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SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (2-1) VS. SEATTLE SEAHAWKS (2-1)

1:05 p.m. (PST), Sunday, September 30
TV – FOX – Radio, KNBR 1050 AM and KSAN 107.7 FM



THE WEEK AHEAD

San Francisco returns to action in a battle for first place in the NFC West against their division rival the Seattle Seahawks. Although they are division foes, the teams have gone head to head only 16 times, with both team winning eight games. The 49ers broke a six game losing skid against the Seahawks last season, sweeping the season series for the first time since 2002 with a 20-14 victory at home (11-19-06) and a 24-14 win on the road (12-14-06) in a nationally televised Thursday night contest on NFL Network.

SEATTLE WEEK SCHEDULE

- **9/26** – 11:45 a.m. Mike Nolan press conference...Noon conference call with T Walter Jones...12:35 p.m. conference call with Head Coach Mike Holmgren...Noon-12:45 p.m. locker room open for player interviews...2-4 p.m. practice.
- **9/27** – Noon-12:45 p.m. locker room open for player interviews...2-4 p.m. practice.
- **9/28** – 11:30-1:00 p.m. practice...Media availability after practice.
- **9/29** – Walk-thru (closed to media).
- **9/30** – 1:05 p.m. (PST) kickoff vs. Seattle.

SAMSUNG 49ERS RADIO NETWORK

The 49ers-Seahawks game can be heard on the Samsung 49ers Radio Network. Locally, the game can be heard on KNBR 1050 AM and KSAN 107.7 FM. Joe Starkey returns to handle the play-by-play. He is joined in the booth by former San Francisco linebacker Gary Plummer, who provides color commentary and game analysis. Rod Brooks will handle sideline duties.

SPANISH RADIO

The San Francisco will broadcast games on two Spanish language stations KIQI Radio 1010 in San Francisco and KATD 990 in Sacramento. Broadcast duties will be held by Spanish sports announcers Fernando Arias and Ambrosio Rico, both from the Bay Area. Arias will be calling play by plays with Rico adding color commentary. Both broadcasters have extensive experience announcing NFL games in Spanish.

NATIONAL RADIO

The game can be heard nationally on Sports USA Radio. Howard David and Doug Plank will be the game announcers. Rich Cellini will handle sideline duties.

TELEVISION

The game will be televised on FOX with a scheduled 1:05 p.m. PST kickoff from Monster Park. Kenny Albert and Darryl Johnston are in the booth. Tony Siragusa will handle sideline duties.

THE LAST TIME

SAN FRANCISCO 24, SEATTLE 14
At Seattle, December 14, 2006

The San Francisco 49ers completed a series sweep of the Seattle Seahawks with a 21-point fourth quarter for a 24-14 victory in a nationally-televised Thursday night game on the NFL Network.

QB Alex Smith accounted for three fourth quarter touchdowns with passes to **TE Vernon Davis** and **RB Frank Gore** and an 18-yard touchdown run. Gore gained 144 of the 49ers 228 yards on the ground, including 106 yards in the fourth quarter.

The 49ers offense struggled for the first three quarters. They were limited to just four first downs before the breakout fourth quarter that saw the team gain 196 total yards to rally for the comeback. After going three-and-out in eight of their first nine drives, the 49ers went on three straight touchdown drives – an 11-play, 102-yard drive, a 10-play, 78-yard drive and then a six-play, 86-yard drive.

Smith played arguably the best quarter of his young career, jump starting the 49ers offense when he completed a 54-yard pass to **WR Arnaz Battle** on the last play of the third quarter for a first down at the Seattle 33-yard line. After firing a 13-yard strike to Battle on third-and-10, Smith connected with Davis for a touchdown that gave the 49ers a 10-7 lead.

Davis was flagged on the touchdown for excessive celebration, forcing the 49ers to kickoff from their own 15-yard line. A 28-yard kickoff return allowed Seattle to begin the ensuing drive inside San Francisco territory at the 36-yard line.

The 49ers defense stopped Seattle on a third-and one and a fourth-and-one attempt, and the 49ers offense responded by converting two third-down plays on a drive that reached the Seattle 20-yard line to set up Smith's 20-yard touchdown pass to Gore for a 17-7 49ers lead.

CB Shawntae Spencer intercepted a QB Matt Hasselbeck pass on the next drive and a 40-yard run by Gore helped position the 49ers at the Seattle 18-yard line where Smith scored on a run off a bootleg fake for a 24-7 lead. Seattle scored with 18 seconds left for a 24-14 final. Seattle took a 7-0 first quarter lead and appeared ready to go into halftime with that lead.

Lined up to punt from their own 43-yard line, head coach Mike Nolan called a fake. The snap was directed to **RB Michael Robinson** for a 33-yard gain to the Seattle 24-yard line to get into position for a 39-yard **PK Joe Nedney** field goal. Seattle took the second half kickoff and marched to the San Francisco 20-yard line. Hasselbeck was intercepted by **S Mark Roman** in the end zone to end a scoring chance and swing the momentum to the 49ers.

OFFENSIVE STARTERS

WR Arnaz Battle is second on the team with nine catches for 104 yards and has rushed the ball two times for nine yards and one touchdown.

WR Darrell Jackson leads the team with 11 catches for 165 yards..

LT Jonas Jennings started at left tackle against Pittsburgh (9-23-07) and has helped the 49ers offense average 90.7 yards rushing per game.

LG Larry Allen signed with San Francisco in the 2006 off-season and brought his future Hall of Fame credentials to the team. He has been selected to 11 Pro Bowls and named an All-Pro seven times.

C Eric Heitmann was voted by his teammates as the 2006 Bobb McKittrick Award winner given to the top lineman on the team. He started against Pittsburgh (9-23-07) for the third time this season.

RG Justin Smiley started against Pittsburgh (9-23-07) and was instrumental in the team's 272 rushing yards on the year.

RT Joe Staley is a first-round pick from Central Michigan that won the starting right tackle job after a strong training camp. In college, he saw action in 46 games with 39 starts and became the first player out of Central Michigan to be drafted in the first round of the NFL Draft in school history.

TE Vernon Davis had his best game of the season against Pittsburgh (9-30-07) with a team-high four catches for 56 yards.

RB Frank Gore leads the team with 52 catches for 175 yards and three touchdowns.

FB Moran Norris played against Pittsburgh (9-30-07) and has two rushes and two receptions on the year.

QB Alex Smith has thrown for 461 yards on 43 attempts on the season. He has led the team to two fourth quarter comeback victories this season.

2007 SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Time (PST)	Network
September 10	vs. Arizona	W, 20-17	ESPN/CBS 5
September 16	@ St. Louis	W, 17-16	FOX
September 23	@ Pittsburgh	L, 17-36	FOX
September 30	vs. Seattle	1:05 p.m.	FOX
October 7	vs. Baltimore	1:15 p.m.	CBS
October 21	@ NY Giants	10:00 a.m.	FOX
October 28	vs. NO	1:15 p.m.	FOX
November 4	@ Atlanta	10:00 a.m.	FOX
November 12	@ Seattle	5:30 p.m.	ESPN
November 18	vs. St. Louis	1:15 p.m.	FOX
November 25	@ Arizona	1:05 p.m.	FOX
December 2	@ Carolina	10:00 a.m.	FOX
December 9	vs. Minnesota	1:05 p.m.	FOX
December 15	vs. Cincinnati	5:15 p.m.	NFLN
December 23	vs. Tampa Bay	5:15 p.m.	NBC
December 30	@ Cleveland	10:00 a.m.	FOX

49ERS RELAUNCH MEDIA EXTRANET SITE

The 49ers public relations department has revamped the team's media extranet site. The site will be updated daily and includes transcriptions, clips, rosters, game releases, press releases, statistics updated player bios, game books, stadium project information, 2007 media guide files and additional pertinent information needed to cover the team. To access the site, visit <http://media.49ers.com>.

DEFENSIVE STARTERS

UT Bryant Young leads the team and is tied for second in the NFL with 4.0 sacks.

NT Aubrayo Franklin is a big, active lineman with good balance and technique. He has started the first three games of the season.

DE Marques Douglas was a force against Pittsburgh (9-23-07) finishing with eight tackles, a quarterback pressure and .5 sack.

LB Tully Banta-Cain started against Pittsburgh after an impressive second game of the season against St. Louis (9-16-07) where he notched a quarterback pressure, a half sack and two tackles.

LB Derek Smith had seven tackles against Pittsburgh (9-23-07).

LB Patrick Willis was a tackling force against Pittsburgh (9-23-07), finishing with seven tackles and one pass defensed.

LB Hannibal Navies started at outside linebacker in place of LB Manny Lawson at Pittsburgh (9-23-07). He forced and recovered a fumble on a seven-yard sack of QB Ben Roethlisberger at the Pittsburgh 22-yard line in the first quarter to set up a 49ers field goal.

CB Nate Clements has been a welcome addition both on and off the field. A physical player, Clements had six tackles and one pass defensed at Pittsburgh (9-23-07). This followed an impressive game against St. Louis when Clements notched his second NFL sack when he came on a corner blitz and dropped QB Marc Bulger for an 11-yard loss on a third-and-12 play to end the St. Louis Rams first offensive drive (9-16-07). He also forced a key fumble against Torry Holt.

CB Walt Harris had two tackles against Pittsburgh (9-23-07) and leads the team with an interception that he picked off on the first series against Arizona (9-10-07).

FS Mark Roman was a physical presence in the secondary against Pittsburgh (9-23-07) with six tackles.

SS Michael Lewis tied a team high with eight tackles and .5 sack against Pittsburgh (9-23-07).

O CAPTAIN

Mike Nolan announced 10 team captains for the season prior to the home opener against the Arizona Cardinals (9-10-07). Each position group selected a representative while CB Walt Harris and T Jonas Jennings are part of the group as the team's NFL representatives. The rest of the captains are: PK Joe Nedey from the special teams, C Eric Heitmann from the offensive line, WR Arnaz Battle from the wide receivers/tight ends, FB Moran Norris from the running backs, DE Marques Douglas from the defensive line, QB Trent Dilfer from the quarterbacks, LB Derek Smith from the linebackers and CB Nate Clements from the defensive backs. Nolan chose to have captains from each position group on the team to get a better feel for any team issues that may come up. Each Friday he meets with the group to discuss team oriented issues and concerns. Said Nolan, "We named those 10 captains, and I meet with them every week on any issues the players may have. Our team recognizes those 10 guys, and I meet with them every week and go every any issues they may have. Sometimes it may be a 30 second meeting, other times it could go as long as 30 minutes. This is the committee, so to speak, that allows me to interact with the football team in an additional way other than coming to my office." The first order of business for the committee was to add veteran and longtime 49er Bryant Young to the committee.

San Francisco 49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks Connections

Coaching Connections

49ers WR coach Jerry Sullivan coached the wide receivers with the Detroit Lions from 1998-00 with Seahawks quarterbacks coach Jim Zorn who coached the quarterbacks there...49ers RB coach Bishop Harris coached the running backs with the Bills from 1998-99 with Seahawks special teams coach Bruce DeHaven who coached the special teams there...49ers offensive line coach George Warhop also coached with Bruce DeHaven with the Cowboys from 2003-04 when Warhop coached the offensive line there and DeHaven coached the special teams...49ers WR coach Jerry Sullivan and TE coach Pete Hoener both coached with the Cardinals in 2003 with Seahawks secondary coach Larry Marmie, Hoener coached the offensive line, Sullivan coached the wide receivers, and Marmie was the defensive coordinator.

Former 49ers

Seahawks Head Coach Mike Holmgren was the offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach for the 49ers from 1986-91 under Bill Walsh...Seahawks defensive line coach Dwaine Board was DE for the 49ers from 1979-87 and coached the defensive line for the 49ers from 1990-02...Seahawks special teams coach Bruce Dehaven coached the special teams fro the 49ers from 2000-02...Seahawks defensive coordinator John Marshall coached for the 49ers from 1989-98 coaching the defensive line from 1989-93, the linebackers from 1994-96, and was the defensive coordinator from 1997-98...Seahawks defensive backs coach Jim Mora coached for the 49ers from 1997-03 coaching the secondary from 1997-98 and was the defensive coordinator from 1999-03...Seahawks special projects coach Ray Rhodes was a defensive back for the 49ers in 1980 and coached the secondary for the 49ers from 1981-91 and was the defensive coordinator in 1994...Seahawks LB Julian Petersen was drafted in the 1st round (16th overall) by the 49ers in 2000 and played there from 2000-05.

Former Seahawks

49ers QB Trent Dilfer played for the Seahawks from 2001-04...49ers WR Darrell Jackson was drafted in the 3rd round (80th overall) by the Seahawks in 2000 and played there from 2000-06.

49ers Washington Connections

49ers WR Jason Hill attended Washington State...49ers DB Dashon Goldson attended the University of Washington.

Seahawks California Connections

Seahawks Head Coach Mike Holmgren is a native of San Francisco, Ca and attended USC, Holmgren had numerous coaching stints in California: Lincoln High School in San Francisco (1971), Sacred Heart High School in San Francisco (1972-74), Oak Grove High School in San Jose (1975-80), and San Francisco State (1981)...Seahawks strength and conditioning coach Mike Clark coached at USC (1998-89)...Seahawks offensive consultant Keith Gilbertson was the head coach at UC-Berkeley (1992-95)...Seahawks offensive coordinator Gil Haskell is a native of San Francisco, Ca, attended San Francisco State (1961,1963-65), and coached at USC (1978-82)...Seahawks special teams assistant John Jamison is a native of San Francisco and attended UC-Berkeley (1968)...Seahawks offensive line coach Bill Laveroni is a native of San Francisco, attended UC-Berkeley (1967-69), coached at UC-Berkeley (1970,1978,1983-89), University of San Francisco (1971), San Jose State (1990-94), and the San Jose Sabercats of the AFL (1995)...Seahawks defensive assistant Larry Marmie coached at UCLA (1995)...Seahawks defensive coordinator John Marshall is a native of Arroyo Grande, Ca, and coached at USC (1977-79)...Seahawks defensive backs coach Jim Mora is a native of Los Angeles, Ca...Seahawks quarterbacks coach Jim Zorn is a native of

Whittier, Ca and attended Cal Poly-Pomona...Seahawks DT Brandon Mebane is a native of Los Angeles, Ca and attended UC-Berkeley...Seahawks S C.J. Wallace is a native of Sacramento, Ca...Seahawks QB Seneca Wallace is a native of Sacramento, Ca.

49ers Seahawks Player Connections

49ers TE Vernon Davis played at Maryland with Seahawks CB Josh Wilson...49ers S Michael Lewis played at Colorado with Seahawks T Tom Ashworth...49ers S Keith Lewis played at Oregon with Seahawks RB Maurice Morris...49ers LB Patrick Willis played at Mississippi with Seahawks C Chris Spencer.

49ers vs. Seattle Seahawks

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(Pts. - Seattle 390, S.F. 345)

SF Record vs. Seahawks: Home - 3-4 (Monster - 3-4); Away - 5-4 (Kingdome - 3-1; Seahawks Stadium - 2-3)

SF Points vs. Seahawks: Home - 163-172 (Monster - 163-172); Away - 182-218 (Kingdome - 108-88; Seahawks Stadium - 74-130)

1976 – 49ers 37-21 (S)

1979 – Seahawks 35-24 (SF)

1985 – 49ers 19-6 (SF)

1988 – 49ers 38-7 (S)

1991 – 49ers 24-22 (S)

1997 – Seahawks 38-9 (S)

2002 – 49ers 28-21 (S)

49ers 31-24 (SF)

2003 – Seahawks 20-19 (S)

Seahawks 24-17 (SF)

2004 – Seahawks 34-0 (S)

Seahawks 42-27 (SF)

2005 – Seahawks 27-25 (SF)

Seahawks 41-3 (S)

2006 – 49ers 20-14 (SF)

49ers 24-14 (S)

49ERS PLEDGE PROGRAMS

The San Francisco 49ers Foundation is once again partnering with corporations to help fund various charitable and non-profit organizations. The 49ers Pledge Program is based on player or team statistics. Money is contributed to a non-profit or charity organization when statistical goals are achieved after the season. Since 1985, the 49ers Pledge Program has generated more than one million dollars in community outreach support.

49ERS FOUNDATION

For every touchdown made in a 49ers game, including preseason games, Wells Fargo will donate \$5,000 to the 49ers Foundation.

Amount raised to date: \$70,000 (14 touchdowns)

Over the last two years, Wells Fargo has contributed \$300,000 to the 49ers Foundation.

BMC Software will donate \$500 to the 49ers Foundation for every regular season field goal made.

Amount raised to date: \$3,000 (6 field goals)

BURGER KING SACK CHALLENGE

In honor of 49ers alumni Len Rhode and the great offensive line of the early 1970s, BURGER KING ® is issuing a "Sack Challenge" to today's great offensive line to beat their record of only allowing 8 sacks over the course of the season. For every game in which the 49ers offensive line does not allow a sack, BURGER KING ® will make a donation to the 49ers Foundation. Regardless of whether or not this year's team breaks their hallowed record, BURGER KING ® has committed to making a donation of at least \$10,000.

GOOD TIDINGS FOUNDATION

For every 49ers victory during the regular season, the Stockton, Lodi, Salinas and Central Coast area Food 4 Less Stores will donate \$1,000 to the Good Tidings Foundation.

Amount raised to date: \$2,000 (2 victories)

GLEN PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Washington Mutual will donate \$500 for every touchdown made during regular season games to Glen Park Elementary School in San Francisco.

Amount raised to date: \$2,500 (5 touchdowns)

YOUNG DREAMS FOUNDATION

Devcon Construction will donate \$500 to the Young Dreams Foundation for every sack made by DE Bryant Young during the regular season.

Amount raised to date: \$2,000 (4 sacks)

PAT TILLMAN FOUNDATION

K Joe Nedney will donate \$250 for every PAT (point after attempts) made during the regular season to the Pat Tillman Foundation. Team

Amount raised to date: \$1,250 (5 PATs)

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

Mike Nolan joined the Oregon football team as a walk-on. Then one day his life took a fluke twist. Oregon's quarterback ran the option in practice and was tackled by the team's safety. On the same play, both suffered season-ending injuries. The backup quarterback was the second-string safety. Just two days later Oregon's third-string safety flunked out of school. Within three days, Nolan had gone from a fourth-string walk-on to a starting safety in one of the nation's toughest football conferences, the PAC-8. (Now the PAC-10). "I didn't do anything to deserve those breaks," said Nolan. "I grabbed my chance. I started for three years on scholarship."

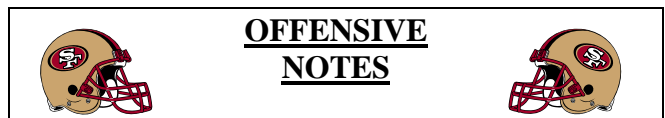
RON WOLF ON SCOT MCCLOUGHAN

As one of the most respected executives in the history of the National Football League, Ron Wolf developed an eye for talent during his legendary career that included building a Super Bowl Championship team as the General Manager of the Green Bay Packers. And one of his first moves upon taking over in Green Bay was the hiring of Scot McCloughan. "He was one of my first hires when I went to Green Bay. I did that because he came highly recommended. One of my best friends is his dad, who was a great player and a scout with the Raiders and is still a scout with the Raiders," Wolf said. "What happened with Scot was he came in there and we had a little procedure that we used to see whether a person could do this, being a scout or not, and he passed with flying colors. I hired him and he never disappointed." As Wolf said, McCloughan passed the test, a personnel evaluation, with flying colors and his career took off from there. After spending four years with the Packers, McCloughan moved on to Seattle where he served as the Director of College Scouting for five seasons. So what is it that has accounted for McCloughan's fast track run up the NFL ladder? "Number one, he's very good at what he does. He has a tremendous desire to improve. He knows he's not going to be perfect in what he does, but he understands what this whole process is about. He was brought up the right way," Wolf said. "He learned from his father then he got into the business on his own. He has an exceptional eye for talent. He learns very quickly. I'm sure that he won't have any problem adjusting to the nuances of the National Football League and the rules and regulations that are involved there because he is very bright and confident. I think the fact that the success and the experience that he's had in Seattle, I don't think age matters here. It goes without stating that in today's football, it really has become a young man's game," Wolf said. "He's a young man and he will be able to withstand all of the pressures that go along with that job."

ROOKIE STARTERS

Since joining the NFL in 1950, the 49ers had multiple first round draft choices a total of 17 times ('53, '58, '59, '61, '65, '67, '69, '70, '74, '78, '80, '87, '93, '94, '00, '06 & '07). Not all of their multiple first round draftees started the regular season openers. September 10, 2007: When Patrick Willis and Joe Staley take their starting positions on Monday Night against the Cardinals, it will only be the FIFTH time multiple first round choices started the Season Opener during their rookie year. The others were:

Year	No. 1 Draftees (Rd/Overall pick)	POS	OPP
1970	Cedrick Hardman (D1a/9-'70)	DE	WAS
	Bruce Taylor (D1b/17-'70)	CB	
1978	Ken MacAfee (D1a/7-'78)	TE	CLE
	Dan Bunz (D1b/24-'78)	LB	
1993	Dana Stubblefield (D1a/26-'93)	NT	PIT
	Todd Kelly (D1b/27-'93)	LB	
2006	Vernon Davis (D1a/6-'06)	TE	AZ
	Manny Lawson (D1b/22-'06)	LB	



SMITH SNAPS

Alex Smith became the first 49ers quarterback in club history to take every snap from center during the 2006 season when he finished San Francisco's win at Denver (12-31-06) taking 76 snaps.

YOUNG QUARTERBACK

Alex Smith is the only QB to be the youngest to start at least one game at that position in three consecutive seasons in the Super Bowl era (since 1966).

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Mike Nolan sees a lot of himself in Jim Hostler. A first time offensive coordinator at the professional level, Hostler impressed Nolan throughout his interview process. "Jim had the most comprehensive view of the offense as the quarterbacks coach. That was big to me," Nolan said. "He's also built a solid relationship with Alex Smith over the past two years." During the interview process, Nolan saw many of his own traits in Hostler as he presented. As a younger coach, Nolan put together his own defensive game plans when he tutored the Denver Broncos linebackers under Dan Reeves in the early 1990's. So when he became the Giants' defensive coordinator in 1993, he was already a step ahead in terms of preparation. "As I interviewed Jim, I was very impressed that he had been creating his own game plans each week the last few years," Nolan said. "He brought out the game plans that he had been putting together for every game. I never saw them, because all I wanted to see the last two years was our actual coordinator's game plan, but Jim brought his to me."

SURE HANDED

In 2006, Arnaz Battle had a career-high 59 catches to rank second on the team behind running back Frank Gore (61). That was the most catches by a No. 2 wide receiver since Tai Streets had 72 receptions in 2002. He is also one of the most sure-handed receivers in the NFL. Battle was the only receiver last season to have over 40 catches with no drops.

RUSHING RECEIVER

Arnaz Battle scored his first NFL rushing touchdown against Arizona (9-10-07) when he scored on a one-yard run with 26 seconds left to play to give the 49ers a 20-17 lead. It was the 49ers first rushing touchdown by a receiver since September 22, 2002 when Terrell Owens scored on a 38-yard touchdown run vs. the Washington Redskins.

BATTLE TESTED

From start to finish, wide receiver Arnaz Battle was a central figure in the 49ers' game-winning drive in the season opener against Arizona (9-10-07). His four touches during the 86-yard march included a 10-yard reception from Alex Smith that got the drive going and a 22-yard catch that set up his 1-yard touchdown run on an end-around with 22 seconds remaining. But he said his most important contribution came on a fourth-and-one play, when his downfield block helped spring Smith for a 25-yard scramble. "That play was the one we had to have to stay alive," Battle said. Battle fumbled after making the catch near the goal line, but teammate Darrell Jackson recovered. His scoring run followed.

GORE'S LOVE OF THE GAME

When Frank Gore hurt his hand in training camp, the injury was very upsetting to the record setting running back. "He was legitimately upset, down on himself, teary-eyed, mad that he's not out here practicing with us," quarterback Alex Smith said. That alone should tell you everything you need know about why Gore was so successful in 2006. His internal wiring is different from a lot of others. Even though his spot on the team is secure and his stature as the next dominant young runner is widely recognized, the former star-crossed University of Miami standout still feels a need to prove he belongs. His passion for the game is so strong that coaches had to take away his helmet after the injury, fearful that Gore would try to sneak onto the field. Which is just what he did. Early in the week he grabbed a teammate's helmet and took a handoff with his good hand before the coaches realized what was happening. From that point, they made it clear that he was not to do it again. "He's so passionate about being accountable to his teammates, about being there and working as hard as everybody else," said 14-year veteran QB Trent Dilfer. "It just crushes him not being able to be on the field." Gore is determined to prove that last season was not a fluke. He worked even harder this off-season than he did a year ago. And he picked the brains of other quality backs for tips on how to climb even higher. LaDainian Tomlinson got the treatment when the two were at the Pro Bowl. "I asked him a lot of questions, like how does he stay so fresh during the whole year," Gore said. "I told him by the 11th or 12th game, my legs were really gone. But when I was watching him, I still see him bouncing around, especially that Kansas City game at home. He still looked fast." Among the things Tomlinson and Edgerrin James told him were, take care of his body, watch his diet and avoid in-season partying. Gore is so intent on learning how other standouts have succeeded on and off the field that the 49ers PR staff had the Chargers send them a DVD of Tomlinson doing press interviews. Gore has studied it.

GORED

Frank Gore has paid dividends as a boon to the 49ers 2005 draft class. Gore has the highest rushing average of running backs selected in the 2005 draft with at least 50 carries. Gore's 1,695 yards in 2006 surpass the 608 rushing yards he had as a rookie in 2005.

2005 TOP ROOKIE RUNNING BACKS

	RD(PICK)	ATT	YDS	AVG.	TD
Cadillac Williams	1(5) TB	290	1,178	4.1	6
Ronnie Brown	1(2) MIA	207	907	4.4	4
Frank Gore	3(65) SF	127	608	4.8	3
Samkon Gado	RFA, GB	143	582	4.1	6
Marion Barber	4(109) DAL	138	538	3.9	5
J.J. Arrington	2 (44) AZ	112	370	3.3	2

2005 DRAFTED RB STATS IN 2006

	RD(PICK)	ATT	YDS	AVG.	TD
Frank Gore	3(65) SF	312	1,695	5.4	9
Ronnie Brown	1(2) MIA	241	1,008	4.2	5
Cadillac Williams	1(5) TB	225	798	3.5	1
Marion Barber	4(109) DAL	133	654	4.8	14
Cedric Benson	1(4) CHI	157	647	4.1	6
Brandon Jacobs	4(110) NYG	96	423	4.4	9

DOUBLE THREAT

With 61 catches, Frank Gore led the team in receptions from the running back position in 2006. The last running back to have more receptions in a season was Charlie Garner in 2000, when he had 68 receptions for 647 yards and three touchdowns. Before Gore, the last time a running back led the team in receptions was in 1985, when Roger Craig had 92 catches for 1,016 yards and six scores.

TOTAL YARDS

Frank Gore set a franchise record in 2006 with 2,180 combined yards (1,695 yards rushing and 485 yards receiving), breaking Garrison Heart's single season record of 2,105 total yards (1,570 rushing and 535 receiving) set in 1998. Gore's 2,180 combined yards mark the fourth time in 49ers history that a player has had 2,000 combined yards in a season.

HONOR THY MOTHER

Playing with a heavy heart due to the loss of his mother Liz, Frank Gore scored two touchdowns to lead the 49ers over the St. Louis Rams (9-16-07). Gore finished with two touchdowns after scoring on a one-yard run in the second quarter and a 43-yard run on a fourth-and-one play in the third quarter. He has scored six touchdowns in his past three games against the Rams. Gore's two-touchdowns marked the fourth time he has scored two touchdowns in a game. His 43-yard touchdown run is the third longest touchdown run of his career, behind a 72-yard touchdown run at Washington (10-23-05) and a 61-yard touchdown run at Detroit (11-12-06).

BLAST FROM HIS OWN PAST

Frank Gore reminds himself of the kind of running back he was in high school as well as what he can be in the NFL in a different way. He watches old high school highlight films of himself running the day before each game. It also helps him feel as if he's not too far from home. Gore rushed for 2,953 yards and 34 TDs as a senior at Coral Gables (FL) High in 2000. He went to the University of Miami (FL), where he sustained tears to both ACLs during his three-year career. Gore is quiet. It is not easy to get him to open up about many things. However he has started a habit of calling head coach Mike Nolan on his cell phone following games. To get advice from his coach. "I wanted to know what he saw," Gore said. "He told me he understands that the type of runner I am, I'm always trying for the extra yard. But he told me, like I've told you, I've just got to be smarter and always remember that there is another down."

SOMETHING TO PROVE

Frank Gore runs as if each carry might be his last one, which is not surprising given his history. He tore the anterior cruciate ligament in each knee at the University of Miami. He overcame those injuries as well as stiff competition -- at one point he shared a backfield with Clinton Portis, Willis McGahee and current Steeler Najeh Davenport -- to rush for 1,975 career yards at Miami. Concerns about his knees dropped him to the third round of the 2005 NFL draft, and the 49ers limited Gore his rookie season (he rushed for 608 yards on 127 carries) because he battled shoulder problems. Nothing held him back last season, and he burst onto the scene like a supernova. "Frank has said himself, many times, that the best thing that ever happened to him were the injuries and adversities that he faced because it really put him in place," Mike Nolan said. "As he watches those other guys, I think Frank feels that they don't necessarily have an appreciation for what can be taken from you on such short notice. That's what I think really makes Frank a unique guy, is he has responded to plenty of adversity in a very positive way."



DEFENSE NOTES



TOP ACTIVE SACK LEADERS

PLAYER	TEAM	YRS	SACKS
Michael Strahan	NYG	15	132.5
Jason Taylor	MIA	11	107.0
Kevin Carter	TB	13	97.5
Warren Sapp	OAK	13	94.5
Bryant Young	SF	14	86.5
Willie McGinest	CLE	14	82.0
Trevor Pryce	BAL	11	78.0
LaRoi Glover	STL	11	77.0

49ERS ALL-TIME SACK LEADERS

Cedrick Hardman	(1970-79)	112.5
Tommy Hart	(1968-77)	106.0
Bryant Young	(1994-curr.)	86.5
Charles Haley	(1986-91,1999)	66.5

MULTI-SACK

The sack that was originally split between Bryant Young and Manny Lawson on the first play of the game against St. Louis (9-16-07) was credited entirely to Young, giving him 3 sacks for the game, tying his career high. Young now has 4.0 sacks this season, good for second in the NFL. Young had 5.5 sacks all of last year, and didn't reach 4 until Week 11. Young also had sacks in each of his first two games of last season. Young has now posted three sacks in a game three times for his career—all against the Rams. He also had three sacks against St. Louis (9-11-05) in San Francisco, and (10-6-96) in St. Louis. For his career, Young has 19.5 sacks against St. Louis, the most against any one team. Young now has 87.0 sacks for his career and the game marked Young's 21st multi-sack game. The 49ers are now 38-19 when Young has one or more sacks in a game.

THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE

Derek Smith has been a model of consistency in his career. Although he was inactive for three games with a hamstring injury and was plagued with an injury throughout the season as well, Smith almost reached the 100 tackle mark in 2006, falling seven stops short with 93 tackles on the year. Previously, he had reached the 100-tackle mark in his first nine seasons prior to 2006.

BREAKING INTO THE BACKFIELD

The 49ers defense has made plays in the backfield throughout the season. The unit is currently tied for second in the NFL for tackles for loss.

2007 Opp Rushes for Negative Yardage

Ran k	Tea m	At t	All Neg Rus h	Yd s	All Pct	Kneel downs	Yds	Non- KD	Yd s	Non- KD Pct
1	Car	57	11	-20	19.3	1	-1	10	-19	17.9
2t	Min	49	10	-31	20.4	1	-2	9	-29	18.8
2t	SF	61	9	-22	14.8	0	0	9	-22	14.8
2t	StL	66	10	-26	15.2	1	-1	9	-25	13.8
5t	Bal	50	10	-22	20.0	2	-2	8	-20	16.7
5t	Chi	60	9	-20	15.0	1	-1	8	-19	13.6
5t	Det	56	8	-22	14.3	0	0	8	-22	14.3
8t	Atl	61	8	-14	13.1	1	-1	7	-13	11.7
8t	KC	60	11	-18	18.3	4	-4	7	-14	12.5
8t	NYG	59	9	-16	15.3	2	-2	7	-14	12.3
11t	Buf	65	8	-14	12.3	2	-2	6	-12	9.5
11t	Ind	60	6	-25	10.0	0	0	6	-25	10.0

NOT PHONING IT IN

When Mike Singletary let Patrick Willis know he had won a starting job at the inside linebacker position in late August, rookie Patrick Willis did not call anyone to spread the good news. "It's not about calling home to tell your dad or your friends that you're starting. It's bigger than that," Willis said. "At any moment you can be back where you started or even below. So, you've got to seize the opportunity and go hard. I'm staying positive. I'm staying humble. I'm staying hungry." With his combination of speed, athleticism and instincts, Willis already has shown he's a good player. "He's very gifted athletically and he's got some pop to him," fellow linebacker Derek Smith said. "If he keeps doing the things he needs to do, he'll progressively get better and better. He's a guy who has a chance to be a superstar."

PROUD TO BE TOUGH

A couple of days after his debut against Arizona (9-10-07), Patrick Willis sought out assistant head coach Mike Singletary to thank him for being so tough. "I'm really glad you're my coach, that you work me hard every day," Willis said he told Singletary, a former linebacker who had a Hall of Fame career with the Chicago Bears. "Having raw talent is one thing," Willis added, but being able to factor in coach-instilled fundamentals "is even better." "There are a lot of people making comments, 'Man, that kid is pretty good.' And there is a lot to be excited about," Singletary said. "But in terms of how good he can be, he's got a ways to go - and that's scary." Willis readily agrees he has a long way to go to realize his potential. "To me, every day, I'm a work in progress," Willis said. "And no matter how well I do, it's never good enough for me. That's my mentality. That keeps me grounded, keeps me humble and keeps me going. I'm always going to be in search of the perfect game." Willis did concede he has made significant progress since coming under Singletary's tutelage at the Senior Bowl in January, when Willis said one of the first things Singletary told him was he had no technique whatsoever. It was an observation Singletary reiterated after Willis was drafted in April and began working with him regularly. "At first, I couldn't see that. All I was thinking was, 'Man, these Bear Drills are killing me,'" said Willis, referring to Singletary's notoriously demanding shuttle workouts designed to make linebackers play low and develop leg strength. "Then after a while, I could see how much better as a player it was making me. Being low, being more powerful, using your hands and striking, it was bringing things out in me that I didn't even know were in there."

ROOKIE OF THE WEEK

Patrick Willis has gotten off to a fast start, endearing himself to teammates, coaches and fans. He was named Diet Pepsi Rookie of the Week after his first two performances against Arizona (9-10-07) and St. Louis (9-16-07). "Football is the ultimate team game, Willis said. Even though this is an individual award, it is a credit to the entire defense and all my teammates. I would also like to thank the fans for all of their support. This honor is very special because it is voted upon by the fans, and I've quickly recognized how dedicated 49ers fans are. I'm looking forward to the rest of the season and thanks again for all of the support."

FREE AGENT STAR

Pro Bowler was the free agent star of 2006. Harris registered two interceptions, four passes defensed, four tackles and one fumble recovery in the 49ers 26-23 overtime win at Denver (12-31-06). It was his third multiple interception day of the 2006 season. Harris finished the season with a career-high eight interceptions to lead the NFC. He also added 17 passes defensed, five forced fumbles and two passes defensed. It was the most interceptions by a 49ers player since S Tony Parrish had nine in 2003 and picked up right where he left off in 2007 with an interception of Arizona's Matt Leinart on the Cardinals first possession in the season opener (9-10-07).

NATE THE GREAT

In Nate Clements, the 49ers not only landed one of the NFL's best cornerbacks but also secured an Energizer Bunny whose habits are infectious. "I'm the same guy," says Clements, 27, who left the Buffalo Bills after six seasons. Clements is still the same pesky player who does not allow the offensive teammates he faces in drills to relax. If he is not fighting for the football in the air, he is scratching, clawing and poking to jar it loose from receivers. If the ball hits the ground and he's in the area, his mission is to take it to the end zone. That is how former 49ers greats Jerry Rice and Roger Craig did it here. They ran the football the length of the field, one practice play after another. Now the new-age 49ers have a defensive player with a similar offensive mentality. "He's like a receiver," said Darrell Jackson. "He's a ball hog." With so much youth, Clements is the perfect example of the desired mind-set, commitment and hustle. "He's a pro," Scot McCloughan said. Head Coach Mike Nolan agreed. "He's very solid. Not that I thought he wouldn't be but I didn't really know him. He's a good addition to the football team, he's a positive influence on the young players and he has tremendous work ethic. He was here for the entire off-season program when he signed. He's done everything you could ask him to do. He was a 100 percent participant in the off-season program. We had 17 guys, which is a large number, but he was one of those guys. Everyday he comes in to work, he goes in and does sprints on the treadmill. He gets the extra work. I could see why he is a good player already. I would expect that to continue because certainly the money hasn't changed him. If it did, it changed him for the better because he works extremely hard."

TOUGH PLAYER, TOUGH COACH

Once a tough, hard-nosed NFL linebacker, Greg Manusky has since translated those qualities into a successful seven-year professional coaching career. Manusky brings that mentality to the 49ers defense as he enters his first season as defensive coordinator in San Francisco. Manusky joined the 49ers after serving as the linebackers coach for the San Diego Chargers from 2002-06 Manusky was known as a tenacious workhorse. He said his passion for the game, and mental will to do anything necessary to make an impact on the team, carried him throughout his playing career. "I found Greg to be a very good teacher, not only through our meeting, but also through talking with Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Wade Phillips and other league representatives about him," Nolan said. "He's got great energy. His organizational skills were very impressive to me. I was very impressed with his ability to organize a staff and delegate the responsibilities, especially since he's not yet been a coordinator. Although it's all on paper and just in discussion, he has a very good plan and a very good thought process in putting those things together."

SACK CRAZY

San Francisco finished the game with six total sacks against St. Louis (9-16-07). It was the most sacks the team has had since finishing with six in last season's 20-13 victory over the Rams at Monster Park (9-17-06). Three of the 49ers six sacks came on St. Louis first offensive series.



ONSIDES

Joe Nedney executed an onsidies kick in the third quarter that was recovered by rookie RB Michael Robinson against New Orleans (12-3-06). It was the third time in 2006 that Nedney converted an onsidies kick. He was successful at Arizona (9-10) and vs. Minnesota (12-9). Nedney is now five-for-eight on onsidies kicks as a member of the 49ers and is eight-of-18 all-time.

GAME WINNER

Joe Nedney kicked his 17th game-winning field goal with a 40-yarder in the fourth quarter to give the 49ers a 16-14 lead. It was his fifth game-winning field goal as a member of the 49ers.

JOE KNOWS POINTS

Joe Nedney finished with 116 points in 2006. That total was the second highest of his career, behind only his 126-point season in 2000 with Denver and Carolina and tied Ray Wersching for the eighth most in team history. The 49ers record for points in a season by a kicker is 136 by Mike Cofer in 1989. The team record for points in a season, regardless of position, is 138 by Jerry Rice in 1987.

TOP 10 ACTIVE SCORERS ENTERING 2007

	TEAM	YR	TD	FG	PAT	TP
Matt Stover	BAL	16	0	412	498	1,715
Jason Elam	DEN	14	0	368	568	1,672
Jason Hanson	DET	15	0	356	469	1,537
John Kasay	CAR	16	0	334	403	1,405
Jeff Wilkins	STL	13	0	283	470	1,319
Adam Vinatieri	IND	11	0	288	405(1)	1,271
Ryan Longwell	MIN	10	0	247	402	1,144
Olindo Mare	NO	10	0	245	313	1,048
David Akers	PHI	9	0	173	272	791
Joe Nedney	SF	11	0	182	239	785

(1) = Two point conversion

DANDY ANDY

In 2006, Andy Lee has punted 46 times for 1,974 yards and a 42.9 yard average. A young player with a booming leg, Lee sailed the fourth-longest punt in team history with an 81-yard bomb at Tampa Bay (11/21/04). It was his career best and the longest punt of the year in the NFL, making him the first 49ers rookie to notch the longest punt of the year since Larry Barnes did it with an 86-yarder in his 1957 rookie season. In 2006, Lee has fared well, placing 14 kicks inside the 20-yard line.

LONGEST PUNTS IN 49ERS HISTORY

Player	Yards	Game
Larry Barnes	86	vs. Chicago Cardinals (9/29/57)
Tommy Davis	82	vs. Minnesota (9/30/62)
Tommy Davis	81	at St. Louis (11/25/62)
Andy Lee	81	at Tampa Bay (11/21/04)

NO RETURNS

Andy Lee had pinpoint accuracy against the St. Louis Rams. Lee helped the 49ers win the field position battle, placing four of his eight punts inside the St. Louis 20-yard line. He also boomed a 71-yard punt and had a 45.3 yard average. His accuracy helped limit explosive Rams PR/KR Dante Hall to one fumble and 2.7 yards per return. Lee ranks second in NFC for avg. (41.7 yards per game) and fourth overall.

LONG PUNTS

Andy Lee's three punts of 60+ yards (63, 66, 71) and eight punts of 50+ yards rank tied for first in the NFL with Vikings' Chris Kluwe. Lee posted 63-yard and 66-yard punts at Pittsburgh (9-23-07).

GREAT RETURNS

With 1,907 yards and a 24.1 average, San Francisco had the highest return average since 1964 when the 49ers finished with 24.4 yards.

HOW THEY WERE BUILT

1994

Draft: DT Bryant Young (1A)

2000

Draft: LB Jeff Ulbrich (3B)
TE/LS Brian Jennings (7B)

2001

Unrestricted

Free Agent: LB Derek Smith

2002

Draft: C/G Eric Heitmann (7A)

Rookie Free

Agent: LB Brandon Moore

2003

Draft: T Kwame Harris (1)
WR Arnaz Battle (6)

2004

Draft: G Justin Smiley (2A)
CB Shawntae Spencer (2B)
DT Isaac Sopoaga (4A)
P Andy Lee (6A)
S Keith Lewis (6B)

Free Agents: RB Maurice Hicks

2005

Draft: QB Alex Smith (1)
G David Baas (2)
RB Frank Gore (3A)
G/T Adam Snyder (3B)
DT Ronald Fields (5A)
T Patrick Estes (7A)
TE Billy Bajema (7B)

Free Agents: CB B.J. Tucker#
G Tony Wragge

Unrestricted

Free Agents: DE Marques Douglas
T Jonas Jennings
K Joe Nedney

2006

Draft: TE Vernon Davis (1A)
LB Manny Lawson (1B)#
WR Brandon Williams (3)
RB Michael Robinson (4)
LB Parys Haralson (5)
WR Delanie Walker (6A)
S Marcus Hudson (6B)
DE Melvin Oliver (6C)@

Free Agents: LB Hannibal Navies
S Mark Roman
CB Donald Strickland

Trade: QB Trent Dilfer
WR Taylor Jacobs

Unrestricted

Free Agents: G Larry Allen
CB Walt Harris
QB Shaun Hill
FB Moran Norris

Rookie Free

Agent: WR C.J. Brewer#

2007

Draft: TE Patrick Willis (1A)
T Joe Staley (1B)
WR Jason Hill (3A)
DE Ray McDonald (3B)
LB Jay Moore (4A)#
S Dashon Goldson (4B)
NT Joe Cohen (4C)#
CB Tarell Brown (5)

Trade: WR Darrell Jackson

Unrestricted

Free Agents: LB Tully Banta-Cain
CB Nate Clements
NT Aubrayo Franklin
FB Zak Keasey
WR Ashley Lelie
S Michael Lewis

@ - PUP/Reserve

- Denotes Injured Reserve

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71	Allen, Larry	G	6-3	325	11-27-71	14	Sonoma State	Los Angeles, CA	3/3/0/0
64	Baas, David	G	6-4	331	9-28-81	3	Michigan	Sarasota, FL	2/0/1/0
47	Bajema, Billy	TE	6-4	258	10-31-82	3	Oklahoma State	Oklahoma City, OK	2/1/0/1
95	Banta-Cain, Tully	LB	6-2	280	8-28-80	5	California	Sunnyvale, CA	3/3/0/0
83	Battle, Arnaz	WR	6-1	213	2-22-80	5	Notre Dame	Shreveport, LA	3/3/0/0
25	Brown, Tarell	CB	5-11	194	1-6-85	R	Texas	Mesquite, TX	3/0/0/0
22	Clements, Nate	CB	6-1	215	12-12-79	7	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, OH	3/3/0/0
85	Davis, Vernon	TE	6-3	253	1-31-84	2	Maryland	Washington, D.C.	3/3/0/0
12	Dilfer, Trent	QB	6-4	247	3-13-72	14	Fresno State	Aptos, CA	0/0/3/0
94	Douglas, Marques	DE	6-2	292	3-15-77	7	Howard	Greensboro, NC	3/3/0/0
78	Ellison, Atiyiah	DE/DT	6-3	318	9-29-81	3	Missouri	St. Louis, MO	0/0/3/0
93	Fields, Ronald	DT	6-2	321	9-13-81	3	Mississippi State	Bogalusa, LA	3/0/0/0
92	Franklin, Aubrayo	DT	6-1	334	8-27-80	5	Tennessee	Johnson City, TN	3/3/0/0
38	Goldson, Dashon	S	6-2	208	9-18-84	R	Washington	Carson, CA	0/0/3/0
21	Gore, Frank	RB	5-9	223	5-14-83	3	Miami	Coral Gables, FL	3/3/0/0
98	Haralson, Parys	LB	6-1	260	1-24-84	2	Tennessee	Flora, MS	3/0/0/0
77	Harris, Kwame	T	6-7	322	3-15-82	5	Stanford	Newark, DE	1/0/2/0
27	Harris, Walt	CB	5-11	199	8-10-74	12	Mississippi State	LaGrange, GA	3/3/0/0
66	Heitmann, Eric	C	6-3	318	2-24-80	6	Stanford	Katy, TX	3/3/0/0
43	Hicks, Maurice	RB	5-11	205	7-22-78	4	North Carolina A&T	Emporia, VA	3/0/0/0
89	Hill, Jason	WR	6-0	204	1-25-85	R	Washington State	San Francisco, CA	0/0/3/0
13	Hill, Shaun	QB	6-3	226	1-9-80	6	Maryland	Parsons, KS	0/0/3/0
23	Hudson, Marcus	CB	6-2	198	11-15-82	2	North Carolina State	Miami, FL	3/0/0/0
82	Jackson, Darrell	WR	6-0	206	12-6-78	8	Florida	Tampa, FL	3/3/0/0
88	Jacobs, Taylor	WR	6-0	210	5-30-81	5	Florida	Tallahassee, FL	3/0/0/0
86	Jennings, Brian	TE/LS	6-5	228	10-14-76	8	Arizona State	Mesa, AZ	3/0/0/0
75	Jennings, Jonas	T	6-3	335	11-21-77	7	Georgia	College Park, GA	3/3/0/0
45	Keasey, Zak	FB	6-0	245	3-19-82	1	Princeton	Lake Orion, MI	1/0/0/0
4	Lee, Andy	P	6-0	185	8-11-82	4	Pittsburgh	Westminster, SC	3/0/0/0
18	Lelie, Ashley	WR	6-3	193	2-16-80	6	Hawaii	Bellflower, CA	3/0/0/0
28	Lewis, Keith	S	6-0	228	10-20-81	4	Oregon	Sacramento, CA	3/0/0/0
32	Lewis, Michael	S	6-1	226	4-29-80	6	Colorado	Houston, TX	3/3/0/0
91	McDonald, Ray	DE	6-3	282	9-2-84	R	Florida	Belle Glade, FL	0/0/3/0
56	Moore, Brandon	LB	6-1	255	1-16-79	6	Oklahoma	Baldwin, NY	3/0/0/0
55	Navies, Hannibal	LB	6-3	245	7-19-77	9	Colorado	Berkeley, CA	3/1/0/0
6	Nedney, Joe	K	6-5	233	3-22-73	11	San Jose State	San Jose, CA	3/0/0/0
44	Norris, Moran	FB	6-2	252	6-16-78	7	Kansas	Houston, TX	3/1/0/0
24	Robinson, Michael	RB	6-1	228	2-6-83	2	Penn State	Richmond, VA	3/0/0/0
26	Roman, Mark	S	5-11	203	3-26-77	8	Louisiana State	Lafayette, LA	3/3/0/0
65	Smiley, Justin	G	6-3	311	11-11-81	4	Alabama	Ellabel, GA	3/3/0/0
11	Smith, Alex	QB	6-4	210	5-7-84	3	Utah	San Diego, CA	3/3/0/0
50	Smith, Derek	LB	6-2	240	1-18-75	11	Arizona State	American Fork, UT	3/3/0/0
68	Snyder, Adam	T/G	6-6	326	1-30-82	3	Oregon	Fullerton, CA	3/0/0/0
80	Sopoaga, Isaac	DT	6-2	325	9-4-81	3	Hawaii	Pago Pago, American Samoa	3/0/0/0
36	Spencer, Shawntae	CB	6-1	179	2-22-82	4	Pittsburgh	Rankin, PA	3/0/0/0
74	Staley, Joe	T	6-5	306	8-30-84	R	Central Michigan	Rockford, MI	3/3/0/0
30	Strickland, Donald	S	5-10	187	11-24-80	5	Colorado	San Francisco, CA	0/0/3/0
53	Ulbrich, Jeff	LB	6-0	240	2-17-77	8	Hawaii	San Jose, CA	3/0/0/0
46	Walker, Delanie	TE	6-1	244	8-12-84	2	Central Missouri State	Pomona, CA	3/1/0/0
81	Williams, Brandon	WR	5-11	183	2-24-84	2	Wisconsin	St. Louis, MO	3/0/0/0
52	Willis, Patrick	LB	6-1	242	1-25-85	R	Mississippi	Bruceston, TN	3/3/0/0
69	Wragge, Tony	G	6-4	320	8-14-79	4	New Mexico State	Creighton, NB	0/0/3/0
97	Young, Bryant	DE	6-3	305	1-27-72	14	Notre Dame	Chicago Heights, IL	3/3/0/0

PRACTICE SQUAD

49	Alcorn, Zac	TE	6-4	255	8-24-80	2	Black Hills State	Chadron, NE
48	Bing, Darnell	S	6-2	220	9-10-84	2	USC	Long Beach, CA
35	Clayton, Thomas	RB	5-11	225	4-26-84	R	Kansas State	Alexandria, VA
76	Dahl, Harvey	T	6-5	313	6-24-81	2	Nevada	Fallon, NV
63	Duckett, Damane	T	6-6	318	1-21-81	4	East Carolina	Lexington, NC
51	Washington, Mark	LB	6-3	250	8-20-85	R	Texas State-San Marcos	Harbor City, CA
15	Zeigler, Dominique	WR	6-2	181	10-11-84	R	Baylor	Kalamazoo, MI

PUP/RESERVE

96	Oliver, Melvin	DE	6-3	282	7-25-83	2	Louisiana State	Opelika, AL
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INJURED RESERVE

14	Brewer, C.J.	WR	6-2	210	5-12-82	1	Wyoming	Knee/Aug. 24	
67	Cohen, Joe	DT	6-2	315	6-6-84	R	Florida	Knee/Sept. 1	
99	Lawson, Manny	LB	6-5	247	7-3-84	2	North Carolina State	Knee/Sept. 21	2/2/0/0
58	Moore, Jay	LB	6-4	270	8-16-83	R	Nebraska	Ankle/Sept. 1	
20	Tucker, B.J.	CB	5-10	192	10-12-80	3	Wisconsin	Pectoral/Jul. 16	

Head Coach: Mike Nolan

Offensive Coordinator: Jim Hostler **Defensive Coordinator:** Greg Manusky **Special Teams Coordinator:** Al Everest

Assistants: Duane Carlisle (Assistant Strength and Conditioning); Frank Cignetti (Quarterbacks); Shane Day (Quality Control); Bishop Harris (Running Backs);

Pete Hoener (Tight Ends); Vance Joseph (Secondary); Johnnie Lynn (Secondary); Mark Nori (Offensive Assistant/Offensive Line); Johnny Parker (Strength and Conditioning)

Jeff Rodgers (Assistant Special Teams); Mike Singletary (Asst. Head Coach/Defense); Jerry Sullivan (Wide Receivers/Senior Assistant);

Jason Tarver (Defensive Assistant/Outside Linebackers); Jim Tomsula (Defensive Line); George Warhop (Offensive Line).

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4	Andy Lee	P	6-0	185	25	4	Pittsburgh	D-6A in '04
6	Joe Nedney	K	6-5	233	34	11	San Jose State	FA in '05
11	Alex Smith	QB	6-4	210	23	3	Utah	D-1 in '05
12	Trent Dilfer	QB	6-4	247	35	14	Fresno State	Trade in '06
13	Shaun Hill	QB	6-3	226	27	6	Maryland	FA in '06
18	Ashley Lelie	WR	6-3	193	27	6	Hawaii	UFA in '07
21	Frank Gore	RB	5-9	223	24	3	Miami	D-3A in '05
22	Nate Clements	CB	6-1	215	27	7	Ohio State	UFA in '07
23	Marcus Hudson	CB	6-2	198	24	2	North Carolina State	D-6B in '06
24	Michael Robinson	RB	6-1	228	24	2	Penn State	D-4 in '06
25	Tarell Brown	CB	5-11	194	22	R	Texas	D-5 in '07
26	Mark Roman	S	5-11	203	30	8	Louisiana State	FA in '06
27	Walt Harris	CB	5-11	199	33	12	Mississippi State	FA in '06
28	Keith Lewis	S	6-0	228	25	4	Oregon	D-6B in '04
30	Donald Strickland	S	5-10	187	26	5	Colorado	FA in '06
32	Michael Lewis	S	6-1	226	27	6	Colorado	UFA in '07
36	Shawntae Spencer	CB	6-1	179	25	4	Pittsburgh	D-2B in '04
38	Dashon Goldson	S	6-2	208	23	R	Washington	D-4B in '07
43	Maurice Hicks	RB	5-11	205	29	4	North Carolina A&T	FA in '04
44	Moran Norris	FB	6-2	252	29	7	Kansas	FA in '06
45	Zak Keasey	FB	6-0	245	25	1	Princeton	FA in '06
46	Delanie Walker	TE	6-1	244	23	2	Central Missouri State	D-6A in '06
47	Billy Bajema	TE	6-4	258	24	3	Oklahoma State	D-7D in '05
50	Derek Smith	LB	6-2	240	32	11	Arizona State	UFA in '01
52	Patrick Willis	LB	6-1	242	22	R	Mississippi	D-1A in '07
53	Jeff Ulbrich	LB	6-0	240	30	8	Hawaii	D-3B in '00
55	Hannibal Navies	LB	6-3	245	30	9	Colorado	FA in '06
56	Brandon Moore	LB	6-1	255	28	6	Oklahoma	FA in '02
64	David Baas	G	6-4	331	25	3	Michigan	D-2 in '05
65	Justin Smiley	G	6-3	311	25	4	Alabama	D-2A in '04
66	Eric Heitmann	C	6-3	318	27	6	Stanford	D-7A in '02
68	Adam Snyder	T/G	6-6	326	25	3	Oregon	D-3B in '05
69	Tony Wragge	G	6-4	320	28	4	New Mexico State	FA in '05
71	Larry Allen	G	6-3	325	35	14	Sonoma State	FA in '06
74	Joe Staley	T	6-5	306	23	R	Central Michigan	D-1B in '07
75	Jonas Jennings	T	6-3	335	29	7	Georgia	UFA in '05
77	Kwame Harris	T	6-7	322	25	5	Stanford	D-1 in '03
78	Atiyah Ellison	DE/DT	6-3	318	25	3	Missouri	FA in '07
81	Brandon Williams	WR	5-11	183	23	2	Wisconsin	D-3 in '06
82	Darrell Jackson	WR	6-0	206	28	8	Florida	Trade in '07
83	Arnaz Battle	WR	6-1	213	27	5	Notre Dame	D-6 in '03
85	Vernon Davis	TE	6-3	253	23	2	Maryland	D-1A in '06
86	Brian Jennings	TE/LS	6-5	228	30	8	Arizona State	D-7B in '00
88	Taylor Jacobs	WR	6-0	210	26	5	Florida	Trade in '06
89	Jason Hill	WR	6-0	204	22	R	Washington State	D-3A in '07
90	Isaac Sopoaga	DT	6-2	325	26	3	Hawaii	D-4A in '04
91	Ray McDonald	DE	6-3	282	23	R	Florida	D-3B in '07
92	Aubrayo Franklin	DT	6-1	334	27	5	Tennessee	UFA in '07
93	Ronald Fields	DT	6-2	321	26	3	Mississippi State	D-5A in '05
94	Marques Douglas	DE	6-2	292	30	7	Howard	UFA in '05
95	Tully Banta-Cain	LB	6-2	280	27	5	California	UFA in '07
97	Bryant Young	DE	6-3	305	35	14	Notre Dame	D-1 in '94
98	Parys Haralson	LB	6-1	260	23	2	Tennessee	D-5 in '06

PRACTICE SQUAD

15	Dominque Zeigler	WR	6-2	181	22	R	Baylor	R-FA in '07
35	Thomas Clayton	RB	5-11	225	23	R	Kansas State	D-6 in '07
48	Darnell Bing	S	6-2	220	23	2	USC	W in '07
49	Alcorn, Zac	TE	6-4	255	27	2	Black Hills State	FA in '07
51	Mark Washington	LB	6-3	250	22	R	Texas State-San Marcos	R-FA in '07
63	Damane Duckett	T	6-6	318	26	4	East Carolina	FA in '06
76	Harvey Dahl	T	6-5	313	26	2	Nevada	FA in '05

PUP/RESERVE

96	Melvin Oliver	DE	6-3	282	24	2	Louisiana State	D-6C in '06
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INJURED RESERVE

14	C.J. Brewer	WR	6-2	210	25	1	Wyoming	RFA in '06
20	B.J. Tucker	CB	5-10	192	26	3	Wisconsin	FA in '05
58	Jay Moore	LB	6-4	270	24	R	Nebraska	D-4A in '07
67	Joe Cohen	DT	6-2	315	23	R	Florida	D-4C in '07
99	Manny Lawson	LB	6-5	247	23	2	North Carolina State	D-1B in '06

Head Coach: Mike Nolan

Offensive Coordinator: Jim Hostler **Defensive Coordinator:** Greg Manusky **Special Teams Coordinator:** Al Everest

Assistants: Duane Carlisle (Assistant Strength and Conditioning); Frank Cignetti (Quarterbacks); Shane Day (Quality Control); Bishop Harris (Running Backs);

Pete Hoener (Tight Ends); Vance Joseph (Secondary); Johnnie Lynn (Secondary); Mark Nori (Offensive Assistant/Offensive Line); Johnny Parker (Strength and Conditioning)

Jeff Rodgers (Assistant Special Teams); Mike Singletary (Asst. Head Coach/Defense); Jerry Sullivan (Wide Receivers/Senior Assistant)

Jason Tarver (Defensive Assistant/Outside Linebackers); Jim Tomsula (Defensive Line); George Warhop (Offensive Line).

2007 SAN FRANCISCO 49ers ROSTER
Head Coach: Mike Nolan

OFFENSE: 26

Coordinator: Jim Hostler
Offensive Quality Control: Shane Day

QUARTERBACKS (3)

Coach: Frank Cignetti
 11 Alex Smith
 12 Trent Dilfer
 13 Shaun Hill

RUNNING BACKS (5)

Coach: Bishop Harris
 21 Frank Gore
 24 Michael Robinson
 43 Maurice Hicks
 44 Moran Norris
 45 Zak Keasey

WIDE RECEIVERS (6)

Coach: Jerry Sullivan
 18 Ashley Lelie
 81 Brandon Williams
 82 Darrell Jackson
 83 Arnaz Battle
 88 Taylor Jacobs
 89 Jason Hill (D-3A)

TIGHT ENDS (3)

Coach: Pete Hoener
 46 Delanie Walker
 47 Billy Bajema
 85 Vernon Davis

OFFENSIVE LINE (9)

Coach: George Warhop
Asst. Coach: Mark Nori
 64 David Baas
 65 Justin Smiley
 66 Eric Heitmann
 68 Adam Snyder
 69 Tony Wragge
 71 Larry Allen
 74 Joe Staley (D-1B)
 75 Jonas Jennings
 77 Kwame Harris

PUP/RESERVE (1)

96 Melvin Oliver

INJURED RESERVE (5)

14 C. J. Brewer - WR
 20 B. J. Tucker - CB
 58 Jay Moore (D-4A) - LB
 67 Joe Cohen (D-4C) - DT
 99 Manny Lawson - LB

DEFENSE: 24

Coordinator: Greg Manusky
Defensive Assistant/Outside Linebackers Coach: Jason Tarver

LINEBACKERS (7)

Coach: Mike Singletary
 50 Derek Smith
 52 Patrick Willis (D-1A)
 53 Jeff Ulbrich
 55 Hannibal Navies
 56 Brandon Moore
 95 Tully Banta-Cain
 98 Parys Haralson

DEFENSIVE BACKS (10)

Coach: Johnnie Lynn
Coach: Vance Joseph
 22 Nate Clements
 23 Marcus Hudson
 25 Tarell Brown (D-5)
 26 Mark Roman
 27 Walt Harris
 28 Keith Lewis
 30 Donald Strickland
 32 Michael Lewis
 36 Shawntae Spencer
 38 Dashon Goldson (D-4B)

DEFENSIVE LINE (7)

Coach: Jim Tomsula
 78 Atiyah Ellison
 90 Isaac Sopoaga
 91 Ray McDonald (D-3B)
 92 Aubrayo Franklin
 93 Ronald Fields
 94 Marques Douglas
 97 Bryant Young

SPECIALISTS (3)

Coach: Al Everest
Asst. Coach: Jeff Rodgers
 4 Andy Lee (P)
 6 Joe Nedney (K)
 86 Brian Jennings (LS)

PRACTICE SQUAD (7)

15 Dominique Zeigler (WR)
 35 Thomas Clayton (RB)
 48 Darnell Bing (S)
 49 Zac Alcorn (TE)
 51 Mark Washington (LB)
 63 Damane Duckett (T)
 76 Harvey Dahl (T)

Underline indicates rookie

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PLAYERS

Billy Bajema

David Baas

Arnaz Battle

Tarell Brown

Nate Clements

Marques Douglas

Atiyyah Ellison

Aubrayo Franklin

Dashon Goldson

Parys Haralson

Kwame Harris

Ashley Lelie

Moran Norris

Mark Roman

Isaac Sopoaga

Joe Staley

Jeff Ulbrich

Delanie Walker

Tony Wragge

PRONUNCIATION

BA-juh-MUH

BAH – s

ARE-nez

TERR-el

KLEH-mints

MARCUS

ah-TEE-ah

ah-BRAY-a

D-shawn

PARIS

KWAIM (like same)

luh-LEE

MORE-ann

ROW-minn

SOAP-oh-AH-gah

STAY-lee

ull-BRICK

Deh-LAY-nee

RAH-gee

COACHES

Pete Hoener

Jim Hostler

Greg Manusky

PRONUNCIATION

HAAY-ner

HOSS-ler

Ma-nuh-ski

2007 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS UNOFFICIAL DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

WR	82	Darrell Jackson	88	Taylor Jacobs	81	Brandon Williams
LT	75	Jonas Jennings	68	Adam Snyder		
LG	71	Larry Allen	68	Adam Snyder		
C	66	Eric Heitmann	69	Tony Wragge		
RG	65	Justin Smiley	64	David Baas		
RT	74	<u>Joe Staley</u>	77	Kwame Harris		
TE	85	Vernon Davis	47	Billy Bajema	46	Delanie Walker
WR	83	Arnaz Battle	18	Ashley Lelie	89	<u>Jason Hill</u>
QB	11	Alex Smith	12	Trent Dilfer	13	Shaun Hill
RB	21	Frank Gore	43	Maurice Hicks	24	Michael Robinson
FB	44	Moran Norris	45	Zak Keasey		

DEFENSE

UT	97	Bryant Young	93	Ronald Fields	78	Atiyyah Ellison
NT	92	Aubrayo Franklin	90	Isaac Sopoaga		
DE	94	Marques Douglas	91	<u>Ray McDonald</u>		
OLB	55	Hannibal Navies	98	Parys Haralson		
MLB	50	Derek Smith	56	Brandon Moore		
MLB	52	<u>Patrick Willis</u>	53	Jeff Ulbrich		
OLB	95	Tully Banta-Cain	98	Parys Haralson		
CB	22	Nate Clements	25	<u>Tarell Brown</u>	30	Donald Strickland
CB	27	Walt Harris	36	Shawntae Spencer	23	Marcus Hudson
SS	32	Michael Lewis	28	Keith Lewis		
FS	26	Mark Roman	38	<u>Dashon Goldson</u>		

SPECIAL TEAMS

K	6	Joe Nedney				
P	4	Andy Lee				
KR	43	Maurice Hicks	24	Michael Robinson		
PR	81	Brandon Williams	83	Arnaz Battle	22	Nate Clements
LS	86	Brian Jennings	47	Billy Bajema		
H	4	Andy Lee	83	Arnaz Battle		

Underline denotes rookie

PUP/RESERVE

96 DE Melvin Oliver (knee) – 8/28/07

INJURED RESERVE

14 WR C.J. Brewer (knee) – 8/24/07
 20 CB B.J. Tucker (pectoral) – 7/16/07
 58 LB Jay Moore (ankle) – 9/1/07
 67 DT Joe Cohen (knee) – 9/1/07
 99 LB Manny Lawson (knee) – 9/21/07

2007 SAN FRANCISCO 49ers PLAYER PARTICIPATION CHART

PLAYER	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12	Wk 13	Wk 14	Wk 15	Wk 16	Wk 17	GP/GS/ DNP/IA
	AZ 9-10	at STL 9-16	at PIT 9-23	SEA 9-30	BAL 10-7	at NYG 10-21	NO 10-28	at ATL 11-4	at SEA 11-12	STL 11-18	at AZ 11-25	at CAR 12-2	MIN 12-9	CIN 12-15	TB 12-23	at CLE 12-30	
Alcorn, Zac	NR	PS	PS														0/0/0/0
Allen, Larry	LG	LG	LG														3/3/0/0
Baas, David	DNP	P	P														2/0/1/0
Bajema, Billy	TE	IA	P														2/1/0/1
Banta-Cain, Tully	ROLB	ROLB	ROLB														3/3/0/0
Battle, Arnaz	WR	WR	WR														3/3/0/0
Bing, Darnell	PS	PS	PS														0/0/0/0
Brewer, C.J.	IR	IR	IR														0/0/0/0
Brown, Tarell	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Clayton, Thomas	PS	PS	PS														0/0/0/0
Clements, Nate	LCB	LCB	LCB														3/3/0/0
Cohen, Joe	IR	IR	IR														0/0/0/0
Dahl, Harvey	PS	PS	PS														0/0/0/0
Davis, Vernon	TE	TE	TE														3/3/0/0
Dilfer, Trent	DNP	DNP	DNP														0/0/3/0
Douglas, Marques	RDE	RDE	RDE														3/3/0/0
Duckett, Damane	PS	PS	PS														0/0/0/0
Ellison, Atiyah	IA	IA	IA														0/0/0/3
Fields, Ronald	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Franklin, Aubrayo	NT	NT	NT														3/3/0/0
Goldson, Dashon	IA	IA	IA														0/0/0/3
Gore, Frank	RB	RB	RB														3/3/0/0
Haralson, Parys	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Harris, Kwame	IA	P	IA														1/0/0/2
Harris, Walt	RCB	RCB	RCB														3/3/0/0
Heitmann, Eric	C	C	C														3/3/0/0
Herold, Zac	PS	NR	NR														0/0/0/0
Hicks, Maurice	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Hill, Jason	IA	IA	IA														0/0/0/3
Hill, Shaun	EQ	EQ	EQ														0/0/0/3
Hudson, Marcus	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Jackson, Darrell	WR	WR	WR														3/3/0/0
Jacobs, Taylor	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Jennings, Brian	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Jennings, Jonas	LT	LT	LT														3/3/0/0
Keasey, Zak	PS	PS	P														1/0/0/0
Lawson, Manny	LOLB	LOLB	IR														2/2/0/0
Lee, Andy	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Lelie, Ashley	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Lewis, Keith	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Lewis, Michael	SS	SS	SS														3/3/0/0
McDonald, Ray	IA	IA	IA														0/0/0/3
Moore, Brandon	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Moore, Jay	IR	IR	IR														0/0/0/0
Navies, Hannibal	P	P	LOLB														3/1/0/0
Nedney, Joe	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Norris, Moran	P	FB	P														3/1/0/0
Oliver, Melvin	PUP	PUP	PUP														0/0/0/0
Robinson, Michael	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Roman, Mark	FS	FS	FS														3/3/0/0
Smiley, Justin	RG	RG	RG														3/3/0/0
Smith, Alex	QB	QB	QB														3/3/0/0
Smith, Derek	LILB	LILB	LILB														3/3/0/0
Snyder, Adam	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Sopoaga, Isaac	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Spencer, Shawntae	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Staley, Joe	RG	RG	RG														3/3/0/0
Strickland, Donald	IA	IA	IA														0/0/0/3
Tucker, B.J.	IR	IR	IR														0/0/0/0
Ulbrich, Jeff	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Walker, Delanie	P	P	TE														3/1/0/0
Washington, Mark	PS	PS	PS														0/0/0/0
Williams, Brandon	P	P	P														3/0/0/0
Willis, Patrick	RILB	RILB	RILB														3/3/0/0
Wragge, Tony	IA	IA	IA														0/0/0/3
Young, Bryant	LDE	LDE	LDE														3/3/0/0
Zeigler, Dominique	PS	PS	PS														0/0/0/0

Position = Starter, P = Played, DNP = Did Not Play, IA = Inactive, IR = Injured Reserve, EQ = Emergency Quarterback, PUP = Physically Unable to Perform,

NR = Not on Roster, PS = Practice Squad, NFI = Non-Football Injury, SUS = Suspended, EXP = Roster Exemption, PSI = Practice Squad/Injured, BYE = Week 6 (10-14)

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS / WEEK 3 / THROUGH SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2007

				* RUSHING		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
WON 2, LOST 1										
09/10 W 20-17	Arizona	68,111		Gore	52	175	3.4	43t	3	
09/16 W 17-16	at St. Louis	65,295		A. Smith	8	67	8.4	25	0	
09/23 L 16-37	at Pittsburgh	64,313		Robinson	3	11	3.7	7	0	
09/30	Seattle			Hicks	2	10	5.0	7	0	
10/07	Baltimore			Battle	2	9	4.5	8	1	
10/21	at New York Giants			Keasey	2	4	2.0	3	0	
10/28	New Orleans			Norris	2	4	2.0	2	0	
11/04	at Atlanta			Jacobs	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0	
11/12	at Seattle			TEAM	72	272	3.8	43t	4	
11/18	St. Louis			OPPONENTS	94	427	4.5	39t	2	
11/25	at Arizona			* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
12/02	at Carolina			Jackson	11	166	15.1	34	0	
12/09	Minnesota			Battle	9	104	11.6	22	0	
12/15	Cincinnati			Davis	8	83	10.4	31	0	
12/23	Tampa Bay			Gore	5	37	7.4	21	0	
12/30	at Cleveland			Hicks	3	20	6.7	11	0	

		S.F.	Opp.	Walker <th>No.</th> <th>Yds</th> <th>Avg</th> <th>Long</th> <th>TD</th>	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	41	59	Jacobs	2	26	13.0	21t	1	
Rushing	15	21	Norris	2	6	3.0	4	0	
Passing	23	32	TEAM	43	461	10.7	34	1	
Penalty	3	6	OPPONENTS	51	630	12.4	37	3	

		S.F.	Opp.	* INTERCEPTIONS		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
3rd Down: Made/Att	11/40	18/41	W. Harris	1	23	23.0	23	0		
3rd Down Pct.	27.5	43.9	Spencer	1	0	0.0	0	0		
4th Down: Made/Att	2/3	0/1	TEAM	2	23	11.5	23	0		
4th Down Pct.	66.7	0.0	OPPONENTS	1	50	50.0	50t	1		

		S.F.	Opp.	* PUNTING		No.	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
TOTAL NET YARDS	669	1003	Lee	19	898	47.3	41.7	5	6	71	0	0	
Avg. Per Game	223.0	334.3	TEAM	19	898	47.3	41.7	5	6	71	0	0	
Total Plays	164	192	OPPONENTS	13	503	38.7	36.2	0	5	49	0	0	
Avg. Per Play	4.1	5.2											

		S.F.	Opp.	* PUNT RETURNS		Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
NET YARDS RUSHING	272	427	Williams	5	5	32	6.4	12	0		
Avg. Per Game	90.7	142.3	TEAM	5	5	32	6.4	12	0		
Total Rushes	72	94	OPPONENTS	8	2	5	0.6	7	0		

		S.F.	Opp.	* KICKOFF RETURNS		No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
NET YARDS PASSING	397	576	Hicks	13	276	21.2	33	0			
Avg. Per Game	132.3	192.0	Walker	3	63	21.0	30	0			
Sacked/Yards Lost	9/64	9/54	TEAM	16	339	21.2	33	0			
Gross Yards	461	630	OPPONENTS	12	283	23.6	98t	1			
Att./Completions	83/43	89/51									
Completion Pct.	51.8	57.3									
Had Intercepted	1	2									

		S.F.	Opp.	* FIELD GOALS		1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
PUNTS/AVERAGE	19/47.3	13/38.7	Nedney	0/0	1/1	3/3	2/2	0/0	0/0	
NET PUNTING AVG.	19/41.7	13/36.2	TEAM	0/0	1/1	3/3	2/2	0/0	0/0	
PENALTIES/YARDS	11/71	17/118	OPPONENTS	0/0	2/2	3/3	1/1	1/2		

		S.F.	Opp.	FUMBLES/BALL LOST		Nedney: (33G, 30G) (40G) (32G, 22G, 49G)					OPPONENTS: (35G) (27G, 29G, 53G, 56N) (36G, 49G, 35G)				
TOUCHDOWNS	5	7													
Rushing	4	2													
Passing	1	3													
Returns	0	2													

* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS
TEAM	13	10	13	17	0	53
OPPONENTS	14	23	3	30	0	70

* SCORING	TD-Ru	Pa	Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS	
Nedney	0	0	0	0	5/5	6/6	0	23
Gore	3	3	0	0			0	18
Battle	1	1	0	0			0	6
Jacobs	1	0	1	0			0	6
TEAM	5	4	1	0	5/5	6/6	0	53
OPPONENTS	7	2	3	2	7/7	7/8	0	70

2-Pt. Conversions: TEAM 0-0, OPPONENTS 0-0
 SACKS: Young 4, Douglas 1.5, Clements 1,
 Navies 1, Banta-Cain 0.5, M. Lewis 0.5,
 Sopoaga 0.5, TEAM 9, OPPONENTS 9
 FUM/LOST: A. Smith 2/2, Battle 1/0,
 Williams 1/1

* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
A. Smith	83	43	461	51.8	5.55	1	1.2	1	1.2	34	9/64	67.4
TEAM	83	43	461	51.8	5.55	1	1.2	1	1.2	34	9/64	67.4
OPPONENTS	89	51	630	57.3	7.08	3	3.4	2	2.2	37	9/54	81.2

2007 SEASON TRANSACTIONS

1-2	Allocated to NFL Europe	T Tavares Washington (Florida) WR C.J. Brewer (Wyoming) WR Marcus Maxwell (Oregon) S Vickiel Vaughn (Arkansas)
1-3	Released as coaches	Defensive Coordinator Billy Davis Defensive Line Coach Gary Emanuel
1-14	Named special teams coordinator	Al Everest
1-16	Named defensive line coach	Jim Tomsula
	Re-signed	Zak Keasey
2-1	Named defensive coordinator	Greg Manusky
	Re-signed	S Keith Lewis (Oregon)
2-12	Allocated to NFL Europe	DB Jermaine Hardy (Virginia)
2-26	Waived	CB Sammy Davis (Texas A&M) S Donald Strickland (Colorado)
2-27	Tendered restricted free agent contracts	P Andy Lee (Pittsburgh) RB Maurice Hicks (North Carolina A&T)
	Tended exclusive rights contract	T Tony Wragge (New Mexico State)
2-28	Named offensive coordinator	Jim Hostler
3-1	Re-signed	DE Bryant Young (Notre Dame)
	Waived	WR Antonio Bryant (Pittsburgh)
	Named quarterbacks coach	Frank Cignetti
3-2	Signed	CB Nate Clements (Ohio State) S Michael Lewis (Colorado)
3-3	Signed	DT Aubrayo Franklin (Tennessee)
	Re-signed	WR Bryan Gilmore (Midwestern State)
3-5	Signed	WR Ashley Lelie (Hawaii)
	Re-signed	C/G Tony Wragge (New Mexico State) FB Moran Norris (Kansas)
3-6	Signed	LB Tully Banta-Cain (California)
	Re-signed	S Donald Strickland (Colorado)
3-12	Re-signed	CB Walt Harris (Mississippi State)
3-14	Allocated to NFL Europe	DE John Syptak (Rice)
3-16	Waived	LB Renauld Williams (Hofstra)
3-19	Named offensive assistant/offensive line coach	Mark Nori
	Signed	LB Colby Bockwoldt (Brigham Young)
4-28	Selected as first round (11 th overall) draft choice	LB Patrick Willis (Mississippi)
	Selected as first round (28 th overall) draft choice via trade with New England for 2008 first round pick and 2007 fourth round (110 th overall) choice	T Joe Staley (Central Michigan)
	Traded second round (42 nd overall) draft choice to Indianapolis for 2008 first round draft choice and 2007 fourth round (126 th overall) draft choice	
	Selected as third round (76 th overall) draft choice	WR Jason Hill (Washington State)
	Selected as third round (97 th overall) draft choice	DE Ray McDonald (Florida)
4-29	Selected as fourth round (104 th overall) draft choice	DE Jay Moore (Nebraska)
	Traded fourth round (124 th overall) draft choice to Seattle for WR Darrell Jackson	
	Selected as fourth round (126 th overall) draft choice	FS Dashon Goldson (Washington)
	Selected as fourth round (1325 th overall) draft	DT Joe Cohen (Florida)

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	choice	
	Selected as fifth round (147 th overall) draft choice	CB Tarell Brown (Texas)
	Selected as sixth round (186 th overall) draft choice	RB Thomas Clayton (Kansas State)
5-4	Signed as undrafted free agents	DE Zach Anderson (Louisville) QB Luke Getsy (Akron) TE Zac Herold (Nebraska-Omaha) CB Sammy Joseph (Louisiana State) P Ken Parrish (East Stroudsburg) DE Darius Sanders (Oregon) WR Dominique Zeigler (Baylor)
	Signed as a free agent	K MacKenzie Hoambrecker (Northern Iowa)
5-10	Signed as undrafted free agents	LB Steve Dildine (Washington State) G/T Sean Estrada (Penn)
5-15	Signed as undrafted free agent	S Jake Patten (Virginia Tech)
5-21	Named quality control coach	Shane Day
5-23	Signed	Fourth-round draft pick DE Jay Moore (Nebraska)
5-24	Signed	Fourth-round draft pick DT Joe Cohen (Florida)
5-29	Signed	Fifth-round draft pick CB Tarell Brown (Texas)
6-11	Signed	DE/DT Sam Rayburn (Tulsa)
7-16	Released	DB Jermaine Hardy (Virginia)
	Placed on injured Reserve	CB B.J. Tucker (Wisconsin)
7-17	Signed	First-round draft pick T Joe Staley (Central Michigan) CB Markus Curry (Michigan) TE Zachary Hilton (North Carolina)
7-18	Signed	LB Mark Washington (Texas State-San Marcos)
7-23	Signed	Fourth-round draft pick S Dashon Goldson (Washington)
7-25	Signed	Sixth-round draft pick RB Thomas Clayton (Kansas State)
7-26	Signed	Third-round draft pick WR Jason Hill (Washington State)
	Claimed off waivers from Oakland	S Darnell Bing (Southern California)
7-27	Signed	Third-round draft pick DE Ray McDonald (Florida)
7-29	Signed	First-round draft pick LB Patrick Willis (Mississippi)
8-2	Signed	RB Arkee Whitlock (Southern Illinois)
8-24	Placed on Injured Reserve	WR C.J. Brewer (Wyoming)
8-26	Waived	FB Steve Dildine (Washington State) LB Roderick Green (Central Missouri State) K MacKenzie Hoambrecker (Northern Iowa) CB Sammy Joseph (Louisiana State) WR Marcus Maxwell (Oregon) P Ken Parrish (East Stroudsburg) G Nick Steitz (Oregon) LB John Syptak (Rice) WR Dominique Zeigler (Baylor)
8-28	Placed on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform	DE Melvin Oliver (LSU)
8-31	Waived	DE Zach Anderson (Louisville) CB Markus Curry (Michigan) G Sean Estrada (Pennsylvania) QB Luke Getsy (Akron) S Jake Patten (Virginia Tech) DE Darius Sanders (Oregon) RB Arkee Whitlock (Southern Illinois)
9-1	Waived	S Darnell Bing (Southern California) LB Colby Bockwoldt (Brigham Young) RB Thomas Clayton (Kansas State) T Harvey Dahl (Nevada) T Damane Duckett (East Carolina) WR Bryan Gilmore (Midwestern State)

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	Placed on Injured Reserve	<p>TE Zac Herold (Nebraska-Omaha) TE Zachary Hilton (North Carolina) FB Zak Keasey (Princeton) DE Sam Rayburn (Tulsa) S Vickiel Vaughn (Arkansas) LB Mark Washington (Texas State-San Marcos) T Tavares Washington (Florida)</p> <p>LB Jay Moore (Nebraska) DT Joe Cohen (Florida)</p>
9-2	Signed to Practice Squad	<p>S Darnell Bing (Southern California) RB Thomas Clayton (Kansas State) T Harvey Dahl (Nevada) T Damane Duckett (East Carolina) TE Zac Herold (Nebraska-Omaha) FB Zak Keasey (Princeton) LB Mark Washington (Texas State-San Marcos) WR Dominique Zeigler (Baylor)</p>
9-5	Waived Signed	<p>T Patrick Estes (Virginia)</p> <p>DE/DT Atiyah Ellison (Missouri)</p>
9-12	Waived from Practice Squad Signed to Practice Squad	<p>TE Zac Herold</p> <p>TE Zac Alcorn</p>
9-21	Placed on Injured Reserve Signed to Active Roster from Practice Squad	<p>LB Manny Lawson</p> <p>FB Zak Keasey</p>

San Francisco 49ers

2007 GAME REVIEWS



Next Game:
vs. Seattle
September 30, 2007

Game 1

SAN FRANCISCO 20, ARIZONA 17

At San Francisco, September 10, 2007

On a night when the San Francisco 49ers honored legendary head coach Bill Walsh, in a special halftime ceremony, the 49ers showed comeback magic, rallying to pull out a 20-17 victory over division rival Arizona in front of the home fans on Monday Night Football. The win over Arizona snapped a four-game losing streak following series sweeps in 2005 and 2006. Down 17-13 with 2:58 to play in the fourth quarter, QB Alex Smith engineered a 12-play, 86-yard drive that started at the 14 and was capped by a one-yard touchdown run by WR Arnaz Battle with just 22 seconds left to play to put the 49ers in front, 20-17. Smith entered the final drive with just 66 yards passing, but completed six-of-10 for 60 yards with 25 yards rushing. After completing passes of 10 yards to Battle and then a 16-yard strike to WR Darrell Jackson, the 49ers offense was faced with a fourth-and-one from the Arizona 45-yard line. Smith showcased his scrambling ability on a 25-yard run to get down to the Arizona 20-yard line with 1:23 to play. Then with just 32 seconds to play, Smith completed a 22-yard pass to Battle to get to the one-yard line. Battle fumbled on the play and the ball was recovered by the 49ers in the end zone. By rule, the ball was spotted at the point of the fumble, giving the 49ers a first down at the one-yard line with 26 seconds to play. Battle scored on a one-yard touchdown run on the end around, and CB Shawntae Spencer intercepted a QB Matt Leinart desperation pass to seal the victory. While the 49ers offense struggled for most of the day, the improved 49ers secondary limited the Cardinals to just 100 net yards passing after giving up an average of 326.8 yards passing in the four consecutive losses to Arizona. On Arizona's first offensive play, CB Walt Harris stepped in front of WR Larry Fitzgerald and intercepted a Leinart pass at the 29 and returned it 23 yards to the Cardinals six-yard line to set up a six-yard touchdown run by RB Frank Gore. The Cardinals scored 10 points in the second quarter on two costly mistakes by the 49ers. Late in the first quarter, S Keith Lewis was called for running into the kicker, allowing Arizona to keep a drive going on a series that ended in a field goal early in the second quarter. On the 49ers next offensive possession, Smith lost a fumble on a sack, allowing the Cardinals to recover at the San Francisco 36-yard line to help lead to a Cardinals touchdown for a 10-7 lead. A 12-yard scramble by Smith on a third-and-10 play helped position the 49ers for a 33-yard field goal by PK Joe Nedney to send the game into a 10-10 tie at the half. The 49ers took advantage of good field position by their special teams units early in the third quarter after a 15-yard penalty on Arizona following a punt allowed the 49ers to start a drive at Cardinals 33-yard line to set up a 30-yard field goal by Nedney for a 13-10 lead. Arizona took a 17-13 lead with 6:46 left play after capitalizing on two third-down conversions before Leinart connected with WR Anquan Boldin on a five-yard touchdown pass. Rookie LB Patrick Willis led the defense with 11 total tackles.

Cardinals	0	10	0	7	17
49ers	7	3	3	7	20

SCORING

		Game Clock	Drive Pl-Yds
49ers	Gore 6 run (Nedney kick)	11:21	(2-6)
Cardinals	Rackers 35 FG	12:51	(13-53)
Cardinals	James 7 run (Rackers kick)	9:10	(5-36)
49ers	Nedney 33 FG	3:35	(11-51)
49ers	Nedney 30 FG	11:15	(5-21)
Cardinals	Boldin 5 pass from Leinart (Rackers kick)	6:40	(9-58)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING

Cardinals – James 26-92-1 td, Leinart 6-35, Shipp 1-14, Boldin 1-14, Arrington 4-6.

49ers – Gore 18-55-1 td, A.Smith 3-36, Battle 1-1-1 td.

PASSING

Cardinals – Leinart 28-14-102-1 td, 1 int.

49ers – A.Smith 31-15-126 0 tds, 0 int.

RECEIVING

Cardinals – Boldin 4-22-1 td, Pope 3-22, Fitzgerald 3-20, James 2-20, Johnson 1-12, Bienemann 1-6.

49ers – Battle 5-60, Jackson 4-36, Norris 2-6, Davis 2-4, Gore 1-21, Hicks 1-(-1).

TEAM STATISTICS

	Cardinals	49ers
First Downs	20	16
Total Net Yards	261	194
Rushes-Yards	38-161	22-92
Passing Yards	100	102
Passes Comp-Att-Int	28-14-2	31-15-0
Sacked-Yards	1-2	3-24
Penalties-Yards	10-71	6-40
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	2-1
Time of Possession	34:32	25:28
Attendance:	68,111	

Game 2**SAN FRANCISCO 17, ST. LOUIS 16**

At St. Louis, September 16, 2007

The San Francisco 49ers improved to a 2-0 record with a 17-16 victory over the St. Louis Rams at the Edward Jones Dome. A long touchdown run by RB Frank Gore on offense, a forced fumble by CB Nate Clements on defense and a recovery of a muffed punt by the special teams unit helped lead San Francisco to the win. Gore, who played with a heavy heart following the death of his mother earlier in the week, had the biggest offensive play of the day. Gore broke through the line on his way to a 43-yard touchdown on a fourth-and-one play from the St. Louis 43-yard line in the third quarter to give the 49ers a 14-13 lead. The touchdown series was set up by a huge play by Clements. Nursing a 13-7 lead, St. Louis moved to the San Francisco 28-yard line where QB Marc Bulger connected with WR Torry Holt on a crossing route. Holt caught the ball on the run at the eight-yard line and appeared to be heading into the end zone when Clements came up behind him and knocked the ball loose. The ball skipped out of the end zone, resulting in a touchback for the 49ers to end the scoring threat. QB Alex Smith fumbled the ball on a sack in the fourth quarter, allowing the Rams to take over at the San Francisco 41-yard line. That turnover was converted into a 43-yard field goal for a 16-14 Rams lead. The 49ers were stopped on their next series, but Rams PR Dante Hall muffed a punt and CB Marcus Hudson recovered at the St. Louis 26-yard line to set up PK Joe Nedney's 40-yard game-winning field goal to give the 49ers a 17-16 advantage. The Rams reached the San Francisco 38-yard line with 1:04 to play and attempted a 57-yard field goal that fell short. The 49ers ran off the final 58 seconds to secure the win. St. Louis took a 7-0 first quarter lead after recovering a 49ers muffed punt at the 25-yard line to help set up a 21-yard touchdown pass from Bulger to Holt. The Rams were flagged for interference when they ran into PR Brandon Williams when he was trying to fair catch a punt later in the first quarter. San Francisco took over at the Rams 39-yard line where a 19-yard pass from QB Alex Smith to TE Vernon Davis helped to get in position for a one-yard touchdown run by Gore to tie the game at 7-7 early in the second quarter. The Rams responded with field goals on their next two drives to take a 13-7 halftime lead. The 49ers red zone defense deflected passes on third down on both of those drives and nearly made interceptions. Despite throwing for 368 yards, Bulger was sacked six times and hit 11 times by a relentless 49ers defense. DE Bryant Young had three of the six sacks and also forced a fumble on one of the sacks.

49ers	0	7	7	3	17
Rams	7	6	0	3	16

SCORING

		Game Clock	Drive Pl-Yds
Rams	Holt 12 pass from Bulger (Wilkins kick)	6:04	(6-25)
49ers	Gore 1 run (Nedney kick)	14:57	(6-39)
Rams	Wilkins 27 FG	9:04	(11-70)
Rams	Wilkins 29 FG	1:51	(10-81)
49ers	Gore 43 run (Nedney kick)	2:43	(9-80)
Rams	Wilkins 53 FG	10:04	(4-7)
49ers	Nedney 40 FG	3:23	(4-4)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**RUSHING****49ers** – Gore 20-81-2 tds, Hicks 2-10, Norris 2-4, Robinson 1-3, A.Smith 2-(-1), Jacobs 1-(-8).**Rams** – Jackson 21-60, Minor 1-4, Bruce 1-(-3).**PASSING****49ers** – A.Smith 17-11-126 0 tds, 0 int.**Rams** – Bulger 41-24-368 1 td, 0 int.**RECEIVING****49ers** – Jackson 3-61, Davis 2-23, Hicks 2-21, Battle 2-17, Gore 2-4.**Rams** – Bruce 8-145, Holt 5-74-1 td, Bennett 3-42, Jackson 3-36, McMichael 2-40, Leonard 2-23, Walker 1-8.**TEAM STATISTICS**

	49ers	Rams
First Downs	8	20
Total Net Yards	186	392
Rushes-Yards	28-89	23-61
Passing Yards	97	331
Passes Comp-Att-Int	17-11-0	41-24-0
Sacked-Yards	4-29	6-37
Penalties-Yards	3-21	4-34
Fumbles-Lost	2-2	3-3
Time of Possession	28:11	31:49
Attendance:	65,295	

Game 3**PITTSBURGH 37, SAN FRANCISCO 16**

At Pittsburgh, September 23, 2007

The San Francisco 49ers fell to 2-1 with a 37-16 loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers at Heinz Field. Down 17-6 late in the third quarter, QB Alex Smith moved the 49ers into Pittsburgh territory and then completed a 22-yard pass to TE Vernon Davis on third-and-13 for a for what appeared to be a first down at the Steelers 10-yard line. Davis was ruled to have fumbled, and Pittsburgh recovered the loose ball and returned it to the 43 yards to the San Francisco 47-yard line. The 49ers challenged the ruling on the field, believing that Davis was down at the 10-yard line before the fumble. The referees reversed the call on the field, but ruled that Davis did not have possession before the ball came loose and called the play an incomplection. The 49ers were forced to settle for a 49 yard field goal by PK Joe Nedney to close to 17-9. Momentum shifted Pittsburgh's way following the call with the Steelers scoring 20 fourth quarter points to secure the victory. Following the 49ers third quarter field goal, Pittsburgh added a pair of field goals on their next two offensive drives for a 23-9 lead. The 49ers ensuing drive ended when Smith was intercepted by CB Bryant McFadden, who returned the pick 50 yards for a touchdown for a 30-9 lead. A 20-yard pass to WR Darryl Jackson followed by a 25-yard run by Smith helped set up Smith's 21-yard touchdown pass to WR Taylor Jacobs to get the score to 30-16. A 39-yard touchdown run by RB Najeh Davenport at the two-minute warning closed out the Steelers 20-point fourth quarter. San Francisco, who entered the game with three straight road wins, had a chance to gain early momentum. The team opened the game with an 11-play, 61-yard drive that was culminated with a 32-yard field goal by Nedney. However, the lead was short lived when Pittsburgh KR Allen Rossum took the kickoff 98 yards for a touchdown. The 49ers had a chance late in the first quarter to take a lead after LB Hannibal Navies forced and recovered a Roethlisberger fumble on a sack at the Pittsburgh 22-yard line. The 49ers moved to the Steelers four-yard line before being forced to settle for a field goal. The Steelers had a 12-play, 80-yard drive that was highlighted by RB Willie Parker runs of 23 and 16 yards to set up a nine-yard touchdown pass from Roethlisberger to TE Jerame Tuman. Parker gained 133 of the Steelers 205 rushing yards.

49ers	6	0	3	7	16
Steelers	7	7	3	20	37

SCORING

		Game Clock	Drive Pl-Yds
49ers	Nedney 32 FG	9:24	(11-61)
Steelers	Rossum 98 kickoff return (Reed kick)	9:12	
49ers	Nedney 22 FG	3:01	(7-18)

Steelers	Tuman 9 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick)	0:37	(12-80)

Steelers	Reed 36 FG	9:41	(11-62)
49ers	Nedney 49 FG	4:46	(9-46)

Steelers	Reed 49 FG	14:55	(9-50)
Steelers	Reed 35 FG	4:59	(11-63)
Steelers	McFadden 50 int. return (Reed kick)	4:01	
49ers	Jacobs 21 pass from A.Smith (Reed kick)	2:22	(3-66)
Steelers	Davenport 39 run (Reed kick)	1:51	(3-46)

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**RUSHING****49ers** – Gore 14-39, A.Smith 3-32, Robinson 2-8, Battle 1-8, Keasey 2-4.**Steelers** – Parker 24-133, Davenport 5-47-1 td, Roethlisberger 1-18, Ward 1-7, Wilson 1-0, Batch 1-0.**PASSING****49ers** – A.Smith 35-17-209 1 td, 1 int.**Steelers** – Roethlisberger 20-13-160 1 td, 0 int.**RECEIVING****49ers** – Jackson 4-69, Davis 4-56, Walker 3-19, Battle 2-17, Jacobs 2-26-1td, Gore 2-12.**Steelers** – Miller 4-82, Holmes 3-49, Davis 3-9, Parker 1-9, Tuman 1-9-1 td, Ward 1-2.**TEAM STATISTICS**

	49ers	Steelers
First Downs	17	19
Total Net Yards	289	350
Rushes-Yards	22-91	33-205
Passing Yards	198	145
Passes Comp-Att-Int	35-17-1	20-13-0
Sacked-Yards	2-11	2-15
Penalties-Yards	2-10	3-13
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Time of Possession	28:40	31:20
Attendance:	64,313	

National Football League Game Summary

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Date: Sunday, 9/23/2007

San Francisco 49ers At Pittsburgh Steelers
at Heinz Field, Pittsburgh

Start Time: 1:02 PM EST

Game Day Weather

Game Weather: Sunny
Played Outdoor on Turf: Grass

Temp: 72° F (22.2° C), Humidity: 37%, Wind: From ENE 6 mph
Outdoor Weather: Sunny, Wind Chill: 72

Officials

Referee: Austin, Gerry (34)	Umpire: Fowler, Ruben (71)	Head Linesman: Camp, Ed (134)
Line Judge: Johnson, Carl (101)	Side Judge: Riveron, Alberto (57)	Field Judge: Edwards, Scott (3)
Back Judge: Lawing, Robert (17)	Replay Official:	Video Operator:

Lineups

San Francisco 49ers

Pittsburgh Steelers

Offense		Defense		Offense		Defense	
WR 82	D.Jackson	LDE 97	B.Young	FL 86	H.Ward	LDE 91	AA.Smith
LT 75	J.Jennings	NT 92	A.Franklin	LT 77	M.Smith	NT 98	C.Hampton
LG 71	L.Allen	RE 94	M.Douglas	LG 66	A.Faneca	RDE 99	B.Keisel
C 66	E.Heitmann	MLB 50	D.Smith	C 61	S.Mahan	LOLB 53	C.Haggans
RG 65	J.Smiley	MLB 52	P.Willis	RG 73	K.Simmons	LILB 51	J.Farrior
RT 74	J.Staley	OLB 95	T.Banta-Cain	RT 74	W.Colon	RILB 50	L.Foote
TE 85	V.Davis	CB 22	N.Clements	TE 83	H.Miller	ROLB 92	J.Harrison
WR 83	A.Battle	CB 27	W.Harris	SE 10	S.Holmes	LCB 24	I.Taylor
QB 11	A.Smith	SS 32	M.Lewis	QB 7	B.Roethlisberger	RCB 26	D.Townsend
RB 21	F.Gore	FS 26	M.Roman	HB 39	W.Parker	SS 43	T.Polamalu
TE 46	D.Walker	OLB 55	H.Navies	FB 38	C.Davis	FS 25	R.Clark

Substitutions

P 4 A.Lee, K 6 J.Nedney, WR 18 A.Lelie, CB 23 M.Hudson, RB 24 M.Robinson, CB 25 T.Brown, S 28 K.Lewis, CB 36 S.Spencer, RB 43 M.Hicks, FB 44 M.Norris, FB 45 Z.Keasey, TE 47 B.Bajema, LB 53 J.Ulbrich, LB 56 B.Moore, G 64 D.Baas, T/G 68 A.Snyder, WR 81 B.Williams, TE/LS 86 B.Jennings, WR 88 T.Jacobs, DT 90 I.Sopoaga, DT 93 R.Fields, LB 98 P.Haralson

Substitutions

K 3 J.Reed, P 9 D.Sepulveda, QB 16 C.Batch, CB 20 B.McFadden, CB 22 W.Gay, S 23 T.Carter, S 27 A.Smith, CB 30 A.Rossum, FB 35 D.Kreider, RB 44 N.Davenport, LB 54 A.Frazier, LB 56 L.Woodley, LB 57 C.Kriewaldt, LS 60 G.Warren, OG 68 C.Kemoeatu, DT 76 C.Hoke, OT 78 M.Starks, WR 80 C.Wilson, TE 84 J.Tuman, WR 85 N.Washington, DE 90 T.Kirschke, DE 93 N.Eason, LB 94 L.Timmons, LB 97 A.Harrison

Did Not Play

QB 12 T.Dilfer

Did Not Play

3QB 2 B.St. Pierre, WR 15 W.Reid, CB 21 R.Colclough, RB 33 G.Russell, G/C 72 D.Stapleton, OT 79 T.Essex, TE 89 M.Spaeth

Not Active

3DQB 13 S.Hill, CB 30 D.Strickland, S 38 D.Goldson, G 69 T.Wragge, T 77 K.Harris, DE/DT 78 A.Ellison, WR 89 J.Hill, DE 91 R.McDonald

Not Active

3QB 2 B.St. Pierre, WR 15 W.Reid, CB 21 R.Colclough, RB 33 G.Russell, G/C 72 D.Stapleton, OT 79 T.Essex, TE 89 M.Spaeth

Field Goals (made () & missed)

J.Nedney (32) (22) (49) J.Reed (36) (49) (35)

		1	2	3	4	OT	Total
VISITOR:	San Francisco 49ers	6	0	3	7	0	16
HOME:	Pittsburgh Steelers	7	7	3	20	0	37

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Play Description (Extra Point) (Drive Info)	Visitor	Home
49ers	1	9:24	J.Nedney 32 yd. Field Goal (11-61, 5:36)	3	0
Steelers	1	9:12	A.Rossum 98 yd. kickoff return (J.Reed kick) (0-0, 0:12)	3	7
49ers	1	3:01	J.Nedney 22 yd. Field Goal (7-18, 3:12)	6	7
Steelers	2	0:37	J.Tuman 9 yd. pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick) (12-80, 7:39)	6	14
Steelers	3	9:41	J.Reed 36 yd. Field Goal (11-62, 5:19)	6	17
49ers	3	4:46	J.Nedney 49 yd. Field Goal (9-46, 4:55)	9	17
Steelers	4	14:55	J.Reed 49 yd. Field Goal (9-50, 4:51)	9	20
Steelers	4	4:59	J.Reed 35 yd. Field Goal (11-63, 5:40)	9	23
Steelers	4	4:01	B.McFadden 50 yd. interception return (J.Reed kick)	9	30
49ers	4	2:22	T.Jacobs 21 yd. pass from A.Smith (J.Nedney kick) (3-66, 1:39)	16	30
Steelers	4	1:51	N.Davenport 39 yd. run (J.Reed kick) (3-46, 0:31)	16	37

Paid Attendance: 64,313

Time: 3:02

San Francisco 49ers vs Pittsburgh Steelers

9/23/2007 at Heinz Field

Final Team Statistics

	Visitor 49ers	Home Steelers
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	17	19
By Rushing	5	9
By Passing	11	9
By Penalty	1	1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	5-15-33%	7-12-58%
FOURTH DOWN EFFICIENCY	0-1-0%	0-0-0%
TOTAL NET YARDS	289	350
Total Offensive Plays (inc. times thrown passing)	59	55
Average gain per offensive play	4.9	6.4
NET YARDS RUSHING	91	205
Total Rushing Plays	22	33
Average gain per rushing play	4.1	6.2
Tackles for a loss-number and yards	1-4	2-5
NET YARDS PASSING	198	145
Times thrown - yards lost attempting to pass	2-11	2-15
Gross yards passing	209	160
PASS ATTEMPTS-COMPLETIONS-HAD INTERCEPTED	35-17-1	20-13-0
Avg gain per pass play (inc.# thrown passing)	5.4	6.6
KICKOFFS Number-In End Zone-Touchbacks	5-2-1	8-3-1
PUNTS Number and Average	5-57.2	2-42.0
Had Blocked	0	0
FGs - PATs Had Blocked	0-0	0-0
Net Punting Average	46.0	42.0
TOTAL RETURN YARDAGE (Not Including Kickoffs)	0	46
No. and Yards Punt Returns	1-0	2--4
No. and Yards Kickoff Returns	7-149	4-132
No. and Yards Interception Returns	0-0	1-50
PENALTIES Number and Yards	2-10	3-13
FUMBLES Number and Lost	0-0	1-1
TOUCHDOWNS	1	4
Rushing	0	1
Passing	1	1
Interceptions	0	1
Kickoff Returns	0	1
EXTRA POINTS Made-Attempts	1-1	4-4
Kicking Made-Attempts	1-1	4-4
FIELD GOALS Made-Attempts	3-3	3-3
RED ZONE EFFICIENCY	0-2-0%	1-3-33%
GOAL TO GO EFFICIENCY	0-1-0%	1-1-100%
SAFETIES	0	0
FINAL SCORE	16	37
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:40	31:20

San Francisco 49ers vs Pittsburgh Steelers

9/23/2007 at Heinz Field

Ball Possession And Drive Chart

San Francisco 49ers

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	15:00	9:24	5:36	Kickoff	SF 25	11	61	0	61	3	* PIT 14	Field Goal
2	9:12	6:56	2:16	Kickoff	SF 22	3	2	0	2	0	SF 24	Punt
3	6:13	3:01	3:12	Fumble	PIT 22	7	15	3	18	1	* PIT 4	Field Goal
4	0:02	12:09	2:53	Punt	SF 8	6	16	0	16	1	SF 24	Punt
5	9:22	8:16	1:06	Punt	SF 32	3	5	0	5	0	SF 37	Punt
6	0:37	0:00	0:37	Kickoff	SF 28	4	13	0	13	1	SF 41	Punt
7	9:41	4:46	4:55	Kickoff	SF 22	9	41	5	46	4	PIT 32	Field Goal
8	14:55	10:39	4:16	Kickoff	SF 20	8	45	-5	40	3	PIT 40	Punt
9	4:59	4:01	0:58	Kickoff	SF 21	4	21	0	21	1	SF 42	Interception
10	4:01	2:22	1:39	Kickoff	SF 34	3	66	0	66	3	PIT 21	Touchdown
11	1:51	0:39	1:12	Kickoff	SF 22	4	4	0	4	0	SF 25	Downs

(312) Average SF 28

Pittsburgh Steelers

#	Time Recd	Time Lost	Time Poss	How Ball Obtained	Drive Began	# Play	Yds Gain	Yds Pen	Net Yds	1st Down	Last Scrm	How Given Up
1	9:24	9:12	0:12	Kickoff		0	0	0	0	0		Touchdown
2	6:56	6:13	0:43	Punt	PIT 16	2	6	0	6	1	PIT 29	Fumble
3	3:01	0:02	2:59	Kickoff	PIT 25	5	20	0	20	1	PIT 45	Punt
4	12:09	9:22	2:47	Punt	PIT 8	4	23	0	23	1	PIT 31	Punt
5	8:16	0:37	7:39	Punt	PIT 20	12	80	0	80	6	* SF 9	Touchdown
6	15:00	9:41	5:19	Kickoff	PIT 20	11	62	0	62	3	* SF 18	Field Goal
7	4:46	14:55	4:51	Kickoff	PIT 19	9	50	0	50	3	SF 31	Field Goal
8	10:39	4:59	5:40	Punt	PIT 20	11	63	0	63	3	* SF 17	Field Goal
9	2:22	1:51	0:31	Kickoff	SF 46	3	46	0	46	1	SF 39	Touchdown
10	0:39	0:00	0:39	Downs	SF 26	1	0	0	0	0	SF 26	End of Game

(256) Average PIT 28

* inside opponent's 20

Time of Possession by Quarter		1st	2nd	3rd	4th	OT	Total
Visitor	San Francisco 49ers	11:06	4:34	4:55	8:05		28:40
Home	Pittsburgh Steelers	3:54	10:26	10:05	6:55		31:20
Kickoff Drive No.-Start Average		49ers: 8 - SF 24		Steelers: 4 - PIT 30			

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Final Defensive Statistics

San Francisco 49ers	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SACK /	YRDS	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
M.Douglas	7	1	8	0.5	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Lewis	5	3	8	0.5	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Willis	5	2	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Smith	2	5	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Clements	4	2	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Roman	4	2	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Franklin	3	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
H.Navies	1	3	4	1.0	7.0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
S.Spencer	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
K.Lewis	1	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Banta-Cain	1	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Harris	1	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I.Sopoaga	1	1	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Hudson	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Young	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Robinson	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	38	24	62	2.0	15.0	2	0	3	1	1	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

TKL /TK=Tackle AST /AS=Assist COMB=Combined QH=Quarterback Hit IN=Interception
 PD=Pass Defense FF =Forced Fumble FR=Fumble Recovery BL=Blocked

Pittsburgh Steelers	Regular Defensive Plays											Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SACK /	YRDS	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
T.Polamalu	5	3	8	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Foote	1	5	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Smith	5	0	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Harrison	4	1	5	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
I.Taylor	3	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Farrior	3	0	3	1.0	8.0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
R.Clark	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Hampton	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Woodley	2	0	2	1.0	3.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
AA.Smith	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Kirschke	2	0	2	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.McFadden	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
D.Townsend	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Eason	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
T.Carter	1	0	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Haggans	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Kriewaldt	0	1	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
B.Keisel	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Harrison	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Timmons	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Davis	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
A.Rossum	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
W.Gay	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Smith	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Total	35	14	49	2.0	11.0	2	1	6	0	0	7	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0

San Francisco 49ers vs Pittsburgh Steelers

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First Half Summary

	PERIOD SCORES		TIME OF POSSESSION
49ers (Visitor)	6 0 = 6	49ers	15:40
Steelers (Home)	7 7 = 14	Steelers	14:20

Scoring Plays

Team	Qtr	Time	Scoring Play	Score	
				Visitor	Home
49ers	1	9:24	J.Nedney 32 yd. Field Goal (11-61, 5:36)	3	0
Steelers	1	9:12	A.Rossum 98 yd. kickoff return (J.Reed kick) (0-0, 0:12)	3	7
49ers	1	3:01	J.Nedney 22 yd. Field Goal (7-18, 3:12)	6	7
Steelers	2	0:37	J.Tuman 9 yd. pass from B.Roethlisberger (J.Reed kick) (12-80, 7:39)	6	14

	49ers	Steelers
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	6	9
First Downs Rushing-Passing-by Penalty	2 - 4 - 0	5 - 3 - 1
THIRD DOWN EFFICIENCY	4-10-40%	2-4-50%
TOTAL NET YARDS	112	129
Total Offensive Plays	32	23
NET YARDS RUSHING	36	89
NET YARDS PASSING	76	40
Gross Yards Passing	76	55
Times thrown-yards lost attempting to pass	0-0	2-15
Pass Attempts-Completions-Had Intercepted	18 - 7 - 0	7 - 6 - 0
Punts-Number and Average	4 - 61.5	2 - 42
Penalties-Number and Yards	1 - 5	2 - 8
Fumbles-Number and Lost	0 - 0	1 - 1
Red Zone Efficiency	0-2-0%	1-1-100%
Average Drive Start	SF 32	PIT 17

San Francisco 49ers

Pittsburgh Steelers

RUSHING						RUSHING					
	ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD		ATT	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
F.Gore	11	22	2.0	8	0	W.Parker	11	79	7.2	23	0
A.Smith	2	7	3.5	4	0	H.Ward	1	7	7.0	7	0
M.Robinson	1	7	7.0	7	0	N.Davenport	1	3	3.0	3	0
						C.Wilson	1	0	0.0	0	0
Total	14	36	2.6	8	0	Total	14	89	6.4	23	0

PASSING									PASSING								
	ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT		ATT	CMP	YDS	SK/YD	TD	LG	IN	RT
A.Smith	18	7	76	0/0	0	31	0	52.1	B.Roethlisberger	7	6	55	2/15	1	20	0	139.0
Total	18	7	76	0/0	0	31	0	52.1	Total	7	6	55	2/15	1	20	0	139.0

San Francisco 49ers						Regular Defensive Plays					Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SACK	YRDS	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
M.Douglas	3	1	4	0.5	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
P.Willis	3	1	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
M.Lewis	2	2	4	0.5	4.0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Clements	3	0	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Pittsburgh Steelers						Regular Defensive Plays					Special Teams					Misc			
	TKL	AST	COMB	SACK	YRDS	QH	IN	PD	FF	FR	TKL	AST	FF	FR	BL	TKL	AST	FF	FR
T.Polamalu	3	3	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
L.Foote	1	3	4	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.Hampton	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
J.Harrison	2	1	3	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

SF wins toss, elects to Receive, and PIT elects to defend the South goal.

J.Reed kicks 68 yards from PIT 30 to SF 2. M.Hicks to SF 25 for 23 yards (J.Harrison; W.Gay).

San Francisco 49ers at 15:00, (1st play from scrimmage 14:54)

- 1-10-SF 25 (14:54) A.Smith pass short right to D.Walker to SF 28 for 3 yards (I.Taylor).
- 2-7-SF 28 (14:14) F.Gore up the middle to SF 30 for 2 yards (C.Hampton, L.Foote).
- 3-5-SF 30 (13:29) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short left to D.Jackson to SF 42 for 12 yards (A.Smith). P1
- 1-10-SF 42 (13:03) F.Gore left tackle to SF 50 for 8 yards (J.Harrison).
- 2-2-SF 50 (12:22) F.Gore left guard to PIT 49 for 1 yard (J.Harrison).
- 3-1-PIT 49 (11:40) A.Smith scrambles right end to PIT 45 for 4 yards (R.Clark). R2
- 1-10-PIT 45 (10:54) A.Smith pass short left to V.Davis to PIT 14 for 31 yards (A.Smith). P3
- 1-10-PIT 14 (10:18) F.Gore up the middle to PIT 14 for no gain (AA.Smith, T.Polamalu).
- 2-10-PIT 14 (9:35) A.Smith pass incomplete short middle to V.Davis. Coverage by #43 Polamalu
- 3-10-PIT 14 (9:31) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short left to V.Davis. Pressure by #26 Townsend
- 4-10-PIT 14 (9:27) **J.Nedney 32 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.**

SF 3 PIT 0, 11 plays, 61 yards, 5:36 drive, 5:36 elapsed

J.Nedney kicks 68 yards from SF 30 to PIT 2. A.Rossum for 98 yards, TOUCHDOWN.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 9:24

J.Reed extra point is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.

SF 3 PIT 7, 0 plays, 98 yards, 0:12 drive, 5:48 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 68 yards from PIT 30 to SF 2. M.Hicks to SF 22 for 20 yards (A.Harrison, A.Smith).

San Francisco 49ers at 9:12, (1st play from scrimmage 9:07)

- 1-10-SF 22 (9:07) A.Smith pass short left to V.Davis to SF 23 for 1 yard (T.Polamalu).
- 2-9-SF 23 (8:22) F.Gore left tackle to SF 19 for -4 yards (D.Townsend).
- 3-13-SF 19 (7:37) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short middle to F.Gore to SF 24 for 5 yards (J.Farrior).
- 4-8-SF 24 (7:07) A.Lee punts 58 yards to PIT 18, Center-B.Jennings. A.Rossum to PIT 16 for -2 yards (M.Robinson, K.Lewis).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 6:56

- 1-10-PIT 16 (6:56) W.Parker left guard to PIT 29 for 13 yards (M.Lewis, M.Roman). R1
- 1-10-PIT 29 (6:20) B.Roethlisberger sacked at PIT 22 for -7 yards (H.Navies). FUMBLES (H.Navies), RECOVERED by SF-H.Navies at PIT 22. H.Navies to PIT 22 for no gain (M.Smith).

San Francisco 49ers at 6:13

- 1-10-PIT 22 (6:13) A.Smith pass incomplete short left to D.Jackson (B.Keisel).
- 2-10-PIT 22 (6:09) F.Gore left guard to PIT 21 for 1 yard (AA.Smith).
- 3-9-PIT 21 (5:26) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short left to V.Davis ran ob at PIT 10 for 11 yards. P4
- 1-10-PIT 10 (4:55) F.Gore up the middle to PIT 8 for 2 yards (L.Foote, J.Harrison).
- 2-8-PIT 8 (4:16) *PENALTY on PIT-T.Polamalu, Defensive Offside, 3 yards, enforced at PIT 8 - No Play.*
- 2-5-PIT 5 (3:55) F.Gore left guard to PIT 4 for 1 yard (T.Polamalu, C.Hampton).
- 3-4-PIT 4 (3:11) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to D.Walker. Pressure by #43 Polamalu, Coverage by #24 Taylor
- 4-4-PIT 4 (3:04) **J.Nedney 22 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.**

SF 6 PIT 7, 7 plays, 18 yards, 1 penalty, 3:12 drive, 11:59 elapsed

J.Nedney kicks 57 yards from SF 30 to PIT 13. N.Davenport to PIT 25 for 12 yards (K.Lewis).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 3:01, (1st play from scrimmage 2:56)

- 1-10-PIT 25 (2:56) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to W.Parker to PIT 34 for 9 yards (M.Douglas).
- 2-1-PIT 34 (2:17) W.Parker left guard to PIT 39 for 5 yards (M.Douglas). R2
- 1-10-PIT 39 (1:40) W.Parker up the middle to PIT 45 for 6 yards (M.Lewis).
- 2-4-PIT 45 (1:04) W.Parker right tackle to PIT 45 for no gain (P.Willis).
- 3-4-PIT 45 (:20) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete deep left to N.Washington. coverage by #36 spencer
- 4-4-PIT 45 (:15) D.Sepulveda punts 47 yards to SF 8, Center-G.Warren, downed by PIT-J.Harrison. #20 McFadden saved from going to end zone

San Francisco 49ers at 0:02

- 1-10-SF 8 (:02) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to M.Norris. Pressure by #24 Taylor

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies	
==== Quarter Summary =====		Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down
San Francisco 49ers	6	11:06	1	3	0	4	3/6	0/0
Pittsburgh Steelers	7	3:54	2	0	0	2	0/1	0/0

2nd Quarter

Play By Play

San Francisco 49ers continued.

- 2-10-SF 8 (15:00) F.Gore up the middle to SF 12 for 4 yards (C.Haggans; T.Polamalu).
- 3-6-SF 12 (14:19) (Shotgun) M.Robinson right guard to SF 19 for 7 yards (T.Polamalu; I.Taylor). R5
- 1-10-SF 19 (13:39) A.Smith pass incomplete deep right to A.Lelie (R.Clark).
- 2-10-SF 19 (13:33) F.Gore up the middle to SF 21 for 2 yards (T.Polamalu, L.Foote).
- 3-8-SF 21 (12:53) (Shotgun) A.Smith scrambles left guard to SF 24 for 3 yards (J.Farrior).
- 4-5-SF 24 (12:23) A.Lee punts 66 yards to PIT 10, Center-B.Jennings. A.Rossum to PIT 8 for -2 yards (M.Robinson).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 12:09

- 1-10-PIT 8 (12:09) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to H.Miller to PIT 24 for 16 yards (N.Clements). P3
- 1-10-PIT 24 (11:29) W.Parker left tackle to PIT 21 for -3 yards (M.Douglas).
- 2-13-PIT 21 (10:51) W.Parker left tackle to PIT 29 for 8 yards (S.Spencer).
- 3-5-PIT 29 (10:06) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to H.Ward to PIT 31 for 2 yards (M.Roman).
- 4-3-PIT 31 (9:30) D.Sepulveda punts 37 yards to SF 32, Center-G.Warren. B.Williams to SF 32 for no gain (J.Harrison, L.Foote).

San Francisco 49ers at 9:22

- 1-10-SF 32 (9:22) F.Gore up the middle to SF 37 for 5 yards (C.Hampton, L.Foote).
- 2-5-SF 37 (8:45) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to D.Walker (J.Farrior). Coverage by #43 Polamalu
- 3-5-SF 37 (8:40) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short left to V.Davis. Coverage by #51 Farrior
- 4-5-SF 37 (8:31) A.Lee punts 48 yards to PIT 15, Center-B.Jennings, fair catch by A.Rossum.
Penalty on SF-J.Ulbrich, Illegal Formation, offsetting, enforced at SF 37 - No Play.
Penalty on PIT-A.Harrison, Offensive Holding, offsetting.
- 4-5-SF 37 (8:16) A.Lee punts 63 yards to end zone, Center-B.Jennings, Touchback.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 8:16

- 1-10-PIT 20 (8:16) C.Wilson left end to PIT 20 for no gain (N.Clements). End around play, tried running to right side
- 2-10-PIT 20 (7:30) W.Parker right end to PIT 43 for 23 yards (P.Willis). R4
- 1-10-PIT 43 (6:57) N.Davenport right guard to PIT 45 for 2 yards (P.Willis).
PENALTY on PIT-M.Smith, Illegal Formation, 5 yards, enforced at PIT 43 - No Play.
- 1-15-PIT 38 (6:30) W.Parker up the middle to PIT 40 for 2 yards (D.Smith).
- 2-13-PIT 40 (5:48) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short left to S.Holmes. COVERAGE BY #22 CLEMENTS
PENALTY on SF-N.Clements, Defensive Holding, 5 yards, enforced at PIT 40 - No Play. X5
- 1-10-PIT 45 (5:43) B.Roethlisberger pass deep middle to H.Miller to SF 35 for 20 yards (M.Roman, D.Smith). P6
- 1-10-SF 35 (5:01) B.Roethlisberger sacked at SF 43 for -8 yards (sack split by M.Lewis and M.Douglas).
- 2-18-SF 43 (4:23) W.Parker left tackle to SF 26 for 17 yards (P.Willis).
- 3-1-SF 26 (3:37) #78 Starks is eligible receiver N.Davenport up the middle to SF 23 for 3 yards (D.Smith; P.Willis). R7
- 1-10-SF 23 (2:57) W.Parker right guard to SF 20 for 3 yards (T.Banta-Cain).
- 2-7-SF 20 (2:21) W.Parker left guard to SF 15 for 5 yards (A.Franklin; H.Navies).

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- 3-2-SF 15 (2:00) (Shotgun) H.Ward to SF 8 for 7 yards (M.Hudson, M.Lewis). #86 Ward takes direct snap R8
- 1-8-SF 8 (1:22) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to C.Davis to SF 9 for -1 yards (N.Clements).
- 2-9-SF 9 **(:42) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to J.Tuman for 9 yards, TOUCHDOWN.** P9
J.Reed extra point is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.

SF 6 PIT 14, 12 plays, 80 yards, 1 penalty, 7:39 drive, 14:23 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 54 yards from PIT 30 to SF 16. D.Walker to SF 28 for 12 yards (A.Rossum).

San Francisco 49ers at 0:37, (1st play from scrimmage 0:30)

- 1-10-SF 28 (:30) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short right to V.Davis to SF 41 for 13 yards (R.Clark). P6
Timeout #1 by SF at 00:24.
- 1-10-SF 41 (:24) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to M.Hicks (J.Farrior).
- 2-10-SF 41 (:18) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to D.Jackson. Pressure by #53 Haggans, Coverage by #24 Taylor
- 3-10-SF 41 (:12) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete deep middle to D.Jackson. Coverage by #20 McFadden
Timeout #2 by SF at 00:05.
- 4-10-SF 41 (:05) A.Lee punts 59 yards to end zone, Center-B.Jennings, Touchback.

END OF QUARTER

===== Quarter Summary =====	Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies	
		Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down
San Francisco 49ers	6	4:34	1	1	0	2	1/4	0/0
Pittsburgh Steelers	14	10:26	3	3	1	7	2/3	0/0

3rd Quarter

Play By Play

PIT elects to Receive, and SF elects to defend the South goal.

J.Nedney kicks 74 yards from SF 30 to PIT -4. A.Rossum, Touchback.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 15:00

- 1-10-PIT 20 (15:00) W.Parker left guard to PIT 25 for 5 yards (M.Douglas, M.Roman).
- 2-5-PIT 25 (14:25) B.Roethlisberger scrambles right guard to PIT 43 for 18 yards (D.Smith; H.Navies). R10
- 1-10-PIT 43 (13:50) W.Parker left tackle to PIT 48 for 5 yards (A.Franklin, B.Young).
- 2-5-PIT 48 (13:13) W.Parker right guard to SF 47 for 5 yards (M.Lewis, P.Willis). R11
- 1-10-SF 47 (12:30) N.Davenport left tackle to SF 49 for -2 yards (M.Douglas).
- 2-12-SF 49 (11:48) W.Parker left guard to SF 47 for 2 yards (W.Harris).
- 3-10-SF 47 (11:02) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass deep left to H.Miller to SF 18 for 29 yards (P.Willis). P12
Penalty on SF-M.Hudson, Illegal Contact, declined.
- 1-10-SF 18 (10:24) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to H.Miller pushed ob at SF 2 for 16 yards (H.Navies).
Play Challenged by SF and REVERSED.
B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to H.Miller. Coverage by #55 Navies
- 2-10-SF 18 (9:55) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short middle to H.Ward (P.Willis).
- 3-10-SF 18 (9:50) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short left to H.Ward. COVERAGE BY #26 ROMAN
- 4-10-SF 18 (9:45) **J.Reed 36 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.**

SF 6 PIT 17, 11 plays, 62 yards, 5:19 drive, 5:19 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 70 yards from PIT 30 to SF 0. M.Hicks to SF 22 for 22 yards (C.Davis, W.Gay).

San Francisco 49ers at 9:41, (1st play from scrimmage 9:34)

- 1-10-SF 22 (9:34) F.Gore up the middle to SF 33 for 11 yards (T.Polamalu, L.Foote). R7
- 1-10-SF 33 (8:56) A.Smith pass short right to D.Walker to SF 46 for 13 yards (I.Taylor). P8
- 1-10-SF 46 (8:23) A.Battle left end to PIT 46 for 8 yards (T.Polamalu). Double reverse
- 2-2-PIT 46 (7:46) F.Gore right tackle to PIT 41 for 5 yards (N.Eason). R9
- 1-10-PIT 41 (7:01) A.Smith pass short left to F.Gore to PIT 34 for 7 yards (L.Foote; R.Clark).
- 2-3-PIT 34 (6:16) *PENALTY on PIT-C.Hampton, Encroachment, 5 yards, enforced at PIT 34 - No Play.* X10
- 1-10-PIT 29 (5:52) A.Smith sacked at PIT 32 for -3 yards (L.Woodley).
- 2-13-PIT 32 (5:12) A.Smith pass incomplete short left to D.Walker. Coverage by #53 Haggans, Pressure by #99 Keisel
Timeout #1 by SF at 05:08.
- 3-13-PIT 32 (5:08) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass to V.Davis to PIT 10 for 22 yards (T.Polamalu). FUMBLES (T.Polamalu), RECOVERED by PIT-R.Clark at PIT 10. R.Clark to SF 47 for 43 yards (F.Gore; T.Jacobs).
Play Challenged by SF and REVERSED.
(Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete deep middle to V.Davis (T.Polamalu).
- 4-13-PIT 32 (5:08) **J.Nedney 49 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.**

SF 9 PIT 17, 9 plays, 46 yards, 1 penalty, 4:55 drive, 10:14 elapsed

J.Nedney kicks 73 yards from SF 30 to PIT -3. A.Rossum to PIT 19 for 22 yards (K.Lewis).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 4:46, (1st play from scrimmage 4:41)

- 1-10-PIT 19 (4:41) B.Roethlisberger pass short left to C.Davis to PIT 29 for 10 yards (M.Roman). P13
- 1-10-PIT 29 (4:03) W.Parker left tackle to PIT 30 for 1 yard (M.Douglas, T.Banta-Cain).
- 2-9-PIT 30 (3:25) W.Parker right guard to PIT 33 for 3 yards (A.Franklin, D.Smith).
- 3-6-PIT 33 (2:40) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to S.Holmes to PIT 47 for 14 yards (N.Clements). P14
- 1-10-PIT 47 (1:56) B.Roethlisberger pass deep right to S.Holmes ran ob at SF 36 for 17 yards. P15
- 1-10-SF 36 (1:21) W.Parker up the middle to SF 33 for 3 yards (I.Sopoaga).
- 2-7-SF 33 (:40) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right. PRESSURE BY #90 SOPOAGA AND #93 FIELDS
- 3-7-SF 33 (:32) W.Parker left end to SF 31 for 2 yards (M.Douglas, N.Clements).

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies	
==== Quarter Summary =====		Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down
San Francisco 49ers	9	4:55	2	1	1	4	0/1	0/0
Pittsburgh Steelers	17	10:05	2	4	0	6	2/4	0/0

4th Quarter

Play By Play

Pittsburgh Steelers continued.

4-5-SF 31 (15:00) J.Reed 49 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.

SF 9 PIT 20, 9 plays, 50 yards, 4:51 drive, 0:05 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 74 yards from PIT 30 to SF -4. M.Hicks, Touchback.

San Francisco 49ers at 14:55

- 1-10-SF 20 (14:55) F.Gore left guard to SF 21 for 1 yard (J.Harrison).
- 2-9-SF 21 (14:15) A.Smith pass short left to D.Walker to SF 24 for 3 yards (J.Harrison).
Timeout #2 by SF at 13:29.
- 3-6-SF 24 (13:29) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short right to A.Battle pushed ob at SF 35 for 11 yards (A.Smith). P11
- 1-10-SF 35 (13:15) PENALTY on SF-L.Allen, False Start, 5 yards, enforced at SF 35 - No Play.
- 1-15-SF 30 (12:52) A.Smith pass short right to D.Jackson to SF 47 for 17 yards (I.Taylor). P12
- 1-10-SF 47 (12:02) A.Smith pass deep right to D.Jackson ran ob at PIT 33 for 20 yards. P13
- 1-10-PIT 33 (12:02) M.Robinson up the middle to PIT 32 for 1 yard (T.Kirschke).
- 2-9-PIT 32 (11:23) A.Smith pass incomplete deep middle to D.Jackson. Coverage by #26 Townsend, Pressure by #50 Foote
- 3-9-PIT 32 (11:16) (Shotgun) A.Smith sacked at PIT 40 for -8 yards (J.Farrior).
- 4-17-PIT 40 (10:44) A.Lee punts 40 yards to end zone, Center-B.Jennings, Touchback.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 10:39

- 1-10-PIT 20 (10:39) W.Parker right tackle to PIT 35 for 15 yards (W.Harris; M.Lewis). R16
- 1-10-PIT 35 (10:01) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to C.Davis to PIT 35 for no gain (P.Willis, I.Sopoaga).
- 2-10-PIT 35 (9:20) W.Parker right tackle to PIT 39 for 4 yards (M.Roman, D.Smith).
- 3-6-PIT 39 (8:32) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short middle to S.Holmes to SF 43 for 18 yards (S.Spencer). P17
- 1-10-SF 43 (7:48) #78 Starks reports as eligible receiver W.Parker right tackle to SF 39 for 4 yards (K.Lewis).
- 2-6-SF 39 (7:09) W.Parker up the middle to SF 35 for 4 yards (M.Lewis).
- 3-2-SF 35 (6:24) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass short right to H.Miller to SF 18 for 17 yards (M.Lewis). P18
- 1-10-SF 18 (5:56) W.Parker left end to SF 17 for 1 yard (K.Lewis; N.Clements).
- 2-9-SF 17 (5:11) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short middle to N.Washington (N.Clements).
- 3-9-SF 17 (5:07) (Shotgun) B.Roethlisberger pass incomplete short right to C.Wilson (S.Spencer).
- 4-9-SF 17 (5:03) J.Reed 35 yard field goal is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.

SF 9 PIT 23, 11 plays, 63 yards, 5:40 drive, 10:01 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 70 yards from PIT 30 to SF 0. M.Hicks to SF 21 for 21 yards (A.Harrison).

San Francisco 49ers at 4:59, (1st play from scrimmage 4:53)

- 1-10-SF 21 (4:53) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short middle to A.Battle to SF 37 for 16 yards (A.Smith). P14
- 1-10-SF 37 (4:26) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to D.Walker. Pressure by #91 Aa. Smith and #92 J. Harrison
- 2-10-SF 37 (4:20) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short left to T.Jacobs to SF 42 for 5 yards (B.McFadden).
- 3-5-SF 42 (4:15) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass short left intended for T.Jacobs INTERCEPTED by B.McFadden at SF 50. B.McFadden for 50 yards, TOUCHDOWN.

Pittsburgh Steelers at 4:01

J.Reed extra point is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.

SF 9 PIT 30, 0 plays, 50 yards, 0:00 drive, 10:59 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 66 yards from PIT 30 to SF 4. D.Walker to SF 34 for 30 yards (L.Timmons).

San Francisco 49ers at 4:01, (1st play from scrimmage 3:53)

- 1-10-SF 34 (3:53) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass deep left to D.Jackson to PIT 46 for 20 yards (A.Smith). P15
 - 1-10-PIT 46 (3:20) (Shotgun) A.Smith scrambles left guard to PIT 21 for 25 yards (T.Carter). R16
 - 1-10-PIT 21 (2:30) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass deep left to T.Jacobs for 21 yards, TOUCHDOWN. P17
- J.Nedney extra point is GOOD, Center-B.Jennings, Holder-A.Lee.

SF 16 PIT 30, 3 plays, 66 yards, 1:39 drive, 12:38 elapsed

(Onside Kick formation) J.Nedney kicks 16 yards from SF 30 to SF 46. D.Sepulveda (didn't try to advance) to SF 46 for no gain (M.Lewis; K.Lewis).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 2:22, (1st play from scrimmage 2:21)

- 1-10-SF 46 (2:21) N.Davenport right guard to SF 41 for 5 yards (D.Smith).
Timeout #3 by SF at 02:11.
- 2-5-SF 41 (2:11) N.Davenport right guard to SF 39 for 2 yards (A.Franklin, H.Navies).

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- 3-3-SF 39 (2:00) N.Davenport left guard for 39 yards, TOUCHDOWN. R19
- J.Reed extra point is GOOD, Center-G.Warren, Holder-D.Sepulveda.

SF 16 PIT 37, 3 plays, 46 yards, 0:31 drive, 13:09 elapsed

J.Reed kicks 69 yards from PIT 30 to SF 1. D.Walker to SF 22 for 21 yards (L.Timmons, C.Davis).

San Francisco 49ers at 1:51, (1st play from scrimmage 1:44)

- 1-10-SF 22 (1:44) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short right to A.Battle. Coverage by #51 Farrior
- 2-10-SF 22 (1:36) (Shotgun) A.Smith pass incomplete short left to M.Robinson.
Penalty on SF-D.Jackson, Illegal Shift, declined.
- 3-10-SF 22 (1:32) (Shotgun) Z.Keasey up the middle to SF 25 for 3 yards (L.Woodley, C.Kriewaldt).
- 4-7-SF 25 (:46) (Shotgun) Z.Keasey right guard to SF 26 for 1 yard (T.Kirschke).

Pittsburgh Steelers at 0:39

- 1-10-SF 26 (:39) C.Batch kneels to SF 26 for no gain.

END OF QUARTER	Score	Time	First Downs				Efficiencies		
==== Quarter Summary =====			Poss	R	P	X	T	3Down	4Down
San Francisco 49ers	16	8:05	1	6	0	7		1/4	0/1
Pittsburgh Steelers	37	6:55	2	2	0	4		3/4	0/0

Steelers



Pittsburgh Steelers vs. San Francisco 49ers

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49ERS

Steelers Numerical

2	Brian St. Pierre	QB
3	Jeff Reed	K
7	Ben Roethlisberger	QB
9	Daniel Sepulveda	P
10	Santonio Holmes	WR
15	Willie Reid	WR
16	Charlie Batch	QB
20	Bryant McFadden	CB
21	Ricardo Colclough	CB
22	William Gay	CB
23	Tyrone Carter	S
24	Ike Taylor	CB
25	Ryan Clark	S
26	Deshea Townsend	CB
27	Anthony Smith	S
30	Allen Rossum	KR
33	Gary Russell	RB
35	Dan Kreider	FB
38	Carey Davis	RB
39	Willie Parker	RB
43	Troy Polamalu	S
44	Najeh Davenport	RB
50	Larry Foote	LB
51	James Farris	LB
53	Clark Haggans	LB
54	Marquis Cooper	LB
56	LaMarr Woodley	LB
57	Clint Kriewaldt	LB
60	Greg Warren	LS
61	Sean Mahan	OL
66	Alan Faneca	OG
68	Chris Kemoatu	OG
72	Darnell Stapleton	G/C
73	Kendall Simmons	OG
74	Willie Colon	OT
76	Chris Hoke	DT
77	Marvel Smith	OT
78	Max Starks	OT
79	Trai Essex	OT
80	Cedrick Wilson	WR
83	Heath Miller	TE
84	Jerame Tuman	TE
85	Nate Washington	WR
86	Hines Ward	WR
89	Matt Spaeth	TE
90	Travis Kirschke	DE
91	Aaron Smith	DE
92	James Harrison	LB
93	Nick Eason	DE
94	Lawrence Timmons	LB
97	Arnold Harrison	LB
98	Casey Hampton	DT
99	Brett Keisel	DE

Steelers Offense

SE 10	SANTONIO HOLMES	80	Cedrick Wilson
LT 77	MARVEL SMITH	79	Trai Essex
LG 66	ALAN FANECA	68	Chris Kemoatu
C 61	SEAN MAHAN	72	<u>Darnell Stapleton</u>
RG 73	KENDALL SIMMONS	68	Chris Kemoatu
RT 74	WILLIE COLON	78	Max Starks
TE 83	HEATH MILLER	84	Jerame Tuman <u>89 Matt Spaeth</u>
RB 39	WILLIE PARKER	44	Najeh Davenport <u>33 Gary Russell</u>
FB 38	CAREY DAVIS	35	Dan Kreider
QB 7	BEN ROETHLISBERGER	16	Charlie Batch 2 Brian St. Pierre
FL 86	HINES WARD	85	Nate Washington 15 Willie Reid

Steelers Defense

DE 91	AARON SMITH	93	Nick Eason
NT 98	CASEY HAMPTON	76	Chris Hoke
DE 99	BRETT KEISEL	90	Travis Kirschke
LOLB 53	CLARK HAGGANS	<u>56 LaMarr Woodley</u>	97 Arnold Harrison
LILB 51	JAMES FARRIOR	57	Clint Kriewaldt
RILB 50	LARRY FOOTE	57	Clint Kriewaldt
ROLB 92	JAMES HARRISON	<u>94 Lawrence Timmons</u>	54 Marquis Cooper
LCB 24	IKE TAYLOR	21	Ricardo Colclough 22 William Gay
FS 25	RYAN CLARK	27	Anthony Smith
SS 43	TROY POLAMALU	23	Tyrone Carter
RCB 26	DESHEA TOWNSEND	20	Bryant McFadden 30 Allen Rossum

49ers Numerical

4	Andy Lee	P
6	Joe Nedney	K
11	Alex Smith	QB
12	Trent Dilfer	QB
13	Shaun Hill	QB
18	Ashley Lelie	WR
21	Frank Gore	RB
22	Nate Clements	CB
23	Marcus Hudson	CB
24	Michael Robinson	RB
25	Tarell Brown	CB
26	Mark Roman	S
27	Walt Harris	CB
28	Keith Lewis	S
30	Donald Strickland	S
32	Michael Lewis	S
36	Shawntae Spencer	CB
38	Dashon Goldson	S
43	Maurice Hicks	RB
44	Moran Norris	FB
46	Delanie Walker	TE
47	Billy Bajema	TE
50	Derek Smith	LB
52	Patrick Willis	LB
53	Jeff Ulbrich	LB
55	Hannibal Havies	LB
56	Brandon Moore	LB
64	David Baas	G
65	Justin Smiley	G
66	Eric Heitmann	C
68	Adam Snyder	T/G
69	Tony Wragge	G
71	Larry Allen	G
74	Joe Staley	T
75	Jonas Jennings	T
77	Kwame Harris	T
78	Atiyah Ellison	DE/DT
81	Brandon Williams	WR
82	Darrell Jackson	WR
83	Arnaz Battle	WR
85	Vernon Davis	TE
86	Brian Jennings	TE/LS
88	Taylor Jacobs	WR
89	Jason Hill	WR
90	Isaac Sopoaga	DT
91	Ray McDonald	DE
92	Aubrayo Franklin	DT
93	Ronald Fields	DT
94	Marques Douglas	DE
95	Tully Banta-Cain	LB
97	Bryant Young	DE
98	Parys Haralson	LB
99	Manny Lawson	LB

49ers Defense

LDE 97	BRYANT YOUNG	93	Ronald Fields	78	Atiyah Ellison
NT 92	AUBRAYO FRANKLIN	90	Isaac Sopoaga		
RE 94	MARQUES DOUGLAS	<u>91 Ray McDonald</u>			
OLB 99	MANNY LAWSON	55	Hannibal Navies		
MLB 50	DEREK SMITH	56	Brandon Moore		
MLB <u>52</u>	<u>PATRICK WILLIS</u>	53	Jeff Ulbrich		
OLB 95	TULLY BANTA-CAIN	98	Parys Haralson		
CB 22	NATE CLEMENTS	<u>25 Tarell Brown</u>	30	Donald Strickland	
CB 27	WALT HARRIS	36	Shawntae Spencer	23	Marcus Hudson
SS 32	MICHAEL LEWIS	28	Keith Lewis		
FS 26	MARK ROMAN	<u>38 Dashon Goldson</u>			

49ers Offense

WR 82	DARRELL JACKSON	88	Taylor Jacobs	81	Brandon Williams
LT 75	JONAS JENNINGS	68	Adam Snyder		
LG 71	LARRY ALLEN	68	Adam Snyder		
C 66	ERIC HEITMANN	69	Tony Wragge		
RG 65	JUSTIN SMILEY	64	David Baas		
RT 74	<u>JOE STALEY</u>	77	Kwame Harris		
TE 85	VERNON DAVIS	47	Billy Bajema	46	Delanie Walker
WR 83	ARNAZ BATTLE	18	Ashley Lelie	<u>89 Jason Hill</u>	
QB 11	ALEX SMITH	12	Trent Dilfer	13	Shaun Hill
RB 21	FRANK GORE	43	Maurice Hicks	24	Michael Robinson
FB 44	MORAN NORRIS				

Steelers Specialists

P	<u>9 DANIEL SEPULVEDA</u>		
PK	3 JEFF REED		
LS	60 GREG WARREN		
H	<u>9 DANIEL SEPULVEDA</u>		
KR	30 ALLEN ROSSUM	15 Willie Reid	21 Ricardo Colclough
PR	30 ALLEN ROSSUM	15 Willie Reid	80 Cedrick Wilson

49ers Specialists

K	6 JOE NEDNEY		
P	4 ANDY LEE		
KR	43 MAURICE HICKS	24	Michael Robinson
PR	81 BRANDON WILLIAMS	83	Arnaz Battle 22 Nate Clements
LS	86 BRIAN JENNINGS	47	Billy Bajema
H	4 ANDY LEE	83	Arnaz Battle

Steelers Pronunciation Key

Ricardo Colclough	(COKE-lee)	Dan Kreider	(cry-den)
Najeh Davenport	(nah-jay)	Clint Kriewaldt	(KREE-walt)
Trai Essex	(TRAY)	Troy Polamalu	(Pole-uh-MAH-lu)
Alan Faneca	(FAN-eh-ka)	Ben Roethlisberger	(ROTH-lis-ber-ger)
Clark Haggans	(HAY-gins)	Daniel Sepulveda	(sa-PUL-va-da)
Brett Keisel	(KEE-sull)	Matt Spaeth	(SPAYTH)
Chris Kemoatu	(kay-moy-AH-too)	Jerame Tuman	(jer-uh-ME TOO-mar)
Travis Kirschke	(KERSH-key)	LaMarr Woodley	(la-MARR)

Officials

Referee	Gerald Austin (34)
Umpire	Ruben Fowler (71)
Head Linesman	Ed Camp (134)
Line Judge	Carl Johnson (101)
Field Judge	Scott Edwards (3)
Side Judge	Al Riveron (57)
Back Judge	Bob Lawing (17)

49ers Pronunciation Key

Billy Bajema	(BA-juh-MUH)	Kwame Harris	(KWAIM)
David Baas	(BAH-s)	Ashley Lelie	(luh-LEE)
Arnaz Battle	(ARE-nez)	Moran Norris	(MORE-ann)
Tarell Brown	(TERR-el)	Mark Roman	(ROW-minn)
Nate Clements	(KLEH-mints)	Isaac Sopoaga	(SOAP-oh-AH-gah)
Marques Douglas	(MARCUS)	Joe Staley	(STAY-lee)
Atiyah Ellison	(ah-TEE-ah)	Jeff Ulbrich	(uil-BRICK)
Aubrayo Franklin	(ah-BRAY-oh)	Delanie Walker	(Deh-LAY-nee)
Dashon Goldson	(D-shawn)	Tony Wragge	(RAH-gee)
Parys Haralson	(PARIS)		

Pittsburgh Alpha

16	Batch, Charlie	QB
23	Carter, Tyrone	S
25	Clark, Ryan	S
21	Colclough, Ricardo	CB
74	Colon, Willie	CB
54	Cooper, Marquis	LB
44	Davenport, Najeh	RB
38	Davis, Carey	RB
93	Eason, Nick	DE
79	Essex, Trai	OT
66	Faneca, Alan	OG
51	Farrior, James	LB
50	Foote, Larry	LB
22	Gay, William	CB
53	Haggans, Clark	LB
98	Hampton, Casey	DT
97	Harrison, Arnold	LB
92	Harrison, James	LB
76	Hoke, Chris	DT
10	Holmes, Santonio	WR
99	Keisel, Brett	DE
68	Kemoeatu, Chris	OG
90	Kirschke, Travis	DE
35	Kreider, Dan	FB
57	Kriewaldt, Clint	LB
61	Mahan, Sean	C
20	McFadden, Bryant	CB
83	Miller, Heath	TE
39	Parker, Willie	RB
43	Polamalu, Troy	S
3	Reed, Jeff	K
15	Reid, Willie	WR
7	Roethlisberger, Ben	QB
29	Rossum, Allen	KR
33	Russell, Gary	RB
9	Sepulveda, Daniel	P
73	Simmons, Kendall	OG
91	Smith, Aaron	DE
27	Smith, Anthony	S
77	Smith, Marvel	OT
89	Spaeth, Matt	TE
2	St. Pierre, Brian	QB
72	Stapleton, Darnell	C
78	Starks, Max	OT
24	Taylor, Ike	CB
94	Timmons, Lawrence	LB
26	Townsend, Deshea	CB
84	Tuman, Jerame	TE
86	Ward, Hines	WR
60	Warren, Greg	LS
85	Washington, Nate	WR
80	Wilson, Cedrick	WR
56	Woodley, LaMarr	LB

Pittsburgh Numerical Roster

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acq.
2	Brian St. Pierre	QB	6-3	230	27	5	Boston College	FA-'06
3	Jeff Reed	K	5-11	225	27	6	North Carolina	FA-'02
7	Ben Roethlisberger	QB	6-5	241	25	4	Miami (OH)	D1-'04
9	Daniel Sepulveda	P	6-3	230	23	R	Baylor	D4a-'07
10	Santonio Holmes	WR	5-11	189	23	2	Ohio State	D1-'06
15	Willie Reid	WR	5-10	186	24	2	Florida State	D3b-'06
16	Charlie Batch	QB	6-2	216	32	10	Eastern Michigan	FA-'02
20	Bryant McFadden	CB	6-0	190	25	3	Florida State	D2-'05
21	Ricardo Colclough	CB	5-11	195	24	4	Tusculum	D2-'04
22	William Gay	CB	5-10	190	22	R	Louisville	D5b-'07
23	Tyrone Carter	S	5-8	195	31	8	Minnesota	FA-'04
24	Ike Taylor	CB	6-1	191	26	5	LA-Lafayette	D4-'03
25	Ryan Clark	S	5-11	205	27	6	Louisiana State	UFA (Was)-'06
26	Deshea Townsend	CB	5-10	190	31	10	Alabama	D4a-'98
27	Anthony Smith	S	5-11	192	23	2	Syracuse	D3a-'06
30	Allen Rossum	KR	5-8	178	31	10	Notre Dame	T-'07 (Alt)
33	Gary Russell	RB	5-11	215	20	R	Minnesota	FA-'07
35	Dan Kreider	FB	5-11	255	30	8	New Hampshire	FA-'00
38	Carey Davis	RB	5-10	225	26	1	Illinois	FA-'06
39	Willie Parker	RB	5-10	209	26	4	North Carolina	FA-'04
43	Troy Polamalu	S	5-10	207	25	5	Southern California	D1-'03
44	Najeh Davenport	RB	6-1	247	28	6	Miami (FL)	FA-'06
50	Larry Foote	LB	6-1	239	27	6	Michigan	D4-'02
51	James Farrior	LB	6-2	243	32	11	Virginia	UFA-'02 (NYJ)
53	Clark Haggans	LB	6-4	243	30	8	Colorado State	D5a-'00
54	Marquis Cooper	LB	6-3	213	25	4	Washington	FA-'07
56	LaMarr Woodley	LB	6-2	265	22	R	Michigan	D2-'07
57	Clint Kriewaldt	LB	6-1	252	31	9	Wisc-Stevens Point	UFA (Det)-'03
60	Greg Warren	LS	6-3	307	25	3	North Carolina	FA-'05
61	Sean Mahan	C	6-3	301	27	5	Notre Dame	FA-'07
66	Alan Faneca	OG	6-5	307	30	10	Louisiana State	D1-'98
68	Chris Kemoeatu	OG	6-3	344	24	3	Utah	D6-'05
72	Darnell Stapleton	G/C	6-3	285	21	R	Rutgers	FA-'07
73	Kendall Simmons	OG	6-3	315	28	6	Auburn	D1-'02
74	Willie Colon	OT	6-3	315	23	2	Hofstra	D4a-'06
76	Chris Hoke	DT	6-2	305	30	7	Brigham Young	FA-'02
77	Marvel Smith	OT	6-5	321	28	8	Arizona State	D2-'00
78	Max Starks	OT	6-8	337	25	4	Florida	D3-'04
79	Trai Essex	OT	6-4	324	24	3	Northwestern	D3-'05
80	Cedrick Wilson	WR	5-10	183	28	7	Tennessee	UFA (SF)-'05
83	Heath Miller	TE	6-5	256	24	3	Virginia	D1-'05
84	Jerame Tuman	TE	6-4	253	31	9	Michigan	D5-'99
85	Nate Washington	WR	6-1	185	23	3	Tiffin	FA-'05
86	Hines Ward	WR	6-0	205	31	10	Georgia	D3b-'98
89	Matt Spaeth	TE	6-7	270	22	R	Minnesota	D3-'07
90	Travis Kirschke	DE	6-3	298	32	11	UCLA	UFA (SF)-'04
91	Aaron Smith	DE	6-5	298	30	9	Northern Colorado	D4-'99
92	James Harrison	LB	6-0	242	28	4	Kent State	FA-'04
93	Nick Eason	DE	6-3	305	27	5	Clemson	FA-'07
94	Lawrence Timmons	LB	6-1	234	21	R	Florida State	D1-'07
97	Arnold Harrison	LB	6-3	241	24	2	Georgia	FA-'05
98	Casey Hampton	DT	6-1	325	29	7	Texas	D1-'01
99	Brett Keisel	DE	6-5	285	28	6	Brigham Young	D7b-'02

Head Coach: Mike Tomlin; Assistants: Dick LeBeau (Defensive Coordinator), Bruce Arians (Offensive Coordinator), Ken Anderson (Quarterbacks), Keith Butler (Linebackers), James Daniel (Tight Ends), Harold Goodwin (Offensive Assistant), Randy Fichtner (Wide Receivers), Ray Horton (Defensive Backs), Amos Jones (Assistant Special Teams), Bob Ligasheky (Special Teams), John Mitchell (Defensive Line), Lou Spanos (Defensive Assistant), Kirby Wilson (Running Backs), Larry Zierlein (Offensive Line), Garrett Glemont (Strength and Conditioning).

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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acq.
4	Andy Lee	P	6-0	185	25	4	Pittsburgh	D6a-'04
6	Joe Nedney	K	6-5	233	34	11	San Jose State	FA-'05
11	Alex Smith	QB	6-4	210	23	3	Utah	D1-'05
12	Trent Dilfer	QB	6-4	247	35	14	Fresno State	T-'06
13	Shaun Hill	QB	6-3	226	27	6	Maryland	FA-'06
18	Ashley Lelie	WR	6-3	193	27	6	Hawaii	UFA-'07
21	Frank Gore	RB	5-9	223	24	3	Miami	D3a-'05
22	Nate Clements	CB	6-1	215	27	7	Ohio State	UFA-'07
23	Marcus Hudson	CB	6-2	198	24	2	North Carolina State	D6b-'06
24	Michael Robinson	RB	6-1	228	24	2	Penn State	D4-'06
25	Tarell Brown	CB	5-11	194	22	R	Texas	D5-'07
26	Mark Roman	S	5-11	203	30	8	Louisiana State	FA-'06
27	Walk Harris	CB	5-11	199	33	12	Mississippi State	FA-'06
28	Keith Lewis	S	6-0	228	25	4	Oregon	D6b-'04
30	Donald Strickland	S	5-10	187	26	5	Colorado	FA-'06
32	Michael Lewis	S	6-1	226	27	6	Colorado	UFA-'07
36	Shawntae Spencer	CB	6-1	179	25	4	Pittsburgh	D2b-'04
38	Dashon Goldson	S	6-2	208	22	R	Washington	D4b-'07
43	Maurice Hicks	RB	5-11	205	29	4	North Carolina A&T	FA-'04
44	Moran Norris	FB	6-2	252	29	7	Kansas	FA-'06
46	Delanie Walker	TE	6-1	244	23	2	Central Missouri St.	D6a-'06
47	Billy Bajema	TE	6-4	258	24	3	Oklahoma State	D7d-'05
50	Derek Smith	LB	6-2	240	32	11	Arizona State	UFA-'01
52	Patrick Willis	LB	6-1	242	22	R	Mississippi	D1a-'07
53	Jeff Ulbrich	LB	6-0	240	30	8	Hawaii	D3b-'00
55	Hannibal Navies	LB	6-3	245	30	9	Colorado	FA-'06
56	Brandon Moore	LB	6-1	255	28	6	Oklahoma	FA-'02
64	David Baas	G	6-4	331	25	3	Michigan	D2-'05
65	Justin Smiley	G	6-3	311	25	4	Alabama	D2a-'04
66	Eric Heitmann	C	6-3	318	27	6	Stanford	D7a-'02
68	Adam Snyder	T/G	6-6	326	25	3	Oregon	D3b-'05
69	Tony Wragge	G	6-4	320	28	4	New Mexico State	FA-'05
71	Larry Allen	G	6-3	325	35	14	Sonoma State	FA-'06
74	Joe Staley	T	6-5	306	23	R	Central Michigan	D1b-'07
75	Jonas Jennings	T	6-3	335	29	7	Georgia	UFA-'05
77	Kwame Harris	T	6-7	322	25	5	Stanford	D1-'03
78	Atiyah Ellison	DE/DT	6-3	318	25	3	Missouri	FA-'07
81	Brandon Williams	WR	5-11	183	23	2	Wisconsin	D3-'06
82	Darrell Jackson	WR	6-0	206	28	8	Florida	T-'07
83	Arnaz Battle	WR	6-1	213	27	5	Notre Dame	D6-'03
85	Vernon Davis	TE	6-3	253	23	2	Maryland	D1a-'06
86	Brian Jennings	TE/LS	6-5	228	30	8	Arizona State	D7b-'00
88	Taylor Jacobs	WR	6-0	210	26	5	Florida	T-'06
89	Jason Hill	WR	6-0	204	22	R	Washington State	D3a-'07
90	Isaac Sopoaga	DT	6-2	325	25	3	Hawaii	D4a-'04
91	Ray McDonald	DE	6-3	282	23	R	Florida	D3b-'07
92	Aubrayo Franklin	DT	6-1	334	27	5	Tennessee	UFA-'07
93	Ronald Fields	DT	6-2	321	25	3	Mississippi State	D5-'05
94	Marques Douglas	DE	6-2	292	30	7	Howard	UFA-'05
95	Tully Banta-Cain	LB	6-2	280	27	5	California	UFA-'07
97	Bryant Young	DE	6-3	305	35	14	Notre Dame	D1-'94
98	Parys Haralson	LB	6-1	260	23	2	Tennessee	D5-'06
99	Manny Lawson	LB	6-5	247	23	2	North Carolina State	D1b-'06

Head Coach: Mike Nolan; Assistants: Jim Hostler (Defensive Coordinator), Greg Manuskus (Offensive Coordinator), Al Everest (Special Teams Coordinator), Duane Carlise (Asst. Strength and Conditioning), Frank Cignetti (Quarterbacks), Shane Day (Quality Control), Bishop Harris (Runnings Backs), Pete Hoener (Tight Ends), Vance Joseph (Secondary), Johnnie Lynn (Secondary), Mark Nori (Off. Asst./Offensive Line), Johnny Parker (Strength and Conditioning), Jeff Rodgers (Asst. Special Teams), Mike Singletary (Asst. Head Coach/Defense), Jerry Sullivan (Wide Receivers/Sr. Asst.), Jason Tarver (Def. Asst./Outside Linebackers), Jim Tomsula (Defensive Line), George Warhop (Offensive Line).

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71	Allen, Larry	G
64	Baas, David	G
47	Bajema, Billy	TE
95	Banta-Cain, Tully	LB
83	Battle, Arnaz	WR
25	Brown, Tarell	CB
22	Clements, Nate	CB
85	Davis, Vernon	TE
12	Dilfer, Trent	QB
94	Douglas, Marques	DE
78	Ellison, Atiyah	DE/DT
93	Fields, Ronald	DT
92	Franklin, Aubrayo	DT
38	Goldson, Dashon	S
21	Gore, Frank	RB
98	Harrison, Parys	LB
77	Harris, Kwame	T
27	Harris, Walt	CB
66	Heitmann, Eric	C
43	Hicks, Maurice	RB
89	Hill, Jason	WR
13	Hill, Shaun	QB
23	Hudson, Marcus	CB
82	Jackson, Darrell	WR
88	Jacobs, Taylor	WR
86	Jennings, Brian	TE/LS
75	Jennings, Jonas	T
99	Lawson, Manny	LB
4	Lee, Andy	P
18	Lelie, Ashley	WR
28	Lewis, Keith	S
32	Lewis, Michael	S
91	McDonald, Ray	DE
56	Moore, Brandon	LB
55	Navies, Hannibal	LB
6	Nedney, Joe	K
44	Norris, Moran	FB
24	Robinson, Michael	RB
26	Roman, Mark	S
65	Smiley, Justin	G
11	Smith, Alex	QB
50	Smith, Derek	LB
68	Snyder, Adam	T/G
90	Sopoaga, Isaac	DT
36	Spencer, Shawntae	CB
74	Staley, Joe	T
30	Strickland, Donald	S
53	Ulbrich, Jeff	LB
46	Walker, Delanie	TE
81	Williams, Brandon	WR
52	Willis, Patrick	LB
69	Wragge, Tony	G
97	Young, Bryant	DE

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71 LARRY ALLEN

Guard	Sonoma State		14th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 325	Born: 11-27-71	FA in '06

2007 Season:

- Is the 49ers starter at left guard. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

64 DAVID BAAS

Guard	Michigan		3rd Year
Ht: 6-4	Wt: 319	Born: 9-28-81	D-2 in '05

2007 Season:

- Saw his first action of the season at **St. Louis (9-16)**, when he entered the game as an extra blocker on running plays and short yardage situations. He also played a series at right guard in the first quarter. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 2/0/1/0**

47 BILLY BAJEMA

Tight End	Oklahoma State		3rd Year
Ht: 6-4	Wt: 261	Born: 10-31-82	D-7 in '05

2007 Season:

- Started in a two-tight end set in the season opener on Monday Night Football against **Arizona (9-10)**.
- Inactive at **St. Louis (9-16)** due to a high ankle sprain he originally suffered in the pre-season.
- Returned to action at **Pittsburgh (9-23)**. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 2/1/0/1**

95 TULLY BANTA-CAIN

Linebacker	California		5th Year
Ht: 6-2	Wt: 280	Born: 8-20-80	FA in '07

2007 Season:

- In his first game as a member of the 49ers vs. **Arizona (9-10)**, started at right outside linebacker and posted 5 tackles (3 solo) with 4 quarterback pressures.
- Recorded his first half-sack and made 4 tackles (1 solo) at **St. Louis (9-16)**. He shared the sack with Isaac Sopoaga. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

Banta-Cain's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
12	6	6	0.5/3.0	0/0	0	0

Banta-Cain's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	GS	Tackles			Interceptions					Fumbles				
				Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2003	NE	9	0	3	2	1	1	7.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	NE	16	0	11	6	5	1.5	3.5	1	4	4	0	1	0	1	0
2005	NE	13	0	7	4	3	0.5	2.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	NE	16	5	40	27	13	5.5	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2007	SF	3	3	12	6	6	0.5	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		56	7	73	45	28	9.0	51.0	1	4	4	0	1	1	1	0

83 ARNAZ BATTLE

Wide Receiver	Notre Dame		5th Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 217	Born: 2-22-80	D-6 in '03

2007 Season:

- In the season opener on Monday Night Football against **Arizona (9-10)**, caught a team-high 5 receptions for 60 yards, while also scoring the go-ahead touchdown on a 1-yard end around with 22 seconds remaining. It was his first career rushing touchdown. His rushing touchdown was set up by his 22-yard reception on the play before. Battle also eclipsed the 100 receptions mark for his career. For his efforts, Battle was awarded a game ball by Head Coach Mike Nolan. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

Battle's 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	Rushing					Receiving				
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
9-10	vs. Arizona	1	1	1.0	1t	1	5	60	12.0	22	0
9-16	at St. Louis	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	17	8.5	9	0
9-23	at Pittsburgh	1	8	8.0	8	0	2	27	13.5	16	0
TOT		2	9	4.5	8	1	9	104	11.6	22	0

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Battle's Career Statistics

Year	Team	Receiving							Rushing				
		GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2003	SF	8	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	14	7.0	7	0
2004	SF	14	0	8	143	17.9	65	0	2	5	2.5	7	0
2005	SF	10	8	32	363	11.3	39	3	8	11	1.4	9	0
2006	SF	16	15	59	686	11.6	56	3	5	25	5.0	18	0
2007	SF	3	3	9	104	11.0	22	0	2	9	4.5	8	1
		51	26	108	1,296	12.0	65	6	19	64	3.4	18	1

25 TARELL BROWN

Cornerback	Texas			Rookie
Ht: 5-11	Wt: 194	Born: 1-6-85	D-5 in '07	

2007 Season:

- Played on special teams.

GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0

Brown's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
2	1	1

22 NATE CLEMENTS

Cornerback	Ohio State			7th Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 215	Born: 12-12-79	FA in '07	

2007 Season:

- In his first game as a member of the 49ers vs. **Arizona (9-10)**, Clements helped the defense limit the Arizona Cardinals offense to 102 passing yards, limiting wide receivers Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald to a combined 42 yards receiving. Clements totaled 3 solo tackles and 2 passes defended. It was Clements' first ever Monday Night Football appearance.
- Had a huge game at **St. Louis (9-16)**, recording 9 tackles (8 solo) with a quarterback sack and a forced fumble. It was Clements' second sack of his career. He dropped Marc Bulger for an 11-yard loss on a third and 12 play to end the Rams' first offensive drive. It was his first sack since his rookie season with Buffalo in 2001, when he registered a sack in the third quarter vs. New England (12-16-01). He forced a fumble on Torry Holt on the 49ers' 8-yard line that rolled out of the end zone, resulting in 49ers' ball at the 20 yard line. The forced fumble resulted in Frank Gore's 43-yard touchdown run.

GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0

Clements' 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	PD	FF
9-10	vs. Arizona	3	3	0	0.0	0	2	0
9-16	at St. Louis	9	8	1	1.0	11.0	0	1
9-23	at Pittsburgh	5	5	0	0.0	0.0	1	0
Season Totals		17	16	1	1.0	11.0	3	1

Clements' Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles						Interceptions				Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2001	BUF	16	11	80	63	17	1.0	1	3	48	48t	1	12	3	0	0
2002	BUF	16	16	72	50	22	0.0	0	6	82	42	1	14	0	0	0
2003	BUF	16	16	78	60	18	0.0	0	3	54	54t	1	5	0	1	0
2004	BUF	16	16	87	65	22	0.5	0	6	77	35	1	11	4	1	0
2005	BUF	16	16	127	88	39	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	7	3	1	0
2006	BUF	16	16	79	60	19	0.0	0	3	80	58t	1	22	2	2	18
2007	SF	3	3	17	16	1	1.0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0
		99	94	540	402	138	2.5	12.0	23	341	58t	5	74	13	5	18

85 VERNON DAVIS

Tight End	Maryland			2nd Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 253	Born: 4-8-80	D-1A in '06	

2007 Season:

- Started both contests this season at tight end.
- Tied for the team lead with 4 receptions for 56 yards at **Pittsburgh (9-23)**. Davis suffered a partial tear of his right MCL in the third quarter and did not return. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

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Davis' 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
9-10	vs. Arizona	2	4	2.0	2	0
9-16	at St. Louis	2	23	11.5	19	0
9-23	at Pittsburgh	4	56	14.0	31	0
		8	83	10.4	31	0

Davis' Career Statistics

Year	Team	Receiving							Rushing				
		GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2006	SF	10	8	20	265	13.3	52t	3	2	5	2.5	9	0
2007	SF	3	3	8	83	6.8	31	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
		13	11	28	348	12.4	52t	3	2	5	2.5	9	0

12 TRENT DILFER

Quarterback	Fresno State	14th Year
Ht: 6-4	Wt: 234	Born: 3-13-72 Trade in '06

2007 Season:

- Serves as the 49ers backup quarterback. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/3/0**

94 MARQUES DOUGLAS

Defensive End	Howard	7th Year
Ht: 6-5	Wt: 305	Born: 6-24-81 FA in '05

2007 Season:

- Is the 49ers' starter at right defensive end.
- Recorded his first sack of the season **at St. Louis (9-16)**, when he dropped Marc Bulger for an 11-yard loss in the fourth quarter on a third-and-8 play. He also had 6 tackles (5 solo).
- Made 8 tackles (7 solo) with half a sack **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**. He shared the sack with Michael Lewis.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0

Douglas' 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
21	14	7	1.5/15.0	0	0	0

Douglas' Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
1999	Bal	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	NO	1	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	NO	2	0	2	1	1	1.0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2002	Bal	5	1	17	11	6	1.0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	Bal	16	16	89	62	27	4.5	32.5	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	0
2004	Bal	16	15	92	47	45	5.5	37.5	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
2005	SF	16	15	62	35	27	1.0	14	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0
2006	SF	16	16	75	42	33	3.0	35	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
2007	SF	3	3	21	14	7	1.5	15.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		75	66	358	212	146	17.5	159.0	0	0	0	0	7	6	3	0

98 ATIYYAH ELLISON

Defensive End/Defensive Tackle	Missouri	3rd Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 318	Born: 9-29-81 FA in '07

2007 Season:

- Signed off the practice squad of the Baltimore Ravens prior to the 49ers' first game of the regular season.
- Inactive for the first three contests. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/3**

93 RONALD FIELDS

Defensive Tackle	Mississippi State	3rd Year
Ht: 6-2	Wt: 315	Born: 9-13-81 D-5A in '05

2007 Season:

- Sees significant action as a reserve defensive lineman. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Fields' 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
5	2	3	0	0	0	0

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Fields' Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2005	SF	4	0	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	SF	13	9	26	15	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
2007	SF	3	0	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		20	9	35	19	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	

92 AUBRYAO FRANKLIN

Nose Tackle	Tennessee	5th Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 334	Born: 8-27-80
		FA in '05

2007 Season:

- Starts at nose tackle on the 49ers defense.
- In his first game as a member of the 49ers vs. **Arizona (9-10)**,, made 6 tackles (3 solo).
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0

Franklin's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
13	5	8	0	0	0	0

Franklin's Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2003	BAL	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
2004	BAL	6	0	7	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
2005	BAL	15	1	34	18	16	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0		
2006	BAL	14	0	23	13	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0		
2007	SF	3	3	13	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
		39	4	78	40	38	1	1	0	0	0	0	3	0		

38 DASHON GOLDSON

Safety	Washington	Rookie
Ht: 6-2	Wt: 208	Born: 9-18-84
		D-4B in '07

2007 Season:

- Inactive for the first three contests. Goldson was slowed for the first two weeks of the season by an elbow injury suffered in the final pre-season game. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/3**

21 FRANK GORE

Running Back	Miami	3rd Year
Ht: 5-9	Wt: 217	Born: 5-14-83
		D-3 in '05

2007 Season:

- Scored a rushing touchdown in the season opener on Monday Night Football vs. **Arizona (9-10)**, while gaining a combined 76 yards (55 rushing, 21 receiving) in his first action since breaking his hand during training camp.
- Gained 81 yards on 20 carries with 2 touchdowns at **St. Louis (9-16)**. It was Gore's fourth multi-touchdown game of his career. He scored on a 1-yard run in the second quarter and on a 43-yard run on a fourth-and-1 in the third quarter. The 43-yarder is Gore's third longest touchdown run of his career, behind a 72-yard touchdown run at Washington (10-23-05) and a 61-yard touchdown run at Detroit (11-12-06). He has now scored six touchdowns in his past three games against the Rams. For his efforts, he was awarded a game ball by Head Coach Mike Nolan. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

Gore's 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	Rushing					Receiving					
		No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	
9-10	vs. Arizona	18	55	3.1	12	1	1	21	21.0	21	0	
9-16	at St. Louis	20	81	4.1	43t	2	2	4	2.0	3	0	
9-23	at Pittsburgh	14	39	2.8	11	0	2	12	6.0	7	0	
	Season Totals	52	175	3.4	43t	3	5	37	7.4	21	0	

Gore's Career Statistics

Year	Team	Rushing					Receiving						
		GP	GS	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2005	SF	14	1	127	608	4.8	72t	3	15	131	8.7	47	0
2006	SF	16	16	312	1,695	5.4	72	8	61	485	8.0	39	1
2007	SF	3	3	52	175	3.6	43t	3	3	25	8.3	21	0
		33	20	491	2,478	5.0	72t	14	82	666	8.1	47	1

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98 PARYS HARALSON

Defensive End/Linebacker	Tennessee		2nd Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 250	Born: 1-24-84	D-5 in '06

2007 Season:

- Plays an expanded role at the outside linebacker positions, due to the season ending injury to Manny Lawson. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 3/0/0/0

Haralson's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Haralson's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
2	2	0

Haralson's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	GS	Tackles			Interceptions					Fumbles				
				Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2006	SF	7	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	SF	3	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		10	0	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

77 KWAME HARRIS

Tackle	Stanford		5th Year
Ht: 6-7	Wt: 310	Born: 3-15-82	D-1 in '03

2007 Season:

- Is inactive when the 49ers dress only seven offensive linemen.
- Dressed but did not play at **St. Louis (9-16)**. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 0/0/1/2

27 WALT HARRIS

Cornerback	Mississippi State		12th Year
Ht: 5-11	Wt: 192	Born: 8-10-74	FA in '06

2007 Season:

- In the season opener on Monday Night Football vs. **Arizona (9-10)**, intercepted quarterback Matt Leinart on the Cardinals' first offensive play, and returned it 23 yards to Arizona's 6-yard line. The interception set up Frank Gore's first rushing touchdown of the season. Harris also helped the defense limit the Arizona Cardinals offense to 102 passing yards, limiting wide receivers Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald to a combined 42 yards receiving. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 3/3/0/0

Harris' 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
16	13	3	0	1/23	3	0

Harris' Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	GS	Tackles			Interceptions					Fumbles				
				Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
1996	CHI	15	13	113	93	20	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	18	2	2	8
1997	CHI	16	16	94	75	19	0.0	0	5	30	12	0	19	4	1	0
1998	CHI	14	14	85	65	20	0.0	0	4	41	26	1	21	1	1	0
1999	CHI	15	15	71	48	23	1.0	0	1	0	-1	0	11	0	1	0
2000	CHI	12	12	52	36	16	0.0	0	2	35	35t	1	14	1	0	0
2001	CHI	15	13	70	47	23	0.0	0	1	45	39t	1	9	2	2	0
2002	IND	15	15	61	39	22	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	20	1	2	21
2003	IND	16	15	55	32	23	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	1	0
2004	WAS	16	2	21	12	9	0.0	0	2	31	31	0	6	1	0	0
2005	WAS	13	12	68	55	13	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	8	1	0	0
2006	SF	15	15	71	55	16	1.0	6	8	84	42	1	17	5	2	0
2007	SF	3	3	16	13	3	0.0	0	1	23	23	0	3	0	0	0
		164	144	773	566	207	2.0	6	28	266	42	4	157	19	12	29

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66 ERIC HEITMANN

Center	Stanford		6th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 305	Born: 2-24-80	D-7 in '02

2007 Season:

- Starts at center on the offensive line. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

43 MAURICE HICKS

Running Back	North Carolina A&T		4th Year
Ht: 5-11	Wt: 200	Born: 7-22-78	FA '04

2007 Season:

- Handles the team's kickoff return duties and sees action as a reserve running back. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Hicks' 2007 Season Statistics

Rushing					Receiving				
No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
2	10	5.0	7	0	3	20	6.7	11	0

Hicks' 2007 Kickoff Return Statistics

No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
13	276	21.2	33	0

Hicks' 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
1	0	1

Hicks' Career Offensive Statistics

Year	Team	Rushing							Receiving				
		GP	GS	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2002	CHI	Reserve/Non-Football Injury											
2004	SF	9	2	96	362	3.8	35	2	16	154	9.6	19	0
2005	SF	14	3	59	308	5.2	73t	3	12	47	3.9	11	0
2006	SF	16	0	29	82	2.8	9	0	13	137	10.5	33t	1
2007	SF	3	0	2	10	5.0	7	0	3	20	6.7	11	0
		42	5	186	762	4.1	73t	5	44	358	8.1	33t	1

Hicks' Career Kickoff Return Statistics

Year	Team	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2004	SF	31	623	20.1	35	0
2005	SF	34	689	20.3	40	0
2006	SF	57	1,428	25.1	64	0
2007	SF	13	276	21.1	33	0
		135	3,016	22.3	64	0

89 JASON HILL

Wide Receiver	Washington State		Rookie
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 204	Born: 11-15-82	D-3 in '07

2007 Season:

- Inactive for all three contests this season. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/3**

13 SHAUN HILL

Quarterback	Maryland		6th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 226	Born: 1-9-80	FA in '06

2007 Season:

- Serves as the third quarterback. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/3**

23 MARCUS HUDSON

Cornerback	North Carolina State		2nd Year
Ht: 6-2	Wt: 200	Born: 11-15-82	D-6B in '06

2007 Season:

- Sees action as the team's dime cornerback and on special teams.
- Recovered a muffed punt **at St. Louis (9-16)** in the fourth quarter, which resulted in Joe Nedney's go-ahead 40-yard field goal. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

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Hudson's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
5	2	3	0	0	1	0

Hudson's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
1	1	0

Hudson's Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2006	SF	16	0	4	1	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
2007	SF	3	0	5	2	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		19	0	9	3	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0

82 DARRELL JACKSON

Wide Receiver	Florida			8th Year
Ht: 6-0	Wt: 206	Born: 121-6-78	FA in '07	

2007 Season:

- In his first game as a member of the 49ers **vs. Arizona (9-10)**, started at wide receiver and caught 4 passes for 36 yards.
- Led all receivers **at St. Louis (9-16)** with 3 receptions for 61 yards.
- Tied for the team lead with 4 receptions for 69 yards **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

Jackson's 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Receiving

Date	Opponent	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
9-10	vs. Arizona	4	36	9.0	16	0
9-16	at St. Louis	3	61	20.3	34	0
9-23	at Pittsburgh	4	69	17.3	20	0
Season Totals		11	166	15.1	34	0

Jackson's Career Statistics

Receiving

Rushing

Year	Team	GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2000	SEA	16	10	53	713	13.5	71	6	1	-1	-1	-1	0
2001	SEA	16	16	70	1,081	15.4	64	8	1	9	9	9	0
2002	SEA	13	13	62	877	14.1	48	4	3	3	3	3	0
2003	SEA	16	16	68	1,137	16.7	80t	9	0	0	0	0	0
2004	SEA	16	16	87	1,199	13.8	56t	7	0	0	0	0	0
2005	SEA	6	6	38	482	12.7	48	3	1	7	7	7	0
2006	SEA	13	13	63	956	15.2	72t	10	0	0	0	0	0
2007	SF	3	3	11	166	13.9	34	0	0	0	0	0	0
		99	93	452	6601	14.6	80t	47	6	18	3	9	0

88 TAYLOR JACOBS

Wide Receiver	Florida			5th Year
Ht: 6-0	Wt: 202	Born: 5-30-81	Trade in '06	

2007 Season:

- Played as the third wide receiver in both contests this season.
- Made his first 2 receptions of the season, including his first touchdown, **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**. The touchdown reception, which came on a 21-yard play in the fourth quarter, was his first touchdown reception since his rookie year in 2003 with Washington. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Jacobs' 2007 Season Statistics

Receiving

No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
2	26	13.0	21t	1

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**Jacobs' Career Statistics
Receiving**

Year	Team	GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2003	WAS	8	0	3	37	12.3	19t	1
2004	WAS	15	4	16	178	11.1	45	0
2005	WAS	15	3	11	100	9.1	24	0
2006	SF	8	0	4	29	7.3	10	0
2007	SF	3	0	2	26	13.0	21t	1
		49	7	36	370	10.2	45	2

86 BRIAN JENNINGS

Tight End	Arizona State			8th Year
Ht: 6-5	Wt: 245	Born: 10-14-76		D-7b in '00

2007 Season:

- Handles long-snapping duties. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Jennings' 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF
0	0	0	0

75 JONAS JENNINGS

Tackle	Georgia			7th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 325	Born: 11-21-77		FA in '05

2007 Season:

- Is the starter at left tackle. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

45 ZAK KEASEY

Fullback	Princeton			2nd Year
Ht: 6-0	Wt: 245	Born: 3-19-82		FA in '07

2007 Season:

- Signed to the active roster (9-21) after Manny Lawson was placed on injured reserve.
- Made his season debut **at Pittsburgh (9-23)** and had 2 carries for 4 yards. They were Keasey's first career carries. It was Keasey's first NFL action since 2005 with the Washington Redskins, when he played linebacker. He has since made the conversion to fullback. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 1/0/0/0**

Keasey's 2007 Season Statistics

Rushing					Receiving				
No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
2	4	2.0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0

Keasey's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
0	0	0

99 MANNY LAWSON

Linebacker	North Carolina State			2nd
Ht: 6-5	Wt: 240	Born: 7-3-84		D-1B in '06

2007 Season:

- Started at left outside linebacker in the season opener **vs. Arizona (9-10)** and made a **CAREER HIGH 9** tackles (5 solo). His previous single game best was 8 tackles, which came at Chicago last season (10-29-06).
- Made 5 tackles (3 solo) with 1 pass defensed **at St. Louis (9-16)**.
- Placed on injured reserve after tearing his ACL during the Wednesday practice (9-21) before the Pittsburgh game. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 2/2/0/0**

Lawson's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
14	8	6	0.0/0.0	0/0	1	0

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Lawson's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	Tackles				Interceptions					Fumbles				
			GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2006	SF	16	11	65	42	23	2.5	16.0	1	0	0	3	0	2	0	0
2007	SF	2	2	14	8	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		18	13	79	50	29	2.5	16.0	1	0	0	3	1	2	0	0

4 ANDY LEE

Punter	Pittsburgh			4th Year
Ht: 6-0	Wt: 206		Born: 8-11-82	D-6A in '04

2007 Season:

- Had 8 punts for 362 yards at **St. Louis (9-16)**, with a long of 71 yards. The 362 yards is the second highest total of his career, behind only the 369 yards he totaled against Tampa Bay in 2005 (10-30-05). The 71-yarder is the second longest punt of Lee's career, behind an 81-yarder he booted in his rookie season, also against Tampa Bay (11-21-04). He landed four punts inside the 20-yard line, tying a career high from the season finale last season at Denver (12-31-06). For his efforts, he was awarded a game ball by Head Coach Mike Nolan.
- Punted 5 times for 286 yards, with a long of 66. The 57.2 yard average per punt is a new single-game **CAREER HIGH** for Lee, topping his 51.5 yards per punt average he totaled against St. Louis last season (11-26-2006). His 46.0 net yards average ties his career best, which he had during his rookie season at Tampa Bay (11-21-2004). His 47.3 yard average and 41.7 net average are both second in the NFL. Andy Lee's three punts of 60+ yards (63, 66, 71) and eight punts of 50+ yards rank tied for first in the NFL with Vikings' Chris Kluwe. Lee posted 63-yard and 66-yard punts at Pittsburgh (9-23-07).
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0

Lee's 2007 Season Statistics

No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	IN-20	Long	Blkd
19	898	47.3	41.7	5	6	71	0

Lee's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	No	Yds	Avg	Ret	Yds	Net	TB	In 20	Lg	Blk
2004	SF	16	96	3,990	41.6	51	445	35.3	8	25	81	0
2005	SF	16	107	4,447	41.6	62	471	36.3	3	15	58	1
2006	SF	16	81	3,625	44.8	35	462	36.8	9	22	66	0
2007	SF	3	19	898	43.7	8	5	41.7	5	6	71	0
		51	303	12,960	42.8	156	1,383	36.4	25	68	81	1

18 ASHLEY LELIE

Wide Receiver	Hawaii			6th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 193		Born: 2-16-80	FA in '07

2007 Season:

- Sees limited action at wide receiver. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Lelie's 2007 Season Statistics

Receiving

No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
0	0	0.0	0	0

Lelie's Career Statistics

Receiving

Rushing

Year	Team	GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2002	DEN	16	1	35	525	15.0	48	2	4	40	10.0	24	0
2003	DEN	16	10	37	628	17.0	60	2	8	43	5.4	13	0
2004	DEN	16	16	54	1,084	20.1	58	7	3	5	1.7	8	0
2005	DEN	16	13	42	770	18.3	56	1	5	84	16.8	39	0
2006	ATL	15	10	28	430	15.4	51	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
2007	SF	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
		81	50	196	3,437	17.5	60	13	20	172	8.6	39	0

28 KEITH LEWIS

Safety	Oregon			4th Year
Ht: 6-0	Wt: 210		Born: 10-20-81	D-6B in '04

2007 Season:

- Sees action on special teams.

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- Made his first appearance of the season on defense at Pittsburgh (9-23) and made 2 solo tackles.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0

Lewis' 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
2	2	0	0	0	0	0

Lewis' 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF	Blkd
8	6	2	0	0

Lewis' Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2004	SF	16	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2005	SF	16	4	23	18	5	0	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	
2006	SF	16	9	72	55	17	1	1	2	24	6	0	1	1	23	
2007	SF	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		51	13	99	75	24	1	1	3	26	9	0	1	1	23	

Special Teams Tackles: 47–2004 (17), 2005 (11), 2006 (16), 2007 (3)

32 MICHAEL LEWIS

Safety	Colorado			6th Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 226	Born: 4-29-80	FA in '07	

2007 Season:

- Starts at strong safety.
- Made 7 tackles (6 solo) and half a sack at Pittsburgh (9-23). He shared the sack with Marques Douglas.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0

Lewis' 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
21	14	7	0.5/4.0	0/0	2	1

Lewis' Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Solo	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	TD
2002	PHI	14	4	42	27	15	1.0	5.0	1	0	0	1	3	3	2	0
2003	PHI	16	16	132	78	54	2.0	21.0	3	31	0	11	2	1	0	0
2004	PHI	16	16	129	88	41	0.0	0.0	1	0	0	12	2	1	0	0
2005	PHI	16	16	141	88	53	1.0	4.0	2	13	0	8	1	1	0	0
2006	PHI	14	6	87	53	34	2.0	16.0	2	105	1	9	1	0	0	
2007	SF	3	3	21	14	7	0.5	4.0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	
		79	61	552	348	204	6.5	50.0	9	149	1	43	10	6	2	

Lewis' 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF	Blkd
1	1	0	0	0

91 RAY MCDONALD

Defensive End	Florida			Rookie
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 282	Born: 9-2-84	D-3B in '07	

2007 Season:

- Inactive for all three games this season. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 0/0/0/3

56 BRANDON MOORE

Linebacker	Oklahoma			6th Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 242	Born: 1-16-79	FA in '02	

2007 Season:

- Plays on third down and in pass rushing situations on defense. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 3/0/0/0

Moore's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
3	2	1	0	0	0	0

Moore's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF	Blkd

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0	0	0	0	0
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Moore's Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Solo	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	TD
2002	SF	13	2	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
2003	SF	15	1	6	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2004	SF	12	1	13	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2005	SF	16	10	93	59	34	5	29	1	12	0	2	0	1	0	0
2006	SF	16	11	114	67	47	6.5	56.5	0	0	0	3	4	0	0	0
2007	SF	3	0	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		75	25	235	144	91	12.5	85.5	1	12	0	7	5	1	0	0

58 JAY MOORE

Linebacker	Nebraska			Rookie
Ht: 6-4	Wt: 270	Born: 8-16-83	D-4A in '07	

2007 Season:

- Placed on injured reserve after suffering an ankle injury in the final pre-season game .
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/0

55 HANNIBAL NAIVES

Linebacker	Colorado			9th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 252	Born: 7-19-77	FA in '06	

2007 Season:

- Saw action at inside linebacker and on special teams in first two games.
- Made his first start of the season at outside linebacker **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**, replacing the injured Manny Lawson. In Lawson's place, Naives finished with 3 tackles (2 solo), a sack, a forced fumble, and a fumble recovery. Naives sacked Ben Roethlisberger on his first pass attempt in the game, forced the fumble, and then recovered it on the same play at Pittsburgh's 29-yard line. The turnover resulted in a 22-yard field goal by Joe Nedney. It was Naives' first sack since 2004, when he was with the Green Bay Packers.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/1/0/0

Naives' 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
4	2	2	1.0/7.0	0	0	1

Naives' 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF	Blkd
2	0	2	0	0

6 JOE NEDNEY

Kicker	San Jose State			11th Year
Ht: 6-5	Wt: 225	Born: 3-22-73	FA in '05	

2007 Season:

- Connected on field goals from 30 and 33 yards, while hitting two extra points, in the season opener **vs Arizona (9-10)**.
- Hit a 40-yard field goal **at St. Louis (9-16)** in the fourth quarter, giving the 49ers their only lead of the game. It was Nedney's 17th game-winning field goal, and his fifth as a member of the 49ers.
- Connected on fields goals from 32 yards, 22 yards, and 49 yards, with an extra point, **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0

Nedney's 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	FGs	PATs	Pts
9-10	vs. Arizona	0-0	0-0	2-2	0-0	0-0	2-2	2-2	8
9-16	at St. Louis	0-0	0-0	0-0	1-1	0-0	1-1	2-2	5
9-23	at Pittsburgh	0-0	1-1	1-1	1-1	0-0	3-3	1-1	10
Season Totals		0-0	1-1	3-3	2-2	0-0	7-7	5-5	23

40 MORAN NORRIS

Fullback	Kansas			7th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 245	Born: 11-27-72	FA in '05	

2007 Season:

- Played at fullback in the season opener **vs. Arizona (9-10)** and caught 2 passes for 6 yards.
- Made his first start of the year at fullback **at St. Louis (9-16)**. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/1/0/0**

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Norris' 2007 Season Statistics

Rushing					Receiving				
No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
2	4	2.0	2	0	2	6	3.0	4	0

Norris' 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
0	0	0

96 MELVIN OLIVER

Defensive End	Louisiana State	2nd Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 279	Born: 7-25-83
		D-6C in '06

2007 Season:

- Was placed on injured reserve before the start of the 2007 season after tearing his right ACL during OTA's.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/0

24 MICHAEL ROBINSON

Running Back	Penn State	2nd Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 218	Born: 2-6-83
		D-4 in '06

2007 Season:

- Plays at running back and on special teams, also lining up with Maurice Hicks on kickoff returns.
GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0

Robinson's 2007 Season Statistics

Rushing					Receiving				
No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs	No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
3	11	3.7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0

Robinson's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF	Blkd
7	3	4	0	0

Robinson's Career Offensive Statistics

Year	Team	Rushing							Receiving				
		GP	GS	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2006	SF	16	0	38	116	3.1	33	2	9	47	5.2	12	0
2007	SF	3	0	3	11	3.0	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
		19	0	41	127	3.1	33	2	9	47	5.2	12	0

26 MARK ROMAN

Safety	Louisiana State	8th Year
Ht: 5-11	Wt: 201	Born: 3-26-77
		FA in '06

2007 Season:

- Starts at free safety. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 3/3/0/0

Roman's 2007 Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
17	11	6	0	0	2	0

Roman's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	FF	Blkd
0	0	0	0	0

Roman's Career Statistics

Year	Team	Tackles					Interceptions					Fumbles				
		GP	GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2000	CIN	8	2	16	15	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0
2001	CIN	13	8	51	44	7	2.0	10.0	1	0	1	0	7	0	1	-1
2002	CIN	13	1	30	23	7	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
2003	CIN	16	16	74	55	19	0.5	5.0	1	1	1	0	7	1	0	0
2004	GB	16	15	84	71	13	3.5	32.5	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
2005	GB	16	16	105	74	31	0.0	0.0	2	18	12	0	8	0	2	0
2006	SF	16	11	61	49	12	1.0	0.0	1	27	27	0	8	1	1	0

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2007	SF	3	3	17	11	6	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
		100	71	438	342	96	7.0	47.5	5	46	27	0	34	4	4	-1

65 JUSTIN SMILEY

Guard	Alabama						4th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 301			Born: 11-11-81			D-2A in '04

2007 Season:

- Starter at right guard. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

11 ALEX SMITH

Quarterback	Utah						3rd Year
Ht: 6-4	Wt: 212			Born: 5-7-84			D-1 in '05

2007 Season:

- In the season opener on Monday Night Football **vs. Arizona (9-10)**, Smith completed 15 of 31 passes for 126 yards, while also rushing for 36 yards on 3 carries. On the final drive of the game, where the 49ers took the lead with 22 seconds left, Smith was 6-for-10 for 60 yards, along with a 22-yard rush on a fourth-and-1 which extended their game-winning drive.
- Threw for 209 yards on 17 of 35 passing, with a touchdown and an interception, **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

Smith's 2007 Game-By-Game Passing Statistics

Date	Opponent	Att	Comp	Pct	Yds	TDs	INTs	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
9-10	vs. Arizona	31	15	48.4	126	0	0	22	3/24	59.3
9-16	at St. Louis	17	11	64.7	126	0	0	34	4/29	86.9
9-23	at Pittsburgh	35	17	48.5	209	1	1	31	2/11	65.1
Season Totals		83	43	51.8	461	1	1	34	9/64	67.4

Smith's 2007 Season Statistics

Rushing

No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
8	67	8.4	25	0

Smith's Career Passing Statistics

Year	Team	GP	GS	Att	Cmp	Pct	Yds	TD	Int	Lg	Sk	Lst	Rating
2005	SF	9	7	165	84	50.9	875	1	11	47	29	185	40.8
2006	SF	16	16	442	257	58.1	2,890	16	16	75	35	202	74.8
2007	SF	3	3	83	43	54.2	461	1	1	34	9	64	67.4
		28	26	690	384	55.7	4,226	18	28	75	73	451	65.8

50 DEREK SMITH

Linebacker	Arizona State						11th Year
Ht: 6-2	Wt: 245			Born: 1-18-75			FA in '01

2007 Season:

- Started at inside linebacker **vs. Arizona (9-10)** and made 10 tackles.
- Totalled 9 tackles (4 solo) **at Pittsburgh (9-23)**. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

Smith's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
22	11	11	0.0/0.0	0/0	0	0

Smith's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	GS	Tackles			Interceptions					Fumbles					
				Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	
1997	WAS	16	16	126	86	40	2.0	17	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0
1998	WAS	16	15	145	102	43	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
1999	WAS	16	16	123	84	39	1.0	7	1	0	0	0	5	0	1	0	
2000	WAS	16	14	128	88	40	1.0	5	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	0	
2001	SF	14	14	126	75	51	3.0	13.5	1	0	0	0	5	0	2	3	
2002	SF	16	16	138	88	50	1.0	9	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	0	
2003	SF	16	16	189	105	84	3.5	30.5	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	7	
2004	SF	14	14	167	97	70	1.5	8.5	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	46	
2005	SF	16	16	160	106	54	0.0	0	1	13	13	0	7	1	1	0	
2006	SF	13	12	93	52	41	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	
2007	SF	3	3	22	11	11	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
		143	140	1,417	894	523	13.5	92.5	3	13	13	0	33	6	13	56	

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68 ADAM SNYDER

Tackle/Guard	Oregon			3rd Year
Ht: 6-6	Wt: 325	Born: 1-30-82	D-3B in '05	

2007 Season:

- Plays on special teams while backing up both tackle positions. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

90 ISAAC SOPOAGA

Defensive Tackle	Hawaii			4th Year
Ht: 6-2	Wt: 321	Born: 9-4-81	D-4A in '04	

2007 Season:

- Saw action at defensive end and nose tackle.
- Shared half a sack with Tully-Banta Cain at **St. Louis (9-16)**. He also added 4 tackles (3 solo). **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Sopoaga's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
12	6	6	0.5/3.0	0/0	0	0

Sopoaga's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	Tackles				Interceptions				Fumbles					
			GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2004	SF		Injured Reserve (Back)													
2005	SF	16	1	28	18	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2006	SF	15	2	28	18	10	1.5	7.5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	
2007	SF	3	0	12	6	6	0.5	3.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
		34	2	68	42	26	2.0	10.5	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	

36 SHAWNTAE SPENCER

Cornerback	Pittsburgh			4th Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 181	Born: 2-22-82	D-2B in '04	

2007 Season:

- Plays as the nickel back on defense.
- In the season opener on Monday Night Football vs. **Arizona (9-10)**, finished with 3 solo tackles and an interception. He picked off Matt Leinart's fourth quarter deep pass attempt with 16 seconds left to seal the victory. Spencer didn't record an interception in 2006 until Week 15 at Seattle. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Spencer's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
10	10	0	0.0/0.0	1/0	2	0

Spencer's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	Tackles				Interceptions				Fumbles					
			GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2004	SF	16	12	66	57	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	12	1	0	0
2005	SF	15	14	76	69	7	0.0	0	4	85	61t	1	14	0	0	0
2006	SF	13	13	74	62	12	2.0	15	1	11	11	0	8	1	2	11
2007	SF	3	0	10	10	0	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
		34	26	226	198	28	2.0	15	6	96	61t	1	35	2	2	11

74 JOE STALEY

Tackle	Central Michigan			Rookie
Ht: 6-5	Wt: 306	Born: 8-30-84	D-1B in '07	

2007 Season:

- Starts at right tackle. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0**

30 DONALD STRICKLAND

Safety	Colorado			5th Year
Ht: 5-10	Wt: 187	Born: 11-24-81	FA in '04	

2007 Season:

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- Inactive for all three contests this season. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 0/0/0/3

20 B.J. TUCKER

Cornerback	Wisconsin			3rdd Year
Ht: 5-10	Wt: 188	Born: 10-12-80	FA in '05	

2007 Season:

- Placed on injured reserve with a pectoral injury (6-16) suffered during OTA's. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 0/0/0/0

53 JEFF ULBRICH

Linebacker	Hawaii			8th Year
Ht: 6-0	Wt: 249	Born: 2-17-77	D-3b in '00	

2007 Season:

- Saw action on special teams in both contests.
- Prior to the season opener vs. **Arizona (9-10)**, Ulbrich was named the captain of the special teams unit for the Monday Night contest by Head Coach Mike Nolan. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 3/0/0/0

Ulbrich's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
0	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	0

Ulbrich's 2007 Special Teams Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists
2	2	0

Ulbrich's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	Tackles				Interceptions				Fumbles					
			GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
2000	SF	4	0	3	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2001	SF	14	14	92	57	35	0.5	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2002	SF	14	13	84	46	38	1.5	10.5	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
2003	SF	15	15	138	63	75	2.5	26	1	7	0	0	6	1	1	0
2004	SF	16	14	167	90	77	1.0	6	1	19	0	0	3	1	0	0
2005	SF	5	5	41	27	14	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2006	SF	16	9	74	44	30	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
2007	SF	3	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
		87	70	599	330	269	5.5	44.5	2	26	0	0	15	3	1	0

46 DELANIE WALKER

Tight End	Central Missouri State			2nd Year
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 237	Born: 8-12-84	D-6A in '06	

2007 Season:

- Sees action at tight end and on special teams.
- Made his first start of the season in a two tight end set at **Pittsburgh (9-23)** and responded by making his first 3 receptions of the season, for 19 yards, and returning 3 kickoffs for 63 yards. **GP/GS/DNP/IA:** 3/1/0/0

Walker's 2007 Season Statistics

Receiving

No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
3	19	6.3	13	0

Walker's 2007 Kickoff Return Statistics

No	Yds	Avg	Long	TDs
3	63	21.0	30	0

Walker's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	GS	Rushing					Receiving					
				Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
2006	SF	7	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	2	30	15.0	29	0
2007	SF	3	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	3	19	6.3	13	0
		8	2	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	5	49	9.9	29	0

81 BRANDON WILLIAMS

Wide Receiver	Wisconsin			2nd Year
Ht: 5-11	Wt: 175	Born: 2-24-84	D-3 in '03	

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2007 Season:

- Handles the team's punt return duties. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/0/0/0**

Williams' 2007 Punt Return Statistics

No	Yds	Avg	Long	FC	TDs
5	32	6.4	12	5	0

Williams' Career Returning Statistics

Year	Team	Punt Return								Kick Return				
		GP	GS	No	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2006	SF	13	0	22	12	147	6.7	25	0	16	380	23.8	44	0
2007	SF	3	0	5	5	32	6.4	12	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
		16	0	27	17	179	6.6	25	0	16	380	23.8	44	0

52 PATRICK WILLIS

Linebacker	Ole Miss	Rookie
Ht: 6-1	Wt: 242	Born: 1-25-85

2007 Season:

- In his first game as a member of the 49ers, started at inside linebacker and led the defense with 15 tackles (10 solo), while also breaking up a pass and forcing a fumble.
- Made 10 tackles (6 solo) **at St. Louis (9-16)** while also breaking up a pass in the end zone on third down, which forced the Rams to kick a field goal. Willis has totaled double-digit tackles in all three of his NFL games so far. He won Diet Pepsi Rookie of the Week Award honors following Weeks 1 and 2.

GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0

Willis' 2007 Game-By-Game Statistics

Date	Opponent	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	FF	PD
9-10	vs. Arizona	15	10	5	0.0	0	1	1
9-16	at St. Louis	10	6	4	0.0	0	0	1
9-23	at Pittsburgh	10	6	4	0.0	0	0	1
Season Totals		35	22	13	0.0	0	1	3

69 TONY WRAGGE

Guard	New Mexico State	3rd Year
Ht: 6-4	Wt: 320	Born: 8-14-79

2007 Season:

- Inactive for all three contests this season. **GP/GS/DNP/IA: 0/0/0/3**

97 BRYANT YOUNG

Defensive Tackle	Notre Dame	14th Year
Ht: 6-3	Wt: 291	Born: 1-27-72

2007 Season:

- Started at left defensive end in the season opener **vs. Arizona (9-10)**. It was Young's 22nd Monday Night game, tying him for fourth on the 49ers' all-time list with safety Merton Hanks (1991-1998).
- Made 8 tackles (7 solo) with 3.0 sacks and a forced fumble **at St. Louis (9-10)**. It was Young's 21st multi-sack game. He forced Marc Bulger to fumble on a one-yard sack early in the third quarter, and he sacked Bulger for a seven-yard loss late in the fourth quarter to force the Rams into a third-and-17 situation. The sack that was originally split between Bryant Young and Manny Lawson on the first play of the game has been credited entirely to Young, giving him 3 sacks for the game, tying his career high. Young had 5.5 sacks all of last year, and didn't reach 4 until Week 11. Young also had sacks in each of his first two games of last season. Young has now posted 3 sacks in a game three times for his career—all against the Rams. He also had 3 sacks against St. Louis on September 11, 2005 in San Francisco, and October 6, 1996, in St. Louis. For his career, Young has 19.5 sacks against St. Louis, the most against any one team. Young now has 87.0 sacks for his career. It was also Young's 194th game, placing him sixth on the 49ers all-time list, overtaking offensive lineman Keith Fahnhorst (1974-1987). Fifth on the all-time list is Hall of Fame defensive tackle Charlie Krueger (1959-1973), with 198 games.

GP/GS/DNP/IA: 3/3/0/0

Young's 2007 Season Statistics

Total	Solo	Assists	Sacks/ Yds	INTs/Yds	PD	FF
15	9	6	4.0/11.0	0	0	1

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Young's Career Statistics

Year	Team	GP	Tackles				Interceptions					Fumbles				
			GS	Tot	Sol	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds
1994	SF	16	16	49	45	4	6.0	30	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0
1995	SF	12	12	33	25	8	6.0	33	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0
1996	SF	16	16	84	64	20	11.5	74.5	0	0	0	0	5	1	1	43
1997	SF	12	12	52	37	15	4.0	35	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
1998	SF	12	12	54	42	12	9.5	45	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
1999	SF	16	16	42	35	7	11.0	81	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0
2000	SF	15	15	51	35	16	9.5	77.5	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
2001	SF	16	16	49	36	13	3.5	24	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
2002	SF	16	16	47	27	20	2.0	13.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2003	SF	16	16	62	35	27	3.5	25	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
2004	SF	16	16	79	43	36	3.0	25	0	0	0	0	2	2	1	0
2005	SF	13	13	43	33	10	8.0	50	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
2006	SF	16	16	60	40	20	5.5	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2007	SF	3	3	15	9	6	4.0	11.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
		195	195	720	506	214	87.0	549.5	0	0	0	0	26	8	6	43

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September 30, 2007

ATIYYAH ELLISON 78

DEFENSIVE TACKLE

Ht: 6-3, Wt: 318, Born: 9-29-81

College: Missouri

3rd Year (FA in '07)

Games/Starts: 2006- 0/0; Career-0/0

CAREER: Talented, powerful lineman who has quick burst along with strong, active hands...Shows good lateral agility and awareness in traffic.

TRANSACTIONS: Originally a third round (89th pick overall) draft choice by Carolina Panthers in 2005...Waived by Carolina on September 3, 2005...Signed by Carolina to the practice squad on September 5, 2005...Signed by Carolina to the 53-man roster from the practice squad on September 14, 2005...Waived by Carolina on September 24, 2005...Signed By Carolina to the practice squad on September 27, 2005...Signed by Carolina to the 53-man roster from the practice squad on October 31, 2005...Waived by Carolina on September 2, 2006...Signed by the Houston on September 3, 2006...Waived by Houston on September 7, 2006...Signed by Baltimore to the practice squad on September 12, 2006...Signed by Baltimore to the 53-man roster from the practice squad on December 4, 2006...Waived by Baltimore on September 1, 2007...Signed by Baltimore to the practice squad on September 2, 2007...Signed by San Francisco from the Baltimore practice squad on September 5, 2007.

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

2006: (BALTIMORE)

- Spent training camp with Carolina before being waived in the final roster cut, and then spent four days with the Houston Texans.
- Signed to the Ravens practice squad on September 12.
- Signed to the Ravens active roster on December 4.
- Inactive at Kansas City (12/10), vs. Cleveland (12/17) and at Pittsburgh (12/24).
- Placed on Injured Reserve (shoulder) on December 30, 2006.

2005: (CAROLINA)

- Inactive for 10 regular season games (and three postseason contests).
- Was a game-day inactive for the final nine games of the season after being signed from the practice squad on October 31.

COLLEGE:

- In 36 contests with the Missouri Tigers, Ellison started 31 games, producing 171 tackles, 6.5 sacks, 26.5 tackles for loss, 11 quarterback pressures and five passes defended.
- Elected team captain as a senior, earning first-team All-Big 12 honors by playing in all 11 games and tallying 60 tackles, 2.5 sacks, 12.5 tackles for loss and four quarterback pressures. The Tigers defense ranked second in the Big 12 in total yardage that year and 14th nationally.
- Tallied career-high 72 tackles, four sacks, 14 tackles for loss, two forced fumbles and five passes defended as a junior.
- As a sophomore, recorded 39 tackles, five quarterback pressures and one fumble recovery, while also forcing two fumbles in 12 games with nine starts at defensive end.
- Attended Coffeyville (KS) Junior College for two years, redshirting in 2000.
- In 2001, lined up at defensive end and posted 57 tackles and five sacks in 10 contests.

PERSONAL:

- Born Atiyyah Ramadan Ellison (9-29-81) in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Attended Parkway South (St. Louis, MI) High School.
- Was one of the top defensive lineman in the Midwest, recording 47 tackles and three sacks as he earned All-State and All-Metro honors as a senior.
- Runs a summer football camp at a YMCA in Boonville, MO for children from kindergarten to 12th grade.
- Atiyyah and his wife, Jessica, have a son, Tyson.
- First name is pronounced (ah-TEE-ah).

ELLISON'S NFL STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	TACKLES								
				Tot	Solo	Ast	Sacks	Yds	Int	Yds	TD	PD
2005	CAR	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
2006	BAL	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0
NFL Totals		0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0

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Through Week 3

49ERS INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

RUSHING

Attempts	
20	F. Gore at St. Louis (9/16)
Yards	
81	F. Gore at St. Louis (9/16)
Average (3 att. min.)	
12.0	A. Smith vs. Arizona (9/10) (3 Att)
Long	
43t	F. Gore at St. Louis (9/16)
Touchdowns	
2	F. Gore at St. Louis (9/16)

RECEIVING

Receptions	
5	A. Battle vs. Arizona (9/10)
Yards	
69	D. Jackson at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Average (3 rec. min.)	
20.3	D. Jackson at St. Louis (9/16) (3 rec)
Long	
34	D. Jackson at St. Louis (9/16)
Touchdowns	
1	T. Jacobs at Pittsburgh (9/23)

PASSING

Attempts	
35	A. Smith at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Completions	
17	A. Smith at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Percentage	
64.7	A. Smith at St. Louis (9/16)
Yards	
209	A. Smith at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Long	
34	A. Smith at St. Louis (9/16))
Touchdowns	
1	A. Smith at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passer Rating	
86.9	A. Smith at St. Louis (9/16)

TAKEAWAYS

Interceptions	
1	W. Harris vs. Arizona (9/10)
1	S. Spencer vs. Arizona (9/10)
Interceptions for a Touchdown	
0	
Long Interception Returns	
23	W. Harris vs. Arizona (9/10)

TAKEAWAYS

Fumble Recovery for Touchdown	
0	
Long Fumble Returns	
0	H. Navies at Pittsburgh (9/23)

RETURNS

Punt Return Attempts	
2	B. Williams vs. Arizona (9/10)
2	B. Williams at St. Louis (9/16)
Punt Return Yards	
20	B. Williams vs. Arizona (9/10)
Punt Return Average (3 att. min.)	
10.0	B. Williams vs. Arizona (9/10)
Long Punt Return	
12	B. Williams vs. Arizona (9/10)
12	B. Williams at St. Louis (9/16)
Kick Return Attempts	
5	M. Hicks at St. Louis (9/16)
Kick Return Yards	
101	M. Hicks at St. Louis (9/16)
Kick Return Average (3 att. min.)	
22.3	M. Hicks vs. Arizona (9/10)
Long Kick Return	
33	M. Hicks vs. Arizona (9/10)

KICKING

Punting Average	
57.2	A. Lee at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Punting Long	
71	A. Lee at St. Louis (9/16)
Punting Attempts	
8	A. Lee at St. Louis (9/16)
Punting Yardage	
362	A. Lee at St. Louis (9/16)
Net Punting Average	
46.0	A. Lee at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Extra Points (Kicking) Attempted	
2	J. Nedney vs. Arizona (9/10)
2	J. Nedney at St. Louis (9/16)
Extra Points (Kicking) Made	
2	J. Nedney vs. Arizona (9/10)
2	J. Nedney at St. Louis (9/16)
Field Goals Attempted	
3	J. Nedney at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Field Goals Made	
3	J. Nedney at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Field Goal Long	
49	J. Nedney at Pittsburgh (9/23)

2007 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS SUPERLATIVES

Through Week 3

OPPONENTS INDIVIDUAL SUPERLATIVES

RUSHING

Attempts	
26	E. James vs. Arizona (9/10)
Yards	
133	W. Parker at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Average (3 att. min.)	
9.4	N. Davenport at Pittsburgh (9/23) (5 att.)
Long	
39t	N. Davenport at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Touchdowns	
1	E. James vs. Arizona (9/10)
1	N. Davenport at Pittsburgh (9/23)

RECEIVING

Receptions	
4	A. Boldin vs. Arizona (9/10)
4	H. Miller at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Yards	
145	I. Bruce at St. Louis (9/16)
Average (3 rec. min.)	
20.5	H. Miller at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Long	
37	I. Bruce at St. Louis (9/16)
Touchdowns	
1	A. Boldin vs. Arizona (9/10)
1	T. Holt at St. Louis (9/16)
1	J. Tuman at Pittsburgh (9/23)

PASSING

Attempts	
41	M. Bulger at St. Louis (9/16)
Completions	
24	M. Bulger at St. Louis (9/16)
Percentage	
65.0	B. Roethlisberger at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Yards	
368	M. Bulger at St. Louis (9/16)
Long	
37	M. Bulger at St. Louis (9/16)
Touchdowns	
1	M. Leinart vs. Arizona (9/10)
1	T. Holt at St. Louis (9/16)
1	B. Roethlisberger at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passer Rating	
106.2	B. Roethlisberger at Pittsburgh (9/23)

TAKEAWAYS

Interceptions	
1	B. McFadden at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Interceptions for a Touchdown	
1	B. McFadden at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Long Interception Returns	
50t	B. McFadden at Pittsburgh (9/23)

TAKEAWAYS

Fumble Recovery for a Touchdown	
0	
Long Fumble Returns	
2	A. Smith vs. Arizona (9/10)
RETURNS	
Punt Return Attempts	
3	S. Breaston vs. Arizona (9/10)
3	D. Hall at St. Louis (9/16)
Punt Return Yards	
8	D. Hall at St. Louis (9/16)
Punt Return Average (3 att. min.)	
2.7	D. Hall at St. Louis (9/16)
Long Punt Return	
7	D. Hall at St. Louis (9/16)
Kick Return Attempts	
3	S. Breaston vs. Arizona (9/10)
3	D. Hall at St. Louis (9/16)
Kick Return Yards	
120	A. Rossum at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Kick Return Average (3 att. min.)	
21.0	S. Breaston vs. Arizona (9/10) (3 att.)
Long Kick Return	
98t	A. Rossum at Pittsburgh (9/23)

KICKING

Punting Average	
42.0	D. Sepulveda at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Punting Long	
49	D. Jones at St. Louis (9/16)
Punting Attempts	
7	M. Barr vs. Arizona (9/10)
Punting Yardage	
259	M. Barr vs. Arizona (9/10)
Net Punting Average	
42.0	D. Sepulveda at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Extra Points (Kicking) Attempted	
4	J. Reed at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Extra Points (Kicking) Made	
4	J. Reed at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Field Goals Attempted	
4	J. Wilkins at St. Louis (9/16)
Field Goals Made	
3	J. Wilkins at St. Louis (9/16)
3	J. Reed at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Field Goal Long	
53	J. Wilkins at St. Louis (9/16)

2007 SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS SUPERLATIVES

Through Week 3

49ERS OFFENSIVE HIGHS

Points Scored	20 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Total Touchdowns	2 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	2 at St. Louis (9/16)
First Downs	17 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Total Yards	289 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Total Plays	59 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Rushing Yards	92 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Rushing Attempts	28 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Average	4.2 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Rushing Touchdowns	2 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	2 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Long	43t at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Yards	209 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Attempts	35 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Completions	17 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Touchdowns	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Long	34 at St. Louis (9/16)
Quarterback Sacked	4 at St. Louis (9/16)
Quarterback Intercepted	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Punt Returns	2 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	2 at St. Louis (9/16)
Punt Return Yards	20 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Kickoff Returns	7 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Kickoff Return Yards	149 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Penalties	6 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Penalty Yards	40 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Time of Possession	28:40 at Pittsburgh (9/23)

49ERS OFFENSIVE LOWS

Points Scored	16 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Total Touchdowns	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
First Downs	8 at St. Louis (9/16)
Total Yards	186 at St. Louis (9/16)
Total Plays	49 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Yards	89 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Attempts	22 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Rushing Average	3.2 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Touchdowns	0 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Yards	126 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	126 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Attempts	17 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Completions	11 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Touchdowns	0 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	0 at St. Louis (9/16)
Quarterback Sacked	2 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Quarterback Intercepted	0 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	0 at St. Louis (9/16)
Punt Returns	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Punt Return Yards	0 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Kickoff Returns	5 at St. Louis (9/16)
Kickoff Return Yards	101 at St. Louis (9/16)
Penalties	2 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Penalty Yards	10 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Time of Possession	25:28 vs. Arizona (9/10)

OPPONENT OFFENSIVE HIGHS

Points Scored	37 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Total Touchdowns	4 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
First Downs	20 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	20 at St. Louis (9/16)
Total Yards	392 at St. Louis (9/16)
Total Plays	70 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Yards	205 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Rushing Attempts	38 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Rushing Average	6.2 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Rushing Touchdowns	1 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Rushing Long	39t at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Yards	368 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Attempts	41 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Completions	24 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Touchdowns	1 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	1 at St. Louis (9/16)
.....	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Long	37 at St. Louis (9/16)
Quarterback Sacked	6 at St. Louis (9/16)
Quarterback Intercepted	2 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Punt Returns	3 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	3 at St. Louis (9/16)
Punt Return Yards	8 at St. Louis (9/16)
Kickoff Returns	5 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Kickoff Return Yards	132 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Penalties	10 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Penalty Yards	71 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Time of Possession	34:32 vs. Arizona (9/10)

OPPONENT OFFENSIVE LOWS

Points Scored	17 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Total Touchdowns	2 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	2 at St. Louis (9/16)
First Downs	19 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Total Yards	261 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Total Plays	55 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Rushing Yards	61 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Attempts	23 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Average	2.7 at St. Louis (9/16)
Rushing Touchdowns	0 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	0 at St. Louis (9/16)
Passing Yards	102 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Passing Attempts	20 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Completions	13 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Passing Touchdowns	1 vs. Arizona (9/10)
.....	1 at St. Louis (9/16)
.....	1 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Quarterback Sacked	1 vs. Arizona (9/10)
Quarterback Intercepted	0 at St. Louis (9/16)
.....	0 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Punt Returns	2 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Punt Return Yards	-4 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Kickoff Returns	3 at St. Louis (9/16)
Kickoff Return Yards	54 at St. Louis (9/16)
Penalties	3 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Penalty Yards	13 at Pittsburgh (9/23)
Time of Possession	31:20 at Pittsburgh (9/23)

2007 San Francisco 49ers Superlatives

Inside the 20-Yard Line

Week 1, 9/10	vs. Arizona Opp.	4 times/4 scores 3 times/3 scores	2 TDs, 2 FGs 2 TDs, 1 FGs
Week 2, 9/16	at St. Louis Opp.	1 times/1 score 3 times/3 scores	1 TD 1 TD, 2 FGs
Week 3, 9/23	at Pittsburgh Opp.	2 times/2 scores 3 times/3 scores	2 FGs 1 TD, 2 FGs
TOTALS	49ers Opponents	7 times/7 scores 9 times/9 scores	3 TDs, 4 FGs 4 TDs, 5 FGs

2007 San Francisco 49ers Superlatives

Take-Aways/Give-Aways

		Int.	<u>TAKE-AWAYS</u>			Result	<u>GIVE-AWAYS</u>			Result	Net Dif.		
			Fum.	Total	Int.		Fum.	Total					
Week 1, 9/10	vs. Arizona	2	0	2		1 TD	0	1	1	1 TD	+1		
Week 2, 9/16	at St. Louis	0	3	3		1 TD, 1 FG	0	2	2	1 TD, 1 FG	+1		
Week 3, 9/23	at Pittsburgh	0	1	1		1 FG	1	0	1	1 TD	+0		
Week 4, 9/30	vs. Seattle												
Week 5, 10/7	vs. Baltimore											TOTAL POINTS OFF TURNOVERS 49ERS 20 OPPONENTS 24	
Week 6, 10/14	BYE WEEK												
Week 7, 10/21	at New York Giants												
Week 8, 10/28	vs. New Orleans												
Week 9, 11/4	at Atlanta												
Week 10, 11/12	at Seattle												
Week 11, 11/18	vs. St. Louis												
Week 12, 11/25	at Arizona												
Week 13, 12/2	at Carolina												
Week 14, 12/9	vs. Minnesota												
Week 15, 12/15	vs. Cincinnati												
Week 16, 12/23	vs. Tampa Bay												
Week 17, 12/30	at Cleveland												
TOTALS		2	4	6		2 TDs, 2 FG	1	3	4	3 TDs, 1 FG	+2		

San Francisco 49ers

2007 GAME-BY-GAME STATISTICS



Next Game:
vs. Seattle
September 30, 2007

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
TEAM STATISTICS**

	FIRST DOWNS				TOTAL OFFENSE							INTERCEPTS BY 49ERS				PUNTS		PUNT RETURNS				KO RETURNS			PEN	FUM	SCORING								
	T	R	Pa	Pe	YDS	RUSH	PASS	SK(YD)	ATT	COM	I	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NO(AVG)	NO	YDS	FC	LG	TD	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NO(YD)	NO(LT)	TDS	RU	PA	RT	PAT	FG		
9/10 Arizona	16	7	7	2	194	92	102	3(24)	31	15	0	2	23	23	0	6(41.7)	2	20	4	12	0	4	89	33	0	6(40)	2(1)	2	2	0	0	(2-2)	(2-2)		
9/16 at St. Louis	8	3	5	0	186	89	97	4(29)	17	11	0	0	0	0	8(45.3)	2	12	1	12	0	5	101	32	0	3(21)	2(2)	2	2	0	0	(2-2)	(1-1)			
9/23 at Pittsburgh	17	5	11	1	289	91	198	2(11)	35	17	1	0	0	0	5(57.2)	1	0	0	0	0	7	149	30	0	2(10)	0(0)	1	0	1	0	(1-1)	(3-3)			
9/30 Seattle																																			
10/7 Baltimore																																			
10/21 at New York (G)																																			
10/28 New Orleans																																			
11/4 at Atlanta																																			
11/12 at Seattle																																			
11/18 St. Louis																																			
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12/2 at Carolina																																			
12/9 Minnesota																																			
12/15 Cincinnati																																			
12/23 Tampa Bay																																			
12/30 at Cleveland																																			
TOTALS	41	15	23	3	669	272	397	9(64)	83	43	1	2	23	23	0	19(47.3)	5	32	5	12	0	16	339	33	0	11(71)	4(3)	5	4	1	0	(5-5)	(6-6)		

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
OPPONENT STATISTICS**

	FIRST DOWNS				TOTAL OFFENSE				ATT	COM	I	INTERCEPTS BY OPPONENT				PUNTS		PUNT RETURNS				KO RETURNS			PEN	FUM	SCORING								
	T	R	Pa	Pe	YDS	RUSH	PASS	SK(YD)				NO	YDS	LG	TD	NO(AVG)	NO	YDS	FC	LG	TD	NO	YDS	LG	TD	NO(YD)	NO(LT)	TDS	RU	PA	RT	PAT	FG		
9/10 Arizona	20	9	7	4	261	161	100	1(2)	28	14	2	0	0	0	0	7(37.0)	3	1	0	4	0	5	97	23	0	10(71)	1(0)	2	1	1	0	(2-2)	(1-1)		
9/16 at St. Louis	20	3	16	1	392	61	331	6(37)	41	24	0	0	0	0	4(40.0)	3	8	2	7	0	3	54	20	0	4(34)	3(3)	1	0	1	0	(1-1)	(3-4)			
9/23 at Pittsburgh	19	9	9	1	350	205	145	2(15)	20	13	0	1	50	50t	1	2(42.0)	2	-4	0	-2	0	4	132	98t	1	3(13)	1(1)	4	1	1	2	(4-4)	(3-3)		
9/30 Seattle																																			
10/7 Baltimore																																			
10/21 at New York (G)																																			
10/28 New Orleans																																			
11/4 at Atlanta																																			
11/12 at Seattle																																			
11/18 St. Louis																																			
11/25 at Arizona																																			
12/2 at Carolina																																			
12/9 Minnesota																																			
12/15 Cincinnati																																			
12/23 Tampa Bay																																			
12/30 at Cleveland																																			
TOTALS	59	21	32	6	1003	427	576	9(54)	89	51	2	1	50	50t	1	13(38.7)	8	5	2	7	0	12	283	98t	1	17(118)	5(4)	7	2	3	2	(7-7)	(7-8)		

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS - 2007
SCORING SUMMARY**

	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL	49ERS FIELD GOALS	1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	OT	TOTAL	OPPONENTS FIELD GOALS
9/10														
Arizona	7	3	3	7		20	J. Nedney 32,30	0	10	0	7		17	N. Rackers 35
9/16														
at St. Louis	0	7	7	3		17	J. Nedney 40	7	6	0	3		16	J. Wilkins 27, 29, 53, 56SH
9/23														
at Pittsburgh	6	0	3	7		16	J. Nedney 32,22,49	7	7	3	20		37	J. Reed 36,49,35
9/30														
Seattle														
10/7														
Baltimore														
10/21														
at New York (G)														
10/28														
New Orleans														
11/4														
at Atlanta														
11/12														
at Seattle														
11/18														
St. Louis														
11/25														
at Arizona														
12/2														
at Carolina														
12/9														
Minnesota														
12/15														
Cincinnati														
12/23														
Tampa Bay														
12/30														
at Cleveland														
TOTALS	13	10	13	17	0	53		14	23	3	30	0	70	

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RUSHING - PAGE 1

	BATTLE					GORE					M. HICKS					JACOBS				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10																				
Arizona	1	1	1.0	1	1	18	55	3.1	12	1	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/16																				
at St. Louis	0	0	0.0	0	0	20	81	4.1	43t	2	2	10	5.0	7	0	1	-8	-8.0	-8	0
9/23																				
at Pittsburgh	1	8	8.0	8	0	14	39	2.8	11	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/30																				
Seattle																				
10/7																				
Baltimore																				
10/21																				
at New York (G)																				
10/28																				
New Orleans																				
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12/9																				
Minnesota																				
12/15																				
Cincinnati																				
12/23																				
Tampa Bay																				
12/30																				
at Cleveland																				
TOTALS	2	9	4.5	8	1	52	175	3.4	43t	3	2	10	5.0	7	0	1	-8	-8.0	0	0

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RUSHING - PAGE 2**

	KEASEY					NORRIS					ROBINSON					SMITH				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10																				
Arizona	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	36	12.0	25	0
9/16																				
at St. Louis	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	4	2.0	2	0	1	3	3.0	3	0	2	-1	-0.5	0	0
9/23																				
at Pittsburgh	2	4	2.0	3	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	8	4.0	7	0	3	32	10.7	25	0
9/30																				
Seattle																				
10/7																				
Baltimore																				
10/21																				
at New York (G)																				
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Minnesota																				
12/15																				
Cincinnati																				
12/23																				
Tampa Bay																				
12/30																				
at Cleveland																				
TOTALS	2	4	2.0	3	0	2	4	2.0	2	0	3	11	3.7	7	0	8	67	8.4	25	0

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
PASSING - PAGE 1**

	A. SMITH									DILFER									HILL								
	ATT	COMP	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	LG	SACKS (LOST)	RTNG	ATT	COMP	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	LG	SACKS (LOST)	RTNG	ATT	COMP	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	LG	SACKS (LOST)	RTNG
9/10																											
Arizona	31	15	126	48.4%	0	0	22	3(24)	59.3					DNP													
9/16																											
at St. Louis	17	11	126	64.7%	0	0	34	4(29)	86.9					DNP													
9/23																											
at Pittsburgh	35	17	209	48.5%	1	1	31	2(11)	65.1					DNP													
9/30																											
Seattle																											
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Baltimore																											
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Cincinnati																											
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Tampa Bay																											
12/30																											
at Cleveland																											
TOTALS	83	43	461	51.8%	1	1	34	9(64)	67.4	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0(0)	0.0	0	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0	0(0)	0.0

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
RECEIVING - PAGE 1

	BATTLE					V. DAVIS					GORE					HICKS					JACOBS									
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD					
9/10																														
Arizona	5	60	12.0	22	0	2	4	2.0	2	0	1	21	21.0	21	0	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0	0	0	0.0	0	0					
9/16																														
at St. Louis	2	17	8.5	9	0	2	23	11.5	19	0	2	4	2.0	3	0	2	21	10.5	11	0	0	0	0.0	0	0					
9/23																														
at Pittsburgh	2	27	17.3	20	0	4	56	14.0	31	0	2	12	6.0	7	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	2	26	13.0	21t	1					
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Cincinnati																														
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12/30																														
at Cleveland																														
TOTALS	9	104	11.6	22	0	8	83	10.4	31	0	5	37	7.4	21	0	3	20	6.7	11	0	2	26	13.0	21t	1					

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RECEIVING - PAGE 2**

	D. JACKSON					NORRIS					WALKER				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10															
Arizona	4	36	9.0	16	0	2	6	3.0	4	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/16															
at St. Louis	3	61	20.3	34	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/23															
at Pittsburgh	4	69	17.3	20	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	3	19	6.3	13	0
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Cincinnati															
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Tampa Bay															
12/30															
at Cleveland															
TOTALS	11	166	15.1	34	0	2	6	3.0	4	0	3	19	6.3	13	0

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
PUNTING**

	NO	YDS	AVG	LEE TB	IN20	LG	BL	NET
9/10								
Arizona	6	250	41.7	1	0	51	0	38.2
9/16								
at St. Louis	8	362	45.3	1	4	71	0	41.8
9/23								
at Pittsburgh	5	286	57.2	3	2	66	0	46.0
9/30								
Seattle								
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Baltimore								
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at New York (G)								
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Tampa Bay								
12/30								
at Cleveland								
TOTALS	19	898	47.3	5	6	71	0	41.7

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PUNT RETURNS**

	B. WILLIAMS				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10					
Arizona	2	20	10.0	12	0
9/16					
at St. Louis	2	12	6.0	12	0
9/23					
at Pittsburgh	1	0	0.0	0	0
9/30					
Seattle					
10/7					
Baltimore					
10/21					
at New York (G)					
10/28					
New Orleans					
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Tampa Bay					
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at Cleveland					
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KICKOFF RETURNS PAGE 1**

	HICKS					WALKER				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10										
Arizona	4	89	22.3	33	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/16										
at St. Louis	5	101	20.2	32	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/23										
at Pittsburgh	4	86	21.5	23	0	3	63	21.0	30	0
9/30										
Seattle										
10/7										
Baltimore										
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at New York (G)										
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	13	276	21.2	33	0	3	63	21.0	30	0

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FUMBLE RECOVERIES - PAGE 1

	Navies					D. SMITH				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10										
Arizona	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/16										
at St. Louis	0	0	0.0	0	0	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
9/23										
at Pittsburgh	1	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
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Baltimore										
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at New York (G)										
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Tampa Bay										
12/30										
at Cleveland										
TOTALS	1	0	0	0	0	1	-1	-1	-1	0

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INTERCEPTIONS PAGE 1**

	W. HARRIS					SPENCER				
	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD	NO	YDS	AVG	LG	TD
9/10										
Arizona	1	23	23.0	23	0	1	0	0.0	0	0
9/16										
at St. Louis	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
9/23										
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
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Seattle										
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Baltimore										
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at New York (G)										
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12/30										
at Cleveland										
TOTALS	1	23	23.0	23	0	1	0	0.0	0	0

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
DEFENSE - PAGE 1**

	BANTA-CAIN								CLEMENTS								DOUGLAS								
	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	
SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST
9/10																									
Arizona	3	2	5	0.0	0	4	0	0	3	0	3	0.0	0	0	2	0	2	5	7	0.0	1	3	0	0	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	1	3	4	0.5	0	4	0	0	8	1	9	1.0	0	0	0	1	5	1	6	1.0	1	2	0	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	2	1	3	0.0	0	2	0	0	5	0	5	0.0	1	0	1	0	7	1	8	0.5	2	2	0	0	
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TOTALS	6	6	12	0.5	0	10	0	0	16	1	17	1.0	1	0	3	1	14	7	21	1.5	4	7	0	0	

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DEFENSE - PAGE 2

	FIELDS								FRANKLIN							HARALSON									
	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	
SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST
9/10																									
Arizona	1	1	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	0.0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	1	1	2	0.0	0	2	0	0	0	3	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	2	2	4	0.0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	
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TOTALS	2	3	5	0.0	0	2	0	0	5	8	13	0.0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	

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DEFENSE PAGE - 3**

	HARRIS								HUDSON								LAWSON								
	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	
SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST
9/10																									
Arizona	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	1	0	2	2	4	0.0	0	1	1	0	5	4	9	0.0	2	0	0	0	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	5	3	8	0.0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	0.0	1	2	1	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0									
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at Cleveland																									
TOTALS	13	3	16	0.0	0	0	3	0	2	3	5	0.0	0	1	1	0	8	6	14	0.0	3	2	1	0	

INJURED RESERVE

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DEFENSE - PAGE 4**

	K. LEWIS								M. LEWIS								MOORE								
	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	
SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST
9/10																									
Arizona	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	2	5	0.0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	5	4	9	0.0	0	1	1	1	0	1	1	0.0	0	1	0	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	6	1	7	0.5	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	
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TOTALS	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	0	0	14	7	21	0.5	0	1	2	1	2	1	3	0.0	0	1	0	0	

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
DEFENSE - PAGE 5**

	NAVIES								ROMAN								D. SMITH								
	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	
SOLO	ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST	TOTAL	SOLO						ASST
9/10																									
Arizona	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	3	3	6	0.0	0	0	1	0	6	4	10	0.0	0	1	0	0	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	0	1	1	0.0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	0.0	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	2	1	3	1.0	0	1	0	1	4	3	7	0.0	0	0	0	0	4	5	9	0.0	0	0	0	0	
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TOTALS	2	2	4	1.0	0	1	0	1	11	6	17	0.0	0	0	2	0	11	11	22	0.0	0	1	0	0	

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2007
DEFENSE - PAGE 6**

	SOPOAGA								SPENCER							WILLIS									
	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM	
	SOLO	ASST	TOTAL						SOLO	ASST	TOTAL						SOLO	ASST	TOTAL						
9/10																									
Arizona	1	3	4	0.0	0	2	0	0	3	0	3	0.0	0	0	0	0	10	5	15	0.0	0	0	1	1	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	3	1	4	0.5	1	0	0	0	5	0	5	0.0	0	0	1	0	6	4	10	0.0	0	0	1	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	2	2	4	0.0	0	1	0	0	2	0	2	0.0	0	0	1	0	6	4	10	0.0	0	0	1	0	
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TOTALS	6	6	12	0.5	1	3	0	0	10	0	10	0.0	0	0	2	0	22	13	35	0.0	0	0	3	1	

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YOUNG

	TACKLES			SACKS	TKL/ LOSS	QB PRES	PASS DEF	FOR FUM
	SOLO	ASST	TOTAL					
9/10								
Arizona	2	3	5	1.0	0	4	0	0
9/16								
at St. Louis	7	1	8	3.0	1	3	0	1
9/23								
at Pittsburgh	0	2	2	0.0	0	1	0	0
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Cincinnati								
12/23								
Tampa Bay								
12/30								
at Cleveland								
TOTALS	9	6	15	4	1	8	0	1

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SPECIAL TEAMS - PAGE 1

	BROWN						HARALSON						HICKS						HUDSON						
	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	
9/10																									
Arizona	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	
9/16																									
at St. Louis	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	
9/23																									
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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SPECIAL TEAMS - PAGE 2

	JACOBS						K. LEWIS						M. LEWIS						NAVIES					
	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK
9/10																								
Arizona	1	0	1	0	0	0	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0
9/16																								
at St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/23																								
at Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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at Cleveland																								
TOTALS	1	0	1	0	0	0	6	2	8	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0

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SPECIAL TEAMS - PAGE 3

	ROBINSON						ULBRICH					
	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES ASST	TOTAL	FOR FUM	FUM REC	BLK
9/10												
Arizona	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/16												
at St. Louis	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0
9/23												
at Pittsburgh	2	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/30												
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MISCELLANEOUS - PAGE 1**

	JACKSON						JENNINGS						SMILEY					
	SOLO	TACKLES		FOR	FUM	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES		FOR	FUM	BLK	SOLO	TACKLES		FOR	FUM	BLK
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49ers lose 37-16: Better than expected and a good sign for the Seattle game next Sunday

By Tim Kawakami, San Jose Mercury, September 24, 2007

Wrote a column for this morning's paper where I mentioned several past 49ers annihilations in games just like this one, and I always thought the 49ers would get killed in Pittsburgh today.

Surprise: *Not an annihilation.*

It got away in the last part of the 4th quarter, but that was with an INT return and a break-out run when the Steelers were just trying to run out the clock. Those things happen.

It wasn't real pretty, but the 49ers were still sort of in this game into the fourth quarter, Alex Smith was throwing nice passes (except one), and that was not the case in Philly and Washington in 2005, and in Chicago and Kansas City last year.

Just like VP Scot McCloughan predicted, this 49ers team is tougher than the previous editions. Just having Nate Clements and Patrick Willis makes them tougher, no question, and if there's anything the 49ers proved today, that's it.

The big-picture point: Even when the 49ers were horrible against rough, physical teams on the road, they managed to sweep Seattle last year, and now the 49ers are better.

Which should lead to a crucial 49ers victory at Monsterstick on Sunday.

By the way, I had some unofficial marking points in my mind for the Pittsburgh game, which I probably should've posted before the game, but I didn't.

Anyway, here's what I was thinking, and here's what actually happened.

* The 49ers needed to get more than 200 yards of offense for the first time this season.

-What actually happened: 289 offensive yards for the 49ers. Success. Relatively.

* Offensive coordinator Jim Hostler needed to avoid going nuts trying to show off how creative he can be after the criticisms of the last two weeks.

-What actually happened: There were some nice wrinkles, but I expected wrinkles—if you don't have wrinkles in this kind of no-lose underdog game, you'll never have them.

What I wanted to see was creativity within a cogent gameplan, you know, wrinkles (a naked bootleg) that led to other wrinkles (maybe get the D to bite on the bootleg then a throw across) that all were springing off one huge fundamental principle, and... well, we'll have to wait until the Seattle game to get a fair view of that.

* Alex Smith needed to throw his first TD pass of the season, but not throw multiple interceptions.

-What actually happened: 1 TD pass, 1 INT returned by Pittsburgh for a TD. Still not terrible. Gotta get to the end zone, and the 49ers did, once. Late. But still did it.

* A 49er receiver had to break one for 40 or more yards.

-What actually happened: No.

Vernon Davis looked like he might get going, but Pittsburgh knocked him around and he was out at the end. The 49ers have to figure out how to use their non-explosive WRs, because that's all they've got, or else defenses will just creep up, up, up on Frank Gore.

* The 49ers needed to fight back once they got behind.

-What actually happened: The 49ers took the first lead, 3-0, went behind after the ensuing Pittsburgh kick-off return for a TD, but the 49ers never looked scared and never quit.

* The 49ers defense had to remain physical against the multi-dimensional Steelers offense.

-What actually happened: Patrick Willis was flying early, but seemed to tire and take some bad angles in the late-going, which is totally understandable; the Steelers ground it out in the fourth quarter, which, again, is totally understandable.

You take away the kick-off return TD, the INT return TD and that last run... and *the 49ers defense gave up 16 points* and not a ton of yards. That's success, again, relatively speaking.

* The offensive line had to hold up against the Steelers' wild blitz packages.

-What actually happened: Not bad. Though I want to know what was going on between Jonas Jennings and Larry Allen on the sideline in the fourth quarter after a late sack.

* I didn't have anything I needed to see out of Gore, since the Steelers never give up big running games and especially not when they know the RB is the offense's only big weapon.

-What actually happened: Gore ran for 39 yards on 14 carries, his lowest total since he became a star. Not his fault.

* Grand conclusion: The 49ers aren't capable of going on the road to beat one of the AFC's top teams, but they still showed some new capabilities.

After three weeks, we're getting to know this 49er team: They're 2-1, and should win most of their home games and win a lot of games against the soft NFC.

Seattle is part of the soft NFC. (OK, so are the 49ers.)

That means a *27-17 victory for the 49ers over Seattle* on Sunday for the 49ers to go 3-1 on the season.

If I change my mind, I'll let you know.

For Bruceton native Patrick Willis, playing in the NFL is a dream come true

By Joshua Parrott, Jackson Sun, September 23, 2007

Patrick Willis divided his clothing when he left Ole Miss to train for the NFL: one bag for himself and four boxes for Goodwill.

After being picked in the first round by the San Francisco 49ers, he borrowed money to buy his grandmother a new home. He had yet to sign a contract with his new team.

By the middle of training camp, Willis had made the starting lineup for the 49ers. He was named Rookie of the Week after his first two regular-season games and led his team in tackles in last week's 17-16 victory against the St. Louis Rams. But he wasn't happy.

"There's still a lot of work that I have to do and will do," Willis said in an interview after last week's game.

The talent, work ethic, patience and humility that helped Willis make it from being a high school star in Bruceton to an all-American at Ole Miss have followed him to the NFL. The character and faith that allowed him to overcome a broken and abusive home life has followed him, too.

His new teammates have noticed.

"I've never been more impressed with a rookie coming in with his caliber of talent, and yet he's as humble as he is at the same time," 49ers linebacker Derek Smith said. "I'm just happy he is the way he is."

Overcoming adversity

Willis, 22, wrapped a towel around his waist and retreated to the corner of the locker room after his team's victory over the Rams last week in St. Louis. The room smelled like dirty socks. Willis' face was stern, and he was quiet as he pulled on a pair of black slacks and a button-down shirt. He smiled when his teammates gave him some ribbing about a near-interception during the game.

"Man, I just reached for it too soon," Willis said.

A missed interception doesn't rank as adversity in the story that is Willis' life. His mother left when he was a child. He often acted as a parent to his three younger siblings. The children were put in foster homes after their father was accused of abuse.

Willis was overlooked by some Division I college programs because recruiters didn't think he was smart enough to make it at that level. He persisted with college prep courses and won a scholarship to Ole Miss. Before his senior year, a brother, Detris, drowned while swimming with friends in a water-filled gravel pit near Camden.

The adversity Willis has overcome tempers his view as a new multimillionaire teetering on the brink of NFL stardom.

"It's a dream, but it's reality," Willis said. "When it's reality, you've got to take it and go with it. Like I say, each day is a blessed day to be where I am."

And though he is humble, Willis is aware that people are watching. Before beginning his NFL dream, Willis graduated from Ole Miss with a degree in criminal justice.

"I want people to look at me and say, 'This guy has everything I want my son to have in him,'" he said in his first press conference after being drafted. "So that's the kind of way I approach life."

Willis' success is no surprise to Ole Miss coach Ed Orgeron.

"He has an innate ability to turn adversity in life into positives," Orgeron said. "He did it at Ole Miss. And his success will continue."

A new life

Willis moved to California soon after the 49ers made him the No. 11 overall pick in April's draft. The move reunited him with the staff that coached him at the Senior Bowl, where he was named the defensive Most Valuable Player. He had hoped to live on the beach but instead is renting a 1,600-square-foot three-story townhouse in the Santana Heights development in San Jose, a city of nearly 1 million people southeast of San Francisco.

With a deal reaching a maximum value of \$16.7 million - including \$12 million in guaranteed money - Willis has splurged a bit: He bought a maroon 2007 Cadillac Escalade and a black 2007 Ford Mustang GT. He had been driving a 1996 GMC Yukon.

This is new territory for Willis, playing professional football more than 2,200 miles away from Bruceton, a town of about 1,500 in Carroll County northeast of Jackson. He grew up in a rundown trailer on a dirt road in a town with one stop light.

Willis said he can't complain about the California weather.

"It's something different," he said in his first press conference after being drafted. "I see a lot of trees, but they're different-looking trees than what I'm used to."

Willis has endorsements with Under Armour, Pepsi, Sprint and trading card companies Upper Deck, Topps, Playoff, Press Pass and Sage. He recently turned down a deal with Xbox. His total endorsement earnings are estimated to be in the low six figures.

"He's making more money than the rest of us would ever hope to see," said Willis' agent, Ben Dogra, who represents Seattle's Shaun Alexander, Houston's Mario Williams and Tampa Bay's Cadillac Williams, among others. "He's doing quite well."

But the money hasn't changed Willis, according to his foster parents, Chris and Julie Finley of Bruceston. Chris recalled a phone conversation with Willis two weeks ago, after San Francisco's season-opening win over the Arizona Cardinals.

"He called me in tears because he was getting all this praise," Chris said. "He said, 'Every time I do something good they're praising me, but it's not going to the right person. It should be going to God.' He was disappointed because he was the center of attention."

Life on the field

Willis was twice named an all-American and the Southeastern Conference defensive player of the year after playing through injuries his last two years at Ole Miss. He won the Butkus Award, which honors the nation's best college linebacker. But he was greeted with immediate criticism when he met 49ers assistant head coach Mike Singletary at the Senior Bowl in January. Singletary, a former linebacker who had a Hall-of-Fame career with the Chicago Bears, told Willis he had no technique. He said Willis needed to lower his stance and use his hands more.

Willis made enough progress to become the starter at weak inside linebacker midway through training camp. The position had been held by Brandon Moore, the 49ers' leading tackler last year.

Willis said he's had to adjust to the speed of the NFL game.

"It's super fast," he said. "When the ball is snapped, everyone is moving so fast you've got to be able to move with them."

Willis gained the confidence of the coaching staff when he showed the speed to drop into pass coverage, the instincts to find the ball and the power to take on blockers. At the Ole Miss Pro Day, he ran the 40-yard dash in 4.37 seconds - unusual speed for a man standing 6-foot-1, 242 pounds.

"There are a lot of guys that have the speed, but can't find the football to save their life," Singletary said in an April press conference. "He's the guy that somehow, somehow gets there."

Willis leads the 49ers with 19 total tackles, including 14 solo. His impact was immediate in San Francisco's 20-17 win over the Arizona Cardinals in Week 1, a game broadcast nationally on ESPN's Monday Night Football. He made his first tackle on his third play. On the next play, Willis forced a fumble by Arizona running back Edgerrin James.

Late in the third quarter, Willis leveled Cardinals quarterback Matt Leinart on a third-down blitz, which led to an incomplete pass. Willis finished tied as the game's leading tackler with 11 (nine solo) and was later honored as the Diet Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Week.

He continued his hot start last week with a game-high eight tackles in the win over St. Louis as the 49ers improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1998. Willis earned Rookie of the Week honors again.

Some of Willis' best plays last week never showed up in the stat sheet. He nearly grabbed the first interception of his NFL career early in the second quarter but dropped the Marc Bulger pass that was intended for Drew Bennett in the back of the end zone. The play forced the Rams to settle for a field goal.

On the next St. Louis series, Willis sprinted halfway across the field to make a shoe-string tackle on a shovel pass to Pro Bowl running back Steven Jackson, who likely would have scored.

Willis helped the 49ers hold Jackson, who led the NFL with 2,334 yards from scrimmage last season, to 60 rushing yards on 21 carries.

His work on and off the field has impressed his 49ers teammates.

"You know he's going to be prepared," said linebacker Derek Smith. "You know he's not going to be fooling around during the week. He's a guy you know you can count on."

His future

Willis is helping to turn around a defense that allowed the most points in the NFL last year. The team has won five Super Bowl titles but hasn't posted a winning season since 2002.

But the 49ers are atop the NFC West Division going into today's game at Pittsburgh, and Willis ranks among the league's top 15 tacklers this season.

"I've seen a very young, hungry guy," said defensive end Bryant Young, a member of the NFL's 1990s all-decade team. "He's very humble and wants to get better and improve each week."

As Willis' play on the field improves, so will his opportunities to earn money off it. Dogra, his agent, is at work on endorsement deals in the vitamin water and home communications industries. Willis' earning power likely will increase as the season goes on.

"Defensive players aren't typically held in the same breath as quarterbacks or running backs for endorsements, but Patrick's doing a great job of building visibility," Dogra said. "He's a successful player in a successful market and has a great personality."

Singletary said Willis has all the intangibles to be a great linebacker and "all his best football is ahead of him."

Orgeron, the Ole Miss coach, said there is no doubt Willis will be a Pro Bowl player and a member of the Hall of Fame because "he's what you build your team around."

Young predicted similar success for Willis.

"The sky's the limit for him," he said. "He could be whatever he wants to in this league. I think he's going to be a very good player in this league for a long time."

Willis' high school coach, Rod Sturdivant, said the 49ers are lucky to have Willis.

"I told someone the other day that the NFL's a better organization because he's there now," Sturdivant said. "He's the type of guy you want to represent your league and franchise."

Willis said it will take some time before he reaches his playing potential. Until then, he'll continue using the same patience and work ethic that helped make his NFL dream a reality.

49ers' pass rush: Still a Young man's game

By Dennis Georgatos, San Jose Mercury News, September 23, 2007

When the 49ers take the field today at Pittsburgh, Bryant Young will be the only player on their roster left from the team's last visit in 1996 — a testament to his longevity.

Two weeks ago, when a 10-member team-captains committee was formed and Young wasn't initially on it, they quickly told coach Mike Nolan the panel would be incomplete without him. So, Young, 35, was drafted onto the committee — a testament to his leadership and the level of respect he has earned among his peers.

Last week at St. Louis, he matched a career-best with three sacks and leads the NFL with four going into Week 3 — a testament to his continuing impact on the field in his 14th season.

"He's an inspiration," said linebacker Tully Banta-Cain. "He's played in the league this long at a high level for a reason. It's not just his physical talent. It's his will to work. He doesn't act like he's got it all figured out. He's still trying to get better. He's a great guy to feed off of because you know he's going to do his job, and he's relying on us to do ours."

Young was on the job from start to finish against St. Louis. His initial sack of Marc Bulger came on the Rams' first play, and his final sack drove them back 7 yards, one play before Jeff Wilkins' last-minute 56-yard field goal attempt fell just short in the 49ers' 17-16 victory.

Pittsburgh coach Mike Tomlin said it's no surprise to him that Young continues to get it done.

"Bryant Young has been a known commodity for a long time," Tomlin said. "If he hadn't been playing dominant, that would have been surprising."

Young's impressive start coincides with an invigorated 49ers' pass rush that produced six sacks against the Rams. It was one of the areas the 49ers strengthened in the offseason with the addition of such players as Banta-Cain and nose tackle Aubrayo Franklin.

"We still have to do the things we're stressing, make sure we get pressure on the quarterback and get hits and sacks," Young said. "We haven't arrived. We still have a lot of work ahead of us."

For his part, Young, who considered retiring before signing a one-year deal with the 49ers in March, said he has benefited from a reduced practice regimen that Nolan instituted in training camp. In a continuing effort to keep Young fresh through the demands of another season, Nolan also holds Young out of every Wednesday practice.

"It helps definitely, just having that type of schedule," Young said. "Just making sure I pay attention to my body and putting the right things in it. Half the battle in this league is staying healthy, as all of you know."

Young and the 49ers got a painful reminder of that this week, when outside linebacker Manny Lawson suffered a season-ending knee injury in practice. Hannibal Navies was expected to play in his place, meaning a defense that shifted to a 3-4 scheme and began the season with five new starters now has a sixth. Parys Haralson also could see playing time at outside linebacker.

"It's a huge loss in terms of what he was able to do in terms of his speed, his coverage ability and his range," Young said of Lawson. "He was a very important part of our defense. We're going to miss that. But we have capable backups, and whoever steps in there I'm sure is going to do a good job."

The Steelers pose the most imposing test yet for the 49ers defense. They're averaging 30 points per game, fifth in the NFL, while the 49ers have allowed an average of 16.5.

Ben Roethlisberger set a career-high in the Steelers' season-opening win at Cleveland by throwing four touchdown passes. He's coming into Sunday's game with a passer rating of 101.7, and he's led an offense that has controlled the ball for an average of 35 minutes, 52 seconds in their two victories. Willie Parker also has figured in the team's control of the ball, running for more than 100 yards in each of their first two games.

"We know we're going to face a really good team, a veteran team, guys that have been around and playing together a long time," Young said. "Getting the pass rush going is important but we have to be aware that running the ball is a huge part of their success. For us, we really have to be able to stop the run, and when they do pass, we have to be able to get pressure or make those plays in the backfield."

Spoken like someone who has been there before.

Niners LB Manny Lawson out for season with torn knee ligament

By Greg Beacham, Associated Press, September 21, 2007

Manny Lawson's injury didn't look serious at first. San Francisco's up-and-coming linebacker simply seemed to step awkwardly during practice, and he even pedaled a stationary bike afterward.

The next morning, the 49ers learned Lawson will miss the rest of the season after tearing a ligament in his left knee on a noncontact play. Just like that, San Francisco's promising defense was forced to figure out how to thrive without one of its most important parts.

"I was really looking forward to doing big things this year for my team," said Lawson, who feared the worst after hearing a pop in his knee. "The hardest thing is just knowing I won't be able to be out there practicing and playing in games with the guys."

Lawson, a starting outside linebacker in the 49ers' 3-4 defensive scheme, tore his anterior cruciate ligament during Wednesday's practice.

The speedy 6-foot-5 linebacker plays the strong side, covering tight ends and rushing the passer with equal vigor. Coach Mike Nolan envisions him as a versatile defensive star who will be around the ball constantly — but it won't happen until next year.

Lawson was second on the team with 14 tackles while the Niners got off to a 2-0 start, showing clear improvement from his rookie year. San Francisco's defense has been largely responsible for the club's strong start, holding its opponents to 33 points in two games despite meager production from the Niners' offense.

"Manny had done a nice job the first two games," Nolan said. "It's a disappointment that he got injured, but at the same time it's a team that wins games, not just an individual. I think our guys will rally around the position, and we'll be fine."

Lawson started 11 games last season after San Francisco chose him with the 22nd overall selection, making 65 tackles and 2 1/2 sacks.

Veteran Hannibal Navies and seldom-used second-year pro Parys Haralson are the top candidates to replace Lawson, though one player probably can't fill all of Lawson's roles. Nolan said he probably won't name a replacement for Lawson until game time Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Navies, a ninth-year pro with his fourth NFL team, started three games for the 49ers late last season.

"I'm not just some guy that just got here and all of a sudden needs to be playing," Navies said. "Obviously, I've been in there playing a lot last year in the defense. I know the players, I know the coaches, I know the scheme, so it's not uncommon."

Inside linebacker Brandon Moore also might have a chance to claim Lawson's spot. Moore was San Francisco's leading tackler last season, but has been a backup this year after standout rookie Patrick Willis claimed his starting spot during the preseason.

"It's still something that I've done in the past, something that I'm comfortable with," Moore said. "Manny is an exceptional athlete. I know everyone around him had a lot of expectations for him. It's a setback for him, but Manny's the type of guy that will definitely rebound from this and come out on top."

Though San Francisco had eight linebackers on its roster after the club's conversion to a full-time 3-4 defense, the Niners' defensive depth already has taken a few hits. Jay Moore, a fourth-round pick expected to provide depth at the position, was lost for the season with an ankle injury late in training camp.

"Obviously it's time for the backups to get an opportunity to step up and do something," Nolan said. "We have four outside linebackers, so obviously it will come from one of the other two backups."

Nolan also wouldn't say how the 49ers plan to fill Lawson's roster spot after placing him on injured reserve. San Francisco could re-sign linebacker Roderick Green, who was among the club's final cuts in the preseason, or sign Mark Washington from the practice squad.

Gore scores twice, all the while running for two

By Pete Prisco, CBSsportsline.com, September 17, 2007

San Francisco 49ers running back Frank Gore kept looking at his phone, hoping, waiting and wishing that the call would come. It never did. Sadly, there was no way it could.

The call he wanted, craved, needed, was the one he got each and every Sunday on his way to the stadium, the good-luck-stay-healthy call from his mother. It's been that way since he came into the league, entering as a junior mainly to take care of his ailing mother when most people advised him he should stay in school.

He never got the call before Sunday's game with the St. Louis Rams because his mother, Liz, passed away Wednesday from kidney failure.

"I just kept looking at my phone," Gore said. "She didn't call. I shed a few tears and it was tough to get up, but I decided to play and had to do my best."

Spurred by the emotions of losing his parent, Gore went out and showed why he's an elite runner as the 49ers went to 2-0 on the season by beating the Rams 17-16 in St. Louis. Facing a lot of eight-man fronts, he ran for 81 yards on 20 carries and scored two touchdowns.

One of those scores, coming on a fourth-and-1 play from the Rams 43, showed off how determined a runner he can be. He hit into the hole, slipped through a crack, made safety Corey Chavous miss and then zigzagged through the rest of the defense for a 43-yard touchdown run. Gore turned what should have been a 2-yard-gain into a highlight-reel run.

"She (his mother) had to be with me on that one," he said.

She must have been looking down kindly on the entire team on this day. The 49ers didn't play all that well, with the Rams totaling 392 yards to 186 for San Francisco. The Niners never seemed to get in a groove on offense, and the defense couldn't stop the pass.

Somehow, though, they found a way. Whether it was Nate Clements poking away a ball from the arms of Torry Holt -- turning sure points into a touchback when it went out of the end zone -- or Dante Hall fumbling a punt, leading to a game-winning field goal by Joe Nedney, the 49ers got a lot of breaks.

The biggest came at the end. That's when Jeff Wilkins' 56-yard field goal fell just short with 59 seconds left to preserve the 49ers victory. It was the second consecutive week that the 49ers have needed end-game magic to win.

In their opener against the Cardinals, they drove to the winning touchdown in the closing minutes after doing little on offense the entire night.

The defense is a big reason why. They've bent, but they've found ways to keep their opponents out of the end zone. Rams quarterback Marc Bulger threw for 368 yards, but could lead his team to only one touchdown.

"They moved it some, but when it came time to make a play we made it," Clements said.

He made the biggest play when it appears the Rams were on their way to breaking open a close game. Leading 13-7, Bulger hit Holt on a crossing route. As he ran through the 49ers defense, Clements poked the ball free as Holt got inside the 10. It rolled out of the end zone for a touchback. The 49ers then drove to a Gore touchdown, the 43-yard highlight of the day.

It was almost as if his day was predetermined. For Gore, the death of his mother was just the latest in a long series of things he's had to overcome. At the University of Miami it was the knees. Both were blown out, and yet he worked his way into a Pro Bowl back.

His work ethic has endeared him to his teammates. Playing through the death of his mother only enhances that admiration.

Fullback Moran Norris is his best friend on the team and serves as both lead blocker and confidant. Norris said he spent the days after Gore's mom passed talking with him, letting him vent his emotions. There was never a doubt that Gore would play. He did miss practice last Thursday, the emotion of it too much, but then decided playing was the right thing to do.

"The guy is a fighter," Norris said. "We talked a lot about what he was going through this week. But he wanted to play. That says a lot about him."

It sure wasn't easy. As his family waited for him in Miami, Gore said he fought through a lot of emotions, and even some tears as he prepared to play. It took him a series or two to get into the flow, he said.

After the game, the team gave out one game ball. That went to Gore. He was also riding back to the airport on the team bus with the rest of his teammates, but his flight was not going back to his California home. He was taking a flight home to bury his mother. The wake is Monday, the funeral Tuesday.

"Frank is a champion," 49ers guard Justin Smiley said.

On this day, he truly was that -- and more. He was running for two, a mother no longer with him, but very much still a part of him, and himself.

The call never came on his cell phone, but you can bet Frank Gore talked to his mother as much as he ever had before as he ran the football.

Successful drive brings more than 49ers' win; it also brings belief

By Mark Purdy, San Jose Mercury, September 11, 2007

Until the final three minutes Monday night, Bill Walsh Field had been more like Woody Hayes Field or Bo Schembechler Field. The 49ers had played their season opener, dedicated to their late coach, as if they were playing in the Big Ten, not the NFC West.

Meaning that, they kept handing the ball to running back Frank Gore. And trying to hit the occasional first-down pass. And not frequently succeeding. Which is why they found themselves behind 17-13 with 2:58 left.

Then, almost out of nowhere, the 49ers put together one of the more unforgettable last-minute drives in team history. It was the one Walsh-esque thing that happened all evening. But it was pretty enough to frame and put in the scrapbook.

"Offensively, we saved our best for last," Coach Mike Nolan said. "That's about the best thing I can say."

We won't know until the season progresses, of course, whether this 20-17 victory over the Arizona Cardinals was the start of something remarkable or just one night of quick, cheap thrills. But why worry about that right now? After the past few seasons, the 49ers knew what it meant to make clutch plays when it mattered - especially on a final offensive drive.

"It's something this team has been unable to do," quarterback Alex Smith said afterward, not afraid of being brutally honest. "A year ago in that situation, we would have been in the huddle, hoping we could do it but not knowing whether to believe we could."

Now, they know they can believe. But that wasn't what Smith was thinking when he trotted onto the field, understanding that the 49ers were 86 yards from the goal line and needed a touchdown, not a field goal, to win. Eighty-six yards seemed to be a long journey. Because to that point, Smith had completed only nine passes for 66 yards against the Cardinals.

"Move the ball, get some completions, get some rhythm," Smith said. "That's all I was thinking."

So that's what he did for the next few plays. With the Cardinals in prevent mode, Smith completed a 10-yard pass to wide receiver Arnaz Battle, then a 6-yard pass to Darrell Jackson, then a 16-yard pass to Jackson.

Completions. Rhythm. Ball movement. Now came the two-minute warning. Smith came to the sideline. Nolan realized what was at stake here, too, for his young quarterback whom the 49ers had drafted with the top overall pick in 2005.

"For who he is and why we drafted him," Nolan said, "it was extremely significant."

Back went Smith onto the field. He threw a 4-yard pass to Battle, with a 5-yard face-mask penalty against Arizona nudging the ball to the Arizona 45-yard line for a rare first-and-one situation.

Then things stalled. Horribly. Smith threw three consecutive incomplete passes - one of them that went right through Jackson's hands in the end zone. There was 1:34 left on the clock. On fourth-and-one, Smith dropped back and looked for Battle again on a crossing pattern. He was covered. Smith began scrambling.

"I was just looking for a lane," he said. "I knew I could always lunge and get a first down and spike the ball to stop the clock. But I was looking for a lane."

He found much more than a lane. He found 25 yards, motoring to his left down the sideline after getting some good downfield blocks.

First down at the 20. There was 1:23 left on the clock. Oops. Trouble again. Jackson committed a false-start penalty. Smith threw an incompleteness to Battle.

But the next play? Magic. Smith found Battle at the 1. He was covered well by the Cardinals' Terrence Holt. But somehow, Battle grabbed the ball, turned to make a push toward the goal line . . . and fumbled. The ball trickled into the end zone and was recovered by the 49ers. But wait! The officials ruled that the ball would be placed at the 1-yard line, the point of the fumble - although a television replay was necessary. And induced plenty of nervousness.

"Any time the officials start talking, you worry," Nolan said.

"I still was kind of lost down there," Smith said. "I wasn't sure what they would rule."

The outcome was a first-and-goal situation for the 49ers with 26 seconds left - and no timeouts. What to call? A running play that developed and ended slowly might cause the clock to run out.

Into the huddle came the call - an end-around to Battle.

"I figured the worst we were going to get was Arnaz one-on-one with someone," Smith said. "And that would be good."

"They probably thought we would pass the ball," Battle said. "But if I took the ball and nothing was there, I would have found a way to get out of bounds or do something of that nature."

Nature wasn't necessary. The Cardinals bit on the motion and Battle had a clean path to the left pylon. Touchdown. With 22 seconds remaining, the 49ers only had to stave off a final desperation attempt by the Cardinals. An interception ended any worry.

"We know we're going to be in a lot of games like this," Smith said as he left the field.

After a few years in the NFL desert, they can hope so. Check that. After Monday, they can even believe.

No easy opener for secondary

By John Crumacker, San Francisco Chronicle, September 9, 2007

Two of the reasons the 49ers felt compelled to upgrade their secondary in the offseason are named Larry Fitzgerald and Anquan Boldin. Add Bryant Johnson's name and make it three reasons.

Fitzgerald, Boldin and Johnson give the Arizona Cardinals three large and skilled wide receivers, emphasis on large. Fitzgerald is 6-foot-3 and 226 pounds, Boldin is 6-1, 217 and Johnson is 6-3, 213. They combined for 192 receptions and 14 touchdowns in 2006.

Johnson, Arizona's No. 3 receiver, led the team in average yards per catch at 18.5.

With the league's 26th-ranked pass defense last year, coach Mike Nolan wasted no time in signing cornerback Nate Clements and strong safety Michael Lewis to improve the secondary.

Clements and Lewis are two of San Francisco's five new starting players on a defense that will have its first test Monday night at Candlestick against the Cardinals.

"I would hope we'd be better (on defense) in our entire division, not just (against) Arizona, with the addition of the new players," Nolan said. "It might not be (evident) right away. We'll see."

Clements is a seven-year veteran from Ohio State who played his first six years with the Buffalo Bills. He'll line up at left cornerback, with 12-year veteran Walt Harris at right corner. Both players came up with interceptions against the scout offense in Saturday's practice.

"I'm not here just for one team," Clements said. "I was brought on board to help throughout the season. ... They (the 49ers) liked what they saw of my game. That's why I'm here. I'm confident in my ability."

Clements is well aware of the combined talents of Fitzgerald, Boldin and Johnson. "They're physical and going up, very good for the jump ball. We definitely have a challenge on our hands. Our secondary is definitely excited."

Said Lewis: "It's a huge challenge for us. It's one of the reasons we made the moves we did in the offseason. This one we're facing this week is probably the top tandem in the league. It's a battle we're going to try to win."

49ers right tackle has right attitude. Staley can't stall, and rookie knows it.

By Dan Brown, San Jose Mercury, August 30, 2007

When offensive-line coach George Warhop broke the news to rookie Joe Staley that he would be the 49ers' starting right tackle, the coach added a few words of caution.

"Prove us right," he said.

Staley recounted that conversation as he stood outside the locker room Wednesday. He had just completed his first practice since the 49ers officially declared Staley the winner over incumbent Kwame Harris for the starting spot.

Tonight against the San Diego Chargers, the first-round draft pick will participate in a mere 12 snaps and call it a day - a privilege that comes with being part of the first-team offense for the exhibition finale.

Staley was still beaming after spending the night calling his family and friends. But he made it clear that he understood Warhop's message. Winning the starting job is a starting point, Staley said, not the finish line.

"You have to have the mindset that you're going to improve on every rep, whether it's in practice, a scrimmage or a game," he said.

Coach Mike Nolan, who had grappled with the Staley-Harris decision for weeks, said the determining factor was "the consistency on Joe's part."

Harris' sometimes spectacular lapses over previous seasons had resulted in momentum-changing sacks and penalties. But he had also delivered enough solid run blocking to give the 49ers pause in replacing him, even with the 28th overall pick.

Harris faces an uncertain future at just 25. His contract runs out after next season and there is speculation he could be released or traded. Nolan, though, said he expected the former Stanford standout to remain a key contributor this season.

"I sure hope so," Nolan said. "He's a good player. The decision was more about what Joe did rather than what Kwame did not do."

That reasoning apparently did little to assuage Harris, who was clearly bothered by his demotion. At his locker after practice, he struggled to walk the line between disappointment and diplomacy. He finally said, "Joe's a good player; that's easy enough to see just by watching him play. He'll be a good fit in our offense."

Harris, in addressing his contract status, acknowledged that "the decision doesn't lend itself to security."

Staley, 6-foot-5 and 306 pounds, is two inches shorter and 16 pounds lighter than the man he replaces. But his work in pass-blocking drills and the first three exhibition games hinted at a high ceiling.

Staley, a former tight end at Central Michigan, had the fastest 40-yard dash time (4.7 seconds) of any offensive lineman at the scouting combine. He said Wednesday that adjusting to the talent level of the NFL has been "eye-opening" but added that he got all his nervousness out of the way in training camp.

Though Staley will play only briefly against the Chargers, Bryant Young will have an even shorter night. Nolan said that he hopes to get Young a few snaps as the defensive end continues his recovery from a back injury.

Young, 35, has yet to play in the preseason but, as a sign of his improved health, Nolan listed him as the defensive captain for tonight's game.

This marks the sixth consecutive season that the 49ers have wrapped up the preseason against the Chargers. This time, they will face Coach Norv Turner, the 49ers' offensive coordinator a year ago.

Under Turner, the Chargers top the NFL in total offense (380.3 yards per game) during the preseason, even without a single rush from LaDainian Tomlinson.

San Diego's offense will be a good test for a 49ers defense that has yet to make much of an impact. Nolan said he was unfazed by the slow start.

"It's like a dimmer switch that you have in your house. It starts off dim and you just push that dimmer switch up - that's how it happens," he said. "It's not a matter of on and off. They're getting better. They're going to be fine."

49er funds opportunity

By Megan Reid, Daily Aztec (SD State University), August 28, 2007

For most young adults, reality hits when high school ends, and uncertainty follows. While all students going on to college have to figure out where they will go to school and how they will pay for their education, children in foster care transitioning to young adulthood have added challenges.

In San Diego, 6,500 children are part of the foster care system, and after age 18, approximately 300 leave the system and attempt to establish their own lives, according to the Consensus Organizing Center Web site. Statistics show that nearly 50 percent who leave the system will become unemployed, 10 percent will attend college and only 3 percent will graduate from

college.

Alex Smith, the San Francisco 49ers quarterback and Helix High graduate, recognized the difficulties these young adults face after meeting a few who shared their inspirational stories and started The Alex Smith Foundation San Diego State University Guardian Scholars Foundation.

The guardian scholars program is a non-profit organization that has been instituted at other California State University campuses, but is a new to San Diego State. The Office of Educational Opportunity Programs (EOP) will supervise the guardian scholars program, which is a part of Student Affairs that aids low-income and educationally disadvantaged students.

The program will provide 10 new college students each fall with a five-year scholarship, year-round housing and, most importantly, extensive individual guidance and support, said Jessica Robinson, a Smith family friend and foundation representative.

"It's great that they got into college," Robinson said, "but now we want to help get them through college."

Not only will these scholarships help eliminate financial issues, but the participants in the guardian scholars program will meet with each other bi-weekly to provide emotional support and share their college experiences.

Smith, who graduated from the University of Utah in 2003 with a bachelor's degree in economics, said he values education and knows the difference that it can make in any individual's life.

"The kids are supposed to feed themselves, and clothe themselves, get insurance, and try to go to school, (and) in California, the cost of living is ridiculous," Smith said in an interview with AOL Sports. "My parents moved me into the dorms. They got me a car. I realized that's why I had been so successful - because I had that support."

Smith said he wants his scholarship program to be like its very own family.

Criminal justice junior Candy Morales, who is a recipient of the guardian scholarship, said it's amazing that Smith has started this program at such a young age and early stage in his career.

"He's such a humble and caring person," Morales said. "It's not like, 'Here's a \$1,000, now go to school.' Someone is going to actually hold our hand."

New salary, same corner: Clements unchanged by money

By Jarrett Bell, USA Today, August 24, 2007

Money cannot buy class, peace, happiness or love. Allegedly.

Yet it certainly goes a long way on the NFL free agent market.

This much seems evident as Nate Clements—the San Francisco 49ers' 80 Million Dollar Man—settles into his new job.

The 49ers not only landed one of the NFL's best cornerbacks with an eight-year package that includes \$22 million in guaranteed cash, but also secured an Energizer Bunny whose habits are infectious.

"I'm the same guy," says Clements, 27, who fled the Buffalo Bills after six seasons. "Money doesn't change people. It just makes you more of who you are. So if you were cheap and tight with it before, you're going to be *really* cheap."

Clements is still the same pesky player who does not allow the offensive teammates he faces in drills to relax. If he is not fighting for the football in the air, he is scratching, clawing and poking to jar it loose from receivers. If the ball hits the ground and he's in the area, his mission is to take it to the end zone.

That is how former 49ers greats Jerry Rice and Roger Craig did it here. They ran the football the length of the field, one practice play after another. Now the new-age 49ers have a defensive player with a similar offensive mentality.

"He's like a receiver," says new wideout Darrell Jackson. "He's a ball hog."

Scott McCloughan, the team's personnel director, believes such tenacity is paramount for a team full of young, developing players. The 49ers have had 29 draft picks since McCloughan and coach Mike Nolan arrived in 2005, with just 14 veterans in camp this summer who were with the franchise before 2005.

With so much youth, Clements is the perfect example of the desired mind-set, commitment and hustle.

"He's a pro," McCloughan says. "We need that so bad here."

Until this year, the 49ers were a low-impact player in free agency under their current regime. The strategy was to build the roster primarily through the draft and clear salary cap room for the future. Yet after last season's surprising 7-9 finish (they were 4-12 in 2005 and 2-14 in Dennis Erickson's final season as coach in 2004), and with ample room under the salary cap the 49ers suddenly became one of the most aggressive teams on the market.

Nolan, whose defense ranked 26th overall and against the pass last season, expects to field perhaps six new starters for his 3-4 scheme, among them free agent signees in defensive tackle Aubrayo Franklin, linebacker Tully Banta-Cain and safety Michael Lewis. The biggest addition, though, is undeniably Clements, whom the 49ers made the NFL's highest-paid cornerback.

"Whenever you have a guy like Nate come in, it makes us that much better automatically," says fellow cornerback Walt Harris. "It's not just his presence and ability to play the game. His energy brings a lot of excitement on the field."

McCloughan insists that it did not take a major sales job to persuade 49ers owner John York to sign off on Clements' pact, agreed to on the opening day of the signing period in early March.

"He understands that in free agency you're going to overpay, no matter what," McCloughan said of York. "All he wanted to know was, 'Is he our type of guy? Will he help us win games?' He wanted to know about character, passion, talent. All that stuff."

Nolan ranks Clements, who earned a Pro Bowl berth in 2005 and has started 91 consecutive games since his rookie year, among the NFL's five best cornerbacks. In November, Clements matched up against Marvin Harrison for an entire game and held the Indianapolis Colts receiver to two catches for 21 yards.

Yet as impressive as a shutdown of Harrison was for his resume, the 6-1, 215-pound Clements has garnered even more praise for being a complete cornerback. He is aggressive against the run and a magnet for big plays. Of his 23 career interceptions, he ran back five for touchdowns. He also has 13 forced fumbles and two punt-return TDs.

With Harris, a 12th-year veteran coming off his first Pro Bowl berth, stationed at the right cornerback post, Nolan can easily envision the impact Clements will have on strategy. The 49ers will play more man-to-man coverages, which will allow more flexibility in using blitzes.

"Tight coverage is a lot better than loose coverage," Nolan says.

Nolan can only wonder if Clements' presence will affect other offenses. The lineup of top receivers in the NFC West — including the St. Louis Rams' Torry Holt, the Arizona Cardinals' Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald and the Seattle Seahawks' Deion Branch— suggests there will be little downtime.

"Anytime you get that big contract, teams start gunning for you," Jackson said. "I've seen him around here getting that extra work, getting prepared and ready for the season. He knows it's going to be a challenge."

In many ways, Clements says he does not feel like an \$80 million man.

"That was my agent going to work," he says, referring to Todd France. "I feel like one of the guys, really. I'm glad I have security now. ... But I really don't think about the \$80 million."

Yet he fully senses the expectations that come with a big deal.

"I don't see it as pressure," Clements says. "I see it as a challenge and a reward for the hard work I've put in. And whether I had a big contract or not, I'd have high expectations for my team and myself. I expect us to win. Nothing has changed about me on that front."

Willis earns starting spot

Rookie linebacker moves up quickly

By Dennis Georgatos, San Jose Mercury News, August 21, 2007

Assistant head coach Mike Singletary let Patrick Willis know he had won a starting job when the 49ers rookie linebacker showed up for work Monday.

Willis greeted the news with one word - "Wow!" - and started thinking about how to continue meeting the expectations of a No. 1 draft pick.

"It's not about calling home to tell your dad or your friends that you're starting. It's bigger than that," Willis said. "At any moment you can be back where you started or even below. So, you've got to seize the opportunity and go hard. I'm staying positive. I'm staying humble. I'm staying hungry."

The promotion of Willis, 22, comes three weeks before the Sept. 10 opener against Arizona. It was part of a shuffle that forced veteran Derek Smith to a new position and knocked Brandon Moore out of the starting lineup.

Coach Mike Nolan said the moves were mandated by Willis' performance in practice and in the team's first two exhibitions.

"The rookie thus far has shown that he's worthy of making this change," Nolan said. "Brandon is still a big part of the things we do and that won't change. But we felt this is a decision we want to make now to build continuity on the defensive side of the ball."

Moore, the team's leading tackler last season with 114 - he also led the team in sacks with 6.5 - will come in as a situational pass rusher. Though Nolan said the change was due mostly to Willis' play, Moore had missed several tackles in exhibition play.

"I didn't start the season the way I should have and this is the result," Moore said. "At this level, you're always pretty much fighting for your own survival, you're always fighting for your job. I've just got to keep fighting."

Willis, who leads the team with 12 tackles in exhibition play, will start at weak inside linebacker, the "Mike" position formerly manned by Smith. Smith will move into Moore's spot at strong inside linebacker, also known as the "Ted" position. Manny Lawson and Tully Banta-Cain are the outside linebackers in the team's 3-4 scheme.

Smith will continue to call the defensive signals and said he should be able to adjust to his new position in short order. Another player affected by the shuffle, Jeff Ulbrich, will serve as Willis' backup, moving from the other inside spot. Smith and Ulbrich have had playing time at both inside positions.

"The techniques are the same. It's just a matter of a particular job for a particular defense," Smith said. "The transition is not too bad. It will take maybe a day, two days."

Willis, the 11th overall pick and Butkus Award winner as the top college linebacker last season at Mississippi, vowed to hold up his end. He harkened back to Singletary's words during their morning meeting.

"He told me, 'You're going to start and I expect you to go out there and continue to get better and don't slack off,' and I fully agree with him.

"For the most part, I know my assignments. But every play is not perfect. The biggest thing for me, I just have to continue to be consistent. Each day is a work in progress."

And progress could lead to something great, Smith said.

With his combination of speed, athleticism and instincts, Willis already has shown he's a good player.

"He's very gifted athletically and he's got some pop to him," Smith said. "If he keeps doing the things he needs to do, he'll progressively get better and better. He's a guy who has a chance to be a superstar."

No joke, Niners no longer league laughingstock

By Mike Freeman, CBSSportsline.com, August 20, 2007

It's not just that the San Francisco 49ers might be on the verge of winning big. It is how the 49ers are going about rebuilding themselves, transforming from a broken-down has-been living off the fumes of Walsh, Montana and Rice to a progressive, hungry power.

They are doing it by having fun along the way. They are doing it with guys like kicker Joe Nedney.

Nedney is one of many likeable players in a tight knit 49ers locker room. He is also responsible for one of the more entertaining pranks in recent memory.

Flash back to 1998 when prank prone Nedney was with the Arizona Cardinals. Nedney dreams of his next tomfoolery the way Hefner dreams of his next Playmate. In one notorious prank Nedney obtained a fine, crystalline powder normally used to help catch bank robbers. It is usually sprinkled onto bills and when touched, the sweat on the hand turns the powder blue, marking the thief with a hard-to-remove stain.

Nedney decided to sprinkle the powder into the shoes and gloves of the Cardinals rookies, turning extremities blue. For days. Everyone got a good guffaw.

Players and coaches got an even heartier laugh when Nedney tried the trick again but this time some fans in the locker room accidentally blew the dust awry, causing hundreds of thousands of particles to get all over clothing, helmets, everything. A trail of blue footprints eventually dotted the locker room.

Fast forward to the 49ers and this past offseason. Nedney and backup quarterback Trent Dilfer compared prank notes and decided star young quarterback Alex Smith needed the old blue powder treatment. So they sprinkled the stuff ... in Smith's jockstrap. The prank worked, giving new meaning to the phrase blue ... oh, never mind.

(Interestingly this week on the New York Giants someone placed the same dust inside the gloves of tight end Jeremy Shockey, who unlike Smith has no sense of humor, and was not amused.)

The jokes sound too good to be true, but Nedney swears they are and there is a point to this prank madness. While the San Francisco locker room is slowly filling with superb talents like Smith and the redoubtable Frank Gore, the biggest star on the 49ers might be the chemistry of this team.

In a league and sports world where locker rooms and club houses are sometimes fractured places with dopes like Terrell Owens single-handedly ruining team chemistry as he did in Philadelphia, the 49ers are buoyed by the simple fact that most of the team really likes one another.

"San Francisco is the 10th team I've suited up for," said Nedney, an 11-year veteran. "I've been around the block. I've seen the upside and downside of this league and you become very cynical after a certain point. Since I arrived in San Francisco, that cynicism has faded. It's been fun to watch us grow. It's renewed my enthusiasm for the game.

"This is one of the more unified teams I've ever been on. We have depth, talent, character, cohesiveness. We also have fun. And it's also been fun because you can see the face of this organization changing for the better."

Over the next few years, expect big things from the 49ers. They have one of the most underrated coaches in football in Mike Nolan. Smith so far this year looks like a different player -- more poise, more accuracy, less fumbling. Vernon Davis is a dangerous young tight end and Gore is a top 10 running back. The defense is not great but it's solid.

The 49ers are probably a year away from challenging for the Super Bowl but this is likely a 10-win team this year.

Of course there are huge egos in the San Francisco locker room and potential landmines in their season. That's the case with every NFL team.

Yet these guys seem to genuinely like each other and that might count for something extra.

The players had just better watch out for Nedney.

"Keep your head on a swivel," Nedney warned, "because you never know what's next."

SAN FRANCISCO -- Observations from 49ers camp:

1. One thing I have always liked about San Francisco coach Mike Nolan is his respect for the NFL's past and the coaches and players who came before him. In camp Nolan has named former 49ers as honorary captains of the team. On Monday that person was former defensive lineman Charlie Krueger.

Nolan's father, Dick, coached the 49ers from 1968 to 1975 and Mike Nolan got to know Krueger while growing up around the 49ers.

"When I took the job, I said it was the players I was around early (who) created the love of the game for me," said Mike Nolan. "The game was great but as a child it's the people that create it. If I had to pick out one guy that I was really attached to it was Charlie. Charlie didn't have any children of his own and he took me and my younger brother under his wing for a few years. Charlie means a lot to me."

2. What the 49ers have done to make themselves competitive in the NFC West is surround quarterback Alex Smith with an abundance of talent. One of those players is wide receiver Darrell Jackson formerly of Seattle. Look for Jackson to have a huge year.

3. Frank Gore broke a bone in his right hand just days into camp. That's the bad news. The good news is that the 49ers believe he'll be ready for the team's opener against Arizona and there will be minimal discomfort.

4. Norv Turner leaving San Francisco and his role as offensive coordinator for the San Diego head coaching job seems like a devastating loss. It does hurt but Smith says the offense will focus less on the big, sexy play downfield and a more controlled passing game with the occasional shot downfield.

5. Classy move by the 49ers. Before their preseason game against Denver there was a moment of silence for the late Bill Walsh, who died in July from leukemia. The gridiron at Monster Park has been named Bill Walsh Field.

Offensive coordinator finds his calling

By Matt Maiocco, Santa Rosa Press Democrat, August 18, 2007

Hostler using exhibition games as tuneup for choosing plays during the regular season

The exhibition season is not a time for only the players to hone their skills.

Perhaps nobody with the 49ers is making better use of the tuneup games this summer than offensive coordinator Jim Hostler, who last called plays in 1999 at NCAA Division II Indiana (Pa.).

Although the 49ers' first-team offense looked crisp in the exhibition opener Monday night against the Denver Broncos, things did not go exactly as scripted for Hostler.

And he considers that a good thing.

"We had set a script for the game," Hostler said. "I got off the script after four plays. I was a little -- not surprised -- kind of relieved. It was good for me to do things that I saw. Because when you set a script and first call a game you say, 'I'm going to call this script and do what I see after that.' But I started reacting faster than I figured."

Hostler and the 49ers return to action tonight for their second exhibition game on Bill Walsh Field against the Raiders.

Hostler spent his first two seasons with the 49ers on the sideline as quarterbacks coach while offensive coordinators Mike McCarthy and Norv Turner called the plays from the press box. One of Hostler's responsibilities was to call in the play to quarterback Alex Smith.

After calling plays from the sideline on Monday, Hostler will sit in the press box tonight while quarterbacks coach Frank Cignetti will be responsible for sending in the plays via radio to the quarterbacks. (The radio signal to the quarterback must originate from a coach on the sideline.) Coach Mike Nolan asked Hostler and new defensive coordinator Greg Manusky to spend two exhibition games in the booth and two on the sideline. Things appeared to go smoothly with the offensive staff against the Broncos.

"I thought the operation went very good," Nolan said. "We are going to make sure that we cover all of our bases and see how that goes."

Said Hostler, "I think he was really surprised at how comfortable it went on the sideline. I'm not a real emotional guy during the game. In practice, I'm emotional. In meetings, I get emotional and get excited. But the way I've been trained on the sideline when you're communicating with the quarterback, you have to be really calm and even-keel. You need a calm demeanor."

Because he lacks the experience that the 49ers had last season with Turner as coordinator, Hostler said he will seek to utilize information from everyone in the course of a game, including the assistant coaches, Smith and backup quarterback Trent Dilfer.

During the exhibition season, Hostler works on aspects of play-calling that can carry over into the regular season.

"We use things to help other things," he said. "We look for certain things on plays so that we know what to do later on. I did that in the first preseason game. Even when I was quarterbacks coach on the sideline, you're always looking to do things in anticipation of what's going to come down the road."

A good example is during the Broncos game.

Throughout the game when the 49ers used a certain formation with two receivers on one side, they ran the other way to the tight-end side. The Broncos' weakside linebacker would see that formation and start moving inside at the snap of the ball.

The 49ers countered that with a play-action fake from No. 3 quarterback Shaun Hill out of the same formation. Hill rolled out and hit slot receiver Brandon Williams for a 17-yard gain.

"Those are the things you look for," Hostler said. "You look for over-playing defenses. You look for over-alignments by the defense. And then you take advantage of it."

Camp Tour: Young 49ers seeking respect

By Pat Kirwan, NFL.com, August 17, 2007

A year ago the Niners didn't have any trouble getting down to the final 53-man roster. In fact they were still looking for a few good players when the final cuts were completed. This year is a whole different story and Mike Nolan has competition at a lot of positions. San Francisco was very aggressive in free agency, bringing in eight players and a few more later in the spring as guys were released around the league. Then they went into the draft and selected nine more players, many of whom should make this team. Overnight, there are close to 20 new faces in the locker room and this team is going to look different in 2007. There is competition at most positions and Coach Nolan finally has what he needed most: talent.

The defense is installing the 3-4 and it is not without growing pains. I talked about it with Nolan and he did say there will be a hybrid package that will incorporate some of the 4-3 principles. The first issue that has to be solved for the 3-4 to work well is the development of the nose tackle. Right now, unrestricted signee Aubrayo Franklin, at 6-foot-2 and 334 pounds, looks like the starter. The linebacker group looks solid and the secondary is much improved. As I stood and watched practice with former 49ers wide receiver Jerry Rice, it was clear the additions of cornerback Nate Clements and safety Michael Lewis have turned a 2006 weakness into a 2007 strength.

The offense has weapons with Frank Gore coming off a season where he generated a team-record 2,180 yards from scrimmage. Alex Smith looks stronger and his passes are more accurate and coming at a higher velocity. The talk of camp while I was there had more to do with veteran wide receiver Darrell Jackson than anyone else. His experience is needed in the worst way. And as one quarterback on the team said after practice, "D-Jack gets open, is always in the right spot and makes the catch. He will help us."

Keep in mind the Niners started last year by giving up an average of 34 points a game in the first seven weeks. The defense tightened it down to 12.5 points per game over the next four contests. Last year they swept the Seahawks but got swept by the Cardinals. So which Niner team takes the field in 2007? Let's break down the club and look for some answers.

HOT TOPICS

1. THE DEFENSE SWITCHES FROM 4-3 TO 3-4: Nolan has coached both schemes with success but he wants to evolve into a 3-4 base. In the first preseason game, some of the defensive linemen and 'backers played like the call was 4-3 -- attacking single gaps and creating running lanes. Nolan went back to the drawing board and started working hard with coordinator Greg Manusky to get the two-gap 3-4 defense installed. It will take time, and the challenge will be not to switch back to the old package (even though it did hold Shaun Alexander to 2.8 yards per carry on 40 attempts last year). Manusky, who spent the past five years coaching linebackers in San Diego's 3-4 scheme, also has to figure out what things his Niner defense can't do that his Chargers defenses could do.

2. THREE OFFENSIVE COORDINATORS IN THREE YEARS: Alex Smith really enjoyed learning from Norv Turner last year and improved his QB rating 34 points from Year One to Year Two. Now he has another coordinator - Jim Hostler, who was promoted from quarterbacks coach - and it would be easy to use it as an excuse. Smith will not be doing that and is excited about his growth and development. Vision, arm strength and the possible extended use of audibles tell me the third new coach will not be a detriment to Smith.

3. A VERSATILE DRAFT: Scot McCloughan, San Francisco's VP/Personnel, told me the versatility of the 2007 draft picks has made for some interesting scenarios. First-round pick Pat Willis can play inside or outside linebacker. Joe Staley could become the right tackle or the left tackle and would be a heck of a guard. Ray McDonald can line up at any of the three defensive line spots. Jay Moore will get work at OLB and maybe DE. This draft will have a big impact on the season.

NEWCOMERS

1. NATE CLEMENTS: A big physical corner who wants to match up on the best receivers. He takes pride in his tackling as well as his coverage skills. As one coach said, "He was worth every penny we paid him."

2. TULLY BANTA-CAIN: Banta-Cain was a backup in New England but film study of last season showed a fast-rising player. He had 7.5 sacks as a non-starter last year and 49ers coaches think a double-digit sack total is a realistic goal.

3. AUBRAYO FRANKLIN: He is probably the key to the defense this year. They need him to force a double-team and free a linebacker to make plays. Willis will have a great rookie season if Franklin can deliver on the nose.

4. DARRELL JACKSON: He made a great catch coming off a really nice dig route against the Broncos and immediately demonstrated there is gas left in the tank and his medical issues could be behind him. A veteran receiver who knows the NFC West as well as Jackson does will be a valuable asset to Smith.

SCOUTING REPORT

Offense: The first thing that jumped out at me during practice was what a great influence Trent Dilfer has on the quarterbacks. He led them out to practice 10 minutes ahead of any other players and really worked all of them on the fundamentals. Another thing that was impossible to miss was just how hard Gore works. When I sat down with him, he made it clear this team respects the great 49ers of the past, like Jerry Rice ... but he and his teammates do not *fear* the past. He is the emotional leader of the offense. If he has the misfortune of getting injured during the season, I think fans will like what they see in backup Michael Robinson.

A former Penn State quarterback, Robinson has taken a big step toward being a disciplined running back. He reads the blocking scheme well, has a burst when he gets to the linebacker level, and at 6-foot-1, 230 pounds he is a very nice insurance policy.

The most intriguing player on offense is young tight end Vernon Davis. He has rare size and speed and could easily be a matchup problem to most defenses. But as left tackle Jonas Jennings said, "Vernon gets into it when there's a running play called off-tackle to his side. He likes to run block." Davis is going to see safeties dropping into the box to stop Gore and he is going to run right by them on his way to a deep ball. He did it twice in practice and Smith will be looking for those opportunities all year.

Defense: There could be at least five new starters on defense. The 3-4 needs big sack/pressure numbers from the outside linebackers. Last year, the best sack production came from linebacker Brandon Moore with 6.5. I think Manusky, who loved to blitz his outside linebackers in San Diego, will bring more heat on opposing quarterbacks, and I would think the 49ers will surpass their 34 sacks from 2006.

Keep in mind the Niners still have a long way to go after giving up the most points in the NFL last year (412). They should do a better job on third downs (29th in '06), which in turn will stop drives and prevent scoring. Players and coaches on defense believe they are finally headed in the right direction, and there will not be three teams scoring into the forties on them again like last season.

Special Teams: Al Everest is one of the most enthusiastic and well-prepared special-teams coaches in the league. Everest was lucky enough to keep his kicker (Joe Nedney) and his punter (Andy Lee). San Francisco needs to improve its punt-return game and Brandon Williams looks improved from last year. The 3-4 defense will keep more linebackers on the roster than the 4-3 and that will have a direct effect on the coverage units.

BIGGEST WEAKNESSES

1. DEFENSIVE LINE IN A 3-4: The Niners have a backup from the Ravens as their starter on the nose, which is fine, but the backup spot is wide open and the candidates did not play well in the preseason opener. It is a concern. Bryant Young is a starting defensive end with 14 years of experience and his backup is critical. There are young players here but they are unproven. Coach Nolan's biggest challenge is making sure the linemen know when to two-gap the front and not penetrate. There is work to be done on the defensive line.

2. THE THIRD/FOURTH WIDE RECEIVERS: Smith needs receiver weapons. Jackson and Arnaz Battle will be adequate as starters but the backups, starting with Ashlie Lelie, need to step up and help the team with the three-receiver packages.

BEST INTERVIEWS

1. FRANK GORE: Gore is the heart and soul of the football team. He works so hard and inspires his teammates. While I was talking to him, he made it clear this team is not intimidated by the stars of the past. They respect Rice, Joe Montana and Ronnie Lott, but unlike other recent 49ers teams, Gore's is ready to create its own identity and not live in the shadows of the past.

2. NATE CLEMENTS: Clements lends instant credibility to the defense and he loves the responsibility that comes with the expectations. He told me he would love to match up with the best receiver on every opposing team. He was aware that Larry Fitzgerald caught 13 balls for 226 yards last year against the 49ers.

3. TULLY BANTA-CAIN: He is so excited to be home where he grew up and really wants to show everyone he deserves to start for the first time in his career. He has bulked up and is close to 280 pounds, which he says he can carry with no problem.

4. JONAS JENNINGS: Jennings couldn't stop talking about how close the offensive line group is, how proud they were to help Gore rush for 1,695 yards and eight touchdowns. This year, he and his linemates are really focused on protecting Smith.

PREDICTION

A number of NFL observers like to describe the Niners as a darkhorse, a team on the verge of winning the division. Turning the 2006 season around after giving up 34 points a game in the first seven weeks helped the team to a surprising 7-9 season. The 3-3 divisional record was another good indication the team is on the right course. Taking the next step and finishing with a winning record are two different things, however.

First, this team buys into Nolan and his style. The players can accept his criticism and work to get better. These guys are close and think as a team. Second, Smith is ready physically and mentally. He is stronger than I have ever seen him and his ball comes out with a lot more steam on it than in the past two years. Third, the rebuilt secondary and the emergence of nickel corner Shawntae Spencer gives the Niners a coverage unit that can defend a lead late in games when teams are throwing the ball in the two-minute drill and on third downs.

This is the season the Niners finish with more wins than losses - something they haven't done since 2002. The whole country will get a chance to see the young 49ers because they have four national prime-time TV games. Nolan will be sporting his tie and jacket, which he fought for, and his team will be fighting to establish its identity - and respect.

Kawakami: Smith looks good feels 'comfortable'

By Tim Kawakami, San Jose Mercury News, August 14, 2007

There are a half-million things that Alex Smith must do in 2007 that he did not do in the previous two seasons, and on Monday he did one of them.

Just one of the essential things that a rising 49ers quarterback has to do. Only a single thing, in an exhibition that the 49ers eventually lost to Denver 17-13.

But when Smith dropped back on Bill Walsh Field midway through the first quarter, calmly stepped up in the pocket and fired a low, whistling dart over the middle to Arnaz Battle for a 26-yard gain to the Broncos' 1-yard line, it gave clear evidence that Smith's progress is tangible and worth watching.

And that he is perhaps worthy of the field he played on.

Yes, that play had a Walsh kind of rhythm and precision. It looked like an old-style 49ers simple-but-stylish hook-up. It was fast, timed perfectly, and looked impossible to defend.

It was one little play in a meaningless exhibition, but still . . . it's Smith, and everything he does means a lot to this franchise.

He's the 49ers quarterback. He's starting to look like one, too.

"I felt a lot more comfortable than I have ever played," Smith said. "Knowing what is happening and reading defenses. . . . Everything is really slowing down. I felt really comfortable about that."

Smith mentioned that he appreciated the speed of the plays called in by new offensive coordinator Jim Hostler and the sharp tempo from huddle to snap. The good rhythm, Smith suggested, carried over to the first-team offense, and to Smith himself.

Smith said that Hostler calls it "playing downhill," and whatever its exact definition, I know that no 49ers offense has played downhill for many years.

On that first-quarter play, Denver was in a Cover 2, which meant the linebacker covered Battle short and a safety loomed deep over the middle.

Smith took five steps back, noted the coverage, and while Coach Mike Nolan yelled for him to throw it to the open receiver short, Smith shuffled forward and never doubted his pass over the middle to Battle, who was gliding past the linebacker and toward the goal line.

The ball came in low because the safety was playing over the top, and Battle corralled it cleanly as he tumbled inside the 2-yard line.

"Arnaz ran such a great route," Smith said. "There was a lot of room in there."

Two plays later, the 49ers punched in a touchdown, and Smith and the rest of the first-team offense called it a night after having put up two scoring drives in two possessions.

As natural as that.

After the game, Smith said that in the past he was never quite sure where to throw, when to throw it and why exactly he was throwing it. "When you don't know the difference, it's hard to really cut a ball loose. Watching film, I look different when I really just cut loose."

For the record: No question on the cutting-loose issue Monday.

Smith also hooked up with presumed No. 1 receiver Darrell Jackson for an 18-yard gain on the first drive of the game, which helped set up Joe Nedney's 37-yard field goal.

On the night, Smith completed 4 of 5 passes for 58 yards; his only incomplete pass came when he was hit as he threw over the middle.

"Everything is really slowing down," Smith said.

These exhibition openers are becoming big Smith moments, by the way.

His rookie debut was horrendous, helped lead to Tim Rattay winning the job to start the 2005 season, and set the stage for months of loud wondering about Smith's future and for a very scattered Smith performance when he did get into action.

Last year, Smith's sophomore exhibition debut against Chicago was steady and showed he might actually be an NFL quarterback after all, which led to a decent, if limited, season by Smith and the 49ers offense.

This one was another Smith signpost, accomplished without tailback Frank Gore, who is out with a broken hand. It was brief, but it also featured a solid performance by the 49ers' first-team offensive line.

It wasn't Joe Montana. It wasn't Steve Young. It was just a dumb exhibition in August, against a Denver defense that wasn't doing anything tricky.

But this was the first game played on Bill Walsh Field, and, in the short time Smith was out there, he looked like the right guy at the right place, and he looked like he finally was realizing that himself.

Observation deck: Strong coverage plan

By John Clayton, ESPN.com, August 12, 2007

SANTA CLARA, Calif. -- Five observations from San Francisco 49ers training camp, gleaned from the team's practices:

1. No secondary concerns

Nate Clements may not have the speed of Champ Bailey, but he's a great addition as a No. 1 cornerback. His ability to read a route and break on the ball is exceptional. He may be vulnerable to receivers with great downfield speed, but how many will he really face? He is the perfect cornerback for the NFC West, a division loaded with talented receivers, but few breakaway threats. Clements is a complete cornerback, as he is also a good tackler. His size (6-foot-1, 215 pounds) is important in a division featuring Larry Fitzgerald, Anquan Bolden, Torry Holt and Isaac Bruce. With Clements, Walt Harris and Shawntae Spencer, the 49ers should match up well against three-receiver sets, another staple of the NFC West. Michael Lewis is a big safety with speed who adds more athleticism to the secondary.

2. Surplus of size

The transformation of the offensive line might be one of the most interesting developments on the team. First, the line is getting bigger in the middle to accommodate the inside running of Frank Gore. Justin Smiley, a free agent after this season, is currently running first team at right guard, but David Baas (331 pounds) will eventually inherit that position. LG Larry Allen is listed at 325 pounds. Gore's best runs are between the tackles so beefing up the middle is important. Joe Staley has started to make his move at right tackle on former first-round pick Kwame Harris. Staley has the potential to be the left tackle of the future, but Jonas Jennings is too valuable to move out of the left side. Harris is a free agent after the season, and it's unlikely the team will re-sign him. A good preseason by Staley could give him the chance to beat out Harris. The 49ers might then trade Harris, if they get a second- or third-round choice in return. The 49ers love Smiley but it's going to be tough to re-sign him considering the price top guards command. For the first time in years, the 49ers have talent to burn along the offensive line.

3. Loaded weapons

Despite the additions of Darrell Jackson and Ashley Lelie, it's going to be hard to move Arnez Battle out of the starting lineup. Battle is a tough flanker who catches the ball well and is a big asset to the running game because of his willingness to block downfield. Mike Nolan made an interesting decision by putting Jackson and Lelie on the opposite side of the field from Battle. Jackson, a career flanker, is now a split end for the 49ers. He appears to have recovered from a toe injury that bothered him most of the offseason. Jackson was Matt Hasselbeck's favorite receiver for many years, and is already developing a nice chemistry with Alex Smith. Lelie is a tall, deep threat who can help stretch the field. The surprise of camp has been Taylor Jacobs, acquired from the Redskins in the offseason. Jacobs was considered a long shot to make the roster, but he is doing well enough to possibly earn some playing time. Brandon Williams is slated to be the punt returner, but he's had a great camp. Smith suddenly has plenty of options.

4. Eager to return

The broken right hand keeping Frank Gore out of the preseason could help in the long run. His body isn't getting beat up in practices or preseason games. Still, Gore hates missing time. He wants to be on the field every day working on his runs and getting a feel for the offense. The injury isn't considered major, but the team doesn't want to risk it. Despite the minor setback, Gore is still setting a goal of 2,000 rushing yards this season. He's a powerful inside runner playing behind a line that is getting better each year. With some weapons at wide receiver, Smith can move extra defenders away from the line of scrimmage. Gore's personality has also changed with stardom. A year ago, he was competing against Kevan Barlow for a starting job and seemed defensive. Now, he's one of the most interesting players to meet in the league. He will interview national reporters more than they will interview him because he wants to know what's happening with all the top running backs. A genuine fan of the game, he takes the sport seriously.

5. Celebratory mood

Don't buy into the hype that Vernon Davis is the next Terrell Owens. Davis does love to celebrate every time he catches a pass, especially in practice. Smith wants to make sure he has plenty of chances to celebrate. Davis (6-foot-3, 253 pounds) runs in the 4.3 range. He's the fastest tight end in football, which is amazing because he's also one of the biggest. He caught only 20 passes as a rookie, but has 60-catch potential. The question is whether this will be his breakout year. During his first season, he was tentative because he was learning the offense. The 49ers do a lot of motion so Davis had to figure out where he had to be, which took away from his productivity. Davis understands the offense much better and knows what is being asked of him.

Training Camp Postcard: 49ers

By Bucky Brooks, SI.com, August 12, 2007

Where is Bucky?

I am at the 49ers facility in Santa Clara, Calif. There are about 3,500 fans at the afternoon practice on a bright, sunny day.

Scout's Take

1. Vernon Davis looks like he's ready to have a monster season. After spending most of his rookie season learning the complexities of the offense, the second-year tight end is playing faster and with more confidence. That newfound confidence allows his natural athleticism to shine. Several players identified Davis as the most improved player during offseason workouts and the coaching staff is hoping that he can become their top weapon in the passing game.

2. It wouldn't surprise me to see first-round pick Joe Staley win the starting right tackle job. His athleticism and ability to move are impressive. But it was his competitiveness during team drills that really caught my eye. Veteran Kwame Harris is still a quality player, but it will be hard to keep Staley off the field.

3. Bryant Young, the only holdover from the 49ers' last Super Bowl team, has taken on the challenge of showing his young teammates how to handle the growing hype around this team. He has stressed to his teammates that they should expect to win and not just hope to get into the playoffs. His message comes on the heels of Mike Nolan preaching that high expectations should be the norm at the 49ers' facility.

4. Manny Lawson looks more comfortable at his OLB spot this season. He finished strong last year and is picking up where he left off in training camp. His pass rushing skills are improving, and his athleticism has the coaching staff devising more ways to keep him on the field. He lines up as the "dime" back in the 49ers' dime defense because the coaches think he has the speed and quickness to cover tight ends/slot receivers in spread sets. I was skeptical when they mentioned it, but after watching him move around for two practices the idea made sense.

5. The 49ers' offense doesn't look drastically different from last year's version led by Norv Turner. But one tweak implemented by new offensive coordinator Jim Hostler has been a focus on the intermediate passing game. Though they will still use plenty of seven-step drops with vertical routes, Alex Smith will throw more rhythm passes off five-step drops. Mixing in more underneath routes will up his overall completion percentage and keep the offense on the field more. Hostler is also taking advantage of Smith's athleticism by using more bootlegs and movement passes on early downs. Smith appears to be very comfortable directing the offense Hostler has created by mixing the most effective elements of former offensive coordinator Mike McCarthy's quick rhythm passing game with Turner's aggressive vertical attack.

5a. Keep an eye on wide receiver Taylor Jacobs. He is having an outstanding camp and is making a serious push for playing time. He repeatedly got behind the defense today and several of the defensive coaches told me that he has been the most difficult receiver to guard during training camp.

Did you know?

Vernon Davis is an accomplished artist. He majored in art studio at the University of Maryland and had his artwork featured as part of the NFL Players Association and NFL Retired Players Association's Smocks and Jocks event at Super Bowl XLI.

Insider Fantasy Tip

Take Alex Smith as your backup QB. The third-year pro showed promise last season as the full-time starter, but his play during camp shows that he is ready to take the next step. He is delivering the ball on time and finally has the weapons surrounding him to be successful. The addition of Darrell Jackson and the maturation of Davis will allow Smith to improve his numbers (58 percent completion percentage, 2,890 passing yards with 16 touchdowns and 16 interceptions in 2006). He will get plenty of chances to throw the ball with teams loading up to stop Frank Gore and forcing the 49ers to beat them with the pass. That strategy worked in the past, but Smith will make defense pay this season and should post good enough numbers to merit some fantasy starts.

Camp Confidential

The addition of Nate Clements will pay off in several ways for the 49ers. Not only did he give them a talented corner, but team officials were raving about the leadership, professionalism and competitiveness that he has displayed since his arrival.

"He is one of the most competitive players that I have ever seen," Smith said.

For a young team harboring playoff aspirations, that competitiveness will be needed to push them to the next level.

Heads up

By Jason Cole, Yahoo! Sports.com, August 3, 2007

This is what happens when you open your eyes to the world.

Second-year San Francisco 49ers tight end Vernon Davis is lined up in the slot on the right in practice with linebacker/teammate Manny Lawson opposite of him. As the ball is snapped, Davis runs 15 yards downfield, taking glances at the defense as he goes, seeing that Lawson has peeled off him and into the shallow part of the zone coverage.

Davis does a quick turn and catches the ball just as his shoulders get completely square to quarterback Alex Smith. He then quickly turns before two defensive backs and Lawson can close on him, and looks like he has a good chance to break away if this were a live-game situation.

A year ago, none of this might have happened. It's not that Davis didn't possess the raw physical skills to run the route or catch the ball. It's just that someone would run over and knock the pass away, or the defenders would close so quickly that Davis was obviously not going to get away.

"Last year, when I would get throws ... I would get open but a guy would be there to swat it down because I wasn't coming back to the ball," said Davis, the No. 6 overall pick in the 2006 NFL draft, who was limited to 20 catches as a rookie because of injury and lack of knowledge. He spent the offseason working to pick up tips on the receiving end from wide receivers coach Jerry Sullivan.

"I wasn't coming out of my breaks with my eyes up or I wasn't running at the defender with my eyes up," Davis acknowledged. "What happens when you run with your head down, when you come out of that break, you give that (defensive back) a chance to (break) on it. He sees those eyes come, sees that head come up, he's going to break on you.

"But now if you're running with your head up, he doesn't know what you're doing and you got all kinds of time. You got a lot of time and a lot of room to make a play."

This is technical football stuff that fans don't really notice much from the sideline or the easy chair. But the story of Davis learning the subtleties of the game speaks to a bigger, more promising element of his young career.

"He's confident and he believes in himself, but he also listens," said wide receiver Bryan Gilmore. "He doesn't come in thinking that just because he was a high pick that he knows it all and that his teammates can't help him. He wants to get better and he pays attention."

To put it another way, when you open your eyes, the world often looks back in admiration.

Initially, it wasn't that way for Davis. The first impression of him a year ago was that he was a pretty boy. Blessed with a body that recently earned him a spot on the cover of Muscle & Fitness Magazine (the photo was shot in April) and a flair for fashion (his \$3,000 suits for road games are the talk of the team), veterans took him for more narcissist than neo-Ozzie Newsome.

On top of that, there was the trash talking and showmanship.

In Davis' first mini-camp, he caught a pass in front of linebacker Jeff Ulbrich and spiked the ball in celebration, an affront to a tough-minded veteran.

"We had it out a little and then we came inside and talked about it some more," said Ulbrich, who otherwise speaks glowingly about Davis. "He understood right away. He still talks a lot, but it's the kind of stuff that gets everybody going. He's not belittling anybody out there, just getting everybody fired up. You need that on your team. Training camp gets long and you get a lot of days where people don't want to be out there. Vern gets the juices flowing."

The respect from defensive players comes mostly from Davis' work ethic as a blocker. At 6-foot-3, 253 pounds, Davis is unusually gifted and, more importantly, willing as a blocker. Earlier this week, Davis tied up linebacker Brandon Moore on three straight one-on-one drills.

"He's amazing at it. Sometimes we just stop and watch him block," Gilmore said.

For Davis, being just as effective blocking as catching is simply a part of the job.

"I can't be happy just doing something if it ain't right. I just try to be the best I can be at everything I do," Davis said. "I'm a crafty person, I want it to be perfect. I watch Antonio Gates and guys like that who just want to run their routes and get it done on that side of it. But you have to do it on both sides."

Coach Mike Nolan sees the combination of talent and passion and it reminds him of Baltimore linebacker Ray Lewis and safety Ed Reed.

"Some guys aren't real passionate about it. They were just born with the ability and this is what they do," Nolan said. "Guys like Ray and Ed, they get excited about it. They love it. They would call me at 10:30 on Tuesday night after watching film and say, 'Coach, we gotta do this.' They get all excited. You want guys who are pumped about it."

As much as the inspiring trash talk and blocking effort impress, Davis is here to be a receiver first. Blessed with 4.4 speed in the 40-yard dash and stunning quickness, he could be a breakaway threat in the middle of the field. He showed some of that in a pair of late-season games last season after he returned to relative health.

Now, he's adding the little things that help Smith.

"He's reading everything much quicker," Smith said. "He recognizes the coverages right away and finds those spots in the zone or knows how to get away from his man right away."

All of that will play into Davis' favorite part of the game.

"You know me. I like to get the ball in my hands," Davis admitted. "I like to get it and run with it because I have that ability to run and make people miss and, at the same time, run over them. That's what a lot of tight ends can't do. They can't run up field and make people miss. That's what I take pride in also, my ability to run after the catch," he said.

And how good does he envision himself?

"Ain't no telling," he said. "I can be as good as I let myself be ... I liked Shannon Sharpe a lot growing up."

Can he be as good as Sharpe, the all-time leading receiver among tight ends?

"Oh yeah, most definitely," Davis said. "What he did and better. Just got to keep working on it and getting better."

Purdy: Firm grip needed from 49ers' Hoss & Smith

By Mark Purdy, Mercury News, August 3, 2007

The firm of Hoss & Smith was open for business again Thursday on the practice field in Santa Clara. No question, it is the 49ers' most important partnership of 2007.

Hoss & Smith, you may realize, replaces the firm of Norv & Smith, which made such an impressive splash in 2006.

Norv was - and is - the nickname of Norval Turner. He was the 49ers' offensive coordinator a year ago. He did such an excellent job that the San Diego Chargers hired him as their head coach in February.

Hoss is - and was - the nickname of Jim Hostler. He was promoted from his job as the 49ers' quarterbacks coach to replace Turner.

And Smith? He was - and is - the future of the 49ers. If the third-year quarterback ever forgets this, he is reminded of it every day on Highway 101 en route to practice when he passes a billboard with a 30-foot-tall version of himself gazing across Silicon Valley, looking for open receivers.

Smith's success in finding those receivers will largely be the result of his work with Hostler. The 49ers are a much better team this year, in so many areas. But let's not kid anybody. In the NFL, the quarterback drives the train. And his offensive coordinator lays down the tracks.

So how is the project going? Hostler came off the practice field Thursday and said what every coach says in early August.

"We've got a long way to go," Hostler opined.

Not as far as they might have been forced to go, however.

Turner's departure was a major anxiety attack for many 49ers fans, because it meant Smith would have three offensive coordinators in three seasons. That's hard for a 35-year-old quarterback, let alone a 23-year-old quarterback. Don't forget, Smith is still a year younger than Joe Montana was when he became the 49ers' starter.

In that sense, Hostler serves as a major anxiety reducer. He is not a new face.

He spent the past two years as Smith's position coach - although that didn't mean that Hostler's promotion was automatic. Coach Mike Nolan thought about it for 2 1/2 weeks before making the move.

"And it took a lot of guts for him to do it," Hostler said.

Why? Because Hostler has a rather unconventional background for an NFL offensive coordinator. He grew up in Pittsburgh as an undersized but tough high school defensive back and played the same position at Indiana University of Pennsylvania, a small college nearby.

After graduating, Hostler worked there as a part-time coach for five years while doing odd jobs in construction and landscaping. Then he spent five more years at IUP as a full-time coach.

After the 1999 season, a friend recommended Hostler for a quality-control job with the Kansas City Chiefs. Ascending quickly, he became a New Orleans Saints receivers coach in 2001 before winding up as the quarterbacks coach for the New York Jets in 2003 - where veteran Vinny Testaverde was two years older than Hostler. Testaverde knew Hostler had never been a quarterback or played in the NFL. That made it especially interesting when Hostler had to critique video with Testaverde and grade his performances.

"Vinny would look at me and say, 'Hey, how would *you* throw that pass?'" Hostler said.

He eventually earned Testaverde's respect, though. And two years later, Hostler joined Nolan's first staff with the 49ers.

Hostler is a candid guy. He won't pretend he has the mystical secret to NFL offensive supremacy. Until now, he has never "stood up in front of the room" in any of his previous NFL jobs.

"And that was the concern Coach Nolan had about me more than anything, I know," Hostler said. "I had never done that, standing up in front of the room. With the Jets, Paul Hackett was the offensive coordinator and he let me install some things in the preseason, for which I was grateful. But that's all.

"So there is always the unknown of how a person who'd never done this job would do - handling the staff, the conflicts, the good, the bad, gaining respect."

Hostler's relationship with Smith surely helped his résumé, however. In 2005, they endured Smith's rugged rookie season together, brutal loss upon brutal loss. Hostler was as much of a counselor as a coach.

"He always tried to get me to see the bigger picture," Smith said. "He'd say, 'You're 21 years old, your game is only going to improve.'"

Smith concedes he talked "very openly" with Nolan about what should happen after Turner's departure - and was happy to see Nolan leaning toward Hostler. The new coordinator has been smart enough to keep the basic Turner framework, with a few tweaks involving quick drops and timing patterns.

"It's still Norv's offense," Hostler said. "I revised it a little bit with some things from my own background, but that part is very small. And the way I coach it is a little different. It's just my personality. But it is Norv's deal."

If it works, however, you can thank the new firm of Hoss & Smith.

Firing up 49ers becomes Davis' pattern of pride

By Matthew Barrows, Sacramento Bee, August 2, 2007

A typical pass play at 49ers training camp goes something like this: Alex Smith throws a short pass to Vernon Davis. Vernon Davis bulls his way upfield. Vernon Davis finds the nearest defender. Vernon Davis starts barking into that defender's earhole.

The talented tight end isn't apologizing for being the antagonist.

"If I see things are quiet and the guys aren't getting rowdy," he said Wednesday, "I'm going to take it upon myself to do something about it."

Last year, Davis might have had a hard time finding defenders who were willing to engage in his psychological warfare. This year, however, there are several who seem more than happy to oblige.

During minicamps, organized team activities and training camp, the muscular tight end has gone face mask-to-face mask with linebacker Manny Lawson, who is noticeably bulkier and more confident in his second season. Free-agent additions Nate Clements and Michael Lewis haven't shied away from Davis, either.

And Wednesday, Davis found that linebacker Tully Banta-Cain was up to the challenge, too. Following a pass play in which Davis burst into the secondary, Banta-Cain ran up from behind and tried to poke the ball free.

A few seconds later, the two were bumping chests.

Far from despising the brash second-year player, 49ers defensive players said they enjoy the motivation.

"Vernon -- he's a great player," Banta-Cain said after practice. "He really makes practice ... I don't want to say enjoyable, but he really keeps the energy level up."

Said Clements: "Vernon's a competitor -- he backs it up. You can't be mad at that. He doesn't back down, and I wouldn't want him to back down from anyone."

Coach Mike Nolan likes what he sees, too.

The dominating Baltimore Ravens defenses he coached before arriving in San Francisco weren't shy about talking, either, and middle linebacker, Ray Lewis, an eight-time Pro Bowl player, was typically the lead rabble-rouser.

Nolan said the 49ers must have a similar swagger if, as they expect, they make their first playoff appearance since the 2002 season.

"As long as you can back it up, it doesn't bother me a lick," Nolan said. " ... They just have to be smart about when and where they do it."

It's a warning Davis sometimes failed to heed last season.

Nolan cautioned Davis in the 2006 exhibition season when, following his first NFL touchdown catch at Dallas, he spiked the ball and raised both arms to the heavens, a la former 49ers and current Cowboys wide receiver Terrell Owens.

Davis also committed a nearly catastrophic penalty at Seattle last December when his end-zone celebration involved placing his foot on the pylon -- a no-no in the NFL rulebook.

The 49ers were clinging to a three-point lead at the time, and the penalty cost them 15 yards on the following kickoff.

Davis said he has learned from those incidents but believes his enthusiasm is needed on the practice field.

After all, the 49ers' receiving corps is a mostly quiet bunch. So is the offensive line. Running back Frank Gore doesn't say much, and neither does Smith.

So it's up to Davis to add spice when training camp seems too bland, to give it a pulse when it grows lifeless. And if he becomes the player the defense loves to hate? Well, that's precisely the point.

"I want that 'X' on my back," he said. "Put it on me. Come and get me."

49ers will wear Walsh decals

Helmets, coaches' shirts to display his initials

By Dennis Georgatos, San Jose Mercury News

In a letter sent to 49ers season-ticket holders, team owners John and Denise York said the NFL granted their request to have players wear a black, football-shaped decal with Bill Walsh's initials inscribed in white letters on their helmets this season. A similar decal will be embroidered on the coaches' shirts.

The Yorks also said a moment of silence will be observed in honor of Walsh - who died of leukemia Monday at 75 - at the Aug. 13 exhibition opener against Denver. With the cooperation of the NFL and ESPN, plans also are in the works for a tribute to the former 49ers coach during the team's Sept. 10 season opener against Arizona.

John York also has asked Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger to issue a proclamation for a statewide "Bill Walsh Day" to honor the coach who led the 49ers to the first three of their five Super Bowl titles. Details were still being worked out, but team officials said Schwarzenegger was receptive to the idea.

The team also created an online memory book at Bill.Walsh@niners.nfl.com in which people can send in pictures or post their thoughts about one of the most influential and beloved figures in 49ers history.

"Denise and I know there are many of you who have wonderful memories of Bill and stories to tell," the Yorks' letter read. "I encourage you to share those memories with us as part of your own healing process."

Tuesday, fans dropped off cards, flowers and handwritten notes and placards at the 49ers' Santa Clara headquarters in a spontaneous and growing tribute to Walsh. One handmade memorial was a photo collage that included pictures of Walsh as a teenager, a San Jose State football player and a triumphant coach being carried off the field by his players. It also bore an inscription, "The 49er Faithful will miss you a lot."

Funeral services, including a public memorial, have not yet been announced.

Dickey: Nolan's grown by leaps and bounds

By Glenn Dickey, SF Examiner, July 20, 2007

One of the reasons to be optimistic about the 49ers' chances this season is the growth of coach Mike Nolan.

It seems strange that Nolan had to grow into the job, given his background as the son of a head coach, an NFL assistant since 1987 and a defensive coordinator since 1993. Yet, he was much less sure of what he was doing than Jon Gruden was when he became the Raiders' coach, though Gruden was only 34.

Gruden always knew exactly where he was going. Nolan had to learn from experience.

Nolan had been passed over for head-coaching jobs because he didn't interview well, so he worked hard to overcome that and impressed 49ers owner John York when he interviewed. He has learned how to deal with the media, both in large news conferences and smaller gatherings with writers after practice. He prepares for the latter encounters by jotting notes on a piece of paper during practice and then introduces the topics with writers. In 40 years of covering pro football, I have never seen another coach do that.

These are the other areas where Nolan has progressed as a coach:

SELECTION OF ASSISTANTS: Nolan's first offensive coordinator was Mike McCarthy, who came with a good reputation but didn't work out with the Niners. Norv Turner was a huge improvement last year.

When Turner left to coach the San Diego Chargers, Nolan made a wise choice by elevating quarterbacks coach Jim Hostler, who had been working with Alex Smith for two years. Now, Smith will be working under the same system with a coach with whom he's familiar.

Nolan's first defensive coordinator was Billy Davis, but that didn't work well, either. Because he lost confidence in Davis, Nolan handled the defensive calls during games last season, which should not be the job of the head coach. Now, he has Greg Manusky, who is well-versed in the 3-4 defense, so Nolan can back off.

HE'S CLEARER ABOUT WHAT KIND OF TEAM HE WANTS: Nolan has always stressed character in building a team, but he deviated from that when he signed talented — but troubled — wide receiver Antonio Bryant. After one season, though, he tacitly admitted his mistake by releasing Bryant.

HE'S DEVELOPED AN EXCELLENT WORKING RELATIONSHIP WITH PERSONNEL CHIEF SCOT MCCLOUGHAN: They've worked well together on both drafts and, this offseason, with moves in free agency.

From the start, the two agreed that drafting a quarterback had to be the first priority. In drafting Smith, they knew they were getting a quarterback who had very little experience but who also had a strong character and could overcome adversity.

Smith had a rocky first season, but improved last season, enough to give hope that he can become the quarterback to lead them to the playoffs.

Also from the start, Nolan and McCloughan have agreed that the primary goal is to build through the draft. That is still the goal, though they jumped on the chance to make improvements through free agency this offseason.

Though they've made great strides, the 49ers still need substantial improvement to get into the NFL's top tier, but the fact that their coach has grown into his job gives hope that they can do that.

Quarterback calls a play for education

By Sherry Saavedra, San Diego Union Tribune, July 17, 2007

Candy Morales hasn't caught many breaks.

She was born to a prostitute hooked on drugs. She was handed to a stranger at 6 months. She was thrust into the foster care system at age 10 and took an office job at 14 to help support herself.

Now Morales, 23, and nine other former foster youths will receive what is probably the biggest break of their lives — a full scholarship to San Diego State University, courtesy of the university and San Francisco 49ers quarterback Alex Smith, a Helix High School graduate who was the NFL's top draft pick in 2005.

Smith and SDSU have created the most comprehensive scholarship package ever issued on campus, university officials say — up to five years of tuition, year-round housing, meals, mentors, books, health services, living expenses, counselors, career guidance and tutoring.

The SDSU Guardian Scholars Program is expected to expand each year until it reaches 50 students annually. It is modeled after a program begun in 1997 at Cal State Fullerton to help former foster youths not only pay for college but complete it.

There are about 80,000 children in foster care in California, from infants to teenagers. Half don't complete high school, according to the County Welfare Directors Association. Barely one in 10 of those who get a high school diploma goes on to college.

In their 18th year, foster children are considered emancipated. Each year, more than 4,000 suddenly find themselves on their own.

"A lot of foster kids dream about going to college," said Smith, 23. "But it's impossible for someone to be 18 and turned loose with a couple of hundred dollars and an expectation for them to put food in their mouths, work full time and go to school without someone to lean on. Many of them don't have cars. It's ridiculous."

Smith, a Heisman Trophy finalist and graduate of the University of Utah, said he wanted to take on this cause while his celebrity was at its peak. Last year, he established the Alex Smith Foundation to help foster teens in transition.

"What better time than now to do some good? I have the most leverage now to create some awareness," he said.

At 20, Smith had just been drafted by the 49ers when he met with the football team of San Pasqual Academy, a residential school for foster teens in North County that had recently played in the California Interscholastic Federation finals.

"It was pretty eye-opening," Smith said. "I'm visiting many 17-and 18-year-olds who were going to end up on the streets, and a couple of years earlier I had everything. My parents moved me into the dorms. They got me a car. I realized that's why I had been so successful – because I had that support."

Smith's mother, Pam, a deputy director at the county's Health and Human Services Agency, arranged the visit. His father, Doug Smith, is the principal of Helix High, a charter school where Alex took 64 units of Advanced Placement courses, enabling him to graduate from college with a bachelor's degree in economics in only two years.

When the 49ers drafted him in 2005, Smith signed a six-year, \$49.5 million contract, with \$24 million in guaranteed money.

The visit to San Pasqual Academy was the impetus for creating the Alex Smith Foundation. Smith's older sister, Abbey, a Chula Vista resident, is executive director. In the beginning, the foundation would buy foster children tickets to 49ers home games and arrange visits to the team's training camp.

Then Alex Smith's efforts as an advocate for foster youths turned to weightier matters. In April, he testified before a state Senate subcommittee regarding a bill to provide funds for foster children seeking a higher education.

Smith also turned his attention to San Diego County, where more than 5,000 foster youths live without their parents.

He approached SDSU President Stephen Weber about starting a Guardian Scholars Program. Weber embraced the idea.

"This was not a hard call," Weber said. "The program actually responds to their needs . . . and I think the thing that's really remarkable about this is that Alex saw the need. It takes a certain awareness to see the plight of these kids and realize that simple solutions won't quite do it. I mean these folks are now homeless."

The scholarships are worth about \$10,000 per student annually, and the Alex Smith Foundation has committed \$100,000 to cover the first recipients this year.

Cal State Fullerton's program cost \$304,000 last year for 38 students.

The support services that the SDSU program will provide are in the planning stages. Pam Smith said the foundation will probably spend another \$100,000 on those services. Seven additional foster youths, who were not awarded scholarships, will receive the extra support.

Wendy Craig, associate director of San Diego State's Educational Opportunity Programs, which helps first-generation and low-income students, said this is the most comprehensive intervention designed for foster youths at SDSU.

The first 10 recipients were chosen from more than 20 known former foster students who have been admitted to or are attending SDSU. They were picked, without having applied, based on their commitment to the college course work, their potential to serve as role models for future scholarship winners, and their need.

They met all academic standards for admittance to SDSU on their own.

Morales, who is a full-time student at Southwestern College, works 39 hours a week as a foster youth advocate for two nonprofit organizations and fills her spare time with volunteer work for organizations such as Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

Johnny Cauthron, 18, who recently graduated from San Pasqual Academy, is a scholarship recipient who will enter SDSU as a chemistry major.

Before being accepted at the academy, Cauthron had lived in group homes and with several foster families. He was abused as a baby and had been taken in by his aunt until her drug use made that impossible.

Cauthron said he's wanted to attend college since he was 12. His aunt's partner died of AIDS, and he would like to find a cure. But mostly, he wants to earn a living and provide financial help to his sister – a single mom without a high school diploma – while being able to take care of himself.

“In the foster system, a lot of kids end up dependent on the government, but I've always been dependent on myself,” Cauthron said.

The tuition and free housing will get the students through the door. But what will propel them to graduation, organizers say, is the creation of a foster youth community with trained professionals available to help when there are hurdles.

Cauthron likes that this scholarship program doesn't just offer money, but establishes a community at SDSU where he can find counseling from adults and camaraderie from peers with similar backgrounds.

In picking scholarship recipients, Craig explained, “We said, 'Who most needs a family?' because we're basically going to be their family now that they're in college.”

The program will be year-round, she said. “They have no place to live during summer, winter and spring breaks. These kids are out on the streets. Some kids say they live in cars.”

A residence hall will be designated for them, she said. An assistant director, in a newly created position, will link them to every service they need, from counseling to career planning. Support services will also be provided by the Consensus Organizing Center in SDSU's School of Social Work, along with high school outreach.

“When these kids get here, they're still in basic survival mode, as opposed to focusing on just being full-time college students,” Craig said. “The students have been in truly horrible situations their whole lives that they're trying to overcome. Some have been raped or living among drug addicts, domestic violence, the whole gamut.”

When the first 10 students were told about their scholarships, they reacted with a combination of shock, elation and relief. Sophia Herman, 21, had been accepted to SDSU but was unsure how she would pay for it.

Herman grew up in National City in more foster homes than she can recall. Her single mother has been in and out of jail her entire life.

“The hardest thing about the foster system was knowing that you don't belong to no one and dealing with that emotional pain,” Herman said. “There's nobody to give you a hug at the end of the day. Nobody to vent to. Nobody says you're their kid, unless it's because you're on their caseload.”

But Herman always envisioned attending college. The Sweetwater High graduate earned good marks in school.

“My grandmother used to tell me that college was the only way out of my situation,” she said. “She said you have to be self-sufficient and not lean on other people.”

Herman wasn't sure how to do that.

“At 18, we're supposed to be fully functioning adults who know how to cook, clean, manage our finances, manage our time, use a credit card wisely, purchase car insurance, and balance school and work,” she said. “It's scary. Even something as simple as paying your SDG&E bill can make you fall down because there's nobody to make sure you do it right. Parents do that.”

Herman attended Grossmont College full time while working 30 hours a week at Edgemoor Hospital, a long-term nursing facility in Santee. She wants to be a nurse.

Morales said at first she could barely digest what she'd be given.

“It was so shocking, I wondered if maybe they messed up on the name,” she said. “I thought, are you maybe looking for a Cindy Morales?”

It sunk in when Smith took the scholarship recipients bowling.

“He was the most humble, down-to-earth human being I have ever met in my life,” she said.

Morales introduced Smith at the Guardian Scholars kickoff dinner in June.

She said the scholarship has been the highlight of her life.

“With this scholarship, the only thing I want in my life, to finish school, is coming true,” she said. It's waiting for me, and all I have to do now is continue to be a full-time student.”

Circle of friends keeping QB safe

By Brian Vanderbeek, Modesto Bee, July 12, 2007

He's 22 years old — a tall, handsome and extremely bright multi-millionaire with a home in Los Gatos.

The world and everything in it is Alex Smith's smorgasbord, and he knows it.

But the San Francisco 49ers quarterback also knows to tread lightly and avoid the gluttony that continues to be the downfall of so many young athletes.

There are no pit bull cages in Smith's backyard, and he's unlikely to be caught firing a handgun at 3 a.m. outside a nightclub.

"You get to know pretty quickly who the people are and should be inside your circle and those who aren't, and when you're doing things right that distinction is pretty black and white with no shades of gray," Smith said. "You protect that circle and you learn to appreciate those people even more."

The 100 or so fans who lined up at Modesto Toyota on Wednesday to pose for photos and an autograph with Smith had the chance to see and chat with the regular, very down-to-earth guy who just happens to be an NFL quarterback, a former No. 1 draft pick.

He's quick with his sincere smile. Every fan gets eye contact and a greeting. Pose for a photo? Sure. Do you want that standing or sitting? Hold your baby? No problem. Autograph your Raiders jersey? Well, why not?

"I'm a pretty normal guy," Smith said. "I think people are surprised to see how normal I am and how laid-back I am."

There is a guarded soft edge to that image, one his agents have been hired to foster and protect. On the other hand, since being nice seems natural to Smith, it might be the easiest gig an agent can take on.

"In my rookie year, I went to everything," he said. "The ESPYs called, they wanted me there, and I went. That stuff got to be shallow and fake for me."

"What I really enjoyed doing was renting a box and taking the linemen to a Warriors game. I don't really enjoy all the parties — those don't really fit me. I'm not into the L.A. scene — that's such a shallow world."

By carefully choosing endorsement deals, Smith and his agents guard against over-saturation and affiliations with anything that may backfire. And by saying "no" now, Smith's value as a corporate spokesman will increase exponentially when he emerges as a marquee NFL quarterback.

"In my rookie year, I was game for everything," Smith said. "If I'm approached with an idea that's not worth my time or is not in line with what I'm feeling, then I'm passing on that."

There are non-football things that are worth his time. He recently donated \$500,000 to his alma mater, the University of Utah, to help expand its athletic training facilities.

And Smith gladly fills his offseason calendar with appearances to aid his Alex Smith Foundation, which — among other causes — raises funds to help foster kids gain the skills that will help them succeed as adults.

"A lot of guys will host a golf tournament just to say they have an event and say they have a foundation," Smith said. "This is something I'm really into and am going to continue to get more involved with."

"I support my foundation all on my own, so 100 percent of the funds that come in go toward the foundation. Outside of football, the foundation is something I take a lot of pride in."

The foundation has helped Smith place a value on his own time. In fact, "Time With Alex" is a common fund-raiser. He spent Wednesday morning golfing with someone who won that right in an auction raffle. He has taken high bidders to Giants games and even has gone into a winner's home to cook a meal.

"I will take orders, but I'm a barbecue guy," Smith said. "I make great ribs, just about anything."

"Every time it happens, I'm amazed that people pay good money for that. Those are all things that take my time but don't cost anything, so all the proceeds go to the foundation."

For a moment, however, consider Smith's temptations. As the 49ers' quarterback, he automatically is San Francisco's most eligible bachelor.

Joe Montana filled that role quietly until he met his wife on the set of a Noxzema commercial. Steve Young also was a low-key bachelor, as was Jeff Garcia until he started dating a Playboy model.

Smith is fully aware of those opportunities and strives to be just as careful and discrete in that area as he is with his endorsements.

"I play football because I'm an extremely competitive person and football fulfills that thrill for me," he said. "I don't do it for attention. I don't do it for girls, although that part of it is nice and that's definitely one of the benefits."

"I play for my teammates, my family and myself, and I'm trying to prove to everyone that I deserved that pick, that I'm going to go down alongside the greats of the position with the Niners."

Smith has the money, the time, the youth and the looks to be a major social player. It's not what he wants.

And so Smith chooses — ever so carefully — the identity, scope and reach of his business and personal associations, attacking life's unlimited buffet table with the calculated, selective nature of a lactose-intolerant vegan.

By keeping that low profile, he knows he can maintain the as-normal-as-possible lifestyle of an everyday Joe, er, Alex.

Character counts

By John Crumacker, San Francisco Chronicle, May 27, 2007

In standard gray sweats and clickety-clack cleats, Nate Clements, the 49ers' 80 Million Dollar Man, looks indistinguishable from players of more modest means working out at team headquarters in Santa Clara. For that kind of money, he should hire someone to work out for him. Jerry Rice, maybe -- he's always in great shape. But no, the sweat on Clements' brow is from his own toil after a recent workout at his new place of employment.

For \$80 million, it is more than reasonable to wonder what kind of man, much less football player, the 49ers are getting for all those simoleons they are giving Clements to play cornerback. With the NFL's new personal conduct policy a leading topic of interest -- and concern -- around the league, the quality of a player's character has never been more important than it is now.

Rest assured, say those who know Clements best.

"You guys don't have a 'Pacman' Jones there -- not to throw stones," said a laughing Chris Conwell, one of Clements' best friends from their growing-up days in Shaker Heights, Ohio. "You guys got a class act, an honorable person. He's the most humble person there is."

That theme is repeated in interviews with people from Clements' past and present: This is a solid citizen, a stand-up guy.

"We pay attention to that," said Scot McCloughan, the 49ers' vice president of player personnel. "If you're going to invest that much money, you want a high-caliber person off the field as well."

And he can play a little man coverage, too. Against Indianapolis in the second game of his NFL career in 2001, Clements intercepted Peyton Manning and returned the pick 48 yards for a touchdown. In 2006, he limited Manning's favorite receiver, Marvin Harrison, to two receptions for 21 yards.

Because of who he is and how he plays one of the four most important positions in football (along with quarterback, left tackle and outside pass rusher), the 49ers wasted, oh, perhaps 45 seconds before getting a deal done with the 27-year-old Clements and his agent, Todd France.

That was at the start of the free agency period "12:01 a.m., Eastern time" on March 2, McCloughan said, chuckling. In no time at all, Clements was a 49er after six distinguished seasons as a Buffalo Bill.

"We signed him on the third," McCloughan said. "We flew him in, he did his physical, he passed his physical, he met with the coaches. It was a pretty quick deal. What helped us out is he knew we were interested, we were an up-and-coming team and he liked the fact our head coach (Mike Nolan) was a defensive coach. That played into it."

McCloughan said the 49ers tried to acquire Clements last year before the trading deadline on Oct. 17. The discussions provided the basis for that splashy deal in March at the start of free agency. As McCloughan noted, "We had the work invested. That got the ball rolling."

Now, all Clements has to do is live up to the impossible standards of being an \$80 million man. He'll need to make every tackle, break up every pass, return every interception for a touchdown, address the media like James Earl Jones and serve meals to the needy at Glide Memorial on Thanksgiving.

That's all.

"I actually enjoy pressure, especially at my position, one-on-one, on the island," Clements said. "I just play like I can play. I see the dollars being a reward. I've been rewarded for my hard work. I feel blessed to be able to do something I love. A lot of people go to work angry every day. I'm just blessed."

Ability -- and durability

In Clements, the 49ers are getting a man with rare cornerback size (6-feet, 215 pounds) who has played in all 96 games of his NFL career, starting 91. Along with the durability all teams look for in a player ("Can't make the club in the tub" is the opposite refrain), Clements makes things happen when he's on the field.

In those 96 games over six seasons in Buffalo, he broke up 75 passes, made 23 interceptions, returned five interceptions for touchdowns, returned two punts for touchdowns, forced 13 fumbles, recovered five fumbles and had 1 1/2 sacks. Punching the calculator, that adds up to a minimum of 124 1/2 positive things created by Clements.

"It's based on my work ethic," he said. "You can't expect to show up and make things happen. You have to put in the work, film study, and those things. It sounds simple, but it's not. I put in the work so when game day comes I'm ready."

For that he can thank his parents, Nate Sr. and Emma, of the Cleveland suburb of Shaker Heights. Dad was an electrician and fireman; Mom worked for a shipping company. Working folks begat a hard-working son.

"We went over that, from Pee Wee on up," Nate Sr. said. "We expressed the character issues. In college and pros, I said if you keep playing good football and have good character, it's going to become even more valuable down the road because you are an outstanding player. When they look at your character, you're going to be a jewel."

Significant people in Clements' life all vouch for his character, perhaps none more so than Conwell. Growing up together, neither had many coins jangling in his pocket. Conwell recalled how they used to cadge quarters in order to buy gallons of fruit punch, generic fruit punch at that, after football practice.

"To us, that was the greatest thing," Conwell said.

Conwell, a salesman for a medical supply company in Columbus, Ohio, said Clements is the same person now that he was then -- even though he could buy the company that made the fruit punch.

"He's real laid-back. Quiet to those who don't know him," Conwell said. "He's a comedian to people who do know him. He's not a prankster. But don't you mess up in front of him or we'll all laugh at it when we get together."

Humble roots

While some of Clements' contemporaries favor hubris over humility, the player's father would have none of it. Nate Sr., who boxed in the military and fought fires in Cleveland, kept his namesake grounded in the bedrock values of hard work, discipline and respect. It may read as boring, but man oh man, did it pay off on March 3.

"He kept me in line," Nate Jr. said. "If I achieved a goal, there was another one to get. He kept me motivated, kept me hungry. There was always another level to be reached. I definitely appreciated it. I let them know that I definitely cherish my parents and what they've done for me and the sacrifices they made for me."

Nate Sr. said he spoke to his son about the importance of showing up on ESPN for all the right reasons -- his superb play -- and not for something like a fracas at a nightclub.

"That's very important," said the elder Clements, now retired from the Cleveland Fire Department. "As a parent, you've got wisdom. You're supposed to pass it on. I expressed to him to set your goals and work hard. Don't think you're 'The Man' and get a big head."

This, despite Nate Jr. having the right to consider himself The Man among elite cornerbacks in the NFL. After all, the 49ers signed him to the richest contract ever for a defensive player, even though the \$80-million figure batted about like a beach ball is part fantasy (for one thing, the last two years of the eight-year deal void after six seasons).

Marriage, housing -- and golf

Twenty-two million dollars in guaranteed money is very real, however, and enabled Clements to get over the sticker shock of Bay Area housing prices and purchase a home in the Silver Creek area of San Jose.

It was a timely buy for a man now married all of one day. Clements was scheduled to marry his fiancée, Melissa Duncan, on Saturday in Houston, where he makes his offseason home.

"I could get three or four houses (in Houston) for the price that I paid for mine," he said. "The housing here is four times higher. You really don't get the square footage for what you pay. I had trouble wrapping my mind around it."

Clements scored big in the "Aww ..." department when he revealed that Melissa was the first girl he ever kissed, back in their kindergarten days in Shaker Heights.

"Every time I tell this story, she tells it the other way around," Clements said. "We've known each other since kindergarten. She was the first girl I kissed. I think she kissed me. She tells it the other way around."

In the Bay Area, unlike Buffalo, Clements will be able to indulge his keen interest in golf anytime he wants. He is no weekend duffer.

"I can play here and my game can elevate," Clements said. "After I'm done playing football, I want to turn pro in golf. If I dedicate my time in golf like I do in football, I can definitely make it."

France, Clement's agent, said his client is not far from being a scratch golfer. As for the player's own account of his game ...

"I have my days," he said.

The 49ers are paying him to hit wide receivers, though, not dimpled balls. In that regard, they are counting on Clements to shore up a pass defense that ranked 26th in the league in 2006 and allowed quarterbacks to complete more than 61 percent of their passes, a middling figure in the NFL.

Never quit on a play

Specifically, Clements was coveted for his ability to cover such marquee receivers the 49ers face in the NFC West as Anquan Boldin and Larry Fitzgerald of Arizona and Torry Holt of St. Louis. Clements likes a challenge above all else.

"No. 1, it's his competitive edge. He's a tremendous competitor," said John Tenuta, Clements' position coach at Ohio State and now defensive coordinator at Georgia Tech. "That's the thing that puts him above a lot of guys. He has great speed, he has great technique, great vision, excellent hands. He had all those things instinctively, and it was easy to coach him on the little things."

Tenuta said Clements never quit on a play, whether the ball was coming his way or not.

"I don't think the money will change the way he plays," Tenuta said. "I think it's due to his upbringing, his hard work and his competitive edge. He wants to prove he's the best guy in the NFL."

Clements proved his worth in three years at Ohio State. He played in 36 games, started 24, made seven interceptions and averaged 12.0 yards per punt return. In Columbus, Clements learned from fellow cornerbacks Ahmed Plummer and Antoine Winfield and surpassed them in the NFL.

Reporters who covered Clements in Buffalo said he was a go-to guy in the locker room after games, even on the occasion of a rare bad showing. One writer recalled Clements getting torched in a Dec. 4, 2005 game against Miami in which Dolphins wide receiver Chris Chambers had 15 receptions for 238 yards in a 24-23 victory.

Clements made himself available for interviews afterward, thereby earning entry into the Good Guys Hall of Fame among those who scribble for a living.

Making things happen

Before he matriculated to Ohio State, Clements played for coach David Sedmak at Shaker Heights High. The coach saw the player improve in four seasons as he played wherever he was needed most -- cornerback, wide receiver and, in a pinch, quarterback.

"He was a terrific player," said Sedmak, now coaching at Mason High School in Ohio, halfway between Dayton and Cincinnati. "When he was in ninth grade, you knew he was a pretty decent football player. But I don't think anyone would have predicted he'd turn out the way he did. The thing is, he kept getting better every year."

When he was a senior, Sedmak used Clements some at quarterback in a double slot formation that looked like a run-and-shoot but was heavy on the run. Guess who did the running?

"We didn't have a real quarterback to depend on," Sedmak said. "The traditional thing was to go to your best athlete and make him the quarterback. Nate scored quite a few touchdowns running the ball. Nate wasn't a one-man show, but certainly he was terrific."

In addition to sterling reports as to the quality of his character, Clements is not above a little japery, either. France, his agent, related how Clements called him several times to talk about the boxing workouts he'd been doing to sharpen his hand speed and footwork. And then ...

"It culminates with him calling the office," France said. "I answer the phone and he says, 'I've got a bout. They're paying me \$3,500 and I'm going to have a fight.' This is in February, before free agency. I'm like dead silent. I'm trying to subtly go at him -- 'No, it's not a good idea.' All of a sudden he bursts out laughing. He'd been setting me up for weeks, with the patience to do that. I said, 'You give me a heart attack' and hung up."

Cornerbacks have been known to set up quarterbacks as well, baiting them into thinking it's zone coverage and then stepping up into man-to-man for an interception.

History shows Clements makes such things happen on the football field. Just as important is what does not happen when he's off the field. That's a combination the 49ers found irresistible.