

Training Camp Update

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Most teams are done with training camp, wrapping up the preseason and trimming their roster for the regular season this week. We want you to feel like you have attended every practice and seen every preseason game.

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This is the fifth (and final) training camp update from us this season. We've broken down every team's skill positions and position battles throughout the last month. It's the stuff you'd see if you were there at every camp. This Camp Update was created by our own Bob Henry and reflects the most up-to-date info regarding each of these teams.

Happy reading and let's have a great 2006 season,

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Arizona Cardinals

QB: Matt Leinart looked good in the Cardinals third preseason game against Chicago. Kurt Warner started and Leinart took over in the second quarter, as he completed 15-of-21 passes for 144 yards and a TD. Leinart completed twelve passes in a row including all six passes on his second drive. Warner played well, too, going 8-of-11 for 73 yards and a touchdown. Warner and Leinart look like a strong combo if you don't mind burning two roster spots to secure both in your league draft. Warner can be had in the 6th or 7th round, but you'll probably need to take Leinart earlier than you'd like (11th or 12th round) to secure the handcuff.

RB: Edgerrin James, as expected, played very little. He carried three times for -2 yards on the first drive of the game and that was it for Edge. J.J. Arrington got the bulk of the work in James' place. He ran 10 times for 44 yards, catching two balls for one yard. Damien Anderson carried nine times for 43 yards. Marcel Shipp gained 18 yards on seven carries.

Diamond Ferri, hoping for a roster spot, ran three times for 10 yards.

WR: Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin and Bryant Johnson appear to be ready for the regular season. Fitzgerald caught four balls for 45 yards (six targets) and Boldin four balls for 42 yards (nine targets). Johnson was targeted five times catching three balls for 49 yards including a 4-yard TD from Matt Leinart in the third quarter. Johnson's first two catches went for 26 and 19 yards, respectively. Troy Walters caught four balls for 48 yards on five targets; he seems to be in good position to make the roster as the 4th receiver and a special teams returner.

TE: Rookie Leonard Pope caught a 4-yard TD pass from Kurt Warner early in the second quarter as he finished with three catches for 20 yards on four targets. Eric Edwards and Adam Bergen were each targeted once; Bergen caught one ball for 2 yards. Pope clearly is the most talented of the three Cardinals TEs, but he's just a rookie and that may hamper his ability to be immediately productive, especially competing for Balls with Fitz, Boldin, Johnson and Edge.

Defense: Gerald Hayes locked down the MLB spot producing seven solo tackles against the Bears. Orlando Huff and Antrel Rolle had five solo tackles each; Rolle also had an interception. Calvin Pace won the strongside LB job with Karlos Dansby sidelined. He had two tackles and a sack. Dansby will likely move to WLB when/if he's back on the field.

Special Teams: Kicker Neil Rackers made a 49-yard field goal in the game at Chicago and added a PAT. He sent both his kickoffs 69 yards. Kicker Nick Novak played in the second half, making field goals from 19 and 50 yards, and added a PAT. With each passing week, it increasingly looks like RB J.J. Arrington will be the team's primary kickoff returner this year. He had returns of 25 and 31 yards against the Bears. WR Bryant Johnson had a 23-yard kickoff return, and rookie WR Michael Spurlock had a 16-yarder. The punt returner competition is still between Johnson, Spurlock, and WR Troy Walters. Walters appears to have settled into the WR4 role, while Spurlock has to worry about making the final roster. In this week's game, Walters had a four yard punt return and a fair catch, while Spurlock had a three yard return.

Cardinals Depth Chart

QB Kurt Warner, Matt Leinart, John Navarre

RB Edgerrin James, J.J. Arrington, Marcel Shipp, Damien Anderson, Diamond Ferry

FB Obafemi Ayanbadejo, James Hodgins, John Bronson

WR Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Boldin, Bryant Johnson, LeRon McCoy (inj), Troy Walters, Todd Watkins, Carlyle Holiday, Michael Spurlock (QB), Greg Lee

TE Leonard Pope, Adam Bergen, Eric Edwards, Alex Shor

K Neil Rackers

DE Chike Okeafor, Bertrand Berry (inj), Antonio Smith, A.J. Schable, Anton Palepoi (IR)

DT Darnell Dockett, Kendrick Clancy, Tim Bulman, Langston Moore, Gabe Watson, Jon Lewis

MLB Gerald Hayes, James Darling (W), Lance Mitchell
OLB Karlos Dansby (S) (inj), Orlando Huff (W), Calvin Pace (S), Darryl Blackstock (W), Mark Brown, Isaac Keys, Brandon Johnson
CB David Macklin, Antrel Rolle, Eric Green (inj), Robert Tate, Dyshod Carter, Lamont Reid, Darrell Hunter, Jay McCareins, Damarius Bilbo, Justin Wyatt
S Adrian Wilson (SS), Robert Griffith (FS), Aaron Francisco, Ernest Shazor, Jack Brewer, Chris Harrell

Atlanta Falcons

QB: Michael Vick played most of the first half completing half of his 14 pass attempts for 48 yards with a 4-yard TD pass to Michael Jenkins. He also ran for 34 yards on three attempts. Matt Schaub took over and played through the end of the third quarter. D.J. Shockley finished off the fourth quarter. Schaub went 4-for-8 for 25 yards and lost a fumble. Shockley was 3-of-6 for 42 yards with 5 yards rushing.

RB: The Falcons traded T.J. Duckett to the Redskins last week, which was clearly a vote of confidence in rookie Jerious Norwood. Well, it didn't take Norwood long to show everyone why on Saturday when he made a great cut, then ran away from the Titans defense for a 62-yard TD run. The rookie replaced starter Warrick Dunn on the third series and broke free on his second carry of the game. "He's got a little bit of speed, doesn't he?" HC Jim Mora said. "When he gets in the open field, he's hard to catch. What we need him to do is be a little more decisive up inside and hit it up in there on those plays that don't look so clean, but it's fun to watch him in the open field." Norwood finished the night with 104 yards on nine carries. "I've got a long way to go," Norwood said

Marlion Jackson ran for 95 yards on 18 carries in the second half. FB Justin Griffith is expected to take on a larger role with Duckett gone. He's been practicing as the team's single back when they go to three wides. Griffith could also get some goal line and third down duties making him a player who could have roster value in deeper leagues, certainly in those that require fullbacks. He carried the ball three times for 12 yards and caught one ball for no yardage. Dunn only ran for 11 yards on five carries before leaving after two series. As a team, the Falcons ran for 153 yards in the first half against the Titans starters.

WR: Michael Jenkins looks like he'll have solid value in TD-heavy scoring systems. He scored another TD this week against the Titans. Jenkins was targeted five times in the first half finishing with 19 yards on three catches. Roddy White caught only one ball for eight yards. Jamin Elliott and Kevin Youngblood each caught a pass.

TE: Alge Crumpler was back in action against the Titans, but he suffered a laceration and a bruised knee. Crumpler was targeted five times and caught two balls for 21 yards. Fantasy owners were happy to see him on the field as he's been

sidelined for most of the preseason giving backup Dwayne Blakely more snaps. Daniel Fells produced a 22-yard catch against the Titans.

Defense: Patrick Kerney got his first two sacks of the preseason as the Falcons beat the Titans 20-6 in Nashville. The Falcons had three sacks and an interception. Keith Brooking led the team with nine combined tackles (5-4-0), Lawyer Milloy had five tackles (4-1-0) and Demorrio Williams notched four solos. Recently signed free agent DT Grady Jackson was a game day scratch, but the team expects Jackson to push for a starting job quickly.

Special Teams: Kicker/punter Michael Koenen continues to amaze. He remains perfect on field goals during the preseason after connecting from 21 and 38 yards at Tennessee. Two of his five kickoffs in the game went for touchbacks. He also averaged 48.2 yards on five punts. Kicker Tony Yelk and his injured quadriceps did not play in the game. The Falcons signed an additional camp leg in Miro Yesic, "They want me to learn how to punt good enough so that I can give the scout guys a decent look for now. Obviously to continue working on my kicking and field goals and give Michael Koenen a break." For the second week in a row, veteran return specialist CB Allen Rossum made a good case for retaining his job. He had a 57-yard kickoff return, averaged 3.0 yards on three punt returns, and had an interception on defense. Aside from his notable day on offense, rookie RB Jerious Norwood also had a 22-yard kickoff return. The two other potential returners, RB DeAndra Cobb and rookie WR Adam Jennings, did not play in the game.

Falcons Depth Chart

QB Michael Vick, Matt Schaub, D.J. Shockley

RB Warrick Dunn (3RB), Jerious Norwood, Marlion Jackson, Butchie Wallace (inj)

FB Justin Griffith, John Pannozzo

WR Michael Jenkins, Roddy White, Ashley Lelie, Jerome Pathon, Adam Jennings, Troy Bergeron, Jamin Elliot, Kevin Youngblood, Brian Finneran (inj)

TE Alge Crumpler, Dwayne Blakely, Eric Beverly, Daniel Fells, Jason Randall, Boone Stutz

K Michael Koenen, Tony Yelk (inj), Miro Kesic

DE Patrick Kerney, John Abraham, Chauncey Davis, Constantin Ritzmann, Paul Carrington

DT Rod Coleman, Grady Jackson, Darrell Shropshire (NT), Chad Lavalais (NT), Jonathan Babineaux, T.J. Jackson

MLB Edgerton Hartwell, Jordan Beck

OLB Keith Brooking (W), Michael Boley (S), Demorrio Williams (W), Ike Reese (S/W), Artie Ulmer, Travis Williams

CB DeAngelo Hall, Jimmy Williams, Jason Webster, Allen Rossum (KR), Leigh Torrence, Kevin Mathis

S Lawyer Milloy (SS), Chris Crocker (FS), Omare Lowe (FS), Nick Turnbull

Baltimore Ravens

QB: Steve McNair didn't lead the Ravens to a victory yet, but he is becoming more efficient in running the Ravens offense. He completed 13-of-17 passes for 80 yards against the Vikings, but on the downside, he was sacked twice and intercepted by Fred Smoot for a TD the other way. Kyle Boller took over after McNair left; he threw for 105 yards while completing 9-of-15 passes, while also notching a 1-yard TD run. Brian St. Pierre completed 3-of-4 passes for 21 yards, but he was intercepted once, too. Rookie Drew Olson completed 1-of-2 passes for 18 yards.

RB: Musa Smith started and worked two series while Mike Anderson worked his way into the mix carrying the load during the team's other four drives before rookies P.J. Daniels and Corey Ross took turns getting work in the second half. Ross led the team with 23 yards on six carries; Daniels gained 19 yards on five carries. Mike Anderson finished with only 11 yards (on seven carries) and Musa Smith mustered 7 yards on four carries. The team appears to have some depth at the RB position, particularly if Jamal Lewis is 100% to start the season.

WR: Clarence Moore returned to the field against the Vikings this weekend and gave the team a couple of big plays. Moore had receptions for 44 and 16 yards. Mark Clayton, the team's starter in his second season opposite Derrick Mason, caught five balls for 32 yards. Mason had one catch for 6 yards. Rookie Demetrius Williams caught two balls for 27 yards but it's Devard Darling who might have the lead in the competition for the team's No. 3 WR job. He caught two balls for 13 yards. Williams, Moore and Darling are all in competition for that third spot. As for targets, Mason was targeted four times, Moore 6 times, Darling 2 times and Williams 3 times.

TE: Todd Heap caught three balls for 23 yards, Dan Wilcox three for 16 yards and rookie Quinn Sypniewski two for 13 yards. Heap was targeted three times, Sypniewski five times and Wilcox 3 times. Bobby Blizzard had two catches for 12 yards.

Defense: The Ravens registered four sacks against Minnesota and forced a fumble. Terrell Suggs led the resurgent Ravens defense with seven solo tackles and a sack. Mike Smith continues to have a strong preseason coming up big with a 5-2-1 box score. Rookie Dawan Landry had four solo tackles and Ray Lewis had five (4-1-0).

Special Teams: Matt Stover is one of the most accurate kickers in the league, but he missed a 46-yarder wide right at the end of the first half at Minnesota. Rookie Sam Koch has solidified his lead over veteran Leo Araguz for the punting job. He also had kickoffs of 62 and 64 yards, which is of interest to kickoff specialist Aaron Elling who did not play in the game. If Koch can prove to be solid on kickoffs, then Elling will very likely be released. Rookie RB Cory Ross averaged 24.3 yards on four kickoff returns and had a three yard punt return against the Vikings. He's looked good in camp, however not good enough to beat out RB B.J. Sams for the return specialist role, which means Ross will soon be out

of work. Sams averaged 20.7 yards on three kickoff returns and averaged 9.0 yards on two punt returns in the game.

Ravens Depth Chart

QB Steve McNair, Kyle Boller, Brian St. Pierre, Drew Olson
RB Jamal Lewis (inj), Mike Anderson (FB) (inj), Musa Smith (3RB), P.J. Daniels, B.J. Sams (KR/PR), Cory Ross
FB Justin Green, Ovie Mughelli
WR Derrick Mason, Mark Clayton, Clarence Moore, Devard Darling, Demetrius Williams, Travis LaTendresse, Ronald Bellamy, Romby Bryant, Matt Cherry (IR)
TE Todd Heap, Daniel Wilcox, Quinn Sypniewski
K Matt Stover, Aaron Elling
DE Terrell Suggs, Trevor Pryce, Jarrett Johnson, Roderick Green, Gary Stills
DT Kelly Gregg, Haloti Ngata, Dwan Edwards, Aubrayo Franklin, Justin Bannan, Cedric Hilliard, Remi Ayodele
MLB Ray Lewis, Mike Smith
OLB Adalius Thomas (S), Bart Scott (W), Dan Cody (S/DE), Dennis Haley, Ryan LaCasse, Tim Johnson
CB Chris McAlister, Samari Rolle, Corey Ivy, David Pittman, Evan Oglesby, Derrick Martin, Jamaine Winborne, Ronnie Prude
S Ed Reed (SS), Dawan Landry (FS), Gerome Sapp (FS), B.J. Ward (IR)

Buffalo Bills

QB: J.P. Losman started against Cleveland and played fairly well. He completed 15-of-22 passes for 184 yards and a TD. Losman also ran for a 7-yard TD that was nullified by an illegal formation penalty and the Bills settled for a 32-yard field goal before halftime. His lone mistake came on a poorly thrown ball that was intercepted by the Browns Ralph Brown in the third quarter. Early this week, the team officially named Losman the Week One starter. The battle for QB2 remains a difficult one to predict; as neither Nall nor Holcomb have been particularly impressive throughout camp. Against Cleveland, Kelly Holcomb didn't play while Craig Nall completed 8-of-14 passes for 126 yards and an interception.

RB: Lionel Gates continues to put pressure on Anthony Thomas for the primary backup spot, but it's unclear if any of the three competing for the spot has emerged as the clear winner. Anthony Thomas appears to be in the lead, considering his familiarity with Dick Jauron, with Gates and Shaud Williams in the mix, but it was Gates receiving all of the playing time behind McGahee this weekend. He ran eight times for 19 yards including a 2-yard TD run to cap the team's drive in the fourth quarter and tie the game at 17-17. McGahee ran 11 times for 29 yards while catching three balls for five more yards.

WR: Lee Evans looks like he's ready for the season. He caught five balls for 70 yards. The rest of the Bills receiving corps remain less clear, but Peerless Price finally caught his first pass of the preseason – a 56-yarder from Losman. "It's

been a while, but it felt good,” Price said. “I congratulated J.P. for giving me a shot.” It was Price’s only catch of the game, but it was a relief for Price, who was fined earlier in the week when he misread the team’s practice schedule causing him to miss practice. Sam Aiken caught three passes for 33 yards and George Wilson had a 56-yard reception finishing with two catches for 70 yards. Josh Reed contributed 18 yards on a pair of catches while Roscoe Parrish also had two for 9 yards.

TE: Kevin Everett caught a 20-yard pass against the Browns while starter Robert Royal had an 8-yard reception and Brad Cieslak had a 12-yard catch.

Defense: The Bills were happy to have LB Takeo Spikes back on the field this weekend. Spikes saw his first game action in 11 months since tearing his right Achilles’ tendon. Spikes played in two series, had one tackle – including a tackle on Reuben Droughns on the Browns first play of the game. “I was very anxious, very nervous and I felt like a little kid in a candy store who got his first taste of sugar,” Spikes said. “I’m glad to be home.” LB London Fletcher led the team with 7 tackles (5-2-0) while Nate Clements had four tackles and Coy Wire, Terrence McGee and Chris Kelsay all finished with three each. DE Aaron Schobel and DT Kyle Williams had a sack each while Tim Anderson and Ryan Denney split a sack, as the Bills defensive line was active. The Bills claimed former Bears LB Joe Odom off waivers last Wednesday a few days after the Bills released LB Courtney Watson, DT LaWaylon Brown and DT Faafetai Tupa’i.

Special Teams: Kicker Rian Lindell was good from 32 yards on his only field goal attempt, and added a PAT against Cleveland. His two kickoffs went for 67 and 70 yards. Camp leg Nicholas Setta had a 67-yard kickoff late in the game. Starting kickoff returner CB Terrance McGee gained 46 yards on his only return of the game. One of his backups, WR Andre Davis averaged 23.5 yards on two returns. The likely starting punt returner, WR Roscoe Parrish, also occasionally fields kickoffs. He had a 15-yarder against the Browns. He also averaged 4.5 yards on his two punt returns. The Bills’ longest punt return of the game was a 19-yarder by S Jim Leonhard.

Bills Depth Chart

QB J.P. Losman, Kelly Holcomb, Craig Nall

RB Willis McGahee (inj), Anthony Thomas, Lionel Gates, Shaud Williams, Fred Jackson

FB Damien Shelton, Alan Ricard, Joe Burns

WR Lee Evans, Josh Reed, Peerless Price, Roscoe Parrish (PR), Andre Davis, Sam Aiken, Jonathan Smith, George Wilson

TE Robert Royal, Brad Cieslak, Kevin Everett, Ryan Neufeld
K Rian Lindell

DT Larry Tripplett, Tim Anderson (NT), Lauvale Sape (inj), John McCargo, Jason Jefferson, Kyle Williams

DE Aaron Schobel, Chris Kelsay, Ryan Denney, Ryan Neill, Jason Hall

MLB London Fletcher, Liam Ezekiel

OLB Takeo Spikes (S), Angelo Crowell (W), Josh Stamer (S/W), Mario Haggan (W), Joe Odom, Keith Ellison, John Digiorgio

CB Nate Clements (PR), Terrence McGee (KR), Eric King, Jabari Greer, Ashton Youboty, Kiwaukee Thomas, Eric Bassey
S Troy Vincent (FS), Donte Whitner (SS), Matt Bowen (SS), Coy Wire (SS), Ko Simpson (FS), Rashad Baker (FS), Jim Leonhard (SS)

Carolina Panthers

QB: Jake Delhomme didn’t turn in the most convincing performance against the Dolphins, but he completed 6-of-15 passes for 58 yards in the first half as the Panthers went to the locker room with a 13-3 lead. Chris Weinke completed 3-of-7 passes for 31 yards in the second half as the Panthers passing attack never really got on track against Miami.

RB: DeAngelo Williams gave the Panthers some glimpses of what lies ahead when he took a kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown against the Dolphins on Friday night. The 27th pick of the draft also carried the rock nine times for 41 yards, including one run when he used a stutter-step and quick cut to elude Travares Tillman of the Dolphins for a 15-yard run in the third quarter. “He’s got good bursts, good acceleration, excellent vision and he’s got a second gear as you saw when he popped through on that kickoff,” HC John Fox said. DeShaun Foster started the game and ran 9 times for 25 yards with one catch for another yard. Nick Goings carried the ball four times for 4 yards and caught a pass for another five yards. Jamal Robertson gained 6 yards on four carries.

WR: The Panthers still didn’t have Steve Smith on the field against the Dolphins, but Drew Carter performed well starting in his place. He caught three balls for 45 yards on five targets. Smith is recovered from the hamstring strain, but he had an ingrown toenail this week that further delayed his return to action. “Certainly we would love to have him back, and he’ll be back shortly, but still we should have been sharper in every area,” Delhomme said. Aside from Carter’s 45 yards, Keyshawn Johnson had 12 yards on two catches and Taye Biddle 25 yards on two catches. Johnson was targeted four times, Keary Colbert twice and Biddle three times. The Panthers cut Lyncell Jackson, Terrance Metcalf and Daniel Smith on Saturday.

TE: Mike Seidman drew the start against Miami. Kris Mangum was inactive. Seidman had two targets, but the Panthers tight ends were otherwise not part of the action.

Defense: OLB Na’il Diggs was forced from the game with a knee injury while playing on the punt team in the first quarter. Diggs was penciled in as the starter at weakside linebacker. His status will be updated once the MRI results are available. Chris Gamble led the team with nine tackles (7-2-0) and Thomas Davis contributed six solo tackles. Adam Seward started at MLB and finished with 7 tackles (6-1-0), Mike Minter had five solos and rookie safety Nate Salley finished with three – including one textbook hit on a Dolphins receiver,

who turned around to head up field only to be met squarely by Salley on the open field smackdown. Rookie James Anderson continues to perform well in game action as he had a sack and three tackles. On Saturday, the Panthers cut several players including CB DeShane Dennis, DE Kevin Carberry and LB Corey Jenkins.

Special Teams: Kicker John Kasay went 4-of-4 on field goals (26, 43, 45, and 53 yards) against Miami. He looks to be completely recovered from the sore leg that kept him out earlier in the preseason. Consequently, kicker MacKenzie Hoambrecker was released on Saturday. RB Jamal Robertson had a very respectable 30-yard kickoff return; however he needed a lot more to keep a roster spot. Rookie RB DeAngelo Williams probably sealed Robertson's fate with his 98-yard kickoff return for a TD. Williams heeded the advice of his teammates, "I'm finally learning the logistics of our kickoff return team. The guys kinda got upset with me last week for bouncing it out, and I told them I'll hit the hole this week no matter what. And I hit the hole. Michael Gaines was telling me, 'Hit it up inside, hit it up inside,' and Hank was telling me the same thing. Gaines told me, 'This time I promise you it's going to be there.' So I'm going to listen to him." HC John Fox was pleased with all of them, "As we've said all along, he's got a good burst, good acceleration, excellent vision." WR Efram Hill has made rapid progress towards earning the punt returner role. After a poor first game and a modest second game, he averaged 20.0 yards on four punts (long of 44 yards) against the Dolphins. If he continues like that, CB Chris Gamble or WR Steve Smith won't need to handle very many punt returns.

Panthers Depth Chart

QB Jake Delhomme, Chris Weinke, Stefan Lefors, Brett Basanez

RB DeShaun Foster, DeAngelo Williams, Eric Shelton, Jamal Robertson, Alex Haynes

FB Brad Hoover, Nick Goings, Casey Cramer

WR Steve Smith (PR), Keyshawn Johnson, Keary Colbert, Drew Carter, Karl Hankton, Jovon Bouknight, Taye Biddle, Justin McCullum, D.J. Smith

TE Kris Mangum (inj), Michael Gaines, Mike Seidman, Jeff King

K John Kasay

DE Julius Peppers, Mike Rucker, Al Wallace, Jovan Haye, Stanley McClover, Devan Long (IR)

DT Kris Jenkins (inj), Ma'ake Kemoatu, Damione Lewis, Jordan Carstens, Atiyah Ellison, Tony Brown

MLB Dan Morgan, Adam Seward, Vinny Ciurciu

OLB Thomas Davis (S), Na'il Diggs (W) (inj), Keith Adams (W), James Anderson (W), Chris Draft (S)

CB Chris Gamble, Ken Lucas, Reggie Howard, Richard Marshall, Jermaine Hardy, Jarrett Bush

S Mike Minter (SS), Shaun Williams (FS) (inj), Colin Branch (FS/SS), Kevin McAdam, Nate Salley (FS)

QB: Rex Grossman went 13-of-21 for 117 yards and an interception; which was better than he did in his first two outings this preseason, but it wasn't enough to quell the brewing quarterback controversy in Chicago. Backup Brian Griese turned in another solid performance, completing 10-of-14 passes for 131 yards and a TD. The fans were chanting "Griese! Griese!" in the fourth quarter. Bears head coach Lovie Smith continues to say that Grossman is the starter, but obviously Griese is capable of running the offense, maybe even better than Grossman. If anything, Grossman is among the most likely in the league to be replaced early in the season.

RB: Thomas Jones started for the Bears in their third game, but did very little to settle the competition for the starting job. Jones ran for three yards on four carries and caught two balls for three yards. HC Lovie Smith seems to be one of the few who are in Benson's camp; but he's also the most important person to have in your camp. The players have sent several subtle messages that they prefer Jones. Benson missed most or all of practices during the last week, so Jones may still be able to assert himself as the team's starter before the season opener. Adrian Peterson ran for 24 yards on seven carries – he's locked in as the No. 3 back. P.J. Pope is trying to make the roster, or hang around on the practice squad. He ran for 10 yards on three carries and caught one pass for 16 yards. Bryan Johnson will miss the season leaving Jason McKie and J.D. Runnels vying for playing time at fullback. Runnels caught a 2-yard TD from Brian Griese in the fourth quarter.

WR: Muhsin Muhammad is primed for a solid season. He caught three passes for 51 yards. His stock improves just by having Griese on the roster. If Grossman goes down this year, the Bears have a better chance to continue producing good numbers in the passing game with Griese on the roster. That can only help Moose, who was also playing at less than 100% in 2005. Rashied Davis won't go away this preseason. He's emerging as a possible starter opposite Muhammad, but he's still competing with Bernard Berrian and Mark Bradley. Davis caught a ball for 8 yards (on two targets) and he ran once for 14 yards. Bradley produced a 33-yard catch for the team's biggest play of the game. He finished with two receptions for 44 yards. Berrian caught four balls for 31 yards. Muhammad was targeted four times on the team's first drive (which led to a 49-yard FG) and seven times in the game. Berrian and Bradley were targeted eight and four times, respectively. Airese Curry, also hoping for a roster spot, caught two balls for 24 yards.

TE: Desmond Clark has barely been noticeable during the preseason. Clark was flagged twice and targeted three times, finishing with four yards on two catches. Bears fans have to be concerned as team officials had made it clear they needed a resurgent season out of Clark this year. Meanwhile Gabe Reid put together a strong game against the Cardinals catching three balls for 42 yards, including one reception that went for 20 yards. He caught all three of his targets. Tim Day was released last week leaving John Gilmore competing with undrafted rookie Cooper Wallace for the last roster spot.

Chicago Bears

Defense: Chris Harris led the team with seven tackles (6-1-0) with Brian Urlacher (6-0-0), Hunter Hillenmeyer (5-0-0), Charles Tillman (5-1-0) and Ricky Manning (5-0-0) also setting the tone for the Bears defense, who lost DE Alex Brown with a shoulder injury in the game. Rookie OLB Jamar Williams had a sack along with four tackles. DL Delbert Cowsette had five tackles and a sack (3-2-1). Adewale Ogunleye also had a sack for the Bears; and will need to be a dominant pass rushing force particularly if Alex Brown's injury extends into the regular season.

Special Teams: Heading into this year, it was questionable whether Robbie Gould would remain as the kicker for the Bears. It is no longer a question. Rookie Josh Huston was waived and Gould has looked very good. Against Arizona he was 3-of-3 on field goals (27, 39, and 49 yards) and added a PAT. He sent his kickoffs for 71, 69, 72, and 66 yards. He and his teammates were unsuccessful on an onside kickoff. Rookie CB Devin Hester should be the punt returner when the regular season arrives. He had a 19-yard punt return against the Cardinals. WR Bernard Berrian had a return for no gain. Hester could also handle kickoffs in the regular season, although there is a more competition at that position. A week after taking one the distance, WR Rashied Davis had a 24-yard kickoff return this week. Rookie DB Danieal Manning averaged 21.5 yards on two returns. Hester took his only kickoff return for 21 yards.

Bears Depth Chart

QB Rex Grossman, Brian Griese, Kyle Orton

RB Cedric Benson (inj), Thomas Jones, Adrian Peterson, P.J. Pope, Andre Hall

FB Jason McKie, J.D. Runnels, Bryan Johnson (IR)

WR Muhsin Muhammad, Bernard Berrian, Mark Bradley, Rashied Davis (PR), Justin Gage, Airese Curry (inj), Alex Bannister, Craig Bragg

TE Desmond Clark, Gabe Reid, John Gilmore, Cooper Wallace

K Robbie Gould

DE Adewale Ogunleye, Alex Brown (inj), Israel Idonije, Michael Haynes (DT), Jamaal Green, Mark Anderson, Khari Long (IR)

DT Tommie Harris, Ian Scott (inj), Terry Johnson (inj), Alfonso Boone, Delbert Cowsette, Dusty Dvoracek (IR)

MLB Brian Urlacher, Jeremy Cain

OLB Lance Briggs (W), Hunter Hillenmeyer (S/M), Leon Joe (W), Brendon Ayanbadejo (S), Brandon Marshall, Jamar Williams

CB Charles Tillman, Nathan Vasher, Ricky Manning, Dante Wesley, Devin Hester (KR/PR), Abraham Elimimian, Carlos Hendricks

S Mike Brown (SS) (inj), Chris Harris (FS), Danieal Manning (FS), Todd Johnson (SS), Cameron Worrell (SS), Brandon McGowan (SS) (inj), Dion Byrum, Donnie McCleskey

QB: Carson Palmer was the main story on Monday night. In his first live action on his surgically repaired knee, Palmer played almost flawlessly. "He hasn't lost a thing," right tackle Willie Anderson said. "He's our leader, and he's back. That's got to make any Bengals fan feel real happy." Palmer played instinctively making plays out of the pocket; he even scrambled for 11 yards on one play. "I felt good," Palmer said. "It feels like it's just football now." Palmer threw for three touchdowns on 9-of-14 passes for 140 yards. Backup Anthony Wright completed 7-of-12 passes for 65 yards with a touchdown. Doug Johnson completed 1-of-3 passes for 28 yards and a TD. Reportedly, the Bengals have shown interest in Drew Henson, who was released by the Cowboys on Thursday.

RB: Rudi Johnson carried 12 times for 35 yards before heading to the sidelines and giving Quincy Wilson his chance. Wilson ran for 35 yards on 10 carries. DeDe Dorsey had a 19-yard run finishing with 59 yards on eight carries. Kenny Watson will probably be the team's third down back as long as Chris Perry is on the shelf. Watson caught three balls for 19 yards. He was targeted five times, including four third down targets throughout the first half. Injured backup RB Chris Perry did some agility drills with trainers on Thursday, a sign that his return may be closer than originally thought. Perry was upset the team's medical staff may have not diagnosed his injuries correctly at first. Rookie RB Terrence Whitehead was waived, cleared waivers and was placed on the team's injured reserve list last week.

WR: Four different Bengal receivers caught touchdowns against the Packers - T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Tab Perry and rookies Reggie McNeal and Benny Brazell. Houshmandzadeh left the game early with a bruised heel, but he still caught five balls for 96 yards on eight targets. Chad Johnson didn't make a catch and was targeted just once. Tab Perry was targeted three times, catching two balls for 29 yards. Kelley Washington caught 2 balls for 18 yards and Chris Henry had one catch for 9 yards.

TE: Reggie Kelly caught a 6-yard touchdown, his only catch. The Bengals don't throw to their tight ends enough for any of them to hold any fantasy value. However, Kelly could catch 3 or 4 touchdowns.

Defense: Dexter Jackson kick-started the Bengals with a 45-yard fumble return for a touchdown on Monday night. He had two tackles and two fumbles recovered. Greg Brooks led the team with five tackles (4-1-0), Bryan Robinson and Robert Geathers collected a sack apiece and Madiou Williams had an interception. OLB Rashad Jeanty has been a pleasant surprise in the preseason for the Bengals. He had four tackles, as did rookie DT Marcus Lewis. Caleb Miller had seven tackles (3-4-0). It was also the first appearance by free agent pickup DT Sam Adams this preseason. Earlier in the week, safety Anthony Mitchell was placed on injured reserve ending his season prematurely. Mitchell led the team in special teams tackles last season. On Tuesday, the Bengals waived LB Hannibal Navies.

Cincinnati Bengals

Special Teams: Kicker Shayne Graham scored in double digits for the second week in a row. He connected on field goals of 34 and 38 yards and added six PATs against Green Bay. The Bengals continued to look at several rookie long shots on kickoff returns. RB DeDe Dorsey averaged 20.5 yards on two returns, and WR Reggie McNeal had an 18 yard return. Starting kickoff returner WR Tab Perry did not return any kickoffs, but did return a punt for 14 yards. Starting punt returner WR Antonio Chatman returned to action against the Packers, after missing several weeks with a bruised hip. He had a five yard punt return along with a fair catch. Backup returners RB Kenny Watson and CB Keiwan Ratliff did not have any returns in the game

Bengals Depth Chart

QB Carson Palmer (inj), Anthony Wright, Doug Johnson, Erik Meyer

RB Rudi Johnson, Chris Perry (3RB) (inj), Kenny Watson (3RB), Quincy Wilson, DeDe Dorsey, Terrence Whitehead (IR)

FB Jeremi Johnson, Ronnie Ghent, Naufahu Tahi, Chris Manderino

WR Chad Johnson, T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Chris Henry, Antonio Chatman (KR), Tab Perry (KR), Kelley Washington, Reggie McNeal (QB), Benny Brazell, Glenn Holt, P.K. Sam, Ethan Kilmer

TE Reggie Kelly, Tony Stewart, Darnell Sanders, David Jones
K Shayne Graham

DE Justin Smith, Robert Geathers, Bryan Robinson (inj), Jonathan Fenene, Frostee Rucker, Eric Henderson

DT John Thornton, Sam Adams, Shaun Smith, Domata Peko, Marcus Lewis

MLB Odell Thurman (susp), Brian Simmons (M/W), Ahmad Brooks (S), A.J. Nicholson

OLB David Pollack (S/DE) (inj), Landon Johnson (W/M/S), Caleb Miller (W), Rashad Jeanty (S), Marcus Wilkins, Wyatt Gayer

CB Tory James, Deltha O'Neal (WR/PR), Johnathan Joseph, Keiwan Ratliff (SS/PR), Greg Brooks, Patrick Body, Rashad Bauman (IR)

S Madiou Williams (FS/CB) (inj), Dexter Jackson (SS/FS), Kevin Kaesviharn (FS/SS), Ifeanyi Ohalete (SS), John Busing, Jereme Perry, Blake Ferris, Anthony Mitchell (IR)

RB: Rookie Jerome Harrison continued his impressive play this preseason by rushing for 70 yards on nine carries and catching two balls for another 10 yards against the Bills. Reuben Droughns started the game, but split time with Harrison during the second quarter. Jason Wright entered the game on the second drive of the third quarter. William Green played for a stretch in the fourth quarter as Harrison saw more playing time during the second half as well. Droughns finished with 17 yards on 8 carries; Green had 19 yards on three carries. Wright ran five times for 16 yards. It remains to be seen if Harrison has officially passed William Green on the depth charts, but he should at the very least have earned a role as the team's third down back considering Lee Suggs did not see any action.

WR: Braylon Edwards was originally supposed to be on the field for six plays to test his surgically repaired right knee for the first time in game action, but he caught a pass, took his first hit, sprung back to his feet and wanted more. So, HC Romeo Crennel obliged. "Going into this game, it wasn't a matter of, 'All right, what can you do?' with the knee the way it is," said Edwards, who ended up staying on the field for 16 plays. "Going into this game, it was, 'What are you used to doing?'" HC Romeo Crennel concurred. "That's the reason we wanted to get him in there and give him a chance to get hit," Crennel said. "I think he took the hit well." Edwards' only catch came on third down when Frye found him over the middle. Edwards plucked the ball, turned up field and dragged two defenders to the Bills 2-yard line. "As soon as I caught that first pass, and almost ended up in the end zone, it was right back to where I left off," Edwards said. Also of significance is the fact that Edwards and Kellen Winslow were on the field for the first time together. "It makes a big difference when you have No. 17 and 80 out there," Frye said referring to Edwards and Winslow. "I think there's going to be a lot of plays made."

Josh Cribbs continues to give the coaches something to think about as he caught a 28-yard TD pass from Derek Anderson and finished with 35 yards on two catches. Dennis Northcutt had three catches for 33 yards (on three targets) and Joe Jurevicius had one for 12 yards (two targets). Rookie Travis Wilson caught one ball for 12 yards (2 targets) and Kendrick Mosley had two long receptions of 21 and 24 yards. No. 3 receiver Frisman Jackson hauled in two balls for 26 yards, but led the team with 5 targets.

TE: Kellen Winslow caught only one pass for 8 yards on two targets and Steve Heiden produced a TD among two catches for eight yards.

Defense: Free agent pickup LB Willie McGinest made his preseason debut against the Bills. He played in the first quarter and had one tackle. Safety Brodney Pool paced the team with 5 solo tackles while CB Leigh Bodden, arguably the team's best corner this preseason, had five tackles (4-1-0). LB Andra Davis also had five tackles and a sack (4-1-1). Rookie first-round pick Kamerion Wimbley displayed his pass rushing prowess as he garnered a sack, forced a fumbled and finished with three solo tackles. Ralph Brown and Justin Hamilton

Cleveland Browns

QB: Charlie Frye led the team to a touchdown on the opening drive against the Bills this weekend. Frye connected with TE Steve Heiden on a 2-yard TD and he went 12-of-16 for 76 yards in the first half. Derek Anderson completed 4-of-7 passes for 83 yards and a 28-yard TD to Josh Cribbs. Ken Dorsey completed 3-of-6 passes for 34 yards. There are reports that the Browns may be interested in free agent Drew Henson, who was released this weekend by the Cowboys; which was partially fueled by the release of backup QB Lang Campbell.

each had interceptions; Hamilton's coming in the end zone to keep points off the board. Third-string safety Shawn Mayer was carted off the field with a knee injury late in the game. In other news last week, the Browns acquired DB Therrian Fontenot from the Packers in exchange for WR Carlton Brewster

Special Teams: Kicker Phil Dawson was wide right on a 56-yard field goal attempt at Buffalo. He also missed a 51-yarder, however that was negated by a penalty and he was good from 46 yards. Backup kicker Jeff Chandler added a 35-yard field goal, but was released as part of the team's cut down. Starting punt returner WR Dennis Northcutt averaged 6.5 yards on two returns. HC Romeo Crennel discussed Northcutt during the week, "He's pretty good at it. He can catch the football. He has some running skills and is able to make people miss. 'You have to make at least one person miss.' The Browns have also been giving starting kickoff returner WR Joshua Cribbs a look on punts. Crennel added, 'There's a lot of courage involved in that job. That ball is hanging up there 4.5 seconds. Guys are screaming down the field coming after you. I know he [Cribbs] has courage. It's whether he has enough talent to catch it.' Cribbs lost a yard on his only punt return against the Bills. He fared better at his usual KR position, averaging 29.5 yard on two kickoff returns. Rookie RB Chris Barclay also added a 16-yard kickoff return.

Browns Depth Chart

QB [Charlie Frye](#), Ken Dorsey, Derek Anderson, Darrell Hackney

RB [Reuben Droughns](#), [William Green](#), [Jerome Harrison](#) (3RB), Lee Suggs (3RB), Jason Wright

FB [Terrelle Smith](#), Corey McIntyre, Lawrence Vickers

WR [Braylon Edwards](#) (inj), [Joe Jurevicius](#), [Dennis Northcutt](#) (PR), [Frisman Jackson](#), [Travis Wilson](#), [Josh Cribbs](#) (WR/RB), Kendrick Mosley, Glenn Holt

TE [Kellen Winslow Jr](#), [Steve Heiden](#), [Darnell Dinkins](#), John Owens

K [Phil Dawson](#)

DE [Orpheus Roye](#), [Alvin McKinley](#), [Nick Eason](#), [Simon Fraser](#), J'Vonne Parker

NT [Ted Washington](#), Ethan Kelley, Babatunde Oshinowo

ILB [Andra Davis](#) (L), [DQwell Jackson](#) (R), [Chaun Thompson](#) (R), [Leon Williams](#) (L), Mason Unck

OLB [Willie McGinest](#) (S/DE), [Kameron Wimbley](#) (S/DE), [Matt Stewart](#) (S), David McMillan (W), Nick Speegle (S), Charlton Keith

CB [Daylon McCutcheon](#) (inj), [Gary Baxter](#) (inj), [Leigh Bodden](#), [Antonio Perkins](#) (inj), Pete Hunter, DeMario Minter (PUP), DeMarcus Rideaux, Ralph Brown

S [Brian Russell](#) (FS), [Brodney Pool](#) (FS), [Sean Jones](#) (SS), Antwaan Harris, Justin Hamilton (SS), Thierran Fontenot, Shawn Mayer (IR), Jeremy Lasueur (IR)

QB: Despite speculation that Tony Romo could supplant Drew Bledsoe as the Cowboys starting quarterback at some point this season, Bledsoe continued to perform well with another strong outing against the 49ers. Bledsoe threw for 200 yards on 12-of-17 passing connecting once again with Terry Glenn, this time for a 28-yard TD. Romo also played well as he completed 9-of-14 passes for 111 yards with an interception on a very catchable pass that bounced off the receiver. The Cowboys finally waived Drew Henson on Thursday leaving Matt Baker holding the clipboard for now.

RB: Bill Parcells continues to talk about using Julius Jones and Marion Barber as interchangeable pieces increasing the likelihood that the running game will be difficult to predict from game-to-game; particularly from a fantasy perspective. Parcells said he'll likely start Jones and use Barber liberally – going with the hot hand if either of the two backs get off to a strong start. "I think we're going to do what we did last year as far as the reps," Jones said. "I think whoever the hot back is or has the hot hand, then we're going to leave him in there. It's my job to produce, or I'm not going to be playing." The Cowboys backs had 40 combined carries against the 49ers as Julius Jones had 15 for 56 yards. Barber ran 9 times for 49 yards including a 5-yard TD that capped the team's drive in the 2nd quarter making it a 17-0 game before halftime. Barber also produced a 34-yard reception. Tyson Thompson looked good in the second half rushing for 65 yards on 11 carries with a long run of 24 yards. Keylon Kincaid contributed 15 yards on five carries.

WR: Terry Glenn continues to shine, as he and Drew Bledsoe appear to be totally on the same page. Glenn had 98 yards on four catches including a 28-yard TD in the first quarter. HC Bill Parcells cracked a subtle joke when he talked about pulling Glenn midway in the second quarter to avoid injury. "Terry's playing very well. I hope he can maintain it," said Parcells. "He's a very smart receiver, very smart. ... I just want to get him to the rodeos." The team got a long look at Jamaica Rector, as he caught seven balls for 80 yards. Sam Hurd and Terrance Copper each caught two balls. Terrell Owens did not play and remains sidelined with a hamstring injury that has kept him on the sidelines for all of the preseason games and almost all of the practices. Patrick Crayton remains sidelined with a high ankle sprain, but is expected back at practice very soon. Despite efforts by Jerry Jones, Parcells and Owens to downplay the Owens drama, it was leaked that that he was fined \$9,500 for several team violations including missing a rehab session and team meeting. Bill Parcells hasn't committed to playing Owens in the opener if he doesn't see him on the practice field this coming week.

TE: Ryan Hannam caught two balls for 24 yards against the 49ers while Tony Curtis, Sean Ryan and Anthony Fasano each caught a pass. The Cowboys again used a 2-TE set (Witten and Fasano) to start the game and as their base offensive set.

Defense: Ryan Fowler led the Cowboys with four tackles, but Jason Hatcher did the most damage collecting two sacks, forcing a fumble and finishing with four tackles. Safety Pat Watkins got the start with Keith Davis sidelined. Kevin

Dallas Cowboys

Burnett had two tackles and a sack and Anthony Henry intercepted a pass from the 49ers Alex Smith. The Cowboys started Greg Ellis at SLB, Bradie James at MLB, Akin Ayodele at the “jack” and Demarcus Ware at WLB. Along the front line, Jason Ferguson started at NT, Chris Canty at RDE and Marcus Spears at LDE. The Cowboys traded backup LB Scott Shanle to the Saints this week.

Special Teams: Kicker Mike Vanderjagt missed another week of practice and another preseason game. HC Bill Parcells discussed the situation, "Actually, I haven't seen him kick much at all. Hopefully he can get in some kicks here in the preseason. I'd like to see him kick off, and I haven't seen him do that in a practice. But I have two guys who can kick off." One of those two, Tyler Fredrickson, did not play against San Francisco. The more likely kickoff specialist would be Shaun Suisham who handled all the kicking against the 49ers. He was successful on a 25-yard field goal, wide right from 35 yards, and added two PATs. His kickoffs went for 77 (touchback), 72, 73, and 56 yards. Regarding who'll be handling returns in the regular season, Parcells indicated that RB Tyson Thompson will “be on kickoff returns, I'll tell you that right now." He'll be joined to some degree by rookie WR Skyler Green, who had a 19-yard kickoff return in this week's game. Green should be the primary punt returner. He had no gain on his one return against San Francisco. WR Jamaica Rector had a 10-yard punt return.

Cowboys Depth Chart

QB Drew Bledsoe, Tony Romo, Matt Baker

RB Julius Jones (inj), Marion Barber III (3RB), Tyson Thompson (KR), Keylon Kincade, Demetrius Summers

FB Lousaka Polite (HB/TE)

WR Terrell Owens (inj), Terry Glenn, Patrick Crayton (PR) (inj), Sam Hurd, Terrance Copper, Jamaica Rector, Skyler Green, Miles Austin, Damarius Bilbo

TE Jason Witten, Anthony Fasano, Ryan Hannam, Tony Curtis, Sean Ryan

K Mike Vanderjagt

DE Kenyon Coleman, Marcus Spears, Chris Canty, Jay Ratliff, Jason Hatcher, Junior Glymph

NT Jason Ferguson, Montavious Stanley, Samuel Taulealea

ILB Bradie James (M), Akinola Ayodele (S), Ryan Fowler

OLB Demarcus Ware (W), Al Singleton, Bobby Carpenter, Kevin Burnett (S), Greg Ellis (DE), Rocky Boiman (inj)

CB Terance Newman, Anthony Henry, Aaron Glenn, Jacques Reeves

S Roy Williams (SS), Keith Davis (FS) (inj), Pat Watkins (FS), Willie Pile (FS), Marcus Coleman (FS/CB) (susp)

Denver Broncos

QB: Jake Plummer completed 10-of-22 passes for 96 yards in the first half of Sunday's game while Jay Cutler took over in the second half completing 5-of-9 passes for 69 yards. Bradlee Van Pelt didn't play and he appears to be on the roster bubble

depending on whether HC Mike Shanahan keeps three quarterbacks.

RB: In Sunday's game, Tatum Bell looked better than starter Mike Bell. The “Bell Brothers” alternated during the first half as usual, with Tatum gaining 36 yards on 10 carries and Mike running nine times for 20 yards. Tatum Bell also scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter.

Cedric Cobbs may have played well enough to re-establish himself as the favorite to win the RB3 job; having waged a spirited battle in camp against Ron Dayne and Damien Nash. Cobbs finished the game with 54 yards on seven carries and he caught a pass for 12 yards. Most notably, he broke off a 26-yard TD run on a play where right tackle Adam Meadows opened a huge hole. Damien Nash sat out of Sunday night's game with a sore knee. He had been mounting pressure on Cobbs for a roster spot. The team is expected to keep both fullbacks – Cecil Sapp and Kyle Johnson. Johnson, in particular, laid the wood on a few occasions to would-be tacklers on Sunday night and sufficiently opened up running lanes for the Broncos tailbacks.

WR: Javon Walker looks to be at or near 100% after returning to the field on Sunday night against the Houston Texans. Walker caught three balls, all on tough grabs over the middle of the field, for 41 yards. He took some hits and reaffirmed after the game that his knee is fine. Todd Devoe was not as lucky. He re-injured his shoulder in the game. It appears that Brandon Marshall is now in the driver's seat for the No. 3 job pulling ahead of Darius Watts during the last two weeks. David Kircus, Devoe, Charlie Adams, David Terrell and undrafted rookie Brian Clark are competing for the team's last three roster spots.

TE: Tony Scheffler caught one ball for 6 yards and Nate Jackson had two receptions for 32 yards. Stephen Alexander had one catch for 8 yards. Scheffler is the sleeper to watch from this group. He started for the Broncos on Sunday night. He's a natural receiver, but as a rookie it could take some time for him to develop into the two-way threat the team needs before Shanahan turns him loose inside the 20-yard line, where Broncos tight ends tend to get a lot of looks during the season. Alexander could be one of those players who catch 10 to 15 balls all year, but a third to half of them go for touchdowns.

Defense: The Broncos defense didn't yield too much to former coach Gary Kubiak and his new team – the Houston Texans. “Coming back (to Denver) doesn't feel real good right now,” Kubiak said. That's probably because Kubiak took five members of the Broncos coaching staff with him to Houston and the Texans run essentially the same offense as the Broncos. “It was like practice,” LB Al Wilson said. “We saw so many things that were so similar to what we do, which was expected. But at the same time, Kub put a twist on a few things and had us guessing and thinking a little bit. But it was like practice all over again.”

Ray Wells and Darrent Williams led the team with six solo tackles and LB D.J. Williams had five tackles, an interception and forced fumble. Ebenezer Ekuban registered a sack amongst three tackles and Kenard Lang had a sack and forced a fumble.

Special Teams: Kicker Jason Elam has adjusted his kicking technique in recent years, "Most of your balls are going to be from 36, 37 yards. That is kind of the average kick. I have kind of tweaked my approach to be more accuracy-centered instead of distance. A 34-yard field goal doesn't have to go 55. It has to go 35 yards. I've kind of shortened up my approach and I just try to get it going straight. When I need the long field goal, it is still there. I've got plenty of distance on all of those." The accuracy thing didn't work so well on a 41-yard field goal attempt that went wide left against Houston. Elam did connect on a 23-yarder and two PATs. Punter/kicker Paul Ernster had three kickoffs, each for 70 yards, and each for a touchback. Once again CB Darrent Williams did not have any returns in the game, and once again injured rookie WR Domenik Hixon did not play. CB Roc Alexander averaged 21.0 yards on two kickoff returns. Rookie WR Brian Clark returned one for 24 yards. WR David Kircus had a five yard punt return and a fair catch. He's obviously hoping to make the final roster, "I love getting the chance on special teams. I didn't really get a lot of shots in Detroit doing it, but I'm learning there in Denver. They are teaching me a lot and hopefully I'll get a lot more chances at it and do it in the regular season." WR Charlie Adams had a four yard punt return.

Broncos Depth Chart

QB Jake Plummer, Jay Cutler, Bradlee Van Pelt

RB Mike Bell, Tatum Bell, Cedric Cobbs, Ron Dayne (inj), Damien Nash (inj)

FB Cecil Sapp, Kyle Johnson

WR Rod Smith, Javon Walker, Brandon Marshall (inj), Darius Watts, David Kircus, David Terrell, Charlie Adams, Todd Devoe (inj), Brian Clark, Domenik Hixon (IR)

TE Tony Scheffler, Stephen Alexander, Nate Jackson, Chad Mustard, Landon Trusty (IR)

K Jason Elam

DE Courtney Brown (inj), Ebenezer Ekuban, John Engelberger, Kenard Lang, Elvis Dumervil, Randy Garner

DT Gerard Warren, Michael Myers, Demetris Veal, D.J. Renteria, Amon Gordon, Antwon Burton

MLB Al Wilson, Nate Webster, Keith Burns

OLB Ian Gold (W), D.J. Williams (S), Raymond Wells, Louis Green (W), Patrick Chukwurah, Cameron Vaughn

CB Champ Bailey, Darrent Williams (PR), Dominique Foxworth, Karl Paymah, Roc Alexander (KR)

S John Lynch (FS), Nick Ferguson (SS), Sam Brandon (FS), Curome Cox, Hamza Abdullah, Tyler Everett

QB: The Lions came out flat against the Oakland Raiders on Friday night as the first team offense failed to generate a scoring drive. "It's no reason to panic and start doubting what we're doing," quarterback Jon Kitna said. "There's no reason for that." The Lions front office didn't make it easy on the players either. The team flew to Oakland on the morning of the game rather than a day before. Kitna went 11-of-22 for 118 yards but had no touchdowns and an interception during the first half. "The first half wasn't what we want. We had two or three breakdowns, and those things just can't happen," Marinelli said. "It's inexcusable. Those types of things can't happen. ... I would have been disappointed (even) if it was a scrimmage." Second year QB Dan Orlovsky once again entered the game as the team's no. 2 quarterback ahead of Josh McCown, who did not play. Orlovsky went 7-of-15 for 88 yards and threw a pick. The Lions released fourth stringer Joel Klatt on Sunday.

RB: Kevin Jones got more work against the Raiders than in previous games. He ran for 43 yards on 11 carries and he caught three balls for another 27 yards. Brian Calhoun got the bulk of the work behind Jones running for 14 yards on six carries and he caught one ball for 7 yards. The Lions cut FB Will Matthews on Sunday.

WR: The Lions leading receiver in Friday's game was Eddie Drummond, who is beginning to emerge as the likely No. 3 receiver for the Lions. New offensive coordinator Mike Martz promised to give Drummond a shot at playing receiver and, so far, Drummond has taken advantage of his opportunity. Drummond led the Lions with 71 yards on four catches including one that went for 49 yards. Corey Bradford tuned up for the regular season with five catches for 58 yards and Mike Furrey caught three balls for 35 yards. Bradford will start opposite Roy Williams and Furrey will be the team's No. 4 WR. Amidst the struggles of the Lions first team offense was the absence of Mike Williams, who did not play against Oakland. When asked if Williams would get on the field, HC Rod Marinelli replied: "No, guys earn their time in practice." When asked to elaborate, Marinelli said: "I'll just leave it at that." After the game, Williams was not seen in the locker room. The Lions released Paris Hamilton and Brett Fischer on Sunday.

TE: The Lions tight ends haven't been particularly productive in the preseason. Casey Fitzsimmons remains sidelined and Marcus Pollard got the start on Friday night. On Sunday, the Lions reduced their numbers by releasing two tight ends – Kori Dickerson and Jed Weaver.

Defense: Alex Lewis led all Lions with six tackles while second year DT Shaun Cody had two sacks among four tackles. Boss Bailey, finally back on the field at MLB, finished with four tackles (3-1-0). Bailey is expected to be the starting MLB, but Levar Woods has been filling in for him. Paris Lenon got the start at SLB with Ernie Sims at WLB. Rookie Daniel Bullocks started at FS on Friday night against the Raiders. Sims finished with four tackles (3-1-0) and Bullocks had two (2-0-0). The Lions released several players

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on Sunday including safety Vernon Fox, DT Marcus Parker and CB Harrison Smith.

Special Teams: Kicker Jason Hanson was good on a 38-yard field goal, the Lions' only scoring in the game at Oakland. Camp leg Matt Prater did not play, and was released over the weekend. Return specialist WR Eddie Drummond had a 22-yard kickoff return, and averaged 1.0 yard on two punt returns. After a stellar 2004, his averages were down last year, and they have remained down this preseason. Drummond also continued to be more involved on offense than he has in past years. Two rookie WRs continued to battle for a shot at a roster spot and a backup role to Drummond. DeVale Ellis had a 28-yard kickoff return and a 4-yard punt return along with a fair catch. Shaun Bodiford averaged 7.5 yards on two punt returns.

Lions Depth Chart

QB Jon Kitna, Dan Orlovsky, Josh McCown

RB Kevin Jones, Arlen Harris, Brian Calhoun (3RB/KR), Artose Pinner

FB Shawn Bryson (3RB), Cory Schlesinger

WR Roy Williams, Corey Bradford, Eddie Drummond (KR/PR), Mike Furrey, Glenn Martinez, Mike Williams, Charles Rogers (inj), Shaun Bodiford, DeVale Ellis, Scottie Vines (PUP)

TE Casey Fitzsimmons (inj), Marcus Pollard, Dan Campbell, Sean McHugh, Cole Downer

K Jason Hanson

DE James Hall, Kalimba Edwards, Cory Redding, Jared DeVries, Claude Harriott, Bill Swancutt (IR)

DT Shaun Rogers, Shaun Cody, Marcus Bell, Tyoka Jackson, Damian Gregory, Cleveland Pinckney, Lynn McGruder

MLB Boss Bailey, Levar Woods, Matt Grootegoed

OLB Ernie Sims (W), Ted Lehman (S) (inj), Alex Lewis (S/W), James Davis (W), Paris Lenon (S), Donte' Curry (S), Anthony Cannon (S), Clifford Dukes, James Hargrave

CB Dre' Bly, Fernando Bryant, Keith Smith, Stanley Wilson, Jamar Fletcher, Alton McCann, LaMarcus Hicks

S Kenoy Kennedy (SS), Terrence Holt (FS), Daniel Bullocks (FS), Jon McGraw (FS), Idrees Bashir (FS), Marcus Demps

Green Bay Packers

QB: Brett Favre didn't inspire much confidence with his performance Monday night in Cincinnati. A year ago, Favre threw five interceptions against the Bengals. This time, he completed a meager 12-of-25 passes for 162 yards with an interception, was sacked 3 times and he lost a fumble. He finally threw a 17-yard touchdown to Donald Driver in the second quarter before leaving the game. Aaron Rodgers played in the second half and went 2-of-6 for 7 yards.

RB: The Packers offensive line continued to struggle against the Bengals on MNF. Ahman Green played for the first time since tearing a tendon in his thigh midway through last season, but he didn't find much room. He gained 18 yards on eight

carries in the first half, with a long run of 8 yards. "It was another step forward in getting ready for Chicago," Green said referring to the Packers season opener. "As the game went on, I got into the groove and got quicker. I feel good. It was definitely about getting some rust knocked off." Najeh Davenport, a source of frustration for HC Mike McCarthy lately, ran five times for 21 yards. Sam Gado carried ten times for 23 yards, caught two passes for 19 yards and scored on a 2-yard TD in the fourth quarter, but left with an injury to his ribs. Noah Herron gained 27 yards on eight carries. Arliss Beach, trying to earn an unlikely roster spot, ran two times for 7 yards before leaving with an ankle injury. Beach ran hard against the Falcons a week ago. He was hoping to force a tough decision for the coaches with another strong performance. "We like his attitude and his mental toughness and he's just naturally a tough guy," running backs coach Edgar Bennett said.

WR: Donald Driver is ready for the season. He was targeted five times in the first half and finished with four catches for 97 yards and a TD. Robert Ferguson started opposite Driver. He didn't have a catch, but was targeted twice. Rod Gardner caught one pass for 15 yards and was targeted three times. Meanwhile, rookie Greg Jennings continues to produce. It wouldn't be much of a surprise if he unseats Ferguson in the starting lineup. Jennings caught three balls for 40 yards on six targets. The Packers receivers coach Jimmy Robinson has seen plenty of wide outs during his 17 years in the NFL, and has been very impressed with Jennings from the first day he walked on the practice field. "The only other guy I can remember that came in and pretty much knew what he was doing right away was Marvin Harrison," said Robinson, who coached him on the Colts in '96 and '97. "Honestly, I don't remember if he burst on the scene kind of the way Greg has or not. But I know that Marvin was out there very natural at everything he was doing right from the start."

TE: Bubba Franks started and he caught two balls for 16 yards on four targets. David Martin was targeted once.

Defense: Nick Collins led the Packers cause with six solo tackles and Nick Barnett had seven tackles (5-2-0). The Packers didn't manage a single sack or turnover while allowing 233 passing yards, 5 touchdowns, and 146 rushing yards to the Bengals. Charles Woodson struggled badly, as he was beaten for a pair of touchdowns in Carson Palmer's return to the field.

Special Teams: Dave Rayner has looked good in practice since becoming the only kicker in camp, except for one day where he struggled outside in the wind. He did adjust quickly, as noted by HC Mike McCarthy, "I like the way he goes about his job. He's the first to know why he did what he did yesterday with the three kicks. It's important at any position to fix it immediately. He's a young player that needs all the reps possible. He's got the ability, he just needs the experience and the opportunity to do it." In the game at Cincinnati, he made a 30 yard field goal and added two PATs. Starting punt returner CB Rod Woodson did not get a chance to handle any punts as planned, since the Bengals were busy scoring rather than

punting in the first half. Rookie WR Greg Jennings looked good on a 27 yard punt return. McCarthy added, "I would say he's not a surprise anymore. That's the way he played since he showed up in the spring. He's a very smooth football player. He's a guy that makes plays every game." Rookie WR Cory Rodgers was expected to be the impressive punt returner, however he failed to impress yet again with no gain on the one punt he fielded. On kickoffs, he averaged 22.0 yards on two returns. Two others had similar results on their two kickoff returns, RB Noah Herron averaged 22.5 yards and rookie RB Arliss Beach averaged 21.0 yards.

Packers Depth Chart

QB Brett Favre, Aaron Rodgers, Ingle Martin
RB Ahman Green, Najeh Davenport (inj), Samkon Gado (FB) (inj), Noah Herron (FB), Arliss Beach (inj), Shermar Bracey
FB William Henderson (inj), Vonta Leach, Ben Brown
WR Donald Driver, Greg Jennings, Robert Ferguson, Rod Gardner, Cory Rodgers, Will Blackmon (KR/PR) (inj), Ruvell Martin, Carlton Brewster, Vince Butler, Chris Francies
TE Bubba Franks, David Martin, Donald Lee, Zac Alcorn, Tory Humphrey
K Dave Rayner, E.J. Cochrane
DE Kaber Gbaja-Biamila, Aaron Kampman, Mike Montgomery, Kenny Peterson, Corey Williams, Dave Tollefson, Jason Hunter
DT Ryan Pickett (NT), Cullen Jenkins, Kenderick Allen, Colin Cole (NT), Johnny Jolly
MLB Nick Barnett, Abdul Hodge
OLB A.J. Hawk (W), Brady Poppinga (S), Ben Taylor (S/W), Roy Manning (S/M), Tracy White (S), Tim Goodwell, Kurt Campbell (IR)
CB Charles Woodson, Al Harris, Ahmad Carroll, Michael Hawkins, Jason Horton, Patrick Dendy, Antonio Malone
S Nick Collins (FS), Marquand Manuel (SS), Tyrone Culver (FS), Jeremy Thornburg, Tra Boger, Atari Bigby, Jeremy Modkins, Marviel Underwood (IR)

Houston Texans

QB: David Carr still hasn't "turned the corner" this year despite the additions of veteran WR Eric Moulds and TE Jeb Putzier that was supposed to spruce up the Texans offensive capabilities. Carr completed 15-of-22 passes for 128 yards with an interception as he played into the third quarter with the starting offense. Sage Rosenfels took over from there and completed 10-of-15 passes for 96 yards with a 19-yard TD to the surprising Derrick Lewis in the fourth quarter.

RB: When the Texans passed on Reggie Bush it was supposed to make their RB situation crystal clear for fantasy owners. But Domanick Davis' preseason-long injury woes have significantly muddled things. Wali Lundy got the start on Sunday night and was essentially the entire Texans offense for the first half. Lundy fumbled once, but it was recovered by rookie TE Owen Daniels. Lundy ran 10 times for 44 yards and caught three balls for another 17 yards. Given that he ran with

the starters for the entire first half, it's looking more and more likely that he'll get the starting nod in the season opener if Domanick Davis can't return to the lineup.

Vernand Morency is also in the hunt for more playing time. He ran 13 times for 36 yards and caught three balls for 20 yards. He also punched in a 2-point conversion in the fourth quarter to cut the Broncos lead to 17-14. Antowain Smith is still listed as the No. 2 back on the team's depth chart, but he didn't log any playing time on Sunday and it looks like the backup job, at this point, is very much Lundy's to lose. Fullback Nick Luchey caught five balls for 40 yards while Jameel Cook, the team's starter, caught two balls for 13 yards.

WR: Starters Andre Johnson and Eric Moulds each caught three balls, for 25 yards and 38 yards, respectively. Johnson and Moulds were targeted four times apiece. Derrick Lewis continues to get plenty of looks from the Texans coaching staff as he scored another touchdown on Sunday night – this one coming from Sage Rosenfels on a 19-yard strike in the fourth quarter. Lewis caught two balls for 28 yards on the night and could have sealed the deal for a roster spot. David Anderson caught two balls for 26 yards and Kevin Walter had one for 5 yards.

TE: Owen Daniels got the start on Sunday night against Denver and he caught one ball for 12 yards (on two targets). He was the only Texans TE targeted during the night. The Texans have depth at the position for the first time in memory, with Daniel, free agent Jeb Putzier and a healthy return of veteran Benny Joppru. It's unclear how the workload will be divided once the season rolls along.

Defense: Rookie DeMeco Ryans was named the team's starting MLB this past week and didn't disappoint on Sunday night. He finished with a team-high 9 tackles (8-1-0). Cornerback Dunta Robinson chipped in with four tackles (3-1-0) and Earl Cochrane registered a sack. Top pick Mario Williams had two tackles and continued to move around the defensive line to give some different looks up front. Morlon Greenwood started at WLB and Shantee Orr got the starting nod at SLB. Lewis Sanders started opposite Dunta Robinson. Phillip Buchanon left the game early with bruised ribs. The Texans claimed LB Courtney Watson off waivers on Thursday after he was released by the Bills on Tuesday.

Special Teams: Kicker Kris Brown made field goals from 29 and 32 yards in the game at Denver. On a 4th-and-3 play with a minute left in the first half, the coaches opted to go for it rather than have Brown attempt a 53-yard field goal. As the primary punt returner, CB Phillip Buchanon averaged 10.5 yards on two returns and had a fair catch. He bruised his ribs during the game. Two rookies each had one punt return, RB Richie Ross for five yards and WR Davis Anderson for two yards. With most of the kickoffs going for touchbacks, the Texans had only one return: rookie RB Chris Taylor for 23 yards. Rookie RB Wali Lundy will likely handle some kickoff returns in the regular season, but did not have any against the Broncos.

Texans Depth Chart

QB David Carr, Sage Rosenfels, Cody Pickett, Quinton Porter

RB Wali Lundy, Vernand Morency, Antowain Smith, Chris Taylor, Domanick Davis (inj)

FB Jameel Cook, Nick Luchey

WR Andre Johnson, Eric Moulds, Kevin Walter, Derrick Lewis, Jerome Mathis (PR/KR) (PUP), David Anderson, Nick Narcisse, Jake Schifino, Richie Ross

TE Mark Bruener, Jeb Putzier, Benny Joppru, Owen Daniels, Scott Weaver, Ben Steele (IR)

K Kris Brown

DT Anthony Weaver (DE), Robaire Smith, Travis Johnson, Seth Payne, Alfred Malone

DE Mario Williams, Jason Babin, Antwan Peek, Earl Cochrane, Jeff Charleston, Darrell Wright

MLB DeMeco Ryans, Sam Cowart, DaShon Polk, Courtney Watson (inj), Dave Moretti

OLB Kailee Wong (S) (inj), Morlon Greenwood (W), Shantee Orr (S), Charlie Anderson (inj), Kenneth Petway, Trent Bay, Wali Rainer (IR)

CB Dunta Robinson, Phillip Buchanon (inj), DeMarcus Faggins (inj), Lewis Sanders, Dexter McCleon, Kevin Garrett, Tramon Williams, John Walker, Chris McKenzie (IR)

S Glenn Earl (SS), C.C. Brown (SS/FS), Jason Simmons (FS) (inj), Michael Stone

Indianapolis Colts

QB: Peyton Manning was able to play in Jackson, Mississippi in front of his home state crowd of 58,000+ as he picked apart the Saints secondary during three scoring drives in the first half en route to a 27-14 win. "I was excited when this game came out on the schedule. I knew my dad had some of his biggest wins in college in this stadium," Manning said.

"We've got fans who really have an appreciation for football in this town, and I was proud to be able to say I played well in this stadium." Manning played only the first half and finished with 165 yards on 14-of-25 passing including a 4-yard TD to Reggie Wayne. Shaun King appears to have secured a roster spot as he completed 8-of-15 passes for 120 yards including a 45-yard hookup with former Purdue standout WR John Standeford in the third quarter. King was intercepted once, too.

RB: Dominic Rhodes and Joseph Addai continue to compete for roles in the Colts offense, but Rhodes remains the starter and Addai continues to work his way into the mix, spelling Rhodes frequently. Addai scored on a 1-yard TD run in the second quarter but did very little otherwise rushing for 12 yards on nine carries. Rhodes didn't fare much better rushing for 21 yards on seven carries. HC Tony Dungy remained noncommittal to either back saying only that, "Depending on what team we are playing. We have confidence in those guys, and again tonight they both did a good job." Kory Chapman and Tony Hollings are competing for what might be the Colts last roster spot, but FB James Mungro will miss the season after tearing his ACL, so perhaps the team may keep an extra

back in his stead. Hollings didn't help his cause by losing a fumble on Saturday. Chapman ran for 38 yards on 13 carries and he caught one ball for 11 yards.

WR: Marvin Harrison and Reggie Wayne are all set for the season. Wayne caught another TD pass and finished with 6 receptions for 47 yards, while Harrison had three receptions for 35 yards. Aaron Moorehead caught three balls for 26 yards and John Standeford caught two balls for 65 yards with the aforementioned TD from Shaun King that covered 45-yards. The Colts signed Marc Boerigter midway through last week after he was released by the Packers. He'll compete with Moorehead, Ashlan Davis and Terrence Wilkins for one of the Colts final roster spots. Brandon Stokley, the team's WR3, missed the game and remains sidelined with an injury that may keep him out of Week One.

TE: The Colts opened Saturday's game with Dallas Clark and Ben Utecht both in the starting lineup. Clark, however, left the game briefly with a concussion, but returned later for a few more plays. Clark produced 66 yards on three catches – including one for 44 yards. Utecht caught one ball for 5 yards. Bryan Fletcher caught two balls for 24 yards.

Defense: Marlin Jackson started at right corner and had a productive game with four tackles, a forced fumble and recovery and caught a pass for 21 yards. Nick Harper had eight tackles (5-3-0) and an interception and Kelvin Hayden intercepted a pass, sacked the QB and finished with four solo tackles. Antoine Bethea had an interception, too. HC Tony Dungy hoped to have rookie third-round pick Freddie Keiaho back on the field next week (from a sprained PCL). "Freddie is coming back well and I think will be back in practice next week.", said Dungy. The Colts released DB Eric Hill last week.

Special Teams: Kicker Adam Vinatieri remained out with a sprained left ankle, "They're going to get me ready to go whenever they can. I'm going to do everything I can to get out there as quickly as possible, but I don't want to speculate on any given time." Camp leg Shane Andrus handled the kicking in the game at New Orleans. He was good on field goals from 25 and 41 yards, however he hit the right upright on a 42-yard attempt. He also added three PATs. WR Terrence Wilkins got the opportunity to handle most of the returns this week, and he took advantage. He averaged 31.3 yards on three kickoff returns, and returned a punt 17 yards. His primary competition, rookie CB T.J. Rushing, is still nursing a leg injury and did not play in the game. After a strong punt return last week, WR Dan Sheldon gained only one yard on a return against the Saints.

Colts Depth Chart

QB Peyton Manning, Jim Sorgi, Shaun King, Josh Betts, David Koral

RB Dominic Rhodes, Joseph Addai, Jonathan Wells, Kory Chapman, Tony Hollings

FB James Mungro (IR)

WR Marvin Harrison, Reggie Wayne, Brandon Stokley (inj), Aaron Moorehead, Terrence Wilkins (KR), John Standeford,

Marc Boerigter, Levon Thomas, Dan Sheldon, Ed Hinkel
TE Dallas Clark (inj), Bryan Fletcher, Ben Utecht, Ben Hartsock, Corey Roberts (res)
K Adam Vinatieri (inj)
DT Corey Simon, Montae Reagor, Vincent Burns, Darrell Reid, Tom Johnson
DE Dwight Freeney, Raheem Brock (DT), Robert Mathis, Josh Thomas, Jonathan Welsh, Javor Mills, Marcus West, George Gause, Gabe Nyenhuis (IR)
MLB Gary Brackett (W/M), Rob Morris
OLB Cato June (W), Gilbert Gardner (S/W), Freddie Keiaho, Keith O'Neil, Deryck Toles (W), Tyjuan Hagler (W), Brandon Hoyte, Kyle Killion (IR), Dale Robinson, Kendyll Pope (susp)
CB Nick Harper (inj), Jason David, Marlin Jackson (CB/FS), Kelvin Hayden, Tim Jennings, Von Hutchins, T.J. Rushing
S Bob Sanders (FS), Mike Doss (SS), Matt Giordano (FS), Dexter Reid, Antoine Bethea (FS), Daryl Dixon (FS), Tanard Davis, Jahmile Addae (FS), Wayne Bacon

WR: Matt Jones caught a 19-yard TD pass in the third quarter as he finished with four catches for 52 yards. Jones appears to be the Jags top receiver heading into the season and perhaps the best bet to lead the team in scoring. Reggie Williams caught three balls for 30 yards and Ernest Wilford had one reception for 17 yards. Jones was targeted seven times, while Williams was targeted four times and Wilford was targeted twice. Williams and Wilford started for the Jags, but Jones remains the team's top option in the passing game right now as Williams and Wilford continue to battle for the starting job opposite him. On Monday, the Jags released Troy Edwards and Felton Huggins.

TE: With Mercedes Lewis still sidelined due to a high ankle sprain, George Wrihster got the bulk of the looks in the passing game as he caught two balls for 23 yards. Kyle Brady started, but Wrihster was used as the pass-catching TE and was targeted three times. Lewis is expected back next week. "The day he comes back, we'll re-start the process of developing him. It's going to take some time to get him back up to speed," HC Jack Del Rio said.

Jacksonville Jaguars

QB: Byron Leftwich threw a TD pass and ran for another on Saturday against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, but neither of the scores came against the Bucs first-team defense. Leftwich rallied the Jags to a comeback in the second half throwing for 167 yards on 13-of-20 passing, but he was sacked four times in the first half and has been sacked seven times in three preseason games. If the Jags are not able to protect Leftwich better in the regular season, it will be hard to keep him on the field and healthy. "Don't get discouraged," Leftwich said. "We're OK and we'll be ready for the opener. There were a few bumps in the road. It was kind of a big bump there in the first half. Nothing went our way. You've got to understand that you have those type of halves in this league. We came out and began to make plays. Once you begin to make one, they begin to come in bunches and that's what happened." David Garrard, who struggled badly in last week's game, directed two scoring drives for the Jags in the fourth quarter. He threw a 9-yard TD to Rich Alexis. Garrard completed his only two passes for 17 yards and ran for another 8 yards on three attempts.

RB: Maurice Drew's stock went up again this weekend following the unfortunate injury to FB/RB Greg Jones. Jones sprained his left knee in Saturday's game against Tampa, and originally the team thought he'd be back for the season opener, but that is no longer the case. A subsequent MRI revealed that Jones tore his ACL and he will be lost for the season. The injury assures Derrick Wimbush of making the final roster, as the team's top fullback with Jones sidelined. It also bumps the value of Drew, who will likely be Fred Taylor's primary backup as well as serve as the likely choice on third downs. Drew ran for 42 yards on 10 carries against Tampa. He was targeted twice, but he didn't catch a pass. Fred Taylor looked very good as he ran nine times for 37 yards and LaBrandon Toefield ran for 24 yards on four carries. The loss of Jones may have also saved a roster spot for Toefield and/or Alvin Pearman. Pearman scored on a 1-yard TD and ran for 9 yards on three carries. Wimbush caught a 27-yard pass.

Defense: Jags MLB and defensive leader Mike Peterson sprained the MCL in his right knee in Saturday's game and he likely won't be ready for the season opener Sept. 10 against Dallas. Rashean Mathis led the team with four tackles, but he also cost them dearly with back-to-back pass interference penalties that gave the Bucs 25 yards and 37 yards respectively in the second quarter. Donovan Darius (3-3-0) and Nick Sorenson (4-0-0) were active as the Jags sacked the Bucs five times and forced three turnovers.

Special Teams: The Jaguars continued to be cautious with kicker Josh Scobee and his leg strain. He did not play against Tampa Bay. Seth Marler again handled the kicking, scoring three PATs this week. However, Marler was released as part of this week's cut down; which would indicate the team is optimistic about Scobee's readiness for the regular season. Rookie RB Maurice Drew averaged 22.3 yards on three kickoff returns. He'll probably share the role with last year's primary kickoff returner, RB Derrick Wimbush, once the regular season arrives. WR Chad Owens continues to lead the competition for the punt returner role. He averaged 10.3 yard on three punt returns against the Buccaneers, and had a fair catch. Last year's primary punt returner, RB Alvin Pearman, fair caught the only punt he fielded this week. Special teams coordinator Pete Rodriguez assessed Pearman, "We'd like to have a guy with more speed, but he's got excellent quickness, great toughness and good running back strengths. I feel confident Alvin will take care of the football like he did last year when he never turned the ball over. He doesn't have great big returns, but he had positive yards."

Jaguars Depth Chart

QB Byron Leftwich, David Garrard, Quinn Gray

RB Fred Taylor, Maurice Drew (KR/3RB), LaBrandon Toefield (SD), Alvin Pearman (PR), Rich Alexis, Montell Owens

FB Derrick Wimbush (SD/KR), Greg Jones (IR)

WR Matt Jones, Ernest Wilford, Reggie Williams, Cortez

Hankton, Randy Hymes, Fred Stamps
TE Kyle Brady, Marcedes Lewis (inj), George Wrihster, Greg Estandia, Todd Yoder, Brian Jones (IR)
K Josh Scobee, Seth Marler
DE Reggie Hayward, Paul Spicer, Bobby McCray, Marcellus Wiley, Brent Hawkins, James Wyche
DT Marcus Stroud, John Henderson, Anthony Maddox, Martin Chase
MLB Mike Peterson (inj), Tony Gilbert
OLB Daryl Smith (S/W), Nick Greisen (W), Pat Thomas (W), Jorge Cordova (W/S), Clint Ingram (W), Brian Iwuh
CB Rashean Mathis, Brian Williams, Terry Cousin, David Richardson, Scott Starks, Demetrice Webb, Trestin George
S Donovan Darius (SS), Deon Grant (FS), Gerald Sensabaugh (SS), Jamaal Fudge, Nick Sorenson (FS) (inj), Chris Roberson (IR)

Kansas City Chiefs

QB: Trent Green finally got the team on the right track this weekend as he directed them on two scoring drives and helped the Chiefs snap an 8-game preseason-losing skid. Unfortunately, the Chiefs were still sloppy on offense. At least Green and the first team looked sharp. He completed 8-of-10 passes for 100 yards. After that, it was a rough night for the Chiefs backups, particularly Brodie Croyle, who completed only 1-of-9 passes for 4 yards and was sacked twice.

RB: Larry Johnson ran well in brief playing time. He capped the Chiefs opening drive with a 2-yard TD and finished with 37 yards on nine carries. Michael Bennett played extensively, as Johnson's backup, running 13 times for 39 yards. McKenzie Smith got some action, too. Smith ran eight times for 29 yards including one run that went for 11 yards.

WR: Eddie Kennison led the Chiefs with five receptions and 52 yards. Beyond Kennison, the Chiefs got two catches for 44 yards from fellow starter Samie Parker and that was about it. Once Trent Green left the game after two series, the Chiefs passing offense completed just one more pass the rest of the game.

TE: There is no news to report this week. Tony Gonzalez is obviously the starter here with Kris Wilson and Jason Dunn serving as the backups. As the preseason nears, it's important to keep in mind that should Willie Roaf stay retired, Gonzalez may be forced into more blocking assignments.

Defense: Benny Sapp paced the Chiefs defense with six tackles (5-1-0) and Jared Allen, Boomer Grigsby and Bernard Pollard all contributed four tackles. Pollard also had an interception and a forced fumble. Jimmy Wilkerson and Tamba Hali added a sack apiece. The Chiefs defense is playing it rather "vanilla" in the preseason according to HC Herm Edwards, who admitted they have used only two coverages so far in the preseason – and they played the second game using the same coverage 80% of the time. It's all part of

Edwards' master plan. He wants his defense to be exposed so that he can better evaluate his players and find out where their strengths and weaknesses are. In other news, Keyaron Fox is pushing Kendrell Bell for a starting job at the right LB spot.

Special Teams: Kicker Lawrence Tynes got a chance to score some points this week in the game against St. Louis. He was good on field goals of 28, 41, and 50 yards and added a PAT. His kickoffs went for 63, 73, 67, 39 (squibb), and 71 yards. Return specialist WR Dante Hall averaged 27.5 yards on two kickoff returns, and had a fair catch on a punt. RB Quentin Griffin appears to be the main backup on kickoffs. He had a 28-yard return in the game. Rookie WR Jeff Webb returned one 26 yards. WR Nate Curry didn't help his chances of making the final roster. He had three fair catches, and he was stripped of the ball on his seven yard punt return that the Rams recovered.

Chiefs Depth Chart

QB Trent Green, Damon Huard, Brodie Croyle, Casey Printers

RB Larry Johnson, Michael Bennett, Dee Brown, McKenzie Smith, Quentin Griffin, De'Arrius Howard, Derrick Ross, Priest Holmes (PUP)

FB Ronnie Cruz, J.R. Niklos, Travis Wilson

WR Eddie Kennison, Samie Parker, Dante Hall (KR/PR), Jeris McIntyre, Jeff Webb, Nate Curry, Chris Hannon

TE Tony Gonzalez, Kris Wilson (HB), Jason Dunn, Aaron Golliday

K Lawrence Tynes

DE Jared Allen, Eric Hicks (inj), Tamba Hali, Carlos Hall, Jimmy Wilkerson (DT), Clint Mitchell

DT Ryan Sims (NT), Lionel Dalton, Ron Edwards, Junior Siavii, John Browning (inj), James Reed, Shane Burton, Steve Williams

MLB Kawika Mitchell, Rich Scanlon, Boomer Grigsby

OLB Derrick Johnson (R), Kendrell Bell (L), Keyaron Fox (S/W), Kris Griffin, William Kershaw, Brandon Guillory

CB Patrick Surtain, Ty Law, Lenny Walls, Benny Sapp, Chris Johnson, Alphonso Hodge, Marcus Maxey

S Sammy Knight (SS), Greg Wesley (FS), Bernard Pollard (SS), Jarrad Page (FS), Gabriel Helms, William Bartee (PUP)

Miami Dolphins

QB: Daunte Culpepper returned to the scene where he tore three ligaments a year ago. He didn't waste time looking for Panthers corner Chris Gamble, the player who made the hit that altered his career path. "I walked up to Chris Gamble and I told him, 'Thank you,'" said Culpepper after his new team, the Miami Dolphins, lost to the Carolina Panthers 19-10. "If he hadn't hit me like that, I probably wouldn't be here right now. I was very excited to come back to the city of Charlotte and I was glad to go out and show people it really isn't an issue." Culpepper played the first half of the game, looked sharp and completed 14-of-19 passes for 130 yards, but didn't get the first team offense into the end zone. He showed no

hesitation when scrambling. On one play he ran into the open field for an eight yard gain, sliding just before he was about to be hit prompting some uneasiness with HC Nick Saban. "I said 'get down' probably 80 times in eight yards," Saban said. Culpepper finished with 11 yards rushing on two attempts.

Joey Harrington started the second half and took the Dolphins on a 76-yard drive that ended with a 6-yard TD to Chris Chambers. It was the first touchdown allowed by the Panthers' first-team defense in 5+ quarters of play. That was all from Harrington though as he finished 7-of-14 for 66 yards and did very little beyond that drive.

RB: Ronnie Brown started and ran 13 times for just 27 yards against a stout Panthers run defense, but Brown did manage a 20-yard reception. Fantasy owners shouldn't be overly concerned with Brown's travails, the important thing is he's being given nearly all the reps against opposing first teams and is being used in all downs and distances. Travis Minor is battling for a roster spot behind backup Sammy Morris. He ran four times for 23 yards. Kay-Jay Harris ran once and lost a yard. Harris and rookie Gerald Riggs Jr are hoping to displace Minor for what might be the team's last roster spot amongst the RBs. Riggs didn't have any carries, but he did catch two balls for 19 yards. The team is expected to keep two fullbacks – Darian Barnes and Fred Beasley.

WR: Chris Chambers led the Dolphins receivers with seven receptions for 67 yards and the 6-yard TD that came on the team's first drive in the second half. He's been hampered by a sprained right thumb warranted a precautionary X-ray taken last Tuesday. Chambers also had a 32-yard TD against Carolina, but it was called back as he was flagged for pushing off the defender in coverage. Marty Booker chipped in with three catches for 35 yards and Wes Welker had three for 21 yards. The Dolphins top three WRs appear to be set with Welker settling in nicely in the No. 3 spot. Rookie Derek Hagan seems virtually assured of the No. 4 spot. He caught one ball for 12 yards. Other receivers battling for roster spots include Marcus Vick, who is also working at quarterback a little, Cliff Russell (2 catches for 7 yards), Jamal Broussard (1 catch for 7 yards), Frank Murphy (1 for 10 yards), Fred Gibson, Kelly Campbell and rookie Devon Aromashodu.

TE: Randy McMichael produced some nice plays against the Panthers finishing with three receptions for 35 yards including one run after the catch where he attempted to hurdle a would-be-tackler. McMichael will be backed up by Justin Peelle, who caught one ball for 14 yards. Keith Heinrich and Jason Rader are competing for what amounts to one roster spot.

Defense: The Dolphins defense played rather well against the Panthers first team offense holding them two a pair of FGs, but the special teams unit allowed the 98-yard TD return by rookie DeAngelo Williams in the second quarter. Will Allen led the team with four tackles and second-year DE Matt Roth contributed four tackles and a sack. Rookie Jason Allen is getting more comfortable after his extended training camp hold out. He had three tackles in the game while Deshaun Taylor and Ben Ishola each registered a sack. The secondary is

beginning to take shape as Travares Tillman started at SS and Renaldo Hill at FS, but don't be surprised if this changes again soon. Will Allen and Andre Goodman started at the corners.

Special Teams: In the game at Carolina, kicker Olindo Mare was good on a 23-yard field goal, but was wide left on a 55-yard attempt. Camp leg Ola Kimrin did not play in the game. Return specialist WR Wes Welker averaged 21.5 yards on his two kickoff returns. Potential backup WR Frank Murphy averaged 21.5 yards on two returns, while rookie WR Marcus Vick had a 17-yarder. On punts, Welker averaged 6.0 yards on four returns. He also muffed the first punt return of the game, and the Panthers recovered it. The turnover was not necessarily his fault, as one of his teammates blocked an opponent into him as he was trying to field the punt. Vick also saw work on punts, averaging 8.5 yards on two returns, along with a fair catch.

Dolphins Depth Chart

QB Daunte Culpepper (inj), Joey Harrington, Cleo Lemon

RB Ronnie Brown, Sammy Morris, Travis Minor, Kay Jay Harris, Gerald Riggs Jr., Ricky Williams (susp)

FB Fred Beasley, Darian Barnes

WR Chris Chambers, Marty Booker, Wesley Welker (KR/PR), Derek Hagan, Kelly Campbell, Fred Gibson, Marcus Vick (QB), Devin Aromashodu

TE Randy McMichael, Justin Peelle, Jason Rader, Keith Heinrich, Teyo Johnson

K Olindo Mare

DE Jason Taylor (OLB) (inj), Matt Roth, David Bowens

DT Keith Traylor (NT), Kevin Carter (DE), Vonnie Holiday, Dan Wilkinson, Fred Evans, Jeff Zgonina, Kevin Vickerson, Josh Shaw, Ben Ishola, Manuel Wright (NT), Rodrique Wright (inj)

MLB Zack Thomas, Mike Labinjo

OLB Channing Crowder (W/M), Donnie Spragan (S), Derrick Pope (W), Sedrick Hodge (S), Keith Newman, Matt Sinclair

CB Travis Daniels (inj), Will Allen, Jason Allen (FS), Andre Goodman, Eddie Jackson, Shirdonya Mitchell, Chris Thompson

S Renaldo Hill (SS), Deke Cooper (FS), Travares Tillman (SS), Michael Lehan (FS), Jeremiah Bell (SS), Jack Hunt

Minnesota Vikings

QB: Brad Johnson is having a solid preseason and performed well against the Ravens completing 9-of-15 passes for 95 yards. Rookie Tarvaris Jackson is having an even better preseason and this week's game was no different. Jackson connected with Jason Carter for a 77-yard TD pass in the third quarter and he finished 2-of-4 for 80 yards. He ran once for 9 yards. Mike McMahon, trying to hold onto a roster spot, went 2-of-5 for 36 yards and J.T. O'Sullivan went 2-of-3 for 17 yards. Jackson's unexpectedly "great" play means he'll probably win the backup job, putting McMahon in danger of not making the team if O'Sullivan gives the team any flashes of ability.

RB: Chester Taylor had trouble finding room to run against the Ravens in the Vikings third preseason game. He gained 27 yards on 10 carries against his former team while catching one ball for 6 yards. Rookie Wendell Mathis got the bulk of the work since Ciatrick Fason left the game with a shoulder injury and Mewelde Moore didn't play. Mathis ran 10 times for 41 yards. Joe Echemandu carried three times for 9 yards.

WR: Troubled WR Koren Robinson was released over the weekend leaving Troy Williamson as the likely player to emerge as the team's No. 1 receiver in 2006. Williamson caught three balls for 43 yards – he was targeted four times playing in the first half. Travis Taylor is the other likely candidate; he was targeted four times in the first quarter catching one ball for 11 yards. Jason Carter, a rookie out of Texas A&M, finished with 107 yards on two catches including a 77-yard TD from Tarvaris Jackson. Carter was targeted six times. Marcus Robinson is the team's No. 3; he caught one ball for 7 yards. Billy McMullen and Josh Davis each had one catch.

TE: Jimmy Kleinsasser got the start this week and was targeted twice, catching two balls for 23 yards. Jermaine Wiggins is the team's starter and looks like a good fit in the new offense under HC Brad Childress. Kleinsasser gives the Vikings a strong tandem, but Wiggins has caught Childress' eye with his ability to wiggle free from coverage and get open consistently. He could catch another 50 balls this year, especially with the loss of Koren Robinson; Wiggins' targets could increase slightly.

Defense: Corner Fred Smoot looks like he'll rebound nicely in 2006 following a horrible first season in a Vikings uniform. Smoot showed up 15 pounds heavier this year and stepped in front of a Steve McNair pass returning it 69 yards for a Vikings touchdown in the second quarter. Heath Farwell is having a monster preseason, but we'll see if it carries over to the regular season, since he's been a second half warrior and led the team with nine tackles (8-1-0) and a forced fumble. Napoleon Harris is starting in the middle with Ben Leber at SLB and E.J. Henderson at WLB. Rookie DE Ray Edwards sacked the quarterback, forced a fumble and had three tackles. DLs Kenechi Udeze and Pat Williams each had three solos and a sack. In addition to Smoot's pick, Willie Offord also intercepted a pass.

Special Teams: Kicker Ryan Longwell made field goals of 23, 38, and 45 yards against the Ravens, but was wide right on a 40-yard attempt. He also added three PATs. Many of the Vikings potential returners were inactive for the game: RB Mewelde Moore, WR Kevin Kasper, and rookie CB Charles Gordon. Last year's primary kickoff returner, WR Koren Robinson, was also inactive and then was released on Saturday. So who was left to handle returns? RB Wendell Mathis averaged 24.0 yards on two kickoff returns. Rookie WR Jason Carter averaged 6.3 yards on four punt returns plus had a fair catch. That and his 77-yard TD reception on offense have given something for the coaching staff to ponder. HC Brad Childress complimented him following the game, "As a rookie, that's no small feat. Right now he's doing a good job of

that. He'll make us make some tough decisions when you have to declare who's up and who's down."

Vikings Depth Chart

QB Brad Johnson, Tarvaris Jackson, Mike McMahon, J.T. O'Sullivan

RB Chester Taylor, Ciatrick Fason, Mewelde Moore (PR/KR) (inj), Joe Echemandu, Wendell Mathis

FB Tony Richardson, Richard Owens, Steven Jackson, Joey Goodspeed (inj)

WR Troy Williamson, Travis Taylor, Marcus Robinson, Billy McMullen, Jason Carter, Ryan Hoag, Kevin Kasper (inj), Josh Davis

TE Jermaine Wiggins, Jim Kleinsasser (FB), Richard Angulo, Jeff Dugan

K Ryan Longwell

DE Erasmus James, Kenechi Udeze, Darrion Scott, DeQuincy Scott, Ray Edwards, Jayme Mitchell, Khreem Smith

DT Pat Williams (NT), Kevin Williams (DE), Spencer Johnson (DT), C.J. Mosley, Eric Taylor, Ross Kolodziej

MLB Napoleon Harris (M/S), Dontarrious Thomas (W/M), Rod Davis, Kyle McKenzie

OLB Ben Leber (S), E.J. Henderson (M/W), Heath Farwell (S), Marcus Lawrence, Jason Glenn, Chad Greenway (IR)

CB Antoine Winfield, Fred Smoot, Devonte Edwards (KR), Cedric Griffin, Dustin Fox (FS), Will Hunter, Ronyell Whittaker, Tony Beckham, Charles Gordon (inj)

S Darren Sharper (FS), Dwight Smith (SS/FS), Willie Offord (SS), Greg Blue (FS/SS), Tank Williams (IR)

New England Patriots

QB: Tom Brady played into the second half and led the team to a 41-0 whitewash of the Washington Redskins. Brady completed 17-of-30 passes for 231 yards and a touchdown. "I hope it looks as good in the regular season as it did tonight," Brady said. Backup Matt Cassel saw limited action, but performed efficiently completing 7-of-8 passes for 63 yards.

RB: Corey Dillon and Laurence Maroney both played against the Redskins, but each gained only 12 yards. Maroney scored a 5-yard TD in the first quarter. Patrick Cobbs handled the lion's share of the running duties as the Pats held a large lead for much of the game. Cobbs ran 13 times for 92 yards scoring two touchdowns in the second half; both coming from 1 yard out. Heath Evans also scored on a 1-yard TD run in the third quarter as he ran for 16 yards on eight carries. Kevin Faulk ran for 38 yards on six carries, catching two balls for 4 yards. Patrick Pass appears to be headed for the team's PUP list to start the season, meaning he would miss the first six games of the season, as he recovers from a toe injury that has sidelined him for the entire preseason.

WR: The Deion Branch saga continues into the last week of the preseason. The Patriots granted Branch permission to seek a trade, but gave them only until September 1. Reaction from Branch's teammates was understandably subdued. "Deion's a

good player. He's my lockermate," said tight end Ben Watson. "But even more, he's a good friend. Hopefully, when the time is right for him and the organization, he comes back and plays. That's about it."

Troy Brown led the Patriots receiving corps with four catches for 64 yards as he and Reche Caldwell were in the starting lineup. Brown was targeted nine times in the game while Caldwell was targeted eight times. Caldwell caught three balls for 28 yards and Bam Childress produced 23 yards on two catches as he continues to push for a roster spot in his second training camp with the team.

TE: Usually a team's third preseason game is the best indicator for what it will do when the games start for real. If that's the case, then Ben Watson is in for a big season. He caught eight balls for 97 yards including a 6-yard TD pass in the second quarter from Tom Brady. He was targeted a ridiculous 13 times before leaving the game after the first drive in the second half. Watson seemed to be the only player Brady was targeting for several plays in a row. "I was open a lot. The scheme they played allowed me to catch a lot of balls," he said. "Tom did a good job of finding me." With his size, speed and skills, Watson exploited the Redskins cover-2 defensive scheme on a regular basis. Daniel Graham caught one ball for 24 yards and rookie Garrett Mills caught one for 6 yards, but lost a fumble. The Patriots opened the game featuring a two-tight end formation with Watson and Graham both in the lineup.

Defense: This week saw the return of Rodney Harrison to the practice field and he played in the Patriots 41-0 win over Washington. He was the last player announced as the starters ran out of the tunnel drawing a big ovation from the home crowd. The Patriots defense abused the Redskins sacking the quarterback seven times and limiting them to 138 yards passing and eight first downs. The defense extended their streak to nine quarters without giving up a touchdown. James Sanders had four tackles and a sack while Mike Wright had four tackles and two sacks to pace the defense. Also collecting sacks were Ty Warren, reclamation project Johnathan Sullivan, Mike Vrebel and Rosevelt Colvin.

Special Teams: HC Bill Belichick dropped a hint earlier last week, "Sometimes in training camp with older players, one of the things that you have to be careful of is they look better than younger guys because of experience, but then once you get into the regular season and they start playing against other players with comparable experience, then sometimes your evaluation of them after the first five games is a little different than your evaluation was in preseason. It's an inexact science." Not long thereafter the team released veteran kicker Martin Gramatica. Rookie kicker Stephen Gostkowski talked the talk afterwards, "They probably have four guys on speed dial waiting for me to slip up, so I have to stay on my toes. It makes me want to work harder to make the coaches believe in their decision. It's not like they called and said, 'Hey, you're the guy no matter what.' They don't really say anything. You just act like you're still competing for a job." Belichick summed it up, "Martin has kicked well, but we felt like

Stephen kicked better and that's who we're going to go with." Against Washington, Gostkowski made two field goals of 23 yards each and added five PATs. Rookie CB Willie Andrews, the probable return specialist this year, had a ten yard punt return and a fair catch. RB Kevin Faulk averaged 4.5 yards on two punt returns. Rookie RB Laurence Maroney had a nice 36-yard kickoff return to open the game, although he did fumble it out of bounds at the end of the run.

Patriots Depth Chart

QB Tom Brady, Matt Cassel, Corey Bramlet

RB Corey Dillon, Laurence Maroney, Kevin Faulk (3RB), Patrick Cobbs

FB Patrick Pass (3RB) (inj), Heath Evans

WR Deion Branch, Reche Caldwell, Troy Brown, Chad Jackson, Bam Childress, Erik Davis, Michael McGrew, Zuriel Smith, John Stone, Eddie Berlin, Matt Shelton (IR)

TE Daniel Graham, Ben Watson, David Thomas, Garrett Mills (HB/FB), Matt Brandt, Chris Luzar

K Stephen Gostkowski

DE Richard Seymour (DT), Ty Warren (DT), Jarvis Green, Marquise Hill, Ifo Pili

NT Vince Wilfork, Mario Monds, Dan Klecko, Johnathan Sullivan, Le Kevin Smith

MLB Tedy Bruschi (inj), Monty Beisel (inj), Chad Brown, Junior Seau, Barry Gardner, Larry Izzo, Don Davis

OLB Rosevelt Colvin (W/DE), Mike Vrebel (S/I), Tully Banta-Cain (S), Pierre Woods, Jeremy Mincey

CB Asante Samuel, Ellis Hobbs (KR), Randall Gay, Chad Scott, Eric Warfield, Willie Andrews, Antwain Spann, Vernell Brown

S Eugene Wilson (FS/CB), Rodney Harrison (SS), Tebucky Jones (SS/FS), James Sanders (SS), Artrell Hawkins (SS), Guss Scott, Mel Mitchell (IR)

New Orleans Saints

QB: Drew Brees struggled against the Colts on Saturday as he overthrew two deep passes in Colts territory, both of which were intercepted, amid other key mistakes and inconsistencies from the Saints first-team offense. Brees reported that his arm and shoulder felt great and his confidence in the new offense is growing, but clearly, they aren't quite there yet. "A couple of those, maybe I was trying to force it because I was still trying to prove to myself, 'Hey, I can still get that ball in there,'" said Brees, referring to his interceptions. He finished 19-for-29 for 189 yards. He led the Saints to a touchdown drive before leaving the game but has still not thrown his first TD pass as a Saint.

RB: The Saints starting lineup included both Deuce McAllister and Reggie Bush on Saturday against the Colts. Bush once again showed some flashes, but still didn't break any long runs. He put on some moves in the third quarter with runs of 8 and 14 yards, but also lost a fumble at the Colts 27-yard line that killed a drive. He finished with 22 yards rushing on five carries and added five receptions for another 20 yards.

Declarations of Deuce McAllister's demise appear to be premature as he looked solid against the stout Colts defense. McAllister capped the Saints lone scoring drive for the starters with a 15-yard TD run in the third quarter. His numbers were impressive as he continues to return from his season-ending knee injury a year ago. He ran for 62 yards on six carries including another run that went for 27 yards. Jamaal Branch got into the game late and ran for 33 yards on three carries while catching two balls for 25 yards.

WR: Donte Stallworth was dealt to the Eagles on Monday for LB Mark Simoneau and a future draft pick; despite being solidly productive this preseason. Stallworth started against the Colts and produced 49 yards on four catches. Joe Horn caught one ball for 8 yards before leaving the game early with a bruised back. With Stallworth out of the picture, the Saints could use Devery Henderson in the starting lineup opposite Horn with either Chris Horn or Mike Hass likely filling the No. 3 role. Jamal Jones had three receptions for 31 yards and Bethel Johnson had a 21-yard catch, but was forced out of the game in the third quarter with a sprained right knee. He's expected to miss 2-to-4 weeks. Devery Henderson had a 15-yard catch as did Chris Horn, while Marcus Colston caught a 15-yard TD from Jamie Martin in the fourth quarter. Colston ended with three catches for 32 yards. Bethel Johnson and return specialist Michael Lewis appear to be on the roster bubble, so Johnson's injury certainly doesn't work in his favor.

TE: Ernie Conwell started for the Saints and produced two catches for 18 yards. He and Mark Campbell continue to sit atop the depth chart further raising question on whether Zack Hilton will even make the final roster.

Defense: The Saints had Alfred Fincher at MLB in the starting lineup with newly-acquired Scott Shanle at WLB and Scott Fujita at SLB. The Saints were engaged in trade talks to obtain Chargers LB Donnie Edwards, but they broke off last week with no deal in place. Instead, the Saints acquired OLB Scott Shanle from the Cowboys. Roman Harper started at SS and Josh Bullocks at free safety. Fincher led the way with seven solo tackles. Anwar Phillips and Cie Grant each contributed six tackles. Rob Ninkovich had a sack for the second straight game.

Special Teams: Kicker John Carney has been around long enough to know how to prepare during the preseason, "I try my best to stay in shape and stay healthy. I don't do too many high-risk activities in the offseason, motorcycling or skydiving or snow skiing. I've been fortunate, and I take this seriously. It's my career. As an older guy, you can't allow yourself to stay away from the weight room or running or cardio work for that long, or else it will catch up." In the game against Indianapolis he scored two PATs, but was wide left from 41 yards on his only field goal attempt. The team released rookie kicker Connor Hughes. He had a very strong camp and could resurface in the NFL in the not too distant future. Return specialist WR Michael Lewis has worked on individual drills, but continues to miss team practices. The clock is ticking. RB Aaron Stecker continues to miss time with a sprained ankle

and QB Adrian McPherson is still out with a bruised knee. WR Bethel Johnson has stepped up for the kickoff return position. He averaged 38.0 yards on three returns against the Colts. WR Devery Henderson averaged 24.0 yards on two kickoff returns, and WR Jamal Jones had a 31-yarder. Jones also had an eight yard punt return, while WR Lance Moore returned one seven yards. As anticipated, the team continues to limit rookie RB Reggie Bush's involvement on special teams during the preseason.

Saints Depth Chart

QB Drew Brees, Jamie Martin, Todd Bouman, Adrian McPherson (inj)

RB Deuce McAllister, Reggie Bush (KR/PR), Aaron Stecker (3RB/KR) (inj), Jamaal Branch, Ray Hudson

FB Mike Karney

WR Joe Horn, Devery Henderson, Marques Colston, Chris Horn, Mike Hass, Jamal Jones, Michael Lewis (KR/PR), Bethel Johnson (inj), Chase Lyman, Lance Moore

TE Ernie Conwell, Mark Campbell, Zach Hilton, Nate Lawrie, Billy Miller

K John Carney, Connor Hughes

DE Charles Grant, Will Smith, Tony Bryant, Rob Ninkovich, Javon Nanton, Tommy Davis (IR)

DT Brian Young, Hollis Thomas (NT), Willie Whitehead, Antwan Lake (NT), Rodney Leisle, Brandon Villareal, Joe Minucci

MLB Alfred Fincher, Jay Foreman

OLB Scott Fujita (S), Scott Shanle (W/M), Colby Bockwoldt (W), Tommy Polley (W) (inj), Mark Simoneau (W/M), Terrence Melton (W), Nate Wayne, E.J. Kuale, James Allen (S) (inj)

CB Mike McKenzie, Fred Thomas, Jason Craft, Josh Lay, Grant Mason, Anwar Phillips, Ray Williams

S Josh Bullocks (FS), Roman Harper (SS), Omar Stoutmire (SS), Bryan Scott (FS), Jay Bellamy (SS), Steve Gleason (FS)

New York Giants

QB: Eli Manning struggled a bit in the Giants-Jets preseason game on Friday, but thanks to another strong effort by the Giants defense, his performance didn't draw as much attention following the game. "We just couldn't get a good rhythm," Manning said. "We got something good going at the end of the first half, but the Jets did a good job of making it tough on our passing game by dropping a lot of guys." Manning went 10-of-20 for 107 yards with no touchdowns and an interception. Manning's main weakness last year was his low completion percentage, so it's disturbing to see him struggle in that aspect again this preseason. Jared Lorenzen, who won the No. 3 job over Rob Johnson, completed 7-of-12 passes for 60 yards. Johnson was released by the team over the weekend.

As for Manning's struggles, he shook it off following the game, but added that he knew his instincts were off and he was a little slow on the draw compared to where he'd like to be at this point in the preseason. "I had plenty of time in the

pocket, it was just hard getting guys open,” Manning said. “I probably could have run the ball a little more to get them out of that. I was just kind of hanging in there trying to wait for something to open up. Not a whole lot going on. I’ve got to see that and tuck the ball and run.”

RB: Tiki Barber ran well gaining 60 yards on 11 carries, including one run that went for 20 yards. He also caught two balls for 6 yards. Brandon Jacobs cracked the goal line in the first quarter on a 1-yard plunge as he ran for 29 yards on 11 carries. Jacobs is looking like a much better bet to spell Barber effectively this season, after falling out of favor due to conditioning and attention to detail as a rookie. James Sims, fighting for a roster spot with Derrick Ward sidelined, ran 12 times for 45 yards. Mike Jemison had two carries for 8 yards.

WR: Tim Carter has won the No. 3 job over Sinorice Moss, given that Moss has missed nearly all of the preseason with nagging injuries. Carter caught four balls for 34 yards against the Jets. David Tyree caught three balls for 27 yards and Michael Jennings had one reception for 16 yards. Amani Toomer started the game but finished with just one catch for 9 yards. He was targeted five times. Starter Plaxico Burress was targeted three times and flagged for two penalties, including a facemask on a pass that was intercepted by Erik Coleman.

TE: Jeremy Shockey and his back Vishante Shiancoe each caught two balls (30 yards and 35 yards, respectively) against the Jets. The Boo Williams reclamation project is over; he was released by the team.

Defense: The Giants defense has not allowed a touchdown since the opening drive against the Ravens to open the preseason. They collected five sacks against the Jets and forced three turnovers while knocking down Chad Pennington and Kellen Clemens on several other occasions. “This is two straight weeks we have played well on defense,” said linebacker Brandon Short, who had two sacks. “The sky is the limit for this defense as we all get comfortable with this system.” Lavar Arrington added, “We’re setting a tone and a precedent for the season. It’s not the prettiest, but it’s something to keep building on.” Rookie OLB Gerris Wilkerson started at WLB in place of the injured Carlos Emmons against the Jets, but Emmons returned to practice on Sunday after missing almost three weeks with a pinched nerve in his neck.

Special Teams: In the game “at” the NY Jets, kicker Jay Feely made field goals of 34 and 39 yards and added a PAT. He had kickoffs of 70, 65, 70, and 70 yards, two of which were touchbacks. Return specialist RB Chad Morton had a 22-yard kickoff return, and averaged 5.7 yards on three punt returns. HC Tom Coughlin let WR Willie Ponder out of the doghouse briefly, as he had an 18-yard kickoff return. The “Michael Jennings’ bandwagon” hit a bump in the road against the Jets. He had punt returns of one, zero, and zero yards, along with a fair catch. Yet again, rookie WR Sinorice Moss and his injured quad did not play in the game. Backup returner CB R.W. McQuarters did not have any returns in the game.

Giants Depth Chart

QB Eli Manning, Tim Hasselbeck, Jared Lorenzen

RB Tiki Barber, Brandon Jacobs (SD), Derrick Ward (inj), Chad Morton (PR), James Sims, Mike Jemison

FB Jim Finn

WR Plaxico Burress, Amani Toomer, Tim Carter, Sinorice Moss (inj), David Tyree, Willie Ponder (KR), Michael Jennings, Anthony Mix

TE Jeremy Shockey, Vishante Shiancoe, Tony Jackson, Wade Fletcher, Darcy Johnson

K Jay Feely

DE Michael Strahan, Osi Umenyiora, Justin Tuck, Mathias Kiwanuka, Eric Moore, Willie Evans

DT William Joseph, Fred Robbins, Damane Duckett, Barry Cofield, Jonas Seawright, Ahmad Childress, Junior Ioane, Marcus Green

MLB Antonio Pierce (W/M), Kevin Lewis, Chase Blackburn

OLB Lavar Arrington (S) (inj), Carlos Emmons (W) (inj), Gerris Wilkerson (W), Reggie Torbor (S), Brandon Short (S), Nick McNeil

CB Sam Madison, Corey Webster, R.W. McQuarters (FS/PR), Frank Walker, Curtis DeLoatch, Jason Bell, Gerrick McPheerson, Kevin Dockery, E.J. Underwood (IR)

S Gibril Wilson (SS), Will Demps (FS), Quentin Harris, Charlie Peprah (SS), James Butler (inj)

New York Jets

QB: Earlier this week, the Jets officially named Chad Pennington the starter. Not surprising per se, but clearly Jets fans would’ve liked to see a better showing from Pennington against the Giants in order to be excited about the announcement. Pennington didn’t play very well or consistently against the Giants. He completed 11-of-20 passes for 125 yards with an interception and no touchdowns. Pennington had not led the offense to a score in the last two games he’s played. “The name of the game is inconsistency,” Pennington said. “We have a few good plays, and then we have self-inflicted wounds to stall our drives... We’ve shown some spurts of real good football. Our effort is there. But we can’t confuse effort with results.” Rookie Kellen Clemens didn’t produce much either completing only three out of 11 passes for 24 yards and an interception, but he did manage to run for 15 yards on two carries.

RB: Kevan Barlow is off to a running start with his new team, well not quite, as Barlow was yanked from the game earlier than expected following a lost fumble and a holding call, but later returned in the second half. He also compared his former HC Mike Nolan to Adolph Hitler, only to apologize through HC Eric Mangini the next day. It seems like Mangini would prefer to have anyone but Derrick Blaylock replace Curtis Martin, but Blaylock won’t let himself get frustrated. “I just go out and remain focused,” said Blaylock. For his part, Mangini did offer praise of Blaylock on Sunday. “I really like over the last couple of weeks the toughness that he’s shown running with the ball, the aggressiveness that he’s showing

running with the ball and the decisiveness he's shown hitting the holes," Mangini said. "Derrick's a really smart guy. He gives you a really good shot to run the plays the way you anticipate them being run."

Blaylock ran for 35 yards on nine carries against the Giants to lead the team. He also caught one pass for 7 yards. Barlow ran for 11 yards on three carries and caught one pass for two yards. Leon Washington ran five times for 13 yards. Over the weekend, the Jets waived RBs Terry Butler and Ben Moa and officially placed Curtis Martin on the PUP List; meaning he'll miss at least the first six weeks of the regular season.

WR: Laveranues Coles led the Jets in receiving against the Giants with five receptions for 50 yards. Justin McCareins produced the longest play on a 40-yard catch and run. He finished with two catches for 48 yards. The Jets started the game with just one receiver on the field – Jerricho Cotchery. They featured two backs (Blaylock and FB B.J. Askew) and two tight ends (Chris Baker and Doug Jolley). Coles was targeted 10 times, McCareins three times and Cotchery four times. Rookie Brad Smith caught one ball for 17 yards. Over the weekend, the Jets waived Mario Hill and Chris M. Baker, the receiver, not the Jets starting tight end.

TE: Chris Baker and Doug Jolley both started for the Jets and were each targeted twice, but Jolley is the only one to catch a ball – one for a whopping two yards. The Jets are offensively challenged until they settle on a running back. Until then, neither of these guys is likely to hold any fantasy value.

Defense: Kerry Rhodes paced the Jets defenders with six solo tackles and a sack. Erik Coleman had eight tackles (5-3-0) and an interception. Trevor Johnson and Dewayne Robertson each registered a sack. The Jets announced that LBs Alonzo Jackson and Jamar Enzor, DBs Rayshun Reed, D.J. Johnson, Jovon Johnson, Omowale Dada and Mondoe Davis were released over the weekend.

Special Teams: Kicker Mike Nugent's only score against the NY Giants was a PAT. His only field goal attempt was a 49-yarder that hit the right upright. His two kickoffs went for 64 and 61 yards. For the second straight week, lead kickoff returner candidate CB Justin Miller had a very good kickoff return, going for 39 yards this time. After last week's return for a score, rookie RB Leon Washington had a 26-yarder this week. He also fair caught the only punt he fielded, as did WR Jerricho Cotchery once again. Lead punt returner candidate, WR Tim Dwight, did not play in the game after being injured during a collision with a teammate in practice earlier in the week.

Jets Depth Chart

QB Chad Pennington, Patrick Ramsey, Kellen Clemens, Brooks Bollinger

RB Kevan Barlow (inj), Cedric Houston, Derrick Blaylock, Leon Washington, Stacy Tutt (QB/WR), Curtis Martin (PUP)

FB B.J. Askew, Jamar Martin

WR Laveranues Coles, Justin McCareins, Jerricho Cotchery,

Tim Dwight (PR), Brad Smith, Reggie Newhouse, Dante Ridgeway, Maurice Avery, Phil Silva

TE Chris Baker, Doug Jolley, Joel Dreessen, Walter Rasby, Jason Pociask (IR)

K Mike Nugent

DE Shaun Ellis, Kimo Van Oelhoffen, Trevor Johnson, Dave Ball, Darrell Adams

NT Dewayne Robertson, Monsanto Pope, Matt McChesney, Titus Adams, Brennan Schmidt, Sione Pouha (IR)

ILB Jonathan Vilma, Eric Barton (inj), Brad Kassell, Anthony Schlegel

OLB Victor Hobson (S), Bryan Thomas (DE), Matt Chatham (S), Darrell McClover, Craig Bailey, Blake Costanzo

CB David Barrett, Andre Dyson, Justin Miller (KR), Ray Mickens, Derrick Straight (FS), Andrew Davison, Roosevelt Williams, Lamont Reid, Drew Coleman (inj)

S Erik Coleman (SS), Kerry Rhodes (FS), Rashad Washington, Eric Smith (SS), James Taylor, Andre Maddox, Jamie Thompson

Oakland Raiders

QB: All it took was playing the Detroit Lions for Aaron Brooks and Randy Moss to get on the same page. Brooks broke out in Friday night's game throwing two touchdown passes to his star receiver in the first half as he completed 9-of-15 passes for 187 yards. "He's becoming more and more comfortable with what we're doing and what we're asking him to do," HC Art Shell said. "He's clearing the old system out of his head and putting in the new system. That comes around, and he sees things a lot clearer now." Brooks' first touchdown was a 63-yard bomb to Moss on the third play of the Raiders first drive. "It was nice to finally hook up for six," Brooks said. "He ran a hell of a route. The safety bit on the crossing route. Randy did his job diving into the end zone. It was a great effort on his part." Andrew Walter rested his sore throwing shoulder and didn't play as Marques Tuiasosopo got some action completing 4-of-8 passes for 39 yards. If there was any doubt the Raiders are uncomfortable with their current QB depth, it was erased when they made the desperate move of signing Jeff George to a one-year contract this week. Presumably George will be Brooks' backup; which would mean either Walter or Tuiasosopo won't make the final roster.

RB: LaMont Jordan capped the Raiders first half with a 14-yard TD run to give them a 21-0 lead midway into the 2nd quarter. Jordan ran for 30 yards on six carries and caught a 15-yard pass from Brooks before leaving the game. Justin Fargas got plenty of work after Jordan. He ran 10 times for 62 yards. ReShard Lee ran for 19 yards on 12 carries to finish off the game. Jordan gave fans a brief scare when he left the game for a moment with an apparent knee injury, but he returned to the field moments later and was fine.

WR: Randy Moss finally exploded for the first time in the preseason with two first half touchdowns from Aaron Brooks. Moss finished with 102 yards on three catches. Doug Gabriel

started opposite Moss and caught one ball for 17 yards. Jerry Porter played against the Lions and was booed by the fans after making his first catch of the preseason. Ronald Curry returned to game action for the first time this preseason and he caught a 7-yard pass in the first quarter. Johnnie Morant also had a catch for 7 yards.

TE: Courtney Anderson caught one ball for 31 yards and backup Randal Williams snared two balls for 15 yards. O.J. Santiago and John Madsen also caught one ball each. Anderson hopes to play a more consistent role in the Raiders new offense introduced by OC Norv Turner. Last year, he had a tendency to put up a strong game only to disappear for several games in a row. During the preseason, Anderson and Williams have been used regularly, so we'll see if it carries over into the regular season. Williams was targeted six times while Anderson was targeted twice on Friday night.

Defense: Kirk Morrison, starting at MLB, led the team with six tackles, and intercepted a pass, too. Jarrod Cooper had six tackles (5-1-0) and Danny Clark, Stuart Schweigert and Duane Starks each had four tackles. Derrick Burgess and Lance Johnstone each had a sack and Chris Carr added an interception.

Special Teams: Kicker Sebastian Janikowski kicked three PATs in the game against Detroit. He did not have any field goal attempts. Camp leg David Kimball did not play in the game. Return specialist CB Chris Carr has been working on bringing his punt returns up to the level of his kickoff returns. It showed against the Lions on his 28-yard punt return. Carr almost took the opening kickoff all the way for a score. He had to settle for 32 yards however, as Eddie Drummond just managed to trip him up. None of the other returners fared very well. RB ReShard Lee had a 15-yard kickoff return. Rookie WR Burl Toler had a two yard punt return. WR Doug Gabriel lost three yards on his punt return. He also lost the ball, for the second time this preseason. The Raiders were fortunate enough to recover both.

Raiders Depth Chart

QB Aaron Brooks, Andrew Walter, Jeff George, Marques Tuiasosopo

RB LaMont Jordan, Justin Fargas, ReShard Lee, Rod Smart (KR), DeJuan Green (IR)

FB Zack Crockett (SD/3RB), John Paul Foschi (HB), Joe Hall (IR)

WR Randy Moss, Jerry Porter (inj), Doug Gabriel, Ron Curry (PR), Alvis Whitted, Johnnie Morant, Carlos Francis (KR), Kevin McMahan

TE Courtney Anderson, Randal Williams, O.J. Santiago, James Adkisson, John Madsen

K Sebastian Janikowski

DE Derrick Burgess, Tyler Brayton, Bobby Hamilton, Grant Irons, Lance Johnstone, Bryant McNeal, Ryan Riddle

DT Warren Sapp (inj), Tommy Kelly, Ed Jasper, Terdell Sands (NT), Anttaj Hawthorne, Kenny Smith, Donnell Washington

MLB Kirk Morrison (I/W), Danny Clark (I)

OLB Sam Williams (S) (inj), Thomas Howard (W), Robert

Thomas (S/W), Darnell Bing (S/W), Isaiah Ekejiuba, Henri Crockett

CB Nnamdi Asomugha, Fabian Washington, Stanford Routt, Tyrone Poole, Duane Starks

S Stuart Schweigert (FS), Derrick Gibson (SS), Michael Huff (S/CB), Chris Carr (PR), Jarrod Cooper, Calvin Branch, Keyon Nash

Philadelphia Eagles

QB: Donovan McNabb looked sharp again in limited action. He started against the Steelers on Friday night and led the team to a pair of field goals before exiting the game. He went 7-of-9 for 52 yards but was sacked three times. McNabb has played effectively in the preseason so far leading the offense to two touchdowns, four field goals and 26 points on nine drives. McNabb is 23-of-31 for 283 yards, one TD and no interceptions in four games. Jeff Garcia took over for McNabb and led the Eagles to a TD in the third quarter when he connected with Greg Lewis on a 61-yard completion. Garcia finished 6-of-12 for 110 yards. The Eagles also worked Koy Detmer and Timmy Chang into the game. Chang completed his only pass for 22 yards while Detmer went 4-of-8 for 32 yards.

RB: Correll Buckhalter was the main story among the Eagles backs this week. He started for the Eagles and played very well; rushing for 31 yards on seven carries and catching four balls for 16 yards. "I'm not even sore," said Buckhalter following the game. "I feel great. I can't wait for the next game." Ryan Moats also returned to action and ran for 11 yards on six attempts. Bruce Perry gained five yards on four carries and Reno Mahe caught one ball for four yards. The Eagles released Marty Johnson on Saturday.

WR: Reggie Brown and Hank Baskett once again started for the Eagles. Brown caught three balls for 46 yards and Baskett managed one reception for five yards. Brown was targeted five times to Baskett's one time. Greg Lewis made the play of the game when he got behind the Steelers defense on a 61-yard TD reception. Lewis finished with 91 yards on two catches. Jabar Gaffney had one catch for 18 yards and rookie Jason Avant caught two balls for 20 yards. Lewis was targeted twice, Gaffney three times and Avant four times. Todd Pinkston returned to the field on Friday night catching one ball for four yards, but otherwise was a non-factor. On Monday, the Eagles announced the acquisition of WR Donte Stallworth from the New Orleans Saints in exchange for reserve LB Mark Simoneau and a future draft pick. With Stallworth's addition to the team, we've likely seen the end of the Hank Baskett: Starting Wide Receiver era. It's also difficult to see Todd Pinkston making the roster with Stallworth and his deep speed added to the rotation. The Eagles released Jermaine Jamison, Carl Ford and J.J. Outlaw on Saturday.

TE: L.J. Smith was targeted three times in four plays on the Eagles opening drive. He was targeted five times in all, but wound up with only one catch for 9 yards on the game.

Defense: Omar Gaither is asserting pressure on Matt McCoy for a starting job at WLB. Gaither led the team with six tackles (5-1-0) against Pittsburgh. Quintin Mikell contributed five solo tackles. Mark Simoneau had seven tackles (5-2-0), but he was then dealt to the Saints on Monday along with a future draft choice for WR Donte Stallworth – as mentioned above. The Eagles had two sacks – one by Darren Howard and the other by J.R. Reed. Reed and Brian Dawkins each had an interception and the Eagles forced and recovered two fumbles. The Eagles released DT Ed Jasper and DBs Scott Ware, Brandon Pinderhughes and Matt Clark on Saturday.

Special Teams: Kicker David Akers had a very nice game against Pittsburgh, with field goals of 40, 49, and 52 yards. Camp leg E.J. Cochrane added a PAT, but was wide left on a 48-yard field goal attempt. The Eagles released him over the weekend. Rookie WR Jeremy Bloom was inactive. The kickoff returner role appears to be coming down to two players. RB Bruce Perry had a 28-yard kickoff return, while safety J.R. Reed had a 22-yarder. Perry also needs to be concerned about making the final roster. Reed also got an opportunity to field a punt. He was leveled on the play for no gain. HC Andy Reid noted, “I would’ve liked to have gotten him a couple of more punts in there. He learned a key lesson tonight about fair catching, and he’ll do better the next time, I’m sure.” The primary punt returner RB Reno Mahe had a 16-yard return against the Steelers.

Eagles Depth Chart

QB [Donovan McNabb](#), [Jeff Garcia](#), [Koy Detmer](#), [Timmy Chang](#)

RB [Brian Westbrook \(inj\)](#), [Ryan Moats \(inj\)](#), [Correll Buckhalter](#), [Bruce Perry \(KR\) \(inj\)](#), [Reno Mahe \(PR\)](#)

FB [Josh Parry](#), [Thomas Tapeh](#), [Jason Davis \(IR\)](#)

WR [Reggie Brown](#), [Donte Stallworth](#), [Jabar Gaffney](#), [Hank Baskett](#), [Greg Lewis](#), [Jason Avant](#), [Todd Pinkston](#), [Darnerien McCants](#), [Justin Jenkins](#), [Bill Sampy](#), [Jeremy Bloom \(IR\)](#)

TE [L.J. Smith](#), [Matt Schobel](#), [Steven Spach](#), [Andy Thorn](#), [Jonas Crafts](#)

K [David Akers](#)

DE [Jevon Kearse](#), [Darren Howard](#), [Trent Cole](#), [Jerome McDougle \(inj\)](#), [Juqua Thomas](#)

DT [Mike Patterson](#), [Darwin Walker \(inj\)](#), [Brodrick Bunkley](#), [Sam Rayburn](#), [Keyonta Marshall](#), [LaJuan Ramsey](#)

MLB [Jeremiah Trotter](#),

OLB [Dhani Jones \(S\)](#), [Matt McCoy \(W\)](#), [Omar Gaither \(W/M\)](#), [Shawn Barber \(S/W\)](#), [Chris Gocong \(S\)](#), [Jason Short \(S\)](#), [Dedrick Roper \(S\)](#), [Torrence Daniels](#)

CB [Sheldon Brown](#), [Lito Sheppard \(inj\)](#), [Roderick Hood \(KR\)](#), [Donald Strickland](#), [Matt Ware](#), [Dexter Wynn](#), [Joselito Hanson](#)

S [Brian Dawkins \(FS\)](#), [Michael Lewis \(SS\)](#), [Quintin Mikell \(FS\)](#), [Sean Considine \(SS\)](#), [J.R. Reed \(FS/KR\) \(inj\)](#)

Pittsburgh Steelers

QB: Ben Roethlisberger started and went 9-of-14 for 52 yards with an interception against the Eagles on Friday night. Bill Cowher said he was pleased with Ben’s performances so far this preseason. “I like where he’s at,” Cowher said. “I like his mindset. I like the way he’s operating the offense and I like where he’s at – not just in games, but in practices.” Charlie Batch threw a nice TD pass to Cedrick Wilson in the 2nd quarter and seems comfortable running the offense as Big Ben’s backup.

RB: Willie Parker started and carried three times for 13 yards and he caught three balls for 18 yards. In bigger news to fantasy owners, Parker will be given the first crack at the goal line job; making him an all purpose fantasy contributor. Parker said he’s got a chip on his shoulder this season because of his perception that he’s not getting any respect. “That just adds fuel to my fire,” Parker said. “That is motivation for me. I’m just ready. If I’m going to be a competitor, I have to be able to prove people wrong.”

Duce Staley got the bulk of the work against the Eagles rushing 11 times for 21 yards and catching one ball for another 4 yards. Verron Haynes ran five times for 15 yards and caught four balls for 10 yards. John Kuhn is getting some touches in the running game, too. He carried six times for 24 yards while rookie Cedric Humes didn’t handle the ball other than catching two passes for 9 yards. The Steelers released FB Doug Easlick.

WR: Cedrick Wilson caught another touchdown in the preseason and is beginning to look like a solid sleeper starting opposite Hines Ward. Wilson caught three balls for 41 yards including a 23-yard TD from Charlie Batch in the second quarter that temporarily gave the Steelers a 7-6 lead. Wilson was targeted five times. Rookie Willie Reid caught five balls for 40 yards and Nate Washington had one catch for 4 yards. Washington got the start along with Wilson as Ward continues to rest his ailing hamstring. Rookie Santonio Holmes played but had just one catch for a 1-yard loss. The Steelers released WR Isaac West on Monday. The Steelers were also said to be inquiring about Patriots WR Deion Branch, who was granted permission to seek a trade last week.

TE: Heath Miller has been quiet during the preseason. He played and was targeted once. Reserve Charles Davis caught three balls for 29 yards. Jonathan Dekker also had a 9-yard catch.

Defense: James Farrior had four tackles, Ricardo Colclough had three tackles and Larry Foote had three tackles and a sack to lead the Steelers defense. The Steelers collected three sacks overall – the others were recorded by Clark Haggans and Brett Keisel. The Steelers released LB Malcolm Powell on Monday. Corner Deshae Townsend broke his thumb last week and sat out of the game on Friday night. Cowher said he’s optimistic that he’ll be ready for the season opener.

Special Teams: Kicker Jeff Reed missed both his field goal attempts wide left in the game at Philadelphia. The first one from 50 yards was attributed to a bad hold by rookie punter Mike Barr. Reed's regular holder, punter Chris Gardocki, was there for the second one from 47 yards. There were rumors last week that the Steelers are also practicing with QB Ben Roethlisberger as a holder. Rookie WR Willie Reid had all the punt returns in the game, averaging 7.7 yards on three returns along with one fair catch. On kickoff returns WR Santonio Holmes averaged 20.5 yard on two returns, while WR Quincy Morgan had a 25-yarder. Reid also lined up deep on kickoffs later in the game. HC Bill Cowher discussed the return squads, "I feel OK about the returners. We're trying to look at different people [as blockers]. Some of the guys that are going to be out there, the Clint Kriewaldts, the James Harrisons... they have not been out there on a regular basis. And I know they're going to be there, and that should help us dramatically. But, at the same time, we're just not in sync."

Steelers Depth Chart

QB Ben Roethlisberger (inj), Charlie Batch, Omar Jacobs, Shane Boyd

RB Willie Parker, Verron Haynes (FB), Duce Staley, Cedric Humes

FB Dan Kreider, John Kuhn

WR Hines Ward (inj), Cedrick Wilson, Nate Washington, Santonio Holmes, Quincy Morgan, Willie Reid (PR), Sean Morey, Lee Mays, Walter Young, Marvin Allen

TE Heath Miller, Jerame Tuman, Charles Davis, Jonathan Dekker, Tim Euhus

K Jeff Reed

DE Aaron Smith, Brett Keisel, Travis Kirschke, Rodney Bailey, Shaun Nua, Orien Harris

NT Casey Hampton, Chris Hoke, Scott Paxson

ILB James Farrior, Larry Foote, Rian Wallace, Richard Seigler, Clint Kriewaldt

OLB Joey Porter, Clark Haggans, James Harrison, Andre Frazier, Arnold Harrison, Lee Vickers

CB Deshea Townsend, Ike Taylor, Bryant McFadden, Ricardo Colclough (KR), Chidi Iwuoma, Anthony Madison

S Troy Polamalu (SS), Ryan Clark (FS), Tyrone Carter (FS), Mike Logan (SS), Anthony Smith (FS), Mike Lorello

St. Louis Rams

QB: Marc Bulger played without either of his top two receivers on Saturday, going 7-for-11 for 78 yards with an interception. "If we were playing Denver here and we didn't score, then let's talk about it," said Bulger. "But it's the preseason. Who cares? I'm not worried about it and I don't think the rest of the guys are." Bulger also lost a fumble before leaving the game and turning the reins over to backup Gus Frerotte, who completed 11-of-18 passes for 135 yards and a TD. Frerotte is playing under Linehan for the third time and would be an intriguing waiver wire pickup if Bulger is sidelined.

RB: Steven Jackson managed only 22 yards on 10 carries and two catches for 20 yards while playing with the first team offense. Tony Fisher produced slightly better numbers rushing 13 times for 36 yards with three receptions for 10 yards. Clearly, the Rams would like to see more production out of the ground game, but that's why they call it preseason. The Rams had Stephen Davis in for a workout last week and reportedly the team offered him a contract, but Davis didn't bite and left without signing it. The Eagles are reportedly also interested in Davis, who is said to be making up his mind where or if he'll play in 2006.

WR: With no Torry Holt or Isaac Bruce in the lineup, Shaun McDonald and Kevin Curtis got the nod to start the game. McDonald caught only one ball for 8 yards while Curtis had one for 11 yards. Reserve Taylor Stubblefield caught two balls for 35 yards. Curtis suffered a slight concussion and remained in the game, but is being listed as questionable for the team's August 31st preseason finale against Miami. Holt underwent an MRI on Monday for his bruised sternum suffered in last week's game on August 20. Bruce sat the game out with a tight hamstring, which was merely a precaution exercised by HC Scott Linehan, who added that Bruce's hamstring is only about "80 percent."

TE: The Rams drafted a pair of tight ends, but don't discount holdovers Aaron Walker and Jerome Collins. Both have played reasonably well in the preseason as they look to keep their roster spots and jobs. Collins provided the biggest play of the game for the Rams on a 54-yard TD reception in the third quarter from Gus Frerotte. Walker caught two balls for 35 yards. Meanwhile, Joel Klopfenstein and Dominique Byrd were absent from the box score. The Rams used a 2-TE set to start the game, featuring Klopfenstein and Walker.

Defense: The Rams had Oshiomogho Atogwe in the starting lineup at free safety with Corey Chavous at strong safety. Fakhir Brown and Travis Fisher started at corner. Will Witherspoon led the team seven tackles from his MLB position. Pisa Tinoisamoa had five solo tackles and a sack. Dwaine Carpenter and Brandon Chillar contributed four solo tackles each. Brian Howard had two sacks.

Special Teams: After resting the first half of the preseason, kicker Jeff Wilkins is now focused on preparing for the regular season, "As much as you want in practice, it's not the same as in a game. That's why we're starting this week so I still have two games to get my timing down. Until you get in the game and get the reps, it's hard to say that I'm 100 percent ready to go." His holder, WR Dane Looker, echoed that thought, "You can hold it for different guys," Looker said, "but when you don't have the center, the holder and the kicker all working in tandem for at least a couple of preseason games, you really don't get in the flow you're looking for." In the game at Kansas City, Wilkins made a 48-yard field goal. Camp leg Remy Hamilton was good from 47 yards, but hit the upright on a PAT. The return specialist role is down to either WR Brad Pyatt or rookie WR Marques Hagans. HC Scott Linehan indicated, "We'd like to establish a returner that can do both punt and kickoff. It's kind of an old stand by, and

that's what we're trying to do with Marques and Brad. The only way to do that is to give them more and more chances. I think that's probably the way we'll continue to go at least during this next game for sure, and probably the next two. We'll finish it out that way." For the second consecutive week, Hagans produced better numbers, averaging 27.5 yards on two kickoff returns, and averaging 6.7 yards on three punt returns. Pyatt averaged 21.5 yards on two kickoff returns and fair caught a punt. WR Kevin Curtis will have a limited role on kickoff returns according to Linehan, "I don't know if that's going to be what we do with Kevin because his value as a third receiver is pretty high with our team. He's going to help us in there. He's going to be able to go back there in an as-needed role."

Rams Depth Chart

QB [Marc Bulger](#), Gus Frerotte, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Dave Ragone

RB [Steven Jackson](#), [Moe Williams](#), [Tony Fisher](#), John David Washington, Fred Russell, Marshall Faulk (IR)

FB [Madison Hedgecock](#) (inj), [Paul Smith](#)

WR [Torry Holt](#) (inj), [Isaac Bruce](#), [Kevin Curtis](#), [Shaun McDonald](#) (PR), Dane Looker, Brad Pyatt, Taylor Stubblefield, Marques Hagans, Dominique Thompson, Brandon Middleton, Clinton Solomon

TE [Joel Klopfenstein](#), [Aaron Walker](#), [Dominique Byrd](#), [Jerome Collins](#), Alex Holmes, Landon Trusty (IR)

K [Jeff Wilkins](#)

DE [Leonard Little](#), [Tony Hargrove](#), [Brandon Green](#), Victor Adeyanju, Matthew Rice

DT [Jimmy Kennedy](#) (NT), [La'Roi Glover](#), [Claude Wroten](#), [Brian Howard](#), [Jason Fisk](#), Tim Sandidge

MLB [Will Witherspoon](#) (W/M), [Tim McGarigle](#)

OLB [Pisa Tinoisamoa](#) (W), [Brandon Chillar](#) (S), [Dexter Coakley](#) (S) (inj), [Jamal Brooks](#), Jon Alston, Raonall Smith

CB [Tye Hill](#), [Fakhir Brown](#), [Travis Fisher](#), [Jerametrious Butler](#), [DeJuan Groce](#), Kevin Curtis

S [Corey Chavous](#) (SS), [Oshiomogho Atogwe](#) (FS), [Ronald Bartell](#) (FS), [Jerome Carter](#) (SS), [Dwaine Carpenter](#) (FS)

San Diego Chargers

QB: Philip Rivers had his burgeoning ego bruised a bit in this weekend's game against the Seattle Seahawks. Rivers banged up his throwing shoulder, but also lost three fumbles in the Chargers 31-20 loss. Rivers' shoulder was injured late in the second quarter and he left the game with his shoulder wrapped, holding his arm close to his side. "It's good," Rivers said. "It's just a little ding, just a little bruise. It's not an issue at all. If we'd have played four quarters, I'd have played four quarters. If we played tomorrow, I'd play tomorrow." Rivers was about to leave the game anyway at that point, but HC Marty Schottenheimer concurred with Rivers' estimation that the injury is nothing to be concerned about. "He's fine," Schottenheimer said. "It's nothing of any consequence." Rivers finished 6-of-11 for 89 yards. Rookie Charlie Whitehurst took over and completed 3-of-7 passes for 19

yards and an interception. A.J. Feeley played well completing all four of his passes for 54 yards including a 33-yard TD to Ryan Krause with 3:09 left in the game. Yet, the Chargers released Feeley on Monday, leaving rookie Whitehurst as the likely backup.

RB: Of course, LaDainian Tomlinson was inactive and didn't play. The Chargers got an extended look at their running back depth as roster cuts loom in the next week. Michael "The Burner" Turner ran well scoring two touchdowns on 38-yard and 1-yard runs. He gained 53 yards on eight carries and caught one ball for 24 yards. Turner is an ideal handcuff candidate as could be a fantasy stud if given the chance to play for an injured LaDainian Tomlinson at some point. Ray Perkins handled the bulk of the running duties after Turner worked his magic. Perkins ran 20 times for 83 yards scoring from 12 yards out in the fourth quarter. Perkins also caught three passes for 17 yards. Bryson Sumlin had one run for 17 yards and Andrew Pinnock carried four times for 17 yards.

WR: Keenan McCardell and Malcolm Floyd started for the Chargers against the Seahawks. Floyd was targeted three times and McCardell was not targeted at all. Floyd caught one ball for 15 yards. Robert Ortiz had one catch for 21 yards, Kassim Osgood had one for 8 yards and Ricky Bryant had a 10-yard catch. Neither Vince Jackson nor Eric Parker was active for the game.

TE: Ryan Krause may or may not make the roster this year with Brandon Manumaleuna and Aaron Shea signed via free agency during the offseason. So, Krause had an agenda in the Chargers third preseason game. He came through and produced when called upon. He caught two balls for 62 yards – one of which was a 33-yard TD in the fourth quarter. Krause was targeted five times. Antonio Gates started and caught one ball for five yards before leaving the game. The Chargers started the game featuring both Gates and Manumaleuna on the field in a two-tight end formation. Aaron Shea was not active.

Defense: Quentin Jammer and Terrence Kiel led the Chargers attack with five solo tackles apiece and Keil forced a fumble, too. The Chargers sacked the Seahawks three times – Shaun Phillips, Derrick Robinson and Tim Dobbins each had one – and they forced two turnovers. Shawne Merriman intercepted a pass and Shaun Phillips recovered a fumble. Tim Dobbins, Phillips and Igor Olshansky all had three tackles. The Chargers announced on Friday that they've re-signed LB Stephen Cooper to a five-year contract. On the flip side, veteran LB Donnie Edwards remains a Charger after trade talks with the Saints apparently broke down. The Saints refused to budge from their offer of a fourth round draft pick.

Special Teams: Kicker Nate Kaeding hit a 27-yard field goal and a PAT in the game against Seattle. Kickoff specialist hopeful Kurt Smith had kickoffs of 67, 67, 54, 57, 62, and 63 yards. That's not nearly good enough for an extra roster spot, especially considering Kaeding has improved his own kickoffs this year. Rookie CB Cletis Gordon is being given every opportunity to win the return specialist role now that Darren

Sproles is on IR. Gordon averaged 19.0 yards on five kickoff returns, and averaged 9.8 yards on four punt returns against the Seahawks. On one of the kickoff returns he lost the ball, however a teammate recovered it. It's going to be a close call. If he doesn't make the team, WR Eric Parker would handle punt returns, "That's how I made it in this league. That would be fine with me. I've always enjoyed returning punts and kicks because you get the ball in the open field and just take off trying to make a play. If they need me to do it, I'll be glad to." Parker was inactive for this week's game with his sprained thumb. RB Michael Turner would handle kickoff returns, "I was back there for three years in college but they always kicked it away from me. Just like my role in the offense, I'm going to be there when Coach calls me. I'll have fun with whatever they ask me to do. It's an important job for whoever lands it, whether it's me or Cletis or whoever."

Chargers Depth Chart

QB Philip Rivers, Charlie Whitehurst, Brett Elliott
RB LaDainian Tomlinson, Michael Turner, Larry Croom, Ray Perkins, Tyrone Gross, Darren Sproles (IR)
FB Lorenzo Neal, Andrew Pinnoch, Jonathan Evans, Shawn Willis
WR Keenan McCardell, Eric Parker (inj), Vincent Jackson, Kassim Osgood, Malcom Floyd, Greg Camarillo, Sean Coffey (inj), Robert Ortiz
TE Antonio Gates, Brandon Manumaleuna, Aaron Shea, Ryan Krause
K Nate Kaeding
DE Igor Olshansky, Luis Castillo (NT), Jacques Cesaire, Derrick Robinson, Chase Page (inj), Patrick Massey (IR)
NT Jamal Williams, Ryon Bingham, Brandon McKinney, Alvin Smith
ILB Donnie Edwards (inj), Randall Godfrey, Matt Wilhelm, Stephen Cooper, Tim Dobbins, Carlos Polk
OLB Steve Foley (W), Shawne Merriman (S), Shaun Phillips (S), Marques Harris (W), Jonathan Pollard
CB Quentin Jammer, Drayton Florence, Antonio Cromartie, Markus Curry, Cletis Gordon, Steve Gregory
S Marlon McCree (FS), Terrence Kiel (SS), Bhawoh Jue (SS/FS), Clinton Hart (FS/SS), Hanik Milligan (FS), Andre Lott (FS), Richard Yancy

San Francisco 49ers

QB: Alex Smith and the 49ers offense mustered only 78 yards against the Cowboys starting defense, but they broke through in the second half when Smith found his rookie TE Vernon Davis for a 15-yard TD against the Cowboys second-team defense. Smith finished 9-of-14 for 92 yards with the one TD and one interception that came on an under thrown pass to former Cowboy WR Antonio Bryant. Smith missed his targets on a few occasions including one series where he overthrew Davis twice in three plays. "We didn't play well," 49ers coach Mike Nolan said. "Their first group outplayed our first group. It looked like last year where we'd run around trying hard but things wouldn't go our way. We'd like to start seeing better

results." Shaun Hill played the rest of the way completing 3-of-5 passes for 30 yards.

RB: Frank Gore, in his first game as the clear-cut starter, ran strong gaining 49 yards on nine carries. Maurice Hicks, now the primary backup to Gore, ran seven times for 27 yards and caught one pass for 19 yards. Michael Robinson moves into the No. 3 slot and could be the team's third down back as he caught a pass for 14 yards. Robinson is, without question, a player to keep your eyes on. If Gore misses any length of time due to injury, Robinson could easily work his way into the mix along with Hicks, and long-term, he's definitely the better bet for dynasty or keeper leagues. HC Mike Nolan drew comparisons to Hall of Fame RB Marcus Allen saying, "He kind of slashes and goes and does his thing and the next thing you know, he has a bunch of yards... That's why he reminded me of Marcus."

WR: Antonio Bryant caught two balls for 24 yards and Amaz Battle caught a pass for 15 yards. Battle was back in the starting lineup. He had been sidelined for much of the preseason with a balky knee, but he's received some different treatment of late, which appears to be helping. Bryant was targeted five times; Battle once. Brian Gilmore, Taylor Jacobs and rookies Brandon Williams and Delanie Walker are competing for the last few roster spots with Jason McAddley and Rasheed Marshall. The 49ers cut C.J. Brewer on Sunday. Last week, Jerry Rice signed a one-day contract so he could retire with the 49ers.

TE: Vernon Davis caught his first NFL touchdown on a 15-yard pass from Alex Smith in the third quarter. Eric Johnson started for the 49ers and contributed two receptions for 16 yards. Davis was targeted three times and Johnson twice. The 49ers cut TE Onye Ibekwe on Sunday.

Defense: Veteran corner Walt Harris led the team with seven tackles while Corey Smith produced five tackles, a sack and a forced fumble. Safety Mike Adams had four tackles and Derek Smith five tackles. Newly added FS Mark Roman intercepted Tony Romo on a deflected pass and had three tackles. DT Jerry Deloach, CB Gabe Franklin and LB Renauld Williams were waived by the team on Sunday.

Special Teams: Kicker Joe Nedney scored only a PAT in the game at Dallas. Camp legs Luis Berlanga, the Mexican kicking sensation, and Andrew Jacas, the Jamaican kicking sensation, did not play against the Cowboys. Rookie WR Brandon Williams continued to solidify himself as the frontrunner for the return specialist role. He averaged 24.5 yards on two kickoff returns, and averaged 9.0 yards on two punt returns. The only other player with a return in the game was rookie RB Michael Robinson with a 20-yard kickoff return. Like TE Delanie Walker who had a few returns in prior games, Robinson probably won't see many returns in the regular season. HC Mike Nolan discussed them, "We do have two big guys. There is a moment on kickoff returns when the hole opens for only so long, so you look for a speed guy." As noted previously, Williams could still be challenged by RB

Maurice Hicks on kickoff returns and by WRs Arnaz Battle and Otis Amey on punt returns.

49ers Depth Chart

QB Alex Smith, Trent Dilfer, Gibran Hamdan, Shaun Hill
RB Frank Gore, Maurice Hicks, Michael Robinson (QB/WR), Zak Keasey
FB Chris Hetherington, Moran Norris
WR Antonio Bryant, Arnaz Battle (inj), Bryan Gilmore, Brandon Williams, Delanie Walker, Taylor Jacobs, Rasheed Marshall, Jason McAddley, Otis Amey (PR), Marcus Maxwell
TE Vernon Davis, Eric Johnson, Billy Bajema, Terry Jones
K Joe Nedney
DE Bryant Young, Marques Douglas, Jerry DeLoach, Melvin Oliver, Lance Legree
NT Anthony Adams, Isaac Sapoga, Ronald Fields, Bobby Payne
ILB Derek Smith, Jeff Ulbrich, Zak Keasey
OLB Manny Lawson, Brandon Moore (inj), Corey Smith (S), Parys Haralson (DE) (inj), T.J. Slaughter, James Maxwell, Bobby Iwuchukwu, Andre Torrey (IR)
CB Shawntae Spencer (inj), Walt Harris, Derrick Johnson, Sammy Davis, B.J. Tucker
S Tony Parrish (SS) (inj), Mike Adams (FS), Mark Roman (FS), Chad Williams (FS), Keith Lewis (FS), Marcus Hudson (FS), Vickiel Vaughn (FS)

Seattle Seahawks

QB: Matt Hasselbeck led the Seahawks to a win over the Chargers, but wasn't particularly happy with his own performance. He was intercepted once and completed 9-of-17 passes for 61 yards before leaving the game. Seneca Wallace didn't produce much either. He completed 5-of-12 passes for 61 yards. David Greene saw action at the tail end of the game, but didn't complete either of his two pass attempts.

RB: Shaun Alexander started and played the first quarter rushing for 25 yards on six carries. Maurice Morris handled the bulk of the load once Alexander was done. Morris ran 13 times for 67 yards including one run that went for 33 yards. He also caught two balls for four yards and lost a fumble. Leonard Weaver ran once for 2 yards.

WR: Nate Burleson and Bobby Engram got the starting nod at receiver on Saturday against the Chargers. D.J. Hackett, Keenan Howry and Darrell Jackson were inactive. Burleson led the Seahawks with five catches for 60 yards on eight targets, while Engram didn't catch a pass, but was targeted twice. Maurice Mann caught two balls for 16 yards on three targets. Meanwhile, Jackson is aiming for the season opener as his return date saying, "My game and my plan was to play in the first game of the season (Sept. 10), and that's what we've been sticking to and right now we're going to hit that goal, it looks like."

TE: Itula Mili caught three balls for 11 yards before leaving with a sprained a knee against the Chargers. With Jerramy Stevens inactive and recovering from recent knee surgery that leaves the Seahawks offense dangerously thin with Will Heller and Matt Murphy, both reserves, taking on larger roles. Heller caught two balls for 31 yards.

Defense: Lofa Tatupu is already in midseason form as he led the defense with nine tackles (8-1-0). Kevin Bentley and Darryl Tapp each contributed five tackles with matching 4-1-0 box scores. Craig Terrill and Grant Wistrom each recorded a sack and Shaunard Harts intercepted a pass from Chargers rookie QB Charlie Whitehurst. The Seahawks also recovered three Philip Rivers fumbles. Safety Mike Green left the game with an injured foot, which HC Mike Holmgren described as "not good".

Special Teams: Kicker Josh Brown made field goals of 28 and 40 yards, but was low and wide left on an attempt from 54 yards in the game at San Diego. The source of the problem on the miss may have been rookie punter Ryan Plackemeier who was the holder. It was not the first time they've been out of sync this preseason. Brown also added two PATs, and had kickoffs of 73, 71, 71, 65, and 51 yards. Starting kickoff returner RB Josh Scobey averaged 14.7 yards on three returns. Rookie WR Ben Obomanu averaged 16.0 yards on three kickoff returns. Starting punt returner WR Peter Warrick had a two yard return along with two fair catches. WR C.J. Jones also had a two yard punt return. WR Keenan Howry was inactive for the game.

Seahawks Depth Chart

QB Matt Hasselbeck, Seneca Wallace, David Greene, Travis Lulay
RB Shaun Alexander, Maurice Morris, Marquis Weeks, Josh Scobey
FB Mack Strong, Leonard Weaver, David Kirtman
WR Darrell Jackson (inj), Nate Burleson, Bobby Engram, Peter Warrick, D.J. Hackett (inj), Ben Obomanu, Maurice Mann, C.J. Jones
TE Jerramy Stevens (inj), Itula Mili (inj), Will Heller, Matt Murphy, Leonard Stephens
K Josh Brown
DE Grant Wistrom, Bryce Fisher, Darryl Tapp, Joe Tafoya, Ronald Flemons, Kemp Rasmussen, Chris Cooper, John Syptak
DT Marcus Tubbs, Chartric Darby, Rocky Bernard, Craig Terrill, Russell Davis, Ron Smith
MLB Lofa Tatupu, Niko Koutouvides
OLB Leroy Hill (L), Julian Peterson (R), Kevin Bentley (L), D.D. Lewis (R/L), Isaiah Kacyvenski (R), Cornelius Wortham, Lance Laury
CB Marcus Trufant, Kelly Herndon, Kelly Jennings, Jordan Babineaux, Jimmy Williams, Kevin Hobbs, Gerard Ross
S Michael Boulware (SS), Ken Hamlin (FS), Oliver Celestin, Mike Green (FS) (IR)

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

QB: The Bucs offense didn't get off to the fast start the team had hoped for with Joey Galloway and Cadillac Williams back in the lineup for the first time in the preseason. Chris Simms completed 9-of-14 passes for 77 yards in the first half, but he was sacked three times. It's still the preseason, but there was still a bit of disappointment following the first half despite going into the locker room with a 10-0 advantage.

"Inconsistency again is the word of the day," Simms said. "We did some good things, but we left some points out there to be had. I feel like we have made improvement every week. We're continuing to build. Hopefully we'll hit our stride (for the season opener)." Even rookie Bruce Gradkowski, who had three touchdowns in the Bucs first two games, struggled for the most part. He threw a pair of interceptions and fumbled twice before getting the team into the end zone with six seconds left in the game; on a 4-yard TD to Paris Warren. Tim Rattay may have escaped with the second string job intact following Gradkowski's struggles, but the team clearly likes the rookie out of Toledo and HC Jon Gruden has heaped plenty of praise on him over the last month.

RB: Cadillac Williams set up a 2-yard TD by Mike Alstott in the first quarter with a 5-yard run, which is something the fantasy world will have to deal with this season. It looks like Williams will once again turn the reins over to Alstott when the team gets inside the 5-yard line as he did last year. Williams ran only four times for three yards while catching two balls for 9 yards. Earnest Graham handled four carries for 27 yards and also notched an 18-yard reception. Carey Davis ran twice for 8 yards and added a 19-yard reception. Michael Pittman got a little bit of work running four times for three yards with a 4-yard reception.

WR: The Bucs opened Saturday's game with a 3-WR set featuring Joey Galloway, Michael Clayton and Ike Hilliard. Galloway had a 26-yard catch as he finished with two receptions for 28 yards. Clayton had one catch for 18 yards. Chas Gessner continued to impress the coaching staff by making more plays in Saturday's game. He led all of the Bucs receivers with three receptions for 68 yards including one that went for 42 yards. Maurice Stovall, the team's impressive rookie out of Notre Dame, caught one ball for six yards.

TE: Alex Smith is having an eerily quiet preseason. He caught one ball for 9 yards against the Jags, while rookie Tim Massaquoi caught two balls for 9 yards.

Defense: The Bucs defense was active and productive registering five sacks and forcing a turnover. Blue Adams led the team with five solo tackles while Shelton Quarles got back on the field and produced immediately with six tackles and a sack (4-2-1), plus a forced fumble. Simeon Rice, Anthony McFarland and Ellis Wymys also contributed sacks.

Special Teams: Kicker Matt Bryant made a PAT and a 29-yard field goal, but was wide right on a 45-yard attempt at Jacksonville. He probably would have had an additional PAT,

but the Buccaneers faked it, and completed a successful two-point conversion. Camp leg Xavier Beitia did not play in the game. Starting kickoff returner RB Michael Pittman once again did not have any returns. CB Torrie Cox had a 49-yard kickoff return. RB Jacque Lewis handled most of the kickoff returns, averaging 16.3 yards on four returns. Starting punt returner WR Mark Jones averaged 4.5 yards on two returns. WR Paris Warren averaged 5.3 yards on three punt returns, although he didn't help his chances of making the team when he tried to catch one of them with his facemask. One of the possible backups, rookie CB Justin Phinisee did not play against the Jaguars.

Buccaneers Depth Chart

QB Chris Simms, Tim Rattay, Bruce Gradkowski, Jay Fiedler (inj), Luke McCown (PUP)

RB Cadillac Williams, Michael Pittman (3RB), Earnest Graham, Derek Watson (inj), Carey Davis

FB Mike Alstott, Jerald Sowell, Rick Razzano

WR Joey Galloway, Michael Clayton, Ike Hilliard, Maurice Stovall, Mark Jones (KR), Edell Shepherd, David Boston, Paris Warren, Chas Gessner, Ben Nelson

TE Anthony Becht, Alex Smith, Dave Moore, Tim Massaquoi, T.J. Williams (IR)

K Matt Bryant

DE Simeon Rice, Greg Spires, Dewayne White (DT), Julian Jenkins

DT Anthony McFarland, Chris Hovan (NT), Ellis Wymys, Jon Bradley, Anthony Bryant

MLB Shelton Quarles, Barrett Ruud

OLB Derrick Brooks (W), Ryan Nece (S), Jamie Winborn (S), Marquis Cooper (S), Wesly Mallard (W), Charles Bennett, Anthony Trucks

CB Ronde Barber, Brian Kelly, Juran Bolden, Torrie Cox, Alan Zemaitas, Dwight Ellick

S Jermaine Phillips (SS), Will Allen (FS) (inj), Donte Nicholson (SS), Calvin Pearson (SS), Steve Cargile (SS), Eli Ward (FS), Blue Adams

Tennessee Titans

QB: Billy Volek started and played the first half. Rookie Vince Young played the second half. On his last drive of the first half, Volek completed 6-of-7 passes for 74 yards to lead the team to a field goal leaving the fan base restless. Volek finished 14-of-22 for 141 yards. Young completed 6-of-10 passes for 96 yards, including one pass on the run to Courtney Roby that went for 28 yards. But, he was intercepted a bit later by Allen Rossum at the Atlanta 20-yard line. Young ran twice for 14 yards. In a long-rumored move, the Titans added Kerry Collins to the QB mix on Monday. The rumor mill is swirling as it's unclear whether the Collins signing is a sign that the Titans are uncomfortable with Vince Young as their backup this year; or if Collins will potentially get a chance to replace Volek in the starting lineup. Either way, it muddies an already uncertain fantasy situation.

RB: Travis Henry got the starting nod from Jeff Fisher against the Falcons, leading some to speculate Henry was being showcased to potential trade suitors. Henry played two series in the first quarter, and then Chris Brown entered the game in the second quarter for a series, before Henry came back for a couple more series. Henry ran for 18 yards on seven carries with three receptions for 20 more yards. Chris Brown carried the ball once for 2 yards and caught one ball for another six yards. LenDale White played the second half with Vince Young as he ran eight times for 15 yards with a 5-yard catch.

WR: Drew Bennett and Bobby Wade started against the Falcons. Bennett had three catches for 39 yards while Wade had one reception for 17 yards. Bennett was targeted four times and Wade 5 times. Courtney Roby was targeted four times; catching two balls for 33 yards. O.J. Small, in his second camp with the Titans, caught one ball for 19 yards. Tramain Hall had a 23-yard catch. The Titans WR corps remains somewhat in flux, between David Givens' injury status and the plethora of able-bodied young receivers in camp.

TE: Ben Troupe and Bo Scaife started for the Titans, but Jeff Fisher also officially dubbed Ben Troupe the team's starter this week. Troupe was targeted five times as was Scaife. Troupe and Scaife both caught three balls, for 35 yards and 26 yards, respectively. Jamie Petrowski caught one ball for 14 yards as he bids for a roster spot with Erron Kinney sidelined as he recovers from knee surgery.

Defense: The Titans defense could be in for a long season if the last two preseason games are indicative. The Titans allowed 269 total yards in the first half a week ago to Denver and 153 yards rushing in the first half this week to Atlanta. Chris Hope led the team in tackles with six solos. Rookies Jeff Littlejohn and Steven Tulloch each had six tackles (5-1-0) and Tulloch recovered a fumble. Free agent addition LB David Thornton had five tackles and a sack (4-1-1) and Keith Bulluck had five tackles (3-2-0).

Special Teams: The Titans only scoring against Atlanta was two field goals by kicker Rob Bironas, from 35 and 51 yards. HC Jeff Fisher assessed his performance to date, "He's comfortable. He's got the best holder in football, and Craig [Hentrich] gets it down if Kenny [Amato] gets the ball back there. So he's very fortunate from that standpoint. We're pacing the leg. We're doing just enough kicking. The leg strength is there, and he's been, with the exception of one day, he's been very accurate." Fisher held CB Adam Pacman Jones out of the game, "I am disappointed that Pac's activities have become an issue again, because I believe he has made significant gains over the last year. I want to let the legal system work in this case before I make any conclusions. I am going sit him out of this game on principle and not because I believe he is guilty in this case based on what I believe the facts are at this time. Last January I let the team know that they would be held to a higher standard and this does not meet that standard. I would expect him to be on the sidelines Saturday night in the game against the Falcons encouraging his teammates and getting encouragement from his

teammates." WR Bobby Wade averaged 21.5 yards on two kickoff returns, and averaged 7.0 yards on two punt returns. WR Courtney Roby had a 25-yard kickoff return, and rookie DB Cortland Finnegan had a four yard punt return.

Titans Depth Chart

QB Billy Volek, Vince Young, Kerry Collins, Matt Mauck

RB Chris Brown, LenDale White (inj), Travis Henry, Jarrett Payton

FB Troy Fleming (inj), Ahmard Hall, Quinton Ganther

WR Drew Bennett, David Givens (inj), Bobby Wade, Tyrone Calico (inj), Courtney Roby, Brandon Jones (inj), Roydell Williams, Jonathan Orr

TE Ben Troupe, Erron Kinney (inj), Bo Scaife, Greg Guenther (inj), Jamie Petrowski, Ben Hall

K Rob Bironas

DE Kyle Vanden Bosch, Travis LaBoy, Bo Schobel, Copeland Bryan, Sean Conover, Tim Thompson, Antwan Odom (inj)

DT Albert Haynesworth, Randy Starks, Jesse Mahelona, Jared Clauss, Jeff Littlejohn, Daleroy Stewart, Marcus White, Wayne Dickens, Chris Herring, Rien Long (inj)

MLB Peter Sirmon (M/S), Stephen Tulloch

OLB Keith Bulluck (W), David Thornton (S), Cody Spencer (W), Marcus Randall, Robert Reynolds (S/M), Terna Nande, Spencer Toone

CB Pacman Jones, Reynaldo Hill, Andre Woolfolk, Rich Gardner, Cedric Holt, Michael Waddell (inj)

S Chris Hope (SS), Lamont Thompson (FS), Vincent Fuller (FS), Donnie Nicky (SS), Calvin Lowry (SS), Cortland Finnegan (FS)

Washington Redskins

QB: It might be time for the Redskins to get a little nervous. Mark Brunell still hasn't led the offense on a scoring drive in 11 preseason possessions, including seven against the Patriots on Saturday. Brunell went 7-of-16 for 51 yards and was sacked three times. Backups Jason Campbell and Todd Collins didn't fare much better, either. The Redskins reached the Patriots 12-yard line with 46 seconds left in the game, but couldn't score on any of their final four plays. "We are going through a real tough time," Redskins coach Joe Gibbs said. "I think when you go through tests like this, you find out what you are made of." Campbell completed 8-of-16 passes for 76 yards and added 26 yards on two runs while Collins went 1-for-1 for 11 yards. On Monday, the Redskins cut QB Casey Bramlet.

RB: T.J. Duckett, in his first game as a Redskin, carried four times and gained 8 yards only four days after being acquired from the Falcons. Clinton Portis missed his second game with a shoulder injury, but Gibbs said this week that Portis is ahead of schedule and on track to be ready for the season opener. Ladell Betts started for the Redskins and he gained 25 yards on seven carries with one catch for three yards. As for Duckett, he thinks his style is a perfect contrast to that of Portis. "We have two different styles," Duckett said. "I am

more of a downhill runner and a bruising back. He is quick, fast, shifty, makes people miss and makes plays. Me? I am just going to beat them up and bruise them.” Gibbs was quick to put his other backs at ease following the acquisition of the former first round pick out of Michigan State. “They all have big roles for us,” he said of RB Ladell Betts, RB Rock Cartwright and FB Mike Sellers.

WR: Santana Moss and Brandon Lloyd started as they opened the game with a single back set featuring two receivers and two tight ends (Chris Cooley and Christian Fauria). Moss caught two balls for 12 yards and Lloyd had one catch for 8 yards. Lloyd was targeted five times, Moss four times. Antwaan Randle El also caught one ball for 7 yards. Steven Harris, a rookie, had the biggest play – a 35-yard reception. Jimmy Farris caught three balls for 13 yards.

TE: Chris Cooley had a quiet game catching two passes for 21 yards on three targets. Reserve Buck Ortega caught two balls for 8 yards.

Defense: Adam Archuleta paced the Redskins defense with 10 combined tackles (7-3-0) and Lemar Marshall chipped in with seven (6-1-0) tackles. Sean Taylor had nine tackles (5-4-0) and Warrick Holdman six (4-2-0). The Redskins failed to sack the Patriots and forced only one turnover – a fumble forced by Reed Doughty that was recovered by Rocky McIntosh. The Redskins released several players on Monday, including DBs Antuan Edwards and Aric Williams, LB Kevin Simon and DTs Chris Mineo and Karon Riley. DE Renaldo Wynn sprained his ankle in Saturday’s game and he is “day to day”.

Special Teams: Not even kicker John Hall could save the Redskins from being shutout at New England. His 43-yard field goal attempt was blocked. Washington went for it on a fourth down in the second quarter, rather than opting for a 53-yard attempt by Hall. Kicker Tyler Jones did not play in the game. Punter Derrick Frost continued to struggle, which could mean rookie David Lonie will win the job by default. Whoever wins, they’ll also be handling kickoff chores this year to the dismay of Hall, "Absolutely, I do miss kickoffs, and if it comes down to it where I need to, then I'd be willing to do whatever they need me to do, happily." Once again, the primary returners, WR Antwaan Randle El and RB Ladell Betts, did not have any returns in the game. Once again, rookie WR Mike Espy saw the most work, averaging 19.7 yards on six kickoff returns, and fair catching a punt. Rookie CB John Eubanks had a 28-yard kickoff return, and DB Christian Morton had a 20-yarder.

Redskins Depth Chart

QB Mark Brunell, Jason Campbell, Todd Collins

RB Clinton Portis (inj), Ladell Betts (3RB), T.J. Duckett (SD), Rock Cartwright, Nehemiah Broughton (FB), Joe Rubin, A.J. Harris

FB Mike Sellers, Manuel White

WR Santana Moss (PR), Brandon Lloyd, Antwaan Randle El (KR/PR), David Patten, Jimmy Farris, Andrae Thurman, Mike Espy, Richard Smith, Steven Harris

TE Chris Cooley, Christian Fauria, Buck Ortega, Jared Hicks,

Dustin Denning, Brandon Sebald

K John Hall

DE Philip Daniels (inj), Andre Carter, Renaldo Wynn, Demetric Evans, Manaia Brown

DT Cornelius Griffin, Joe Salave'a, Cedric Killings, Ryan Boschetti, Anthony Montgomery, Kedric Golston

MLB Lemar Marshall (S/W), Robert McCune (S/M)

OLB Marcus Washington (S), Warrick Holdman (W), Rocky McIntosh (W) (inj), Jeff Posey (S), Khary Campbell (S/M), Spencer Havner (S)

CB Shawn Springs (inj), Carlos Rogers, Kenny Wright, Mike Rumph (inj), Ade Jimoh, Christian Morton, Julian Battle
S Sean Taylor (FS), Adam Archuleta (SS), Pierson Prioleau (SS), Curry Burns (FS), Reed Doughty (SS), Vernon Fox, Bobby Godinez