

NFL STAFF PICKS



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NFC EAST	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia
NFC WEST	St. Louis	St. Louis	Seattle	St. Louis
NFC SOUTH	Carolina	Atlanta	Atlanta	Carolina
NFC WILDCARDS	Atlanta	New Orleans	Carolina	Detroit
	Detroit	Dallas	Arizona	Dallas
NFC CHAMPION	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	Philadelphia	St. Louis
AFC NORTH	Pittsburgh	Baltimore	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh
AFC EAST	New England	Buffalo	New England	New England
AFC WEST	San Diego	San Diego	San Diego	Kansas City
AFC SOUTH	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Indianapolis
AFC WILDCARDS	Baltimore	New England	Buffalo	Baltimore
	N.Y. Jets	Denver	Jacksonville	N.Y. Jets
AFC CHAMPION	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Pittsburgh	Indianapolis
NFL CHAMPION	Indianapolis	Indianapolis	Philadelphia	St. Louis
NFL MVP	P. Manning	P. Manning	D. Culpepper	L. Tomlinson
OFFENSIVE ROOKIE	M. Clayton	R. Brown	J.J. Arrington	C. Williams
DEFENSIVE ROOKIE	A. Rolle	A. Rolle	D. Johnson	D. Johnson
COACH OF THE YEAR	Tony Dungy	Jim Haslett	Dennis Green	Mike Martz

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around the SEC than it was the other league I was in a couple of years," Spurrier said of his two losing seasons as Washington Redskins coach.

The Gamecocks probably aren't ready to contend, but Spurrier makes them a whole lot more interesting. Especially when the Gators come to town Nov. 12.

Notre Dame has been more interesting than good in recent years. Charlie Weis was hired to change that. The former New England Patriots offensive coordinator brings three Super Bowl rings but no head coaching experience to Notre Dame, which hasn't won a national title since 1988. The Fighting Irish haven't even won a bowl game since 1994.

Patience has grown thin at Notre Dame, as Tyrone Willingham can attest. He was ousted by the Irish just three years into a five-year

contract. Willingham quickly was scooped up by Washington, where he's charged with rebuilding a program that once was the jewel of the Pac-10.

Among the other notable new coaches, Ron Zook, banished from Florida, takes over at Illinois. Les Miles walks into a virtual gold mine at LSU, replacing Nick Saban after he bolted to the Miami Dolphins. Former Dolphins coach Dave Wannstedt returns to his alma mater as Pittsburgh coach, a job vacated by Walt Harris, whose Northern California roots led him to Stanford.

Instant replay took root last season in the Big Ten, which became the first conference to use video to review officials' calls.

This season, replay goes national with all but two conferences — the Sun Belt and the Western Athletic Conference — planning to use some type of review system.

"We're walking on uncharted waters," SEC coordinator

of officials Bobby Gaston said, "so subsequently we don't know totally what to expect, although we did practice this equipment at the Kentucky spring game and we found, amazingly so, that we will be able to review far more players and plays than we thought we could."

The WAC and Sun Belt are among the conferences with revised rosters in 2005, as the shuffling that started with the ACC's raid of the Big East finally comes to an end. Boston College becomes the third Big East defector, along with Miami and Virginia Tech, to join the ACC, which has split into two six-team divisions and will play a championship game for the first time.

The Big East rebuilds with Cincinnati, South Florida and Louisville moving over from Conference USA. The Cardinals, coming off an 11-1 season, enter the league as prohibitive favorites to win the title and earn the conference's BCS bid.

NFC LEADERS

	Final 2004 Season				
	QUARTERBACKS				
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Culpepper, Min.	548	379	4717	39	11
McNabb, Phi.	469	300	3875	31	8
Griese, TB.	336	233	2632	20	12
Bulger, St.L.	485	321	3964	21	14
Favre, G.B.	540	346	4088	30	17
Delhomme, Car.	533	310	3886	29	15
Warner, NY-G	277	174	2054	6	4
Hasselbeck, Sea.	474	279	3382	22	15
Brooks, N.O.	542	309	3810	21	16
Rattay, S.F.	325	198	2169	10	10

	Final 2004 Season				
	RUSHERS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Alexander, Sea.	353	1696	4.8	44	16
Barber, NY-G	322	1518	4.7	72	13
Portis, Was.	343	1315	3.8	64	5
Green, G.B.	259	1163	4.5	90	7
JONES, DET.	241	1133	4.7	74	5
Dunn, Atl.	265	1106	4.2	60	9
McAllister, N.O.	269	1074	4.0	71	9
T. Jones, Chi.	240	948	4.0	54	7
E. Smith, Ariz	267	937	3.5	29	9
Pittman, T.B.	219	926	4.2	78	7

	Final 2004 Season				
	RECEIVERS				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Horn, N.O.	94	1399	14.9	57	11
Holt, St.L.	94	1372	14.6	75	10
Muhammad, Car.	93	1405	15.1	51	16
Coles, Was.	90	950	10.6	45	1
Walker, G.B.	89	1322	15.5	79	12
Bruce, St.L.	89	1292	14.5	56	6
Jackson, Sea.	87	1199	13.8	56	7
Witten, Dal.	87	980	11.3	42	6
Driver, G.B.	84	1208	14.4	50	9
E. Johnson, S.F.	82	825	10.1	25	2

	Final 2004 Season				
	TOUCHDOWNS				
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ref	Pts
Alexander, Sea.	20	16	4	0	120
Muhammad, Car.	16	0	16	0	96
Barber, NY-G	15	13	2	0	90
Owens, Phi.	14	0	14	0	84
Moss, Min.	13	0	13	0	78
Walker, G.B.	12	0	12	0	72
Horn, N.O.	11	0	11	0	68
Burleson, Min.	10	0	9	1	62
Holt, St.L.	10	0	10	0	60
Pittman, T.B.	10	7	3	0	60

	Final 2004 Season				
	KICKING				
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts	
Akers, Phi.	41-42	27-32	51	122	
Longwell, G.B.	48-48	24-28	53	120	
J. Brown, Sea.	40-40	23-25	54	109	
Carney, N.O.	38-38	22-27	53	104	
HANSON, DET.	28-28	24-28	48	100	
Andersen, Min.	45-45	18-22	48	99	
Christie, NY-G	33-33	22-28	53	99	
Feely, Atl.	40-40	18-23	47	94	
Rackers, Ariz	28-28	22-29	55	94	
Cundiff, Dal.	31-31	20-26	49	91	

	Final 2004 Season				
	PUNTERS				
	No	Yds	LG	Avg	
Tupa, Was.	103	4544	61	44.1	
Sauerbrun, Car.	76	3351	65	44.1	
Berger, N.O.	85	3704	63	43.6	
Landeta, St.L.	40	1733	63	43.3	
Player, Ariz	98	4230	57	43.2	
Maynard, Chi.	108	4638	58	42.9	
McBriar, Dal.	75	3182	68	42.4	
Bidwell, T.B.	82	3472	60	42.3	

	Final 2004 Season				
	PUNT RETURNERS				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
DRUMMOND, DET.	24	316	13.2	83	2
Rossum, Atl.	37	457	12.4	75	1
Lewis, N.O.	34	382	11.2	53	0
McQuarters, Chi.	44	435	9.9	75	1
Frazier, Dal.	24	229	9.5	55	0
Battle, S.F.	31	266	8.6	71	1
Burleson, Min.	25	214	8.6	91	1
Chatman, G.B.	32	245	7.7	28	0
Galloway, T.B.	20	142	7.1	59	1

	Final 2004 Season				
	KICKOFF RETURNERS				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Ponder, NY-G	36	967	26.9	91	1
DRUMMOND, DET.	41	1092	26.6	99	2
Cox, TB.	33	866	26.2	59	0
Ferguson, G.B.	21	526	25.0	71	0
Robertson, S.F.-Car.	31	740	23.9	49	0
Lewis, N.O.	51	1215	23.8	96	1
Lee, Dal.	41	964	23.5	62	0
Broussard, Car.	24	555	23.1	49	0
Reed, Phi.	33	761	23.1	66	0

AFC LEADERS

	Final 2004 Season				
	QUARTERBACKS				
	Att	Com	Yds	TD	Int
Manning, Ind.	497	336	4557	49	10
Brees, S.D.	400	262	3159	27	7
Roethlisberger, Pit.	295	196	2621	17	11
Green, K.C.	556	369	4591	27	17
Brady, N.E.	474	288	3692	28	14
Pennington, NY-J	370	242	2673	16	9
Volek, Ten.	357	218	2486	18	10
Plummer, Den.	521	303	4089	27	20
Carr, Hou.	466	285	3531	16	14
Leftwich, Jac.	441	267	2941	15	10

	Final 2004 Season				
	RUSHERS				
	Att	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Martin, NY-J	371	1697	4.6	25	12
Dillon, N.E.	345	1635	4.7	44	12
James, Ind.	334	1548	4.6	40	9
R. Johnson, Cin.	361	1454	4.0	52	12
Tomlinson, S.D.	339	1335	3.9	42	17
Droughins, Den.	275	1240	4.5	51	6
Taylor, Jac.	260	1224	4.7	46	2
Davis, Hou.	302	1188	3.9	44	13
McGahee, Buf.	284	1128	4.0	41	13
Brown, Ten.	220	1067	4.9	52	6

	Final 2004 Season				
	RECEIVERS				
	No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD
Gonzalez, K.C.	102	1258	12.3	32	7
Mason, Ten.	96	1168	12.2	37	7
C. Johnson, Cin.	95	1274	13.4	53	9
Moulds, Buf.	88	1043	11.9	49	5
Harrison, Ind.	86	1113	12.9	59	15
Gates, S.D.	81	964	11.9	72	13
Bennett, Ten.	80	1247	15.6	48	11
Ward, Pit.	80	1004	12.6	58	4
Smith, Den.	79	1144	14.5	85	7
Johnson, Hou.	79	1142	14.5	54	6

	Final 2004 Season				
	TOUCHDOWNS				
	TD	Rush	Rec	Ref	Pts
Tomlinson, S.D.	18	17	1	0	108
Harrison, Ind.	15	0	15	0	90
Holmes, K.C.	15	14	1	0	90
Davis, Hou.	14	13	1	0	84
Martin, NY-J	14	12	2	0	84
Dillon, N.E.	13	12	1	0	80
Bettis, Pit.	13	13	0	0	78
Gates, S.D.	13	0	13	0	78
McGahee, Buf.	13	13	0	0	78
R. Johnson, Cin.	12	12	0	0	72
Wayne, Ind.	12	0	12	0	72

	Final 2004 Season				
	KICKING				
	PAT	FG	LG	Pts	
Vinatieri, N.E.	48-48	31-33	48	141	
Elam, Den.	42-42	29-34	52	129	
Reed, Pit.	40-40	28-33	51	124	
Graham, Cin.	41-41	27-31	53	122	
Vanderjagt, Ind.	59-60	20-25	47	119	
Lindell, Buf.	45-45	24-28	43	117	
Stover, Bal.	30-30	29-32	50	117	
Kaeding, S.D.	54-55	20-25	53	114	
Tynes, K.C.	58-60	17-23	50	109	
Janikowski, Oak.	31-32	25-28	52	106	

	Final 2004 Season				
	PUNTERS				
	No	Yds	LG	Avg	
Lechler, Oak.	73	3409	67	46.7	
Smith, Ind.	54	2443	62	45.2	
Maorman, Buf.	77	3325	80	43.2	