devery Henderson**. And last year, those three guys got most of the playing time, with Meachem just kind of sprinkled in here and there. (And you probably remember that Meachem put together an almost identical preseason last August, catching 10 passes for 217 yards.) We do not see enough evidence that things will be significantly different this season. In the Oakland game on Saturday, these four receivers all played for the first time, and the Saints used them just like they did in 2009 – Colston, Moore and Henderson all getting a lot more playing time than Meachem. Maybe Meachem will be a good player. One of those other guys could get hurt, elevating him into a bigger role. But that won't necessarily happen anytime soon. We're placing Meachem low enough on our board that some other owner in your league will select him. ... **Jeremy Shockey** should have a bigger role this season. He looks a lot more comfortable and involved in the

offense. Last year, Shockey sat out all but one exhibition game and didn't even catch a pass in the preseason. This year he's caught 8 balls for 116 yards and a touchdown. He's one of the few tight ends with the potential to catch 80 passes, and he should be more involved in the red zone. ... A guy we're a little worried about: **Marques Colston**. He's good – the No. 1 receiver on maybe the league's best passing offense. But Colston isn't a Randy Moss or Larry Fitzgerald type talent. He's not that fast. And Colston won't get the ball forced into his hands like those guys. If the Saints throw 30 TDs this year, it's possible that no player on the team will catch 8 TDs. ... **Mike Bell** is worth a late-round flyer pick in typical formats. He appears to be a serviceable back – he runs hard and knows the team's offense. And there are injury issues with both **Reggie Bush** and **Pierre Thomas**. Bush underwent microfracture surgery on his knee in the offseason; hard to count on him playing more than about 12 games. And Thomas sprained his knee in the second exhibition game. Both Bush and Thomas are expected to be available for the opener, but neither is likely to last a full season. There should be multiple games, it seems, where Bell gets a nice chunk of playing time. And the Saints might even use him as their goal-line runner as part of a three-man mix, saving Bush and Thomas some wear-and-tear. ... The Saints need to decide what to do with kickers **John Carney** and **Garrett Hartley**. Hartley went 13 for 13 last year, but he's missed two attempts in the preseason – both inside 40 yards – and has been suspended by the league for the first four games. Carney will definitely handle the first four games, and because he's a veteran player, the team will then be required to pay his full 2009 salary whether they release him or not. Since he's more reliable on pressure kicks, Carney probably will be the team's kicker for the full 16 games, putting him in line to be a top-10 scorer at the position. ... The Saints could be without left tackle **Jammal Brown** (hernia) for a month or more. He's their best offensive lineman. Oddly, however, this might not be a big deal. Drew Brees is the league's least-sacked quarterback not because of great blocking, but because he gets rid of the ball so quickly. And the team's running game is predicated more on deception and scheme, rather than simply trying to win blocking matchups. It's always worrying to lose starters, but this might not slow down the offense much.

N.Y. GIANTS:

Domenik Hixon and **Steve Smith** have been New York's starting wideouts throughout the preseason, and they'll likely be there in week 1. But how long will they stay there? That question cropped up early in the third exhibition game, when Smith flat-out dropped a perfectly thrown bomb from Eli Manning that should have gone for a 90-yard touchdown, and then again three plays later, when Hixon let a pass clang off his hands for an interception. It became an even more interesting question in the game's

final minutes, when first-rounder **Hakeem Nicks** caught a pair of touchdowns, one a sliding end-zone grab and the second a 71-yard reception off a badly blown coverage. Not to say the rookie is going to supplant either starter any time soon – both Nicks and the clear No. 3 **Mario Manningham** also dropped passes in a sloppy affair – but as we've pointed out before, neither the formerly released Hixon nor Smith should be considered a special talent, whereas Nicks was arguably the best receiver in the draft. Nicks will likely open the season as no better than the No. 4 (although Tom Coughlin conceded after the game that Nicks' performance might have earned him more consideration for playing time), but don't be surprised if he's the No. 1 here as soon as next season. ... **Kevin Boss** won't be a big part of the passing game, but he's a legitimate starter in leagues that place an emphasis on scoring plays. The tight end caught just 33 passes while starting 15 games a year ago, but 6 of them went for touchdowns. He was the intended target on two end-zone plays in the third exhibition, but coverage was good in both instances. He won't be much of a factor in terms of yardage, but Boss might lead the team in touchdown receptions. ... The only bright spot of New York's uncertainty at wide receiver is it should result in the team leaning on what it does best: running the football. **Brandon Jacobs** is averaging 4.8 yards per carry in the preseason, while **Ahmad Bradshaw** is up at 7.2. No team rushed for more yards than the Giants' 2,518 yards a year ago, so both of these backs should be productive. And with the team's problems at wide receiver, these back might combine for 40-50 catches as well. Jacobs caught only 6 passes for 36 yards all of last season, but his hands aren't awful – they just replaced him on passing downs with Derrick Ward (41 catches). Now Ward is gone, perhaps putting Jacobs and Bradshaw in position to combine for about 40 catches. Jacobs has caught 3 passes for 37 yards in the three exhibitions. Bradshaw has caught 6 balls, but they've gone for only 21 total yards (3.5 yards per catch – ugh). **Danny Ware** will account for some of the team's receiving production at tailback. Big picture: Jacobs should be very good (as long as he stays healthy), and Bradshaw should be a later-round steal.

N.Y. JETS:

From a fantasy standpoint, the best-case scenario for the Jets running game was for one of their three backs to be traded or get hurt. That happened when Shonn Greene suffered bruised ribs in the second exhibition, sidelining him for the remainder of the preseason and probably keeping him from having a significant role early in the season. Good news for **Thomas Jones**, who now may not have to worry as much about losing goal-line carries or entire series to the rookie in the early part of the season. Until Greene is healthy and up to speed, Jones should be in line for about a 60-40 split of the carries with **Leon Washington**,

although Washington will play on all passing downs (Factoring in his production as a receiver, Washington probably will finish with more total yards, and he should also return a kickoff or two for a touchdown). Washington was extremely impressive in the second exhibition, averaging 6.0 yards per carry and also catching a 19-yard touchdown. He was inches short of scoring on a carry near the goal line (out of a passing formation) in the third exhibition; Jones will be the goal-line back (for now) but Washington will get some plays in that area, as well. (He might even get more of the carries if Jones looks as sluggish as he did while posting 12 carries for 16 yards against the Giants; for the preseason Jones is down at 2.1 yards per carry.) Clearly, this team will lead with the running game, making both Jones and Washington potentially valuable, especially with Greene possibly out of the mix early in the year. If Jones continues to struggle, however, that will open the door for Greene to take on a larger role once he's healthy. ... **Mark Sanchez** has officially been named the starting quarterback, which only confirms our belief that the Jets' passing game will have relatively little fantasy value this season. The Sanchez move was expected, and it's not necessarily a negative for this offense – he's already better than Kellen Clemens. But Sanchez's rookie season will probably be more similar to Joe Flacco's (186 passing yards per game) than Matt Ryan's (215 passing yards per game). The Jets will emphasize the running game and play aggressive defense; try not to put too much of the offense on the shoulders of their rookie quarterback, try to control the clock and limit offensive mistakes by keeping the ball on the ground. Sanchez has showed some ability to make plays in the preseason, leading a touchdown drive on his first exhibition series, rebounding from a rough start against the Ravens to throw a touchdown on his final one, and heaving up an impressive touchdown under heavy pressure against the Giants. But he also looked every bit like a rookie while having his first pass attempt against the Ravens run back for a touchdown, and being fortunate that another such opportunity was dropped. The Jets play a difficult schedule, with early games against tough defenses from New England, Miami and Tennessee. It's possible Sanchez will prove able to avoid mistakes, but it's most likely to happen through an ultra-conservative offensive scheme. ... Rex Ryan has hinted the Jets might go with a committee at No. 2 wideout, although **Chansi Stuckey** has probably locked up the starting job. **David Clowney**, who's had two straight stellar preseasons, worked ahead of Chansi Stuckey at times in practice last week, although Stuckey started and had a nice individual effort in scoring a touchdown in the third exhibition. When the team uses three wideouts, Stuckey plays in the slot; the speedster Clowney is more of a downfield threat. The Jets also have Brad Smith, a former college quarterback who they like to use on end-arounds and gadget plays. There's still a chance the team will make a play

for Brandon Marshall (or some other veteran), although with the season just two weeks away it seems less and less likely. As indicated above, we expected the Jets to have a bottom-10 passing offense regardless.

OAKLAND:

We're going thumbs down on **Darren McFadden**. He's got the great speed. He should catch a healthy dose of passes. But he just doesn't look like a special back – he's not as good as some of the backs who were selected after him in the 2008 draft. McFadden isn't much of a tackle breaker, doesn't have great vision, and isn't any better than average in terms of making people miss in space. He plays for one of the league's dysfunctional franchises, and he could become mired in a three-man rotation with **Justin Fargas** and **Michael Bush**. Fargas is still listed as the starter on the team's depth chart. Will McFadden score more than about half of this team's rushing touchdowns? We can't say with confidence that he will. Every once in a while, the Raiders will give McFadden a big hole, and he'll run through it for a long gain – like the 45-yarder against Dallas in the preseason opener. But when the blocking starts breaking down, he's not a back who can create yards on his own. In his last two preseason games, he's carried 7 times for a grand total of 5 yards. McFadden gets to play four games against Denver and Kansas City – that's good. But he also might play eight games against teams ranking in the top 10 in run defense – Steelers, Ravens, Chargers (twice) and everyone in the NFC East. Let somebody else select McFadden. ... Looking at the numbers, you might think **JaMarcus Russell** is ready to emerge as a viable quarterback. He's completed 25 of 38 in the preseason – 66 percent – with 1 TD and no interceptions. But that's misleading. In reality, he hasn't played that well. He's not moving the offense. A lot of that production has come against backups. And he's hanging onto the ball too long (he's been sacked 5 times). He's not going to be a breakout player. ... **Darrius Heyward-Bey** hasn't done anything that indicates he's going to make an impact anytime soon. The Raiders have thrown him 8 passes in the exhibition games; those throws have resulted in two completions for 20 yards. Big deal. He'll start. He'll score a long touchdown or two. But he's won't be consistently productive. ... **Chaz Schilens** is worth a late-round gamble pick. Before breaking a bone in his foot, he was establishing himself as Oakland's clear No. 1 receiver. He caught all 5 passes thrown his way in the preseason opener. He's big, and he's playing with a lot more confidence in his second season. When he returns in late September or early October, he could become the team's go-to receiver. Until that time, **Javon Walker** or rookie **Louis Murphy** should start. The Raiders don't seem to be considering **Johnnie Lee Higgins** for anything more than a reserve role.

PHILADELPHIA:

All along, we've been cool on **Michael Vick**. Set aside the dog-killing issue and other off-field

problems (we're shocked he got back in the league). He just hasn't been that good – at least five years, in comparison with other quarterbacks who've started at least half the season. He ranks last in completion percentage and last in passing yards per game – over 20 yards behind everyone else. And just 49 TDs in those 46 games, which is close to worst in the league as well. That said, Vick looked comfortable on Thursday in his preseason debut. He still looks more mobile than any other quarterback, and he completed all four of his throws. Three of those were harmless tosses that any quarterback would have completed, but one was a 13-yard downfield laser – on the money, and with more mph than you see from the vast majority of NFL quarterbacks. Maybe he's getting better coaching here. Maybe he's just working harder as he attempts to re-establish himself as a starter. And granted, it's early. But it looks like Vick's best ball may be yet to come. If he winds up starting some games in December, his production probably get on the rise. And Vick brings enough to the game as a change-of-pace option. This reduces **Donovan McNabb's** value. If Vick is coming into games (maybe as a goal-line quarterback), he might run or pass for 5 TDs. Those are scores that otherwise might have involved McNabb. And Vick also might contribute to McNabb's psyche getting bruised. When McNabb was sputtering against the Jaguars, the crowd started chanting, "We want Vick." ... **DeSean Jackson** seems to have emerged as Philadelphia's No. 1 receiver. He's a lot more knowledgeable and confident this year, and it's clear they'll get the ball in his hands more often. It also looks like they'll use him on punt returns (he worked with the first unit on those plays against Jacksonville), so put him down for a touchdown in that capacity. But Philadelphia has an unusually deep group of receivers. **Kevin Curtis** appears to be secure as their other starter. Slot receiver **Jason Avant** looked very good on Thursday night, catching 5 balls for 92 yards in the first half – he's slow, but he's a lot better in traffic than the team's other receivers (maybe he should be starting ahead of Curtis). First-rounder **Jeremy Maclin** has big-play ability; Maclin definitely won't start, but they'll want to get the ball in his hands a few times per game. And there's also **Hank Baskett**; he's 6-foot-4, so the team likes to use him on fade routes around the goal line – they've done that the last two years, and they tried again on one of those plays Thursday. We expect all five of these receivers to see significant playing time this year, and that will make it tough to count on reliable production from any of them. Talented as he is, Jackson should be wildly underused in a few games, making it tough for him to reach the 1,000-yard mark. Also working against these players is the fact that Philadelphia has plenty of pass catchers at other positions. Tight end **Brent Celek** might lead this team in TD catches; he averaged over 5 receptions per game the six

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times he started last year. **Leonard Weaver** might catch 40 passes. And **Brian Westbrook** is still one of the league's best pass-catching running backs. In four of the last five years, Westbrook has averaged over 48 receiving yards per game. We don't see him making that kind of an impact this season – the team is better at wide receiver now – but as long as he stays healthy, he'll be catching a nice chunk of balls and touchdowns. ... Injuries are always an issue with **Brian Westbrook**. He's never played 16 games in a season, and he's coming off ankle and knee surgeries (he also turns 30 on Wednesday). But Westbrook appears to be healthy now. He hasn't played in the preseason, but he's practicing and he dressed for the Jacksonville game. ... For those in leagues with individual defensive players, **Asante Samuel** appears to be on top of his game – an aggressive corner who'll try to jump routes. Including the playoffs, Samuel has intercepted 22 passes in the last three years; he has scored 6 TDs in six pro seasons.

PITTSBURGH:

Twenty years ago, the Steelers drafted Tim Worley in the first round – four picks after Barry Sanders. They waited for a few years for Worley to develop, but it just never happened. They gave up on him after five years. **Rashard Mendenhall** looks like he might be the same kind of back. Sixteen months after being selected with a first-round pick, that's still pretty much the only good thing that can be said about him – that he was selected in the first round. Mendenhall was a disappointment in training camp as a rookie, then broke his shoulder in an early-season game against Baltimore. And he doesn't look any better this season. He's run for 98 yards on 30 attempts, averaging 3.3 yards per carry. With Willie Parker sitting out, Mendenhall ran with the first-string offense against Buffalo but finished with only 48 yards on 16 carries. He scored a touchdown on a 4-yard run, but it came through a hole that any running back in the league could have run through. We don't expect that Mendenhall will ever develop into a difference maker. In hindsight, he probably should have been a third- or fourth-round draft pick. Note, however, that we're not saying Mendenhall doesn't have any fantasy value. He's clearly Pittsburgh's No. 2 back, meaning he's only an injury away from replacing Parker. And the Steelers could use him in some goal-line situations. Pittsburgh had a bottom-10 running game last year and has only a so-so offensive line, but the team will get a boost from playing a much easier schedule. ... The last time he was coming off a Super Bowl win, **Ben Roethlisberger** had his worst season. He had the motorcycle crash in the offseason, had his appendix removed just before the opener and just never seemed right physically or mentally. He threw 23 interceptions. But this time around, Roethlisberger instead should be improved. He's 27 now, and just becoming one of the true elite quarterbacks. And more so than any other quarterback in the league, Roethlisberger

will be helped by scheduling – the Steelers played one of the hardest schedules in the league last season; now they'll play one of the easiest. With the Steelers having an unreliable running game, they may have to rely more on the pass, putting Roethlisberger in line for the best numbers of his career. And it doesn't look like he'll be bothered at all by charges that he raped a woman in Reno. That case (which doesn't include criminal charges) could be dismissed before the season even begins – there appear to be significant holes in the woman's story. ... **Santonio Holmes** sat out the Buffalo game with a sore back, but he'll be fine for the opener. ... **Willie Parker** is in a contract year.

ST. LOUIS:

The Falcons put together the shocking turnaround last year under Mike Smith, going 11-5 when everyone thought they would win three or four games. Nobody saw the Dolphins improving from 1-15 to 11-5, or the Ravens going 11-5 with a rookie quarterback. So one school of thought is that the Rams at least have a chance to move up to around .500. They're in a weak division. They've pumped a lot of money into their offensive line the last two years, signing Jacob Bell and Jason Brown and drafting Jason Smith with the 2nd pick of the draft. They have Steven Jackson, who might be even better than Michael Turner (who powered Atlanta's turnaround). But the overall talent level just doesn't seem to be there. The defense can't stop anyone. The wide receivers might be the worst in the league. **Marc Bulger** is at best an average quarterback. And the offensive line still isn't a strength. There are a handful of also-ran teams that go about 4-12 (or worse) each year. The Rams look like one of those teams, which generally translates into poor offensive production. ... **Donnie Avery** broke his foot, but he's practicing. He should be fine for the opener. Whether he's able to rank in the top 40 among receivers in catches or yards, however, remains to be seen. He's small and thin, and he's just a second-year guy playing on a really bad team. Avery does possess the speed to strike for long-range touchdowns. ... **Laurent Robinson** will be the other starting receiver. He might prove to be just as good as Avery. The Rams picked up Robinson in a throwaway trade from the Falcons, and he's been their most surprising player. He's started all three preseason games and caught 10 passes. He dropped a ball at Cincinnati, but Robinson looks like he's going to stay in the starting lineup for the entire season. ... **Steven Jackson** is about as good as any running back in the league. Even when the Rams went 2-14 last year, he was able to average a league-high 118 total yards per game. Unlike almost all of the other running backs in the league, he doesn't really get spelled at all, and Jackson is very productive as a pass catcher. If this team nudges even slightly towards respectability, he should be very good. But he's got to stay healthy, which is a problem for him, and the Rams might be

really bad again. They've scored only 13 rushing TDs in 32 games the last two years. ... **Marc Bulger** has missed substantial practice time with a broken pinkie on his throwing hand. He'll be healthy for the opener at Seattle, but with significant rust, the Rams might hold him out for a game or two. **Kyle Boller** would fill in.

SAN DIEGO:

Earlier in the preseason, Norv Turner talked about how Job 1 for **Darren Sproles** would be the return game, and how **LaDainian Tomlinson** will challenge for the rushing title this season. After seeing Sproles' performance in starting the third exhibition, however – Tomlinson, although healthy, was held out – the guess here is that Turner won't be able to avoid getting him plenty of offensive touches when the regular season starts. Just as he was down the stretch and in the postseason last year, Sproles is an electric, difference-making running back, a guy who is faster than everyone else on the field and is a threat to score every time he touches the ball. Tomlinson used to be that kind of player; he isn't anymore. That doesn't mean Tomlinson won't still get most of the work, but it will be awfully tempting for the Chargers to put the ball into Sproles' hands as much as possible and let him do his thing. Against the Falcons, Sproles scored a 10-yard touchdown on a play that was well-blocked up front, but then he just zipped through would-be tacklers. He again made people miss on a 14-yard screen pass. Tomlinson can't do that anymore. The Chargers have talent all over the field and look poised to run away with the AFC West (where every other team is garbage). Sproles is too much of a playmaker not to play a big role in that. In short, don't buy the talk that a now-healthy Tomlinson is an elite, top-5 runner. He'll be a productive running back that will score plenty of touchdowns in San Diego's high-powered offense, and he'll have some very good days against the league's doormat teams. But we're confident that he'll be drafted too high in most leagues, and that Sproles will play a significant role. ... **Vincent Jackson** put up a 1,000-yard season last year, but he could be even better. He's caught only 3 passes in the exhibitions after sitting out the second game, but a one-handed sideline grab in the most recent one was one of the more athletic plays of the preseason. The Chargers have other talented wideouts, with **Malcom Floyd** and **Legedu Naanee** both looking good enough to push Chris Chambers for the No. 2 job, but Jackson is Philip Rivers' go-to player at the position – they seem to have a particularly strong rapport on downfield passes. No player with at least 100 receptions has averaged more than Jackson's 17.2 yards per catch the last two seasons; his three receptions in the exhibitions have gone for an average of 24.3 yards. ... **Michael Bennett** sighting: The former Viking (and Buc) might have locked up the No. 3 running back job here with a respectable performance Saturday: just 3.1 yards per carry, but 84 yards on 3 receptions, including a nifty 48-yard touchdown. If Tomlinson gets hurt, the

Chargers likely wouldn't make Sproles a full-time player, so Ben McQuinn's committee situation makes the roster: the fourth-rounder Gartr Jacob Hester over from fullback.

Late-breaking news that could affect your draft/auction.

SAN FRANCISCO:

There's something to be said for straightforwardness among NFL coaches. The 49ers named Shaun Hill their starting quarterback last week, but offensive coordinator Jimmy Raye came out and downplayed the decision as relatively insignificant in the broad scheme of things. "This ball club is going to be run by No. 21," said Raye, identifying **Frank Gore** by his number. "It was never going to be that the lead dog in this race was the quarterback. The bell cow in this operation will be No. 21." That's about as clear a statement as fantasy owners could ask for that this will be a run-dominated offense, with Gore taking the lion's share of the carries – he'll probably catch plenty of passes, too. Gore has only carried the ball 7 times in the preseason, but it's just a case of the team being careful with him. He's not only healthy, but he's drawing praise at practices. The 49ers like third-rounder Glen Coffee, but he's only expected to be in a change-of-pace role as long as Gore stays healthy. Little doubt the offense will revolve around Gore. And note that the 49ers have been running the ball very well in their practice games, clicking along at 5.0 per attempt. ... As for that quarterback decision, **Shaun Hill** should be a functional quarterback. He's been just OK in the preseason, and his numbers from last season aren't really useful because the offense will be entirely different with Mike Martz gone; there's no way the team will pass as often as they did last year. But as long as he can do what the team asks – get the ball into the hands of Gore – and not turn it over too often, he should hang onto the job. Dynasty owners with deep rosters might want to consider the team's fifth-round pick, **Nate Davis**. Davis is a developmental guy who should be no better than the third-string quarterback, but he looked pretty good in the latter stages of the most recent exhibition, and he's got some talent – he put up 31 total TDs at Ball State last season. Neither of San Francisco's other quarterbacks (Alex Smith, Damon Huard) is likely to be with the team a year from now. ... In downplaying the significance of the starting quarterback, Raye essentially dismisses the likely impact of this team's receiving corps, too. **Josh Morgan** and **Isaac Bruce** will be the starters and likely the leading receivers, but we don't see either one putting up big numbers. The 49ers have thrown 9 passes to Morgan in the preseason games, and those throws have resulted in only 3 completions for 30 yards – big deal. Brandon Jones, after likely missing the season's first month with a shoulder injury, could be a factor eventually; Arnaz Battle has made a case for a role after leading the team in receiving during the preseason; and we can't rule out **Michael**

Crabtree getting on the field in the event the NFL's last unsigned first-rounder actually signs a contract. There probably won't be a true go-to guy in the passing offense; only Morgan and talented tight end **Vernon Davis** appear to even be worth roster spots. This will almost certainly be one of the league's least productive passing offenses.

SEATTLE:

Edgerrin James is not a savior. He probably won't even be Seattle's best running back. Instead, he looks like a desperation move for a franchise that's looking more and more likely to be nothing more than an also-ran again in the NFC West. For at least the first month of the season, the Seahawks might have the worst offensive line in the league. They've lost three starters in the last month – this from a group that was already a question mark. Walter Jones (knee) and Chris Spencer (thigh) are out until at least October. And the Seahawks released Mike Wahle when he failed his physical at the start of camp. Pass protection and running lanes should be a problem for this team. Maybe coaching can help. Mike Solari is considered one of the league's best offensive line coaches, and offensive coordinator Greg Knapp has had a lot of success with his zone-blocking schemes (his last eight offenses have all ranked in the top 10 in rushing). But it doesn't look good. But back to James. He's 31, he's slowing down, and he doesn't seem to be a good match with this offense. In this offense, the running back is asked to be a decisive, one-cut, "downhill" style of back. James has never been that kind of back. He's always been at his best running stretch plays, patiently waiting for holes to develop. Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt and James butted heads in part because James didn't run decisively enough inside. And the Cardinals replaced James with Tim Hightower on short-yardage plays. Unlikely, therefore, that James will thrive in this system, particularly with the offensive line problems. The Seahawks say that Julius Jones is the starter and that James is just a complementary back. We believe it. When both backs are healthy, Jones might get twice as many carries. And with James not being particularly effective in short-yardage situations, Jones probably now will get more of the goal-line carries (the Seahawks released T.J. Duckett last week). On our board, we're putting Jones down for about 1,000 total yards (rushing and receiving) and 7 TDs. We've got James down at about 600 yards and 4 TDs. Both of these backs will head to the sidelines in obvious passing situations; the Seahawks are going to give **Justin Forsett** those snaps. Forsett has caught 11 of the 12 passes thrown his way in the last two games. Jones, by the way, has played reasonably well in his two preseason appearances, gaining 72 yards on 19 carries. ... **Matt Hasselbeck** is a risky pick. He could take a beating behind the iffy offensive line, so it might not be long before he gets hurt. On the plus side, if the team's running game struggles, that could translate

into more passes, yards and touchdowns through the air. Hasselbeck has looked pretty sharp in the preseason, completing 38 of 53 passes (that's 66 percent), with a 4-1 ratio of TDs to interceptions. On the other hand, most of that work came against Denver and Kansas City, which both should rank in the bottom 5 in defense this season. ... **T.J. Houshmandzadeh** and **Nate Burleson** are entrenched as the starting receivers. **Deion Branch**, meanwhile, has slipped to the point where he could share the No. 3 job with **Deon Butler**. Butler is small (5-10, 182) but he's a lot faster than any of the team's other receivers, and he's more polished than the typical rookie receiver – he's Penn State's all-time leading receiver. There's a growing faction of Seattle fans who think the team should simply release Branch. ... The Seahawks need to figure out the kicking position. **Brandon Coutu** has been accurate in the preseason the last two years, but his leg isn't strong enough – he's not good enough on kickoffs. And he was about 10 yards short on a 50-yard field goal attempt at Kansas City. **Olindo Mare** is an elite kickoff guy and was superb on field goals last season, but he missed a pair of field goals at Arrowhead, including a 27-yarder. ... **Seattle has problems.** Given Seattle's offensive line issues, we're cool on these kickers.

Original research & analysis reveals offensive strategies.

TAMPA BAY:

Byron Leftwich has officially been named the starter, but he shouldn't get too comfortable atop the depth chart. Leftwich hasn't looked particularly good this preseason – he spent much of the third exhibition overthrowing open receivers – and the Bucs are planning to emphasize the running game regardless. We also see the Bucs as one of the league's lesser teams; couple that with a demanding schedule that includes the entire NFC East and the Patriots in the first seven games, and it won't be long before the team pulls the plug on Leftwich and puts first-rounder **Josh Freeman** in the lineup. ... The Bucs have unveiled their plans for a running back by committee, and it looks like fantasy poison. According to Raheem Morris, one runner will handle the ball during the first two series, another during the next two, and a third the fifth. That was how things went in the third exhibition, with **Cadillac Williams** surprisingly starting and joining the offense the first two times it touched the ball, **Derrick Ward** on the field the next two series, and **Earnest Graham** coming in after that. Morris concedes that things could change should one back get the hot hand, but that doesn't help fantasy owners on draft day. If the Bucs actually adhere to this approach, no back could be counted on to get more than 40 percent of the carries or necessarily be on the field at the goal line or in passing situations. Williams, a former No. 5 overall pick, has the most talent and was the most effective runner in the third exhibition, but after multiple knee

surgeries he's also the biggest injury risk. Tampa Bay has a capable offensive line, and with suspect talent at quarterback and receiver, they're planning to emphasize the running game. That makes sense, and they've been successful in the preseason, averaging 4.7 yards per carry through three games. But we can't say with confidence that the week 1 starter won't be the third back on the field a week later – in fact, such a rotation appears likely. It's a mess, and there's little reason for owners to take a chance on any of the three as a starter. As with other "three-headed monster" situations, the best-case scenario would be that one either plays so well that he earns a larger share of the offense, or gets injured, so the carries would then be divided among just two ball carriers. ... There's not much reason to invest in a Tampa Bay wide receiver, either. Not only will the Bucs pass less often than in the past, and have a mediocre quarterback under center, but there are some concerns with the receivers themselves. **Antonio Bryant** has plenty of talent, but after missing the entire preseason following knee surgery (he's expected to be back for week 1), he could be rusty, not to mention lacking a rapport with Leftwich. The other starter, **Michael Clayton**, missed much of the preseason with a hamstring injury, plus he's not very good. **Maurice Stovall**, a disappointment with just 20 receptions his first three seasons in the league, has had an impressive preseason: 12 catches for 123 yards, including a 6-for-73 first quarter in the third exhibition; Leftwich completed several darts to Stovall and missed him on a possible long completion. He's probably locked up the No. 3 job; maybe they'll try to use his size (6-5, 220) on plays around the goal line, or if Leftwich keeps overthrowing **Kellen Winslow**. (Leftwich threw three passes the tight end's way but none were catchable; there's little reason to make him one of the top 10 tight ends drafted, although he will be in many leagues.) But Stovall is awfully slow. And even if Stovall were able to get past Clayton, this team doesn't figure to pass often enough or well enough to make him worth any more than a late-round flier – at best. ... **Mike Nugent** hasn't done much to seize the kicking duties from Matt Bryant, sidelined with a hamstring injury. Nugent has converted only 4 of 7 kicks, with the misses coming from 46, 51 and 52 yards. Regardless, there's not much value to be had in the kicker from what figures to be one of the NFC's lesser teams.

TENNESSEE:

We're not going to make too big of a deal out of it, but we're a little nervous about **Chris Johnson** and **LenDale White**. They haven't been effective in the preseason. Both are averaging under 3 yards per carry, and the running game is sputtered. In the 2008 preseason, Tennessee averaged 190 rushing yards per game and 5.8 yards per carry. In four games this year, the team averages 75 rushing yards and only 3.0 yards per attempt. That's not necessarily any reason to panic – these are

just practice games. But keep in mind that opponents also will make a bigger effort to key on the Titans ground game – out of respect for how well they played last year. Even last year, Tennessee's rushing stats tailed off after a great start. First eight games: 147 rushing yards per game and 15 TD runs. Final eight games: 126 rushing yards and 9 TDs. Johnson, by the way, looks like he'll get more of the workload this season. White in the exhibition games has played mostly as a short-yardage and change-of-pace back. Last year, they were more of a one-two punch. ... There were six wide receivers taken in the first round of April's draft: in order, Darrius Heyward-Bey, Michael Crabtree, Jeremy Maclin, Percy Harvin, Hakeem Nicks, and **Kenny Britt**. Of that group, only two are likely to be opening day starters – Heyward-Bey and Britt. The primary reason is injury: **Nate Washington** has a hamstring injury that's expected to keep him out for the start of the season; it's not clear when he'll return. Britt, however, earned the No. 3 job with a stellar performance in the second exhibition, and – although he caught just one pass – was praised by Kerry Collins after the third. Most fantasy owners looking at these six wideouts will call another name first, but Britt might make the biggest contributions in the passing game as a rookie. Dynasty owners should consider that Justin Gage has also had problems staying healthy throughout his career, so don't rule out the possibility of Britt being this team's No. 1 receiver before too long, either. ... This year, of course, **Justin Gage** is the clear No. 1. Gage finished last year on a roll – including the playoffs, he caught 15 balls for 239 yards in his last two games – and he's caught touchdowns from Collins in each of the last two exhibitions, including a pretty fingertip grab against the Browns (dating back to last year, Collins' last three scoring passes have gone to Gage.) He's not a special talent, but among wide receivers likely to be available late in most fantasy drafts, there probably won't be many better options than Gage. ... A case can be made for making **Jared Cook**, rather than Brandon Pettigrew, the top tight end taken in a dynasty format. Pettigrew should start right away for the Lions, but in terms of receiving talent, Cook is the one with truly difference-making potential. Cook has caught at least 3 passes in all four of Tennessee's preseason games: 17 for 159 yards overall. He'll likely be the No. 3 tight end this season and might not play much – he also might have hurt an ankle in the latest exhibition – but he could be the starter here in 2010; Alge Crumpler and the franchised Bo Scaife may both be gone by then.

WASHINGTON:

There's been a lot of talk about Washington's integrating a large receiver into its offense. They drafted **Devin Thomas** and **Malcolm Kelly** a year ago, both in the second round. They've been letting those guys compete against **Antwaan Randle El**, who's probably better suited for a slot receiver role. And there were

newspaper articles a few weeks back, documenting how much better Thomas should be this season. But with the opener now less than two weeks away, it all just looks like a bunch of talk. When Washington played New England in its key, third preseason game, Randle El and **Santana Moss** were the starting receivers. Thomas hardly even played with the first-unit offense. Kelly rotated in for some plays – kind of splitting time with Randle El – but he didn't make a big impact. Kelly caught only 1 of the 5 passes thrown in his direction (though that does not include a throw into the end zone on which he drew a pass-interference penalty). In short, it looks like the passing game will be altered only incrementally; Kelly probably will spell Randle El, and Thomas will appear for only a few plays per game. Moss looks like the clear go-to receiver here; he was very impressive in the first half against the Patriots, with 7 passes thrown his way (he caught 4 of those for 53 yards). Moss is streaky. But when his legs are right and he's on his game, he's a top-10 receiver. Recall, for example, that Moss caught 27 passes for 421 yards and 3 TDs in the first four weeks of last season. With Moss looking real good right now and the early-season schedule looking extremely favorable, he's a player who could help fantasy franchises start strong this year. Washington opens on the road against the Giants, but its next three games are against the Rams, Lions and Bucs. ... **Jason Campbell** will be Washington's starting quarterback on opening day, but he may be benched by December and he probably won't be back in 2010. He's looked iffy in the preseason, completing only 49 percent of his passes. If **Colt Brennan** wasn't playing even worse (3 interceptions, 45 percent passing), there would be more clamoring for the quarterback switch to occur right now. Best we can offer in Campbell's defense is that he could also benefit from having some easy games early in the year. Before Thanksgiving, Washington will play at home against St. Louis, Tampa Bay, Kansas City and Denver. Campbell could be a fill-in fantasy quarterback in those weeks. ... **Clinton Portis** could be hurt by running behind a lesser offensive line. He'll benefit from playing against some lesser opponents, but Washington is in the same division as the Cowboys, Giants and Eagles, who might also rank in the top 10 in run defense. Portis also should be less involved as a receiver this year – they plan to replace him on third downs with Ladell Betts. ... Washington is still mulling whether to go with **Shaun Suisham** or **Dave Rayner** at kicker – and it also could still obtain somebody else to fill that role. Rayner has a stronger leg. Suisham is listed higher on the team's official depth chart.

Depth charts for every NFL team.

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ARIZONA CARDINALS

QUARTERBACK
Kurt Warner
Matt Leinart
Brian St. Pierre
RUNNING BACK
Tim Hightower
Beanie Wells
Jason Wright
LaRod Stephens-Howling
Reagan Mauia (FB)
Dan Kreider (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Larry Fitzgerald
Anquan Boldin
Steve Breaston
Jerheme Urban
Early Doucet
Sean Morey
TIGHT END
Leonard Pope
Ben Patrick
Stephen Spach
Anthony Becht
KICKER
Neil Rackers

ATLANTA FALCONS

QUARTERBACK
Matt Ryan
Chris Redman
D.J. Shockley
RUNNING BACK
Michael Turner
Jerious Norwood
Jason Snelling
Thomas Brown
Ovie Mughelli (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Roddy White
Michael Jenkins
Brian Finneran
Robert Ferguson
Marty Booker
Chandler Williams
IR—Harry Douglas (knee)
TIGHT END
Tony Gonzalez
Justin Peelle
Ben Hartssock
Jason Rader
KICKER
Jason Elam

BALTIMORE RAVENS

QUARTERBACK
Joe Flacco
Troy Smith
Cleo Lemon
John Beck
RUNNING BACK
Ray Rice
Willis McGahee
LeRon McClain (FB)
Cedric Peerman
Jalen Parmele
WIDE RECEIVER
Derrick Mason
Mark Clayton
Demetrius Williams
Kelley Washington
Justin Harper
Yamon Figurs
IR—Marcus Smith (knee)
TIGHT END
Todd Heap
L.J. Smith
Davon Drew
Edgar Jones
KICKER
Steven Hauschka
Graham Gano

BUFFALO BILLS

QUARTERBACK
Trent Edwards
Ryan Fitzpatrick
Gibran Hamdan

RUNNING BACK
Marshawn Lynch
Fred Jackson
Dominic Rhodes
Xavier Omon
Corey McIntyre (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Terrell Owens
Lee Evans
Josh Reed
Roscoe Parrish
James Hardy
Steve Johnson
TIGHT END
Derek Fine
Shawn Nelson
Jonathan Stupar
Derek Schouman
KICKER
Rian Lindell

CAROLINA PANTHERS

QUARTERBACK
Jake Delhomme
Matt Moore
Josh McCown
RUNNING BACK
DeAngelo Williams
Jonathan Stewart
Mike Goodson
Brad Hoover (FB)
Tony Fiammetta (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Steve Smith
Muhsin Muhammad
Dwayne Jarrett
Kenneth Moore
Ryne Robinson
TIGHT END
Gary Barnidge
Jeff King
Dante Rosario
KICKER
John Kasay

CHICAGO BEARS

QUARTERBACK
Jay Cutler
Brett Basanez
Caleb Hanie
RUNNING BACK
Matt Forte
Kevin Jones
Garrett Wolfe
Adrian Peterson
Jason McKie (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Devin Hester
Earl Bennett
Rashied Davis
Devin Aromashodu
Johnny Knox
Juaquin Iglesias
Brandon Rideau
TIGHT END
Greg Olsen
Desmond Clark
Michael Gaines
Kellen Davis
KICKER
Robbie Gould

CINCINNATI BENGALS

QUARTERBACK
Carson Palmer
J.T. O'Sullivan
Jordan Palmer
RUNNING BACK
Cedric Benson
Bernard Scott
Brian Leonard
DeDe Dorsey
James Johnson
Jeremi Johnson (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Chad Ochocinco
Laveranues Coles
Chris Henry
Andre Caldwell
Jerome Simpson
Maurice Purify
Antonio Chatman

TIGHT END
Chase Coffman
Daniel Coats
Ben Utecht
IR—Reggie Kelly (Achilles)
KICKER
Shayne Graham
Sam Swank

CLEVELAND BROWNS

QUARTERBACK
Brady Quinn
Derek Anderson
Brett Ratliff
Richard Bartel
RUNNING BACK
Jamal Lewis
James Davis
Jerome Harrison
Noah Herron
Lawrence Vickers (FB)
Charles Ali (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Braylon Edwards
Mike Furrey
Joshua Cribbs
Brian Robiskie
Mohamed Massaquoi
David Patten
Donte Stallworth
(suspended)
TIGHT END
Martin Rucker
Robert Royal
Steve Heiden
Aaron Walker
Nate Jackson
KICKER
Phil Dawson

DALLAS COWBOYS

QUARTERBACK
Tony Romo
Jon Kitna
Stephen McGee
RUNNING BACK
Marion Barber
Felix Jones
Tashard Choice
Deon Anderson (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Roy Williams
Patrick Crayton
Miles Austin
Sam Hurd
Isaiah Stanback
TIGHT END
Jason Witten
Martellus Bennett
Rodney Hannah
Scott Chandler
KICKER
Nick Folk
David Buehler

DENVER BRONCOS

QUARTERBACK
Kyle Orton
Chris Simms
Ingle Martin
Tom Brandstater
RUNNING BACK
Knowshon Moreno
Correll Buckhalter
LaMont Jordan
Peyton Hillis
Spencer Larsen (FB)

WIDE RECEIVER
Eddie Royal
Brandon Marshall
Jabar Gaffney
Brandon Stokley
Brandon Lloyd
Chad Jackson
TIGHT END
Tony Scheffler
Daniel Graham
Richard Quinn
Jeb Putzier
KICKER
Matt Prater

DETROIT LIONS

QUARTERBACK
Daunte Culpepper
Matthew Stafford
Drew Stanton
RUNNING BACK
Kevin Smith
Maurice Morris
Aaron Brown
Aveion Cason
Terrelle Smith (FB)
Jerome Felton (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Calvin Johnson
Bryant Johnson
Dennis Northcutt
Derrick Williams
Keary Colbert
John Standeford
TIGHT END
Brandon Pettigrew
Will Heller
Casey FitzSimmons
KICKER
Jason Hanson
Billy Cundiff

GREEN BAY PACKERS

QUARTERBACK
Aaron Rodgers
Matt Flynn
Brian Brohm
RUNNING BACK
Ryan Grant
DeShawn Wynn
Brandon Jackson
Tyrell Sutton
Kregg Lumpkin
Korey Hall (FB)
Quinn Johnson (FB)
John Kuhn (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Greg Jennings
Donald Driver
James Jones
Jordy Nelson
Ruvell Martin
TIGHT END
Jermichael Finley
Donald Lee
Spencer Hayner (TE-LB)
KICKER
Mason Crosby

HOUSTON TEXANS

QUARTERBACK
Matt Schaub
Dan Orlovsky
Rex Grossman

RUNNING BACK
Steve Slaton
Chris Brown
Ryan Foats
Arian Foster
Andre Hall
Vonta Leach (FB)
IR—Jeremiah Johnson
(shoulder)
WIDE RECEIVER
Andre Johnson
Kevin Walter
David Anderson
Andre Davis
Jacoby Jones
Glenn Martinez
TIGHT END
Owen Daniels
James Casey
Joel Dreessen
Anthony Hill
KICKER
Kris Brown

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

QUARTERBACK
Peyton Manning
Jim Sorgi
Curtis Painter
RUNNING BACK
Joseph Addai
Donald Brown
Mike Hart
Chad Simpson
Lance Ball
WIDE RECEIVER
Reggie Wayne
Anthony Gonzalez
Austin Collie
Pierre Garcon
John Matthews
TIGHT END
Dallas Clark
Jacob Tamme
Gijon Robinson
Tom Santi
KICKER
Adam Vinatieri

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

QUARTERBACK
David Garrard
Todd Bouman
Paul Smith
RUNNING BACK
Maurice Jones-Drew
Rashad Jennings
Greg Jones (FB)
Chauncey Washington
Alvin Pearson
Montell Owens (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Torry Holt
Troy Williamson
Mike Walker
Mike Thomas
Jarett Dillard
Tiquan Underwood
TIGHT END
Marcedes Lewis
Zach Miller
Greg Estandia
Ernest Wilford
Richard Angulo
KICKER
Josh Scobee

KANSAS CITY

QUARTERBACK
Matt Cassel
Brodie Croyle
Tyler Thigpen
Matt Gutierrez
RUNNING BACK
Larry Johnson
Jamaal Charles
Jackie Battle
Kolby Smith
Javarris Williams
Mike Cox (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Dwayne Bowe
Devard Darling
Mark Bradley
Bobby Engram
Amani Toomer
Terrance Copper
Ashley Lelie
Quinten Lawrence
TIGHT END
Sean Ryan
Brad Cottam
Jake O'Connell
KICKER
Ryan Succop

MIAMI DOLPHINS

QUARTERBACK
Chad Pennington
Chad Henne
Pat White
RUNNING BACK
Ronnie Brown
Ricky Williams
Patrick Cobbs
Lex Hilliard
Lousaka Polite (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Ted Ginn
Davone Bess
Greg Camarillo
Brian Hartline
Brandon London
Patrick Turner
TIGHT END
Anthony Fasano
David Martin
Joey Haynos
John Nalbone
KICKER
Dan Carpenter
Connor Barth

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

QUARTERBACK
Brett Favre
Sage Rosenfels
Tarvaris Jackson
John David Booty
RUNNING BACK
Adrian Peterson
Chester Taylor
Naufahu Tahī (FB)
Albert Young
Ian Johnson
WIDE RECEIVER
Bernard Berrian
Percy Harvin
Sidney Rice
Bobby Wade
Glenn Holt
TIGHT END
Visanthe Shiancoe
Jim Kleinsasser
Garrett Mills
Jeff Dugan
KICKER
Ryan Longwell

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

QUARTERBACK
Tom Brady
Kevin O'Connell
Andrew Walter
Brian Hoyer
RUNNING BACK
Laurence Maroney
Sammy Morris
Kevin Faulk
Fred Taylor
BenJarvus Green-Ellis
WIDE RECEIVER
Randy Moss
Wes Welker
Joey Galloway
Greg Lewis
Julian Edelman
Sam Aiken
Brandon Tate
TIGHT END
Chris Baker
Benjamin Watson
Alex Smith
David Thomas
KICKER
Stephen Gostkowski

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

QUARTERBACK
Drew Brees
Mark Brunell
Joey Harrington
RUNNING BACK
Pierre Thomas
Reggie Bush
Mike Bell
Heath Evans (FB)
P.J. Hill
Darian Barnes (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Marques Colston
Lance Moore
Robert Meachem
Devery Henderson
Adrian Arrington
Courtney Roby
TIGHT END
Jeremy Shockey
Billy Miller
Buck Ortega
Martrez Milner
IR—Dan Campbell (knee)
KICKER
Garrett Hartley
John Carney

NEW YORK GIANTS

QUARTERBACK
Eli Manning
David Carr
Andre Woodson
Rhett Bomar
RUNNING BACK
Brandon Jacobs
Ahmad Bradshaw
Danny Ware
Madison Hedgecock (FB)
IR—Andre Brown (Achilles)
WIDE RECEIVER
Domenik Hixon
Steve Smith
Hakeem Nicks
Mario Manningham
Sinorice Moss
Ramses Barden
David Tyree
TIGHT END
Kevin Boss
Travis Beckum
Darcy Johnson
Michael Matthews
KICKER
Lawrence Tynes

NEW YORK JETS

QUARTERBACK
Mark Sanchez
Kellen Clemens
Erik Ainge

RUNNING BACK
Leon Washington
Thomas Jones
Shonn Greene
Tony Richardson (FB)
Danny Woodhead
WIDE RECEIVER
Jerricho Cotchery
David Clowney
Chansi Stuckey
Brad Smith
Wallace Wright
Aundrae Allison
TIGHT END
Dustin Keller
Kareem Brown
Jack Simmons
KICKER
Jay Feely

OAKLAND RAIDERS

QUARTERBACK
JaMarcus Russell
Jeff Garcia
Bruce Gradkowski
Charlie Frye
RUNNING BACK
Darren McFadden
Michael Bush
Justin Fargas
Gary Russell
Oren O'Neal (FB)
Luke Lawton (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Chaz Schilens
Darrius Heyward-Bey
Javon Walker
Johnnie Lee Higgins
Louis Murphy
TIGHT END
Zach Miller
Brandon Myers
Tony Stewart
KICKER
Sebastian Janikowski

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

QUARTERBACK
Donovan McNabb
Michael Vick
Kevin Kolb
A.J. Feeley
RUNNING BACK
Brian Westbrook
LeSean McCoy
Leonard Weaver (FB)
Lorenzo Booker
Kyle Eckel (FB)
Eldra Buckley
WIDE RECEIVER
DeSean Jackson
Kevin Curtis
Jeremy Maclin
Jason Avant
Hank Baskett
Reggie Brown
TIGHT END
Danny Ware
Brent Celek
Matt Schobel
Tony Curtis
Eugene Bright
IR—Cornelius Ingram (knee)
KICKER
David Akers

PITTSBURGH STEELERS

QUARTERBACK
Ben Roethlisberger
Charlie Batch
Dennis Dixon
RUNNING BACK
Willie Parker
Mewelde Moore
Rashard Mendenhall
Carey Davis (FB)
Frank Summers
WIDE RECEIVER
Santonio Holmes
Hines Ward
Limas Sweed
Shaun McDonald
Mike Wallace
Dallas Baker

Depth charts for every NFL team.**FANTASY INDEX DEPTH CHARTS**

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TIGHT END

Heath Miller
Matt Spaeth
Sean McHugh
KICKER
Jeff Reed

ST. LOUIS RAMS

QUARTERBACK
Marc Bulger
Kyle Boller
Keith Null
RUNNING BACK
Steven Jackson
Kenneth Darby
Antonio Pittman
Samkon Gado
Chris Ogbonnaya
Mike Karney (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Donnie Avery
Laurent Robinson
Keenan Burton
Ronald Curry
Derek Stanley
Tim Carter
TIGHT END
Randy McMichael
Daniel Fells
Joe Klopfenstein
Billy Bajema
KICKER
Josh Brown

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

QUARTERBACK
Philip Rivers
Billy Volek
Charlie Whitehurst
RUNNING BACK
LaDainian Tomlinson
Darren Sproles
Gartrell Johnson
Michael Bennett
Jacob Hester
Mike Tolbert (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Vincent Jackson
Chris Chambers
Malcom Floyd
Legedu Naanee
Craig Davis
Kassim Osgood
TIGHT END
Antonio Gates
Brandon Manumaleuna
Kris Wilson
KICKER
Nate Kaeding

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

QUARTERBACK
Shaun Hill
Alex Smith
Damon Huard
Nate Davis
RUNNING BACK
Frank Gore
Glen Coffee
Michael Robinson
Moran Norris (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Josh Morgan
Isaac Bruce
Jason Hill
Michael Crabtree
Brandon Jones
Arnaz Battle
TIGHT END
Vernon Davis
Delanie Walker
Bear Pascoe

KICKER

Joe Nedney

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

QUARTERBACK
Matt Hasselbeck
Seneca Wallace
Mike Teel
RUNNING BACK
Julius Jones
Edgerrin James
Justin Forsett
Devin Moore
Justin Griffith (FB)
Owen Schmitt (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
T.J. Houshmandzadeh
Nate Burleson
Deion Branch
Deon Butler
Jordan Kent
Ben Obomanu
Courtney Taylor
TIGHT END
John Carlson
John Owens
Cameron Morrah
KICKER
Olindo Mare
Brandon Coutu

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

QUARTERBACK
Byron Leftwich
Luke McCown
Josh Freeman
Josh Johnson
RUNNING BACK
Derrick Ward
Earnest Graham
Cadillac Williams
B.J. Askew (FB)
Clifton Smith
WIDE RECEIVER
Antonio Bryant
Michael Clayton
Brian Clark
Sammie Stroughter
Dexter Jackson
Kelly Campbell
Maurice Stovall
TIGHT END
Kellen Winslow
Jerramy Stevens
John Gilmore
KICKER
Mike Nugent
Matt Bryant

TENNESSEE TITANS

QUARTERBACK
Kerry Collins
Vince Young
Patrick Ramsey
RUNNING BACK
Chris Johnson
LenDale White
Javon Ringer
Ahmard Hall (FB)
Quinton Ganther
Chris Henry
WIDE RECEIVER
Justin Gage
Nate Washington
Kenny Britt
Lavelle Hawkins
Paul Williams
Mark Jones (KR)

TIGHT END

Bo Scaife
Jared Cook
Alge Crumpler
Craig Stevens
KICKER
Rob Bironas

WASHINGTON

QUARTERBACK
Jason Campbell
Todd Collins
Colt Brennan
Chase Daniel
RUNNING BACK
Clinton Portis
Ladell Betts
Marcus Mason
Anthony Alridge
Mike Sellers (FB)
Rock Cartwright
WIDE RECEIVER
Santana Moss
Devin Thomas
Malcolm Kelly
Antwaan Randle El
D.J. Hackett
Marko Mitchell
TIGHT END
Chris Cooley
Fred Davis
Todd Yoder
KICKER
Shaun Suisham
Dave Rayner

UNRESTRICTED

FREE AGENTS
QUARTERBACK
Brian Griese
Gus Frerotte
RUNNING BACK
Warrick Dunn
Ahman Green
T.J. Duckett
Rudi Johnson
Ryan Torain
Kenny Watson
J.J. Arrington
Michael Pittman
Deuce McAllister
Lorenzo Neal (FB)
WIDE RECEIVER
Matt Jones
Marvin Harrison
Jerry Porter
Reggie Williams
Roydell Williams
Joe Horn
TIGHT END
Bubba Franks
George Wrihster
Mark Campbell
Quinn Synniewski
KICKER
Matt Stover

In addition to team defenses, individual defensive players are ranked.

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FANTASY INDEX INDIVIDUAL DEFENSIVE PLAYER RANKINGS

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OVERALL TOP PLAYERS

RK	TM	BYE	POS	Player
1.	SF	6	ILB	Patrick Willis
2.	HOU	10	MLB	DeMeco Ryans
3.	TB	8	MLB	Barrett Ruud
4.	PIT	8	OLB	James Harrison
5.	CLE	9	ILB	D'Qwell Jackson
6.	DAL	6	OLB	DeMarcus Ware
7.	MIN	9	DE	Jared Allen
8.	NE	8	ILB	Jerod Mayo
9.	NYG	10	DE	Justin Tuck
10.	ARZ	4	ILB	Karlos Dansby
11.	SD	5	FS	Eric Weddle
12.	BAL	7	ILB	Ray Lewis
13.	NO	5	MLB	Jonathan Vilma
14.	WAS	8	MLB	London Fletcher
15.	PIT	8	ILB	James Farrior
16.	CAR	4	MLB	Jon Beason
17.	MIN	9	OLB	Chad Greenway
18.	STL	9	MLB	James Laurinaitis
19.	HOU	10	DE	Mario Williams
20.	OAK	9	MLB	Kirk Morrison
21.	CAR	4	WLB	Thomas Davis
22.	CHI	5	WLB	Lance Briggs
23.	STL	9	FS	Oshiomogho Atogwe
24.	NYJ	9	ILB	Bart Scott
25.	MIA	6	SS	Yeremiah Bell
26.	DAL	6	ILB	Bradie James
27.	MIA	6	FS	Gibril Wilson
28.	PHI	4	DE	Trent Cole
29.	DEN	7	ILB	D.J. Williams
30.	MIA	6	ILB	Channing Crowder
31.	MIN	9	MLB	E.J. Henderson
32.	ATL	4	MLB	Curtis Lofton
33.	BUF	9	MLB	Paul Posluszny
34.	MIN	9	CB	Antoine Winfield
35.	CIN	8	WLB	Keith Rivers
36.	IND	6	MLB	Gary Brackett
37.	SEA	7	MLB	Lofa Tatupu
38.	CHI	5	MLB	Brian Urlacher
39.	CAR	4	CB	Chris Gamble
40.	NYJ	9	ILB	David Harris
41.	CLE	9	ILB	Eric Barton
42.	TEN	7	WLB	Keith Bulluck
43.	DET	7	WLB	Ernie Sims
44.	ATL	4	DE	John Abraham
45.	ATL	4	FS	Erik Coleman
46.	DEN	7	CB	Champ Bailey
47.	PHI	4	CB	Asante Samuel
48.	OAK	9	OLB	Thomas Howard
49.	KC	8	ILB	Derrick Johnson
50.	BAL	7	FS	Ed Reed
51.	CIN	8	MLB	Dhani Jones
52.	CAR	4	DE	Julius Peppers
53.	WAS	8	DT	Albert Haynesworth
54.	CAR	4	CB	Richard Marshall
55.	SD	5	OLB	Shawne Merriman
56.	CHI	5	DE	Adeiwale Ogunleye
57.	PIT	8	ILB	Lawrence Timmons
58.	SEA	7	OLB	Aaron Curry
59.	BAL	7	DE/LB	Terrell Suggs
60.	MIN	9	CB	Cedric Griffin
61.	SD	5	CB	Quentin Jammer
62.	PHI	4	OLB	Akeem Jordan
63.	SF	6	DE	Justin Smith
64.	NE	8	SS	Brandon Meriweather
65.	JAC	7	MLB	Justin Durant
66.	KC	8	OLB	Mike Vrabel
67.	GB	5	CB	Charles Woodson
68.	NYG	10	MLB	Antonio Pierce
69.	ARZ	4	CB	D. Rodgers-Cromartie
70.	SEA	7	DE	Patrick Kerney
71.	TB	8	DE	Gaines Adams
72.	MIA	6	OLB	Joey Porter
73.	SF	6	ILB	Takeo Spikes
74.	NYJ	9	OLB	Calvin Pace
75.	PHI	4	MLB	Omar Gaither

DEFENSIVE LINEMEN

RK	TM	BYE	POS	Player
1.	MIN	9	DE	Jared Allen
2.	NYG	10	DE	Justin Tuck
3.	HOU	10	DE	Mario Williams
4.	PHI	4	DE	Trent Cole
5.	ATL	4	DE	John Abraham
6.	CAR	4	DE	Julius Peppers
7.	WAS	8	DT	Albert Haynesworth
8.	CHI	5	DE	Adeiwale Ogunleye
9.	SF	6	DE	Justin Smith
10.	SEA	7	DE	Patrick Kerney
11.	TB	8	DE	Gaines Adams
12.	TEN	7	DE	Kyle Vanden Bosch
13.	IND	6	DE	Robert Mathis
14.	NYG	10	DE	Mathias Kiwanuka
15.	WAS	8	DE	Brian Orakpo
16.	NYG	10	DE	Osi Umenyiora
17.	SEA	7	DT	Brandon Mebane
18.	BUF	9	DE	Aaron Schobel
19.	NE	8	DE	Richard Seymour
20.	IND	6	DE	Dwight Freeney
21.	STL	9	DE	Chris Long
22.	NYJ	9	DE	Shaun Ellis
23.	DET	7	DE	Cliff Avril
24.	MIN	9	DT	Kevin Williams
25.	PIT	8	DE	Aaron Smith
26.	CIN	8	DE	Robert Geathers
27.	SEA	7	DE	Darryl Tapp
28.	NYJ	9	NT	Kris Jenkins
29.	GB	5	DE	Cullen Jenkins
30.	BUF	9	DE	Ryan Denney
31.	STL	9	DE	Leonard Little
32.	ARZ	4	DE	Darnell Dockett
33.	CHI	5	DE	Alex Brown
34.	DAL	6	NT	Jay Ratliff
35.	PHI	4	DE	Juqua Parker
36.	CLE	9	DE	Kenyon Coleman
37.	MIN	9	DE	Ray Edwards
38.	TEN	7	DT	Tony Brown
39.	HOU	10	DE	Antonio Smith
40.	KC	8	DE	Tyson Jackson
41.	NYG	10	DT	Fred Robbins
42.	GB	5	DE	B.J. Raji
43.	SD	5	DT	Jamal Williams
44.	CLE	9	NT	Shaun Rogers
45.	DET	7	DE	Dewayne White
46.	OAK	9	DE	Jay Richardson
47.	DEN	7	DE	Robert Ayers
48.	CLE	9	DE	Corey Williams
49.	OAK	9	DT	Tommy Kelly
50.	BUF	9	DT	Kyle Williams
51.	NE	8	NT	Vince Wilfork
52.	CIN	8	DE	Antwan Odom
53.	CIN	8	DT	Domata Peko
54.	CIN	8	DE	Michael Johnson
55.	CAR	4	DE	Tyler Brayton
56.	WAS	8	DE	Andre Carter
57.	CAR	4	DT	Damione Lewis
58.	STL	9	DE	James Hall
59.	ATL	4	DE	Chauncey Davis
60.	TEN	7	DE	Jevon Kearse
61.	BUF	9	DT	Marcus Stroud
62.	CHI	5	DT	Tommie Harris
63.	NO	5	DE	Will Smith
64.	NO	5	DE	Charles Grant
65.	BAL	7	NT	Haloti Ngata
66.	PHI	4	DT	Brodrick Bunkley
67.	PHI	4	DE	Darren Howard
68.	GB	5	DE	Mike Montgomery
69.	OAK	9	DT	Gerard Warren
70.	SEA	7	DE	Cory Redding
71.	SF	6	DT	Aubrayo Franklin
72.	ATL	4	DT	Jonathan Babineaux
73.	NE	8	DE	Ty Warren
74.	PIT	8	DE	Travis Kirschke
75.	HOU	10	DE	Connor Barwin

LINEBACKERS

RK	TM	BYE	POS	Player
1.	SF	6	ILB	Patrick Willis
2.	HOU	10	MLB	DeMeco Ryans
3.	TB	8	MLB	Barrett Ruud
4.	PIT	8	OLB	James Harrison
5.	CLE	9	ILB	D'Qwell Jackson
6.	DAL	6	OLB	DeMarcus Ware
7.	NE	8	ILB	Jerod Mayo
8.	ARZ	4	ILB	Karlos Dansby
9.	BAL	7	ILB	Ray Lewis
10.	NO	5	MLB	Jonathan Vilma
11.	WAS	8	MLB	London Fletcher
12.	PIT	8	ILB	James Farrior
13.	CAR	4	MLB	Jon Beason
14.	MIN	9	OLB	Chad Greenway
15.	STL	9	MLB	James Laurinaitis
16.	OAK	9	MLB	Kirk Morrison
17.	CAR	4	WLB	Thomas Davis
18.	CHI	5	WLB	Lance Briggs
19.	NYJ	9	ILB	Bart Scott
20.	DAL	6	ILB	Bradie James
21.	DEN	7	ILB	D.J. Williams
22.	MIA	6	ILB	Channing Crowder
23.	MIN	9	MLB	E.J. Henderson
24.	ATL	4	MLB	Curtis Lofton
25.	BUF	9	WLB	Paul Posluszny
26.	CIN	8	MLB	Keith Rivers
27.	IND	6	MLB	Gary Brackett
28.	SEA	7	MLB	Lofa Tatupu
29.	CHI	5	MLB	Brian Urlacher
30.	NYJ	9	ILB	David Harris
31.	CLE	9	ILB	Eric Barton
32.	TEN	7	WLB	Keith Bulluck
33.	DET	7	WLB	Ernie Sims
34.	OAK	9	OLB	Thomas Howard
35.	KC	8	ILB	Derrick Johnson
36.	CIN	8	MLB	Dhani Jones
37.	SD	5	OLB	Shawne Merriman
38.	PIT	8	ILB	Lawrence Timmons
39.	SEA	7	OLB	Aaron Curry
40.	BAL	7	DE/LB	Terrell Suggs
41.	PHI	4	OLB	Akeem Jordan
42.	JAC	7	MLB	Justin Durant
43.	KC	8	OLB	Mike Vrabel
44.	NYG	10	MLB	Antonio Pierce
45.	MIA	6	OLB	Joey Porter
46.	SF	6	ILB	Takeo Spikes
47.	NYJ	9	OLB	Calvin Pace
48.	PHI	4	MLB	Omar Gaither
49.	SD	5	OLB	Shaun Phillips
50.	STL	9	WLB	Will Witherspoon
51.	CIN	8	SLB	Rey Mauluga
52.	DET	7	SLB	Julian Peterson
53.	NE	8	ILB	Gary Guyton
54.	ARZ	4	ILB	Gerald Hayes
55.	GB	5	ILB	A.J. Hawk
56.	SD	5	ILB	Stephen Cooper
57.	DET	7	MLB	Larry Foote
58.	IND	6	WLB	Clint Session
59.	PIT	8	OLB	LaMarr Woodley
60.	GB	5	ILB	Nick Barnett
61.	DAL	6	ILB	Keith Brooking
62.	DEN	7	ILB	Andra Davis
63.	MIA	6	OLB	Jason Taylor
64.	BUF	9	WLB	Kawika Mitchell
65.	GB	5	OLB	Aaron Kampman
66.	MIA	6	ILB	Akin Ayodele
67.	WAS	8	OLB	Rocky McIntosh
68.	HOU	10	SLB	Brian Cushing
69.	SEA	7	OLB	Leroy Hill
70.	PHI	4	MLB	Joe Mays
71.	CHI	5	SLB	Pisa Tinoisamoa
72.	GB	5	OLB	Brady Poppinga
73.	NO	5	OLB	Scott Fujita
74.	TEN	7	MLB	Stephen Tulloch
75.	NO	5	OLB	Scott Shanle

DEFENSIVE BACKS

RK	TM	BYE	POS	Player
1.	SD	5	FS	Eric Weddle
2.	STL	9	FS	Oshiomogho Atogwe
3.	MIA	6	SS	Yeremiah Bell
4.	MIA	6	FS	Gibril Wilson
5.	MIN	9	CB	Antoine Winfield
6.	CAR	4	CB	Chris Gamble
7.	ATL	4	FS	Erik Coleman
8.	DEN	7	CB	Champ Bailey
9.	PHI	4	CB	Asante Samuel
10.	BAL	7	FS	Ed Reed
11.	CAR	4	CB	Richard Marshall
12.	MIN	9	CB	Cedric Griffin
13.	SD	5	CB	Quentin Jammer
14.	NE	8	SS	Brandon Meriweather
15.	GB	5	CB	Charles Woodson
16.	ARZ	4	CB	D. Rodgers-Cromartie
17.	PIT	8	SS	Troy Polamalu
18.	WAS	8	CB	DeAngelo Hall
19.	WAS	8	FS	LaRon Landry
20.	CAR	4	SS	Chris Harris
21.	CIN	8	CB	Leon Hall
22.	NO	5	SS	Roman Harper
23.	PHI	4	SS	Quintin Mikell
24.	GB	5	FS	Nick Collins
25.	KC	8	SS	Bernard Pollard
26.	KC	8	FS	Jarrad Page
27.	NYJ	9	FS	Kerry Rhodes
28.	NYG	10	SS	Kenny Phillips
29.	OAK	9	SS	Michael Mitchell
30.	CHI	5	SS	Kevin Payne
31.	TEN	7	FS	Michael Griffin
32.	DET	7	S	Louis Delmas
33.	MIN	9	SS	Tyrell Johnson
34.	SD	5	CB	Antonio Cromartie
35.	IND	6	CB	Marlin Jackson
36.	NYJ	9	SS	Jim Leonard
37.	ARZ	4	FS	Antrel Rolle
38.	ARZ	4	SS	Adrian Wilson
39.	PIT	8	FS	Ryan Clark
40.	GB	5	SS	Atari Bigby
41.	TB	8	CB	Ronde Barber
42.	DET	7	FS	Kalvin Pearson
43.	JAC	7	CB	Brian Williams
44.	DAL	6	FS	Ken Hamlin
45.	IND	6	SS	Bob Sanders
46.	TEN	7	CB	Cortland Finnegan
47.	DEN	7	FS	Brian Dawkins
48.	PHI	4	S	Quintin Demps
49.	DAL	6	CB	Terence Newman
50.	NYJ	9	CB	Lito Sheppard
51.	SF	6	SS	Michael Lewis
52.	CHI	5	CB	Charles Tillman
53.	CLE	9	CB	Eric Wright
54.	CHI	5	CB	Corey Graham
55.	TEN	7	SS	Chris Hope
56.	NE	8	CB	Leigh Bodden
57.	MIN	9	FS	Madieu Williams
58.	BUF	9	CB	Leodis McKelvin
59.	CHI	5	FS	Josh Bullocks
60.	NO	5	FS	Darren Sharper
61.	HOU	10	CB	Dunta Robinson
62.	NYJ	9	CB	Darrelle Revis
63.	NYG	10	FS	Michael Johnson
64.	OAK	9	CB	Chris Johnson
65.	DAL	6	DB	Orlando Scandrick
66.	KC	8	CB	Brandon Flowers
67.	SF	6	CB	Nate Clements
68.	TEN	7	CB	Nick Harper
69.	PHI	4	CB	Sheldon Brown
70.	PHI	4	FS	Sean Jones
71.	TB	8	CB	Aqib Talib
72.</				

FANTASY INDEX TEAM DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS ANALYSIS

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Some almost last-minute before the season starts news and notes on team defenses and IDPs:

N.Y. Jets: The Jets slip a little in our rankings this week, for two reasons. The first is that it doesn't appear that Vernon Gholston will be even an adequate fill-in for Calvin Pace (suspended the first four games of the season); New York's defense will likely struggle that first month, especially with top-quality offenses from Houston, New England and New Orleans on the schedule.

Worse, the Jets traded for Lito Sheppard in hopes he'd shore up a weakness at cornerback across from Darrelle Revis. Sheppard was torched repeatedly by Eli Manning and his mediocre wideouts in the last exhibition, so Tom Brady and Drew Brees could have a field day. The schedule gets easier for the Jets after that first month, but if you draft them you might want to carry a second option for those first few weeks of the season.

Bears: Impressive 54-yard punt return for Devin Hester against the Broncos the other night. The Bears defense, for that matter, also looked pretty good (although part of that might be a Broncos offense that's got some problems right now). Regardless, we liked the Bears anyway, and we're liking them even more right now, both on special teams and defensively. Perhaps Lovie Smith's extra involvement will pay off for this group.

Packers: Everything appears to be coming together nicely for the Packers. It's not just that they're burying teams in the preseason, but they're enjoying pretty good health, they clearly are enjoying the new Dom Capers defense, and they've got a pretty soft schedule. We'll put Green Bay down as a nice option after the top defenses are gone that could surprisingly wind up ranked among the top 10 this season.

Giants: Osi Umenyiora had a squabble with Giants defensive coordinator Bill Sheridan, which appears to have been resolved in-house. It's a reminder, though, that the team has a new defensive boss with Steve Spagnuolo gone, so there might be some hitches in the relationship. On the bright side, free agent signings Chris Canty (hamstring) and Michael Boley (hip) are practicing, so while they may not be 100 percent early in the year, at least they should be on the field.

Patriots: Tedy Bruschi has retired, which isn't a big deal from a team defense standpoint – it's been clear he wasn't going to start. IDP owners can now consider Gary Guyton, the second-year linebacker who should fill his spot. There might not be much left for him with Jerod Mayo patrolling the field, but he could be serviceable in deeper leagues.

Buccaneers: Tampa Bay's first-team defense looked strong against the Dolphins last week, but we're not buying. The Bucs have problems, in the secondary and at linebacker, with players hurt, suspended, or switching positions.

Texans: The Texans have one of the game's best young linebackers in DeMeco Ryans (who moves up a few spots in our latest IDP rankings) and a pass rush with some potential – it's led by Mario Williams, after all. But overall, their defense still doesn't appear to be very good. Their run defense could be horrible, and playing in a division with some pretty good young running backs, that's a problem. Their secondary appears to have some issues, too.

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for that week's
games as well as
recent trends.**