

# Kickermania - thru week 7 & looking ahead to week 8

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Team	Current KICKER	2009 Kicking points (top five are highlighted)						2009 Kicking ppg						2009 Kdef				Week 7 matchup					
		standard total	atempt total	bonus total	avg	home	away	ppg allw	ppg	home	away	ppg	home	away	oppnt	Kdef	score	math calc I	math calc II	this week rank			
Ari	Neil Rackers	40	15	43	19	43	14	6.7	15	6.0	22	7.3	8	5.2	5	0.97	0.50	CAR	0.86	6.0	5.1	6.3	17
notes	misses: 48WR																						
Atl	Jason Elam	30	28	37	25	33	28	5.0	26	4.7	27	5.3	19	7.0	22	0.44	1.37	@NO	0.92	5.3	4.9	5.9	15
notes	misses: 42WR, 38LU, extra point WL																						
Bal	Steve Hauschka	37	18	43	19	38	24	6.2	17	6.7	18	5.7	15	8.7	29	0.88	1.17	DEN	0.92	6.7	6.1	6.4	14
notes	misses: 41WL, 44WL																						
Buf	Rian Lindell	47	11	53	12	50	11	6.7	13	6.3	20	7.0	11	5.7	10	0.87	0.79	HOU	0.88	6.3	5.5	6.1	19
notes	misses: 49WL, 46WR																						
Car	John Kasay	22	31	31	32	25	31	3.7	30	3.0	31	4.3	25	5.8	11	1.14	0.86	@ARI	0.97	4.3	4.2	4.4	23
notes	misses: 52B, 43WR, 39WL																						
Chi	Robbie Gould	35	25	38	24	39	22	5.8	21	8.5	8	4.5	23	6.7	17	0.81	1.23	CLE	1.16	8.5	9.9	6.7	3
notes	misses: 53SH																						
Cin	Shayne Graham	35	25	45	18	38	24	5.0	26	4.5	28	5.7	15	5.4	7	0.80	0.67	BYE					
notes	misses: 52WL, 23B, 32B, extra point B																						
Cle	Billy Cundiff	36	22	36	27	37	27	5.1	24	6.3	20	4.3	27	7.6	26	0.88	1.16	@CHI	0.81	4.3	3.5	5.9	25
notes	misses: none. Phil Dawson partially participated in Wednesday's practice.																						
Dal	Nick Folk	49	9	55	11	54	7	8.2	8	9.0	5	7.3	8	5.8	11	0.56	1.71	SEA	1.66	9.0	14.9	7.0	2
notes	misses: 40WR, 40WL																						
Den	Matt Prater	49	9	61	5	54	7	8.2	8	7.3	15	9.0	3	6.7	17	0.79	0.92	@BAL	0.88	9.0	7.9	8.4	10
notes	misses: 39WL, 37WL, 48WR, 54WR																						
Det	Jason Hanson	37	18	40	23	41	18	6.2	17	7.3	15	5.0	20	8.3	27	0.86	1.41	STL	0.70	7.3	5.1	6.6	20
notes	misses: 49WR																						
GB	Mason Crosby	51	6	61	5	56	6	8.5	6	9.0	5	8.0	5	4.3	2	1.24	0.47	MIN	1.02	9.0	9.2	7.5	8
notes	misses: 49WL, 55WL, 55WL, extra point WL																						
Hou	Kris Brown	39	17	48	13	41	18	5.6	22	5.5	25	5.7	15	5.4	7	1.09	0.88	@BUF	0.87	5.7	4.9	5.6	21
notes	misses: 33WL, 35B, 28B																						
Ind	Matt Stover	41	14	47	15	43	14	6.8	12	6.0	22	7.3	10	6.8	19	1.25	1.16	SF	1.09	6.0	6.5	6.6	9
notes	misses: Vinatieri 52WL, 32LU																						
Jac	Josh Scobee	36	22	48	13	41	18	6.0	20	7.7	13	4.3	25	6.2	14	1.00	1.09	@TEN	1.37	4.3	5.9	7.5	18
notes	misses: 63SH, 46B, 55WL, 58WL																						
KC	Ryan Succop	37	18	43	19	42	17	5.3	23	4.3	30	6.7	13	8.7	30	1.30	1.20	BYE					
notes	misses: 53B, 43WR																						
Mia	Dan Carpenter	44	13	47	15	47	13	7.3	10	9.0	5	4.0	28	8.3	27	1.10	1.21	@NYJ	1.43	4.0	5.7	6.4	11
notes	misses: 49WR																						
Min	Ryan Longwell	60	2	63	4	66	2	8.6	4	9.3	4	8.0	5	6.6	16	1.06	1.02	@GB	1.24	8.0	9.9	6.5	4
notes	misses: 44B																						
NE	Stephen Gostkowski	60	2	69	2	63	3	8.6	4	10.3	2	6.3	14	4.6	4	0.64	1.09	BYE					
notes	misses: 41WR, 40WL, 39WR																						
NO	John Carney	52	5	60	7	53	9	8.7	3	7.0	17	10.3	1	6.8	19	0.92	0.96	ATL	1.37	7.0	9.6	7.8	5
notes	misses: 34B, 49WL, extra point B, extra point WL																						
NYG	Lawrence Tynes	69	1	78	1	72	1	9.9	1	10.0	3	9.8	2	4.1	1	0.82	0.82	@PHI	0.55	9.8	5.3	7.6	16
notes	misses: 29WL, 21WL, 38WR																						
NYJ	Jay Feely	50	8	56	9	53	9	7.1	11	7.7	13	6.8	12	5.4	7	1.43	0.48	MIA	1.21	7.7	9.3	7.7	6
notes	misses: 44WL, 38WR																						
Oak	Sebastian Janikowski	32	27	32	31	38	24	4.6	29	4.5	28	4.7	21	8.7	30	1.11	1.40	@SD	1.24	4.7	5.8	5.7	22
notes	misses: none																						
Phi	David Akers	51	6	60	7	58	5	8.5	6	8.3	9	8.7	4	5.3	6	0.55	1.33	NYG	0.82	8.3	6.8	6.3	12
notes	misses: 51B, 43WL, 47WR																						
Pit	Jeff Reed	47	11	56	9	48	12	6.7	13	8.3	10	4.7	21	4.4	3	0.57	0.67	BYE					
notes	misses: 38WL, 43WL, 52WL																						
SD	Nate Kaeding	59	4	68	3	63	3	9.8	2	12.0	1	7.7	7	6.8	19	1.24	0.97	OAK	1.40	12.0	16.8	9.3	1
notes	misses: 41WR, 55WL, 43WR																						
Sea	Olindo Mare	40	15	46	17	43	14	6.7	15	7.8	12	4.5	23	5.8	11	0.56	1.66	@DAL	0.56	4.5	2.5	6.3	24
notes	misses: 43WL, 34WL																						

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SF	Joe Nedney	37	18	43	19	40	21	6.2	17	6.7	18	5.7	15	6.3	15	0.89	1.09	@IND	1.25	5.7	7.1	6.5	13	
notes	misses: 43LU, 48WR																							
StL	Josh Brown	24	30	33	29	29	30	3.4	31	5.0	26	2.3	32	7.0	22	1.00	0.70	@DET	0.86	2.3	1.9	5.9	26	
notes	misses: 37WR, 48B, 51SH																							
TB	Shane Andrus	18	32	33	29	18	32	2.6	32	1.8	32	3.7	30	7.3	24	0.86	0.84	BYE						
notes	misses: Nugent 38B, 46WR, 49RU, 48WR; Andrus 43SH																							
Ten	Rob Bironas	28	29	34	28	33	28	4.7	28	8.0	11	3.0	31	9.0	32	1.37	0.96	JAC	1.09	8.0	8.7	5.4	7	
notes	misses: 37WR, 31B																							
Was	Shaun Suisham	36	22	37	25	39	22	5.1	24	6.0	22	4.0	28	7.3	24	1.42	1.10	BYE						
notes	misses: extra point B																							

**NOTES:**

- All stats are based on Standard Scoring of 3 points for field goals and 1 point for extra points  
(except for the Bonus Total column which increases 40-49 yard FG's to 4 points, and FG's of 50 yards and over to 5 points)
- "Attempted" = maximum number of kicking points the team could have had if they made every kick
- The Kdefensive "factors" are the median by which teams allow kicking points, as compared to their opponents average scoring  
(i.e. smaller numbers under 1.0 equal better kicking defense, larger numbers over 1.0 = not so good)
- Weekly matchup numbers: the "Mathematical Calculation I" is the home or away "Kscoring" multiplied by the "Kdefensive Factor"  
Mathematical Calculation II is simply the average of the Kicking ppg scored and the Kicking points allowed by the opponent
- FAQ: why do the weekly rankings not correlate to either of the Math Calculations?  
Answer: the weekly and overall rankings are not based on the Math II calculations, which are provided for anyone who prefers that methodology or information. The rankings are more closely based on a Math I calculations which factor in the kicker's applicable home and away scoring averages, and the opposing defenses home and away kdef factors. Early in the year, the kdef factors use last year's numbers, since there is not enough games played for useful current year numbers. Individual rankings are also adjusted for things like offensive injuries that could impact scoring, and for anomalies (such as kicker scoring an incredibly high number of points in a game, which skews his average, especially early in the year).
- Misses key: SH = short, WR = wide right, WL = wide left, CR = cross bar, RU = right upright, LU = left upright, B = blocked, T = tipped

**Mike Herman's Kicker Rankings for This Week \*\*\***

Rank	Player	Opponent
1	Nate Kaeding	OAK
2	Nick Folk	SEA
3	Robbie Gould	CLE
4	Ryan Longwell	@GB
5	John Carney	ATL
6	Jay Feely	MIA
7	Rob Bironas	JAC
8	Mason Crosby	MIN
9	Matt Stover	SF
10	Matt Prater	@BAL
11	Dan Carpenter	@NYJ
12	David Akers	NYG
13	Joe Nedney	@IND
14	Steve Hauschka	DEN
15	Jason Elam	@NO
16	Lawrence Tynes	@PHI
17	Neil Rackers	CAR
18	Josh Scobee	@TEN
19	Rian Lindell	HOU
20	Jason Hanson	STL
21	Kris Brown	@BUF
22	Sebastian Janikowski	@SD
23	John Kasay	@ARI
24	Olindo Mare	@DAL
25	Billy Cundiff	@CHI
26	Josh Brown	@DET
27	Shayne Graham	BYE
27	Ryan Succop	BYE
27	Stephen Gostkowski	BYE
27	Jeff Reed	BYE
27	Shane Andrus	BYE
27	Shaun Suisham	BYE

**Remaining Schedule (thru week 16) Rankings \*\*\***

Rank	Player
1	Nate Kaeding
2	Ryan Longwell
3	Nick Folk
4	Mason Crosby
5	John Carney / Garrett Hartley
6	Stephen Gostkowski
7	Lawrence Tynes
8	Neil Rackers
9	Matt Stover / Adam Vinatieri
10	Shayne Graham
11	Robbie Gould
12	Steve Hauschka
13	Matt Prater
14	David Akers
15	Jay Feely
16	Josh Scobee
17	Kris Brown
18	Dan Carpenter
19	Jason Elam
20	Jeff Reed
21	Rian Lindell
22	Olindo Mare
23	Joe Nedney
24	Rob Bironas
25	Ryan Succop
26	Jason Hanson
27	John Kasay
28	Shaun Suisham
29	Billy Cundiff / Phil Dawson
30	Josh Brown
31	Shane Andrus
32	Sebastian Janikowski

\*\*\* Note: These rankings differ from the official Footballguys.com rankings