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MADDEN 08

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This is Gamespot's biggest Madden game guide ever! Madden 08 is the most complete next-gen Madden yet and we've compiled a game guide to match. This guide features the full Madden 08 NFL roster and player ratings, profiles of all 32 NFL teams, coverage of all read and react player weapons and the players that have them, and exclusive in-depth offense and defense strategies from SportsGamer Madden 08 experts.

- Team Stats: This section reveals each team's overall rating and number of players with read and react weapons.
- Team Profiles and Rosters: You'll find profiles of all 32 NFL teams and full rosters here.
- Read & React Weapons: Madden 08 features new read and react weapons to identify on-field strengths and abilities. This section lists each weapon and reveals which Madden 08 stars have them.
- SportsGamer's Madden 08 Cheat Sheet: An exclusive tip sheet from SportsGamer--ten ways to immediately improve at Madden 08.
- Offense Formations and Playbooks: Here you'll find descriptions of each offensive formation and package and tips on using them. The section also includes team playbooks.
- SportsGamer's Passing Training Camp: The Madden experts from SportsGamer provide in-depth strategies for improving your passing game.
- SportsGamer's Rushing Training Camp: SportsGamer experts offer tips on strengthening your rushing attack.
- Defense Formations and Playbooks: This section provides descriptions of each defensive formation and tips on when to use them.
- SportsGamer's Defense Training Camp: Dominate on defense with these in-depth strategies from the experts at SportsGamer.
- Xbox 360 Achievements: Look here for the complete list of Madden 08 Xbox 360 achievements and tips on unlocking them.

Chapter 1 - Team Stats

The chart below reveals all Madden 08 NFL teams, their 2006 record, overall Madden rating (in general, the higher the rating, the stronger the team), and the number of players on the team that feature read and react weapons. The team with the most players with weapons is San Diego with 16; the lowest is Tennessee with just three (including Speed QB and Madden 08 cover player Vince Young).

Note that these statistics are from the default version of the game before any roster updates. The first update has made a few changes; for instance, the Raiders have two more players with weapons: Daunte Culpepper who moves from the Dolphins and Donovin Darius, a Big Hitter safety.

TEAM	CONFERENCE AND DIVISION	'06 RECORD	OVERALL RATING	# OF PLAYERS WITH WEAPONS
Arizona Cardinals	NFC West	5-11	75	5
Atlanta Falcons	NFC South	7-9	80	12
Baltimore Ravens	AFC North	13-3	90	13
Buffalo Bills	AFC East	7-9	67	5
Carolina Panthers	NFC South	8-8	85	8
Chicago Bears	NFC North	13-3	91	14
Cincinnati Bengals	AFC North	8-8	87	9
Cleveland Browns	AFC North	4-12	67	8
Dallas Cowboys	NFC East	9-7	87	12
Denver Broncos	AFC West	9-7	89	8
Detroit Lions	NFC North	3-13	76	7

Green Bay Packers	NFC North	8-8	80	11
Houston Texans	AFC South	6-10	67	5
Indianapolis Colts	AFC South	12-4	94	10
Jacksonville Jaguars	AFC South	8-8	86	10
Kansas City Chiefs	AFC West	9-7	80	9
Miami Dolphins	AFC East	6-10	78	9
Minnesota Vikings	NFC North	6-10	74	8
New England Patriots	AFC East	12-4	97	13
New Orleans Saints	NFC South	10-6	88	7
New York Giants	NFC East	8-8	81	7
New York Jets	AFC East	10-6	84	6
Oakland Raiders	AFC West	2-14	67	9
Philadelphia Eagles	NFC East	10-6	87	12
Pittsburgh Steelers	AFC North	8-8	88	8
San Diego Chargers	AFC West	14-2	95	16
San Francisco 49ers	NFC West	7-9	82	8
Seattle Seahawks	NFC West	9-7	89	9
St. Louis Rams	NFC West	8-8	83	12
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	NFC South	4-12	74	7
Tennessee Titans	AFC South	8-8	73	3
Washington Redskins	NFC East	5-11	81	11

Chapter 2 - Team Profiles and Rosters

This section features profiles and rosters of all 32 Madden 08 NFL teams. You'll find coverage of key players, including weapon breakdowns, tips on using each team offensively and defensively, and each team's full roster and important ratings.

All players are rated on the following list of statistics. Many of these statistics are directly associated with a specific read and react weapon: for instance, the speed statistic determines whether or not a player has the Speed (or Speed QB) weapon.

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

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

Arizona Cardinals

- '06 Record: 5-11 (4th in NFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 312.5 yards per game (18th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 349.4 yards allowed per game (29th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 19.6 (19th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 24.3 (29th in NFL)

For the past few years there's a common theme as the NFL season approaches: this is the year the Arizona Cardinals breakout. But it hasn't happened...yet. Last season, the Cardinals drafted Heisman trophy winning quarterback Matt Leinart and added former Indianapolis Colts' elite running back and Stiff Arm Ball Carrier Edgerrin James. Although the team showed promise, the final results--a 5-11 record in a soft NFC Western division--didn't meet expectations. With a

more experienced Leinart and an improved offensive line (adding Levi Brown as the first round draft pick), expectations are once again high--will the results be able to meet them.

The Cardinals' offensive strength resides with wide receivers Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin--both are highly rated at the position and feature a variety of weapons, including Possession, Quick, Spectacular Catch, and Hands Receiver. Bryant Johnson is also a fast, capable third receiver. Use singleback, three receiver sets and mix up power runs (Edgerrin's high stiff arm and trucking abilities) with short-to-medium passes. Use packages and motion to move your star receivers around the field and exploit mismatch advantages against the opposing defense.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Leinart	84	78	87	90	60	65	61	65	64	48	87	92
Kurt	Warner	80	84	87	87	46	44	54	44	25	32	55	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Larry	Fitzgerald	95	88	90	70	85	96	67	88	98	87	80	86	75	95	77	95	96
Anquan	Boldin	95	89	89	80	87	93	70	91	90	86	82	90	95	91	88	99	92
Bryant	Johnson	82	92	93	55	79	87	58	86	87	80	74	63	45	81	74	80	82
Steve	Breaston	68	93	94	52	57	71	68	94	86	93	88	93	44	80	92	66	68

LeRon	McCoy	65	92	91	58	58	72	58	92	89	88	89	65	35	68	89	70	60
Sean	Morey	63	85	84	50	70	82	46	79	73	65	76	66	42	55	62	72	60
Michael	Spurlock	59	87	91	58	56	70	64	92	88	78	72	56	42	60	70	59	52

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Edgerrin	James	91	88	90	75	90	74	88	90	86	85	94	95	89	84	98	60
Marcel	Shipp	72	84	86	77	78	60	82	80	65	50	80	88	87	64	85	35
J.J.	Arrington	72	91	92	62	61	67	73	88	83	78	60	60	69	83	90	37

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Terrelle	Smith	85	62	67	79	75	52	62	56	45	33	64	78	68	75	64

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Leonard	Pope	76	82	83	68	45	77	71	85	87	74	69	64	65	68	77	70	60
Ben	Patrick	72	77	73	63	66	81	74	74	82	70	64	70	62	71	72	76	72
Tim	Euhus	62	71	77	66	64	80	64	75	75	48	39	50	62	50	36	58	65

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Reggie	Wells	86	79	57	72	87	59	85	86	83	87	79	88	80
RT	Levi	Brown	81	66	60	82	90	57	88	84	90	93	87	88	83
LG	Qasim	Mitchell	79	71	47	59	95	44	88	79	78	83	68	82	69
LT	Oliver	Ross	79	77	54	60	90	53	87	85	75	88	67	84	60
RG	Deuce	Lutui	79	58	45	64	94	53	84	82	86	90	86	88	80
C	Al	Johnson	78	70	54	70	87	53	87	81	79	86	69	84	65
RG	Elton	Brown	75	62	49	60	90	53	84	80	66	86	63	84	66
LT	Mike	Gandy	74	68	49	82	88	48	83	81	73	88	64	82	60
RT	Brandon	Gorin	74	70	53	62	88	50	84	82	75	85	75	83	73
C	Nick	Leckey	73	68	55	72	81	52	80	83	73	84	66	80	65

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Bertrand	Berry	92	78	79	84	78	76	60	84	93	85	85	77	85	75
LE	Chike	Okeafor	88	84	77	83	73	73	60	83	80	88	79	75	87	78

DT	Darnell	Dockett	85	71	71	84	87	70	55	84	83	85	84	82	79	64
DT	Alan	Branch	77	55	64	68	94	53	60	68	89	65	90	78	55	48
DT	Gabe	Watson	73	55	57	63	91	49	52	63	87	58	90	82	48	40
DT	Rodney	Bailey	72	66	65	73	82	63	57	73	82	62	79	74	62	45
LE	Joe	Tafoya	70	68	67	71	74	68	50	71	80	64	78	73	62	67
DT	Jonathan	Lewis	68	52	63	76	84	64	55	76	70	75	79	78	67	55
RE	Antonio	Smith	67	58	68	79	71	64	50	79	78	72	70	72	70	55

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
LOLB	Karlos	Dansby	87	70	85	83	86	73	71	82	86	90	85	90	78	75	70
MLB	Gerald	Hayes	80	84	74	72	79	80	87	74	66	86	87	86	75	45	65
MLB	Monty	Beisel	73	79	76	77	79	74	60	70	67	77	83	85	65	55	65
MLB	Buster	Davis	71	65	81	85	84	69	86	79	70	80	80	88	60	40	60
ROLB	Calvin	Pace	69	72	77	75	84	76	69	73	80	77	80	85	60	45	60
ROLB	Darryl	Blackstock	67	66	81	73	88	73	74	68	82	69	78	84	65	45	60
LOLB	Brandon	Johnson	61	43	85	84	87	69	66	65	82	70	72	78	40	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Antrel	Rolle	84	89	92	74	68	70	92	92	74	83	65	79	85	82	45
Roderick	Hood	82	90	91	75	60	62	89	86	64	78	74	84	85	72	42
Eric	Green	75	89	90	70	60	68	90	90	55	79	47	74	76	76	50
Matt	Ware	72	87	89	56	59	65	88	92	62	78	65	69	79	58	50
Ralph	Brown	66	88	85	66	49	59	88	78	52	64	50	75	72	48	38

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Adrian	Wilson	97	82	89	72	86	91	67	99	85	90	89	65	85	45	81
FS	Terrence	Holt	82	76	85	55	82	86	68	85	67	84	76	66	82	45	52
FS	Aaron	Francisco	73	69	86	56	80	85	66	78	66	78	65	55	75	40	55
SS	Hanik	Milligan	66	58	89	52	82	91	60	80	54	77	67	66	76	35	65

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Neil	Rackers	89	95	88	64	12	45	22	15

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Scott	Player	92	89	91	55	22	21	40	46

Atlanta Falcons

- '06 Record: 7-9 (3rd in NFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 331.9 yards per game (12th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 332.8 yards allowed per game (22nd)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 18.2 (25th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.5 (15th in NFL)

Despite his considerable off the field problems, Michael Vick remains in Madden 08--much to the dismay of defensive coordinators everywhere. Michael Vick's 94 speed makes him a favorite choice among players: it's a tough challenge to stop both his legs and his arm. Madden 08 seems to put additional emphasis on inaccurate throwing on the run so Vick's exploits may be toned down a bit. However, expect many opponents to select the Falcons and use Vick on run-pass options. Vick's also a Cannon Arm QB--he's got a 97 throw power rating.

Vick remains one of the fastest players in Madden...though this could be the last year he's included in the game.

The Falcons' added veteran wide receiver Joe Horn (former New Orleans Saint) to instantly improve a receiver squad that has always underperformed for their hundred million dollar quarterback. Vick's favorite downfield targets are highly rated tight end Alge Crumpler (Possession Receiver) and Warrick Dunn (Elusive Back).

Dunn's high speed and 80 catch rating make him a potent downfield threat. Use young Jerious Norwood--also quick--to spell Warrick Dunn and as an additional threat in two-running back sets. Falcons' defensive stars include John Abraham on the line (Finesse Move D-Lineman), Keith Brooking at linebacker (Brick Wall Defender), and DeAngelo Hall at

cornerback (Shutdown Corner).

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Michael	Vick	90	74	97	78	94	96	55	97	50	98	79	97
Joey	Harrington	76	70	88	81	62	60	56	63	37	51	88	90
D.J.	Shockley	68	42	89	75	83	86	58	87	65	85	86	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Joe	Horn	87	87	87	64	91	88	60	86	86	83	84	87	55	82	85	84	90
Michael	Jenkins	77	89	88	66	78	86	59	87	94	68	66	66	55	79	69	67	70
Laurent	Robinson	74	91	93	50	61	81	58	91	90	88	83	79	39	82	80	80	78
Brian	Finneran	73	85	82	65	77	80	52	81	85	54	45	65	65	82	55	84	70
Roddy	White	71	93	94	60	64	78	64	90	90	86	80	65	48	82	85	62	62
Fred	Gibson	68	88	89	52	58	75	55	86	92	85	85	85	50	86	85	68	67
Adam	Jennings	65	93	94	38	54	74	56	94	88	88	88	80	21	74	89	55	66

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Warrick	Dunn	88	95	95	62	84	80	90	96	95	96	90	70	65	94	92	32
Jerious	Norwood	83	96	96	68	79	66	85	90	82	79	80	58	84	80	88	33
Jamal	Robertson	67	85	87	65	59	65	74	87	65	67	67	68	75	78	85	26

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Ovie	Mughelli	91	63	70	85	72	66	60	55	36	35	50	85	76	77	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Alge	Crumpler	94	78	80	74	85	88	70	77	77	80	74	88	75	87	72	90	88
Dwayne	Blakley	71	70	69	72	70	71	70	65	70	44	35	43	57	60	35	65	62
Martrez	Milner	67	74	82	62	59	68	73	79	86	79	73	77	66	83	82	66	76

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Kynan	Forney	92	86	60	78	87	61	88	91	85	87	89	92	84
RT	Todd	Weiner	91	89	54	70	92	52	94	92	82	92	83	92	90
C	Todd	McClure	89	89	58	82	82	61	94	85	93	75	95	79	91
LT	Wayne	Gandy	88	88	52	72	92	51	90	90	84	92	71	90	70

Pos.	First Name	Last Name												
LG	Justin	Blalock	80	54	52	60	94	50	88	82	87	92	80	90	70
RG	Tyson	Clabo	78	58	58	72	83	54	85	80	85	85	85	85	85
LT	Leander	Jordan	76	70	58	66	89	49	85	82	80	86	70	84	65
LG	Toniu	Fonoti	75	56	42	52	92	40	86	80	82	90	65	87	60
C	Doug	Datish	72	56	60	70	85	64	80	82	75	80	70	82	75
LT	Frank	Omiyale	71	65	45	50	88	45	86	79	80	88	69	84	66
RT	Quinn	Ojinnaka	71	65	54	64	83	62	82	82	71	80	66	82	70
LG	P.J.	Alexander	69	59	54	59	85	50	79	76	79	76	70	76	76

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	John	Abraham	93	74	80	87	77	78	60	87	82	92	85	80	88	78
DT	Rod	Coleman	92	78	74	90	84	70	62	90	94	90	92	82	84	60
DT	Grady	Jackson	81	80	43	50	96	42	48	50	90	54	93	80	50	72
LE	Jamaal	Anderson	80	52	78	84	72	80	74	84	82	88	76	76	80	50
RE	Paul	Carrington	74	60	73	77	74	72	54	77	66	84	75	70	72	65
DT	Jonathan	Babineaux	70	58	69	90	80	69	52	90	72	78	78	76	75	45
LE	Chauncey	Davis	70	55	74	82	66	70	54	82	60	82	79	74	69	55
RE	Josh	Mallard	68	58	73	78	67	71	52	78	70	79	74	70	66	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Keith	Brooking	92	90	82	76	85	79	85	87	88	95	92	94	89	65	75
LOLB	Michael	Boley	82	75	84	84	88	65	74	64	84	76	82	88	75	60	80
ROLB	Demorrio	Williams	82	79	86	87	89	68	68	55	70	78	84	88	80	62	72
ROLB	Stephen	Nicholas	68	65	79	84	82	66	78	70	82	70	80	84	60	45	65
MLB	Jordan	Beck	65	59	83	86	87	73	52	68	67	77	82	82	30	60	55
LOLB	Marcus	Wilkins	63	75	72	75	74	70	58	63	72	66	75	78	65	45	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
DeAngelo	Hall	94	98	98	85	54	80	98	94	60	77	72	92	90	70	50
Lewis	Sanders	80	88	88	75	55	65	87	86	62	80	75	75	85	80	42
Chris	Houston	80	96	93	52	72	60	94	94	52	70	44	87	70	90	54
David	Irons	72	91	92	48	59	62	90	87	64	70	40	78	70	72	70
Allen	Rossum	64	97	96	64	42	55	90	75	37	71	50	64	68	48	35

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Lawyer	Milloy	88	80	82	69	80	83	54	72	84	90	85	50	80	39	86
FS	Jimmy	Williams	80	50	93	70	89	92	65	95	64	85	60	80	82	80	44
FS	Chris	Crocker	77	66	89	56	85	91	62	85	75	82	70	45	75	55	83
SS	Omare	Lowe	61	60	91	57	80	90	58	83	60	72	55	65	75	58	38

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Billy	Cundiff	78	92	83	60	15	25	30	18

Punters

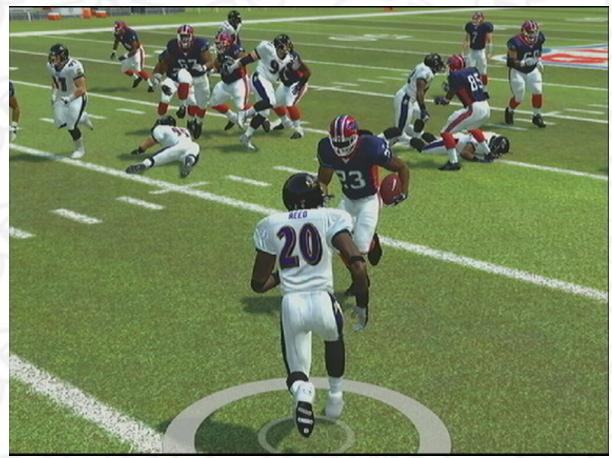| First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Michael	Koenen	82	93	84	57	14	35	45	45

Baltimore Ravens

- '06 Record: 13-3 (1st in AFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 317 yards par game (17th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 264.1 yards allowed per game (1st)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 22.1 (12th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 12.6 (1st in NFL)

Last season's addition of veteran Steve McNair helped stabilize an inconsistent Ravens' passing game. The Baltimore Ravens' dominating defense (ranked first overall in yards allowed per game) is usually strong enough to win games on its own; but less mistakes on offense and more points (22.1 per game, ranked 12th overall) resulted in an impressive 13-3 record and a first round bye in last year's playoffs. The Ravens lost their opening playoff game to the eventual Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts.

Led by Smart Safety Ed Reed, the Baltimore Ravens have one of the strongest defenses in the game.

This year the Ravens' bolstered their running game with the offseason acquisition of Willis McGahee (Power Back, Stiff

Arm Ball Carrier). The former Buffalo Bills' first round draft pick possesses good speed and excellent power (98 stiff arm, 94 trucking). Run behind Crushing Run Blocker left tackle Jonathan Ogden. Mark Clayton, Derrick Mason (Hands Receiver), and elite tight end Todd Heap (Hands, Quick , and Spectacular Catch Receiver) provide solid downfield targets for the veteran McNair. Clayton has the speed to be a downfield threat while the reliable Todd Heap provides consistency in the short-to-medium passing game and inside the Red Zone.

Defense remains a Raven strength. Ray Lewis (Brick Wall Defender and Big Hitter) leads one of the best linebacking groups in the game and the combination of Chris McAlister (Press Coverage Corner, Smart Corner, Shutdown Corner) and Ed Reed (Smart Safety) in the secondary ensures great pass coverage and plenty of turnover opportunities.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Steve	McNair	85	86	86	85	68	69	70	64	63	70	67	95
Kyle	Boller	76	67	92	76	69	68	55	66	49	60	68	90
Troy	Smith	69	52	89	70	81	86	60	88	67	87	92	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Mark	Clayton	85	92	95	45	79	88	54	95	86	92	91	91	40	78	94	82	88
Derrick	Mason	85	88	87	46	92	90	63	89	82	94	90	91	30	74	95	80	87
Demetrius	Williams	70	90	94	55	60	79	59	91	92	87	82	55	39	74	87	60	68
Clarence	Moore	69	86	85	64	64	76	54	83	97	55	55	54	64	82	67	78	66
Yamon	Figurs	66	97	98	44	54	72	67	95	81	93	89	90	30	66	92	69	62
Devard	Darling	59	90	92	57	55	71	48	89	87	72	54	60	57	60	78	54	55

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Willis	McGahee	92	92	94	79	90	73	87	92	90	80	94	98	94	79	92	40
Musa	Smith	76	87	90	74	68	72	85	83	71	67	72	87	87	71	84	28
Mike	Anderson	74	84	85	80	88	56	92	77	65	45	80	92	89	55	86	40

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Justin	Green	78	72	72	72	56	70	64	70	66	47	71	80	70	62	56
Le'Ron	McClain	76	68	70	71	51	72	75	66	60	55	64	75	70	57	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Todd	Heap	95	81	84	66	86	88	72	83	89	78	72	82	55	90	75	94	94
Daniel	Wilcox	78	75	77	74	74	77	65	73	75	59	54	54	66	72	52	68	71
Quinn	Sypniewski	64	83	85	69	50	72	68	75	76	64	61	65	45	49	68	58	51

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Jonathan	Ogden	97	95	48	72	98	50	98	92	93	98	79	98	80
C	Mike	Flynn	86	88	59	72	84	58	87	88	78	86	78	86	72
RG	Keydrick	Vincent	83	76	47	61	93	44	90	80	78	91	66	87	55
LG	Jason	Brown	82	69	50	62	94	53	87	80	84	89	75	83	70
LG	Ben	Grubbs	80	58	62	75	87	66	84	80	82	89	86	87	80
RG	Chris	Chester	79	45	68	85	86	69	83	84	87	83	93	80	87
RT	Adam	Terry	76	62	55	75	87	54	85	87	76	86	74	87	73
LT	Marshal	Yanda	73	60	60	77	84	66	80	84	79	80	75	85	82
C	Ike	Ndukwe	70	60	57	72	86	51	83	76	65	80	60	76	58
RT	Brian	Rimpf	68	60	44	63	85	50	84	78	76	84	65	80	60

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Trevor	Pryce	93	87	68	76	93	66	68	76	96	78	96	87	72	83
DT	Kelly	Gregg	88	88	56	70	88	55	60	70	88	60	89	88	60	85
RE	Haloti	Ngata	82	72	64	76	94	64	60	76	92	65	94	86	74	74
DT	Justin	Bannan	76	68	56	66	87	50	55	66	82	78	82	80	65	65
LE	Dwan	Edwards	66	62	56	70	89	50	64	70	82	60	82	78	65	60
RE	Atiyyah	Ellison	65	58	58	66	87	55	65	66	80	65	80	74	60	55
DT	Andrew	Powell	64	48	52	60	85	52	62	60	80	72	80	74	65	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Ray	Lewis	96	94	82	82	86	75	95	78	80	94	95	96	89	70	85
MLB	Bart	Scott	91	88	82	80	88	82	94	85	87	89	92	92	86	55	75
LOLB	Terrell	Suggs	88	79	87	86	94	74	70	87	98	87	84	95	78	60	75
ROLB	Jarret	Johnson	77	76	74	70	79	83	70	87	77	88	84	87	78	50	68
MLB	Mike	Smith	69	66	76	73	78	69	60	55	70	85	79	80	40	85	85
MLB	Antwan	Barnes	67	49	88	88	90	71	78	70	81	79	79	88	48	40	60
ROLB	Dan	Cody	67	62	80	78	87	75	64	78	84	80	80	78	65	40	55
LOLB	Prescott	Burgess	64	58	78	78	79	65	65	55	75	60	76	84	50	54	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Chris	McAlister	98	93	96	90	62	71	94	95	62	89	93	94	95	94	60
Samari	Rolle	87	90	92	93	43	72	90	90	45	80	80	85	88	82	39
Corey	Ivy	72	90	88	68	46	62	88	76	56	75	68	66	80	75	49
Derrick	Martin	68	89	93	49	41	60	93	88	45	70	55	70	75	60	44
David	Pittman	67	91	93	50	43	66	94	88	48	71	45	70	75	38	48
B.J.	Sams	59	92	92	54	54	60	83	72	40	68	40	60	65	48	38

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Ed	Reed	99	92	93	58	94	92	81	91	67	96	94	88	98	66	85
SS	Dawan	Landry	88	79	86	65	84	85	74	94	84	84	70	70	80	40	78
SS	Gerome	Sapp	72	73	83	63	77	82	58	77	71	74	65	60	71	31	68
FS	Jamaine	Winborne	63	64	86	44	85	89	58	81	65	70	40	55	66	35	57

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Matt	Stover	94	88	96	51	21	20	24	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Sam	Koch	78	90	85	58	33	50	40	45

Buffalo Bills

- '06 Record: 7-9 (3rd in AFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 266.9 yards per game (30th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 329.6 yards allowed per game (18th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 18.8 (22nd in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 19.4 (10th in NFL)

Buffalo Bills' receiver Lee Evans emerged as a potent downfield threat near the end of last season. Lee Evans (Speed) is one of the fastest receivers in the game; he boasts 97 speed and 99 acceleration. With the emergence of Evans, J.P. Losman began to show improvement--and it must continue to build on an offense that was one of the worst statistically (30th in yards and 22nd in points scored). Lee Evans is your most important weapon. Move him around the formation and stretch defenses with the deep pass.

The Bills' Marshawn Lynch is one of this season's most promising rookies.

The Bills lost running back Willis McGahee to the Baltimore Ravens and reloaded by drafting Marshawn Lynch, who's expected to make an immediate impact (the Bills also have veteran Anthony Thomas). Lynch is a decent mix of speed and power but being a rookie, he's not rated among the top backs in the game. On defense, right defensive end Aaron Schobel is a Power Move D-Linemen and the Bills' highest rated defenders.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
J.P.	Losman	82	69	94	83	70	72	56	70	48	54	78	90
Craig	Nall	76	68	88	84	60	62	58	60	34	40	88	75
Trent	Edwards	70	55	87	82	60	68	61	62	58	45	70	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Lee	Evans	90	97	99	52	86	89	60	91	88	82	82	79	45	80	91	80	88
Peerless	Price	77	92	93	47	75	80	58	88	87	78	78	47	35	82	84	79	78
Josh	Reed	74	85	87	55	78	86	52	87	76	77	84	75	53	60	87	78	75
Roscoe	Parrish	69	94	97	43	58	82	49	97	84	92	88	77	21	80	95	60	60
Sam	Aiken	61	88	87	49	56	79	55	86	81	65	63	62	54	68	72	55	55

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK

Marshawn	Lynch	83	91	91	69	62	73	80	92	93	90	89	84	85	82	92	45
Anthony	Thomas	75	86	87	78	85	63	86	82	65	55	79	90	88	58	89	36
Josh	Scobey	71	88	89	60	62	64	66	91	83	79	69	55	77	85	77	25
Shaud	Williams	71	88	90	52	66	73	72	88	82	78	70	55	65	84	87	40
Dwayne	Wright	71	84	85	72	56	65	79	82	70	65	76	84	86	65	84	60

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Ryan	Neufeld	78	62	70	66	66	66	59	57	50	50	50	85	85	62	56
Brad	Cieslak	73	70	75	69	60	71	66	67	58	55	44	55	54	60	55

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Robert	Royal	73	75	76	70	72	75	69	74	60	65	60	60	63	55	63	60	55
Kevin	Everett	69	74	77	66	54	74	65	80	83	71	68	66	49	67	66	65	60

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Derrick	Dockery	88	78	46	62	95	44	92	84	85	95	55	87	54
LT	Jason	Peters	87	84	58	74	91	60	90	88	87	91	85	87	79
RT	Langston	Walker	81	78	46	66	93	47	87	84	82	91	66	89	70
C	Melvin	Fowler	80	76	54	72	85	54	85	84	84	84	79	84	76
RG	Duke	Preston	78	74	53	65	86	52	83	82	73	84	83	84	82
RG	Jason	Whittle	78	74	47	57	88	44	87	81	72	87	70	84	68
LG	Brad	Butler	75	65	48	60	88	52	84	80	76	84	75	77	70
RT	Terrance	Pennington	70	66	44	50	90	43	85	79	76	85	65	79	65
C	Aaron	Merz	69	55	48	62	92	45	84	78	76	84	67	79	70
LT	Kirk	Chambers	65	58	46	56	84	43	82	77	73	82	46	77	77

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Aaron	Schobel	94	82	74	84	81	73	70	84	93	82	90	82	85	85
DT	Darwin	Walker	85	77	66	80	83	67	58	80	86	78	86	83	72	70
DT	Larry	Tripplett	83	76	65	77	84	69	55	77	78	85	85	83	77	77
DT	Kyle	Williams	80	70	59	74	85	63	50	74	84	78	78	79	87	75
LE	Chris	Kelsay	79	78	72	78	79	70	60	78	85	70	79	80	77	65
DT	John	McCargo	77	60	66	85	82	66	50	85	86	78	86	77	76	45
LE	Ryan	Denney	77	77	68	76	81	64	55	76	86	72	82	78	76	62
RE	Anthony	Hargrove	73	68	75	84	67	73	48	84	68	82	74	74	78	50
DT	Tim	Anderson	72	72	55	67	84	50	50	67	76	68	85	83	71	50

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
LOLB	Angelo	Crowell	86	82	79	79	83	75	75	65	74	85	88	89	80	60	70
MLB	Paul	Posluszny	80	70	82	84	87	70	82	72	79	84	84	90	78	65	75
LOLB	Mario	Haggan	74	76	76	78	80	69	70	72	77	78	82	84	75	50	55
ROLB	Keith	Ellison	70	60	83	84	84	70	52	62	74	75	77	85	66	60	65
ROLB	Coy	Wire	65	58	85	82	85	60	50	55	65	74	74	84	50	65	74
LOLB	Josh	Stamer	63	69	72	70	74	72	66	55	70	85	77	80	50	35	50
MLB	John	DiGiorgio	63	58	74	73	75	68	60	50	62	75	76	83	67	49	58

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Terrence	McGee	82	94	95	71	48	67	91	87	55	87	80	82	80	65	40
Jason	Webster	78	87	87	84	61	64	86	88	69	84	68	75	80	70	36
Kiwaukee	Thomas	75	87	88	78	48	62	91	85	59	78	66	79	77	58	38
Ashton	Youboty	73	92	92	56	54	57	94	90	65	80	40	78	78	60	45
Jabari	Greer	69	91	94	55	41	59	89	84	56	76	60	71	75	49	37

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Donte	Whitner	88	68	92	62	91	91	66	92	82	87	70	75	87	55	80
FS	Ko	Simpson	82	58	89	61	90	90	62	91	76	84	60	78	85	55	55
SS	John	Wendling	74	60	89	65	89	90	66	92	70	85	55	70	80	50	60
FS	Jim	Leonhard	67	56	85	58	82	86	54	82	72	85	45	65	70	45	70

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Rian	Lindell	90	90	93	48	19	16	17	16

Punters

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

Carolina Panthers

- '06 Record: 8-8 (2nd in NFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 307.7 yards per game (24th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 296.1 yards allowed per game (7th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 16.9 (27th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 19.1 (8th in NFL)

Inconsistent quarterback play from Jake Delhomme and a slow start for elite receiver Steve Smith left the Carolina Panthers outside of the NFC playoffs (an average 8-8 finish) and in the bottom half of the league in offensive statistics and points per game. Steve Smith (Speed, Quick, Hands, and Possession Receiver) is one of the best in the game: 98 overall, 97 speed, 99 acceleration, 99 agility, and 98 juke move. Use a wide receiver screen and get the ball into Steve

Smith's hands quickly and then take advantage of his speed and ability to dodge tacklers. The Panthers added former first overall draft pick David Carr to backup Delhomme; Carr offers similar main quarterback statistics, though poorer awareness.

In order to succeed when playing as the Carolina Panthers, you must find ways of getting the ball into Steve Smith, one of the best all-around receivers in Madden.

The Carolina Panthers employ a running back-by-committee approach: both DeShaun Foster and quick DeAngelo Williams (Elusive Back) feature similar statistics. Use packages to switch them in and out of the game or to use them both in two running back sets. Take advantage of Williams' speed and pass catching ability by moving him into the slot or wideout position.

Julius Peppers (Finesse Move D-Lineman, Big Hitter) and Kris Jenkins (Power Move D-Lineman) anchor one of the best defensive lines in Madden 08. The Panthers' defense ranked 7th overall last season in yards allowed per game and remain a formidable unit.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jake	Delhomme	85	82	88	88	63	63	52	64	56	53	85	91
David	Carr	82	66	92	87	68	72	63	69	45	52	95	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Steve	Smith	98	97	99	63	88	95	66	99	91	98	94	93	75	88	97	95	93
Dwayne	Jarrett	78	87	85	67	54	83	68	82	94	82	70	74	77	94	78	87	85
Keary	Colbert	72	88	90	50	68	78	56	89	84	80	77	68	45	72	82	70	76

First Name	Last Name																
Drew	Carter	70	94	96	55	58	75	55	88	89	65	60	35	34	76	67	69	68
Ryne	Robinson	67	90	93	42	50	78	60	95	82	94	89	91	30	81	94	62	74
Chris	Horn	64	86	88	50	65	80	60	85	74	75	67	52	35	40	76	78	64

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
DeShaun	Foster	84	92	93	74	72	70	72	92	91	89	85	87	84	89	87	35
DeAngelo	Williams	84	93	96	61	64	70	78	94	94	96	90	60	80	95	93	40
Nick	Goings	74	86	87	74	76	66	84	82	69	55	76	85	79	69	81	46
Eric	Shelton	67	87	90	73	54	61	77	82	66	66	58	82	82	68	85	28

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Brad	Hoover	81	75	79	70	76	68	78	73	60	55	74	75	78	57	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Michael	Gaines	72	78	80	75	69	78	68	77	80	45	42	42	61	74	35	76	78
Jeff	King	70	72	74	74	63	72	66	70	90	42	35	45	66	35	45	52	54

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Mike	Wahle	93	86	62	80	87	60	91	89	88	89	85	88	93
RT	Jordan	Gross	92	84	62	83	88	64	93	94	95	87	95	90	92
LT	Travelle	Wharton	83	78	58	80	86	64	85	89	84	86	92	87	92
C	Justin	Hartwig	82	78	57	63	87	55	89	84	80	90	84	88	82
RG	Evan	Mathis	82	64	66	79	85	66	84	86	79	83	85	83	80
C	Ryan	Kalil	79	62	66	80	85	67	85	85	79	80	90	82	90
RT	Jeremy	Bridges	77	70	54	62	86	54	88	84	79	86	77	84	67
RG	Geoff	Hangartner	76	60	55	65	86	57	85	84	73	83	76	80	77
LT	Rashad	Butler	71	60	62	82	83	64	78	84	76	80	84	78	80
RG	D'Anthony	Batiste	69	54	48	55	88	45	81	78	67	85	60	84	58
LG	Will	Montgomery	65	50	48	66	86	46	76	75	68	76	69	77	66

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Julius	Peppers	98	70	87	92	81	87	89	92	86	99	86	70	90	70
DT	Kris	Jenkins	94	77	64	82	93	64	66	82	95	82	96	82	76	82
RE	Mike	Rucker	88	77	74	78	78	68	68	78	90	85	87	78	80	75
DT	Ma'ake	Kemoeatu	83	80	50	55	96	48	60	55	88	60	90	84	58	68
DT	Damione	Lewis	75	64	64	76	84	63	57	76	79	77	82	80	67	52

Pos.	First Name	Last Name													
RE	Charles	Johnson	75	58	76	77	80	70	75	77	78	84	76	72	74	42
DT	Kindal	Moorehead	73	66	66	78	83	64	65	78	74	75	82	76	65	50
RE	Stanley	McClover	73	49	78	87	69	72	77	87	64	84	72	70	76	55
DT	Jordan	Carstens	70	60	58	70	84	62	52	70	78	74	78	80	64	40
LE	Dave	Ball	62	62	64	70	72	62	54	70	74	67	72	70	68	52

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Dan	Morgan	88	85	84	85	91	75	79	75	78	87	90	90	85	65	70
LOLB	Thomas	Davis	86	64	87	87	92	69	92	78	82	85	84	90	68	70	80
ROLB	Jon	Beason	81	68	82	82	87	70	78	76	72	84	84	91	74	65	75
ROLB	Na'il	Diggs	78	74	78	74	80	74	68	57	78	84	85	86	70	70	70
LOLB	Tim	Shaw	71	58	87	87	90	67	68	68	80	74	78	86	60	45	60
LOLB	Brandon	Jamison	66	45	84	83	86	60	61	35	65	65	72	83	62	60	70
MLB	Adam	Seward	66	65	74	72	76	76	60	68	67	80	80	82	62	45	55
LOLB	Terrence	Melton	60	58	78	77	80	72	60	60	72	73	75	78	58	35	45

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Chris	Gamble	88	92	94	73	59	78	93	94	59	83	60	90	88	75	45
Ken	Lucas	88	92	92	73	58	73	93	94	54	84	78	84	88	88	48
Richard	Marshall	82	92	93	60	54	74	93	91	64	85	48	86	82	78	51
Christian	Morton	67	88	90	54	48	62	90	83	56	77	40	75	60	77	32

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Mike	Minter	84	80	86	63	84	86	52	83	84	87	80	60	80	44	90
FS	Deke	Cooper	74	68	87	65	85	86	60	80	70	81	72	50	72	49	54
SS	Nate	Salley	70	62	85	62	85	85	60	83	72	78	55	60	75	48	65
SS	Cam	Newton	57	46	87	60	87	88	52	84	64	74	50	58	65	35	48

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
John	Kasay	90	93	89	52	12	37	24	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jason	Baker	85	90	88	61	14	38	48	45

Chicago Bears

- '06 Record: 13-3 (1st in NFC North and Super Bowl Runner-Up)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 324.9 yards per game (15th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 294.1 yards allowed per game (5th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 26.7 (3rd in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 15.9 (3rd in NFL)

To say Chicago Bears' quarterback Rex Grossman (Cannon Arm QB) had a rollercoaster season would be still understating the matter. At times Grossman looked like one of the best in the game; then the next week Grossman could turn into the second coming of Ryan Leaf. Rex Grossman had multiple games with quarterback ratings over 100 as well as multiple games with quarterback ratings near 0. The Bears' return one of the strongest defenses and special team units in the game; but it'll require improved consistency at quarterback to lead the Bears back to the Super Bowl.

There aren't many players that can get around Brick Wall Defender Brian Urlacher.

The Bears lost last year's strarting running back Thomas Jones to the New York Jets. Former Texas star Cedric Benson assumes the role; he's not especially quick and better suited for inside runs. Center Olin Kreutz (Pass Blocker) is one of the top rated at his position. Bernard Berrian (Speed) is a fast deep threat; veteran Mushin Muhammed (Hands Receiver) is slower, but the better route runner and possession receiver. Note that you can use Devin Hester (Speed), kick and punt return specialist, as a Bears wide receiver: his 100 speed is the best in the game. Hester also possesses 99 acceleration, agility, and elusiveness. Utilize Hester in short passes to offset his poorer catch and route running abilities.

The defensive unit has many standouts, including Brian Urlacher (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender, Big Hitter) and Lance Briggs (Brick Wall Defender, Big Hitter). These are two of the best linebackers in Madden 08. Tommie Harris (Finesse and Power Move D-Lineman) anchors a strong line and Nathan Vasher (Smart Corner) leads a solid secondary.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Rex	Grossman	84	74	95	87	59	60	51	59	42	44	67	90

First Name	Last Name										
Brian	Griese	81	80	87	88	53	52	54	54	37	39	65	90
Chris	Leak	72	54	83	85	72	70	48	70	55	70	90	92
Kyle	Orton	71	68	84	80	55	61	54	59	50	41	89	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Muhsin	Muhammad	86	86	82	70	88	91	64	80	86	80	74	89	75	82	75	86	90
Bernard	Berrian	85	97	98	52	83	85	58	94	84	91	87	78	36	88	92	72	82
Mark	Bradley	74	92	94	60	66	78	52	93	93	90	89	84	53	70	90	74	70
Rashied	Davis	72	94	95	48	65	76	54	95	87	80	85	55	30	75	93	67	69
Devin	Hester	70	100	99	50	59	75	45	99	88	98	96	95	45	58	99	49	66

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Cedric	Benson	84	87	89	74	79	62	92	87	84	70	87	89	86	82	94	46
Adrian	Peterson	76	88	90	73	67	61	76	88	81	72	68	80	82	86	79	23
Garrett	Wolfe	71	92	94	49	57	70	76	96	90	82	82	40	55	90	88	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Jason	McKie	82	72	70	73	80	67	65	60	40	25	45	65	65	66	53
Obafemi	Ayanbadejo	78	74	70	65	60	60	68	64	58	55	74	87	80	62	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Desmond	Clark	83	78	82	66	82	86	70	79	85	68	60	67	40	80	58	82	79
Greg	Olsen	79	86	86	63	65	83	70	84	88	68	55	70	65	74	68	78	77
John	Gilmore	66	68	72	69	66	74	65	68	72	48	35	39	53	52	52	54	50

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Olin	Kreutz	97	90	62	85	92	63	93	91	95	92	93	95	95
LT	John	Tait	91	89	52	70	91	52	91	94	90	93	75	89	69
LG	Ruben	Brown	89	86	46	62	92	43	91	85	85	91	65	94	55
RG	Roberto	Garza	87	78	48	67	92	52	89	89	85	87	88	87	88
RT	Fred	Miller	87	87	47	65	93	49	92	89	80	90	89	88	76
LG	Terrence	Metcalf	80	65	52	68	89	52	86	82	81	88	70	83	68
RG	Josh	Beekman	77	60	51	64	86	57	85	78	82	88	82	83	80
LT	John	St. Clair	74	75	53	65	88	48	86	79	70	87	55	78	60
RT	Mark	LeVoir	71	55	45	58	90	42	87	83	82	85	85	85	85
C	Anthony	Oakley	64	60	57	68	84	54	75	75	65	70	58	70	60

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Tommie	Harris	97	80	77	90	91	69	69	90	94	93	93	78	84	75
LE	Adewale	Ogunleye	89	79	83	90	73	79	54	90	74	94	75	74	89	70
RE	Alex	Brown	85	72	83	88	74	75	52	88	75	88	74	74	89	68
RE	Mark	Anderson	84	70	79	86	76	78	55	86	77	90	80	79	79	50
DT	Anthony	Adams	77	68	61	70	83	61	55	70	83	66	83	80	77	66
RE	Dan	Bazuin	76	57	77	80	80	73	78	80	75	77	76	72	75	55
LE	Israel	Idonije	68	60	70	76	75	64	53	76	68	86	65	69	74	45
DT	Dusty	Dvoracek	67	48	68	76	80	63	48	76	79	72	83	80	76	30
DT	Antonio	Garay	61	52	49	54	84	46	60	54	75	70	82	75	75	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Brian	Urlacher	99	94	88	88	93	77	97	85	90	92	94	98	96	80	85
ROLB	Lance	Briggs	96	87	80	82	85	80	92	78	86	94	93	95	87	77	82
LOLB	Hunter	Hillenmeyer	78	79	74	73	78	74	66	70	66	85	84	84	78	55	65
ROLB	Michael	Okwo	70	62	74	82	81	73	78	70	75	78	78	84	70	50	65
LOLB	Brendon	Ayanba-ejo	68	68	74	72	76	78	65	60	64	70	76	78	60	55	65
LOLB	Darrell	McClover	68	64	86	79	88	60	58	37	64	70	73	83	58	70	60
MLB	Rod	Wilson	68	66	80	78	85	68	75	60	70	72	79	78	65	54	67
ROLB	Leon	Joe	66	60	83	80	87	70	75	44	67	74	75	84	55	55	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nathan	Vasher	92	92	93	80	52	82	94	90	52	86	90	90	89	83	41
Charles	Tillman	91	88	88	80	65	73	89	94	70	88	85	91	88	93	48
Ricky	Manning	86	90	92	74	49	78	93	87	55	82	78	84	85	85	52
Dante	Wesley	70	89	89	70	59	58	86	79	60	76	60	66	76	68	45

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Mike	Brown	90	76	88	56	88	88	73	77	72	90	85	65	90	60	74
FS	Danieal	Manning	84	69	91	60	92	92	68	92	69	82	62	75	80	45	64
SS	Adam	Archuleta	80	74	86	69	82	86	52	78	84	80	70	50	70	46	76
SS	Chris	Harris	74	64	86	58	87	88	67	87	65	75	55	70	72	45	90

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Robbie	Gould	92	90	93	55	23	25	29	20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Brad	Maynard	87	87	90	49	12	31	47	45

Cincinnati Bengals

- '06 Record: 8-8 (2nd in AFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 341.4 yards per game (8th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 355.1 yards allowed per game (30th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 23.3 (8th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.7 (17th in NFL)

The Cincinnati Bengals backpedaled slightly last year: star quarterback Carson Palmer was coming back from a devastating knee injury and a multitude of off field distractions seemed to derail the team. The defense was also a primary contributor to the average 8-8 season; the porous squad allowed 355 yards per game, which ranked 30th in the league.

Chad Johnson, otherwise known as Ocho Cinco, is five player weapons including Speed, Possession, and Spectacular Catch Receiver.

Carson Palmer is one of the best signal callers in the game: he possesses the Cannon Arm, Accurate, and Smart QB weapons. Speaking of weapons, Chad Johnson is also one of the best at his position: Possession, Quick, Hands, Spectacular Catch Receiver, and Speed weapons. T.J. Houshmanzadeh (Possession, Quick, and Hands Receiver) completes one of Madden 08's premier tandems. In fact, the entire Bengals receiver squad is fast (over 90 speed) and will excel in wide open, spread offensive formations.

Bengals' running back Rudi Johnson (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) is one of the most consistent performers in the league (1,200+ yards and double-digit touchdowns in the last three seasons). Run behind top-rated right tackle Willie

Anderson (Crushing Run Blocker). This is one of the best offenses in Madden 08. But the question is can the offense always outscore the opposition--the Bengals' defense must improve to contend.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Carson	Palmer	97	96	97	95	54	56	63	55	39	40	80	93
Doug	Johnson	73	75	86	80	47	45	53	51	37	38	82	78
Jeff	Rowe	67	55	82	80	65	68	67	67	65	78	90	88

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chad	Johnson	98	96	97	60	88	95	70	95	94	96	90	91	45	97	94	93	98
T.J.	Houshma-ndzadeh	91	90	90	66	84	96	63	87	87	82	87	84	72	77	85	97	91
Chris	Henry	81	93	94	55	74	85	63	90	97	78	81	60	45	86	84	75	77
Tab	Perry	72	90	89	62	66	82	60	87	88	84	81	78	48	66	80	69	71
Glenn	Holt	66	90	89	52	59	75	64	89	89	86	82	82	45	66	85	60	64
Antonio	Chatman	65	92	94	49	69	77	49	94	72	90	87	88	34	50	91	45	65
Skyler	Green	64	93	96	46	47	72	60	97	87	94	92	87	42	66	97	62	60

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Rudi	Johnson	91	88	90	79	95	69	99	86	78	65	96	97	96	76	87	47
Kenny	Irons	80	91	93	60	59	72	78	94	91	88	88	60	77	87	90	61
Chris	Perry	77	89	89	69	66	78	77	87	82	80	78	68	72	85	88	41
Kenny	Watson	73	87	88	65	72	75	76	83	79	72	74	67	75	78	83	29

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Jeremi	Johnson	94	70	72	75	76	68	65	68	50	25	55	83	80	72	55

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Reggie	Kelly	81	67	72	76	75	77	60	64	68	55	40	50	70	60	48	75	68
Ronnie	Ghent	73	66	70	74	62	71	61	65	60	52	39	55	70	55	45	68	64

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RT	Willie	Anderson	96	95	49	66	97	51	98	92	95	98	85	93	85
LT	Levi	Jones	93	84	62	85	90	60	91	95	90	91	95	95	92

RG	Bobbie	Williams	82	80	46	60	93	47	89	83	69	90	50	80	52
C	Eric	Ghiaciuc	79	72	52	68	89	50	89	85	82	84	69	78	66
LG	Andrew	Whitworth	77	64	43	45	93	44	87	82	85	88	80	88	76
LG	Ben	Wilkerson	75	60	55	73	85	48	85	77	78	82	78	78	75
RT	Scott	Kooistra	75	72	47	69	90	40	83	84	73	86	69	84	66
C	Alex	Stepanovich	74	75	46	63	85	44	85	83	82	78	75	82	78
RG	Stacy	Andrews	74	50	48	68	89	49	86	76	82	86	55	80	55
LT	Adam	Kieft	70	55	48	58	89	48	88	80	75	88	75	84	70

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Justin	Smith	87	82	74	82	82	69	60	82	88	75	87	80	84	75
DT	John	Thornton	83	80	62	73	86	59	55	73	86	58	86	85	68	70
RE	Robert	Geathers	83	72	77	88	77	75	60	88	74	88	79	76	82	58
LE	Bryan	Robinson	79	83	60	69	82	60	55	69	81	74	86	85	64	80
DT	Domata	Peko	78	66	61	78	89	60	51	78	85	74	78	80	66	50
DT	Michael	Myers	74	68	64	74	84	60	50	74	79	67	86	80	65	40
DT	Kenderick	Allen	72	60	64	68	83	57	58	68	85	50	85	75	55	55
LE	Frostee	Rucker	69	65	65	78	75	80	50	78	67	82	73	72	80	40
LE	Jonathan	Fanene	66	65	67	74	79	72	52	74	63	77	68	73	77	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Odell	Thurman	84	74	84	85	88	76	78	84	87	85	88	88	77	70	75
ROLB	Ed	Hartwell	83	85	75	72	80	83	86	86	65	94	89	87	85	45	65
ROLB	Landon	Johnson	80	77	81	81	86	68	65	67	75	84	86	86	79	60	65
MLB	Ahmad	Brooks	78	75	78	79	84	77	84	58	60	80	85	85	74	60	69
LOLB	Rashad	Jeanty	75	75	75	79	85	74	65	50	65	74	81	85	70	60	65
LOLB	David	Pollack	71	70	77	80	86	76	80	82	85	83	80	87	64	40	45
MLB	Caleb	Miller	71	71	77	75	80	75	65	68	66	79	79	83	70	55	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Deltha	O'Neal	85	94	93	74	49	80	90	92	54	80	60	80	85	75	47
Johnathan	Joseph	82	97	96	62	53	66	96	93	60	78	58	80	82	70	40
Leon	Hall	80	92	92	60	56	67	91	90	63	78	60	80	82	72	57
Keiwan	Ratliff	77	88	93	68	43	76	95	87	48	77	66	82	77	55	38
Greg	Brooks	64	90	91	67	41	65	91	84	44	85	45	65	65	46	45

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Madieu	Williams	88	66	88	63	91	90	73	92	72	87	72	75	87	65	75
SS	Dexter	Jackson	82	84	85	54	84	87	66	84	67	82	82	70	85	50	65

FS	Ethan	Kilmer	73	55	89	62	86	90	72	90	68	79	57	60	70	45	60
SS	Marvin	White	69	51	89	56	91	92	62	88	74	85	50	50	60	45	81

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Shayne	Graham	94	92	92	62	15	32	24	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Kyle	Larson	82	90	87	58	27	42	47	40

Cleveland Browns

- '06 Record: 4-12 (4th in AFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 264.6 yards per game (31st)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 344.8 yards allowed per game (27th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 14.9 (30th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.2 (22nd in NFL)

The Cleveland Browns continued to rebuild with a solid draft that included two first round picks: left tackle Joe Thomas and Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn. With no clearcut starter (Charlie Frye took most of the snaps last season), Brady Quinn could assume the leadership role sooner rather than later. To take pressure off their young, inexperienced quarterbacks, the Browns' added veteran running back Jamal Lewis (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier). Punish inside defenders with Lewis' high stiff arm and trucking ability.

The Browns added former Raven running back Jamal Lewis to the roster. This Stiff Arm Ball Carrier used to punish the Browns defense--now he hopes to do the same to the Ravens.

Wide receiver Braylon Edwards (Spectacular Catch Receiver) and tight end Kellen Winslow (Possession, Quick Receiver) have emerged as solid threats in the passing game. The question will be if the Browns' inexperienced quarterbacks can get the ball into their hands. The Browns' ranked near the bottom of the league in most statistical categories: 31st in offensive yards per game and 30th in scoring offense.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Charlie	Frye	80	70	85	86	72	71	55	72	67	57	92	90
Derek	Anderson	78	69	94	85	50	52	65	51	50	38	92	90
Brady	Quinn	77	62	86	84	77	75	66	74	64	52	88	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Braylon	Edwards	86	92	94	66	70	87	65	93	95	89	88	80	55	92	89	80	84
Joe	Jurevicius	80	85	81	69	86	87	63	83	89	65	62	78	75	70	71	88	78
Travis	Wilson	73	89	88	68	64	80	62	86	86	78	70	75	57	68	82	78	72
Tim	Carter	69	94	93	52	67	77	49	86	84	72	55	53	33	68	76	66	68
Josh	Cribbs	56	89	92	50	60	72	70	92	82	86	84	85	46	55	92	50	45

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Jamal	Lewis	84	87	88	84	90	66	86	85	75	55	85	96	96	68	87	54
Jerome	Harrison	74	91	94	65	54	65	74	92	85	84	81	55	67	90	91	39
Jason	Wright	73	86	88	67	60	72	74	86	84	84	74	67	70	84	78	40

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Lawrence	Vickers	82	78	80	74	52	58	78	74	64	63	70	85	84	62	45

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Kellen	Winslow	94	85	90	70	75	86	60	84	92	80	74	75	79	84	82	93	92
Steve	Heiden	76	69	73	73	75	72	67	69	56	64	40	64	64	65	50	82	65
Darnell	Dinkins	69	69	74	72	65	71	65	68	60	47	41	43	55	50	52	52	55

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Eric	Steinbach	94	87	58	77	88	57	88	94	84	92	92	95	95

Pos.	First Name	Last Name													
C	LeCharles	Bentley	90	82	58	75	92	54	91	88	94	92	85	92	82
LT	Kevin	Shaffer	87	85	56	70	90	60	95	86	87	90	80	88	82
RT	Ryan	Tucker	85	84	48	65	92	46	90	86	92	90	80	88	79
C	Hank	Fraley	83	88	48	60	88	49	88	86	85	91	72	87	70
LT	Joe	Thomas	83	62	68	81	87	69	88	89	86	90	92	93	93
RG	Seth	McKinney	79	76	57	70	85	52	81	82	71	85	69	85	73
LG	Lennie	Friedman	78	74	46	55	86	45	86	83	80	85	70	79	78
RG	Fred	Matua	77	58	62	72	84	64	80	82	75	87	72	85	78
RT	Kelly	Butler	76	67	52	80	87	46	86	85	66	86	60	88	64

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Ted	Washington	84	87	44	50	96	40	60	50	95	45	95	85	55	65
RE	Robaire	Smith	81	80	62	76	87	62	56	76	88	70	88	85	75	75
LE	Orpheus	Roye	75	82	63	70	88	59	50	70	85	57	86	82	61	75
DT	Shaun	Smith	73	65	59	70	89	65	45	70	80	60	78	78	62	45
DT	Ethan	Kelley	71	68	56	61	86	53	50	61	76	52	84	83	45	60
RE	Orien	Harris	68	50	60	74	84	62	46	74	80	70	85	80	50	55
LE	Simon	Fraser	61	55	65	68	80	60	55	68	64	70	73	74	70	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Andra	Davis	88	87	77	75	83	78	80	82	74	95	92	92	85	50	70
ROLB	Kamerion	Wimbley	86	82	85	86	92	80	82	88	94	88	87	92	78	55	65
LOLB	Willie	McGinest	85	91	78	74	83	76	75	85	90	84	88	88	86	55	70
MLB	D'Qwell	Jackson	82	78	82	84	86	73	75	75	80	88	87	88	82	45	65
ROLB	Matt	Stewart	76	79	73	73	77	76	65	66	72	82	84	86	78	50	70
MLB	Chaun	Thompson	75	72	85	82	88	70	70	65	75	82	84	82	65	60	60
MLB	Leon	Williams	74	68	83	86	86	76	65	65	75	82	85	82	68	45	60
LOLB	Antwan	Peek	64	67	79	74	82	68	55	80	85	77	75	75	55	45	60
LOLB	David	McMillan	60	55	79	78	86	74	55	68	78	75	79	76	40	40	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Gary	Baxter	83	86	85	82	64	70	82	90	68	88	75	82	84	84	52
Leigh	Bodden	82	89	90	79	62	65	89	88	67	84	68	80	80	82	51
Eric	Wright	78	92	92	56	62	62	93	86	50	83	54	84	82	75	49
Daven	Holly	77	93	93	69	44	64	88	89	45	70	69	80	79	60	45
Kenny	Wright	77	88	89	79	64	62	86	87	67	79	60	78	80	65	50
Jereme	Perry	69	89	90	60	57	60	88	86	56	67	45	72	74	56	46

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW

SS	Sean	Jones	87	70	90	65	90	92	73	89	76	86	75	68	82	40	78
FS	Brodney	Pool	83	66	90	61	90	91	72	90	68	85	65	64	82	35	70
FS	Mike	Adams	74	65	85	54	85	87	65	83	67	80	65	65	70	31	68
SS	Justin	Hamilton	63	45	85	65	85	87	65	87	65	74	50	65	70	39	62

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Phil	Dawson	88	87	92	55	20	15	26	21

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Dave	Zastudil	83	91	86	59	12	50	52	48

Dallas Cowboys

- '06 Record: 9-7 (2nd in NFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 360.8 yards per game (5th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 322.8 yards allowed per game (13th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 26.6 (4th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 21.9 (20th in NFL)

The Tony Romo era officially began last season. It was especially promising early on (including a huge performance on Thanksgiving) but became inconsistent during the stretch run and ended with the infamous fumbled field goal snap in the playoffs against the Seattle Seahawks. Cowboy fans have high expectations for Romo; his Madden 08 statistics are meager with average overall, awareness, throw power and accuracy ratings.

Dallas fans hope Tony Romo will be the next great Cowboy quarterback.

Romo does have plenty of offensive weapons at his disposal. Oft-disgruntled wide receiver Terrell Owens (Quick Receiver) remains one of the league's best downfield targets (he led the league in touchdown receptions a year ago, despite some injury problems). Terry Glenn (Hands Receiver) is a fast complement while tight end Jason Witten (Possession Receiver) provides a legitimate downfield threat and powerful dump off option at the position. The Cowboys' utilize two running backs: Julius Jones and Marion Barber (Power Back); think of Jones as the speed, outside runner and Barber as the inside, power runner (and the goal line back).

The Dallas Cowboys return a strong Madden 08 defense with several standouts, including Brick Wall Defender and Big Hitter at safety Roy Williams, Shutdown Speed Corner Terence Newman, and Finesse Move D-Lineman and Big Hitter DeMarcus Ware. In an NFC East where Donovan McNabb is returning off a torn ACL and the New York Giants lost Tiki Barber to retirement, the Dallas Cowboys--if Romo returns to early-era form--have the tools to take command of the division.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Tony	Romo	84	75	89	86	73	74	59	72	41	42	82	84
Brad	Johnson	80	84	85	89	46	47	52	44	40	35	85	89

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Terrell	Owens	94	93	96	79	92	89	63	94	91	88	86	92	96	82	88	82	92
Terry	Glenn	88	93	94	45	87	94	50	92	87	85	85	80	40	81	87	80	87
Patrick	Crayton	82	91	92	48	76	94	63	88	83	80	72	66	44	82	85	79	76
Sam	Hurd	66	87	88	57	56	76	61	87	86	87	82	59	48	77	84	58	68

Miles	Austin	61	88	87	60	52	72	54	86	87	72	60	75	55	60	82	55	63
Isaiah	Stanback	59	85	86	68	48	65	68	86	88	85	79	82	45	65	86	64	62

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Marion	Barber	86	88	90	76	72	66	87	87	85	90	93	87	90	87	87	44
Julius	Jones	86	91	93	70	80	70	84	93	92	86	88	73	81	89	85	37
Tyson	Thompson	69	94	93	55	52	64	70	86	80	70	65	55	70	84	79	39

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Lousaka	Polite	80	63	70	76	60	60	65	64	47	35	50	60	62	68	55
Oliver	Hoyte	77	74	77	78	54	57	64	74	66	58	46	71	65	62	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jason	Witten	92	77	79	71	80	85	69	74	79	72	60	85	75	82	64	90	84
Anthony	Fasano	79	72	74	73	56	77	74	72	68	55	44	65	70	56	46	71	62
Adam	Bergen	63	72	74	69	68	71	66	69	55	58	55	44	55	45	40	55	40

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Andre	Gurode	90	84	55	84	91	54	92	88	88	90	75	88	70
LT	Flozell	Adams	90	90	44	60	97	42	97	87	85	97	65	93	59
RG	Leonard	Davis	90	74	48	66	98	44	94	83	90	98	68	90	60
LG	Kyle	Kosier	85	78	57	72	85	56	86	88	82	84	80	86	75
RT	Marc	Colombo	79	77	54	68	92	52	90	84	65	88	65	82	54
RT	James	Marten	76	68	60	69	86	68	79	84	78	82	74	88	70
LT	Doug	Free	74	58	66	76	84	69	81	85	78	84	80	87	85
LT	Pat	McQuistan	72	60	45	58	91	45	85	83	79	86	78	84	74
RG	Jim	Molinaro	69	52	45	60	86	43	84	77	76	82	67	78	66
C	Cory	Procter	66	58	52	58	85	48	79	78	67	83	65	80	63
LG	Joe	Berger	66	54	48	54	84	46	79	72	79	82	60	79	58

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Jason	Ferguson	84	80	55	64	90	53	55	64	88	54	92	84	65	82
LE	Marcus	Spears	82	69	69	78	82	75	61	78	87	75	87	82	74	64
RE	Chris	Canty	79	65	70	75	80	68	44	75	83	81	82	77	76	68
DT	Jay	Ratliff	71	57	67	77	83	66	55	77	74	72	74	79	65	63
RE	Jason	Hatcher	70	48	73	78	84	72	46	78	67	84	75	72	67	40

	First Name	Last Name													
DT	Montavious	Stanley	68	50	62	70	84	55	49	70	82	60	80	77	66	55
LE	Stephen	Bowen	64	50	60	68	83	59	53	68	78	72	72	79	60	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Demarcus	Ware	90	84	86	88	95	82	88	90	96	90	90	94	78	45	75
MLB	Bradie	James	83	82	79	81	86	79	68	77	74	86	88	88	78	55	70
LOLB	Greg	Ellis	79	88	77	74	85	82	58	87	78	89	85	82	84	45	60
MLB	Akin	Ayodele	79	82	82	83	86	76	64	68	78	85	85	85	70	50	62
MLB	Bobby	Carpenter	78	66	86	85	87	70	66	65	75	81	85	84	77	68	75
LOLB	Anthony	Spencer	75	66	82	80	87	80	78	83	84	79	79	85	60	60	65
ROLB	Kevin	Burnett	75	60	85	87	85	75	68	65	75	80	80	86	55	67	77

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Terence	Newman	92	96	97	82	48	74	95	92	54	82	78	95	86	74	37
Anthony	Henry	88	87	88	82	64	72	84	94	68	82	80	84	88	90	45
Aaron	Glenn	82	87	89	84	48	65	90	85	58	80	85	80	85	78	48
Jacques	Reeves	65	88	87	64	52	59	85	86	59	76	55	65	65	55	32
Courtney	Brown	65	95	95	34	54	64	92	94	50	74	30	68	60	60	52
Nathan	Jones	62	90	89	56	48	57	86	81	54	79	50	72	60	38	35

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Roy	Williams	92	78	85	75	82	92	64	78	91	94	74	40	70	55	98
FS	Ken	Hamlin	84	65	88	65	86	90	69	89	84	86	65	65	80	45	92
FS	Pat	Watkins	78	58	89	54	88	90	74	96	68	86	50	70	80	45	52
FS	Keith	Davis	77	70	86	62	84	87	58	82	75	80	60	70	75	40	77
SS	Abram	Elam	62	61	86	65	81	87	54	77	75	72	45	42	58	30	60

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Martin	Gramatica	76	90	82	53	13	10	23	17

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mat	McBriar	96	97	89	62	10	40	49	47

Denver Broncos

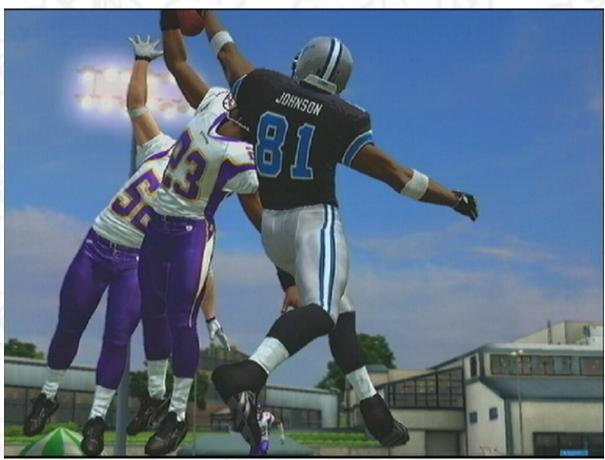- '06 Record: 9-7 (3rd in AFC West)

- '06 Offensive Stats: 309.4 yards per game (21st)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 326.4 yards allowed per game (14th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 19.9 (17th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 19.1 (8th in NFL)

Denver Broncos' Cannon Arm QB Jay Cutler enters Madden 08 as the clear starter; the Broncos let Jake Plummer go, who signed with the Buccaneers and later retired. Strong-armed (95 throw power) but inexperienced Cutler is joined by former Bills and Titans running back Travis Henry. He's an underrated running back behind an offensive line that gives every back a chance at a big year.

The Broncos' Smart Corner Champ Bailey is one of the best defenders in the game. And one of the fastest.

Javon Walker (Possession, Hands, Quick, Spectacular Catch Receiver) is the standout of a top wide receiver squad that includes veteran Rod Smith, young Brandon Marshall, and former Colts' threat Brandon Stokely. Maintain a balanced attack; don't neglect the tight end position where the Broncos' signed former Patriots' starter Daniel Graham.

On defense, the Broncos have one of the best players in the game: Champ Bailey. His weapons include Smart Corner, Shutdown Corner, Press Coverage Corner, and Speed. You can match Champ Bailey up against anyone in the game. Veteran John Lynch (Smart Safety, Brick Wall Defender, and Big Hitter) is one of the highest rated safeties in the game. Bronco kicker Jason Elam is a Clutch and Big Foot Kicker; don't be surprised to win a few games on the strength and accuracy of his kicking leg alone.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jay	Cutler	85	70	95	88	68	73	62	66	63	60	95	88
Patrick	Ramsey	79	75	92	81	55	54	59	57	40	42	88	89

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Javon	Walker	92	92	93	67	86	90	60	91	93	80	82	86	50	96	86	90	92
Rod	Smith	83	84	85	62	90	88	63	82	82	80	75	85	60	75	77	85	85
Brandon	Marshall	80	90	91	71	76	82	67	88	94	80	87	88	79	82	86	75	78
Brandon	Stokley	79	89	90	54	82	85	59	87	79	79	78	70	25	68	80	84	78
David	Kircus	71	88	86	52	65	80	52	88	88	85	80	75	54	79	82	71	68
Quincy	Morgan	70	91	89	51	65	73	56	88	88	88	84	75	45	77	87	65	71

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Travis	Henry	87	89	92	76	88	71	81	90	86	70	90	88	87	84	90	40
Mike	Bell	78	87	90	72	68	67	83	85	78	70	75	84	86	80	85	41
Selvin	Young	73	90	91	70	56	72	79	90	75	60	70	80	80	75	90	35
Cecil	Sapp	73	85	85	72	68	64	84	82	69	66	75	85	84	68	80	45

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Kyle	Johnson	83	77	80	66	65	72	70	72	68	60	68	76	72	62	46

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Daniel	Graham	88	80	80	74	66	78	74	76	75	73	67	77	87	64	80	85	77
Tony	Scheffler	74	83	85	68	68	76	74	83	72	62	60	69	47	65	67	70	72
Stephen	Alexander	72	75	74	65	78	77	68	74	60	65	64	65	35	50	47	75	62

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Tom	Nalen	92	94	62	84	84	64	92	85	86	85	98	84	93
LT	Matt	Lepsis	91	90	64	79	88	65	94	90	95	83	93	87	88
LG	Ben	Hamilton	90	82	62	82	85	64	90	88	96	75	96	80	90
RT	Adam	Meadows	81	84	55	70	85	53	85	86	79	82	87	84	88
RG	Montrae	Holland	79	70	44	49	92	43	89	81	79	89	65	86	62
LT	Erik	Pears	74	69	60	70	85	60	84	77	85	85	85	85	85
RG	Chris	Kuper	74	60	62	72	82	64	84	78	76	75	89	75	91
LG	Chris	Myers	73	59	51	61	85	51	84	82	72	81	71	82	78
RT	Ryan	Harris	73	65	64	77	86	68	77	81	72	80	75	86	75
C	Mark	Fenton	69	60	50	69	85	55	81	77	70	82	70	80	70

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC

Pos.	First	Last													
DT	Sam	Adams	84	82	47	54	93	44	55	54	93	52	95	86	64	75
DT	Gerard	Warren	84	75	61	76	92	57	57	76	86	67	89	85	66	60
RE	Ebenezer	Ekuban	82	78	72	79	75	67	54	79	77	79	83	78	72	78
LE	Kenard	Lang	81	83	74	82	75	69	58	82	82	72	82	80	70	65
DT	Alvin	McKinley	79	74	56	65	91	53	55	65	85	52	85	80	65	68
RE	Elvis	Dumervil	79	66	79	90	71	78	50	90	70	86	72	75	84	55
RE	Jarvis	Moss	79	56	82	88	67	86	60	88	75	86	71	73	89	50
LE	Tim	Crowder	78	54	82	82	82	79	65	82	78	85	70	70	75	45
DT	Jimmy	Kennedy	76	66	58	72	88	51	54	72	84	64	85	78	64	60
DT	Marcus	Thomas	76	52	65	82	86	65	70	82	85	83	84	77	78	48
LE	John	Engelberger	76	76	69	75	78	66	51	75	77	74	83	78	81	65

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Ian	Gold	91	85	87	86	91	68	70	60	77	78	88	93	88	78	84
MLB	D.J.	Williams	90	80	86	87	91	76	90	70	82	87	91	90	82	72	80
LOLB	Warrick	Holdman	81	79	77	74	75	75	65	80	85	85	84	83	82	55	75
LOLB	D.D.	Lewis	78	75	78	77	80	76	78	65	75	79	81	86	75	50	70
MLB	Nate	Webster	74	77	79	81	84	68	65	43	63	72	85	85	70	55	65
ROLB	Louis	Green	60	56	83	80	87	63	60	55	70	85	73	80	45	50	45

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Champ	Bailey	99	98	98	96	59	81	98	94	65	90	95	100	99	98	50
Dre'	Bly	90	93	96	86	40	80	93	87	43	79	72	92	85	88	58
Domonique	Foxworth	80	93	96	74	49	65	97	87	55	84	66	82	77	68	40
Karl	Paymah	72	93	90	56	61	57	90	87	63	77	48	77	75	55	45
Jeff	Shoate	60	86	88	48	56	52	87	89	58	70	40	65	70	42	46

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	John	Lynch	95	98	85	70	80	85	56	75	93	94	92	60	90	40	98
SS	Nick	Ferguson	84	74	85	67	80	83	65	70	80	88	75	62	72	40	83
FS	Sam	Brandon	78	68	88	54	85	86	62	74	78	84	65	60	78	34	79
SS	Curome	Cox	73	68	86	62	81	88	58	70	73	75	60	40	74	38	82

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jason	Elam	96	94	92	55	21	35	26	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Todd	Sauerbrun	86	92	87	54	26	33	55	45

Detroit Lions

- '06 Record: 3-13 (4th in NFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 309.3 yards per game (22nd)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 345.6 yards allowed per game (28th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 19.1 (21st in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 24.9 (30th in NFL)

What would the NFL draft be without the Detroit Lions taking a WR with their first pick? Although two of their last four selections are gone, the Lions' should possess one of the best WR groups in the game with Roy Williams (Hands, Spectacular Catch), rookie Calvin Johnson (Speed, Spectacular Catch), and solid possession threat Mike Furrey (Hands).

Detroit drafted another receiver in the first round--Spectacular Catch Receiver Calvin Johnson should make an immediate impact.

Quarterback Jon Kitna's statistics aren't terribly impressive (similar to Cowboys' Tony Romo) but he has plenty of weapons available to have a big season (the Lions drafted Drew Stanton as their quarterback of the future). The Lions added former Denver running back Tatum Bell (Speed) to aid Kevin Jones, who's coming off a severe foot injury. Both backs feature almost identical ratings; use packages to insert both into a two running back set. Shaun Rogers (Power Move D-Lineman) leads an underachieving defense that must improve to take pressure off an offense that must make big plays to contend.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA

First Name	Last Name										
Jon	Kitna	84	79	89	89	58	60	56	60	29	42	86	88
Dan	Orlovsky	73	65	86	84	55	58	58	54	50	40	90	90
Drew	Stanton	73	54	90	83	64	74	64	72	64	70	82	89

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Roy	Williams	92	92	92	69	88	92	65	91	96	88	86	77	72	93	89	86	87
Calvin	Johnson	87	96	95	74	62	86	66	93	97	93	87	89	49	94	92	84	85
Mike	Furrey	83	89	90	62	78	92	63	89	86	80	78	67	40	74	80	85	78
Marcus	Robinson	77	88	82	59	79	85	65	80	90	55	50	54	33	79	64	77	78
Shaun	McDonald	70	93	94	42	66	76	55	94	77	91	90	84	20	65	93	66	68
Eddie	Drummond	64	91	93	43	68	74	56	91	75	95	97	95	35	70	95	58	60

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Kevin	Jones	84	93	95	70	74	74	75	88	85	94	75	94	85	82	95	39
Tatum	Bell	82	96	95	68	79	67	74	87	89	79	80	60	78	88	83	40
T.J.	Duckett	73	84	82	80	72	57	82	82	70	66	77	92	89	64	84	39
Brian	Calhoun	72	95	87	66	50	71	72	89	85	85	68	50	70	88	90	34

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Shawn	Bryson	79	89	87	64	70	72	75	78	66	65	65	77	82	50	50
Casey	Fitzsimmons	78	72	70	67	74	74	66	65	60	48	52	60	66	60	54

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Dan	Campbell	80	68	70	74	74	76	62	65	54	54	35	55	74	52	44	74	64
Eric	Beverly	69	56	72	86	60	57	45	55	45	45	20	40	65	42	33	45	39
Darnell	Sanders	69	69	74	68	58	70	65	70	58	50	50	50	85	45	70	54	54

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Damien	Woody	91	84	52	70	92	50	92	86	88	92	85	89	80
LT	Jeff	Backus	88	86	53	74	89	55	86	93	82	88	72	93	78
LG	Edwin	Mulitalo	87	85	45	54	94	44	92	82	84	92	65	89	55
C	Dominic	Raiola	86	84	60	78	85	64	86	88	84	84	88	80	87
RT	George	Foster	84	72	55	70	92	55	92	87	86	92	72	90	65
RT	Rex	Tucker	82	85	52	68	88	54	88	84	84	85	80	85	76
RG	Manuel	Ramirez	74	48	54	60	93	54	82	74	82	92	65	86	55
LG	Stephen	Peterman	72	52	48	72	87	44	84	74	73	86	60	82	55

Pos.	First Name	Last Name												
LT	Jonathan	Scott	72	66	52	60	86	60	80	85	75	78	85	82	85
C	Blaine	Saipaia	70	58	58	64	84	50	82	80	78	83	70	80	65

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Shaun	Rogers	94	77	62	73	96	62	64	73	96	79	98	84	75	74
DT	Cory	Redding	86	76	69	83	87	67	60	83	85	78	88	80	78	64
LE	Dewayne	White	83	70	74	88	74	75	70	88	79	85	75	75	87	67
RE	Kalimba	Edwards	78	66	79	87	70	76	48	87	68	87	72	74	88	58
DT	Shaun	Cody	76	65	64	82	82	67	55	82	79	82	83	79	78	55
LE	Jared	DeVries	70	72	65	69	78	64	64	69	74	70	75	77	74	60
LE	Ikaika	Alama-Francis	69	50	68	78	77	74	78	78	72	79	70	70	84	44
RE	Corey	Smith	67	69	70	72	66	68	52	72	66	82	68	73	82	45
DT	Cleveland	Pinkney	64	52	58	66	88	58	55	66	78	45	75	74	55	42

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Ernie	Sims	88	68	87	87	90	80	92	82	88	88	91	94	68	69	72
LOLB	Boss	Bailey	82	64	87	88	91	70	69	65	77	78	82	90	62	70	83
MLB	Paris	Lenon	79	80	79	81	83	72	72	56	64	80	85	88	78	52	70
LOLB	Alex	Lewis	74	66	85	81	87	65	73	40	70	71	80	85	55	70	70
MLB	Teddy	Lehman	71	70	82	78	84	69	66	65	67	80	80	84	68	45	65
ROLB	Donte	Curry	60	62	78	74	80	68	62	44	59	74	78	82	50	40	50

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Fernando	Bryant	82	93	93	78	48	60	90	87	56	70	74	88	80	68	46
Travis	Fisher	78	91	91	66	55	65	87	88	60	75	68	75	84	72	44
Stanley	Wilson	77	94	93	62	52	64	94	88	50	70	64	82	74	62	40
Keith	Smith	72	93	95	58	48	64	95	87	45	68	54	78	70	54	20
A.J.	Davis	69	92	94	50	46	60	95	90	48	70	50	76	70	50	60

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Daniel	Bullocks	82	72	87	57	83	84	72	85	72	85	65	70	85	54	42
SS	Kenoy	Kennedy	80	70	85	69	77	83	56	80	86	88	60	45	70	45	89
FS	Gerald	Alexander	74	52	90	60	91	90	60	85	67	75	52	75	80	60	62
SS	Idrees	Bashir	68	70	86	56	88	86	58	85	62	78	65	60	75	55	50

Kickers

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

Jason	Hanson	92	92	91	52	23	31	28	20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Nick	Harris	85	92	86	58	13	44	50	51

Green Bay Packers

- '06 Record: 8-8 (2nd in NFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 341.1 yards per game (9th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 320.9 yards allowed per game (12th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 18.8 (23rd in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.9 (25th in NFL)

Iron man quarterback Brett Favre (Cannon Arm QB) decided to return for another season--by the end of the season he should have surpassed many of Dan Marino's passing records. Donald Driver (Possession, Quick, and Hands Receiver) is Favre's top downfield target. Young, fast Greg Jennings is an emerging star at wide receiver. The Packers biggest problem will be establishing a consistent running game. Veteran running back Ahman Green plays for the Texans now leaving the Packers with unproven Vernand Morency and rookie Brandon Jackson--both with meager Madden 08 ratings.

Future Hall of Famer Brett Favre may have lost a step or two but he still has one of the strongest arms in the game. This will likely be the Cannon Arm QB's last season.

The Packers should be solid defensively (the squad improved considerably over the course of last season) and have standouts at each position. Aaron Kampman (Power Move D-Lineman) anchors the line, former Buckeye A.J. Hawk (Brick Wall Defender) leads the linebackers, and a formidable duo of Al Harris (Shutdown Corner, Press Coverage Corner, Smart Corner) and Charles Woodson (Press Coverage Corner, Smar Corner) blanket opposing receivers.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Brett	Favre	89	86	98	86	53	53	55	54	55	49	99	97
Aaron	Rodgers	76	64	90	82	66	69	54	66	50	65	91	95
Ingle	Martin	69	48	88	76	79	83	58	82	64	72	90	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Donald	Driver	93	91	92	56	94	95	55	93	93	90	84	89	45	84	91	90	92
Greg	Jennings	85	93	95	54	77	87	54	92	86	91	87	85	44	85	93	84	82
Robert	Ferguson	74	90	88	68	70	76	61	85	87	82	67	57	65	72	77	70	74
James	Jones	72	89	89	60	52	75	65	88	92	74	70	65	48	77	70	79	76
Ruvell	Martin	69	87	87	64	64	78	54	84	89	69	65	67	70	70	75	76	66
David	Clowney	66	96	97	46	52	72	60	94	91	90	86	78	42	77	91	74	62

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Vernand	Morency	79	92	94	66	72	67	75	93	85	71	78	67	77	88	88	37
Brandon	Jackson	77	90	92	64	60	64	77	93	87	82	77	72	76	87	88	45
Noah	Herron	73	87	90	66	60	70	75	88	88	85	70	55	74	84	82	40
DeShawn	Wynn	72	88	84	72	54	66	78	83	80	70	70	87	85	75	85	34

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Brandon	Miree	80	80	83	69	55	64	75	75	68	66	74	81	74	56	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Bubba	Franks	80	64	64	78	74	72	70	62	70	50	30	75	85	60	40	67	70
Donald	Lee	74	78	80	70	72	75	68	78	85	68	63	64	62	68	69	64	69
Clark	Harris	62	70	70	62	60	70	70	72	80	69	60	70	61	54	66	69	70

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Chad	Clifton	93	90	53	74	91	55	92	95	87	92	80	96	85
RT	Mark	Tauscher	92	90	54	70	92	53	92	94	87	91	87	93	88
C	Scott	Wells	82	79	58	80	82	60	86	84	75	82	74	80	75
LG	Daryn	Colledge	80	64	66	82	82	69	82	88	82	74	90	77	92
RG	Jason	Spitz	78	68	52	58	88	50	86	82	84	86	77	80	74
RG	Allen	Barbre	74	48	69	84	84	70	78	80	72	81	88	83	89

C	Tyson	Walter	69	66	48	59	85	47	82	82	70	80	65	78	64
LG	Tony	Palmer	67	48	42	49	90	44	84	76	72	85	63	78	60
RT	Junius	Coston	66	46	52	64	85	52	83	82	70	84	70	80	60
LT	Tony	Moll	65	45	59	68	85	58	77	82	70	78	64	82	64

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Aaron	Kampman	94	80	74	82	85	72	62	82	94	90	90	82	85	74
RE	Kabeer	Gbaja Biamila	86	70	81	92	70	80	60	92	74	90	78	70	88	70
DT	Corey	Williams	84	68	68	85	86	62	58	85	86	84	88	82	70	58
RE	Cullen	Jenkins	84	72	68	84	82	66	56	84	86	82	85	78	78	72
DT	Ryan	Pickett	82	72	62	78	87	65	55	78	84	70	85	85	65	60
DT	Justin	Harrell	80	60	65	79	89	66	70	79	88	72	85	78	62	55
DT	Colin	Cole	72	62	56	66	88	52	54	66	81	58	82	83	60	55
LE	Jason	Hunter	66	44	80	82	66	76	52	82	55	78	70	70	75	52

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	A.J.	Hawk	90	72	87	83	90	77	83	77	86	85	92	94	80	70	77
MLB	Nick	Barnett	88	82	81	85	85	75	74	77	74	91	90	90	82	68	80
LOLB	Brady	Poppinga	75	77	79	74	83	76	61	76	75	79	83	84	68	50	65
MLB	Abdul	Hodge	73	68	79	74	84	76	77	75	74	87	84	85	75	30	50
LOLB	Korey	Hall	67	60	77	76	78	72	72	72	70	70	75	80	60	50	60
ROLB	Tracy	White	65	64	78	78	79	70	72	59	68	70	77	84	60	42	62

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Al	Harris	95	88	92	92	71	63	94	90	64	85	93	98	90	99	40
Charles	Woodson	92	87	89	89	65	70	90	93	65	86	91	89	94	92	42
Patrick	Dendy	74	87	87	60	54	64	85	82	58	82	62	75	85	74	45
Jarrett	Bush	72	91	92	50	50	67	93	94	60	85	55	65	75	70	45
Will	Blackmon	69	90	94	45	52	72	93	88	52	74	45	75	70	40	30

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Nick	Collins	80	62	93	64	91	92	65	92	77	86	55	68	74	55	76
SS	Marquand	Manuel	74	64	85	64	85	86	65	80	74	86	60	55	70	45	70
SS	Aaron	Rouse	71	55	88	65	82	90	66	86	74	85	50	50	60	40	80
FS	Marviel	Underwood	69	60	86	52	84	87	58	80	68	78	60	58	70	30	60
SS	Tyrone	Culver	64	58	87	58	86	89	62	82	68	74	35	65	75	36	69

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mason	Crosby	81	95	84	66	30	60	40	40
Dave	Rayner	80	93	84	57	15	46	12	15

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jon	Ryan	84	94	84	63	31	42	49	47

Houston Texans

- '06 Record: 6-10 (4th in AFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 279.1 yards per game (28th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 337.5 yards allowed per game (24th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 16.7 (28th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.9 (25th in NFL)

The Houston Texans passed on Reggie Bush...it may be awhile before Texan fans forget. Although the Texans' record showed improvement, statistically the Texans rest near the bottom of the league in major offensive and defensive categories. Houston finally gave up on former number one pick David Carr; he's now with the Carolina Panthers. The Texans' new offensive leader will be Matt Schaub, also known as Michael Vick's former backup. Despite scattered success filling in for Vick, Schaub's Madden 08 ratings aren't spectacular.

First overall draft pick Mario Williams hasn't made a significant NFL impact yet...and has no Madden 08 player weapons.

The Texans also added former Green Bay Packer standout Ahman Green as featured running back. Green possesses decent speed and power abilities, though not exceptional in any particular rating category. With last season's injury to Domanick Davis (now Domanick Williams), the Texans used a mix that included former Heisman winner Ron Dayne

(Power Back) and upstart Wali Lundy.

The Texans' best offensive player is Andre Johnson (Possession, Hands, Spectacular Catch Receiver). Use motions and packages to move Andre Johnson around the field--expect defenses to focus their attention on the premiere wideout because he's the Texans' best player. Hit Ahman Green on short flat routes to help loosen coverage. Mario Williams (also known as the guy the Texans took instead of Reggie Bush) anchors the line and Dunta Robinson (Speed) is the Texans' best coverage defender.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Schaub	83	75	88	90	62	64	64	62	55	44	85	88
Sage	Rosenfels	76	70	87	82	60	63	54	60	45	43	81	82
Bradlee	Van Pelt	70	60	83	77	73	76	66	72	66	66	88	87

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Andre	Johnson	94	95	94	73	86	90	68	93	96	87	85	75	85	93	87	92	89
Kevin	Walter	71	86	84	59	74	80	57	83	83	82	79	67	36	64	79	71	74
Jacoby	Jones	69	89	90	64	56	74	55	90	93	77	70	70	40	85	72	68	71
David	Anderson	67	90	92	55	55	78	57	86	85	85	66	75	23	65	87	70	64
Andre	Davis	67	95	92	46	70	73	54	87	88	73	60	52	38	72	77	60	65
Jerome	Mathis	63	98	95	44	53	72	55	92	82	87	88	90	35	60	91	53	61

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Ahman	Green	86	90	92	74	88	72	80	85	86	78	88	90	88	76	85	50
Ron	Dayne	80	85	85	82	87	58	89	83	82	60	88	92	92	68	75	32
Wali	Lundy	76	86	88	72	62	70	82	87	84	82	76	69	77	82	88	44
Samkon	Gado	71	88	88	72	62	65	66	82	75	77	70	85	85	74	83	24

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Jameel	Cook	83	75	85	64	64	70	66	72	52	35	54	66	65	60	54
Vonta	Leach	76	70	72	80	60	66	68	68	55	35	60	70	70	58	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Owen	Daniels	83	84	84	66	69	80	67	85	79	54	52	55	61	66	58	76	80
Mark	Bruener	76	56	54	80	78	55	70	59	59	30	25	55	64	45	38	68	52
Jeb	Putzier	75	75	75	68	68	74	64	72	65	67	54	67	63	54	58	78	69

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Mike	Flanagan	87	88	55	75	85	55	87	91	82	89	87	88	93
LG	Chester	Pitts	84	78	60	65	89	63	86	82	82	87	85	85	84
LT	Ephraim	Salaam	79	74	52	64	88	52	89	85	80	85	80	84	85
RG	Steve	McKinney	79	78	56	66	85	60	82	84	70	83	25	82	86
RT	Eric	Winston	78	70	64	84	84	66	84	84	88	79	92	79	90
RG	Fred	Weary	77	66	52	62	85	51	86	80	76	84	73	83	70
LT	Jordan	Black	76	72	51	55	87	49	88	83	77	87	75	85	70
LT	Charles	Spencer	73	62	50	60	92	45	87	79	82	87	75	85	72
C	Drew	Hodgdon	70	62	52	67	83	52	80	82	80	81	77	80	72
LG	Kasey	Studdard	70	52	52	56	88	44	83	77	78	85	70	80	60
RT	Brandon	Frye	66	48	74	76	87	69	74	78	74	78	86	80	87

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Mario	Williams	86	60	84	88	76	83	60	88	83	90	82	70	88	55
LE	Anthony	Weaver	80	76	67	78	84	66	59	78	85	74	87	83	78	60
DT	Amobi	Okoye	79	56	66	84	87	69	61	84	84	87	85	77	75	60
DT	Jeff	Zgonina	78	86	55	65	82	52	56	65	79	58	84	80	74	82
LE	ND	Kalu	78	78	75	78	69	72	48	78	67	81	78	76	76	70
RE	Jason	Babin	78	62	79	82	67	75	50	82	85	82	79	72	85	55
DT	Travis	Johnson	76	60	65	87	84	68	60	87	81	85	82	80	75	40
DT	Anthony	Maddox	75	64	67	76	86	64	50	76	82	58	77	80	68	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	DeMeco	Ryans	88	84	80	84	89	75	75	66	79	89	91	93	84	62	75
ROLB	Morlon	Greenwood	84	85	85	84	87	67	68	42	67	75	87	89	80	65	75
ROLB	Shawn	Barber	78	79	82	82	83	67	60	52	72	75	80	88	60	78	80
MLB	Danny	Clark	74	73	79	78	80	76	65	66	67	82	81	89	78	40	60
LOLB	Shantee	Orr	72	72	78	72	80	74	75	71	81	78	81	80	55	55	65
LOLB	Zach	Diles	64	66	76	74	78	70	70	65	70	68	77	78	50	40	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Dunta	Robinson	87	96	97	74	57	69	97	88	70	85	70	84	77	90	54
DeMarcus	Faggins	77	92	94	76	48	66	93	84	60	77	66	78	72	60	39
Dexter	McCleon	76	89	89	82	47	68	86	88	58	85	72	70	78	65	45
Jamar	Fletcher	75	87	92	70	45	72	93	87	45	75	70	86	67	48	35
Fred	Bennett	74	92	91	53	59	61	90	94	59	75	55	74	78	64	54

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Glenn	Earl	79	66	86	65	83	86	64	83	72	79	70	62	83	35	80
SS	Brandon	Harrison	72	60	87	68	84	87	62	88	72	82	55	55	65	40	74
FS	C.C.	Brown	71	69	86	64	85	87	62	82	73	84	58	50	65	45	44
FS	Jason	Simmons	69	67	86	49	90	86	58	80	62	80	60	65	60	43	56

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Kris	Brown	79	90	85	44	19	26	18	20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Chad	Stanley	76	85	87	61	19	33	51	49

Indianapolis Colts

- '06 Record: 12-4 (1st in AFC South, Super Bowl Champions)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 379.4 yards per game (3rd)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 332.3 yards allowed per game (21st)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 26.7 (2nd in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.5 (23rd in NFL)

Many expected the Indianapolis Colts to reach the Super Bowl earlier than they did; in fact, the 2005 Colts had the league's most dominating offense but lost to eventual Super Bowl Champion Pittsburgh in the divisional playoffs (the infamous Jerome Bettis goal line fumble plus Big Ben miracle tackle plus "He missed it." moment). But everything came together last year and Peyton Manning added Super Bowl Champion and MVP honors to his accolades. He remains the top quarterback in Madden 08 with a 99 overall rating, 100 awareness, 96 throw power, and 98 throw accuracy. Peyton also has the quarterback weapons Cannon Arm QB, Accurate QB, and Smart QB.

The Super Bowl Champion Indianapolis Colts have one of the best offenses in the history of the NFL. Smart QB Peyton Manning is the best quarterback in Madden 08.

Even Peyton Manning needs capable targets and the Colts have plenty. Marvin Harrison (Possession, Quick, Hands, Spectacular Catch Receiver) and Reggie Wayne (Quick, Hands, Spectacular Catch Receiver) are the best receiver tandem in the league (alongside the Bengals' Johnson and Houshmanzadeh and the Cardinals' Fitzgerald and Boldin).

Second-year back Joseph Addai assumes full-time duties as starter; he split time last season with Dominic Rhodes, now with the Raiders. Jeff Saturday and Tarik Glenn (both Pass Blocker) are two of Madden 08's top offensive linemen (though expect a roster update for Glenn who retired before the start of training camp).

Though the unit shined at times last season, the Colts' defense isn't dominant like the Manning-led offense (21st last season in yards allowed per game). Dwight Freeney (Finesse Move D-Linemen) is one of the best pass rushing linemen in the game and Bob Sanders (Smart Safety) is highly rated at his position. As you would expect coming off a Super Bowl victory, the Indianapolis Colts are one of the strongest Madden 08 teams. Oh, and don't forget about former Patriot, Clutch Kicker Adam Vinatieri.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Peyton	Manning	99	100	96	98	59	55	64	54	62	44	98	99
Jim	Sorgi	71	68	84	78	62	64	52	62	38	50	80	79
John	Navarre	68	66	87	79	43	40	63	44	45	31	87	86

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Marvin	Harrison	98	94	95	47	98	98	65	96	85	97	92	90	30	94	92	95	100

First Name	Last Name																	
Reggie	Wayne	96	89	95	57	95	97	64	93	86	90	88	88	55	90	92	94	97
Anthony	Gonzalez	77	94	95	55	60	82	60	92	85	87	70	75	23	74	85	80	77
Aaron	Moore-head	71	85	85	60	77	82	60	82	89	62	45	60	45	60	65	64	74
Roy	Hall	65	91	85	62	54	74	58	88	93	65	50	55	55	74	65	58	62
Crap-honso	Thorpe	62	92	91	42	58	74	54	90	93	74	60	37	25	66	82	52	60

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Joseph	Addai	87	93	92	68	70	74	78	93	92	90	85	65	84	91	85	70
DeDe	Dorsey	74	88	89	58	60	70	78	88	86	84	74	58	72	85	78	50
Kenton	Keith	68	86	86	58	56	70	74	87	84	80	66	55	70	82	78	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Ben	Utecht	78	74	78	66	70	82	64	75	55	50	55	85	65	54	44

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Dallas	Clark	87	86	88	66	84	86	64	82	79	82	70	76	40	72	75	86	89
Bryan	Fletcher	72	81	80	65	72	82	62	82	61	63	58	67	45	61	64	69	77
Mike	Seidman	69	65	66	70	60	69	62	62	60	55	45	59	64	52	51	62	57

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Jeff	Saturday	96	97	58	81	90	61	90	97	80	88	87	97	98
LT	Tarik	Glenn	96	92	52	68	95	54	93	98	87	93	93	98	98
RT	Ryan	Diem	89	80	50	72	95	48	91	97	79	91	79	89	94
LG	Ryan	Lilja	85	82	55	67	87	55	88	92	74	79	80	83	82
RG	Jake	Scott	85	84	56	70	87	55	88	87	75	84	79	79	74
LG	Rick	DeMulling	83	77	53	66	86	51	86	89	80	85	80	86	85
RT	Tony	Ugoh	76	62	63	74	86	60	87	80	87	90	84	86	77
C	Dylan	Gandy	72	53	56	74	84	57	82	88	73	82	73	85	80
RG	Matt	Ulrich	70	54	48	68	87	49	81	76	71	81	67	80	66
LT	Charlie	Johnson	68	47	64	74	85	64	82	81	73	82	65	83	75
RT	Michael	Toudouze	66	46	50	58	87	50	83	81	73	83	69	84	67

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Dwight	Freeney	95	80	87	97	74	85	54	97	76	99	80	70	92	74
LE	Robert	Mathis	88	74	85	93	73	84	58	93	70	94	74	74	93	65

DT	Anthony	McFarland	86	78	62	77	90	63	50	77	88	76	85	85	77	55
DT	Corey	Simon	83	74	58	78	87	58	60	78	86	84	80	80	74	75
DT	Raheem	Brock	82	72	76	86	80	74	54	86	78	86	75	82	85	65
DT	Darrell	Reid	76	68	64	72	82	63	60	72	82	65	81	78	64	65
DT	Quinn	Pitcock	75	60	61	74	84	62	58	74	86	83	80	77	65	50
LE	Josh	Thomas	75	65	72	77	75	69	54	77	70	84	75	72	71	60
RE	Bo	Schobel	73	66	69	77	79	70	53	77	77	76	77	72	75	55

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Gary	Brackett	85	85	81	82	82	72	72	60	74	82	88	90	87	66	74
MLB	Rob	Morris	80	86	74	77	80	77	70	65	64	80	87	86	85	45	70
LOLB	Rocky	Boiman	73	72	74	73	75	73	64	67	65	78	79	86	68	55	70
ROLB	Freddie	Keiaho	73	58	84	84	86	69	75	52	66	74	78	88	60	65	70
ROLB	Tyjuan	Hagler	62	56	84	77	85	73	60	68	78	60	76	80	62	40	60
ROLB	Keith	O'Neil	62	55	74	75	75	72	62	55	65	72	75	83	70	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Marlin	Jackson	83	88	92	78	66	65	91	93	75	86	65	78	86	78	66
Kelvin	Hayden	77	90	94	60	60	72	93	89	60	76	45	75	82	70	37
Daymeion	Hughes	76	88	89	62	52	70	88	90	62	79	60	78	80	65	50
Tim	Jennings	75	96	96	56	39	62	93	88	48	75	44	82	83	52	35
T.J.	Rushing	64	94	93	38	54	65	87	84	46	65	38	65	70	42	34

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Bob	Sanders	96	84	92	65	91	94	61	82	87	96	92	65	84	54	84
SS	Antoine	Bethea	85	70	89	67	88	91	66	88	83	85	65	65	80	45	79
SS	Brannon	Condren	70	50	91	64	90	93	60	96	69	74	48	70	70	56	76
FS	Matt	Giordano	67	60	84	55	84	83	55	82	74	78	56	55	70	35	42

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Adam	Vinatieri	98	91	97	59	32	40	29	15

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Hunter	Smith	91	90	91	61	14	44	47	45

Jacksonville Jaguars

- '06 Record: 8-8 (3rd in AFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 338.9 yards per game (10th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 283.6 yards allowed per game (2nd)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 23.2 (9th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 17.1 (4th in NFL)

The Jacksonville Jaguars have underperformed to expectations. The Jaguars' smothering defense (ranked 2nd last season in yards allowed per game) are good enough to win playoff games now--but the offense lacks focus and consistency. The offense showed sparks in the running game last season, led by rookie sensastion Maurice-Jones Drew (Elusive, Power Back); but the passing game, hampered by an injury to starter Byron Leftwich and poor receiver play, lagged far behind. With a strong, returning defense, the Jaguars' time is now.

The Jaguars' strength is its defense, especially on the line with two Power Move D-Linemen Henderson and Stroud.

Cannon Arm QB Byron Leftwich remains the Jaguars starting quarterback; don't expect mobility with his 50 speed. Consider mixing in the more nimble David Garrard as a change of pace. As mentioned earlier, the Jags' receiver squad is average. Former first round picks Reggie Williams and Matt Jones (Spectacular Catch Receiver) haven't busted out. The Jags added former Cleveland Brown Dennis Northcutt and drafted quick Mike Walker. Veteran Fred Taylor joins Maurice Jones-Drew in a two-headed backfield. Also mix in Greg Jones (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) from the fullback position.

The Jaguars have one of the best defenses in Madden 08. Marcus Stroud and John Henderson (both Power Move D-Linemen) provide powerful inside pass rush and run stopping. Middle linebacker Mike Peterson (injured most of last season) is a top-rated Smart Linebacker and Brick Wall Defender. Rashean Mathis (Shutdown Corner and Smart Corner) is one of the highest rated cornerbacks in Madden 08.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA

First Name	Last Name											
Byron	Leftwich	82	72	97	86	50	54	70	52	54	46	84	90
David	Garrard	81	70	91	83	70	72	65	72	62	65	82	84
Quinn	Gray	72	63	85	77	71	70	59	69	59	62	84	87

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Reggie	Williams	78	88	89	70	76	80	62	87	95	66	55	65	65	88	72	70	80
Ernest	Wilford	77	86	85	69	76	82	65	85	92	65	64	79	67	86	70	72	80
Matt	Jones	77	93	90	66	68	80	76	92	96	90	88	88	75	94	88	66	76
Dennis	Northcutt	74	91	95	45	79	77	57	94	81	95	91	88	33	70	94	60	82
Mike	Walker	74	94	90	51	56	79	65	90	90	89	82	82	42	80	85	78	76

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Maurice	Jones-Drew	89	94	96	76	69	72	79	95	96	95	88	60	93	96	93	30
Fred	Taylor	89	92	93	72	87	63	84	93	96	88	93	85	86	89	88	33
LaBrandon	Toefield	75	86	87	69	66	70	86	84	72	66	78	76	84	74	77	25
Alvin	Pearman	74	87	90	55	59	79	72	90	84	84	70	57	72	87	95	46

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Greg	Jones	85	85	88	79	68	58	87	79	66	45	78	96	95	57	40
Derrick	Wimbush	67	88	90	59	59	68	66	88	64	35	60	66	67	49	41

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jermaine	Wiggins	82	70	70	77	80	88	65	68	62	70	66	84	80	60	64	86	66
George	Wrighster	82	78	81	69	75	79	63	76	74	55	57	64	63	69	57	77	70
Marcedes	Lewis	79	77	82	73	62	80	71	78	78	75	68	70	64	79	72	74	78

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Vince	Manuwai	92	78	52	78	93	50	90	92	83	95	75	92	79
RG	Chris	Naeole	91	85	52	64	93	47	96	84	90	94	75	82	60
C	Brad	Meester	90	88	55	70	87	57	92	90	90	89	88	92	84
LT	Khalif	Barnes	87	75	63	82	90	60	92	89	87	92	85	92	90
LT	Maurice	Williams	84	76	49	62	92	49	90	90	87	91	75	90	78
RG	Stockar	McDougle	84	76	44	50	94	42	92	87	82	91	63	88	61
RT	Tony	Pashos	83	84	45	50	92	44	92	85	82	92	75	90	65
LG	Dennis	Norman	66	59	48	49	83	42	80	78	71	80	65	78	64
RT	Richard	Collier	64	47	42	55	90	43	84	74	75	90	64	85	60

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Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	John	Henderson	95	82	62	72	95	60	62	72	97	65	96	86	76	86
DT	Marcus	Stroud	94	74	63	82	95	64	64	82	97	83	97	82	80	77
RE	Reggie	Hayward	88	72	77	83	78	73	65	83	85	88	85	78	77	70
RE	Bobby	McCray	82	68	79	87	72	78	60	87	75	86	78	72	75	60
LE	Paul	Spicer	80	78	67	75	83	62	60	75	76	79	84	82	70	70
DT	Rob	Meier	79	72	60	74	85	56	52	74	86	70	80	78	80	70
DT	Derek	Landri	70	54	60	76	84	58	58	76	78	80	78	77	82	54
LE	Jeremy	Mincey	69	54	75	85	73	75	60	85	72	70	80	72	70	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Mike	Peterson	92	91	85	86	87	71	77	78	83	92	92	96	90	65	70
LOLB	Daryl	Smith	88	82	79	83	87	82	87	68	78	86	87	88	86	60	65
ROLB	Nick	Greisen	77	84	73	72	77	77	76	49	61	80	83	84	82	40	75
LOLB	Clint	Ingram	76	66	84	85	86	69	70	67	77	78	82	86	60	48	75
ROLB	Justin	Durant	70	56	85	87	88	68	74	50	70	74	79	84	52	60	65
MLB	Tony	Gilbert	64	65	70	70	74	75	65	73	62	77	83	78	60	35	45
ROLB	Pat	Thomas	64	64	80	76	82	72	62	50	75	70	80	80	55	45	55
LOLB	Jorge	Cordova	63	59	76	75	80	74	54	80	75	81	80	71	45	45	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Rashean	Mathis	97	94	93	80	66	78	93	95	69	85	92	94	92	88	40
Brian	Williams	86	88	89	78	65	72	88	89	66	77	80	80	85	89	60
Terry	Cousin	68	87	88	80	51	57	85	84	63	78	60	60	80	55	52
Scott	Starks	67	92	92	64	46	66	94	82	52	76	48	70	60	52	39
Dee	Webb	67	91	92	45	45	66	93	87	60	70	40	74	70	46	46

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Reggie	Nelson	82	54	93	60	95	96	71	92	78	91	52	65	80	51	81
SS	Gerald	Sensabaugh	78	68	87	62	87	88	62	98	68	80	65	60	75	39	81
FS	Josh	Gattis	73	58	89	64	89	90	66	88	60	86	55	60	70	40	74
SS	Kevin	McCadam	67	78	85	55	74	84	52	83	57	78	65	35	60	34	82

Kickers

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

Josh	Scobee	86	94	86	56	21	22	8	8

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Adam	Podlesh	79	90	85	88	30	52	45	45

Kansas City Chiefs

- '06 Record: 9-7 (2nd in AFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 321.4 yards per game (16th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 328.9 yards allowed per game (16th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 20.7 (15th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 19.7 (11th in NFL)

Long-time Chief quarterback Trent Green was traded to the Miami Dolphins leaving some uncertainty at the position as the season approaches. Damon Huard filled in for Trent Green last season and led the Chiefs into the playoffs; but young Brodie Croyle could surplant the veteran Huard before the season is over (or even training camp for that matter). The Chief's blue chipper is Larry Johnson (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier). He's one of the top running backs in the game and a crushing mix of speed and power. Run behind Crushing Run Blocker left guard Brian Waters.

The Chiefs' Larry Johnson is an excellent mix of speed and power.

Kansas City's wide receiver position is average at best (the Chiefs' drafted LSU Tiger Dwayne Bowe in the first round). Tony Gonzalez remains the primary downfield target (Possession, Quick, Hands Receiver). Use packages to move Gonzalez around the formation; don't hesitate to use him in the slot or wide receiver position to mix up your formations.

The Chiefs' defense isn't bad but not spectacular. Jared Allen (Finesse Move D-Lineman) is the best on the line; veteran

Donnie Edwards (Smart Linebacker) is skilled and experienced; and corners Patrick Surtain (Shutdown Corner) and Ty Law (Smart Corner) are excellent defenders.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Damon	Huard	82	80	86	88	57	59	55	56	38	48	84	87
Brodie	Croyle	77	68	91	85	55	66	53	55	65	44	76	90
Casey	Printers	70	52	88	78	74	74	62	74	68	78	74	92

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Eddie	Kennison	84	91	89	54	92	87	50	86	84	67	66	62	35	74	72	80	87
Dwayne	Bowe	77	91	90	68	60	78	70	92	92	76	70	75	55	76	78	79	80
Rod	Gardner	73	86	85	68	67	75	63	83	95	75	70	70	75	74	77	78	75
Samie	Parker	72	94	95	36	69	78	45	93	82	90	87	74	30	69	90	74	70
Jeff	Webb	65	88	88	64	58	74	66	89	90	67	49	55	55	68	70	64	60

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Larry	Johnson	96	93	96	79	94	74	96	90	88	77	95	96	98	85	99	25
Priest	Holmes	82	85	86	65	92	75	88	84	86	75	95	78	76	78	85	30
Michael	Bennett	74	97	97	60	74	65	78	89	80	72	68	52	65	82	86	26
Kolby	Smith	70	90	92	61	52	70	76	92	86	80	62	60	65	84	90	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Kris	Wilson	74	78	85	68	70	80	64	76	75	60	70	55	65	52	45
Greg	Hanoian	66	72	76	75	62	50	55	73	40	35	40	65	65	60	45

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Tony	Gonzalez	96	84	85	69	94	92	76	78	92	82	70	86	65	86	73	96	97
Jason	Dunn	78	64	70	78	70	67	63	62	58	48	35	54	77	44	45	66	54
Michael	Allan	69	80	77	66	55	80	75	72	90	75	65	60	65	77	65	78	70

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Brian	Waters	96	85	56	68	94	55	95	88	96	96	88	91	85
C	Casey	Wiegmann	88	91	61	75	85	60	89	90	93	76	97	79	95
RG	John	Welbourn	85	76	49	70	91	50	90	82	85	85	80	85	70

Pos.	First Name	Last Name													
LG	Chris	Bober	82	74	52	58	87	52	86	88	84	87	72	84	67
LT	Damion	McIntosh	79	82	48	54	90	49	86	85	76	87	65	85	55
RT	Chris	Terry	78	72	51	79	87	50	87	83	85	85	85	85	85
LT	Kevin	Sampson	71	64	50	60	86	50	84	81	78	84	68	82	60
RG	Herbert	Taylor	70	50	54	74	84	56	76	80	70	80	85	84	85
C	Rudy	Niswanger	68	55	53	64	84	55	81	80	76	81	80	78	77
C	Rob	Hunt	67	50	62	74	80	62	80	76	78	74	88	72	85
RT	Will	Svitek	67	47	53	60	84	55	80	80	85	85	85	85	85

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Jared	Allen	92	74	79	85	72	77	61	85	86	92	84	79	88	77
LE	Tamba	Hali	86	72	72	84	84	69	54	84	84	85	84	80	82	70
DT	Ron	Edwards	78	76	60	72	88	66	51	72	80	52	79	82	65	60
DT	Alfonso	Boone	75	80	54	63	87	51	50	63	80	50	82	79	55	60
LE	Turk	McBride	75	52	65	82	85	66	68	82	80	81	80	76	72	55
RE	Jimmy	Wilkerson	75	65	72	82	80	72	57	82	70	82	74	74	77	55
DT	James	Reed	74	74	62	70	85	62	52	70	75	50	79	85	66	55
DT	Tank	Tyler	73	52	54	68	96	49	62	68	87	68	87	78	48	40

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Donnie	Edwards	92	90	80	84	86	66	70	52	66	74	88	90	92	82	90
LOLB	Derrick	Johnson	90	80	87	86	89	69	84	68	82	82	85	96	80	70	80
ROLB	Kendrell	Bell	80	80	76	70	80	81	83	82	80	85	86	88	78	55	65
MLB	Napoleon	Harris	78	75	84	85	86	75	73	68	79	85	84	80	67	57	68
ROLB	Keyaron	Fox	68	65	81	82	85	72	72	65	67	70	79	82	55	50	65
LOLB	Rich	Scanlon	66	72	72	72	74	70	50	40	55	67	79	78	70	40	70
MLB	William	Kershaw	66	65	78	78	78	75	70	70	73	75	78	78	50	50	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Patrick	Surtain	93	90	94	93	48	79	94	90	55	86	85	93	90	84	42
Ty	Law	90	88	88	95	54	80	84	88	58	80	91	86	90	84	50
Benny	Sapp	70	93	93	62	45	56	87	82	59	75	60	70	70	68	42
Marcus	Maxey	70	88	87	51	60	62	90	88	60	72	45	78	79	50	45

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Greg	Wesley	80	76	85	66	84	85	76	83	72	80	60	62	78	60	89
SS	Bernard	Pollard	80	63	86	73	85	87	61	82	78	85	65	62	75	45	82
SS	Jon	McGraw	73	60	87	60	84	87	60	83	76	84	55	50	70	40	81
FS	Jarrad	Page	72	62	87	69	85	86	66	81	60	77	48	65	75	55	80

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Justin	Medlock	78	90	86	66	30	48	40	40

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Dustin	Colquitt	84	90	88	62	29	40	40	45

Miami Dolphins

- '06 Record: 6-10 (4th in AFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 310 yards per game (20th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 289.1 yards allowed per game (4th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 16.2 (29th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 17.7 (5th in NFL)

The Miami Dolphins' Daunte Culpepper (or Joey Harrington for that matter) era didn't go as planned. Culpepper never seemed to recover fully from his knee injury and never gave the Dolphins' sputtering offense much spark. Although Culpepper is on the Dolphins' default roster, he was let go and now plays for the Oakland Raiders. To replace Culpepper, the Dolphins signed veteran Trent Green; his stats are average and not exceptional.

Dolphins' Smart Linebacker Zach Thomas leads a strong defense. Thomas is one of the best tacklers in the game.

Former Ohio State Buckeye Ted Ginn, Jr. (Speed) was the Dolphins first round draft pick; the speedster could be a potent weapon both on offense and in the return game, though many fans felt the pick was a bit of a reach. Ginn joins top

receiver Chris Chambers (Spectacular Catch), who hopes to bounce back from a bad year statistically. Ronnie Brown (Power Back) carries a full load at running back. The Dolphins' offensive line is meagerly rated, which could pose a challenge for both run and pass blocking.

The Dolphins are much stronger defensively (ranked 4th last season in yards allowed per game). Former Steeler Joey Porter (Finesse Move D-Lineman and Brick Wall Defender) joins the team, which includes one of the best linebackers in the game, Zach Thomas (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender) and a top defensive end, Jason Taylor (Finesse Move D-Lineman).

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Trent	Green	85	87	86	92	49	52	52	50	43	42	80	90
Daunte	Culpepper	83	74	95	80	70	70	73	70	45	73	74	98
John	Beck	74	57	89	85	64	70	58	66	60	60	82	90
Cleo	Lemon	72	65	84	80	65	63	54	66	30	58	84	89

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chris	Chambers	88	94	94	66	87	88	63	92	97	87	83	84	55	97	88	82	78
Marty	Booker	82	86	84	67	87	85	65	83	85	65	58	83	64	81	65	85	82
Ted	Ginn Jr.	79	98	99	51	68	78	56	99	88	97	96	98	25	66	99	66	79
Derek	Hagan	72	87	88	60	63	82	70	87	86	74	72	78	45	78	85	62	75
Az-Zahir	Hakim	66	96	96	42	66	72	44	94	80	85	85	85	50	45	94	55	66
Kelly	Campbell	66	93	94	44	70	77	51	93	81	85	85	85	50	45	85	57	65

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Ronnie	Brown	88	93	94	75	84	73	82	90	88	77	91	85	90	80	88	50
Lorenzo	Booker	74	92	95	54	58	79	78	96	95	92	80	40	50	91	86	48
Jesse	Chatman	73	90	90	72	65	61	80	84	85	85	75	75	75	75	79	27

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Cory	Schlesinger	82	74	76	78	75	74	77	60	60	40	70	86	65	58	54

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
David	Martin	79	79	77	69	72	77	60	78	67	59	55	60	55	72	45	72	78
Justin	Peelle	71	73	76	69	67	71	66	69	56	60	57	57	60	57	45	65	66

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Vernon	Carey	84	75	52	74	92	53	91	84	91	92	74	90	78
RG	Rex	Hadnot	84	74	57	67	90	53	88	83	80	88	80	86	75
RT	L.J.	Shelton	83	80	48	55	95	46	88	84	91	94	78	88	78
LG	Chris	Liwienski	82	82	48	60	89	41	86	84	85	84	86	86	73
RT	Mike	Rosenthal	82	80	54	65	88	45	91	88	77	88	79	85	78
LG	Joe	Toledo	75	48	65	75	88	66	85	76	88	75	90	75	90
C	Samson	Satele	72	50	62	82	86	64	77	84	80	80	70	86	85
LT	Anthony	Alabi	72	60	52	65	85	58	86	78	85	85	85	85	85
RG	Dan	Stevenson	72	65	48	57	84	52	81	79	77	81	69	83	67
C	Drew	Mormino	67	62	50	60	86	54	76	79	75	78	70	80	80
C	Johnathan	Ingram	67	54	52	62	82	54	81	76	75	85	75	85	70

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Vonnie	Holliday	84	84	63	66	88	60	59	66	89	75	88	84	78	81
DT	Keith	Traylor	83	87	47	54	93	42	59	54	88	44	95	82	62	85
LE	Matt	Roth	79	60	72	82	83	74	56	82	82	78	79	75	85	60
DT	Paul	Soliai	70	56	62	69	93	58	70	69	79	65	70	76	40	35
LE	Rodrique	Wright	66	50	62	74	78	65	45	74	77	66	77	78	58	60
DT	Fred	Evans	64	38	61	76	84	58	50	76	84	48	84	80	50	35
RE	Chase	Page	61	52	63	72	84	60	50	72	78	60	78	74	62	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Zach	Thomas	97	98	76	74	80	78	87	75	76	97	98	98	98	60	75
ROLB	Jason	Taylor	96	95	87	86	94	79	79	78	97	88	90	96	89	62	82
LOLB	Joey	Porter	95	90	85	80	92	76	95	90	92	93	91	96	85	55	75
MLB	Channing	Crowder	85	82	79	84	86	77	80	80	78	85	89	89	82	65	70
MLB	Donnie	Spragan	70	74	75	77	76	73	66	40	55	77	85	83	75	35	45
LOLB	Abraham	Wright	68	62	78	76	79	74	65	70	75	78	77	84	60	45	60
ROLB	Akbar	Gbaja Biamila	64	68	76	75	82	72	62	67	84	68	76	82	60	45	65
MLB	Derrick	Pope	61	50	77	76	80	70	48	48	77	75	78	79	55	50	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Will	Allen	81	97	97	79	48	55	93	92	54	78	71	85	75	62	38
Travis	Daniels	77	87	90	72	64	62	88	88	65	80	65	78	72	80	51
Andre	Goodman	77	93	90	77	45	60	89	86	58	80	68	78	76	65	48
Michael	Lehan	68	87	86	66	48	66	90	80	56	72	60	75	72	41	38

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW

FS	Renaldo	Hill	80	79	87	55	86	87	63	85	65	80	69	75	74	43	57
FS	Jason	Allen	80	54	92	66	89	91	64	90	68	86	58	75	80	66	70
SS	Yeremiah	Bell	79	74	86	60	87	87	64	87	70	86	65	65	75	45	79
SS	Travares	Tillman	74	72	84	64	85	85	58	85	72	83	55	60	70	40	77
SS	Cameron	Worrell	65	60	85	54	76	82	60	74	66	75	65	55	70	35	60

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jay	Feely	85	91	88	55	12	39	22	16

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Ryan	Flinn	58	85	75	63	20	54	45	45

Minnesota Vikings

- '06 Record: 6-10 (3rd in NFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 308.9 yards per game (23rd)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 300.2 yards allowed per game (8th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 17.6 (26th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.4 (14th in NFL)

The Minnesota Vikings are in transition. The Vikings' lack a veteran quarterback (Brad Johnson left for the Cowboys) leaving young Tarvaris Jackson to lead the offense; his stats are typical for a young player (56 awareness) but he does boast mobility, which should be utilized and mixed into your offensive arsenal.

The Vikings' young offense will depend on its defense to keep games close. Use Vikings' Smart Corner Antoine Winfield on the opposition's top receiver.

The Vikings' drafted college standout Adrian Peterson to be their running back of the future; last year's leading rusher Chester Taylor returns to the team but in a more dual running back role. Both possess similar stats and should be worked into dual running back sets. Rookie Sidney Rice (Spectacular Catch) leads a receiving squad that also includes former first rounder Troy Williamson (Speed).

Offensive line is the Vikings strength. Former Seahawk Steve Hutchinson (Crushing Run Blocker) is one of the best linemen in the game. He works alongside Bryant McKennie (Pass Blocker), which creates one of the best off tackle lanes in the game. Defensively the Vikings should be able to keep scores low to aid a young offense. Antoine Winfield (Press Coverage, Smart Corner) and Darren Sharper (Smart Safety) provide leadership in the secondary while Kevin Williams (Finesse and Power Move D-Lineman) is one of the best on the defensive line.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Tarvaris	Jackson	76	56	92	79	79	83	62	82	60	67	84	80
Brooks	Bollinger	73	65	81	84	65	66	55	68	59	58	73	82
Tyler	Thigpen	67	48	84	76	79	79	62	82	68	80	92	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Sidney	Rice	78	89	89	52	60	85	70	90	92	79	70	72	45	93	76	81	82
Bobby	Wade	75	89	91	48	77	80	62	92	76	87	87	82	25	66	88	74	80
Billy	McMullen	75	87	87	64	76	82	62	85	87	58	46	48	64	81	67	74	72

First Name	Last Name																
Troy	Williamson	74	96	96	54	69	75	63	94	89	86	75	56	45	76	87	70	70
Aundrae	Allison	72	93	96	52	48	81	62	94	88	91	87	85	44	84	93	74	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Chester	Taylor	86	89	93	69	85	74	76	94	88	90	89	69	84	88	83	35
Adrian	Peterson	85	93	93	69	68	71	79	93	92	88	87	76	85	90	92	45
Mewelde	Moore	77	88	90	58	72	77	75	90	89	89	84	45	67	89	90	44
Ciatrick	Fason	72	86	88	70	62	68	76	84	66	64	72	86	87	69	86	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Tony	Richardson	89	77	84	68	75	70	76	72	66	60	85	85	77	64	50

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jim	Kleinsasser	80	70	70	82	70	70	75	64	59	55	65	65	90	31	45	62	51
Visanthe	Shiancoe	75	78	82	67	68	75	66	74	75	67	64	53	65	67	58	75	72
Richard	Owens	66	68	78	70	50	66	60	55	59	42	30	45	55	55	37	65	60

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Steve	Hutchinson	98	88	54	74	95	53	97	87	94	96	90	90	85
LT	Bryant	McKinnie	94	87	59	82	93	60	88	98	80	93	87	98	98
C	Matt	Birk	92	98	54	77	87	56	89	94	87	87	96	90	93
RG	Artis	Hicks	82	70	50	66	89	54	88	86	76	88	65	85	70
RG	Anthony	Herrera	74	60	44	65	88	45	86	76	79	88	55	76	76
RT	Ryan	Cook	74	64	57	77	87	56	84	82	76	84	70	85	66
RT	Marcus	Johnson	73	56	51	64	88	50	88	82	80	90	74	87	70
C	Norm	Katnik	70	58	55	72	82	57	78	76	85	85	85	85	85
LG	Brian	Daniels	70	52	56	64	85	64	77	77	75	80	70	82	67
LT	Chase	Johnson	64	59	49	62	84	50	74	79	70	74	50	80	60

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Kevin	Williams	97	78	71	88	92	68	66	88	95	94	95	78	80	80
DT	Pat	Williams	90	90	50	55	96	42	59	55	96	45	97	86	65	84
RE	Erasmus	James	82	60	78	88	72	78	55	88	82	86	79	70	86	64
LE	Kenechi	Udeze	80	62	70	84	77	71	47	84	82	83	83	75	80	67
LE	Darrion	Scott	77	68	67	85	79	68	54	85	77	74	84	79	71	65
RE	Brian	Robison	74	56	77	79	78	72	69	79	74	77	78	72	72	54

RE	Ray	Edwards	74	45	77	87	73	74	56	87	70	86	74	71	80	55
DT	Spencer	Johnson	72	61	65	70	84	66	54	70	79	51	88	79	62	55
LE	Jayme	Mitchell	68	49	68	74	82	66	55	74	79	64	70	76	60	65

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	E.J.	Henderson	84	82	73	75	79	82	82	66	72	92	90	88	85	50	62
ROLB	Chad	Greenway	79	64	85	84	88	71	66	69	79	84	85	90	65	60	75
LOLB	Ben	Leber	78	78	78	72	79	73	72	59	67	85	85	88	78	50	60
ROLB	Dontarrious	Thomas	74	68	85	77	89	71	78	76	82	79	82	88	60	50	65
ROLB	Rufus	Alexander	70	52	80	86	84	68	74	62	70	70	72	91	60	75	80
MLB	Vinny	Ciurciu	67	70	70	64	72	68	76	55	70	85	80	82	55	60	60
LOLB	Heath	Farwell	65	64	72	70	74	70	60	50	68	78	74	82	58	54	62

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Antoine	Winfield	92	89	90	88	58	68	90	88	80	90	90	88	90	94	70
Cedric	Griffin	83	89	92	71	66	65	90	89	69	77	70	84	85	70	58
Marcus	McCauley	75	92	93	54	56	64	91	90	52	72	48	74	76	82	72
Ronyell	Whitaker	69	87	86	54	49	62	86	83	60	68	56	74	70	70	42
Mike	Hawkins	67	89	91	48	48	59	88	87	52	72	50	74	68	58	37

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Darren	Sharper	93	84	88	60	85	86	78	84	74	86	91	82	90	70	78
FS	Dwight	Smith	86	71	90	62	90	90	74	89	70	88	78	70	75	62	59
SS	Mike	Doss	79	68	86	60	84	86	60	80	80	86	60	55	80	46	82
FS	Tank	Williams	75	65	87	68	82	87	58	79	84	90	65	55	65	60	82
FS	Greg	Blue	73	54	87	68	82	86	60	87	74	84	55	60	75	34	84

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Ryan	Longwell	87	86	91	46	13	27	25	18

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Chris	Kluwe	77	87	87	69	20	35	53	51

New England Patriots

- '06 Record: 12-4 (1st in AFC East)

- '06 Offensive Stats: 335.6 yards per game (11th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 294.4 yards allowed per game (6th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 24.1 (7th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 14.8 (2nd in NFL)

The team of the decade continued to improve in the offseason: the Patriots revamped their receivers adding Randy Moss, Donte Stallworth, and former Dolphin Wes Welker. Randy Moss (Spectacular Catch, Speed, Hands Receiver) is still one of the best in the game despite poor years with the Oakland Raiders. Donte Stallworth (who played with the Eagles last season) is another speedster making the tandem one of the fastest duos in the game. Wes Welker (Possession Receiver) was arguably the Dolphins' most consistent receiver last season.

The New England Patriots completely revamped their wide receivers in the offseason. Expect to see a lot of Brady to Moss this year.

Expect big things for these receivers because they're catching passes from the best quarterback in the game not named Peyton Manning. Tom Brady (Smart QB, Accurate QB) is one of Madden's best with 100 awareness and 96 accuracy ratings. Second-year running back Laurence Maroney (Power Back, Stiff Arm Back) assumes full time duty (Corey Dillon was let go). Mix in Kevin Faulk; an excellent change-of-pace back who's potent in the passing game.

The Patriots' have one of the most experienced defenses in the game (essentially high awareness statistics). Richard Seymour (Power Move D-Lineman) anchors the line. Tedy Bruschi (Smart Linebacker) commands the linebackers (Junior Seau, also a Smart Linebacker is also on the team). The secondary is led by Asante Samurai (Press Coverage, Shutdown, Smart Corner) and Rodney Harrison (Brick Wall Defender, Big Hitter, Smart Safety). The Patriots are one of the best--if not the best--all-around teams in Madden.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Tom	Brady	98	100	91	96	61	62	62	62	60	42	96	98

Matt	Cassel	75	67	86	81	64	66	62	67	62	46	75	90
Matt	Gutierrez	68	54	87	78	65	66	65	66	64	60	78	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Randy	Moss	93	97	94	55	88	90	56	94	99	95	90	94	55	98	95	84	88
Donte	Stallworth	84	97	98	55	82	85	55	92	88	85	83	72	40	76	87	74	79
Wes	Welker	83	88	92	56	85	88	69	88	72	85	87	88	34	74	89	94	82
Reche	Caldwell	80	90	91	52	84	86	54	91	86	87	78	74	40	69	81	70	80
Jabar	Gaffney	74	87	89	42	79	85	54	90	84	86	74	76	28	70	88	66	77
Kelley	Washington	73	91	91	64	66	78	63	88	91	73	55	52	61	74	86	62	70
Chad	Jackson	73	91	91	50	52	80	60	92	88	87	84	75	54	78	88	72	75

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Laurence	Maroney	85	90	94	75	64	67	87	90	85	82	86	97	90	85	90	40
Kevin	Faulk	79	89	92	62	82	82	72	92	90	90	90	55	65	88	88	25
Sammy	Morris	78	87	88	69	76	70	76	83	72	65	77	78	84	79	80	53

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Heath	Evans	92	82	84	68	68	69	79	72	74	58	75	72	77	64	59

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Benjamin	Watson	87	89	92	70	74	82	65	88	88	85	84	74	65	85	82	83	78
Kyle	Brady	80	59	60	82	82	63	72	55	58	35	35	70	65	45	35	68	60
David	Thomas	73	78	82	68	64	75	68	80	84	71	66	72	40	82	70	65	70

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Logan	Mankins	92	84	57	70	92	58	90	89	90	88	90	95	97
LT	Matt	Light	91	92	60	74	86	62	88	95	85	87	82	94	87
C	Dan	Koppen	87	85	54	74	88	56	87	91	85	89	80	89	78
RG	Stephen	Neal	87	74	62	72	87	61	86	89	90	88	72	85	75
RT	Nick	Kaczur	81	78	54	75	92	56	83	88	78	84	70	83	77
RG	Russ	Hochstein	79	76	51	62	85	49	85	83	78	84	75	83	78
RT	Ryan	O'Callaghan	75	64	44	48	94	44	82	88	74	90	60	90	55
LG	Billy	Yates	68	46	54	70	82	50	80	80	71	80	63	78	65
LT	Wesley	Britt	68	64	60	65	82	60	82	80	73	73	75	73	77
C	Gene	Mruczkowski	65	55	48	54	85	43	82	79	73	82	75	79	73

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Richard	Seymour	97	88	71	80	92	70	74	80	97	82	93	87	82	83
DT	Vince	Wilfork	92	76	60	77	94	58	68	77	94	75	94	85	77	78
LE	Ty	Warren	89	82	68	75	87	65	60	75	91	78	89	87	79	84
RE	Jarvis	Green	79	70	68	78	84	70	66	78	87	70	88	83	78	60
DT	Mike	Wright	69	66	55	70	82	48	51	70	70	75	84	80	72	70
LE	Kareem	Brown	69	54	60	70	87	64	70	70	82	74	80	72	66	51
DT	Le Kevin	Smith	68	52	62	78	82	60	70	78	82	62	84	78	59	36

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Adalius	Thomas	94	88	87	82	92	82	84	91	92	92	90	95	84	79	84
MLB	Tedy	Bruschi	89	96	75	72	78	78	74	75	85	91	89	94	94	60	75
ROLB	Mike	Vrabel	88	90	74	72	74	82	80	81	77	87	88	90	86	60	80
LOLB	Rosevelt	Colvin	86	85	82	79	88	78	67	78	87	85	87	90	85	55	70
MLB	Junior	Seau	82	97	74	72	77	74	70	60	75	79	87	85	94	55	65
LOLB	Pierre	Woods	69	53	75	78	84	74	60	82	75	80	75	79	68	60	66
ROLB	Eric	Alexander	69	66	74	72	77	75	60	63	66	74	82	78	60	60	64
MLB	Larry	Izzo	68	80	69	69	80	69	60	55	70	85	80	80	40	65	65

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Asante	Samuel	96	91	94	85	58	76	92	88	68	84	92	94	95	93	58
Tory	James	85	86	85	84	64	78	84	85	65	83	74	84	88	80	40
Ellis	Hobbs	84	91	92	78	47	69	91	93	65	85	68	86	84	68	35
Chad	Scott	79	86	86	78	62	64	85	88	68	85	64	77	85	80	51
Randall	Gay	76	88	89	72	50	66	85	86	63	85	70	76	82	58	34
Willie	Andrews	70	90	87	52	57	60	85	86	60	74	55	72	82	54	68

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Rodney	Harrison	90	80	82	72	75	80	52	70	91	84	92	40	70	40	97
FS	Eugene	Wilson	88	74	90	62	88	88	63	87	70	84	74	80	87	65	74
FS	Brandon	Meriweather	82	58	92	54	93	94	68	92	70	88	56	75	80	70	70
SS	James	Sanders	70	66	84	70	82	84	60	82	74	81	65	45	65	40	51

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Stephen	Gostkowski	82	89	88	60	13	15	27	22

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Josh	Miller	83	88	88	55	25	33	45	38

New Orleans Saints

- '06 Record: 10-6 (1st in NFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 391.5 yards per game (1st)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 307.3 yards allowed per game (11th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 25.8 (5th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.1 (13th in NFL)

The New Orleans Saints were a big surprise last year. Most wouldn't have expected a division title much less a trip to the NFC Championship game. Former Chargers quarterback Drew Brees was an instant success. He's one of the top rated quarterbacks in Madden and a Smart and Accurate QB. Marques Colston (Possession, Spectacular Catch, Hands Receiver) came out of nowhere to be one of the league's top receivers. Stretch the field with fast Devery Henderson (Speed) to help open up the running game.

Take advantage of Reggie Bush's many talents--Speed, Elusive Back, Hands Receiver--and use packages to move him around the formation for both passing and rushing situations.

Speaking of the running game, the Saints use a two-back approach, though the versatile Reggie Bush should be used in almost every available slot on the field. Reggie Bush (Elusive Back, Hands Receiver, Speed) is one of the top players in Madden; use packages to shift him into the slot or wideout position and take advantage of his 100 acceleration and 90 catch rating. Deuce McAllister (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) had a good season last year; take advantage of Deuce's power with inside runs and goal line situations.

Last season the Saints had the top offense in the game (1st in yards per game) and Reggie Bush was a big factor. Take

advantage of his speed with outside runs and swing passes; avoid the big hit defenders because Bush lacks trucking skills. Get Bush as many touches per game as possible. Use motion and packages and creative play-calling if the opposing defense keys on him.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Drew	Brees	95	95	88	96	63	66	55	63	54	46	82	93
Jamie	Martin	76	78	84	85	50	49	53	45	36	37	78	82
Tyler	Palko	66	50	85	77	71	72	55	70	52	60	86	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Marques	Colston	89	87	90	72	80	91	68	88	93	80	70	66	72	90	77	92	87
Devery	Henderson	82	98	99	54	82	84	59	95	83	74	85	62	40	76	85	70	78
Robert	Meachem	77	93	94	61	60	84	62	92	89	78	75	76	54	74	83	68	76
Terrance	Copper	70	88	90	54	66	78	58	87	88	74	76	48	42	81	77	75	65
David	Patten	69	90	88	47	72	76	64	84	80	77	70	50	30	67	84	68	72
Lance	Moore	59	87	89	46	54	80	52	90	83	86	89	70	28	55	87	50	50

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Deuce	McAllister	89	89	92	80	94	74	85	86	86	72	96	95	95	72	90	42
Reggie	Bush	89	98	100	62	66	90	78	99	99	97	92	60	73	99	91	33
Antonio	Pittman	75	90	93	60	58	70	82	91	84	78	74	60	72	80	88	52
Aaron	Stecker	74	88	89	62	64	74	76	89	85	80	72	62	70	88	87	23

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Mike	Karney	88	72	72	76	66	74	70	70	58	54	68	76	80	64	56

Tightends

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

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Jammal	Brown	95	86	61	84	92	62	91	96	90	93	86	97	90
C	Jeff	Faine	85	80	58	80	87	59	87	87	85	86	90	85	87
RG	Jahri	Evans	83	72	49	60	90	50	90	86	82	86	77	85	79

Pos.	First Name	Last Name													
LG	Jamar	Nesbit	82	79	48	65	89	42	84	88	79	84	72	85	78
RT	Jon	Stinchcomb	79	74	56	75	84	55	84	89	71	85	75	88	80
LG	Andy	Alleman	76	57	66	78	86	69	80	78	76	82	78	80	80
RT	Rob	Petitti	74	66	51	70	90	48	86	82	74	83	65	85	62
LG	Wes	Sims	72	62	45	58	88	48	81	76	77	84	74	80	70
C	Jonathan	Goodwin	68	66	49	61	85	42	81	76	71	81	66	80	62
LT	Zach	Strief	65	46	42	52	92	40	86	78	70	85	60	84	55

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Will	Smith	94	73	82	86	80	75	62	86	86	95	88	74	86	75
LE	Charles	Grant	90	77	75	85	81	75	62	85	85	86	86	82	83	74
DT	Brian	Young	85	84	64	79	86	63	55	79	84	55	87	85	78	74
DT	Hollis	Thomas	85	88	48	56	94	49	55	56	88	48	92	85	68	78
DT	Kendrick	Clancy	75	70	54	64	90	53	55	64	84	42	89	82	63	55
DT	Rodney	Leisle	68	64	56	67	86	53	70	67	70	70	84	78	75	50
RE	Rob	Ninkovich	68	50	75	76	70	68	55	76	74	68	77	74	73	60
DT	Antwan	Lake	66	60	57	68	85	52	46	68	72	77	80	75	68	35
LE	Anton	Palepoi	59	54	64	67	71	64	50	67	78	60	70	72	64	48

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
LOLB	Scott	Fujita	84	85	82	79	86	73	68	45	64	82	85	90	85	55	65
MLB	Brian	Simmons	83	86	80	78	80	74	75	77	77	87	86	88	85	60	70
ROLB	Scott	Shanle	78	78	78	77	85	73	68	64	73	82	85	90	76	55	65
MLB	Mark	Simoneau	76	79	80	78	84	73	54	67	69	75	84	83	70	67	74
LOLB	Alfred	Fincher	67	70	76	70	78	75	68	75	62	86	82	84	60	30	45
ROLB	Troy	Evans	60	71	72	70	75	70	47	55	70	85	78	80	60	40	45

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Mike	McKenzie	87	89	93	86	65	63	89	89	68	86	79	86	89	75	48
Jason	David	80	88	95	78	43	78	91	84	45	77	75	75	85	62	45
Fred	Thomas	76	86	86	74	52	66	85	88	62	80	70	78	82	60	35
Usama	Young	74	94	96	48	46	60	96	93	56	79	52	78	79	59	40
Jason	Craft	72	91	91	70	50	65	88	85	60	78	65	70	65	66	44

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Josh	Bullocks	84	66	90	58	87	89	76	89	66	85	75	65	80	50	65
FS	Kevin	Kaesviharn	81	80	84	60	82	84	70	88	65	82	74	60	80	45	58
SS	Roman	Harper	81	68	85	62	84	87	62	85	74	86	69	67	85	58	80
SS	Jay	Bellamy	72	80	82	61	80	83	58	74	79	84	60	55	65	27	55

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Olindo	Mare	79	90	84	54	15	33	20	19

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Steve	Weatherford	80	89	85	79	23	45	48	45
Chris	Hanson	79	90	85	56	12	39	50	50

New York Giants

- '06 Record: 8-8 (3rd in NFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 325.9 yards per game (14th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 342.4 yards allowed per game (25th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 22.2 (11th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.6 (14th in NFL)

The New York Giants' star running back Tiki Barber decided to retire last season leaving behind a team that struggled last season enroute to an 8-8 record. The Giants, led by Eli Manning at quarterback, are still trying to breakthrough in a competitive NFC East. Brandon Jacobs (Power Back), last season's primary goal line back, takes over as the starting running back. What Jacobs lacks in speed he makes up for in trucking ability. Former Bronco and Brown Reuben Droughns (Power Back) offers similar ratings.

The New York Giants' Jeremy Shockey is one of the best tight ends in the game.

Plaxico Burress (Spectacular Catch Receiver) and Jeremy Shockey (Possession, Quick Receiver) are Manning's primary targets in the passing game. Burress is an excellent deep ball and red zone target (high jump rating). Shockey is one of the best tight ends in the game; switch packages to move Shockey around the field into the slot or wideout position to open up additional routes. Michael Strahan (Power Move D-Lineman) is in the game on the Giants' line and Antonio Pierce provides leadership (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender) from the middle linebacker position.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Eli	Manning	85	84	91	84	61	64	55	57	55	45	95	95
Anthony	Wright	76	72	86	78	69	73	55	70	42	58	79	80
Tim	Hasselbeck	72	70	82	84	52	55	53	52	55	37	74	80
Jared	Lorenzen	66	52	88	76	64	64	65	63	55	44	85	84

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Plaxico	Burress	90	92	90	70	82	87	55	93	98	85	82	85	78	98	88	82	89
Amani	Toomer	83	88	86	65	88	86	72	85	86	70	70	85	55	74	72	84	84
Steve	Smith	74	92	94	56	58	82	63	92	86	92	88	82	44	70	92	64	80
Sinorice	Moss	69	95	96	37	54	76	55	96	90	94	90	78	23	72	95	62	68
David	Tyree	68	87	85	58	68	78	42	85	85	70	70	60	55	81	64	65	68
Michael	Jennings	58	92	93	45	62	75	50	90	84	87	90	70	28	55	88	50	45

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Brandon	Jacobs	83	87	88	85	79	67	80	88	76	68	84	91	98	76	80	33
Reuben	Droughns	80	85	86	80	90	64	90	82	68	58	85	92	93	64	77	42
Ahmad	Bradshaw	69	88	89	60	56	64	68	84	80	76	68	82	78	72	88	40
Derrick	Ward	68	87	89	67	58	62	70	86	79	78	60	55	68	87	86	35

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Jim	Finn	87	65	68	79	84	68	64	60	42	31	55	45	67	70	60
Robert	Douglas	72	76	76	72	55	60	70	70	55	45	55	60	65	58	45

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jeremy	Shockey	95	84	89	71	82	85	67	83	90	85	77	87	88	79	82	92	92
Kevin	Boss	70	75	72	70	54	78	67	71	90	65	60	70	76	70	68	78	68

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF

RG	Chris	Snee	92	77	55	74	91	56	93	89	93	93	78	88	86
RT	Kareem	McKenzie	88	82	51	70	95	49	94	88	89	93	74	90	74
C	Shaun	O'Hara	86	89	53	66	85	53	90	87	87	89	78	83	74
LG	Rich	Seubert	84	78	52	60	87	54	88	86	85	88	70	83	72
LT	David	Diehl	84	78	55	69	88	56	92	86	88	89	78	87	74
LG	Zach	Piller	83	72	52	66	89	48	86	84	86	88	73	87	74
C	Grey	Ruegamer	76	72	44	60	96	45	88	84	67	85	55	80	58
LT	Guy	Whimper	70	48	64	78	85	67	80	84	80	80	84	80	82
RG	Matt	Lentz	70	50	50	57	86	49	82	78	80	81	75	83	74
RT	Jon	Dunn	67	52	51	70	87	49	82	78	76	84	65	85	60

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Michael	Strahan	94	82	75	80	80	70	70	80	94	90	88	80	84	80
RE	Osi	Umenyiora	87	70	84	89	73	82	55	89	80	94	84	74	90	52
DT	Barry	Cofield	82	68	68	80	88	68	45	80	84	74	84	82	70	60
DT	Fred	Robbins	81	78	54	64	89	50	56	64	86	64	88	82	65	70
DT	William	Joseph	78	64	64	79	87	62	56	79	82	79	80	80	68	55
DT	Marcus	Bell	75	72	48	60	92	48	54	60	83	54	85	85	61	55
RE	Justin	Tuck	70	46	75	88	66	75	54	88	70	85	74	71	84	40
DT	Jay	Alford	68	58	63	79	84	62	54	79	72	80	77	70	50	45
LE	Adrian	Awasom	67	52	71	74	78	60	50	74	72	77	75	76	65	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Antonio	Pierce	94	88	85	85	88	76	81	80	87	90	94	95	92	77	80
ROLB	Kawika	Mitchell	85	84	79	80	86	77	68	66	78	87	88	92	82	59	70
LOLB	Mathias	Kiwanuka	80	69	82	75	88	78	74	79	88	86	84	87	68	49	69
LOLB	Reggie	Torbor	71	70	82	79	88	67	76	77	74	79	80	78	65	40	60
ROLB	Gerris	Wilkinson	70	62	81	85	83	73	61	64	77	76	80	78	54	54	68
LOLB	Zak	DeOssie	69	58	78	80	82	70	62	70	77	69	71	85	60	60	75
MLB	Chase	Blackburn	60	60	73	70	75	68	56	45	61	74	79	83	48	40	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Sam	Madison	87	88	90	92	50	67	90	91	56	82	87	84	89	80	51
Corey	Webster	80	87	90	75	65	64	91	94	64	83	70	80	75	79	47
Aaron	Ross	80	90	92	60	56	67	92	92	58	78	60	80	82	84	68
R.W.	McQuarters	74	89	91	82	45	68	88	80	50	85	65	75	75	58	46

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Gibril	Wilson	90	72	88	67	87	88	66	88	85	90	74	70	85	42	82

FS	Will	Demps	84	84	86	66	84	88	56	79	80	86	70	65	80	52	80
FS	James	Butler	69	55	87	58	84	88	57	96	74	84	50	60	70	32	45
SS	Jason	Bell	65	62	88	50	82	87	60	76	70	74	62	67	65	55	50

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Lawrence	Tynes	82	91	87	55	32	40	22	15

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jeff	Feagles	79	83	88	51	19	20	45	45

New York Jets

- '06 Record: 10-6 (2nd in AFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 305.7 yards per game (25th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 331.6 yards allowed per game (20th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 19.8 (18th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 18.4 (6th in NFL)

The New York Jets were one of the league's surprises last season. Chad Pennington (Accurate QB) had an injury-free season and is one of the game's most accurate quarterbacks. Laveranues Coles and Jerricho Cotchery are a solid one-two punch at wide receiver. Coles (Possession, Speed, Hands Receiver) is the deep threat with 97 speed and 96 acceleration. Cotchery (Hands Receiver) is the slower of the two and offers a dependable short-to-medium route target.

The New York Jets added to their running game in the offseason with the acquisition of former Bears running back Thomas Jones.

With Curtis Martin retired, the Jets looked for more stability in the running game and signed former Bears (and several other teams for that matter) running back Thomas Jones. His ratings are good but not spectacular in any particular area. Leon Washington and Cedric Houston are capable backups. Jonathan Vilma is the star on defense; he's one of the highest rated middle linebackers in the game. Vilma is both a Smart Linebacker and a Brick Wall Defender.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Chad	Pennington	86	84	86	94	55	55	49	56	52	46	60	88
Kellen	Clemens	76	60	90	84	66	68	56	68	62	54	85	90
Marques	Tuiasosopo	72	64	84	78	71	73	63	71	67	67	83	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Laveranues	Coles	91	97	96	53	86	92	64	93	87	90	88	88	60	80	92	93	88
Jerricho	Cotchery	86	89	92	58	82	91	65	89	88	78	80	82	50	74	85	87	85
Justin	McCareins	77	90	87	65	74	78	59	86	88	71	72	62	65	78	82	80	78
Tim	Dwight	71	91	96	52	78	75	58	88	82	80	85	90	37	64	89	69	70
Chansi	Stuckey	69	92	95	54	54	76	74	95	89	93	88	89	45	73	94	64	72
Brad	Smith	65	89	92	62	58	76	72	92	90	87	83	85	66	58	88	60	60

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Thomas	Jones	88	90	93	73	84	69	86	90	90	84	90	82	88	87	90	30
Leon	Washington	80	91	94	66	65	70	77	94	88	86	79	67	75	91	87	37
Cedric	Houston	74	86	87	74	66	66	87	78	72	55	77	86	87	66	86	46

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Darian	Barnes	84	65	66	80	69	58	73	62	50	50	50	85	68	66	57

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chris	Baker	79	77	81	65	68	78	65	73	74	62	55	61	65	67	55	75	71
Sean	Ryan	70	68	72	72	68	72	66	70	70	44	39	61	68	50	66	65	56

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Nick	Mangold	89	82	63	86	89	54	89	90	85	88	89	89	88

RG	Brandon	Moore	88	77	58	72	89	60	89	85	84	89	84	88	84
LT	D'Brickashaw	Ferguson	87	72	66	87	90	67	88	91	96	87	95	88	98
LG	Pete	Kendall	86	88	52	70	86	50	86	87	82	84	82	88	84
RT	Anthony	Clement	84	84	49	68	92	44	91	84	88	90	67	86	60
RT	Adrian	Jones	79	74	62	82	82	64	82	88	76	84	75	86	70
RG	Adrien	Clarke	76	68	40	74	88	40	84	78	76	84	65	81	63
C	Wade	Smith	73	66	50	64	88	51	82	84	76	84	70	84	60
LT	Ed	Blanton	71	62	51	66	85	50	82	83	78	80	60	82	60
RG	Na'shan	Goddard	70	45	47	54	87	48	85	80	75	87	67	84	63
LT	Jacob	Bender	66	52	54	66	86	54	82	76	75	84	70	82	70

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Shaun	Ellis	88	84	69	78	89	65	62	78	92	75	93	84	78	77
DT	Dewayne	Robertson	86	70	64	84	89	63	58	84	87	82	86	84	65	65
LE	Eric	Hicks	82	84	72	76	77	68	62	76	87	68	88	77	73	80
RE	Kimo	von Oelhoffen	80	88	60	68	88	54	65	68	88	67	89	86	70	80
LE	Bobby	Hamilton	77	86	65	70	82	63	59	70	66	75	78	84	79	75
DT	Sione	Pouha	70	52	62	75	88	61	50	75	79	60	82	79	64	45
RE	Kenyon	Coleman	70	60	72	76	76	68	50	76	75	74	70	74	78	55
DT	C.J.	Mosley	69	63	59	70	83	54	40	70	79	52	78	78	64	50

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Jonathan	Vilma	95	88	85	89	93	72	82	66	84	85	94	95	90	85	87
ROLB	Eric	Barton	83	84	78	77	84	75	74	69	75	87	88	89	82	55	65
LOLB	Bryan	Thomas	82	78	78	77	86	76	70	77	85	86	85	90	70	65	75
MLB	Victor	Hobson	80	82	76	73	79	79	81	70	74	84	86	87	78	50	65
ROLB	David	Bowens	77	82	75	74	80	79	65	78	83	85	84	85	74	50	65
MLB	David	Harris	76	70	82	84	85	72	84	74	68	79	82	88	78	50	65
MLB	Brad	Kassell	72	85	72	73	77	72	77	66	67	78	85	89	72	35	40
LOLB	Matt	Chatham	65	70	70	70	72	71	76	50	60	72	81	79	65	40	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Andre	Dyson	84	94	95	82	45	74	90	89	54	83	80	84	75	71	41
Darrelle	Revis	82	89	92	60	56	75	90	91	60	82	60	82	84	78	60
Hank	Poteat	76	88	88	78	49	61	88	81	56	78	74	82	80	60	45
Justin	Miller	76	98	98	52	59	66	96	93	52	80	50	70	76	68	64
David	Barrett	75	87	86	62	62	65	88	90	58	83	62	75	82	68	44
Drew	Coleman	62	88	91	54	46	61	87	87	52	82	40	65	60	54	51

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Kerry	Rhodes	94	80	88	68	86	90	68	94	85	88	87	60	80	41	82
FS	Erik	Coleman	82	78	87	54	84	86	67	83	78	85	74	60	75	56	70
FS	Eric	Smith	72	52	87	65	91	90	60	86	74	79	50	70	72	38	60
SS	Rashad	Washington	72	64	84	64	87	86	58	81	71	84	55	60	70	34	78

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mike	Nugent	84	91	88	49	25	31	28	20

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Ben	Graham	85	92	88	66	39	50	45	50

Oakland Raiders

- '06 Record: 2-14 (4th in AFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 246.2 yards per game (32nd)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 284.8 yards allowed per game (3rd)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 10.5 (32nd in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.8 (18th in NFL)

The Oakland Raiders were the league's worst team last season. The Raiders were last in the league in offensive yards per game and last in the league in points scored--a pitiful 10.5 per game, over 20 points less than the San Diego Chargers averaged per game. Aaron Brooks didn't work out as the team's quarterback and young Andrew Walter didn't fare much better. Although the Raiders signed Daunte Culpepper during training camp (expect a roster update), they also spend their first round draft pick on LSU Tiger quarterback JaMarcus Russell (Cannon Arm QB)--decent speed, a startling 99 throw power, but just 58 awareness. He is a rookie after all.

Defense was a bright spot for last season's Oakland Raiders. Former Tampa Bay Buc Warren Sapp is a Finesse Move D-Lineman.

The Raiders have a platoon of running backs, signing former Colt Dominic Rhodes. You could use LaMont Jordan (slightly better trucking) or utilize the rookie Michael Bush or the quicker Justin Fargas. None are spectacular. The Raiders receivers aren't much better. Randy Moss is now a New England Patriot leaving Jerry Porter as the team's best wideout.

Defensively the Raiders were actually fairly solid last season: ranked 3rd overall in yards allowed per game. Derrick Burgess and Warren Sapp play well on the defensive line (Finesse Move D-Lineman) and Nnamdi Asomugha is a Shutdown Corner.

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jerry	Porter	80	91	92	64	71	80	58	91	93	85	78	76	67	84	86	77	77
Travis	Taylor	79	90	88	58	75	83	56	88	88	75	70	61	42	67	81	75	82
Ronald	Curry	78	89	92	57	72	82	65	92	87	82	76	83	50	79	85	70	80
Doug	Gabriel	75	87	90	68	73	80	58	88	90	85	72	68	63	77	78	71	74
Johnnie Lee	Higgins	72	93	96	48	54	80	64	94	90	88	84	87	47	79	88	78	71
Mike	Williams	70	84	82	74	60	76	66	80	93	55	60	50	85	86	65	68	70

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Dominic	Rhodes	83	89	92	66	80	74	82	91	88	83	87	70	80	86	89	25
LaMont	Jordan	83	87	87	77	80	77	88	82	80	72	87	88	87	74	86	42
Michael	Bush	78	87	88	74	62	77	78	86	82	72	74	78	85	77	86	60

First Name	Last Name														
Justin	Fargas	75	93	92	60	70	68	84	91	75	64	60	84	70	78	78	40

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Justin	Griffith	89	80	78	70	66	74	78	73	55	62	78	84	78	60	50
Zack	Crockett	82	76	77	82	62	60	90	70	67	45	70	90	86	58	44

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Zach	Miller	79	77	77	64	68	84	74	79	86	68	55	70	60	72	68	82	77
John	Madsen	71	84	84	68	66	76	64	80	90	62	58	65	70	66	70	65	60
Tony	Stewart	71	72	72	69	70	72	66	66	54	54	55	50	59	67	44	65	64

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Jake	Grove	83	78	56	74	87	58	87	85	82	87	87	87	83
LT	Barry	Sims	83	84	52	74	87	48	88	85	85	88	75	90	70
C	Jeremy	Newberry	80	78	49	58	90	44	90	86	80	89	80	86	75
RG	Cooper	Carlisle	80	70	56	64	87	56	86	84	80	82	88	84	85
RT	Robert	Gallery	79	68	57	85	88	54	87	81	86	89	85	90	78
RG	Kevin	Boothe	78	66	55	58	88	53	87	80	80	88	69	82	65
LG	Paul	McQuistan	75	60	46	60	92	47	86	79	76	85	70	77	65
RT	Cornell	Green	75	69	50	62	90	46	86	83	76	84	77	83	72
LT	Mario	Henderson	69	52	60	72	84	56	78	83	75	80	75	86	79
LG	Ben	Claxton	63	52	49	50	84	42	78	74	79	75	86	75	85

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Derrick	Burgess	94	84	80	90	73	74	58	90	79	95	83	79	89	80
DT	Warren	Sapp	89	87	67	85	82	66	64	85	82	94	86	78	85	85
DT	Terdell	Sands	82	74	51	68	94	44	58	68	88	70	90	85	64	60
LE	Tommy	Kelly	82	76	66	84	86	65	58	84	86	70	87	85	74	70
LE	Tyler	Brayton	77	70	70	78	77	69	57	78	80	75	80	79	74	60
RE	Quentin	Moses	72	52	78	86	70	82	66	86	70	79	70	70	83	45
DT	Anttaj	Hawthorne	67	55	58	70	84	62	52	70	78	65	78	75	60	44

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Kirk	Morrison	88	82	80	77	83	79	76	62	74	89	95	94	89	50	65
ROLB	Thomas	Howard	82	70	87	88	92	70	78	62	72	84	85	90	74	65	65
LOLB	Sam	Williams	78	77	81	76	84	76	70	54	80	80	83	84	68	60	65

MLB	Robert	Thomas	72	75	79	80	84	69	65	45	62	74	82	85	65	60	65
LOLB	Ricky	Brown	60	48	75	73	76	69	60	50	65	72	73	80	60	45	55
ROLB	Isaiah	Ekejiuba	55	50	76	79	80	75	60	45	55	68	72	70	45	40	45

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nnamdi	Asomugha	93	91	92	88	66	74	90	92	69	86	78	94	84	88	48
Fabian	Washington	85	98	96	78	46	66	91	92	58	80	68	87	76	74	42
Duane	Starks	76	89	90	74	40	62	87	89	45	74	70	80	82	60	32
John	Bowie	69	95	96	42	50	60	95	92	52	77	40	70	70	62	60
Stanford	Routt	68	97	94	56	48	64	94	88	46	72	45	70	55	58	39
Chris	Carr	58	93	94	52	40	55	89	77	48	68	40	66	55	38	38

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Michael	Huff	86	66	93	64	92	92	65	93	79	90	70	80	80	72	73
FS	Stuart	Schweigert	85	73	90	62	86	90	64	83	76	86	75	60	85	45	78
FS	Jarrod	Cooper	70	64	85	68	82	86	45	78	77	82	60	50	72	39	80
SS	Darnell	Bing	70	50	86	72	84	88	66	82	76	80	50	45	60	40	84
SS	Eric	Frampton	68	45	89	52	90	90	66	88	70	85	45	55	75	44	82

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Sebastian	Janikowski	84	97	83	64	44	55	24	16

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Shane	Lechler	98	95	91	60	18	33	57	50

Philadelphia Eagles

- '06 Record: 10-6 (1st in NFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 381.4 yards per game (2nd)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 328.1 yards allowed per game (15th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 24.9 (6th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 20.5 (15th in NFL)

Eagles' quarterback Donovan McNabb was having a fantastic season until he suffered an ACL injury at home versus Tennessee. Although Jeff Garcia (now with the Buccaneers) led the Eagles to a division title and into the playoffs, who knows what may have happened if McNabb had remained healthy for the entire year. McNabb (Cannon Arm QB) is one of the top quarterbacks in the game.

The Eagles' free safety Brian Dawkins is one of the games biggest hitters.

Running back Brian Westbrook (Elusive Back, Hands Receiver) defines offensive weapon. He's a skilled runner and receiver; utilize Westbrook in screens, passes into the flat, and standard receiving routes by moving him into the slot or wideout position. He's an explosive back with 99 acceleration and 99 spin move. The Eagles have several capable backups, including Tony Hunt (Power Back) as a change of pace. Run behind one of the best offensive lines, which includes Shawn Andrews and William Thomas (both Crushing Run Blockers and Pass Blockers).

Philadelphia has a strong, veteran defense. Jevon Kearse (Finesse Move D-Lineman) leads the linemen; Takeo Spikes (Big Hitter, Brick Wall Defender) and Jeremiah Trotter (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender) are two of the game's best linebackers; and Lito Sheppard (Smart Corner, Shutdown Corner) and Brian Dawkins (Smart Safety, Big Hitter) are premiere secondary defenders.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Donovan	McNabb	94	84	96	89	76	78	68	74	54	73	84	98
Kelly	Holcomb	78	82	85	84	52	52	50	52	45	39	84	77
A.J.	Feeley	76	70	87	85	54	56	59	64	40	44	87	89
Kevin	Kolb	74	52	89	86	66	72	60	72	66	65	92	88

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Reggie	Brown	83	90	92	58	73	87	60	92	92	88	87	76	48	85	89	82	81
Kevin	Curtis	81	96	95	46	77	84	52	87	84	87	80	70	35	80	85	80	78
Hank	Baskett	72	87	88	64	66	82	64	83	92	73	66	63	60	82	70	67	68

First Name	Last Name																
Greg	Lewis	71	93	92	49	72	81	59	88	70	78	75	49	20	64	85	76	67
Jason	Avant	68	87	86	56	58	79	62	88	87	75	75	74	52	76	84	70	62

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Brian	Westbrook	94	94	99	66	86	90	88	98	98	99	95	60	76	97	97	34
Correll	Buckhalter	79	86	88	76	77	70	75	84	84	75	85	82	88	74	85	39
Tony	Hunt	74	85	85	75	58	70	78	80	77	72	74	88	90	68	88	58
Ryan	Moats	71	92	93	57	58	58	68	94	93	92	68	50	62	88	88	44

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Thomas	Tapeh	76	80	82	65	49	70	74	77	50	50	50	85	75	50	40

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
L.J.	Smith	87	81	84	69	76	82	68	80	85	77	70	75	50	73	70	85	82
Matt	Schobel	79	79	77	68	75	80	66	72	62	64	58	60	50	65	55	82	76
Brent	Celek	67	73	72	67	56	78	51	65	75	50	45	45	65	45	50	76	60

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
RG	Shawn	Andrews	96	74	52	78	98	55	95	88	94	99	75	95	64
LT	William	Thomas	94	90	46	72	95	45	96	95	93	95	85	94	92
RT	Jon	Runyan	90	92	48	64	97	44	98	85	88	96	69	89	64
LG	Todd	Herremans	85	74	54	67	88	54	88	87	88	88	75	85	78
C	Jamaal	Jackson	84	78	57	72	89	57	89	88	76	84	78	84	80
LT	Winston	Justice	77	49	56	75	89	58	89	89	89	87	93	90	91
LG	Max	Jean-Gilles	74	44	42	52	94	44	90	81	78	92	62	88	50
RG	Scott	Young	71	52	50	75	86	44	83	75	70	84	65	80	64
C	Nick	Cole	64	44	47	58	87	47	84	76	65	89	65	85	60
RT	Patrick	McCoy	63	48	52	70	87	54	76	77	76	79	65	80	60

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Jevon	Kearse	88	78	85	93	70	83	57	93	68	93	70	72	90	70
LE	Darren	Howard	86	74	73	79	80	71	59	79	86	82	85	78	84	75
DT	Brodrick	Bunkley	82	56	65	82	95	67	67	82	88	80	86	78	80	50
DT	Mike	Patterson	81	70	63	86	87	65	56	86	78	84	84	82	80	60
DT	Ian	Scott	81	72	63	72	86	63	56	72	84	78	83	82	68	60
RE	Trent	Cole	81	70	80	87	73	78	56	87	70	88	76	70	78	60

Pos.	First Name	Last Name														
DT	Montae	Reagor	78	75	65	81	79	63	54	81	80	75	83	81	80	60
RE	Victor	Abiamiri	73	52	75	80	76	77	75	80	80	78	70	70	79	45
RE	Juqua	Thomas	72	62	73	83	72	73	57	83	81	64	79	71	70	60
LE	Jerome	McDougle	69	65	77	82	68	72	50	82	63	83	70	70	75	40

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Takeo	Spikes	92	90	83	77	84	79	91	88	85	94	91	92	85	61	78
MLB	Jeremiah	Trotter	89	94	75	74	76	80	87	89	83	96	94	96	94	35	55
MLB	Omar	Gaither	78	79	80	87	87	70	72	50	72	79	83	88	75	55	70
ROLB	Matt	McCoy	75	74	82	79	87	68	58	45	60	80	83	82	68	60	68
LOLB	Chris	Gocong	74	75	78	77	84	75	72	74	77	77	82	85	65	45	60
LOLB	Stewart	Bradley	70	72	75	72	78	76	64	80	72	85	77	82	58	40	70

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Lito	Sheppard	95	93	94	90	54	77	95	90	60	84	91	95	90	84	42
Sheldon	Brown	90	91	93	84	56	74	92	87	64	84	80	88	92	82	44
William	James	78	91	90	66	63	64	89	90	62	76	68	79	82	55	36
Joselio	Hanson	69	87	90	62	45	60	86	84	52	85	55	75	80	50	35

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Brian	Dawkins	97	85	88	71	90	89	63	90	80	89	94	70	90	60	97
SS	Sean	Considine	83	79	86	64	87	90	66	85	77	85	75	51	72	45	75
SS	Quintin	Mikell	76	63	84	62	79	83	55	79	71	82	70	70	80	35	76
FS	C.J.	Gaddis	72	52	92	64	89	93	55	93	60	75	45	76	75	60	70

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
David	Akers	89	91	89	62	13	50	24	17

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Dirk	Johnson	80	88	86	55	33	41	47	37

Pittsburgh Steelers

- '06 Record: 8-8 (3rd in AFC North)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 357.8 yards per game (7th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 300.3 yards allowed per game (9th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 22.1 (13th in NFL)

- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 19.7 (11th in NFL)

The Pittsburgh Steelers are only one year removed from their Super Bowl Championship season (the Steelers ran the table through the playoffs as the bottom seed). But a sluggish start (and an off season injury to Big Ben Roethlisberger) kept the Steelers from a repeat performance and left them out of the playoff picture at just 8-8. Roethlisberger is a good but not exceptional quarterback. Veteran receiver Hines Ward (Possession, Quick, Hands Receiver) is a top receiving target; don't neglect second receiver Santonio Holmes and his high speed and acceleration.

The Steelers' Smart Safety Troy Polamalu is one of Madden's best hitters.

"Fast" Willie Parker (Speed) is the Steelers' primary offensive weapon--he's one of the fastest backs in the league and can excel in the open field. Follow your blockers and avoid big hits. Speaking of blockers, the Steelers' have an exceptional offensive line led by Alan Faneca and Marvel Smith (Crushing Run Blockers).

The Steelers' defense remains one of the top squads in Madden 08 (ranked 9th last season in yards allowed per game). Casey Hampton is a Power Move D-Lineman; James Farrior is a Big Hitter and Brick Wall Defender; and Troy Polamalu is one of the best safeties in the game with Smart Safety and Big Hitter weapons.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Ben	Roethlisberger	87	82	91	85	68	69	74	67	60	60	77	95
Charlie	Batch	78	80	86	84	50	52	55	50	43	39	55	86
Brian	St.Pierre	65	62	82	80	46	50	50	49	55	38	74	80

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE

First Name	Last Name															
Hines	Ward	92	87	86	75	89	94	67	88	84	90	85	88	85	76	87	98	94
Santonio	Holmes	81	93	94	56	78	80	49	92	88	93	92	90	25	75	94	70	84
Nate	Washington	75	88	92	52	70	79	55	90	91	74	74	65	45	72	75	76	78
Cedrick	Wilson	74	91	91	49	75	78	45	87	79	74	81	55	43	77	87	79	74
Dallas	Baker	70	87	85	52	60	78	52	82	91	75	65	75	30	80	80	62	76
Willie	Reid	68	91	93	54	52	70	62	93	87	92	89	89	40	74	91	76	69

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Willie	Parker	89	97	97	66	88	72	78	91	88	80	92	79	84	88	85	45
Najeh	Davenport	77	86	87	82	72	75	78	83	75	60	77	88	89	68	88	49
Kevan	Barlow	75	85	87	77	74	65	82	84	74	62	70	87	86	69	88	35
Verron	Haynes	74	86	88	72	68	66	78	85	70	71	75	85	82	70	82	50

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Dan	Kreider	93	63	72	78	76	54	55	53	25	61	65	77	67	82	65

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Heath	Miller	86	82	84	68	72	87	68	79	80	68	60	80	65	71	70	87	80
Jerame	Tuman	74	62	64	78	72	66	65	62	57	45	59	60	65	48	45	66	55
Matt	Spaeth	70	71	72	64	72	82	72	73	86	64	55	66	59	66	62	80	72

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Alan	Faneca	97	90	52	70	94	45	96	91	97	96	93	90	86
LT	Marvel	Smith	92	89	50	67	97	50	97	89	85	98	85	92	74
RG	Kendall	Simmons	89	75	56	74	90	55	89	85	89	92	73	89	71
RT	Max	Starks	83	78	49	67	91	47	92	87	78	92	62	88	58
C	Sean	Mahan	82	78	58	79	84	60	86	85	76	84	79	82	75
C	Chukky	Okobi	80	74	53	77	85	55	86	83	82	86	83	84	75
RG	Chris	Kemoeatu	76	50	44	52	95	46	89	78	89	91	71	84	67
LT	Trai	Essex	73	60	57	70	85	56	84	86	76	84	76	78	76
LG	Cameron	Stephenson	71	46	52	64	88	54	82	75	77	88	65	85	60
RT	Willie	Colon	70	60	56	70	84	58	79	83	68	80	65	82	64

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Casey	Hampton	96	88	55	65	98	56	64	65	98	67	98	84	75	85
LE	Aaron	Smith	91	86	69	77	86	65	62	77	89	82	87	85	85	86

Pos.	First	Last													
DT	Chris	Hoke	82	76	59	74	88	58	56	74	86	60	87	82	66	65
RE	Brett	Keisel	82	78	73	79	83	68	56	79	85	72	84	82	78	65
LE	Ryan	McBean	72	52	63	74	86	66	80	74	76	84	77	69	66	52
RE	Travis	Kirschke	72	74	62	66	85	54	54	66	85	64	85	80	74	70
DT	Shaun	Nua	63	52	65	75	80	50	45	75	80	50	83	68	55	40

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	James	Farrior	93	91	79	82	85	80	91	84	72	95	94	95	92	55	70
LOLB	Clark	Haggans	86	86	77	75	80	82	80	80	87	91	89	90	78	60	65
MLB	Larry	Foote	85	86	77	82	84	75	82	75	84	88	88	91	82	62	70
ROLB	Lawrence	Timmons	80	64	85	88	93	72	84	80	88	80	82	93	60	70	75
LOLB	LaMarr	Woodley	74	65	80	76	88	80	75	78	85	84	82	85	60	50	60
MLB	Clint	Kriewaldt	74	75	70	66	76	79	56	75	72	85	86	86	80	40	60
ROLB	James	Harrison	73	67	77	75	82	80	82	77	79	80	83	84	65	55	60
LOLB	Arnold	Harrison	65	63	76	72	79	72	69	67	79	67	79	79	58	50	60
MLB	Rian	Wallace	65	62	73	71	78	74	55	66	76	79	83	80	65	40	50

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Ike	Taylor	87	94	94	72	64	64	91	91	70	84	68	85	85	90	52
Deshea	Townsend	84	88	88	88	59	64	90	84	64	85	80	84	80	87	46
Bryant	McFadden	82	89	92	76	60	62	91	90	65	80	74	82	83	74	46
Ricardo	Colclough	73	91	93	63	50	66	90	91	55	73	60	76	65	62	40
Anthony	Madison	66	89	87	48	47	60	86	85	50	70	66	70	69	49	48

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Troy	Polamalu	98	80	93	65	92	95	72	85	80	94	92	65	85	60	91
FS	Ryan	Clark	80	72	87	60	85	88	67	85	77	85	70	60	74	55	72
FS	Anthony	Smith	75	67	87	52	85	88	70	86	66	82	55	60	78	38	44
SS	Tyrone	Carter	73	78	83	60	80	83	62	74	70	82	60	60	84	28	58

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jeff	Reed	79	89	86	51	26	42	15	15

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Daniel	Sepulveda	81	92	84	85	55	66	45	45

San Diego Chargers

- '06 Record: 14-2 (1st in AFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 365 yards per game (4th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 301.6 yards allowed per game (10th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 30.8 (1st in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 18.9 (7th in NFL)

Let's settle it now: LaDainian Tomlinson is the best player in Madden 08--an accurate reflection as his status of best player in the NFL. LT's ratings are incredible: two 100 scores in elusiveness and juke move and upper 90s in many others, including speed, acceleration, awareness, agility, stiff arm, and spin move. Tomlinson (Elusive Back, Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier, Speed) set the single season touchdown record last season and should be utilized by any Madden player hoping to dominate in the running game.

The best player in the NFL and Madden 08: LaDainian Tomlinson. There's not much room for his ratings to be any higher.

A great running back needs an offensive line and the Chargers have one of the best. The unit includes three Crushing Run Blockers--Kris Dielman, Marcus McNeill (also a Pass Blocker), and Nick Hardwick. And don't forget Lorenzo Neal, another Crushing Run Blocker and the best fullback in football. Tomlinson has skills for any position (85 catch rating too) so mix him into the passing game with screens, swing passes, and receiver routes from the slot or wideout spot. The Chargers' RB backups are excellent as well; Michael Turner could start for any NFL team and Darren Sproles (Elusive Back) provides an additional threat in the passing game (and the return game).

Former first rounder Philip Rivers made Charger fans forget about Drew Brees; the Charger quarterback had an excellent season as full-time starter. The Chargers' receiving squad is a weakness; there are no standouts at the WR position. Instead, the Chargers have the best tight end in Madden--Antonio Gates (Possession, Quick, Spectacular Catch, Hands Receiver). Shift him around the field using packages and ensure Gates is on the field as often as possible.

The Chargers are also strong defensively with two excellent Power Move linemen (Jamal Williams and Luis Castillo) and a Press Coverage Corner (Quentin Jammer). The star on defense, though, is Shawne "Lights Out" Merriman. The Chargers'

LOLB is one of the highest rated in the game and has both Finesse and Power Move, Brick Wall Defender, and Big Hitter weapons. San Diego was a few mistakes away from hosting the AFC Championship game last season. Expect big things from the Chargers this year--they're certainly one of the top rated teams in Madden 08.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Philip	Rivers	89	85	87	94	64	65	56	55	55	42	97	92
Billy	Volek	79	76	87	87	55	58	50	54	35	45	75	80
Charlie	Whitehurst	73	62	81	88	62	64	62	61	42	45	61	88

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Eric	Parker	80	91	92	44	82	84	36	88	84	78	86	67	25	70	87	84	82
Vincent	Jackson	79	92	87	75	78	81	64	86	95	55	44	55	68	80	69	75	76
Craig	Davis	76	93	95	51	62	80	66	93	86	92	88	86	42	76	90	82	75
Malcom	Floyd	73	87	85	62	68	80	58	86	94	74	70	45	40	90	67	74	69
Legedu	Naanee	67	91	91	70	46	78	68	89	95	75	65	76	65	70	80	80	58
Kassim	Osgood	64	86	84	63	58	76	52	84	92	60	48	54	65	70	65	74	58
Greg	Camarillo	57	86	87	46	50	75	60	86	83	63	64	78	25	55	80	55	55

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
LaDainian	Tomlinson	99	96	98	72	97	85	93	99	100	95	99	97	92	100	98	40
Michael	Turner	85	92	95	76	82	55	90	85	89	55	89	89	94	77	92	35
Darren	Sproles	76	92	95	55	56	74	75	94	95	90	77	55	65	95	93	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Lorenzo	Neal	98	65	55	86	90	62	70	53	30	40	75	87	67	85	55
Andrew	Pinnock	71	73	82	65	58	58	73	75	67	45	66	70	67	55	40

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Antonio	Gates	98	86	89	74	82	90	70	86	94	86	85	89	75	90	85	94	93
Brandon	Manumaleuna	75	67	74	80	70	72	68	63	61	42	37	57	75	50	35	65	55
Scott	Chandler	72	76	74	62	72	84	71	78	85	66	55	68	57	71	65	80	78

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Kris	Dielman	94	80	55	77	92	54	95	89	90	95	75	87	70
LT	Marcus	McNeill	94	82	63	78	94	64	95	92	96	96	88	96	84

Pos.	First Name	Last Name													
C	Nick	Hardwick	92	82	60	80	88	58	94	89	92	95	82	86	75
RG	Mike	Goff	91	90	48	62	93	47	93	88	83	92	69	89	65
RT	Shane	Olivea	86	78	54	68	90	52	93	91	85	91	85	87	78
LT	Roman	Oben	82	78	52	67	91	48	87	88	85	87	65	86	65
C	Cory	Withrow	71	72	58	65	77	55	76	80	79	83	78	81	74
RG	Mike	Jones	71	56	50	68	86	51	79	76	75	82	65	80	60
LT	Jeromey	Clary	70	60	56	60	82	54	85	80	80	80	75	83	74
LG	Scott	Mruczkowski	69	54	51	69	82	53	80	76	71	80	65	76	72
RT	Cory	Lekkerkerker	67	59	46	49	88	40	84	74	85	85	85	85	85

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Jamal	Williams	98	92	54	78	98	50	60	78	98	67	98	85	78	88
LE	Luis	Castillo	92	88	66	79	95	62	70	79	98	70	91	90	70	88
RE	Igor	Olshansky	84	80	62	79	90	65	65	79	89	70	88	85	86	79
RE	Jacques	Cesaire	73	62	69	67	82	67	55	67	70	78	81	78	74	60
DT	Ryon	Bingham	68	58	58	70	84	62	50	70	80	58	76	76	65	45
LE	Derreck	Robinson	68	63	65	66	82	69	60	66	79	72	74	74	68	45
DT	Brandon	McKinney	66	47	60	64	85	52	50	64	81	62	82	75	63	50

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
LOLB	Shawne	Merriman	98	88	87	88	97	87	98	99	96	99	93	95	76	55	73
ROLB	Shaun	Phillips	86	82	84	84	92	79	78	85	92	86	87	92	79	58	69
MLB	Anthony	Waters	74	66	80	74	84	76	82	82	74	82	82	85	66	45	70
MLB	Stephen	Cooper	72	70	76	83	82	71	68	69	73	75	80	85	60	70	80
MLB	Matt	Wilhelm	72	75	74	76	78	75	72	65	66	80	82	82	72	40	60
LOLB	Carlos	Polk	71	74	74	70	77	74	59	55	70	85	82	85	60	45	65
MLB	Brandon	Siler	70	60	82	80	87	71	79	76	72	85	84	84	60	40	45
ROLB	Marques	Harris	64	58	79	76	83	67	60	65	77	77	77	80	66	45	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Quentin	Jammer	88	94	91	76	65	67	92	94	70	85	75	87	78	92	55
Antonio	Cromartie	83	94	92	56	66	74	94	95	66	83	57	82	76	78	45
Drayton	Florence	82	91	92	74	63	66	91	89	63	76	70	84	78	75	45
Steve	Gregory	70	88	89	59	55	64	90	86	66	78	55	70	75	54	62

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Marlon	McCree	84	79	86	65	82	87	63	82	73	87	82	65	74	50	86
FS	Eric	Weddle	78	55	89	58	90	90	68	85	70	82	65	65	78	55	74
SS	Bhawoh	Jue	73	69	88	52	86	89	63	87	73	75	65	75	70	70	60

SS	Clinton	Hart	70	68	86	58	84	87	61	78	74	80	55	70	65	50	62

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Nate	Kaeding	91	90	92	58	16	28	10	7

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Mike	Scifres	80	91	85	67	22	42	56	49

San Francisco 49ers

- '06 Record: 7-9 (3rd in NFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 303.8 yards per game (26th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 344.2 yards allowed per game (26th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 18.6 (24th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 25.8 (32nd in NFL)

The San Francisco 49ers showed improvement under young head coach Mike Nolan. Former first rounder Alex Smith has steadily improved in his leadership role as the Niners quarterback and running back Frank Gore (Power Back) has emerged as one of the game's elite. Gore is a solid mix of speed and power. Take advantage of the strongest offensive linemen and run behind left guard and Crushing Run Blocker Larry Allen.

San Francisco 49ers' Power Back Frank Gore has emerged as one of the game's best running backs.

To improve the passing game, the 49ers added former Seahawk receiver Darrell Jackson (Quick Receiver). Also, utilize promising tight end Vernon Davis (whose rookie season was shortened by injury). Vernon Davis has excellent speed for a tight end and can be shifted around the formation to open up additional passing routes. The 49ers stars on defense include Bryant Young (Power Move) and former Bills cornerback Nate Clements (Shutdown, Press Coverage Corner).

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Alex	Smith	83	71	89	87	73	76	55	74	65	68	93	94
Trent	Dilfer	80	83	89	86	45	47	62	44	55	33	60	88
Shaun	Hill	67	60	79	84	55	49	51	55	41	40	82	84

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Darrell	Jackson	89	89	91	62	92	88	54	90	88	90	74	85	55	82	91	84	92
Arnaz	Battle	79	89	90	62	76	88	66	89	84	87	87	89	62	78	85	69	77
Ashley	Lelie	74	92	94	42	74	83	51	90	92	74	75	55	20	80	82	60	68
Jason	Hill	73	91	90	54	60	82	62	92	92	90	80	82	40	81	87	70	72
Bryan	Gilmore	69	91	90	45	74	80	58	84	78	70	65	45	40	68	74	64	69
Taylor	Jacobs	68	89	89	45	65	79	58	86	85	83	80	60	45	64	84	69	65

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Frank	Gore	93	92	94	75	92	78	80	93	92	80	95	90	91	90	89	41
Maurice	Hicks	74	88	90	64	68	70	70	87	83	80	73	54	75	85	66	40
Michael	Robinson	74	86	88	72	52	68	78	88	84	85	70	68	83	80	85	32

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Moran	Norris	78	72	76	88	65	64	72	70	52	40	55	65	65	60	45

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Vernon	Davis	86	92	91	68	68	82	70	89	94	86	87	76	75	76	84	72	78
Billy	Bajema	70	71	77	64	60	74	62	71	76	50	50	50	85	40	50	55	60

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LG	Larry	Allen	95	95	44	55	100	41	97	84	90	99	70	92	67
LT	Jonas	Jennings	87	88	51	72	96	45	93	84	87	93	66	90	62
RG	Justin	Smiley	86	72	60	76	87	61	87	84	85	86	79	89	77
C	Eric	Heitmann	84	82	51	61	90	45	90	90	89	90	77	85	73

Pos.	First	Last												
RT	Kwame	Harris	84	78	55	79	88	54	88	89	85	87	87	87	88
C	David	Baas	80	68	54	71	88	54	88	87	85	87	75	85	70
RT	Adam	Snyder	79	69	49	64	91	49	88	86	85	87	85	86	79
LT	Joe	Staley	77	64	72	89	84	74	80	86	78	80	93	87	94
LG	Tony	Wragge	73	62	46	53	90	44	82	77	80	85	75	84	70
RG	Nick	Steitz	68	58	46	55	88	44	78	76	78	80	65	78	55
RG	Damane	Duckett	68	44	60	67	86	64	80	70	76	80	60	78	45

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Bryant	Young	86	94	64	67	89	59	64	67	92	68	92	86	78	85
RE	Marques	Douglas	80	76	70	78	80	68	56	78	80	78	84	80	75	65
DT	Ronald	Fields	77	68	56	68	90	56	52	68	82	64	84	80	70	60
DT	Aubrayo	Franklin	75	66	55	64	89	48	50	64	84	66	85	81	65	55
DT	Isaac	Sopoaga	74	55	55	66	95	52	51	66	86	55	90	84	62	45
DT	Joe	Cohen	73	52	60	68	91	55	62	68	86	73	82	78	45	40
LE	Melvin	Oliver	72	66	68	74	87	64	52	74	80	60	83	80	75	65
RE	Ray	McDonald	71	48	68	80	83	71	55	80	82	78	77	74	60	40

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Patrick	Willis	84	72	88	86	89	76	89	70	80	86	86	92	80	60	70
MLB	Derek	Smith	82	88	74	72	74	74	74	70	65	89	88	92	86	48	65
MLB	Brandon	Moore	82	80	79	79	85	79	73	78	85	86	85	90	78	60	70
MLB	Jeff	Ulbrich	80	88	74	70	76	74	74	67	71	88	86	90	85	40	60
LOLB	Manny	Lawson	78	65	90	89	95	72	61	69	87	76	80	88	68	55	70
ROLB	Tully	Banta Cain	78	80	78	76	86	76	70	80	84	84	85	86	78	45	65
LOLB	Parys	Haralson	69	68	78	80	84	72	74	84	82	84	80	82	65	35	50
ROLB	Roderick	Green	65	66	81	77	87	79	54	78	84	78	79	86	60	35	50
ROLB	Jay	Moore	64	68	66	70	74	84	70	82	74	82	78	78	60	35	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nate	Clements	94	92	94	91	64	70	92	95	64	87	77	96	86	97	54
Walt	Harris	88	88	89	89	53	70	87	85	66	84	90	90	88	75	42
Shawntae	Spencer	80	91	92	70	51	65	92	91	64	76	74	79	83	61	46
Dashon	Goldson	71	88	90	58	58	62	89	86	65	77	60	70	75	65	74
Donald	Strickland	66	88	91	65	54	62	90	84	62	75	40	74	68	39	40

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Michael	Lewis	84	74	87	68	83	87	55	82	80	88	65	60	80	56	85
FS	Mark	Roman	76	72	88	58	86	88	61	86	68	75	60	65	75	48	52

SS	Keith	Lewis	72	65	87	57	84	88	62	86	72	85	65	65	66	32	55
FS	Marcus	Hudson	64	45	87	64	88	88	60	86	65	72	42	68	65	40	58

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Joe	Nedney	86	92	88	49	18	37	25	17

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Andy	Lee	87	89	92	64	35	40	44	45

Seattle Seahawks

- '06 Record: 9-7 (1st in NFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 311.1 yards per game (19th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 330.3 yards allowed per game (19th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 20.9 (14th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 21.3 (19th in NFL)

Despite a rough season, the Seattle Seahawks managed to win the soft NFC West with a 9-7 record. Elite running back and last year's Madden cover player (curse?) Shaun Alexander suffered a crack in his foot and missed a chunk of games and starting quarterback Matt Hasselbeck also missed games due to injury. Thankfully for Seahawk fans, both are back at full strength for the upcoming season.

Did the Madden curse strike Seattle's Power Back Shaun Alexander last season? Alexander suffered a cracked bone in his

Matt Hasselbeck (Smart QB) is one of the top quarterbacks in Madden--the Smart QB weapon is certainly a plus. Shaun Alexander (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) is a powerful inside runner; when running outside, utilize the stiff arm to shed opposing tacklers. Run Alexander behind left tackle Walter Jones (Crushing Run Blocker, Pass Blocker), one of the best rated offensive linemen in the game. The Seahawks receivers (minus Darrell Jackson, now a 49er) are decent but not exceptional. Former Patriot and Super Bowl MVP Deion Branch leads the group.

The Seahawks have a few standouts on defense, particularly at the linebacker position: Julian Peterson (Finesse Move D-Lineman, Brick Wall Defender) and Lofa Tatupu (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender, Big Hitter). Marcus Trufant (Shutdown Corner) is the Seahawks' best secondary defender.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Matt	Hasselbeck	92	92	90	92	62	62	54	64	58	53	88	91
Seneca	Wallace	82	72	84	82	85	85	52	87	66	87	84	88
David	Greene	71	64	82	86	54	60	53	58	56	42	90	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Deion	Branch	89	93	95	52	84	89	59	95	84	95	93	90	35	80	95	87	92
Bobby	Engram	82	87	91	46	90	87	50	94	79	92	72	86	25	70	94	82	84
D.J.	Hackett	82	88	92	58	85	86	54	90	89	84	73	65	45	73	75	78	84
Nate	Burleson	76	91	93	50	68	77	56	91	93	91	76	87	45	75	92	81	74
Courtney	Taylor	66	88	85	64	52	74	60	89	90	76	70	60	55	74	82	70	64
Ben	Obomanu	61	87	88	58	50	72	62	92	92	78	76	60	50	62	85	58	57

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Shaun	Alexander	95	88	92	80	97	72	97	91	91	85	99	95	96	82	97	45
Maurice	Morris	80	91	93	66	72	74	80	90	88	87	80	60	75	87	84	31
Marquis	Weeks	71	88	90	67	56	70	77	88	78	72	68	62	75	80	84	31

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Mack	Strong	94	80	78	74	75	68	76	72	55	58	75	85	80	66	48
Josh	Parry	74	65	66	72	54	78	58	58	40	30	35	70	67	60	55

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Marcus	Pollard	82	74	78	68	79	82	74	75	82	76	73	84	65	70	71	84	80
Will	Heller	63	70	70	64	60	70	64	65	62	42	35	45	35	51	48	54	66

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Walter	Jones	98	94	51	74	96	54	97	95	97	98	95	97	90
RG	Chris	Gray	85	88	51	64	88	50	88	86	75	87	68	84	68
RT	Sean	Locklear	85	78	61	78	86	62	90	90	84	86	80	86	80
C	Chris	Spencer	84	66	60	77	90	62	89	88	84	89	90	82	88
LG	Rob	Sims	84	76	54	66	91	45	90	86	82	82	73	82	74
LG	Floyd	Womack	82	70	42	50	95	44	92	82	77	93	65	89	60
LT	Tom	Ashworth	82	85	55	76	85	54	84	89	76	85	75	84	76
RG	Mansfield	Wrotto	72	48	57	68	87	62	79	75	82	88	68	84	65
RT	Ray	Willis	72	60	52	55	90	56	85	80	74	89	64	87	62
C	Austin	King	67	64	50	49	84	48	86	78	68	75	71	75	68

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Patrick	Kerney	92	84	74	80	78	70	75	80	89	86	89	82	83	80
DT	Rocky	Bernard	85	70	64	85	87	63	54	85	87	86	87	84	78	65
RE	Bryce	Fisher	84	78	74	79	78	70	46	79	78	85	84	81	84	68
DT	Chartric	Darby	83	71	67	87	82	64	45	87	83	84	84	84	78	65
DT	Marcus	Tubbs	82	64	60	76	92	59	58	76	87	65	91	82	66	65
RE	Darryl	Tapp	77	60	74	76	74	74	52	76	76	84	80	80	85	56
LE	Baraka	Atkins	76	58	76	78	77	75	80	78	82	75	71	75	73	54
DT	Brandon	Mebane	74	50	63	80	90	65	60	80	88	75	80	72	54	40
DT	Craig	Terrill	68	70	62	72	83	60	50	72	55	70	85	78	75	75
LE	Brandon	Green	66	60	68	74	72	68	60	74	72	70	73	72	69	50

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Julian	Peterson	95	88	86	88	92	74	85	80	92	90	91	98	86	80	75
MLB	Lofa	Tatupu	94	88	84	83	88	77	89	74	82	90	94	95	93	60	80
LOLB	Leroy	Hill	85	82	83	79	86	73	74	74	82	84	88	88	78	55	70
LOLB	Kevin	Bentley	74	70	78	80	82	73	56	68	72	82	80	84	65	65	65
MLB	Niko	Koutouvides	68	70	75	80	83	74	55	67	77	77	84	82	65	40	50
ROLB	Marquis	Cooper	65	62	85	84	87	63	53	45	74	70	74	82	55	60	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Marcus	Trufant	91	94	98	80	53	68	98	97	64	84	68	92	88	82	47
Jordan	Babineaux	82	89	89	78	58	65	90	88	70	85	68	84	80	74	66
Kelly	Jennings	78	94	93	62	48	62	93	93	61	77	58	82	80	58	48
Josh	Wilson	77	95	93	52	58	60	94	86	62	82	45	80	80	78	70
Rich	Gardner	60	87	90	52	51	56	83	84	55	70	40	60	70	50	41

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Deon	Grant	87	76	89	57	90	91	70	93	62	84	70	75	85	50	75
SS	Brian	Russell	85	84	85	55	82	85	76	82	64	80	86	64	88	45	82
SS	Michael	Boulware	82	66	85	68	84	87	72	80	81	88	60	70	80	45	80
FS	Mike	Green	80	70	86	59	86	85	57	84	74	84	70	70	80	34	76

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Josh	Brown	92	93	90	46	15	25	30	18

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Ryan	Plackemeier	87	92	88	55	40	52	40	45

St. Louis Rams

- '06 Record: 8-8 (2nd in NFC West)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 360.4 yards per game (6th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 335.1 yards allowed per game (23rd)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 22.9 (10th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 23.8 (28th in NFL)

The greatest show on turf! The St. Louis Rams have one of the top offenses in the NFL but must improve defensively to contend for the NFC championship. Quarterback Marc Bulger (Smart QB, Accurate QB) is one of the best at the position. It helps he's protected by one of the best linemen in the game, Orlando Pace (Pass Blocker). Plus, Bulger's receiver targets are some of the best in Madden 08.

Running Steven Jackson can open up big plays downfield to the Rams excellent wide receivers.

"Big Game" Torry Holt (Quick, Spectacular Catch, Hands Receiver) is a threat anywhere on the field. Test defenses deep several times a game and take advantage of Holt's excellent speed and acceleration. Veteran Issac Bruce (Quick, Hands WR) remains a solid target. The Rams signed former Titan Drew Bennett (Spectacular Catch) as well as former Chief speedster Dante Hall. Both are good options in the Rams three and four wide receiver sets.

Steven Jackson (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) has emerged as one of the game's premiere running backs. Truck through defenders on inside runs and utilize Steven Jackson's 80 catch rating as a dump-off option in the flat or on screen passes.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Marc	Bulger	94	94	90	97	57	54	48	56	49	41	80	88
Gus	Frerotte	77	78	86	84	52	54	52	52	39	39	69	82
Ryan	Fitzpatrick	69	64	86	76	60	62	54	62	52	43	90	85

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Torry	Holt	98	94	95	55	95	98	63	95	89	89	86	90	50	92	93	86	98
Isaac	Bruce	88	88	90	46	90	94	55	90	82	93	88	88	20	78	94	86	91
Drew	Bennett	85	89	87	63	88	88	69	84	90	69	65	86	60	91	83	84	84
Dante	Hall	69	96	97	45	64	72	54	98	70	97	97	92	25	70	96	60	68
Dane	Looker	69	87	85	48	65	82	52	83	77	66	70	66	40	66	79	74	69
Marques	Hagans	67	87	93	52	60	78	66	93	85	87	88	84	44	58	90	62	66

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Steven	Jackson	96	90	92	80	93	80	89	92	92	79	93	96	97	89	97	46
Brian	Leonard	78	85	86	69	66	82	82	87	82	70	76	79	84	79	90	37
Travis	Minor	75	88	89	56	74	74	74	88	86	79	80	55	65	87	90	34

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Madison	Hedgecock	77	70	74	72	62	62	62	70	54	51	63	66	67	64	48

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Randy	McMichael	88	83	86	71	72	82	73	87	88	81	80	77	72	80	78	80	84
Joe	Klopfenstein	77	83	79	67	66	79	67	82	84	68	58	70	54	62	68	78	67
Dominique	Byrd	71	74	80	69	49	76	70	72	75	73	66	65	66	64	67	58	51
Aaron	Walker	61	71	72	66	64	71	60	67	74	63	60	48	36	55	56	54	56

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Orlando	Pace	96	96	54	83	95	55	90	97	85	91	92	97	90
RT	Alex	Barron	85	68	60	75	91	62	91	90	86	89	89	92	91
C	Andy	McCollum	82	90	46	54	86	44	88	90	84	86	75	85	77
LT	Todd	Steussie	82	90	51	84	88	45	88	80	75	87	55	86	64
RG	Richie	Incognito	82	61	61	75	87	62	87	83	84	87	77	82	72
LG	Mark	Setterstrom	79	66	56	72	84	66	84	84	80	80	88	78	86
RG	Adam	Goldberg	77	64	51	66	86	52	82	87	71	84	64	85	60
LG	Claude	Terrell	76	57	50	60	91	51	84	80	82	90	80	85	70
C	Brett	Romberg	68	58	49	65	81	45	80	81	85	85	85	85	85
RT	Drew	Strojny	65	55	50	54	91	46	80	77	73	79	65	76	66
C	Dustin	Fry	64	52	48	55	87	40	78	79	82	86	75	84	70

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Leonard	Little	95	80	85	95	75	84	59	95	75	97	86	75	90	72
DT	La'Roi	Glover	88	90	64	74	82	61	55	74	84	88	84	81	87	85
RE	James	Hall	84	75	73	75	80	70	59	75	78	86	80	80	74	70
DT	Adam	Carriker	82	58	76	78	89	72	74	78	88	82	85	76	76	50
RE	Victor	Adeyanju	71	50	78	84	77	75	54	84	72	82	70	70	76	35
DT	Claude	Wroten	69	49	63	74	84	65	68	74	75	74	84	79	58	54
LE	Eric	Moore	69	58	75	78	67	76	53	78	66	81	68	72	72	48
DT	Keith	Jackson	64	48	59	60	88	54	66	60	78	58	84	72	55	40

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	Will	Witherspoon	90	88	86	88	91	72	66	75	85	84	90	97	84	75	80
ROLB	Pisa	Tinoisamoa	82	74	87	86	86	67	84	70	85	80	84	92	70	60	75
MLB	Chris	Draft	78	80	78	82	82	74	62	66	75	79	84	88	75	75	65
LOLB	Brandon	Chillar	73	74	77	76	82	73	68	49	69	79	82	84	70	40	60
ROLB	Jon	Alston	65	46	87	86	87	75	74	45	55	74	80	84	35	65	60
LOLB	Raonall	Smith	64	67	83	76	84	64	58	38	70	68	76	78	52	45	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Tye	Hill	84	98	97	69	44	66	96	91	60	79	68	87	80	64	45
Fakhir	Brown	80	88	89	82	63	66	89	86	66	74	68	77	80	81	46
Jonathan	Wade	75	96	98	50	48	68	95	96	44	76	40	78	70	66	40
Lenny	Walls	72	87	85	68	65	57	80	93	64	80	65	65	76	82	40
Mike	Rumph	68	88	87	60	64	60	86	90	68	84	60	65	75	44	40

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Corey	Chavous	83	88	85	54	84	85	72	81	66	80	84	65	82	65	72
FS	O.J.	Atogwe	81	70	88	65	85	87	65	86	74	80	68	70	78	40	74
SS	Todd	Johnson	76	66	83	68	80	83	50	77	80	78	65	40	70	40	93
FS	Ronald	Bartell	74	57	92	62	88	92	62	93	58	76	58	70	75	74	51
SS	Jerome	Carter	74	66	86	64	86	87	58	85	78	78	60	58	68	45	68

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Jeff	Wilkins	95	91	94	46	12	19	22	16

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Donnie	Jones	79	90	85	71	23	45	45	45

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

- '06 Record: 4-12 (4th in NFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 270.1 yards per game (29th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 329.4 yards allowed per game (17th)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 13.2 (31st in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 22.1 (21st in NFL)

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers' offense last season was one of the worst in the NFL: 29th in yards per game and 31st in scoring at just over 13 points a game. Carnell "Cadilliac" Williams had a promising rookie season but struggled in his sophomore campaign and starting quarterback Chris Simms missed most of the season to serious injury.

The Buccaneers hope former 49er and Eagle Jeff Garcia can spark last season's stagnant offense.

The offense's one standout was veteran receiver Joey Galloway (Speed). He's the top player on the Bucs meager offense and possesses high speed and acceleration to stretch the field. Fullback Mike Alstott (Power Back, Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) offers powerful runs from the position, though he's been lost for the season due to injury.

Veterans continue to lead the Buccaneers defense. Derrick Brooks (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender) and Ronde Barber (Smart Corner, Press Coverage Corner) are highly rated at their respective positions.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jeff	Garcia	84	83	82	86	75	74	46	74	56	75	55	90
Chris	Simms	77	70	88	83	63	62	54	62	53	51	69	87
Bruce	Gradkowski	72	55	83	86	70	72	49	70	54	53	87	90

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Joey	Galloway	87	98	97	48	86	87	56	92	86	92	87	85	40	77	91	82	83
Michael	Clayton	78	86	87	66	75	80	65	87	91	82	74	74	66	74	82	78	81
Maurice	Stovall	78	88	88	68	76	82	65	85	93	74	65	63	62	82	66	79	76
David	Boston	76	88	85	75	68	80	58	82	85	65	55	45	77	82	67	76	75

Ike	Hilliard	76	87	86	46	85	84	62	87	82	82	72	82	45	66	87	75	80
Mark	Jones	55	90	90	43	55	69	54	87	67	86	84	79	40	55	87	50	56

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Carnell	Williams	88	93	96	68	77	65	83	94	94	89	90	77	84	91	90	45
Michael	Pittman	80	87	90	75	76	76	73	85	85	71	72	87	85	80	88	39
Earnest	Graham	72	86	89	66	67	65	76	85	74	70	76	70	79	73	79	44
Kenneth	Darby	72	89	91	62	52	70	75	90	86	80	66	60	74	82	90	49

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Mike	Alstott	80	82	87	81	90	60	72	71	65	70	82	96	95	50	45
B.J.	Askew	77	82	79	74	70	65	74	73	67	55	65	69	77	58	47

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Jerramy	Stevens	81	79	82	65	70	77	67	76	83	64	62	66	75	72	68	64	74
Anthony	Becht	79	62	62	78	70	74	64	58	59	37	25	58	74	50	40	70	64
Alex	Smith	79	79	81	68	68	81	65	81	82	74	68	66	66	70	72	72	70

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Luke	Petitgout	89	88	49	76	89	50	88	94	84	86	80	92	90
RG	Davin	Joseph	87	70	60	78	88	63	87	85	88	89	86	87	86
LG	Matt	Lehr	85	80	58	72	85	58	85	86	84	85	76	82	73
LG	Dan	Buenning	85	78	48	64	89	50	88	85	84	90	74	86	69
C	John	Wade	84	87	52	63	87	52	87	88	85	87	75	87	76
RT	Jeremy	Trueblood	79	74	50	60	91	56	87	88	67	87	70	88	78
LT	Anthony	Davis	78	73	46	55	92	45	89	85	79	89	76	84	76
RG	Arron	Sears	78	52	60	72	89	60	83	80	83	90	82	89	80
C	Nick	Mihlhauser	66	59	53	66	78	57	79	77	70	80	72	78	70
RT	Donald	Penn	61	42	48	55	85	45	84	78	67	84	67	79	66

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
RE	Simeon	Rice	91	82	84	90	70	78	60	90	78	90	80	70	87	80
LE	Kevin	Carter	86	84	66	75	86	63	68	75	86	82	86	82	77	75
RE	Gaines	Adams	84	45	84	88	72	84	60	88	85	90	85	75	89	51
DT	Chris	Hovan	81	75	66	88	84	65	55	88	75	86	82	80	84	64
LE	Greg	Spires	80	74	74	82	73	70	52	82	74	84	77	78	82	65

	First Name	Last Name															
DT	Ryan	Sims	78	66	62	77	84	62	58	77	84	74	87	82	65	55
DT	Ellis	Wyms	74	69	65	75	80	67	55	75	78	75	81	81	65	45
LE	Patrick	Chukwurah	70	66	76	81	69	73	58	81	55	78	70	76	77	55
RE	Charles	Bennett	68	42	72	78	69	82	46	78	67	78	72	68	75	61

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Derrick	Brooks	94	90	80	81	82	71	84	72	86	80	91	91	93	80	88
LOLB	Cato	June	89	80	84	83	85	66	72	63	76	72	86	93	85	75	84
MLB	Barrett	Ruud	80	78	76	76	85	78	78	70	66	83	87	87	80	48	68
LOLB	Ryan	Nece	74	75	79	77	80	67	65	40	60	70	81	85	68	55	70
ROLB	Jamie	Winborn	71	70	80	79	82	65	65	50	70	75	78	82	55	65	75
ROLB	Quincy	Black	71	64	87	84	88	66	68	50	55	65	79	85	60	60	70
MLB	Antoine	Cash	63	54	82	84	84	64	65	55	70	75	77	80	50	55	60

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Ronde	Barber	95	88	95	93	60	78	94	91	71	91	95	78	99	98	50
Brian	Kelly	84	89	92	86	57	70	91	89	66	84	85	70	90	78	45
Phillip	Buchanon	77	96	94	69	40	68	92	89	42	70	60	85	70	58	36
Torrie	Cox	68	88	92	68	44	60	88	81	50	76	65	62	83	48	40

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Jermaine	Phillips	84	70	87	69	83	88	55	85	87	85	65	65	65	36	90
FS	Will	Allen	80	68	87	58	86	87	70	87	70	84	66	68	80	58	50
FS	Tanard	Jackson	75	56	88	52	88	89	70	90	60	79	52	78	80	65	54
SS	Sabby	Piscitelli	74	62	92	62	90	93	68	89	70	80	59	70	70	60	60

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Matt	Bryant	83	93	86	54	15	42	31	16

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Josh	Bidwell	85	90	87	52	23	24	47	41

Tennessee Titans

- '06 Record: 8-8 (2nd in AFC South)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 300.6 yards per game (27th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 369.7 yards allowed per game (32nd)

- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 20.2 (16th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 25 (31st in NFL)

Vince Young had an excellent rookie season leading the Titans to a surprising 8-8 record (good enough for 2nd in the AFC South). Last season's game against the New York Giants was one of the great performances from last year and helped to earn Vince Young a spot on this year's Madden cover. Vince Young (Speed QB) isn't rated especially high, except for mobility statistics--but the speed and acceleration provide plenty of versatility.

Madden 08 cover player Vince Young is an excellent scrambler.

Young's supporting cast lacks standouts; the receivers are young with meager ratings and there's no clearcut starter at the running back position. Rookie Chris Henry offers speed while former USC Trojan LenDale White provides power. Take advantage of the Titans' depth at the tight end position and use multiple tight end sets to provide Vince Young additional blocking or options in the passing game. Keith Bulluck is the Titans' best defender; he's one of the top rated linebackers in the game and features the Brick Wall Defender and Big Hitter weapon.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Vince	Young	87	74	92	80	90	93	69	92	72	94	92	94
Kerry	Collins	79	79	92	82	47	52	66	49	30	35	96	90
Tim	Rattay	78	74	86	87	52	55	47	56	34	41	83	84

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
David	Givens	82	87	83	70	80	85	65	85	87	66	70	75	70	77	70	84	82
Brandon	Jones	75	90	90	56	69	85	60	89	88	84	85	72	45	68	85	82	69

Justin	Gage	72	87	88	65	66	79	59	87	94	64	67	67	55	70	77	77	70
Paul	Williams	70	89	91	53	52	79	64	92	84	88	82	84	45	78	82	74	72
Chris	Davis	68	88	90	49	59	78	60	94	82	93	89	88	36	71	92	74	68
Courtney	Roby	66	93	93	45	62	75	54	89	84	84	83	65	45	60	85	66	66

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Chris	Brown	79	88	88	70	78	66	84	86	79	70	84	87	80	78	84	36
LenDale	White	78	86	86	79	69	67	93	83	73	67	70	92	89	67	85	47
Chris	Henry	76	94	92	66	52	70	79	92	86	80	60	65	83	80	90	30

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Ahmard	Hall	82	73	75	69	60	65	70	70	56	42	62	75	68	62	52

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Ben	Troupe	81	84	86	67	70	79	65	84	89	83	82	75	70	76	78	76	73
Bo	Scaife	78	83	85	63	76	84	64	81	83	76	65	72	45	68	70	71	80
Ben	Hartsock	70	68	73	72	66	75	62	68	73	62	45	56	50	47	56	62	58

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
C	Kevin	Mawae	91	95	60	73	85	59	87	91	90	90	83	92	80
RG	Benji	Olson	91	90	46	62	93	45	93	87	84	92	68	87	66
RT	Jacob	Bell	83	76	52	78	89	56	88	89	82	87	76	85	72
LT	Michael	Roos	82	74	56	74	89	59	89	88	80	89	80	84	85
LG	David	Stewart	79	69	50	62	86	52	87	86	74	84	73	82	70
RT	Seth	Wand	77	72	51	66	89	49	86	83	82	85	72	83	70
LT	Daniel	Loper	73	65	54	60	82	54	80	88	80	80	75	83	74
C	Eugene	Amano	72	64	58	67	83	56	82	81	71	82	66	78	65
LG	Justin	Geisinger	71	55	49	53	90	44	84	79	76	80	64	79	66
C	Leroy	Harris	70	57	51	60	87	50	83	78	84	87	77	86	72
RG	Isaac	Snell	68	61	56	65	85	57	77	73	68	77	62	75	68

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
LE	Kyle	Vanden Bosch	90	78	72	80	81	70	62	80	88	86	88	78	84	80
DT	Albert	Haynesworth	85	66	63	80	92	62	65	80	90	72	90	83	70	60
DT	Randy	Starks	79	61	64	76	87	60	54	76	85	76	85	84	72	55
RE	Travis	LaBoy	79	68	75	84	70	74	54	84	75	84	79	74	78	65

RE	Antwan	Odom	75	60	75	86	76	76	56	86	80	75	76	69	68	55
DT	Jesse	Mahelona	72	54	57	67	91	49	54	67	83	66	78	78	48	64
DT	Rien	Long	70	60	64	82	78	63	48	82	74	78	80	74	74	65
LE	Josh	Savage	63	55	64	70	70	62	52	70	70	75	80	70	75	50

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
ROLB	Keith	Bulluck	97	86	86	87	90	73	94	77	88	92	93	94	82	75	80
LOLB	David	Thornton	88	87	77	76	83	74	79	70	75	87	88	94	84	65	70
LOLB	Gilbert	Gardner	74	70	77	81	83	69	62	58	72	76	78	85	70	65	65
MLB	Stephen	Tulloch	74	68	78	82	84	70	74	58	72	80	84	88	64	55	70
MLB	Ryan	Fowler	72	69	75	77	80	72	78	47	67	78	84	84	68	45	65
MLB	Robert	Reynolds	66	65	74	72	75	75	70	54	60	84	81	80	60	30	50
ROLB	LeVar	Woods	62	72	75	72	79	70	60	45	55	67	78	79	61	45	50

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Nick	Harper	84	87	86	82	55	78	87	84	68	83	82	77	88	72	42
Kelly	Herndon	80	88	90	76	65	64	90	86	69	81	65	80	80	80	47
Reynaldo	Hill	79	89	91	74	46	68	90	87	62	83	60	85	84	58	41
Cortland	Finnegan	73	92	93	64	60	60	89	92	66	82	54	68	77	56	45
Andre	Woolfolk	71	92	91	58	54	62	90	91	48	74	55	72	70	66	41

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
SS	Chris	Hope	92	78	88	68	84	90	65	84	88	88	74	65	85	48	85
FS	Michael	Griffin	82	56	92	63	92	93	68	92	66	86	54	76	84	70	82
FS	Lamont	Thompson	81	70	87	59	82	89	75	88	60	80	70	70	80	47	62
FS	Bryan	Scott	74	62	85	65	84	86	60	85	70	74	58	60	80	39	83
SS	Donnie	Nickey	64	68	85	60	82	81	60	82	66	74	50	60	60	30	63

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Rob	Bironas	82	93	86	42	13	40	26	10

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Craig	Hentrich	85	90	86	57	12	48	67	62

Washington Redskins

- '06 Record: 5-11 (4th in NFC East)
- '06 Offensive Stats: 327.7 yards per game (13th)
- '06 Defensive Stats: 355.5 yards allowed per game (31st)
- '06 Points Scored Per Game: 19.2 (20th in NFL)
- '06 Points Allowed Per Game: 23.5 (27th in NFL)

The return of legendary coach Joe Gibbs has yet to push the Washington Redskins into serious divisional or conference title contention. Veteran quarterback and former Jaguar Mark Brunnel wasn't the answer so the offensive reigns have been handed to young Jason Campbell. His ratngs aren't spectacular but he does have plenty of offensive weapons at his disposal.

Redskins' Smart Linebacker and Brick Wall Defender London Fletcher-Baker leads a defense that also includes Big Hitter Sean Taylor, the strongest hitter in the game with 99 hit power.

The Redskins' primary offensive stars are running back Clinton Portis (Elusive Back), wide receiver Santana Moss (Speed), and tight end Chris Cooley. Santana Moss is one of the fastest receivers in the game and should be used to stretch defenses. Second receiver Brandon Lloyd offers the spectacular catch ability. The Redskins' offensive line is a good one; Chris Samuels (Crushing Run Blocker, Pass Blocker) and Randy Thomas (Pass Blocker) should open holes for Portis and provide some time for Campbell to make throws.

Washington's defense ranked 31st in yards allowed per game and must improve to compete in the competitive NFC East. London Fletcher-Baker (Smart Linebacker, Brick Wall Defender) is one of the best linebackers in the game and safety Sean Taylor (Big Hitter) has 99 hit power.

Quarterbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	THP	THA	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	CAR	ELU	INJ	STA
Jason	Campbell	81	70	91	83	69	67	58	68	55	58	92	90
Mark	Brunell	80	78	86	84	62	60	46	60	55	54	67	97

| Todd | Collins | 73 | 75 | 85 | 80 | 50 | 48 | 54 | 51 | 38 | 39 | 76 | 83 |

Wide Receivers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Santana	Moss	88	98	98	44	85	87	56	98	85	97	96	88	30	82	98	81	88
Brandon	Lloyd	78	88	90	44	77	82	55	89	92	78	87	70	25	98	87	78	77
Antwaan	Randle El	74	93	97	52	72	79	65	98	83	96	96	92	54	74	98	70	66
James	Thrash	68	88	85	53	80	79	60	82	80	78	74	80	37	65	70	60	64

Halfbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	ELU	STA	PBK
Clinton	Portis	92	94	96	68	88	67	85	94	96	91	95	65	88	93	95	46
Ladell	Betts	84	88	90	73	85	68	85	89	84	72	87	85	87	82	81	25
Derrick	Blaylock	74	92	90	62	64	72	84	88	86	75	76	58	65	84	77	23
Rock	Cartwright	70	86	88	77	69	57	82	78	65	73	77	88	85	55	65	45

Fullbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	TRK	RBK	PBK
Mike	Sellers	83	64	69	72	62	57	71	56	40	40	62	67	64	71	65

Tightends

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	STR	AWR	CTH	CAR	AGI	JMP	JKM	SPM	BCV	SFA	SPC	ELU	CIT	RTE
Chris	Cooley	90	83	84	68	84	87	68	85	82	77	72	84	70	76	72	87	86
Todd	Yoder	65	62	65	72	70	64	58	60	50	65	60	60	85	48	65	60	51

Offensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	RBK	PBK	IBL	RBS	RBF	PBS	PBF
LT	Chris	Samuels	94	87	53	78	97	51	95	92	92	97	84	97	85
RG	Randy	Thomas	93	85	56	76	92	52	88	94	87	87	93	96	99
RT	Jon	Jansen	90	86	48	65	95	47	94	90	94	96	60	90	55
C	Casey	Rabach	85	86	53	65	87	53	89	87	89	89	76	85	80
LG	Todd	Wade	85	80	47	60	90	44	89	84	86	92	74	86	69
RT	Jason	Fabini	82	86	47	65	90	45	89	82	84	90	80	88	75
C	Ross	Tucker	77	74	53	69	89	46	83	85	76	84	75	80	72
LG	Mike	Pucillo	75	66	49	52	89	44	85	80	78	85	64	82	60
LG	Taylor	Whitley	72	60	48	54	89	46	82	80	73	83	75	84	76
RG	William	Whitticker	68	58	44	48	90	44	84	74	60	85	45	80	40
LT	Calvin	Armstrong	66	56	44	50	82	42	81	85	71	80	65	82	60

Defensive Line

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	ACC	STR	AGI	POW	ACC	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC
DT	Cornelius	Griffin	88	80	65	78	86	64	56	78	89	72	92	82	80	80
LE	Andre	Carter	85	74	76	84	75	74	54	84	78	86	82	76	79	70
RE	Phillip	Daniels	80	80	65	68	84	62	57	68	82	72	85	84	68	80
LE	Renaldo	Wynn	78	80	63	67	86	60	56	67	84	67	85	82	66	80
DT	Kedric	Golston	75	60	61	80	84	62	55	80	82	55	85	85	64	60
DT	Joe	Salave'a	69	68	53	59	86	60	52	59	78	35	79	78	68	65
DT	Ryan	Boschetti	65	60	46	55	87	45	50	55	75	60	78	80	60	55
RE	Demetric	Evans	65	58	72	76	73	68	51	76	77	61	79	72	49	50
DT	Anthony	Montgomery	64	54	47	52	89	45	47	52	75	55	85	84	55	45

Linebackers

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	AGI	ACC	STR	POW	PMV	FMV	BSH	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV
MLB	London	Fletcher-Baker	95	92	80	85	85	68	78	65	84	94	97	98	93	68	80
LOLB	Marcus	Washington	90	85	83	81	87	76	75	65	75	88	91	94	85	65	64
MLB	Lemar	Marshall	83	85	84	86	87	71	66	60	84	85	84	91	84	70	65
ROLB	Rocky	McIntosh	78	69	82	85	86	68	68	48	68	77	84	84	70	67	76
MLB	HB	Blades	66	60	76	74	78	66	62	55	70	74	78	85	60	55	75
ROLB	Dallas	Sartz	66	63	76	73	77	70	79	72	78	79	79	77	60	48	54
LOLB	Khary	Campbell	64	68	77	74	78	68	60	58	74	72	78	80	50	50	55

Cornerbacks

First Name	Last Name	OVR	SPD	ACC	AWR	STR	CTH	AGI	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
Carlos	Rogers	88	91	92	77	66	63	92	93	68	86	72	87	89	92	51
Shawn	Springs	88	88	90	88	55	66	88	93	64	80	85	85	92	88	38
Fred	Smoot	83	92	94	77	45	70	94	91	50	80	70	87	80	70	42
David	Macklin	76	87	87	76	58	62	85	85	70	78	76	66	85	70	60
Jerametrius	Butler	73	90	90	64	46	64	93	85	52	69	60	78	72	65	42
Ade	Jimoh	61	89	85	50	45	57	83	80	61	75	48	60	68	60	39

Safeties

Pos.	First Name	Last Name	OVR	AWR	SPD	STR	AGI	ACC	CTH	JMP	TAK	PUR	PRC	MCV	ZCV	PRS	POW
FS	Sean	Taylor	90	77	91	77	91	94	82	96	84	90	70	50	78	55	99
SS	LaRon	Landry	85	62	94	74	93	96	60	94	82	90	58	60	70	44	90
SS	Omar	Stoutmire	78	78	84	63	84	84	52	82	74	84	78	60	70	48	66
FS	Pierson	Prioleau	76	80	84	60	83	84	54	72	78	83	70	65	65	30	78
SS	Vernon	Fox	72	70	85	60	80	87	59	74	69	78	70	65	75	30	56

Kickers

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Shaun	Suisham	79	90	86	43	13	40	26	10

Punters

First Name	Last Name	OVR	KPW	KAC	SPD	TAK	STR	THP	THA
Derrick	Frost	76	87	86	62	10	40	45	45

Chapter 3 - Read & React Weapons

Madden 08's new read and react player weapon feature is a visual representation of a star player's skills. Read this information at the line of scrimmage and spot where your opponent's best players are on the field and react and adjust your play accordingly. Perhaps you should to pass away from your opponent's Shutdown Corner or key your Brick Wall Defender on your opponent's Power Back.

This section covers Madden 08's read and react player weapons. You'll find descriptions for each weapon and all players that feature that weapon. Also included is the player statistic tied into that weapon.

Note that these lists are based on the default version of the game. If you play online, a roster update will alter some of these lists. For instance, the Oakland Raiders signed former Jaguar safety Donovin Darius, who is a Big Hitter.

Also, there have been some issues with the Smart player weapon. For players with multiple weapons, the icon displayed below the player is that player's highest corresponding rating (if his tackle rating is highest, it'll show a Brick Wall Defender). This poses some problems with the Smart weapon; if the Smart light bulb icon isn't displayed then its ability to read plays doesn't appear to work properly.

Cannon Arm QB

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

PLAYER	TEAM	THROW POWER RATING
JaMarcus Russell	Oakland Raiders	99
Brett Favre	Green Bay Packers	98
Michael Vick	Atlanta Falcons	97
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	97
Byron Leftwich	Jacksonville Jaguars	97
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	96
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia Eagles	96
Daunte Culpepper	Miami Dolphins	95
Rex Grossman	Chicago Bears	95
Jay Cutler	Denver Broncos	95

Accurate QB

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

PLAYER	TEAM	THROW ACCURACY RATING

Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	98
Marc Bulger	St. Louis Rams	97
Drew Brees	New Orleans Saints	96
Tom Brady	New England Patriots	96
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	95
Philip Rivers	San Diego Chargers	94
Chad Pennington	New York Jets	94

Smart QB

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

PLAYER	TEAM	AWARENESS RATING
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis Colts	100
Tom Brady	New England Patriots	100
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati Bengals	96
Drew Brees	New Orleans Saints	95
Marc Bulger	St. Louis Rams	94
Matt Hasselbeck	Seattle Seahawks	92

Speed QB

These quarterbacks are the fastest in the game. A scrambling quarterback adds a different element to the offense. If the offensive line protection breaks down, these quarterbacks have little trouble avoiding the penetration and can scamper outside the pocket or even start downfield as a ball carrier. Check our Defense Training Camp section for SportsGamer's tips on stopping--or at least containing--a Speed QB.

PLAYER	TEAM	SPEED RATING
Michael Vick	Atlanta Falcons	94
Vince Young	Tennessee Titans	90
Senaca Wallace	Seattle Seahawks	85

Elusive Back

The Elusive Back weapon is tied to the elusiveness rating. Elusive Backs are generally tougher to wrap up and can spin or juke their way out of a tackle (these backs are generally higher in spin move and juke move ratings than trucking or stiff arms). Being generally smaller than Power Backs, the Elusive Backs are vulnerable to Brick Wall Defenders and Big Hitters--they'll fall backwards instead of forwards and could be more susceptible to fumbling if you overdo sprint or special moves. Cover the ball!

PLAYER	TEAM	ELUSIVENESS RATING
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	100

Reggie Bush	New Orleans Saints	99
Brian Westbrook	Philadelphia Eagles	97
Maurice Jones-Drew	Jacksonville Jaguars	96
Darren Sproles	San Diego Chargers	95
DeAngelo Williams	Carolina Panthers	95
Warrick Dunn	Atlanta Falcons	94
Clinton Portis	Washington Redskins	93

Power Back

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

PLAYER	TEAM	TRUCKING RATING
Larry Johnson	Kansas City Chiefs	98
Brandon Jacobs	New York Giants	98
Steven Jackson	St. Louis Rams	97
Shaun Alexander	Seattle Seahawks	96
Rudi Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	96
Jamal Lewis	Cleveland Browns	96
Deuce McAllister	New Orleans Saints	95
Mike Alstott	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	95
Greg Jones	Jacksonville Jaguars	95
Willis McGahee	Baltimore Ravens	94
Michael Turner	San Diego Chargers	94
Reuben Droughns	New York Giants	93
Maurice Jones-Drew	Jacksonville Jaguars	93
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	92
Ron Dayne	Houston Texans	92
Frank Gore	San Francisco 49ers	91
Tony Hunt	Philadelphia Eagles	90
Marion Barber	Dallas Cowboys	90
Ronnie Brown	Miami Dolphins	90
Laurence Maroney	New England Patriots	90

Stiff Arm Ball Carrier

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

PLAYER	TEAM	STIFF ARM RATING
Willis McGahee	Baltimore Ravens	98
Laurence Maroney	New England Patriots	97
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	97
Rudi Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	97
Jamal Lewis	Cleveland Browns	96
Larry Johnson	Kansas City Chiefs	96
Steven Jackson	St. Louis Rams	96
Mike Alstott	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	96
Greg Jones	Jacksonville Jaguars	96
Terrell Owens	Dallas Cowboys	96
Deuce McAllister	New Orleans Saints	95
Shaun Alexander	Seattle Seahawks	95
Edgerrin James	Arizona Cardinals	95
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	95

Possession Receiver

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

PLAYER	TEAM	CATCH IN TRAFFIC RATING
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	99
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh Steelers	98
TJ Houshmanzadeh	Cincinnati Bengals	97
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City Chiefs	96
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	95
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	95
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	95
Wes Welker	New England Patriots	94
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	94
Todd Heap	Baltimore Ravens	94
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	94
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	93
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	93
Kellen Winslow	Cleveland Browns	93
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	92
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	92
Jeremy Shockey	New York Giants	92
Donald Driver	Green Bay Packers	90
Javon Walker	Denver Broncos	90
Jason Witten	Dallas Cowboys	90

Alge Crumpler	Atlanta Falcons	90

Quick Receiver

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

PLAYER	TEAM	ROUTE RUNNING RATING
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	100
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	98
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	98
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	97
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City Chiefs	97
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	96
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh Steelers	94
Todd Heap	Baltimore Ravens	94
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	93
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	93
Donald Driver	Green Bay Packers	92
Deion Branch	Seattle Seahawks	92
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	92
Terrell Owens	Dallas Cowboys	92
Darrell Jackson	San Francisco 49ers	92
Javon Walker	Denver Broncos	92
Kellen Winslow	Cleveland Browns	92
Jeremy Shockey	New York Giants	92
TJ Houshmanzadeh	Cincinnati Bengals	91
Issac Bruce	St. Louis Rams	91

Hands

The Hands player weapon is associated with a player's catch rating: the higher the catch rating, the better chance the player has of catching a pass. Most of these players are wide receivers and tight ends but there are two Hands receiver running backs: Reggie Bush of New Orleans and Brian Westbrook of Philadelphia.

PLAYER	TEAM	CATCH RATING
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	98
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	98
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	97
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	96
TJ Houshmanzadeh	Cincinnati Bengals	96
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	95
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	95

Donald Driver	Green Bay Packers	95
Issac Bruce	St. Louis Rams	94
Terry Glenn	Dallas Cowboys	94
Patrick Crayton	Dallas Cowboys	94
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh Steelers	94
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	93
Mike Furrey	Detroit Lions	92
Roy Williams	Detroit Lions	92
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	92
Tony Gonzalez	Kansas City Chiefs	92
Jerricho Cotchery	New York Jets	91
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	91
Muhsin Muhammed	Chicago Bears	91
Derrick Mason	Baltimore Ravens	90
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	90
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	90
Javon Walker	Denver Broncos	90
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	90
Reggie Bush	New Orleans Saints	90
Brian Westbrook	Philadelphia Eagles	90

Spectacular Catch Receiver

The Spectacular Catch Receiver weapon means that these following receivers can perform the toughest catches in the game--leaping, stretching, and one-arming the ball. The spectacular catch animation can leave the player vulnerable to a Big Hitter, which could jar the ball loose. There are a few surprising names on the list, specifically rookies like Calvin Johnson of Detroit and Sidney Rice of Minnesota.

PLAYER	TEAM	SPECTACULAR CATCH RATING
Plaxico Burress	New York Giants	98
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	98
Brandon Lloyd	Washington Redskins	98
Chris Chambers	Miami Dolphins	97
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	97
Javon Walker	Denver Broncos	96
Larry Fitzgerald	Arizona Cardinals	95
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	94
Dwayne Jarrett	Carolina Panthers	94
Matt Jones	Jacksonville Jaguars	94
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	94
Roy Williams	Detroit Lions	93
Andre Johnson	Houston Texans	93
Sidney Rice	Minnesota Vikings	93

Braylon Edwards	Cleveland Browns	92
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	92
Drew Bennett	St. Louis Rams	91
Anquan Boldin	Arizona Cardinals	91
Reggie Wayne	Indianapolis Colts	90
Malcolm Floyd	San Diego Chargers	90
Marques Colston	New Orleans Saints	90
Todd Heap	Baltimore Ravens	90
Antonio Gates	San Diego Chargers	90

Crushing Run Blocker

Focus your rushing attack behind Crushing Run Blockers. This weapon seems to be associated with a few player ratings, including run block, run block strength, and run block footwork. There are a few fullbacks on the list, including Lorenzo Neal of San Diego Chargers and Jeremi Johnson of the Cincinnati Bengals. Defensive players with the Power Move D-Lineman weapon are the best counter for the Crushing Run Blocker.

PLAYER	TEAM	RUN BLOCK RATING
Willie Anderson	Cincinnati Bengals	98
Jonathan Ogden	Baltimore Ravens	98
Jon Runyan	Philadelphia Eagles	98
Larry Allen	San Francisco 49ers	97
Walter Jones	Seattle Seahawks	97
Marvel Smith	Pittsburgh Steelers	97
Flozell Adams	Dallas Cowboys	97
Steve Hutchinson	Minnesota Vikings	97
Alan Faneca	Pittsburgh Steelers	96
William Thomas	Phildelphia Eagles	96
Shawn Andrews	Philadelphia Eagles	95
Chris Samuels	Washington Redskins	95
Brian Waters	Kansas City Chiefs	95
Marcus McNeill	San Diego Chargers	95
Kris Dielman	San Diego Chargers	95
Leonard Davis	Dallas Cowboys	94
Jon Jansen	Washington Redskins	94
Nick Hardwick	San Diego Chargers	94
Derrick Dockery	Buffalo Bills	92
Vince Manuwai	Jacksonville Jaguars	90
Lorenzo Neal	San Diego Chargers	85
Dan Kreider	Pittsburgh Steelers	82
Ovie Mughelli	Atlanta Falcons	77
Jeremi Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	72

Pass Blocker

The Pass Blocker weapon seems to be related to a player's pass block, pass block strength, and pass block footwork ratings. These linemen offer the best pass protection for their quarterbacks and are best countered by Finesse Move D-Linemen.

PLAYER	TEAM	PASS BLOCK RATING
Tarik Glenn	Indianapolis Colts	98
Bryant McKennie	Minnesota Vikings	98
Orlando Pace	St. Louis Rams	97
Jeff Saturday	Indianapolis Colts	97
Jammal Brown	New Orleans Saints	96
Walter Jones	Seattle Seahawks	95
Chad Clifton	Green Bay Packers	95
Levi Jones	Cincinnati Bengals	95
Matt Light	New England Patriots	95
William Thomas	Phildelphia Eagles	95
Randy Thomas	Washington Redskins	94
Eric Steinbach	Cleveland Browns	94
Jonathan Ogden	Baltimore Ravens	92
Chris Samuels	Washington Redskins	92
Marcus McNeill	San Diego Chargers	92
Olin Kreutz	Chicago Bears	91
Logan Mankins	New England Patriots	89
Shawn Andrews	Philadelphia Eagles	88
Ruben Brown	Chicago Bears	85

Speed

This weapon is simple: these players are the fastest in the league. These players include wide receivers, cornerbacks, running backs, and kick returners. The Chicago Bears' explosive Devin Hester (returned the opening kickoff for a touchdown in last year's Super Bowl) leads the pack with a perfect 100 speed rating. You can use Hester at wide receiver.

PLAYER	TEAM	SPEED RATING
Devin Hester	Chicago Bears	100
Tye Hill	St. Louis Rams	98
Reggie Bush	New Orleans Saints	98
Ted Ginn, Jr.	Miami Dolphins	98
Joey Galloway	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	98
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	98
Santana Moss	Washington Redskins	98
Devery Henderson	New Orleans Saints	98
DeAngelo Hall	Atlanta Falcons	98

Justin Miller	New York Jets	98
Fabian Washington	Oakland Raiders	98
Jerome Mathis	Houston Texans	98
Willie Parker	Pittsburgh Steelers	97
Bernard Berrian	Chicago Bears	97
Lee Evans	Buffalo Bills	97
Michael Bennett	Kansas City Chiefs	97
Steve Smith	Carolina Panthers	97
Randy Moss	New England Patriots	97
Will Allen	Miami Dolphins	97
Donte Stallworth	New England Patriots	97
Laveranues Coles	New York Jets	97
Allen Rossum	Atlanta Falcons	97
Yamon Figurs	Baltimore Ravens	97
Johnathan Joseph	Cincinnati Bengals	97
Stanford Routt	Oakland Raiders	97
Tim Jennings	Indianapolis Colts	96
Jerious Norwood	Atlanta Falcons	96
Jonathan Wade	St. Louis Rams	96
Calvin Johnson	Detroit Lions	96
Chris Houston	Atlanta Falcons	96
David Clowney	Green Bay Packers	96
Phillip Buchanon	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	96
Dante Hall	St. Louis Rams	96
Chad Johnson	Cincinnati Bengals	96
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego Chargers	96
Az-Zahir Hakim	Miami Dolphins	96
Tatum Bell	Detroit Lions	96
Kevin Curtis	Philadelphia Eagles	96
Terence Newman	Dallas Cowboys	96
Troy Williamson	Minnesota Vikings	96
Dunta Robinson	Houston Texans	96

Finesse Move D-Lineman

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

PLAYER	TEAM	FINESSE MOVE RATING
Julius Peppers	Carolina Panthers	99
Dwight Freeney	Indianapolis Colts	99
Terrell Suggs	Baltimore Ravens	98

Jason Taylor	Miami Dolphins	97
Leonard Little	St. Louis Rams	97
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas Cowboys	96
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	96
Will Smith	New Orleans Saints	95
Derrick Burgess	Oakland Raiders	95
Adewale Ogunleye	Chicago Bears	94
Warren Sapp	Oakland Raiders	94
Kevin Williams	Minnesota Vikings	94
Osi Umenyiora	New York Giants	94
Robert Mathis	Indianapolis Colts	94
Kamerion Wimbley	Cleveland Browns	94
Tommie Harris	Chicago Bears	93
Jevon Kearse	Phildelphia Eagles	93
Joey Porter	Miami Dolphins	92
Julian Peterson	Seattle Seahawks	92
John Abraham	Atlanta Falcons	92
Shaun Phillips	San Diego Chargers	92
Jared Allen	Kansas City Chiefs	92

Power Move D-Lineman

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

PLAYER	TEAM	POWER MOVE RATING
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	99
Luis Castillo	San Diego Chargers	98
Jamal Williams	San Diego Chargers	98
Casey Hampton	Pittsburgh Steelers	98
Marcus Stroud	Jacksonville Jaguars	97
Richard Seymour	New England Patriots	97
John Henderson	Jacksonville Jaguars	97
Shaun Rogers	Detroit Lions	96
Pat Williams	Minnesota Vikings	96
Trevor Pryce	Baltimore Ravens	96
Ted Washington	Cleveland Browns	95
Kris Jenkins	Carolina Panthers	95
Kevin Williams	Minnesota Vikings	95
Tommie Harris	Chicago Bears	94
Vince Wilfork	New England Patriots	94
Aaron Kampman	Green Bay Packers	94

Michael Strahan	New York Giants	94
Rod Coleman	Atlanta Falcons	94
Sam Adams	Denver Broncos	93
Aaron Schobel	Buffalo Bills	93
Bertrand Berry	Arizona Cardinals	93
Shaun Ellis	New York Jets	92
Bryant Young	San Francisco 49ers	92
Haloti Ngata	Baltimore Ravens	92

Shutdown Corner

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

PLAYER	TEAM	MAN COVERAGE RATING
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	100
Al Harris	Green Bay Packers	98
Nate Clements	San Francisco 49ers	96
Lito Sheppard	Philadelphia Eagles	95
Terence Newman	Dallas Cowboys	95
Rashean Mathis	Jacksonville Jaguars	94
Nnamdi Asomugha	Oakland Raiders	94
Asante Samuel	New England Patriots	94
Chris McAlister	Baltimore Ravens	94
Patrick Surtain	Kansas City Chiefs	93
Dre' Bly	Denver Broncos	92
Marcus Trufant	Seattle Seahawks	92
DeAngelo Hall	Atlanta Falcons	92

Press Coverage Corner

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

PLAYER	TEAM	PRESS RATING
Al Harris	Green Bay Packers	99
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	98
Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	98
Nate Clements	San Francisco 49ers	97
Chris McAlister	Baltimore Ravens	94
Antoine Winfield	Minnesota Vikings	94
Charles Tillman	Chicago Bears	93
Asante Samuel	New England Patriots	93

Carlos Rogers	Washington Redskins	92
Charles Woodson	Green Bay Packers	92
Quentin Jammer	San Diego Chargers	92

Smart Corner

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

PLAYER	TEAM	PLAY RECOGNITION RATING
Champ Bailey	Denver Broncos	95
Ronde Barber	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	95
Al Harris	Green Bay Packers	93
Chris McAlister	Baltimore Ravens	93
Rashean Mathis	Jacksonville Jaguars	92
Asante Samuel	New England Patriots	92
Charles Woodson	Green Bay Packers	91
Ty Law	Kansas City Chiefs	91
Lito Sheppard	Philadelphia Eagles	91
Walt Harris	San Francisco 49ers	90
Nathan Vasher	Chicago Bears	90
Antoine Winfield	Minnesota Vikings	90

Smart Linebacker

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

PLAYER	TEAM	PLAY RECOGNITION RATING
Zach Thomas	Miami Dolphins	98
Brian Urlacher	Chicago Bears	98
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	95
Jeremiah Trotter	Philadelphia Eagles	94
Junior Seau	New England Patriots	94
Tedy Bruschi	New England Patriots	94
London Fletcher-Baker	Washington Redskins	93
Lofa Tatupu	Seattle Seahawks	93
Derrick Brooks	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	93
Antonio Pierce	New York Giants	92
Donnie Edwards	Kansas City Chiefs	92
James Farrior	Pittsburgh Steelers	92
Mike Peterson	Jacksonville Jaguars	90

| Jonathan Vilma | New York Jets | 90 |

Brick Wall Defender

The Brick Wall Defenders are the best tacklers in Madden 08. These defenders will consistently wrap up ball carriers, but may have a tougher time against Power Backs and Elusive Backs.

PLAYER	TEAM	TACKLE RATING
Zach Thomas	Miami Dolphins	98
London Fletcher-Baker	Washington Redskins	97
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	95
Kirk Morrison	Oakland Raiders	95
Lofa Tatupu	Seattle Seahawks	94
Jonathan Vilma	New York Jets	94
James Farrior	Pittsburgh Steelers	94
Jeremiah Trotter	Philadelphia Eagles	94
Brian Urlacher	Chicago Bears	94
Antonio Pierce	New York Giants	94
Keith Bulluck	Tennessee Titans	93
John Lynch	Denver Broncos	93
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	93
Lance Briggs	Chicago Bears	93
Bart Scott	Baltimore Ravens	92
Keith Brooking	Atlanta Falcons	92
Mike Peterson	Jacksonville Jaguars	92
Andra Davis	Cleveland Browns	92
AJ Hawk	Green Bay Packers	92
DeMeco Ryans	Houston Texans	91
Ernie Sims	Detroit Lions	91
Roy Williams	Dallas Cowboys	91
Joey Porter	Miami Dolphins	91
Rodney Harrison	New England Patriots	91
Marcus Washington	Washington Redskins	91
Derrick Brooks	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	91
Takeo Spikes	Philadelphia Eagles	91
Julian Peterson	Seattle Seahawks	91
DJ Williams	Denver Broncos	91

Smart Safety

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

PLAYER	TEAM	PLAY RECOGNITION RATING
Ed Reed	Baltimore Ravens	94
Brian Dawkins	Philadelphia Eagles	94
Bob Sanders	Indianapolis Colts	92
John Lynch	Denver Broncos	92
Rodney Harrison	New England Patriots	92
Troy Polamalu	Pittsburgh Steelers	92
Darren Sharper	Minneosta Vikings	91

Big Hitter

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

PLAYER	TEAM	HIT POWER RATING
Sean Taylor	Washington Redskins	99
Shawne Merriman	San Diego Chargers	98
John Lynch	Denver Broncos	98
Roy Williams	Dallas Cowboys	98
Brian Urlacher	Chicago Bears	97
Rodney Harrison	New England Patriots	97
Brian Dawkins	Philadelphia Eagles	97
Ray Lewis	Baltimore Ravens	95
Joey Porter	Miami Dolphins	95
Keith Bulluck	Tennessee Titans	94
Bart Scott	Baltimore Ravens	94
Todd Johnson	St. Louis Rams	93
Lance Briggs	Chicago Bears	92
Ken Hamlin	Dallas Cowboys	92
Thomas Davis	Carolina Panthers	92
Ernie Sims	Detroit Lions	92
Troy Polamalu	Pittsburgh Steelers	91
James Farrior	Pittsburgh Steelers	91
Takeo Spikes	Philadelphia Eagles	91
Mike Minter	Carolina Panthers	90
Jermaine Phillips	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	90
DJ Williams	Denver Broncos	90
Chris Harris	Chicago Bears	90
LaRon Landry	Washington Redskins	90
Patrick Willis	San Francisco 49ers	89
Lofa Tatupu	Seattle Seahawks	89
Kenoy Kennedy	Detroit Lions	89

Greg Wesley	Kansas City Chiefs	89
Julius Peppers	Carolina Panthers	89
DeMarcus Ware	Dallas Cowboys	88

Big Foot Kicker

These kickers and punters kick and punt farther than any player in Madden 08. The Big Foot Kicker weapon is tied to a player's kick power rating.

PLAYER	TEAM	KICK POWER RATING
Sebastian Janikowski	Oakland Raiders	97
Mat McBriar	Dallas Cowboys	97
Shane Lechler	Oakland Raiders	95
Neil Rackers	Arizona Cardinals	95
Mason Crosby	Green Bay Packers	95
Jon Ryan	Green Bay Packers	94
Brian Moorman	Buffalo Bills	94
Josh Scobee	Jacksonville Jaguars	94
Jason Elam	Denver Broncos	94
Matt Bryant	Tampa Bay Buccaneers	93
John Kasay	Carolina Panthers	93
Josh Brown	Seattle Seahawks	93
Michael Koenen	Atlanta Falcons	93
Rob Bironas	Tennessee Titans	93
Dave Rayner	Green Bay Packers	93

Accurate Kicker

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

PLAYER	TEAM	KICK ACCURACY RATING
Adam Vinatieri	Indianapolis Colts	97
Matt Stover	Baltimore Ravens	96
Jeff Wilkins	St. Louis Rams	94
Rian Lindell	Buffalo Bills	93
Robbie Gould	Chicago Bears	93
Andy Lee	San Francisco 49ers	92
Nate Kaeding	San Diego Chargers	92
Jason Elam	Denver Broncos	92
Phil Dawson	Cleveland Browns	92
Shayne Graham	Cincinnati Bengals	92

Chapter 4 - SportsGamer's Madden 08 Cheat Sheet

This exclusive section from SportsGamer.com offers ten quick tips to immediately improve your Madden 08 game.

Choose a team that suits your play style. If you prefer pounding the ball up the middle, find a back with a good trucking attribute (Power Back weapon). If instead you prefer stretch plays, you might prefer a dominant stiff arm (Stiff Arm Ball Carrier) or elusiveness (Elusive Back). Minding the strengths of your personnel when choosing your team will ensure that you have the playmakers to execute your game.

Choose a playbook early and stick with it. Every playbook has its own nuances that take time to learn. If you switch playbooks too often you will not only be wasting time practicing plays that you will never use again, you may also find it difficult to adapt your playcalling on-the-fly when necessary.

Offensively, start off using just one or two formations within a playbook. Ideally, you should find eight to ten plays that you like using. Limiting yourself to just these plays will improve your execution and improve your overall skill very quickly. Once you have mastered those, then dig deeper into the playbook to expand your offense.

Make sure you have plays to beat man, zone, and bump n' run coverages. Learn how to recognize the different coverages and include plays into your offensive repertoire to attack them all. Go into practice mode to work on checking down reads and beating bump n' run coverage.

Play bend but don't break defense at the beginning of every game. This simply means don't take too many chances and avoid giving up a long touchdowns at all costs. While surrendering yardage underneath may be annoying, picking up on your opponent's tendencies early will pay dividends later on.

If you suspect your opponent is on a blitz, use Hot Routes to keep some of your players in to help block the incoming rush.

Always pick up the pressure that your opponent is bringing on defense. There will be plenty of heat coming this season,

so be sure to keep extra players back to block when pressure seems likely. When in doubt, err to the side of caution; the worst thing that can happen is discovering that your opponent isn't blitzing and throwing the ball away. Losing significant yardage via a sack is never acceptable.

Study what your opponent is doing. For instance, if you start feeling significant pressure, take the time to figure out why. Once you realize what your opponent is doing, it will be easier to find the appropriate counter. This will also give you a good indication on what plays or adjustments you need to practice before playing your next opponent.

When you are on defense never pick your play before the offense. Always wait to see what personnel package the offense has chosen before selecting your defense. This will disguise your coverage and will minimize coverage breakdowns and mismatches.

Learn the strengths and weaknesses of your entire roster. For example, receivers with great height and/or speed are valuable no matter what their overall rating is. Find ways to utilize hidden strengths within you team's roster.

Learn how to manage the game clock. When facing an opponent more skilled than yourself, slow the tempo of the game down to limit the number of possessions. This will increase the influence an element of chance (such as a fumble) will have on the overall outcome of the game. You could get lucky!

Chapter 5 - Offense Formations and Playbooks

There are several factors to consider when choosing an offensive formation and making adjustment to the formation's personnel: the down and yardage to go, your selected team's strengths and weaknesses, and--when playing a human opponent--the opposing defense's tendencies. This section covers offensive formations, packages, and reveals each Madden 08 NFL team playbook.

Offensive Formations and Packages

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

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

Tip: When on defense, the new receiver spotlight mode should be used in zone coverages. When you spotlight a receiver, defenders will pay more attention to the spotlighted receiver when he nears the zone. In man coverages, the defenders do not neglect their assignments to spotlight on a receiver; if you want double coverage either call a defensive formation and play with double coverage or use defensive playmaker.

- Strong I, Weak I: These formations are similar to I Form but the fullback is offset to the strong (side of the line of scrimmage with the tight end) or weak (side of the line of scrimmage without the tight end). Consider the same strategies as I Form--teams with skilled fullbacks or using two running backs in a run or pass situation.
- Far, Near: These formations are similar to Strong I and Weak I but the fullback is positioned alongside the running back. Far and Near aren't particularly common; find them in Seattle's playbook for instance. Use these formations as you would with Strong I, Weak I, and I Form--teams with strong fullbacks or in two RB sets.
- Split Backs: The two backs are lined up split behind the quarterback. The backs can reach the flat quickly for passing situations. The base formation uses a running back and fullback but you can use packages to insert a

second running back to make it difficult for the defense to determine where you're going with the ball on a short passing play.

- Full House and Jumbo T: This formation is another rare set seen in a few playbooks, including Carolina and Dallas. The Full House features three backs behind the quarterback. You can use packages to alter the personnel (exchanging running backs for fullbacks for instance). The extra backs can provide blocking or use them in the passing game. It's also useful to disguise the direction of your run and who will be the runner given the number of options. Find Jumbo T in the "Run Heavy" playbook, which also features several variations of Full House. Jumbo T is similar to Full House with three backs; however, the three backs are lined perpendicular to the quarterback.

Tip: Make a mental note of your opponent's tendencies throughout the game. When does your opponent blitz? When does your opponent call run defenses or pass defenses? Observe the tendencies then plan your counters. Against heavy blitzing opponents, call passing plays with quick slants or outlet backs to get the ball out of the quarterback's hands as quickly as possible.

- Singleback: Unlike previous formations, there's only one back lined up behind the quarterback. This is a common and versatile formation. For run situations you can call singleback variations that include additional tight ends for blocking or in passing situations call singleback variations with more receivers. For run situations, singleback can be stronger for teams without a skilled fullback but better depth at the tight end position.
- Shotgun: This is generally a passing formation: the quarterback lines up off the center providing extra time to find opening receivers before facing the opposing rush. Shotgun can be a deceptive run formation, especially if you've called Shotgun with four receivers as defenses will usually select dime coverage to protect against the pass.

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

- Dual HB: For formations with two backs, such as I Form, Strong, Weak, Far, Near, and Shotgun 2RB, this package allows you to substitute your team's second running back in for the starting fullback. This is best for teams with two skilled running backs, such as New Orleans (Deuce McAllister and Reggie Bush), Dallas (Marion Barber and Julius Jones), Jacksonville (Fred Taylor and Maurice Jones-Drew), and Carolina (DeShaun Foster and DeAngelo Williams). You can run the second running back from fullback plays or use the package in passing plays where both backs offer outlet options in the flat or short-to-medium passing game.
- Jumbo Backfield: Essentially the opposite of Dual HB--this package substitutes your running back for the fullback. This package can be useful in short yardage situations and for teams with good fullbacks (San Diego, Tampa Bay, Cincinnati, Atlanta).

Tip: Be careful overusing special moves while carrying the ball. Performing jukes, spins, stiff arms, and hurdles can leave you more susceptible to big hits and costly fumbles. Use the cover ball button when defenders are approaching to ensure you maintain possession after a good run.

- WR Swap: Swap the primary and secondary receiver positions to alter their assigned pass routes. Could create mismatches against a defense that hasn't made defensive assignments for man coverage.
- WR Swap Strong: Places your best two receivers on the strong side then swaps their position (essentially placing your top receiver in the slot position).
- HB Slot and HB Wideout: If your selected team has a great pass-catching running back (such as Brian Westbrook of Philadelphia and Reggie Bush of New Orleans, both Hands running backs), use this package to position your starting running back into the slot or wideout position. This can create some good speed mismatches against a defense's third corner in the slot as well as open up new passing routes for your skilled running back in either the slot or wideout position.
- Strong Slot: Substitutes your best receiver into the slot position. Strong Slot is excellent for opening new routes for a weapon-laden receiver and putting that receiver up against new defenders--possibly a mismatch against a safety or even a linebacker. Move receivers like Marvin Harrison, Steve Smith, Chad Johnson, or Randy Moss around the field to give your star pass catcher more route options.
- TE Slot: Substitutes your tight end into the slot position. Use this package if your team has a good receiving tight end (Antonio Gates of San Diego, Tony Gonzalez of Kansas City, Todd Heap of Baltimore, Jeremy Shockey of New

York Giants, or Alge Crumpler of Atlanta for instance) or plan to run in the formation toward the tight end--the tight end is usually a better blocker.

Tip: If you're playing an opponent who makes a lot of defensive movement changes before the snap then start snapping the ball quickly. Don't let him take the time to get everyone into perfect position. Also use the clock to your advantage. If you're up in points, allow the playclock to run down before snapping the ball. Take as much time off with each play to give your opponent as little time as possible to make a comeback.

- TE Swap: Switch tight end positions in formations with two tight ends. Also could be strong and weak.
- TE Backfield: Switched the tight end into the backfield. You can use this formation in run plays using the tight end to block or even in a short passing game to open up unique passing routes for teams with skilled tight ends.
- WR Strong, WR Strong Weak, and WR Bunch: Places your top receivers on the strong side of the formation. In Strong Weak, places your best two receivers on the same side in a multiple receiver set--for instance in a five receiver set. Bunch positions the top receivers into the "bunch" area of the formation.
- Big: Substitutes wide receivers for tight ends and fullbacks for a "big" formation. This could turn a bunch formation passing play into a solid running play with the increased blocking abilities of the tight ends and fullbacks.
- Strong Solo: In formations with multiple receivers on one side and one receiver on another, places your top receiver in the solo position.
- Heavy: A linemen subs for a tight end, optimum for extra blocking in lead blocker mode.
- Miami: On goal line, substitutes your receiver for a tight end and a defensive lineman for your tight end.

Team Playbooks

The table below reveals each Madden 08 team playbook and featured offensive formations. Each team also includes Goal Line.

TEAM PLAYBOOK	MADDEN 08 OFFENSIVE FORMATIONS
Arizona Cardinals	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Big 3 TE, Singleback Normal, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback 4WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Big, Strong I Normal, Strong I Normal Flex, Weak I Normal, Weak I Tight Twins, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal Offset Wk, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun Slot Strg HB Wk, Shotgun 4WR
Atlanta Falcons	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback 4WR Falcon, Singleback Flip Trips, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Split Backs Normal, Shotgun 2RB Flex, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun Trio, Shotgun 4WR Spread, Shotgun 5WR
Baltimore Ravens	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Big 3 TE, Singleback Normal, Singleback Trips TE, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback 4WR Spread, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3 WR, I Form Twin TE Wing, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin TE, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun Trips
Buffalo Bills	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Flip Trips, Singleback Tight Slots, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Trips WR, I Form Normal, I Form Close, I Form 3WR, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Strong I H Pro, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR
Carolina Panthers	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Panther Trips, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Trips WR, Singleback Empty 5WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin TE Wing, Split Backs 3WR, Split Backs Big, Full House Philly, Strong I H Pro, Strong I H Twins, Strong I H TE Flip, Strong I H Twin TE, Weak I H Pro, Weak I H Twins, Weak I H Wing TE, Weak I H Twin TE, Shotgun 4WR Spread, Shotgun 5WR Tight, Shotgun Empty TE Flip, Shotgun Empty Trey Stack

Chicago Bears	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Big 3TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Strg TE Flip, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight Slots, Singleback 4WR Spread, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Big, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun 4WR
Cincinnati Bengals	Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight Slots, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Trips WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Twin TE Wing, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Weak I Close, Weak I Twin WR, Weak I 3WR, Shotgun Split Offset, Shotgun Trips, Shotgun 4WR
Cleveland Browns	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Trey Open, Singleback Empty 5WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Close, Split Backs Pro, Split Backs 3WR, Near Pro, Full House Normal Wide Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I 3WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun 4WR
Dallas Cowboys	Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Trey Open, Singleback Empty 5WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Big, Split Backs Pro, Split Backs 3WR, Full House Normal Wide, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Trips TE, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR
Denver Broncos	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Base Flex, Singleback Empty Trey, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Close, I Form Big, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Big Tight, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Weak I Close, Weak I Tight Twins, Shotgun Normal Slot, Shotgun Empty Trey, Shotgun 5WR
Detroit Lions	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight Slots, Singleback 4WR Flex, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR Tiger, I Form Close, I Form Big, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Strong I H Pro, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Weak Twin TE, Shotgun 4WR
Green Bay Packers	Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Big 3TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Empty Bunch, Singleback Bunch TE, Singleback Tight, Singleback Flip Trips, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Big, I Form Twin TE Wing, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Split Backs 3WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun 4WR
Houston Texans	Singleback Big, Singleback Big TE Flip, Singleback Big 3TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Base Flex, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Empty Trey, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Close, I Form Big, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twins WR, Weak I Close, Weak I Tight Twins, Shotgun Wing Trips, Shotgun Slot Strg HB Wk, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun Trey Open
Indianapolis Colts	Singleback Deuce, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Dice, Singleback Dice Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback 4WR Stack, Singleback 4WR, I Form Normal, I Form Big, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Strong I Jumbo, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Normal Slot, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun Slot Strg HB Wk, Shotgun 4WR
Jacksonville Jaguars	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Flip Trips, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback 4WR Spread, Singleback Empty 4WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Twin TE, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I Jumbo, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Slot Strg HB Wk, Shotgun Trips Bunch, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR

Kansas City Chiefs	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips TE, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Flip Trips, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Twin TE Wing, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Normal Flex, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun 2RB Flex, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun Slot Strg HB Wk, Shotgun 5WR
Miami Dolphins	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Normal, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Twin TE, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal Slot, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR
Minnesota Vikings	Singleback Big, Singleback Normal, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Bunch TE, Singleback Flip Trips, Singeback 4WR Flex, Singleback Trips WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin TE Wing, I Form 3WR, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Near Normal, Near 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun 4WR Spread
New England Patriots	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Big 3TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Tight Slots, Singleback 4WR Spread, Singleback Empty 5WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I Jumbo, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin TE, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Twin TE Trips, Shotgun Slot Strong TE Flip, Shotgun Trips TE, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR, Shotgun Empty Trey Stack
New Orleans Saints	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal, Singleback Tight Doubles, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Empty Trey, I Form Normal, I Form Big, Split Backs Normal, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun Empty 4WR, Shotgun 5WR Bunch
New York Giants	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Flip Trips, Singleback Empty 4WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Close, I Form Twin TE, Full House Normal Wide, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin TE, Shotgun Normal Offset Wk, Shotgun Trips Bunch, Shotgun Slot Strong TE Flip
New York Jets	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Normal, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight Flex, Singelback 4WR, Singelback Empty 4WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Big, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Normal Flex, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Close, Shotgun Normal Offset Wk, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun 4WR
Oakland Raiders	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Offset Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight, Singleback Empty 4WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Twin TE, Split Backs Flex Close, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Weak I Close, Weak I Tight Twins, Weak I Twin TE, Shotgun 2RB 3WR
Philadelphia Eagles	Singleback Big, Singleback Normal, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Bunch TE, Singleback Flip Trips, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Trips WR, Singleback Empty 5WR, I Form Normal, I Form 3WR, I Form Twin TE, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Near Normal, Near 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twins WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun 4WR Spread
Pittsburgh Steelers	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Trips WR, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Twin TE Wing, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Jumbo, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twin WR, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Trips Bunch, Shotgun Trips, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR Flex Trey

San Diego Chargers	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Base Flex, Singleback 4WR Spread, Singleback Flip Trips, Singleback Trey Open, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form Twin TE, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Normal Flex, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Close, Shotgun 2RB Flex, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun 4WR
Seattle Seahawks	Singleback Big, Singleback Normal, Singleback Tight Doubles, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Bunch Swap, Singleback 4WR Spread, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Trey Open, Singleback Empty Trey, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Big, Split Backs Pro, Split Backs 3WR, Far Pro, Far Tight Twins, Far 3WR, Near Pro, Near Close, Near Jumbo, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Weak I Twin WR
San Francisco 49ers	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal, Singleback Slot Storng, Singleback 4WR, Singleback Empty Trey, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Big, Split Backs Normal, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Weak I Normal, Weak I Close, Weak I Twin WR, Weak I Twin TE, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun Trips Bunch, Shotgun 4WR
St. Louis Rams	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singelback Big Wing, Singleback Normal, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, I Form Normal, I Form Twin WR, I Form 3WR, I Form Twin TE, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I Twin WR, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal Slot, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Singleback Big, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Normal, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Bunch TE, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight, Singleback 4WR Flex, Singleback Flip Trips, Singleback Empty Bunch, Singleback Empty 4WR, Singleback Empty 5WR, I Form Normal, I Form Tight Twins, I Form Big, Split Backs Normal, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I Normal, Strong I 3WR, Strong I Twin TE, Weak I Normal, Weak I Twins WR, Shotgun Normal, Shotgun 4WR, Shotgun 5WR
Tennessee Titans	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Wing, Singleback Big 3TE, Singleback Normal Slot, Singleback Slot Strong, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Tight Flex, Singleback 4WR Spread, Singleback Trey Open, Singleback Empty 5 WR, I Form Normal, I Form Big, Strong I H Pro, Strong I H Twins, Weak I H Pro, Weak I H Twins, Shotgun 2RB 3WR, Shotgun Normal Offset Wk, Shotgun Slot Strong, Shotgun Trips TE, Shotgun 4WR
Washington Redskins	Singleback Big, Singleback Big Twin WR, Singleback Twin TE, Singleback Twin TE WR, Singleback Big TE Flip, Singleback Deuce Wing, Singleback Big Jumbo Wing, Singleback Normal TE Flip, Singleback Strg TE Flip, Singleback Trips Bunch, Singleback Stack Doubles Wk, Singleback 4WR Spread, Singleback Trips WR, I Form Close, I Form 3WR, I Form Twin TE, Split Backs 3WR, Strong I H Twin TE, Weak I H Wing TE, Weak I H Twin TE, Shotgun Normal Slot, Shotgun Wing Trips

Team Playbooks: Passing Plays

The chart below lists the passing play types in all Madden 08 NFL team playbooks.

TEAM	QUICK	STANDARD	SHOTGUN	PLAY ACTION	SCREEN
Arizona Cardinals	12	81	46	33	12
Atlanta Falcons	9	77	46	63	19
Baltimore Ravens	10	74	30	58	15
Buffalo Bills	16	94	34	51	13
Carolina Panthers	24	78	31	17	7
Chicago Bears	12	89	22	57	18

Cincinnati Bengals	11	91	20	61	16
Cleveland Browns	18	88	23	49	22
Dallas Cowboys	17	79	34	52	19
Denver Broncos	15	85	33	62	7
Detroit Lions	18	91	12	34	7
Green Bay Packers	12	84	25	57	15
Houston Texans	15	89	22	23	8
Indianapolis Colts	10	58	63	65	19
Jacksonville Jaguars	11	87	52	48	14
Kansas City Chiefs	8	82	35	48	18
Miami Dolphins	16	73	47	39	10
Minnesota Vikings	11	100	13	34	14
New England Patriots	8	80	48	51	12
New Orleans Saints	20	80	48	50	13
New York Giants	13	80	25	36	8
New York Jets	9	75	32	37	11
Oakland Raiders	18	96	6	36	11
Philadelphia Eagles	13	106	13	49	17
Pittsburgh Steelers	9	74	53	64	14
San Diego Chargers	19	96	21	66	12
Seattle Seahawks	32	103	26	0	12
San Francisco 49ers	31	74	36	35	9
St. Louis Rams	15	89	47	38	10
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	11	98	27	56	12
Tennessee Titans	18	82	44	38	8
Washington Redskins	13	96	12	17	7

Team Playbooks: Running Plays

The following table reveals the number of different run play types available in each Madden 08 NFL team playbook. Note that the QB Run column also includes the quarterback sneak plays.

TEAM	INSIDE	OUTSIDE	PITCH	COUNTER	DRAW	FB RUN	QB RUN
Arizona Cardinals	34	11	10	21	17	9	1
Atlanta Falcons	25	17	15	12	18	8	6
Baltimore Ravens	36	21	15	22	18	9	3
Buffalo Bills	34	16	17	16	14	10	1
Carolina Panthers	33	11	10	26	10	10	1
Chicago Bears	32	15	15	15	16	12	3
Cincinnati Bengals	32	15	16	17	17	12	1
Cleveland Browns	29	14	16	21	16	13	3
Dallas Cowboys	31	17	14	15	18	10	3

Denver Broncos	32	23	12	19	6	5	2
Detroit Lions	40	9	12	23	9	8	1
Green Bay Packers	34	16	14	16	20	11	3
Houston Texans	35	9	14	17	11	8	1
Indianapolis Colts	28	17	13	14	18	6	1
Jacksonville Jaguars	29	15	13	16	13	10	4
Kansas City Chiefs	34	17	14	14	19	8	1
Miami Dolphins	29	12	14	17	13	8	1
Minnesota Vikings	30	10	10	17	15	12	4
New England Patriots	30	16	15	19	17	8	1
New Orleans Saints	24	18	12	9	11	8	2
New York Giants	35	10	13	19	15	7	2
New York Jets	39	9	16	17	9	10	1
Oakland Raiders	32	12	11	16	11	8	1
Philadelphia Eagles	31	13	11	16	18	14	5
Pittsburgh Steelers	33	19	11	14	19	9	1
San Diego Chargers	35	18	14	21	12	11	1
Seattle Seahawks	32	6	14	19	9	20	1
San Francisco 49ers	36	8	11	13	8	10	2
St. Louis Rams	37	13	16	21	11	7	1
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	30	18	17	14	17	11	2
Tennessee Titans	36	12	8	17	17	7	6
Washington Redskins	33	13	9	23	12	5	1

Chapter 6: SportsGamer's Passing Training Camp

Keys to an effective Madden passing game include reading the defense, including coverage and blitzes, testing an opposing defense short, medium, and long, choosing plays that maximize the chances of an open receiver, and of course minimizing costly turnovers.

SportsGamer.com presents a series of Madden training camp articles to help improve your passing game. These tips feature breakdowns of specific plays and situations and several include instructional videos to demonstrate the concept in action.

Making the Necessary Reads

By: Shankar Srinivasan

Read progression is one of the most important factors in executing a successful pass play. The specific reads on any one particular play will vary depending on spacing on the field, which routes you are using, or even what look the defense is showing. Even so, there are two common doctrines that typically dictate the order in which most players make their reads. To illustrate the contrast between these two tenets we will look at a variation of the I-Form Normal TE Corner. The four routes in this play not only showcase good timing and solid spacing, but also utilize the benefits of overloading routes to one side of the field.

Conservative Read Progression

The conservative approach is predicated on making shallow reads and working your way over the top. The strength of this approach is that it encourages making reads in the order in which each route likely develops.

Step 1: Read the Pressure

The Jets are in I-Form Normal TE Corner. The routes in this play emphasize good timing and solid spacing.

The single most important step is to evaluate the pressure on your quarterback. After all, if you are always under immediate pressure after the snap, it's never going to matter how well you make your other reads. Before the snap, you may notice a few defenders showing blitz. Your primary objective is to prevent anyone from coming in untouched or provision a quick-developing route to attack the area left vacant by the blitzing defender. Either way, awareness of the pressure, regardless of the adjustment you choose to make, will improve your decision making should the pressure come.

Step 2: Look Underneath

Next, you want to read your underneath patterns; any route that develops quickly. This includes short ins/outs, curls/hitches, slants, and screens. In our play, the read would be to hit Jets running back Thomas Jones as he moves into the flats. The running back is an easy read that allows us to get rid of the ball quickly for typically anywhere between a five to 10 yard gain. This will also give you a good indication as to whether the underneath coverage is in man or zone. If the shallow route isn't open, the next read will be to attack the areas just behind it. In this particular example, the read would be the tight end running the corner route at a medium depth. This route develops slower than the flat route, providing us with an easy transition from one route to the next.

Step 3: Keep the Defense Honest

The next read is to look deep downfield for a potential coverage mismatch or 1-on-1 situations. In our example, this is the streak route that Jets' Laveranues Coles (with Speed, Possession, and Hands Receiever weapons) is running. While the streak route takes the longest to completely develop, the ball needs to be thrown well before the route is even close to completion in order to properly lead your receiver. We recommend having at least one route that stretches the field vertically on every pass play, even if only to keep the defense honest. Doing so will increase the area that the defense must defend and keep the safeties from interfering with your other routes.

Step 4: Hit Your Outlet

Your final read would be any route that stretches across the field. These routes take the longest to develop, providing plenty of time to make the other reads. In this case, the outlet is the drag route. If none of our first three reads are open, then we look to our outlet pass to dump the ball off to the drag route for a minimal gain. We strongly recommend having at least one route such as this because these routes are hard to defend and can usually turn a busted play into a small gain.

Aggressive Read Progression

The aggressive approach can lead to bigger plays, but also requires taking a few more chances. The strength of this progression is that reads are made in the order of simplicity and you should be able to discern exactly where to throw the ball after the first two reads. We're going to use the same variation on the I-Form Normal TE Corner play to demonstrate how this type of read progression is different.

Step 1: Read the Pressure

The premise here is identical to the conservative approach. Make blocking adjustments as necessary and/or be prepared to dump the ball off quickly. Again, in this case, the flat route to the running back is the quickest developing route.

Step 2: Keep the Defense Honest

The next read is really what makes the aggressive approach different from the conservative. The second part of the field that the aggressive player looks for is the streak deep downfield. Making this read does not mean that a throw is going to be made at this point in the route. However, one quick glance at your receiver and the safety will tell us if this route will be open early in the play. If the safety is in deep zone coverage, then we know that our routes underneath are more likely to be open. Instead, if the safety comes down to guard another area, then we will have a 1-on-1 situation deep. If the latter is the case, there is no reason to continue your read progression; simply wait another second and lob it deep.

Step 3: Look Underneath

Assuming a shallow zone or straight man coverage has taken away your shallow looks and double coverage has taken away you deep look, your medium depth routes will almost always be open. Corner routes are as especially deadly here.

Step 4: Hit Your Outlet

The outlet pass remains the same as in the conservative approach. If all else fails, hit your outlet. Altough it is very cliched at this point, take what the defense gives you.

Regardless of whether you choose the conservative or the aggressive approach, always account for any pressure that your opponent may be bringing. The more you can read pre-snap, the easier your post-snap execution will be. Start thinking about the process you take when making your reads and ask yourself if you are maximizing your options. Are you easily able to go from one player to the next without wasting precious seconds in the pocket? If not, use the I-Form Normal TE Corner as a guideline to start making your game more efficient.

Responding to the Blitz

By: Kyle Cooper

Being able to pick up defensive pressure on offense is the most important thing you can do when attempting to run a successful play. If you're never able to pick up the pressure from your opponent, then you will never have enough time to make your reads downfield. Any top Madden player will tell you that all successful offensive plays start with the protection up front. In this article, we're going to provide you with a few things that you can look for from your opponent before the play begins to give you a better idea of where the potential pressure may be coming from. Furthermore, we'll be including different protection options in the pocket, as well as ways to avoid any pressure that may come in unblocked.

In our example, we've come out of the huddle in the Strong-I Normal TE Corner with the New York Giants. Running back Brandon Jacobs is already assigned to stay in and block to the left on this play. However, we may want to change his assignment based on certain signs that we see before the snap.

Recognizing the Blitz

Aggressive Stance

One of the most common signs that indicate a blitz is when a defender is slightly hunched over instead of standing upright. If both outside linebackers are in the hunched over position, we should suspect some kind of pressure coming. If the two middle linebackers in a 3-4 defensive setup are standing upright near the offensive line, we would assume pressure is coming from the outsides of the offensive line frp, the hunched over outside linebackers. However, suppose Steelers' strong safety Troy Palamalu trotted down near the right side of line of scrimmage before the play began-- another sign of an incoming blitz. Now it appears that pressure may be coming from from the strong safety as well. Any time you see a defender slowly jog down towards the line of scrimmage it is safe to assume a blitz. The jogging defender may not always be blitzing, but it's better to be safe than sorry.

Defenders hunched at the line is a good indication of an incoming blitz.

Overloading

Another defensive look that you're going to see that should set off alarms in your head that a possible blitz coming is an overload. Suppose your opponent has shifted the defensive line and linebackers to the left--this may be done because it's easier for the blitzing defenders to exploit the weak side of the play. The reason it's easier for defenses to exploit the weak side of an offensive play is because there aren't as many blockers on that side of the line to help pick up the pressure. When you see an overload such as this one, be sure to either hot route extra players to stay in and block or audible to another play that will allow you to pick up the pressure more effectively.

Manual Positioning

A third sign that you will see that will lead you to believe that pressure is coming is when your opponent is manually moving multiple players around before the snap. It's not always easy for some players to be able to tell where the pressure is coming from when the defense does this. However, you need to be smart enough to realize that your opponent isn't moving around multiple players near the line of scrimmage for no reason. If your opponent is moving defenders to the middle of the line, it's safe to assume that the defense is trying to create pressure there. We know that our opponent won't be able to blitz effectively around the outside of the line because there aren't enough defenders in

that area to create an overload. Therefore, we need to make the proper adjustments by keeping additional players back to block.

Fake Blitz The most obvious sign that a blitz is coming is when an opponent used the Fake Blitz feature to bring nine defenders down near the line of scrimmage. What's difficult about this look is that you don't always know where the pressure is coming from because an overload could essentially be created on either side of the offensive line with little work. Fortunately, this type of defensive scheme is also very risky because there is only one safety back to guard against anything deep. Your best bet when first seeing this type of defense is to keep extra players back to block until you learn more about the tendencies of what your opponent likes to do when Fake Blitzing. Once you learn how he likes to use this type of scheme, then you can make educated decisions on which players you need to keep back to block to help pick up the pressure.

Responding to the Blitz

Conservative Response

The conservative response to picking up pressure would be to keep extra players back to block. If see that your opponents' Pittsburgh Steelers defense has created an overload on the right side of the offensive line, a conservative approach would use a player, such as New York Giants' fullback Jim Finn to remain back to block. There's nothing wrong with being a conservative player. In fact, starting every game off a little conservative is a good idea in my opinion because it gives you a safe opportunity to pick up on your opponent's defensive tendencies without the risk of making a big mistake early in the game.

Aggressive Response

The aggressive response to the same 3-4 scheme with defenders overloaded to the right would be to attack the expected open area on the field. Furthermore, this type of player might allow the fullback to go out on a pass, while simply hot routing the running back to block to the right instead of the left to pick up the possible blitz. The aggressive response allows you to maximize your receiving options on the field. However, it may result in an increase in sacks and turnovers because of the lack of protection in the pocket.

When All Else Fails...

Quick Dump

Against an expected blitz, look to dump off the ball into the flats. For instance, use a Hot Route to send your fullback into

the flat for a quick pass.

There are going to be times when you mis-read the defense before the play and the pressure is going to come hard and fast after the snap. Fortunately, there are ways to avoid instant pressure most of the time. The most common receiver to look for when recognizing instant pressure is a running back moving into the flats. Quickly passing the ball to your running back after the snap will only result in a minimal gain, but it will allow you to avoid a signficant loss in the backfield. Keep in mind that most players who blitz will often make sure that the flats are the one area that is guarded because they know you will be looking to those areas of the field first.

Roll Out

Another option when you're hit with unexpected pressure is to roll away from the blitzing defender and try to get rid of the ball outside of the pocket. You don't have to have an extremely fast quarterback to buy enough time to get out of the way. However, you do need to be able to recognize where the pressure is coming from instantly and swiftly make your move to the outside. This is why we always suggest taking a quick glimpse of the line of scrimmage first before making all of your reads downfield.

Throw it Away

The last option you'll have when faced with pressure that you are unprepared for is to simply throw the ball into the ground. The worst thing you can do when under distress in the pocket is to wildly throw the ball into the air and watch your opponent make an interception. Instead, throw the ball away and gain a better understanding of how your opponent set up the unsuspecting pressure. Then, the next time you see your opponent do the same thing you will know how to counter it. The worst result that can happen when throwing the ball away is a wasted down.

Attacking Deep

By: Shanker Srinivasan

The ability to beat your opponent deep downfield is one aspect of Madden that every player should master. Many people believe that attempting to throw the ball deep forces you to wait longer in the pocket before knowing if your receiver is going to be open. While it's true that you will have to wait longer in the pocket until your receiver actually creates separation, reading whether or not the route will be open can be made almost immediately after the snap. We're going to walk you through a few of the key things to look for after the snap to help you save precious time in the pocket.

In our example, the Cincinnati Bengals have come out in the Singleback Big Wing TE Cross flipped. The only player that we have performing a streak is wide receiver Chad Johnson (one of the top receivers in the game with Speed, Quick, Possession, Hands, and Spectacular Catch weapons) on the right side of the field. Whenever you are attempting to throw the ball deep to a fast receiver, you won't need to worry about the cornerback because one-on-one coverage will almost always favor the receiver. Instead, you will focus only on what the deep safeties do after the snap.

What to Look For...

Let's use the Cover 1 defense with man coverage underneath as an example. The Baltimore Ravens' smart safety Ed Reed begins dropping back after the snap but abruptly stops and allows Bengals' receiver Chad Johnson to run right by him. As soon as you see the safety hesitate on the side of the field that you are going deep, it's safe to say you're going to have a good shot of going downfield. The only concern should be where the other safety is as most good Madden players will make sure that they are able to somewhat cover any area that they are vacating. If you see that the strong safety is in a Flat Zone, then you should immediately expect the free safety's zone to be near the middle of the field in an attempt to cover potentially two deep streaks. If the free safety's zone hasn't been changed, then you can expect to easily beat the defense deep.

Observe how the safeties react in a basic man-to-man coverage with 2 deep zones over the top. Since our only deep threat is on the right side of the field, the first safety that we want to take a quick look at is strong safety Ed Reed. As soon as we take the snap, Reed begins backing up slowly before turning and running with Johnson. When you notice the

safety turn and run with your receiver early in the play, it's time to look to your next read. Completing a deep pass against this type of defense can still be effective but requires good timing and proper personnel.

Other Factors

Utilizing the Vision Cone

Freeze the safety by using the vision cone. The extra time may leave just enough space to hit your deep route.

One trick that you can use to slow the process of the free safety's zone as it rotates over is to place your vision cone in the middle or on the opposite side of the field. The safety will react to your vision cone and begin slightly cheating in that direction. The slight movement by the safety in the opposite direction provides us with any extra time and space that we may need to go over the top.

Lob or Bullet?

Whenever you are attempting a deep pass it comes down to timing and making a lob pass instead of a bullet pass. The bullet pass can be completed, but will have a much greater chance of being broken up. Furthermore, bullet passes usually require a manual catch instead of allowing the computer to catch it. The lob pass, however, should never be caught manually unless the ball is badly under thrown. Allowing the computer to make a deep catch not only takes pressure off of you, but it also allows your receiver to go into a sliding animation that creates additional separation just as the ball closes in. Having pride about being able to manually catch is one thing, but playing Madden to the game's strengths is another. Manual catch when you have to, but let the computer do the work when the time calls for it.

The bottom line when attempting to throw deep is simply being able to read how the safeties react. If the safeties drop back, then you should know to immediately look underneath. However, if the safeties are hesitant at all, then just sit calmly in the pocket and try to protect yourself long enough to deliver a deep lob. Keep in mind that reading the defense when going deep should be a very quick read after the snap. This philosophy probably falls under the more aggressive style of Madden player. If you are having trouble looking downfield after the snap, then just head into practice mode and work on making your safety reads quicker after the snap. This is the quickest possible way (unless you see something pre-snap) to know if you'll have a downfield opening. Remember though, everything starts up front with protection, so make sure that you have enough blocking to give you the time to exploit your opponent.

Depth and Spacing

By: Shanker Srinivasan

In this article, we're going to take a look at what it means to be able to attack all three levels (or depths) of a defense and create spacing for your receivers. It's important to have the ability to attack different spots on the field because it forces your opponent to remain accountable for every area. Otherwise, if your opponent knows that you only like to attack deep downfield, that's the only thing thing he will need to worry about throughout the course of a game.

In the accompanying screenshot, you can see that we've highlighted parts of the field to indicate the three different levels of the defense. The shallow area (yellow) is typically attacked with screen passes or swing passes to your running backs out of the backfield. The medium area (red) is usually where you'll use slants, post patterns, or corner routes utilized the most. The deep area (blue) can be exploited by streaks, deep posts, or deep corner routes.

Creating an offense that poses a threat to all three levels on every play is ideal. Take a look at the following example to see exactly what we mean. The Green Bay Packers have come out in the I-Form Normal WR Option play. The WR Option does a great job of attacking the 1st and 2nd levels of the defense. Unfortunately, there are no assigned receivers on this play that allow us to become a threat at the 3rd level. Any successful offensive play must have the proper route spacing.

Feature plays that attack all depths of a defense.

Utilizing proper spacing on the field may be the single most important aspect to worry about when on offense. You could have all of the game's most dangerous routes in one play and it would be worthless if they all went to the same spot on the field. Instead, a solid offensive play involves routes that attack numerous parts of the field. The goal on offense should be to force the defense to have to react to what you're doing, not the other way around.

Additionally, proper use of depth and spacing can help to limit an opponent's ability to blitz and control the run. As each defender is now accountable for a larger area of the field, your opponent may be forced to drop additional defenders into coverage, players that would otherwise be available for blitzing or run support.

Here we've taken the initial play that we called (I-Form Normal - WR Option) and hot-routed both outside receivers to give us a couple threats at the 3rd level of the defense. If this change isn't made it would allow the two deep safeties to creep down closer to the line of scrimmage to help guard against the underneath routes. Instead, now that we've made these changes we're forcing our opponent to guard two more spots on the field, opening up our running back's route underneath.

Shortly after the snap is taken, Green Bay Packers' quarterback Brett Favre makes the throw to the running back to attack the 1st level of the defense. Next, we look to hit our tight end at the 2nd level running the post route about 12 to 15 yards down the middle of the field. Now that all the focus is underneath, we attack the 3rd level of the defense by lobbing the ball over the head of the secondary for a quick six.

Complimenting Routes

By: Kyle Cooper

Learning how to compliment your routes with other routes can really open up the field for your offense. We've already discussed in previous articles the different ways to make your reads, respond to the blitz, and create proper spacing. However, in this article we're going to show you how you can use a combination of routes to create perfect spacing. The play that we're going to break down is the Strong-I Normal FL Drag play with the St. Louis Rams.

This play already does a great job of attacking the first two levels of the defense. Unfortunately, we don't have a receiver that poses a threat at the 3rd level of the defense. Try running this play through without making any adjustments and you can see how much easier the strong safety's job is when he doesn't have to worry about getting beat deep.

The St Louis Rams are in the Strong I Normal FL Drag play. We can alter the play to attack the defene's third level.

The Pittsburgh Steelers have come out in a basic 3-4 2 Man Under defense. Immediately after the play begins, Smart strong safety Troy Polamalu begins sliding backwards as he prepares to cover the deepest threat on that side of the field. On this play, Rams' weapon-laden wide receiver Torry Holt is running a drag route. Polamalu's job on this play is to stay over the top, so now he will have to wait another second until another receiver approaches his area. Polamalu steps up and looks to make a play as he finds tight end Randy McMichael running his corner route.

McMichael is the deepest threat on this play, meaning that Polamalu can now totally commit his coverage to just this player without worrying about getting beat deep. Polamalu was able to get right up on McMichael and knock the pass away. Fortunately, we know that we can get McMichael's route open much easier if we can just pull Polamalu away from the play.

So alter Torry Holt's route--use hot routes to change Holt to perform a streak route. Holt's route will compliment McMichael's route because it will now force Polamalu to drop deeper down the field. Otherwise, if Polamalu doesn't drop deeper, then we can just simply look to hit Holt over the top for an easy six points.

Once again Polamalu begins sliding back after the snap. However, this time our receiver will continue running upfield. Polamalu recognizes the streak route from Holt and quickly turns to start running with him to prevent from getting beat deep. Holt's streak route prevents Polamalu from stepping up to jump on our corner route from the tight end.

By sending Torry Holt on the streak, Rams tight end Randy McMichael has enough spacing from distracted Steeler safety Troy Polamalu to haul in a catch.

We make the throw with St. Louis Rams' Smart and Accurate quarterback Marc Bulger to the now wide-open tight end Randy McMichael. McMichael makes the catch with plenty of separation as Polamalu can only helplessly watch. The extra second or two that we bought by forcing Polamalu to run with Holt on the streak pattern opened up plenty of room for our tight end to make a much easier reception.

Learning how to compliment your routes will create openings in your plays that you never knew existed. Sometimes you'll just want to use another route as a decoy to get another player open. Obviously, the ideal situation is to use a complimenting route that can be functional in the play. However, if you know that you can get another route open by using another player as a decoy, then by all means do it.

Chapter 7: SportsGamer's Rushing Training Camp

An effective rushing attack requires knowledge of how running plays develop, patience to utilize your blockers, and taking advantage of motion and defensive looks to maximize downfield blockers and open spaces for your back to take the advantage.

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Play Development Speeds

By: Kyle Cooper

Almost every running play in Madden develops differently after the snap. Learning the different speeds for each running play will help your ground attack grow by leaps and bounds. In this article, we're going to showcase a couple different plays to breakdown some of the little nuances that you're going to want to look for in order to maximize your running efficiency in Madden 08.

General Tips for Effective Rushing

- Quick exchanges: Find running plays that involve a swift transfer of the ball from the quarterback to the running back.

- Minimize losses in the backfield: Find running plays that get the ball into the hands of your running back as close to the line of scrimmage as possible.
- Run North and South, not East and West: Almost every quick developing running play will be the most beneficial when you take the handoff and get up the field as fast as possible. Otherwise, if you dance around in the backfield you run the risk of losing yardage.

The single best running play in Madden over the past couple years is the HB Slam, which can be found in a number of different Singleback formations. In this example, we've chosen to showcase it from the Singleback Big formation. The reason this play is widely known as the best running play in the game is because not only does it develop faster than other runs, but the handoff is received only two yards deep in the backfield. By taking the handoff just two yards deep in the backfield you're minimizing the risk of losing yardage and maximum your chances for any kind of positive gain.

HB Slam is one of the best running plays because you minimize risk of losing yardage.

In our example, Seattle Seahawks quarterback Matt Hasselbeck gives the handoff to running back Shaun Alexander on the HB Slam play exactly two yards deep in the backfield. However, let's suppose the defense was set up perfectly and a defender is rushing straight through the open gap in the offensive line. The linebacker mets Power Back Shaun Alexander about as quickly as any defender could possibly get to our ballcarrier on this play. Fortunately, despite the defense being able to blow this play up quickly we are in no way going to lose yardage because the initial hit is made at the line of scrimmage. The extra speed that our ballcarrier was able to get up to before he was met by the linebacker was enough to fall forward for a gain of two yards. This is a great example of what makes this play so popular. Our opponent defended this play flawlessly, yet we were still able to pick up two yards.

Let's take a look at the Singleback Big HB Dive play. Upon first glance this appears to be the exact same play as the HB Slam. However, the HB Dive develops slightly different, preventing us from being able to experience the same consistent success.

When running the HB Dive play, the exchange is made three to four yards in the backfield. This means that if you have been choosing to run the HB Dive instead of the HB Slam, then you are giving up an extra one to two yards to your opponent than you need to every time. The deeper starting point in the backfield for almost the exact same running play is an obvious reason that we would never suggest using the HB Dive. In a similar defensive situation as mentioned earlier, Seahawks' back Alexander would be met one yard deep in the backfield instead of at the line of scrimmage. One yard may not sound like a big deal, but the difference between a 3rd and 1 and a 3rd and 2 is huge when attempting to convert for big first downs in crucial spots.

The HB Slam / HB Dive comparison can be made with a number of plays that appear to be the same. However, what we want to get you to start thinking about is are you maximizing your running game? Are there other running plays that you could be calling that would serve the same purpose, but be more effective and more consistent? Start thinking about how often you get hit in the backfield when running the ball. The running plays that you call should have little or no

chance for a loss. Don't continue to get stuck in 3rd and long situations because you can't execute on 1st and 2nd down.

Patience Behind the Line

By: Kyle Cooper

Almost every other running play in Madden that isn't the HB Slam or the FB Dive will require you to have patience in the backfield. Just like in the real NFL, you need to allow your blocks to develop before making your move. Most Madden players make the same mistake on every running play by simply mashing down on the sprint button to run as fast as they can when they get the ball. However, if they had learned to use the sprint button with more appropriate timing they could've broken many of those runs for much bigger gains.

In our example, the New Orleans Saints have come out in the I-Form Twin TE HB Swap. This play is designed for the quarterback to turn around right after the snap and pitch the ball to the running back. Meanwhile, both the left guard and the fullback lead with blocks to the outside.

What most people do...

An effective rushing attack is about patience. Don't be quick to mash the sprint button or you will outrun your blocking.

As quarterback Drew Brees pitches the ball to Elusive Back Reggie Bush, the two lead blockers pave the way. With blockers outnumbering the amount of Tampa Bay Buccaneer defenders in the area, we have a chance to turn this into a big run if we are patient in the backfield. Bush collects the ball and begins to turn upfield. We must slow down and allow our blocks to unfold if we want to get to the outside cleanly.

But let's suppose we make a big running mistake by holding the sprint button the entire time and not allowing our lead blockers to lock down on the approaching defenders. Now we have no protection in the open field and we must attempt to make a move on our own. We're able to shed one tackler, but the costly second of the broken tackle animation allows the surrounding defenders to close in. Bush is taken down at the line of scrimmage on a play that should've gone for a big gain.

Patience pays off...

Instead of mashing the spring button immediately, let's be a bit more patient by slowing down and staying behind our blockers until we find a seam in the defense. As Elusive Back Reggie Bush takes the pitch we follow closely behind our blockers without sprinting ahead into the open field.

We slowly approach the line with running back Reggie Bush to give our blockers a tad more time to lock down on the approaching defenders. We hold the sprint button as soon as we find the slightest opening in the defense to get upfield as quickly as possible. We are now able to get to the outside and turn this play into the result that we should've gotten the first time that we ran it. The end result was a nice gain of five yards and a big first down for our offense.

Having patience is one of the most important aspects in the running game. If you're able to learn how and when the blocking develops on each one of your running plays, then you will start to feel more comfortable in the backfield as you are waiting for an opening to attack. The HB Lead Toss is a great play to practice patience in the backfield because you are forced to wait on your blockers if you ever want to be able to consistently turn this play into a big gain.

Using Motion in Your Running Game

By: Kyle Cooper

Using motion to improve your running game is one aspect of Madden that is underused. The use of motion can help provide an extra block for your runner to spring free to the outside, help pick up tough yards up the middle, or even simply be used as a decoy when running to the opposite side that the motion is taking place. In this tip, we're going to show you how to get your receivers more involved in the running game to help you improve your yards per carry in Madden 08.

In our accompanying image, the Jacksonville Jaguars have come out in the Strong-I Normal Counter Weak. The Counter Weak is designed for the right guard and the fullback to pull across the field and act as a lead blocker for our running back. The weaknesses in calling counters is that they take longer to develop and often times a defender can shoot the vacated opening in the offensive line.

To ensure this play's success we move the icon onto receiver Reggie Williams on the far right side of the field. The plan is to send Williams in motion to the left and snap the ball just before he gets behind the pulling right guard. The reason we want to snap the ball at this point is to make sure that we have a blocker to fill the open gap in the line. It will be to your benefit to also use motion in some passing plays to prevent your opponent from getting a read on what you're trying to accomplish.

Send a recieiver in motion and snap the ball while he's behind the line for added blocking.

We send Williams in motion and snap the ball just before he gets behind the right guard. The point at which you snap the ball when sending your receiver in motion will be different for every running play. It will be up to you to find out how

to use the motion from your receiver to benefit certain plays. The best way possible to find out the strengths and weaknesses in a running play is to head into practice mode and work on each one over and over again until you know what should happen every time you call it.

Immediately after the snap, quarterback Byron Leftwich turns to hand the ball off to the running back as both the right guard and the fullback pull behind the offensive line. Meanwhile, wide receiver Reggie Williams immediately turns upfield and looks to make a block on a defender as he fills the vacated area. The strong defensive tackle tried to shoot right through the opening in the line as the right guard pulled. However, our use of motion before the snap provided us with a big block from Williams to stop the defensive penetration in the backfield. The extra protection in the backfield allowed this play to go off smoothly. Now all we have to do is follow behind our two lead blockers to turn this into a nice gain.

Both of our lead blockers lock down on the approaching defenders as we break it to the outside with running back Fred Taylor. We turn the corner with Taylor and race for the endzone.

There's no doubt that speed is one of, if not the, biggest factor when it comes to Madden. However, if you can learn how to incorporate the use of motion and set up your running plays as efficient as possible, then you won't always need a fast back to run the ball well consistently. Also try to use motion when calling passing plays from many of your same running formations; this can help prevent your opponent from ever really getting a read on what you're doing offensively.

Chapter 8 - Defense Formations and Playbooks

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

Defensive Formations and Packages

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

FORMATION	DESCRIPTION	PACKAGES	ADVANTAGES	DISADVANTAGES
Goal Line	Run prevent in short yardage situations, specifically third or fourth and short or on the goal line.	Safety Swap, Jumbo, 3 DT, Strong, LB Ends	Packed defense to prevent the short run. There are a lot of tacklers near the line of scrimmage.	Audible to another defense if the offense changes formation. So many defenders near the line can be disastrous if a running back breaks through.
4-3 Normal	Four defensive linemen, three linebackers, four defensive backs.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, LB Flip, DE Flip	A balanced run and pass defense. Good against inside runs and short to medium passing.	Avoid using against four or more receiver sets (even three is risky). Blitzing linebackers can leave slants and outside runs open.
4-3 Over, Under	Moves an outer linebacker to the line for five defensive linemen, two linebackers, and four defensive backs (Over and Under refers to different sides of the line).	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, LB Flip, DE Flip	Increased pass rush possibilities. Protect against inside and outside runs.	Vulnerable to the passing game and fewer linebackers in the middle could mean fewer tacklers if the back breaks the line.

3-4 Normal	Three defensive linemen, four linebackers, and four defensive backs.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	A balanced run and pass defense. Defends outside runs and flat passes.	Softer pass rush, though more blitz variation with extra linebackers. Vulnerable to multiple receiver sets.
3-4 Over, Under	Three defensive linemen, four linebackers, and four defensive backs. An outside linebacker tightens up the edge of the line (Over and Under refers to different sides of the line).	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	Increased pass rush with linebacker at the line.	Fewer linebackers defending the short passes. Vulnerable to multiple receiver sets.
3-4 Solid	Three defensive linemen, four linebackers, and four defensive backs. Both outside linebackers crowd the line.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	Increased pass rush opportunities and disguised blitzing. Stuff the run with increased penetration.	Vulnerable to quick passes if outside linebackers blitz. Avoid against multiple receiver sets.
3-4 Even	Three defensive linemen, four linebackers, and four defensive backs. Outside linebackers crowd the line and middle linebackers tighten up.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, SS at LB	Balanced run stoppage for inside and outside runs.	Tighter formation could be vulnerable to the pass.
3-4 Stack	Three defensive linemen, four linebackers, and four defensive backs. Resembles a 4-3 in alignment.	CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Flip, OLB Flip, MLB Flip, DE Flip, Dline Sub	A 4-3 look for your excellent linebackers. Variation in pass rushing for fast outside linebackers.	Avoid using against heavy passing situations.
46 Normal	Four defensive linemen, three linebackers, four defensive backs but shifts one safety up to the linebacker position leaving one safety deep.	Speed, OLB Swap	Similar to 4-3 but safety provides extra run stopping support. Pressuring defense.	Vulnerable to deep passes with just one safety back. Avoid using against heavy passing situations and multiple receiver sets.
46 Bear	Six defensive linemen (some are linebackers on the line), one linebacker, three defensive backs with one safety playing in a linebacker spot leaving one deep safety.	46 Swap, LB/DE Swap, LB Coverage	Combines the 46 Normal and 4-3 Over defenses. Increased pressure along the line for stronger run defense and pressure.	Weak pass defense. Avoid using against multiple receiver sets.

Nickel Normal	Four defensive linemen, two linebackers, five defensive backs.	Strong Nickel, Strong Shift, CB Swap, Safety Swap, LOLB Right, LOLB Left, LB Swap, Big Nickel	An additional defensive back helps protect against the pass. Be sure the "nickel back" is lined up against the slot receiver. Optimum against 3 WR sets.	Losing a linebacker means losing a good tackler. Use packages to ensure best corners are against best receivers. Your nickel back isn't as skilled as your starters, usually.
Nickel Strong	Same as nickel but shifts the safety toward the strong side.	Strong Nickel, Strong Shift, CB Swap, Safety Swap, LOLB Right, LOLB Left	Increased safety help on the strong side. Helps provide additional coverage on a stacked formation (where more receivers and/or tight ends are on one side).	Similar to the standard nickel. Also the safety shifted over could leave the other side open, especially if there are backs on pass patterns.
Nickel 1-5-5, 1-5-5 Prowl	One defensive lineman, five linebackers, five defensive backs. Crowded line of scrimmage with basically one MLB (prowl with two). Found in the New England playbook.	DE Pass Rush, MLB Swap (MLB 2 in Prowl), OLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, SS Nickel, FS Nickel	Five linebackers help defend against a run and five defensive backs help defend the pass. Allows for some blitzing variation.	Can be a weak run defense if your linebackers focus on coverage.
Nickel 2-4-5	Two defensive linemen, four linebackers, five defensive backs.	DE Pass Rush, MLB Swap, OLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, SS Nickel, FS Nickel	Added linebackers help defend against an unexpected run. In the 3-4 playbook because of the team's typical linebacker skill.	Need to increase pass rush with linebacker pressure.
Nickel 3-3-5	Three defensive linemen, three linebackers, and five defensive backs.	4th CB, OLB Flip, Safety NB, Safety Flip, DE Flip, CB Flip	An added linebacker to defend the run or short passing.	Need to increase pass rush with linebacker pressure.
Dime Normal	Four defensive linemen, one linebacker, six defensive backs.	ROLB, LOLB, CB Swap, LB Pass Rush, Safety Swap, D-Line Sub	Six defensive backs to counter the passing game. Use against four or more wide receiver sets.	Weak against an unexpected run.
Dime Flat	Same as dime but closes safeties in and backs off corners.	ROLB, LOLB, CB Swap, DE Swap, DT Swap, LB Rush	Defenders are tighter and closer to the line to protect against run or short passing. Good for end zone defense.	Weaker against deep passing.
Quarters Normal	Three defensive linemen, one linebacker, seven defensive backs.	Linebackers, LB Pass Rush, LOLB, ROLB, CB Flip, Safety Swap, Slot CB Flip, SS Tight	Seven defensive backs as a pass prevent defense.	Easy to run against.

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Quarters 3 Deep	Same as quarters but shifts a defensive back into a deep safety position for three deep safeties.	ROLB Swap, CB Swap, Safety Swap, Coverage Swap, Slot Swap, LB Pass Rush, LOLB Swap, Dline Sub	Three deep safeties to protect against the deep ball. Use in long yardage situations.	Easy to run against.
Dollar Normal	Eight defensive backs.	FS Sub, MLB/ ROLB Swap, MLB/ LOLB Swap, Safety Flip, CB Strong RT, CB Strong LT, Safeties, D-Line Sub, Quarter	Eight players focused on stopping the pass. Use in certain passing situations (long yardage) or even in the red zone to crowd the end zone.	You have a lot of bad tacklers on the field if your opponent runs the ball!

Formation Playbooks

This chart reveals which specific defensive formations are featured within each possible playbook.

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

Team Defensive Playbooks

The table below reveals the default defensive playbook for each NFL team in Madden 08.

TEAM	DEFAULT DEFENSIVE PLAYBOOK
Arizona Cardinals	4-3
Atlanta Falcons	4-3
Baltimore Ravens	Bal - Ravens

Buffalo Bills	4-3
Carolina Panthers	4-3
Chicago Bears	Cover 2
Cincinnati Bengals	4-3
Cleveland Browns	3-4
Dallas Cowboys	3-4
Denver Broncos	4-3
Detroit Lions	Cover 2
Green Bay Packers	4-3
Houston Texans	4-3
Indianapolis Colts	Cover 2
Jacksonville Jaguars	Cover 2
Kansas City Chiefs	4-3
Miami Dolphins	Multiple D
Minnesota Vikings	Cover 2
New England Patriots	NE - Patriots
New Orleans Saints	4-3
New York Giants	4-3
New York Jets	3-4
Oakland Raiders	4-3
Philadelphia Eagles	4-3
Pittsburgh Steelers	3-4
San Diego Chargers	3-4
San Francisco 49ers	3-4
Seattle Seahawks	4-3
St. Louis Rams	4-3
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	Cover 2
Tennessee Titans	4-3
Washington Redskins	4-3

Defensive Shifts and Adjustments

After you've called your defensive formation and personnel, you can still make adjustments to your current alignment. You can make shifts to the line, linebackers, or defensive backs to guard against your opponent's tendencies or expected play. Select the line, linebackers, or coverage then use the left stick to make these adjustments.

Pos.	SHIFTS (LEFT STICK)	COMMENTARY
Defensive Line	Shift outside tackles, shift tight between tackles, shift line left, shift line right	Against an expected inside run, shift line tighter; against an expected outside run, spread line out. Shift line toward a left or right run or toward a tight end to bump him at the line.

Linebackers	Spread linebackers out, shift linebackers in tight, shift linebackers left, shift linebackers right	Against an expected inside run, shift linebackers tighter; against an expected outside run, spread linebackers out. Shift linebackers left or right against corresponding run or to help free up blitzing linebackers.
Defensive Backs	Put defensive backs into press coverage, put defensive backs in loose coverage, show blitz or align coverage.	Press coverage with Press Coverage corners and to slow down receiver routes; play looser against expected deep passes. Show blitz to disguise coverage, confuse blockers, and perhaps force opponent to throw earlier.

After selecting the line, linebackers, or coverage, you can use the right stick to make adjustments to their rush or coverage duties.

Pos.	ADJUSTMENTS (RIGHT STICK)	COMMENTARY
Defensive Line	Crash the line left, crash the line right, crash the line outside, or crash the line inside.	Adjust the line depending on where you think the run play will go. Crash left or right against runs expected in those directions. Crashing outside can help guard against either and inside against inside runs.
Linebackers	Blitz the left linebacker, blitz the right linebacker, hook zones for all linebackers, or blitz all linebackers.	Change your defensive call at the linebacker position with these hot routes. Add pass rush to the left or right side (or all) with linebacker pressure or call them back into a zone to protect the middle of the field.
Defensive Backs	Shift deep zones left, right, or out.	Shift deep zone coverage toward the side of the field with more receivers or widen to protect against streaks.

Defensive Playmaker

Use the defensive playmaker controls to alter the assignment of a specific defender. You can use playmaker to adjust a specific defender's coverage or to send the defender on a blitz. Defensive linemen can also be used. This list below reveals some of the changes you can make using playmaker and tips on using them.

- Hook Zone: The hook zone is the area between the tackles about seven to ten yards downfield. A middle linebacker in hook zone can protect the post from the slot or tight end position. A defensive end could use hook zone to protect against a quick slant. See the SportsGamer defense training camp section on Containing the Tight End for more on using the hook zone.
- Deep: Send a defender into a deep zone coverage. Use if you want additional deep help against an opponent that is using a lot of streak routes.
- Blitz: Change the selected defender's assignment to blitz. Note that if that defender was in man coverage, it could leave that receiver open. Use this to increase the rush against the opposing quarterback, especially if there's little pass protection.
- Curl Zone: The curl zone is the area outside of the hook on either side of the hashmarks. Defenders in a curl zone could protect the out routes.
- Flat Zone: Use a defender in zone coverage in the flat. Adjust a defender into a flat zone if your opponent has been hitting backs on flat passes. Check the SportsGamer defense training camp section Threat Out of the Backfield for more tips on protecting the flats.
- QB Spy and QB Contain: In QB Spy, the defender will mirror the quarterback's movements. Good for helping contain a mobile quarterback. Check the SportsGamer defense training camp section on Containing the Mobile Quarterback for tips on using QB Spy. QB Contain attempts to contain the quarterback within the pocket.
- Man Coverage: If your opponent is abusing you with a particular receiver then use playmaker to double or even triple cover that receiver. After selecting your defender and playmaker mode, hit the corresponding offensive receiver button then move the stick to change the assignment to man coverage.

Chapter 9 - SportsGamer's Defense Training Camp

presents a series of Madden training camp articles to strengthen your defense. These feature tips on shutting down the opposition's rushing attack, defending against the deep pass, countering the tight end, and containing a mobile quarterback. You'll find breakdowns of specific plays and situations as well as videos to illustrate the concepts.

Shutting Down the Run

By: Kyle Cooper

Playing against an opponent who has a great running attack can be extremely difficult to stop. One of the most successful theories behind slowing down the run is stacking defenders near the line of scrimmage. In this tip, we're going to show an example of exactly what it means to "stack" defenders in the box. It's important to remember to choose a defense that can also adequately defend against the pass.

In our accompanying screenshot, we've come out with the New York Giants in the 46 Normal 2 Man Under. We want to stress yet again the importance of not getting beat deep in just one play. The 2 Man Under is a solid defensive choice, especially at the beginning of a game, because every receiver is manned up with two safeties playing over the top deep. We would recommend controlling the deepest safety on the field and just staying back until you start to pick up on some of your opponent's tendencies. Once you've picked up on where you opponent likes to go with the football then look to take some chances later in the game. Before making any changes to the defense, we have eight defenders in the box, with the second level of defenders about 4 yards off the line of scrimmage.

The next step is to manually slide each linebacker and the lone strong safety directly behind the four members of our defensive line. By moving each one of these players we have now created a "stacked" look that makes it difficult for the members of the offensive line to know who they are accountable for blocking after the snap.

Stack your defensive players near the line to confuse the offensive blocking scheme.

As the quarterback turns to hand the ball off to the running back, a number of gaps open in the offensive line. Blocking won't always unfold in the same fashion but in this example, the right guard is basically useless as he stands in the middle of the field looking to make a block. If there's a lineman not blocking anyone, it means that we will have even bigger holes for our defenders to penetrate. However, the idea behind this theory is to create constant confusion for your opponent's offensive line.

The "stacking" defenders technique created enough confusion up front to allow multiple defenders in on the play. Getting multiple defenders in the backfield every time would obviously be ideal. However, all you need is just one to disrupt the timing of any play.

"Stacking" defenders can be done with virtually every formation in Madden. However, some formations may require a line shift or a fake blitz to get the right amount of defenders in the box. One example that comes to mind is when calling the 3-4 2 Man Under defense. When using this defense try shifting the defensive line to the left and fake blitzing to create a "stacked" look without any necessary manual movements. An opponent who can consistently bust your defense in the mouth with a tough running game may be the most challenging to play against. Fortunately, it only takes one loss in the backfield or a minimal gain to force your opponent into a passing situation.

Defending Deep

By: Kyle Cooper

Preventing your opponent from beating you deep should be your biggest concern when on defense, especially early in the game. Fortunately, Madden always does a great job of providing players with quick adjustments that can be made before the play begins to strengthen any weaknesses found on the field. In this example we're going to showcase one way in particular to greatly decrease your opponent's chances for completing a long bomb against you for an easy six points.

The Tennessee Titans have come out in the 4-3 2 Man Under. You would assume that this play does a great job at stopping any deep passes; however, certain route combinations from the offense can leave the safeties in extremely vulnerable positions deep.

The Washington Redskins are in the Shotgun Wing Trips formation. In the accompanying screenshot, we've highlighted tight end Christian Fauria's route because his streak route up the middle is nothing more than a decoy route created to force our safety to move away from the real threat on this play. The real danger here is wide receiver Santana Moss' streak route on the far right side of the field.

Shortly after quarterback Jason Campbell takes the snap, the receivers begin running upfield. The strong safety slides to the right to account for the tight end running a streak up the seam. Obviously, we would like for our safety to worry more about Moss' blazing Speed weapon than the much slower Fauria. However, the fact that the safety slides over to cover the tight end first makes sense. The reason the safety slides over to pick up this player first is because he is currently the receiver closest to the safety's area and the furthest down the field. This is how many of the game's best players are still able to abuse your cover 2 defenses.

Adjusting your zone safeties wider can help prevent the deep ball.

By the time Moss gets as deep as Fauria on the field and our safety recognizes the threat, he will have to make up so much ground that it makes it near impossible for us to make a play on the ball. The ball has left the quarterback's hand and all our defender can do now is watch. Moss will not only beats his man-to-man coverage, but he will also beat the deep safety for an easy six points.

To change things up, let's try applying the same coverage on the outside, but we've used the coverage audible on the deep safeties to move their zones out wider. Moving your safeties' zones out wider will leave you slightly exposed up the seam, but this area of the field is much tougher to attack deep.

In this configuration, the safety turns and runs up the field instead of sliding. The sliding action that our safety went into the first time we ran the play cost us valuable deep coverage on the right side of the field. The fact that our safety is now running as he commits first to the tight end allows our defender to make up the lost ground much easier when the ball is finally thrown. The safety again bites on the tight end because he is the receiver currently the deepest downfield. With the wider zones implemented, our safety recognizes Moss as he gets deeper on the field and he is in better position to try to make a play this time. The ball is easily swatted away by the strong safety.

Learning even the smallest adjustments to make in Madden 08 will continue to take your game to the highest level. One quick adjustment like the one shown in this example can be the difference in a game.

Containing the Tight End

By: Kyle Cooper

There are really only two main routes that you should account for when attempting to defend against the tight end. Those two routes are the post route and the corner route. There are many other ways to utilize the tight end in the passing game, but these two routes will consistently do the most damage. In this article, we're going to take a look at a couple quick adjustments that can be made to better defend against an opponent who likes to go to their tight end.

In our accompanying screenshot, Tony Gonzalez (Quick, Possession, and Hands Receiver weapons) of the Kansas City Chiefs is running a corner route. This route is difficult to defend because the angle at which Gonzalez breaks towards the sideline will create extra separation from the defender. The alternate--a post route--is difficult to defend against because a simple high pass will typically send the tight end into a leaping animation as he catches the ball over the defender. The key to slowing down both of these routes is to try to find some ways to put defenders underneath of these routes.

The middle linebacker will defend this tight end post route: use a playmaker audible to a hook zone to get into position.

One of the easiest ways to tell which part of the field that your opponent is most likely to attack is where the ball is placed on the field before the snap. For instance, suppose your opponent is starting the play on the right hash mark. By starting on the right hash mark it will be in our best interest to try to defend against the tight end by preparing for the post route. The reason we don't have to worry as much about the corner route as much is because there is a limited amount of space on the right side of the field to make a catch.

In our example, the Denver Broncos have come out in the 4-3 DE Contain. Obviously, the two defensive ends assigned to contain the quarterback are not necessary when playing against a relatively immobile quarterback like Damon Huard. However, the reason that we chose this play is because our middle linebacker currently does not have an assignment that we'll need to use. The linebacker's ineffective assignment against a team like the Chiefs enables us to change him in any way possible before the snap.

If our opponent starts on the right hash mark, we change our middle linebacker's assignment to now perform a hook zone to try to defend against the post route. When Huard fires the pass the Gonzalez on the post route, our middle linebacker in the hook zone is lurking underneath and in perfect position to make a play. The ball may be swatted away or even tipped for a big game-changing interception.

A curl zone will defend against an expected tight end's corner route.

Let's suppose our opponent starts in the middle of the field. We know that either route from the tight end is a possibility in this position--because there's ample space on both sides of the field. Using the same 4-3 DE Contain defensive call changing the middle linebacker to a curl zone will defend against the corner route. Immediately after the snap our middle linebacker begins making his way over towards the sidelines. As the ball approaches our middle linebacker is in solid position for us to leap into the air and knock away the pass. Our linebacker's exceptional position on the tight end allows us to easily knock away the pass.

While both the corner and the post route can be defended in a number of ways, other routes can be defended with only a single pre-snap adjustment. Whenever you want to figure out what works best against certain routes just head into practice mode. We would suggest running the route that you want to try to figure out how to stop over and over again until you find a defense, or a defensive adjustment, that you know will work. Remember, the best changes on the field are the ones that don't force you to sacrifice in other areas.

Threat Out of the Backfield

By: Kyle Cooper

The flat and angle routes are the two most effective ways for people to get their running backs involved in the passing game. In this example we're going to take a look at how to guard against opponents who like to use angle routes out of the backfield.

In this example we've called the Nickel 3-3-5 2 Man Under. We like this defense because everyone is manned up, we have two deep safeties over the top, and we also have a middle linebacker that can be assigned to do anything we want him to do.

The Green Bay Packers have come out in the I-Form Normal HB Middle, which is one of the most effective plays in the game. This play not only has the ability to attack the flats, but it also supplies our opponent with an angle route over the middle of the field. We know that our opponent likes to attack the flats often with his running backs coming out of the backfield. Therefore, we call for press coverage on the remaining receivers to slow their progress up the field as much as possible.

The last two changes we've made on this play is using defensive playmaker on our right defensive end to perform a curl zone over the middle of the field, and then using defensive playmaker on our middle linebacker to move into the flats on the left side of the field. The defensive end adjustment must be made in order for us to contain the angle route from the running back. The middle linebacker adjustment is optional; feel free to change his role to whatever you prefer (QB spy, blitz, QB contain, use to manually cover, etc.).

In our example, as soon as Packers' quarterback Brett Favre drops back to pass our right defensive end begins dropping back off the line (fulfilling his curl zone assignment). Meanwhile, our middle linebacker begins to sprint towards the left side of the field (protecting the flats). Our opponent takes a quick look to the left, only to find that the flat route is completely covered by our defenders. Next, Favre looks back over the middle as he tries to hit the running back. The ball leaves the quarterback's hand as our defensive end is clearly sitting on the route.

Playing an opponent who knows how to consistently pass the ball to their running backs can be a real headache to deal with. Some advice that we'd like to give when playing an opponent who likes to do this is simply to try place as many defenders as possible into coverage until you can recognize where they like to go with the football. Once you are able to find out what your opponent is doing, then you will have a much better understanding of how to create a counter-attack solution.

Containing the Mobile Quarterback

By: Kyle Cooper

Containing a mobile quarterback not named Michael Vick (or Vince Young) is actually pretty easy in Madden. Typically, QB spys and/or contain assignments are enough to keep most quarterbacks in the pocket. However, keeping Michael Vick in the pocket is easier said than done. SportsGamer demonstrates one defensive strategy that can be used to put a stranglehold on your opponent's quarterback in the backfield.

Here are a few keys to containment:

- When sending pressure, make sure to attack the quarterback from his throwing arm most of the time. Attacking the quarterback from the strong side will force him to roll away from the pressure in the opposite direction. It will be very difficult at this point for the quarterback to stop and plant his feet to make the throw when running away.
- When using QB spys or contain assignments make sure that your defender has enough speed and acceleration to make the play on the quarterback. If you are using a player that is too slow, then the quarterback will always be

able to buy time to either make a throw, or scramble past you for extra yardage.

What to Avoid...

Many Madden players believe that placing the defensive ends in QB contain assignments will prevent the quarterback from escaping the pocket. Unfortunately it's not that simple, especially when facing the Speed QB Michael Vick. In our example, the St. Louis Rams have come out in the Nickel Normal 2 Man Under. Place both defensive ends in QB contain assignments to try to stop our opponent from scrambling.

As soon as Vick drops back to pass, both of our defensive ends rush around the outside as they prepare to stop the quarterback when he runs. This is a great example of why just simply placing defensive ends in QB contain routes doesn't always work. Our opponent knows that all he has to do is slightly roll to his left and the defenders will commit.

Sure enough, the right defensive end rushes in and gets blocked by the left tackle. Vick didn't even roll completely out of the pocket, but the defender still closed to try to make the tackle. The mistake by the right defensive end allows Vick to easily spring free into the open field. In order to contain a speed quarterback, more defensive adjustments will need to be made.

Michael Vick can be stopped but it will require skills in defensive play-calling and use of playmaker mode to put defenders in position to stop the running threat.

In this next example we have called the Nickel Normal Nickelback Blitz. The defensive assignments supplied in this play are already more beneficial to us because we have a speedy nickelback rushing Vick from the side of the field that he prefers to roll toward. Now that we've got pressure coming from the left we need to make sure that Vick can't easily roll away from it to the opposite side of the field.

Make two more changes to the defensive line. The first change is assigning our strong defensive tackle to perform a QB spy. Next, we assigned left defensive end Leonard Little to perform a QB contain on the backside of the field. What we are trying to do with this play is funnel Vick right into our left defensive end on the backside. However, if Vick manages to escape the outside pressure coming from the left, then hopefully our QB spy will be in a good enough position to make a play as a last resort. Obviously, we'd prefer to place a faster player in the QB spy assignment, but we don't want to take any coverage away downfield.

With these assignments in place, you can see the pressure beginning to form on the outsides of the offensive line as Vick drops back. Meanwhile, our strong defensive tackle begins sliding back over the middle of the field to watch Vick. Vick recognizes the pressure coming from his left and he quickly looks for a way out.

Vick turns around and begins sprinting to the opposite side of the field. Fortunately, on this side of the field Leonard Little awaits to make a play. Once you are able to get the quarterback to run in the opposite direction of his throwing hand you are in complete control of the play.

If you can learn to funnel your opponent's quarterback to one side of the field on every play, then you are essentially taking away half of the field for the offense to work with. Furthermore, players who like to roll out won't be able to create those great passing angles that they are able to get when outside the pocket. The real key to containing a mobile quarterback is to force your opponent into a lot of third or fourth and long situations. Then, once they are in these types of situations you won't have to worry about a six or seven yard scramble because it won't be enough to move the chains.

SportsGamer's Top 10 Tips

GameSpot's new sister site, SportsGamer.com, has written up these top 10 things to know about Madden 08. Be sure to keep them in mind while you play!

Tip 1: Choose a team that suits your play style. If you prefer pounding the ball up the middle, find a back with a good trucking attribute. If instead you prefer stretch plays, you might prefer a dominant stiff arm or elusiveness. Minding the strengths of your personnel when choosing your team will ensure that you have the playmakers to execute your game.

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Tip 2: Choose a playbook early and stick with it. Every playbook has its own nuances that take time to learn. If you switch playbooks too often you will not only be wasting time practicing plays that you will never use again, you may also find it difficult to adapt your playcalling on-the-fly when necessary.

Tip 3: Offensively, start off using just one or two formations within a playbook. Ideally, you should find 8-10 plays that you like using. Limiting yourself to just these plays will improve your execution and improve your overall skill very quickly. Once you have mastered those, then dig deeper into the playbook to expand your offense.

Tip 4: Make sure you have plays to beat man, zone, and bump n' run coverages. Learn how to recognize the different coverages and include plays into your offensive repertoire to attack them all. Go into practice mode to work on checking down reads and beating bump n' run coverage.

Tip 5: Play bend but don't break defense at the beginning of every game. This simply means don't take too many chances and avoid giving up a long touchdowns at all costs. While surrendering yardage underneath may be annoying, picking up on your opponent's tendencies early will pay dividends later on.

Tip 6: Always pick up the pressure that your opponent is bringing on defense. There will be plenty of heat coming this season, so be sure to keep extra players back to block when pressure seems likely. When in doubt, err to the side of caution; the worst thing that can happen is discovering that your opponent isn't blitzing and throwing the ball away. Losing significant yardage via a sack is never acceptable.

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Tip 7: Study what your opponent is doing. For instance, if you start feeling significant pressure, take the time to figure out why. Once you realize what your opponent is doing, it will be easier to find the appropriate counter. This will also give you a good indication on what plays or adjustments you need to practice before playing your next opponent.

Tip 8: When you are on defense NEVER pick your play before the offense. Always wait to see what personnel package the offense has chosen before selecting your defense. This will disguise your coverage and will minimize coverage breakdowns and mismatches.

Tip 9: Learn the strengths and weaknesses of your entire roster. For example, receivers with great height and/or speed are valuable no matter what their overall rating is. Find ways to utilize hidden strengths within you team's roster.

Tip 10: Learn how to manage the game clock. When facing an opponent more skilled than yourself, slow the tempo of the game down to limit the number of possessions. This will increase the influence an element of chance (such as a fumble) will have on the overall outcome of the game. You could get lucky...

Chapter 10 - Xbox 360 Achievements

The table below reveals the Xbox 360 Madden 08 achievements, descriptions, and associated gamer points.

NAME	DESCRIPTION	GAMER POINTS
60 Yard Pass	Complete a 60 yard pass.	15
60 Yard Run	Complete a 60 yard run.	15
90 Yard Pass	Complete a 90 yard pass.	30
80 Yard Run	Complete an 80 yard run.	35
Intercept 2 Passes	Get 2 interceptions with one player.	20
Intercept 5 Passes	Intercept 5 total passes in one game.	35
Deflect 4 Passes	Deflect 4 or more passes with one player.	20
7 Sacks with One Player	Sack the Quarterback 7 times with one player in one game.	35

8 Tackles with One Player	Get 8 tackles with one player in one game.	10
Recover 2 Fumbles	Recover 2 fumbles in one game with one player.	25
Force 3 Fumbles	Force 3 fumbles with one player.	10
200 Kick Return Yards	Achieve 200 kick return yards with one player. Max 5 min qtr.	20
200 Punt Return Yards	Get 200 punt return yards in one game with one player.	20
4 TD Passes	Throw 4 touchdown passes in one game.	10
Score 84 Points	Score 84 or more points in one game. Max 5 min qtr.	35
10 Catches in a Row	Catch ten passes in a row with one player. Max. 5 min qtr.	15
20 Completions in a Row	Get 20 completions in a row with one player.	25
300 Pass Yards	Achieve 300 passing yards in one game.	10
500 Pass Yards	Pass for 500 yards in one game.	30
80 Percent Pass Completion	Complete 80 percent of the attempted passes in one game.	15
100 Percent Pass Completion	Complete 100 percent of the attempted passes in one game.	25
Complete 25 Passes	Complete 25 passes in one game.	30
1 Catch by Seven Players	Catch one pass with seven players.	20
200 Pass Yards	Get 200 passing yards in one game.	10
2 TD Catches with One Player	Get 2 touchdown catches with one player.	10
150 Receiving Yards	Achieve 150 receiving yards with one player.	15
200 Receiving Yards	Get 200 receiving yards with one player.	25
100 Rec Yards with 2 Players	Get 100 reception yards by two players.	15
10 Catches with One Player	Get 10 receptions with one player.	15
200 Rush Yards	Rush for 200 yards or more with one player in one game.	15
40 Rush Attempts with One Player	Attempt 40 rushes with one player in one game. Max. 5 min qtr.	15
Average 20 Yards Rushing	Average 20 yards rushing per attempt with one player in one game.	25
150 Rush Yards in One Qtr.	Get 150 yards or more rushing in one quarter with one player.	25
250 Rush Yards	Rush for 250 yards with one player in one game.	25
100 Rush Yards with One Player	Get 100 rush yards with one player.	15
100 Rush Yards with Two Players	Get 100 rushing yards with two players.	30
400 Yards on Offense	Achieve 400 yards of offense in one game. Max. 5 min qtr.	10
650 Yards on Offense	Get 650 yards on offense. Max. 5 min qtr.	30
No Dropped Passes	Don't drop a pass for an entire game. Min. 5 min qtr.	20
No Sacks Allowed	Don't allow a sack for an entire game. Min. 5 min qtr.	20
3 2 pt. Conversions Passing	Pass for three 2 point conversions in one game.	35
3 2 pt. Conversions Rushing	Rush for three 2 point conversions in one game.	35
Average 20 Yards Receiving	Average 20 yards receiving with one player in one game.	25
Intercept 3 Passes	Get 3 interceptions in one game.	20
3 Rushing TDs	Get 3 rushing touchdowns with one player.	15
4 Sacks	Get 4 sacks with one player in one game. Max. 5 min qtr.	10
40 Yard Field Goal	Kick a 40 or more yard field goal.	15
50 Yard Field Goal	Kick a 50 yard or more field goal.	20

As has been typical of the Madden franchise, these are pretty easy achievements to unlock. Many will unlock during normal gameplay; a few standard games against the computer may unlock many of the achievements. You may have to focus your offense on certain tasks (like running the ball or going for a lot of passing yardage). Also note that some achievements won't unlock until the completion of the current game (such as not allowing sacks or not dropping passes) so make sure you complete a game entirely if you're looking for particular achievements.

You can help your cause in unlocking certainl achievements. Many have no requirements (some achievements must be played on 5 minute quarters, for instance). By playing 12 or 15 minutes quarters, many achievements--those having yardage requirements, for instance--will be much easier. You can also adjust sliders or even game rules (turn off Offside for easy sacks, for example!) to unlock achievements as quickly as possible.

But if that just isn't fast enough, you can super simulate franchise mode and start unlocking achievements you didn't really achieve. Set up at least 12 minute quarters and start simulating franchise mode and listen for that beautiful sound of achievement unlocked. It may not be as satisfying but in the war for gamer score, anything goes.

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