

2007 NEW YORK JETS

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NEW YORK JETS (1-1) at NEW YORK GIANTS (1-1)

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Headlines & Highlights

- The Jets and Giants meet for the 39th consecutive pre-season in a series that dates back to 1969.
- Kellen Clemens leads all NFL quarterbacks with four preseason touchdown passes.
- Jets looking for 11th consecutive non-losing preseason (1997-2006).
- Justin McCareins leads the team with 101 receiving yards in preseason, including a team-long 42-yard catch.

Broadcast Coverage

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Pronunciation Guide

PLAYERS

Darrell Adams (Duh-RELL)
 Marco Cavka (Chaf-ka)
 Laveranues Coles (Luh-ver-NEE-iss)
 Joe Kowalewski (Co-wah-LES-ki)
 Iiro Luoto (EAR-oh LOO-oh-toe)
 Jason Pociask (POE-zee-ack)
 Sione Pouha (See-OWN-nee) (BO-oo-ha)
 Darrelle Revis (Duh-RELL) (REE-vis)
 Chansi Stuckey (CHANCE-ee)
 Jason Trusnik (TRUHZ-nick)
 Marques Tuiasosopo (Too-EE-ah-sah-SO-po)
 Kimo von Oelhoffen (KEE-mo) (vohn-OLL-hahf-in)

COACHES

Brian Daboll (DAY-bowl)
 Ben Kotwica (Kot-WEE-kah)
 Noel Mazzone (Mah-ZONE-ee)

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Series Notes

- **Preseason Meeting:** 39th
- **Preseason:** Jets lead, 19-18-1.
- **Last Preseason Meeting:** Giants 13, Jets 7, August 25, 2006, The Meadowlands.
- **First Preseason Meeting:** Jets 37, Giants 14, August 17, 1969, New Haven, CT.
- **Regular Season:** Giants lead, 6-4.
- **Last Meeting:** Giants 31, Jets 28 (OT), November 2, 2003, The Meadowlands.
- **First Meeting:** Giants 22, Jets 10, November 1, 1970, Shea Stadium.



Schedule & Results

Preseason (1-1)

8/10	Atlanta	W, 31-16	1-0
8/17	Minnesota	L, 20-37	1-1
8/25	@NY Giants	8 p.m.	NBC
8/30	@Philadelphia	7:30 p.m.	CBS

Regular Season (0-0)

9/9	New England	1 p.m.	CBS
9/16	@Baltimore	4:15 p.m.	CBS
9/23	Miami	1 p.m.	CBS
9/30	@Buffalo	1 p.m.	CBS
10/7	@NY Giants	1 p.m.	CBS
10/14	Philadelphia	1 p.m.	FOX
10/21	@Cincinnati	4:05 p.m.	CBS
10/28	Buffalo	4:05 p.m.	CBS
11/4	Washington	1 p.m.	FOX
11/11	Bye		
11/18	Pittsburgh	1 p.m.*	CBS
11/22	@Dallas	4:15 p.m.*	CBS
12/2	@Miami	1 p.m.*	CBS
12/9	Cleveland	4:15 p.m.*	CBS
12/16	@New England	1 p.m.*	CBS
12/23	@Tennessee	4:15 p.m.*	CBS
12/30	Kansas City	8:15 p.m.*	NBC

Home games in bold

*-subject to flex schedule

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Game Notes



CLEMENS TOPS IN TOUCHDOWNS

Second-year quarterback **Kellen Clemens** has thrown four touchdown passes in two preseason games to lead the NFL. Against Atlanta, Clemens completed 16-of-22 passes for 174 yards and three touchdowns, earning a 135.2 passer rating. He was the first Jets quarterback to throw three touchdown passes since **Ray Lucas** threw three against the Giants, August 18, 2000.

A LOOK AT THE LEADERS

Tight end **Sean Ryan**, who had six catches all of last season, leads the Jets in receiving in the preseason with eight catches for 63 yards and two touchdowns. Both touchdowns came vs. Atlanta. Ryan is the first Jet to score multiple touchdowns in a preseason game since **LaMont Jordan** scored twice vs. the Ravens, August 15, 2002. Undrafted rookie **Danny Ware** leads the team with 93 yards rushing and 23 carries in two preseason games. The free agent running back from Georgia had a Jets preseason-long 26-yard run vs. Atlanta.

RUN, WASHINGTON, RUN

Running back **Leon Washington** led the Jets in rushing vs. Minnesota with 52 yards on 11 carries (4.7 avg.). Against Atlanta, Washington produced the Jets second-longest run of the night, a 25-yarder on third-and-18 that kept the Jets scoring drive alive. For the second consecutive preseason, Washington recorded a kickoff return of more than 80 yards. He took a kick back 86 yards in the opening preseason game to the eight-yard line, setting up a **Thomas Jones'** one-yard touchdown run. In 2006, he returned a second-quarter kickoff 87 yards for a touchdown in the preseason game against the Redskins.

MR. JONES

Running back **Thomas Jones** made his debut in a Jets uniform against Atlanta, rushing eight times for 27 yards and a one-yard touchdown. Jones did not play vs. Minnesota with a lower-leg injury. Jones has 5,384 career rushing yards, including 2,545 in the last two seasons. In the AFC, only **Larry Johnson** (3,539), **LaDanian Tomlinson** (3,277), **Rudi Johnson** (2,767) and **Willie Parker** (2,696) have amassed more yards over the past two seasons.

COMEBACK STORIES

Linebacker **Andre Wadsworth** and defensive end **Michael Haynes** are both attempting comebacks with the Jets in 2007.

- **Wadsworth**, the former No. 3 overall choice by the Cardinals in the 1998 Draft, has returned to the field after six full seasons away and a successful life off the field. He owns six high-end car dealerships and co-founded the Desert Life Church in Scottsdale, AZ. He had two tackles in limited action vs. Atlanta but did not record any tackles vs. Minnesota.
- **Haynes**, the former 14th overall pick by the Bears in 2003, played in 43 games in three seasons in Chicago, last appearing in 11 games in 2005. He had a batted ball that led to **Drew Coleman's** interception vs. Atlanta.

SEE YOU IN OCTOBER

The Jets next two preseason opponents are also on the team's regular season schedule. The Jets will face the Giants and Eagles, again in consecutive weeks, on Oct. 7 at the Giants and Oct. 14 vs. the Eagles. The 2007 preseason marks the seventh straight year that the Jets will play the Giants and Eagles in consecutive weeks to finish the preseason. The last time the Jets faced two preseason opponents in the regular season was also the Giants and Eagles, in 2003, when the Jets defeated both teams in the preseason but were defeated by both in the regular season.

PRESEASON ROUTINE

Tradition isn't a word often associated with the preseason, but since 2001, the Jets final two preseason contests have been games against the Giants and the Eagles. The Giants and Eagles have been the Jets most common opponents in the preseason, followed by the Titans/Oilers franchise, the Patriots and Bills, though the Jets have not faced either the Bills or Patriots in the preseason since the early 1970s.

Preseason Opponent	Games	W-L vs.	Last Matchup
Giants	38	19-18-1	2006
Eagles	28	17-11	2006
Titans/Oilers	14	6-8	1996
Patriots	12	10-2	1971
Bills	10	4-6	1970



Game Notes



STATISTICAL SNAPSHOT - 2006 REGULAR SEASON

	Jets Offense		Giants Offense	
	Avg	Rank	Avg	Rank
Total Yards Per Game	305.7	25	325.9	14
Rushing Yards Per Game	108.6	20	134.8	7
Rushing Yards Per Attempt	3.5	30	4.7	6
Passing Net Yards Per Game	197.1	17	191.1	19
Sacks	34	16	25	T6
Sacks per Pass Play	7.0%	19	4.8%	6
Third Down Efficiency	43.8	4	37.9	16
Points Per Game	19.8	18	22.2	11

	Jets Defense		Giants Defense	
	Avg	Rank	Avg	Rank
Total Yards Per Game	331.6	20	342.4	25
Rushing Yards Per Game	130.2	24	114.4	14
Rushing yards Per Attempt	4.6	T26	4.0	13
Passing Net Yards Per Game	201.4	14	228.1	28
Sacks	35	T15	32	T23
Sacks per Pass Play	6.6%	20	5.6	26
Third Down Efficiency	36.5	10	42.9	24
Points Per Game	18.4	6	22.6	24

PRESEASON NO INDICATOR

In the Jets 12 playoff seasons, the team has posted winning preseason records on five occasions. The team has produced a .500 record three times and had a losing preseason mark four times.

Year	Preseason Record	Season Record	Postseason Result
1968	3-2	11-3	Super Bowl Champions
1969	3-3	10-4	AFL Championship
1981	3-1	10-5-1	AFC Wild Card
1982	1-3	6-3	AFC Championship
1985	1-3	11-5	AFC Wild Card
1986	2-2	10-6	AFC Divisional Playoff
1991	1-3	8-8	AFC Wild Card
1998	3-1	12-4	AFC Championship
2001	2-2	10-6	AFC Wild Card
2002	4-0	9-7	AFC Divisional Playoff
2004	3-1	10-6	AFC Divisional Playoff
2006	2-2	10-6	AFC Wild Card

LOOKING BACK AT THE 2006 PRESEASON

The Jets were 2-2 in **Eric Mangini's** first preseason. In last year's Giants game, the Jets did not record an offensive touchdown in a 13-7 loss, reaching the end zone only on a 26-yard return of a blocked punt by Darrell McClover. **Chad Pennington** completed 11-of-20 passes for 125 yards and an interception, while **Erik Coleman** had an interception on defense.

2006 Preseason Results

Date		Opponent	Score
8/11	L	at Tampa Bay	3-16
8/19	W	at Washington	27-14
8/25	L	N.Y. Giants	7-13
9/1	W	Philadelphia	20-17

ONE WIN AWAY FROM 11

The Jets have not had a losing preseason since 1996 (1-3), the year prior to both Mike Tannenbaum's arrival and Eric Mangini's first stint with the team. Since that time, the Jets have produced seven winning preseasons, including 4-0 records in 1997 and 2002, and three preseasons with a .500 mark. In Mangini's first season as head coach, the Jets earned a 2-2 record.

Year	Preseason Record	Season Record	Postseason Result
1997	4-0	9-7	
1998	3-1	12-4	AFC Championship
1999	3-1	8-8	
2000	2-2	9-7	
2001	2-2	10-6	AFC Wild Card
2002	4-0	9-7	AFC Divisional Playoff
2003	3-2	6-10	
2004	3-1	10-6	AFC Divisional Playoff
2005	3-1	4-12	
2006	2-2	10-6	AFC Wild Card

2006 QUICK HITS

- **Head Coach Eric Mangini:** Earned AFC Coach of the Year from the Kansas City Committee of 101 and his 10-6 record tied him with the Saints' Sean Payton, the NFC Coach of the Year, for the best record among first-year head coaches in 2006.
- **QB Chad Pennington** (313 completions – 485 attempts, 3,352 yards, 16 INT, 17 TD, 82.6 rating): Earned The Associated Press Comeback Player of the Year and started all 16 regular season games for the first time in his career. The Jets



Game Notes



have qualified for the playoffs in each year he has started a minimum of 12 games (2002, 2004, 2006).

- **WR Laveranues Coles** (91 catches-1,098 yards - 6 TD) and **WR Jerricho Cotchery** (82 catches-961 yards-6 TD): Set a Jets record with 173 combined receptions with each player establishing a single-season career high in receptions. For Coles, 2006 marked his third career 1,000-yard season and the second-highest reception total in Jets history (**Al Toon** – 93 catches in 1988). For Cotchery, he more than tripled his career total in receptions after gathering a combined total of 25 receptions in his first two seasons.
- **K Mike Nugent**: Converted 18 consecutive field goals to end the season, including 23-of-his-last-24. He finished the regular season 24-of-27 (88.5 percent, the best in franchise history) with 106 points. Also made all three of his field goals in the Wild Card game at New England.
- **S Kerry Rhodes**: Recorded five sacks, the most by a Jets' defensive back in a single season. His first three sacks resulted in forced fumbles and subsequent Jet recoveries, including a 32-yard return for a TD by **Victor Hobson** at Buffalo (9/24).
- **LB Jonathan Vilma**: Recorded a team-high 116 tackles, his third season with more than 100 tackles. Vilma was the first Jets linebacker since **Kyle Clifton** (1984-86) to record more than 100 tackles in each of his first three NFL seasons.
- **KR Justin Miller**: Led the NFL with a kickoff return average of 28.3 yards on 46 returns for 1,304 yards and two TD to earn his first Pro Bowl selection. He is the first Jets special teams player to earn a trip to Hawaii since punter **Tom Tupa** in 1999.
- **LT D'Brickashaw Ferguson** and **C Nick Mangold**: The Jets two first round draft picks in 2006 (Ferguson - 4th; Mangold - 29th) each started all 16 games of the regular season, as well as the team's postseason contest, and were each named to multiple NFL All-Rookie teams. Ferguson was the first rookie left tackle to start every game of the regular season for the Jets since **Chris Ward**, also a first-round draft pick, in 1978. Mangold was the first center in Jets history to start

every game in his rookie season.

- **RB Leon Washington**: A fourth-round choice in 2006, Washington led the Jets in rushing with 650 yards and notched 25 receptions for 270 yards. He became the first rookie to lead the Jets in rushing since **Blair Thomas** (620 yards) in 1990, and posted the fourth-highest rookie totals in team history for both rushing yards and total yards from scrimmage.

Year	Player	Total Yds	Rush	Rec
1964	Matt Snell	1,341	948	393
1976	Clark Gaines	1,124	724	400
1971	John Riggins	1,000	769	231
2006	Leon Washington	920	650	270

- **Rookie Contributions**: In 2006, the Jets rookies earned 47 starts, the highest total among playoff teams and the fifth-highest total in the NFL. Rookies who started (number of games in parenthesis): **LT D'Brickashaw Ferguson** (16), **C Nick Mangold** (16), **RB Leon Washington** (8), **CB**

2007 SCHEDULE NOTES

Drew Coleman (4) and **QB Brad Smith** (3).

The Jets are tied for the fifth-toughest schedule for 2007 based on the 2006 record of their opponents (132-124, .516). The schedule features four games against division winners (New England (2), at Baltimore, Philadelphia) and seven games against 2006 playoff teams (New England (2), at Baltimore, at Giants, Philadelphia, at Dallas, Kansas City), including four of the first six out of the gate.

2007 Regular Season Schedule

Date	Opponent	2006 Record
9/9	New England	12-4
9/16	@Baltimore	13-3
9/23	Miami	6-10
9/30	@Buffalo	7-9
10/7	@NY Giants	8-8
10/14	Philadelphia	10-6
10/21	@Cincinnati	8-8
10/28	Buffalo	7-9
11/4	Washington	5-11
11/18	Pittsburgh	8-8
11/22	@Dallas	9-7
12/2	@Miami	6-10
12/9	Cleveland	4-12
12/16	@New England	12-4
12/23	@Tennessee	8-8
12/30	Kansas City	9-7

Record of home opponents: **61-67 (.477)**

Record of road opponents: **71-57 (.555)**

Total record, 2007 opponents: **(132-124, .516 - T5 in NFL)**



Connections



JETS - GIANTS

- **Jets** offensive lineman **Na'Shan Goddard** was a member of the **Giants** in 2006 before signing with the **Jets**.
- **Giants** secondary/cornerbacks coach **Peter Giunta** was the **Jets** defensive backs coach from 1995-96.
- **Giants** secondary/safeties coach **David Marritt** was the assistant linebackers coach for the **Jets** from 2001-2003.
- **Markus Paul** was the director of physical development (2005) and the strength and conditioning coach (2006) for the **Jets**.
- **Jets** linebackers coach **Jim Herrmann** and **Giants** linebackers coach **Bill Sheridan** were on the same staff at **Michigan** from 2002-2004.
- **Jets** quality control-defense/asst. special teams coach **Ben Kotwica** played linebacker at Army (1994-96) under **Giants** linebackers coach **Bill Sheridan** (Army linebackers coach, 1992-95) and **Jets** defensive coordinator **Bob Sutton** (Army head coach 1991-99).
- **Giants** offensive tackle **Kareem McKenzie** played for the **Jets** from 2001-04.
- **Giants** defensive tackle **Tui Alailefaleula** went to training camp with the **Jets** in 2006.
- **Giants** defensive tackle **Titus Adams** was originally a seventh-round draft pick by the **Jets** in 2006.
- **Giants** running back **Derrick Ward** was originally a seventh-round draft pick by the **Jets** in 2004.
- **Jets** wide receiver **Frisman Jackson** and **Giants** running back **Reuben Droughns** played together for the Cleveland Browns in 2005.
- **David Bowens** and **Sam Madison** played together for the Miami Dolphins from 2001-06.

HOMETOWNS

- **Jets** wide receiver **Frisman Jackson** and **Giants** wide receiver **Marco Thomas** are both from Chicago and both played at Western Illinois.
- **Jets** defensive tackle **Dewayne Robertson** and **Giants** defensive tackle **Marcus Bell** are both from Memphis, TN.
- **Jets** linebackers **Jonathan Vilma** and **Andre Wadsworth**, **Giants** defensive tackle **William Joseph** and wide receiver **Sinorice Moss** are from the Miami, FL, area.

COLLEGES

- **Jets** guard **Brandon Moore** and **Giants** offensive lineman **David Diehl** were college teammates at Illinois.
- **Jets** tight end **Sean Ryan** and **Giants** guard **Chris Snee** were college teammates at Boston College.
- **Jets** running back **Tony Hollings**, **Giants** safety **James Butler**, tight end **Michael Matthews** and linebacker **Gerris Wilkinson** were college teammates at Georgia Tech.
- **Jets** defensive tackle **Dewayne Robertson** and **Giants** quarterback **Jared Lorenzen** were college teammates at Kentucky.
- **Jets** defensive end **Mike DeVito** and **Giants** wide receiver **Kevin McMahan** were college teammates at Maine.
- **Jets** outside linebacker **Wade Smith**, **Giants** defensive tackle **Marcus Bell**, running back **Robert Douglas** and defensive back **Michael Stone** played together at Memphis.
- **Jets** linebacker **Jonathan Vilma**, **Giants** defensive tackle **William Joseph**, wide receiver **Sinorice Moss** and tight end **Jeremy Shockey** all played together at Miami (FL).
- **Jets** cornerback **Alphonso Hodge** and **Giants** outside linebacker **Todd Londot** played together at Miami (Ohio).
- **Jets** linebackers **Victor Hobson** and **David Harris** played at Michigan with **Giants** guard **Matthew Lentz**.
- **Jets** tight end **Chris Baker** played with **Giants** wide receiver **Plaxico Burress** at Michigan State.
- **Jets** wide receiver **Wallace Wright**, **Giants** defensive end **Tommy Davis** and defensive tackle **Jonas Seawright** played together at North Carolina.
- **Jets** linebackers **Brad Kassell** and **Cody Spencer** played together at North Texas with **Giants** defensive end **Adrian Awasom**.
- **Jets** kicker **Mike Nugent**, center **Nick Mangold**, linebacker **Anthony Schlegel**, guard **Adrien Clarke** and **Giants** kicker **Josh Huston** played together at Ohio State, where Huston backed up Nugent.
- **Jets** linebacker **David Bowens** and **Giants** guard **Rich Seubert** played together at Western Illinois.



Head Coaches



Jets Head Coach Eric Mangini 2nd year with the Jets

After he was named the 14th full-time head coach of the New York Jets on January 17, 2006, Eric Mangini led the Jets to a 10-6 record and a trip to the AFC Wild Card Game. Mangini's Jets used an innovative, multiple-formation offense that emphasized the strengths of quarterback Chad Pennington, who established career-highs while starting every game for the first time in his career. The defense morphed each week depending on the opponent. Mangini's efforts were recognized when he was named AFC Coach of the Year by the Kansas City Committee of 101.

Mangini is in his stint with the Jets, having previously served on Bill Parcells' staff from 1997-1999, where he worked primarily as the defensive assistant/quality control coach responsible for advance opponent film breakdowns and analysis. Between his stints with the Jets, Mangini spent six seasons with the New England Patriots under head coach Bill Belichick. He was the defensive backs' coach for five years before he was promoted to defensive coordinator for the 2005 season.

Mangini played nose tackle and earned four letters (1989-90, '92-93) at Wesleyan University in Middletown, CT. He began his NFL career as a ball-boy with the Cleveland Browns in 1994. He then moved into an intern position in the Browns' public relations department where his efforts were noticed by then-Cleveland head coach Belichick, who offered Mangini a position on his Browns' coaching staff in 1995. When the Browns relocated to Baltimore in 1996, Mangini moved with the franchise and joined Ted Marchibroda's staff.

Mangini was born on January 19, 1971, in Hartford, CT. He hosts a one-day Football Fundamentals mini-camp in Hartford each year giving athletes in grades 8-12 a chance to be taught by some of the NFL's top players and coaches. Proceeds from the camp benefit The Carmine and Frank Mangini (CFM) Foundation.

Giants Head Coach Tom Coughlin 4th year with the Giants

Coughlin was named the 16th head coach in Giants history on January 6, 2004. He coached the Giants to an 11-5 record and the NFC East title in 2005, and guided the club to the playoffs in 2006, his second and third seasons with the team. Coughlin previously spent eight years (1995-2002) with the Jacksonville Jaguars. Under Coughlin, the Jaguars had the most victories of any NFL expansion team in its first seven seasons. They were also the only expansion team in NFL history to advance to the playoffs four times in their first five seasons. Coughlin's team went 9-7 in 1996 and an NFL-best 14-2 in 1999, both times reaching the AFC Championship Game.

Coughlin previously coached the Philadelphia Eagles (1984-85), Green Bay Packers (1986-87), and Giants (1988-1990). He was a member of the Giants' Super Bowl XXV champion coaching staff and has a career record of 98-90 as a head coach in the NFL.

He served as the head coach at Boston College (1991-93), where he posted a 21-13-1 record, and coached at Syracuse (1969, 1974-1980), Rochester Institute of Technology 1970-73 (head coach), and Boston College (1981-83). He played wingback for Syracuse (1965-67), with Larry Csonka and Floyd Little. Coughlin received Syracuse's 1967 Orange Key Award as outstanding scholar athlete, and graduated with Bachelor's and Master's degrees.

He was born August 31, 1947, Waterloo, N.Y. Tom and his wife, Judy, have two daughters, Keli and Katie, two sons, Brian and Tim, a daughter-in-law, Andrea (Tim's wife), and two grandchildren, Emma Rose and Dylan.

QUOTING COACH MANGINI ON THE 2006 SEASON

"There were a lot of positive things. I can't stress enough the players' hard work. They worked extremely hard. They worked hard for a long time. I thought they supported each other well. I thought that they played really good team football. I thought that we made a lot of progress in terms of situational football, just the moving forward week to week. To me, that's what was most successful, is continuing to build on a weekly basis. That's what I was extremely happy with."



Overview



QUARTERBACKS (5), RETURNING STARTERS (1)

Chad Pennington (313 completions - 485 attempts, 3,352 yards, 16 INT, 17 TD, 82.6 rtg) set career highs for completions, pass attempts and passing yards and earned recognition as The Associated Press Comeback Player of the Year after starting all 16 regular season games for the first time of his career. Pennington has led the Jets to the playoffs in all three seasons (2002, 2004, 2006) in which he has started a minimum of 12 games. He completed seven-of-10 passes for 40 yards and two interceptions against Minnesota after not attempting a pass vs. Atlanta. Competing behind Pennington is **Kellen Clemens**, the team's 2006 second-round pick from Oregon. Clemens appeared in two games his rookie season, attempting one pass. He has thrown for 230 yards and an NFL-leading four touchdowns in two preseason games. Also contending is rookie free agent **Brett Ratliff**, who threw for 2,796 yards and 23 TD as the starter at Utah last season. **Brad Smith**, selected in the fourth round in 2006 from Missouri, has practiced at both quarterback and wide receiver. He is four-of-seven for 21 yards in two games. **Marques Tuiasosopo**, a free agent from the Raiders, played six seasons in Oakland, appearing in 11 contests and starting two. He has completed five-of-10 passes for 64 yards and a touchdown pass in two games.

RUNNING BACKS (7), RETURNING STARTERS (1)

Thomas Jones, acquired in March from the Bears in a swap of second-round picks, rushed for more than 1,200 yards in each of the past seasons ranking seventh in the NFL in rushing attempts and 10th in rushing yards during that period. Jones totalled 1,210 yards rushing and six touchdowns in 2006 as he helped lead the Bears to the Super Bowl, where he accumulated 112 yards on 15 carries. Jones scored a touchdown vs. Atlanta. Providing competition is **Leon Washington**, a 2006 fourth-round choice who started eight games last season as a rookie. Washington led the Jets in rushing with 650 yards as a rookie and contributed 25 catches for 270 yards. Washington had an 86-yard kickoff return vs. Atlanta, and has rushed for 82 yards on 20 carries in two games. Undrafted rookies **Danny Ware** and **Alvin Banks** are also in contention. Ware leads the team in rushing with 93 yards on 23 carries. Banks, who had 2,854 yards and 28 touchdowns at James Madison, has 11 yards on five carries. Free agent signee **Tony Hollings** has totaled 149 rushing yards and 71 receiving yards in three NFL seasons for the Houston Texans. Hollings saw his first action of the preseason vs. Minnesota, contributing two carries for nine yards and a 14-yard reception. At fullback, the Jets signed five-year veteran **Darian Barnes** as an unrestricted free agent. Barnes is reunited with Jones, whom he blocked for at Tampa Bay in 2003. **Stacy Tutt** played in two games in 2006 after being elevated from the practice squad.

WIDE RECEIVERS (12), RETURNING STARTERS (2)

Laveranues Coles (91-1,098-6) and **Jerricho Cotchery** (82-961-6) set a Jets record with 173 combined receptions. Coles' 91 receptions marked the second-highest single-season total in team history. Cotchery emerged with 82 catches and six touchdowns in 2006 after producing a combined total of 25 catches in his first two seasons. Seven-year veteran **Justin McCareins** is entering his fourth season with the Jets and contributed 23 receptions last season as the team's third receiver. McCareins leads the Jets in the preseason with 101 yards receiving on five receptions, including a 35-yard touchdown vs. Minnesota. **Brad Smith** started three games as a rookie and contributed as a rusher (9-61) and receiver (18-103). **Tim Dwight** (currently on the PUP list), a 10-year veteran, was a wide receiver and punt returner for the Jets during the first half of the 2006 season. **Wallace Wright** played in five games as a rookie last season. Seventh-round selection **Chansi Stuckey** amassed 141 receptions and seven touchdowns at Clemson. He has garnered six catches for 33 yards and a touchdown in the preseason. **Chris Davis** totalled 62 receptions and four touchdowns at Wake Forest, before playing the last two seasons for the Montreal Alouettes in the CFL. Veteran **Frisman Jackson** posted 40 catches and a touchdown in four seasons with the Browns. **Evan Prall** is an undrafted rookie free agent from East Stroudsburg, where he set school records with 236 receptions, 4,093 receiving yards and 50 touchdowns. **Juan Wong**, from Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico, signed with the Jets after playing the last two NFL Europa seasons for Hamburg (2007) and Rhein (2006). **Dante Ridgeway**, who played seven games for the Jets in 2005, re-signed Aug. 12.

TIGHT ENDS (6), RETURNING STARTERS (1)

Chris Baker enters his sixth year in the NFL after achieving personal bests for receptions (31), receiving yards (300) and touchdowns (four). Providing depth is **Sean Ryan**, who was acquired prior to the 2006 season from Dallas. Ryan leads the Jets with eight catches for 63 yards and two touchdowns in the preseason. Veteran **James Dearth** also handles the long-snapping duties. **Joe Kowalewski**, who spent 2006 on the practice squad after signing as a free agent out of Syracuse, and **Jason Pociask**, the Jets 2006 fifth-round draft pick (150th) are also competing. Finnish tight end **Iiro Luoto** joined the Jets via the International practice squad after two years in NFL Europa.

OFFENSIVE LINE (15), RETURNING STARTERS (5)

Four of the five Jets offensive linemen started all 16 games plus the playoff game in 2006. On the right side, tackle **Anthony Clement** enters his 10th season in the NFL and second season with the Jets. Clement has started 92 NFL games since being drafted in the second round by Arizona in 1998. At right guard is **Brandon Moore**, who worked his



Overview



OFFENSIVE LINE continued

way from undrafted free agent in 2002 to starter by the end of 2003. He has started 41 consecutive games since 2004. The Jets 2006 first-round selections, center **Nick Mangold** and left tackle **D'Brickashaw Ferguson**, both enjoyed solid rookie campaigns. They were the first pair of offensive linemen to be selected in the first round by one team since the Los Angeles Rams selected Dennis Harrah and Doug France in 1975. **Pete Kendall** returns at left guard. **Adrien Clarke**, who started three games for Philadelphia in 2005, is also in contention. Versatile **Wade Smith** provides depth at more than one position and veteran tackle **Adrian Jones** provides experience on the outside. Also competing are NFL Europa veteran **Marko Cavka**, second-year player **Na'Shan Goddard**, 2007 sixth-round choice **Jacob Bender**, and rookie free agents **Dominic Moran**, **Nick Smith**, **Robert Turner** and **Joe Villani**.

DEFENSIVE LINE (12), RETURNING STARTERS (3)

The defensive front anchored a defensive unit that allowed 117.5 rushing yards per game during the second half of the season, improving from 143 rushing yards per game allowed in the first eight contests. **Shaun Ellis**, the longest-tenured Jets player along with Chad Pennington, returns for his eighth year at defensive end. Ellis had two sacks, plus a forced fumble and fumble recovery, in the preseason loss vs. Minnesota. In the middle, **Dewayne Robertson** enters his fifth year, while 14-year NFL veteran **Kimo von Oelhoffen** also returns. **Kenyon Coleman**, who joined the team as an unrestricted free agent from Dallas, is also vying for time along with 13-year veteran **Bobby Hamilton**, former first-round pick **Michael Haynes**, a veteran free agent who played three seasons with Chicago, **Eric Hicks**, acquired as an unrestricted free agent from Kansas City, starting his 10th year in the NFL and **C.J. Mosley**, acquired last season in a trade with Minnesota. **Sione Pouha** is in contention as is **Darrell Adams**, who was on the practice squad in 2006, **Zarnell Fitch**, and undrafted rookie free agent **Mike DeVito**.

LINEBACKERS (13), RETURNING STARTERS (4)

The Jets return all four starters from 2006: outside linebackers **Bryan Thomas** and **Victor Hobson** and inside linebackers **Eric Barton** and **Jonathan Vilma**. Thomas, in his sixth-year enjoyed a break-out campaign, leading the team with 8.5 sacks. Hobson, now in his fifth year with the Jets, set a career-high with six sacks and returned a fumble 32 yards for a touchdown at Buffalo. Nine-year veteran Barton, who leads the team with eight preseason tackles, recorded exactly 100 tackles in 2006, the fourth time he reached that mark in his career, while Vilma led the team with 116 stops. Veterans **Brad Kassell**, who started one game last year during his first season with the Jets, and **David Bowens**, an eight-year veteran who had five sacks for Miami last season, are expected to compete along with eight-year performer **Matt Chatham** (currently on the PUP list). Second-round pick **David Harris** is working to get playing time on the inside, with six tackles in his first two games. Also vying for action are **Andre Wadsworth**, a former third overall selection in the 1998 draft who is attempting a comeback after being out of football since 2000, **Cody Spencer** (third year), **Anthony Schlegel** (second year), NFL Europa veteran **Blake Costanzo**, and rookie free agent signing **Jason Trusnik**.

DEFENSIVE BACKS (15), RETURNING STARTERS (4)

At cornerback, **Andre Dyson** tallied four interceptions in his first year with the Jets in 2006 and has picked off 21 passes in his career, returning four for touchdowns. Eight-year veteran **David Barrett** was responsible for three interceptions last season, and has recorded a total of 10 in his three seasons for New York. **Hank Poteat** notched a career-high 34 tackles in 13 games for New England and the Jets last year, while **Justin Miller**, who was elected to the Pro Bowl as a kick returner, started four games at corner in 2006. **Drew Coleman** earned four starts at corner as a rookie last season. Coleman had the game's lone interception vs. Atlanta, intercepting a D.J. Shockley pass that was tipped at the line of scrimmage by Michael Haynes. **Alphonso Hodge**, who spent time with Kansas City in 2005, as well as rookie free agents **Rayshaun Kizer**, from NAIA Walsh University in Ohio, **Manny Collins** from Rutgers and 2007 first-round draft choice **Darrelle Revis** are other candidates. At safety, **Kerry Rhodes** produced four interceptions and five sacks, the most by a Jets defensive back in franchise history, while **Erik Coleman** generated 93 tackles and an interception in his third season and rookie **Eric Smith** corralled two interceptions last season. Special teams' ace **Rashad Washington** will also compete at safety, along with free agent **Raymond Ventrone** and second-year performer **Jamie Thompson**.

SPECIALISTS (2), RETURNING STARTERS (2)

Mike Nugent returns for his third season after he converted 24-of-27 field goals (88.9 percent) in 2006, the most accurate season in Jets history. He has connected on his last 18 regular-season attempts, as well as all three of his field goals in the Wild Card contest. Australian **Ben Graham** returns for his third season as the Jets punter. In 2006, he improved his gross punting average to 44.2 yards (37.8 net), placing 26 punts inside the 20-yard line.



The New Coaches



Head Strength & Conditioning Sal Alosi – Alosi returns to the Jets after serving as the Head Strength & Conditioning coach for the Atlanta Falcons in 2006. Initially an intern with the Jets, Alosi was elevated to an assistant strength and conditioning coach where he served the team in that capacity from 2002-05 under former strength coach John Lott. Before entering the NFL, he served as the assistant strength & conditioning coach for Hofstra University, where he played linebacker from 1996-2000.

Quality Control Coach/Offense Mike Bloomgren – Bloomgren joins the Jets after spending the last two seasons as the offensive coordinator for Delta State University. In his two seasons with the Statesmen, his offense passed for more than 7,500 yards. Prior to his duties at Delta State University, Bloomgren enjoyed stints with Catawba College (2002-2004) as the co-offensive coordinator, University of Alabama (1999-2001) as an offensive line graduate assistant & defensive graduate assistant and Florida State University (1997-98) as an undergraduate coach. The 2007 season is his first in the NFL.

Quarterbacks Coach Brian Daboll – Daboll accepted the opportunity to tutor Jets quarterbacks after spending the previous five seasons with division-rival New England. While with the Patriots, Daboll coached the wide receivers and worked as a defensive assistant. Before joining the NFL, Daboll served as an administrative assistant and graduate assistant/defense at Michigan State and a restricted volunteer earnings coach/defense at the College of William & Mary. He roamed the secondary for Rochester from 1994-1997.

Assistant Strength & Conditioning Mike Jones – Another first-time NFL coach, Jones joined the Jets after working with Arizona State University as the sports performance assistant. Jones enjoyed a productive career with the Georgia Bulldogs as a safety from 1989-1992.

Quality Control Coach/Defense/Asst. Special Teams Ben Kotwica -- Kotwica joined the Jets after coordinating the defensive efforts of the U.S. Military Academy Preparatory School for two seasons. Prior to coaching, Kotwica flew an AH-64 Apache Longbow for the United States Army. During his time in the Army, he flew more than 1,000 combat hours in addition to providing VIP escorts for President Bush, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. Kotwica was a three-year starter at linebacker for current Jets defensive coordinator Bob Sutton.

Secondary Coach Mike MacIntyre – A 16-year coaching veteran, MacIntyre comes to the Jets after tutoring the safeties for the Dallas Cowboys. He entered the NFL as the secondary assistant for the Cowboys in 2003. Prior to his time in Dallas, MacIntyre spent four seasons (1999-2002) coaching the wide receivers and secondary for the University of Mississippi. He also served as defensive backs coach for Temple University (1997-98) and as defensive coordinator for both the University of Tennessee-Martin (1993-1996) and Davidson College (1992). His coaching career began with the University of Georgia as a graduate assistant in 1991. MacIntyre was a defensive back for both Georgia Tech and Vanderbilt.

Defensive Line Coach Dan Quinn – Entering his seventh season in the NFL, Quinn will oversee the defensive line for his third NFL team. Prior to coming to the Jets, he enjoyed stints with the Miami Dolphins (2005-2006) and the San Francisco 49ers (2003-2004). Quinn entered the NFL as a defensive quality control coach for the 49ers (2001-2002). He returns to Hempstead, NY, where he served as the defensive coordinator (2000) and defensive line coach (1996-1999) for Hofstra. He also enjoyed one-year stints at Virginia Military Institute (defensive tackles/recruiting coordinator) and William & Mary (assistant defensive line) after contributing as a defensive lineman at Salisbury State (MD) from 1989-1993.

Quality Control/Offense Brian Smith – Smith joins the NFL for the first time after spending seven seasons at the University of Massachusetts where he coached the wide receivers from 2005-2006 and their linebackers in 2004. He performed as a defensive back for the Minutemen from 1997-2000.

Learn more about the entire Jets' coaching staff in the Jets media guide, pages 25-37.



The New Veterans



Fullback Darian Barnes -- A veteran of 60 NFL games, Barnes traveled north in the off-season from Miami, FL to familiar surroundings (Tri-State area). He also reunited with a former backfield mate in Thomas Jones - the two spent the 2002 campaign together as members of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. "Barnes is a big stick," said Jets head coach Eric Mangini. "He will thump you." For his career, Barnes has carried the ball five times for 10 yards, all in 2004, and caught 14 passes for 87 yards and a TD.

Linebacker David Bowens -- Another former Miami performer that has traveled north on Interstate 95 to join the Jets, Bowens brings eight years of NFL experience and 26 career sacks. He has played in all 48 games for the Dolphins during the last three seasons, registering 85 tackles, 11 PD and 18 sacks.

Guard Adrien Clarke -- Clarke looks to begin anew in the Green & White after spending his first two NFL seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles. In his second NFL season, Clarke started four games and played in a total of 13 contests. After being waived by the Eagles at the end of training camp in 2006, Clarke was signed by the Jets as a free agent. Clarke started next to Jets center Nick Mangold at Ohio State in 2003.

Defensive End Kenyon Coleman -- Coleman signed as an unrestricted free agent with the New York Jets after spending four seasons with Dallas where he played for former Jets Head Coach Bill Parcells. Initially a fifth-round draft choice by Oakland in 2002, Coleman played in one game for a Raiders team that earned the AFC Championship. For his career, he has played in 57 games and recorded 74 tackles, 6.5 sacks, three PD, one FF and one FR.

Defensive End Michael Haynes -- A former first-round selection (14th overall) by Chicago in 2003, Haynes signed with the Jets as a free agent after a brief stint with New Orleans. In three season with the Bears, he played in 43 games and recorded 89 tackles, 5.5 sacks, one INT, one PD and two FF.

Defensive End Eric Hicks -- After nine seasons, 128 games and 104 starts for the Kansas City Chiefs, Hicks joins the Jets as an unrestricted free agent. During his stretch with the Chiefs, Hicks recorded 572 tackles, 44.5 sacks, 15 PD, nine FF and five FR. He enjoyed his most productive season in 2000 when he recorded a career-high 14 sacks, 61 tackles, two PD and one FR in 13 games. Dating back to the 2000 season, Hicks has played in 102 consecutive football games.

Running Back Tony Hollings -- Hollings entered the NFL as the Houston Texans second round pick in the 2003 supplemental draft. After three seasons with the Texans, Hollings spent time with both the Bears and the Colts during the 2006 off-season before signing with the Jets as a free agent in August of 2007.

Wide Receiver Frisman Jackson -- A veteran of four NFL seasons with Cleveland, Jackson produced a combined total of 37 receptions for 455 yards for the Browns during the 2004 and 2005 seasons prior to being waived by Cleveland during training camp in 2006. For his career, he has played in 34 games and recorded 40 receptions for 490 yards and one TD.

Running Back Thomas Jones -- After rushing for more than 1,200 yards in each of the last two season, Jones was acquired by the Jets in a trade with Chicago that also saw the teams swap 2007 second-round selections. Over the last two seasons, his totals rank seventh in the NFL for rushing attempts and 10th for rushing yards. In seven NFL seasons, he has played in 100 games, posting 63 starts and recording 1,349 carries for 5,384 yards and 34 TD. He has also caught 215 passes for 1,376 yards. During the last three seasons, Jones has generated an average of 1,406 yards from scrimmage.

Quarterback Marques Tuiasosopo -- Selected in the second round of the 2001 draft by Oakland, Tuiasosopo has played in 11 NFL games, including two starts. He threw his first NFL touchdown pass at the Meadowlands versus the Jets in 2005. Prior to being selected by Oakland, Tuiasosopo threw for 5,501 yards, the third-highest total in school history at the University of Washington, and earned recognition as the Pac-10 Player of the Year as a senior in 2000.

Linebacker Andre Wadsworth -- Wadsworth returns to the NFL after a six-year hiatus. Originally selected third overall in the 1998 NFL draft by Arizona, he is changing positions from defensive end to linebacker. In his three seasons, he played in 36 games and recorded 94 tackles, eight sacks, one INT and two PD.

Learn more about all the Jets players in the media guide, pages 60-195



Alphabetical Roster



NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN	HOW ACQ
97	Adams, Darrell	DE	6-5	282	1	Villanova	Bay Shore, NY	FA-06
86	Baker, Chris	TE	6-3	258	6	Michigan State	Queens, NY	D3-02
34	Banks, Alvin	RB	5-10	225	R	James Madison	Hampton, VA	FA-07
37	Barnes, Darian	FB	6-2	240	6	Hampton	Toms River, NJ	UFA-07 (MIA)
36	Barrett, David	CB	5-10	195	8	Arkansas	Osceola, AR	UFA-04 (ARI)
50	Barton, Eric	LB	6-2	245	9	Maryland	Alexandria, VA	UFA-04 (OAK)
72	Bender, Jacob	OL	6-6	315	R	Nicholls State	Mayo, MD	D6-07
96	Bowens, David	LB	6-3	265	9	Western Illinois	Detroit, MI	UFA-07 (MIA)
62	Cavka, Marko	OT	6-7	294	2	Sacramento State	Burbank, CA	FA-07
61	Clarke, Adrien	G	6-5	330	3	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, OH	FA-07
11	Clemens, Kellen	QB	6-2	223	2	Oregon	Burns, OR	D2-06
68	Clement, Anthony	T	6-8	320	10	Louisiana-Lafayette	Lafayette, LA	UFA-06 (SF)
30	Coleman, Drew	CB	5-9	175	2	TCU	Henderson, TX	D6-06
26	Coleman, Erik	S	5-10	200	4	Washington State	Spokane, WA	D5-04
93	Coleman, Kenyon	DE	6-5	295	5	UCLA	Alta Loma, CA	UFA-07 (DAL)
87	Coles, Laveranues	WR	5-11	193	8	Florida State	Jacksonville, FL	T-05 (WAS)
35	Collins, Manny	CB	5-10	190	R	Rutgers	Plainfield, NJ	FA-07
47	Costanzo, Blake	LB	6-2	235	1	Lafayette	Franklin Lakes, NJ	FA-06
89	Cotchery, Jerricho	WR/KR	6-0	207	4	North Carolina State	Birmingham, AL	D4a-04
6	Davis, Chris	WR	5-10	180	R	Wake Forest	St. Petersburg, FL	FA-07
85	Dearth, James	TE-LS	6-4	270	7	Tarleton State	Scurry, TX	FA-01
70	DeVito, Mike	DE	6-3	298	R	Maine	Wellfleet, MA	FA-07
21	Dyson, Andre	CB	5-10	183	7	Utah	Clearfield, UT	UFA-06 (SEA)
92	Ellis, Shaun	DE	6-5	285	8	Tennessee	Anderson, SC	D1a-00
60	Ferguson, D'Brickshaw	T	6-6	312	2	Virginia	Freeport, NY	D1a-06
75D	Fitch, Zarnell	DT	6-3	320	1	TCU	Spencer, OK	FA-06
76	Goddard, Na'Shan	OL	6-5	315	2	South Carolina	Dayton, OH	FA-06
7	Graham, Ben	P	6-5	235	3	Deakin (Australia)	Geelong/Victoria Australia	FA-05
98	Hamilton, Bobby	DE	6-5	285	13	Southern Mississippi	Columbia, MS	T-06
52	Harris, David	LB	6-2	243	R	Michigan	Grand Rapids, MI	D2-07
94	Haynes, Michael	DE	6-4	283	4	Penn State	Columbus, NJ	FA-07
77	Hicks, Eric	DE	6-6	280	10	Maryland	Overland Park, KS	UFA-07 (KC)
54	Hobson, Victor	LB	6-0	252	5	Michigan	Mt. Laurel, NJ	D2-03
27	Hodge, Alphonso	CB	5-10	203	3	Miami (OH)	Cleveland, OH	FA-06
32	Hollings, Tony	RB	5-10	218	4	Georgia Tech	Jeffersonville, GA	FA-07
18	Jackson, Frisman	WR	6-3	217	5	Western Illinois	Chicago, IL	FA-07
79	Jones, Adrian	T	6-5	296	4	Kansas	Dallas, TX	D4b-04
20	Jones, Thomas	RB	5-10	215	8	Virginia	Big Stone Gap, VA	T-07 (CHI)
55	Kassell, Brad	LB	6-3	242	6	North Texas	Llano, TX	UFA-06 (TEN)
66	Kendall, Pete	G	6-5	292	12	Boston College	Weymouth, MA	UFA-04
39	Kizer, Rayshaun	CB	5-9	193	R	Walsh	Euclid, OH	FA-07
40	Kowalewski, Joe	TE	6-4	250	1	Syracuse	Warners, NY	FA-06
46	Mackey, Jerry	LB	6-1	233	R	Syracuse	Freeport, NY	FA-07
74	Mangold, Nick	C	6-4	300	2	Ohio State	Centerville, OH	D1b-06
81	McCareins, Justin	WR	6-2	215	7	Northern Illinois	Naperville, IL	T-04 (TEN)
22	Miller, Justin	CB/KR	5-10	196	3	Clemson	Owensboro, KY	D2b-05
65	Moore, Brandon	G	6-3	295	5	Illinois	Gary, IN	FA-03
59	Moran, Dominic	OL	6-5	303	R	Western Michigan	Rochester Hills, MI	FA-07
95	Mosley, C.J.	DT	6-2	314	3	Missouri	Fort Knox, KY	T-06 (MIN)
1	Nugent, Mike	K	5-9	188	3	Ohio State	Centerville, OH	D2a-05
10	Pennington, Chad	QB	6-3	225	8	Marshall	Knoxville, TN	D1c-00
82	Pociask, Jason	TE	6-2	259	2	Wisconsin	Plainfield, IN	D5-06
31	Poteat, Hank	CB	5-10	195	7	Pittsburgh	Harrisburg, PA	FA-06
91	Pouha, Sione	DT	6-3	325	3	Utah	Salt Lake City, UT	D3-05
9	Prall, Evan	WR	5-11	185	R	East Stroudsburg	Scranton, PA	FA-07
5	Ratliff, Brett	QB	6-4	224	R	Utah	Chico, CA	FA-07
24	Revis, Darrelle	DB/PR	5-11	204	R	Pittsburgh	Aliquippa, PA	D1-07
25	Rhodes, Kerry	S	6-3	210	3	Louisville	Bessemer, AL	D4-05
4	Ridgeway, Dante	WR	5-11	210	2	Ball State	Decatur, IL	FA-07
63	Robertson, Dewayne	DT	6-1	310	5	Kentucky	Memphis, TN	D1-03
88	Ryan, Sean	TE	6-5	265	4	Boston College	Buffalo, NY	T-06 (DAL)
56	Schlegel, Anthony	LB	6-1	251	2	Ohio State	Dallas, TX	D3a-06
16	Smith, Brad	QB	6-2	210	2	Missouri	Liberty, OH	D4a-06
33	Smith, Eric	S	6-1	209	2	Michigan State	Groveport, OH	D3b-06
78	Smith, Nick	OL	6-6	320	R	San Diego State	Mobile, AL	FA-07
71	Smith, Wade	OL	6-4	318	5	Memphis	Dallas, TX	FA-06
53	Spencer, Cody	LB	6-2	245	4	North Texas	Grapevine, TX	FA-06
83	Stuckey, Chansi	WR	6-0	196	R	Clemson	Warner Robins, GA	D7-07
99	Thomas, Bryan	LB	6-4	266	6	Alabama-Birmingham	Birmingham, AL	D1-02
38	Thompson, Jamie	S	6-0	192	1	Oklahoma State	Sparr, FL	FA-06
48	Trusnik, Jason	LB	6-4	250	R	Ohio Northern	Macedonia, OH	FA-07
8	Tuiasosopo, Marques	QB	6-1	220	7	Washington	Woodinville, WA	UFA-07 (OAK)
75O	Turner, Robert	OL	6-4	308	R	New Mexico	Austin, TX	FA-07
45	Tutt, Stacy	FB	6-1	233	1	Richmond	Fredricksburg, VA	FA-06
41	Ventrone, Raymond	S	5-10	200	2	Villanova	Pittsburgh, PA	FA-07
69	Villani, Joseph	C	6-4	300	R	Pittsburgh	Wantagh, NY	FA-07
51	Vilma, Jonathan	LB	6-1	230	4	Miami (FL)	South Miami, FL	D1-04
67	von Oelhoffen, Kimo	DL	6-4	299	14	Boise State	Kaunakakai, HI	UFA-06 (PIT)
57	Wadsworth, Andre	LB	6-4	272	4	Florida State	Miami, FL	FA-07
23	Ware, Danny	RB	6-0	234	R	Georgia	Rockmart, GA	FA-07
29	Washington, Leon	RB/KR	5-8	202	2	Florida State	Jacksonville, FL	D4b-06
42	Washington, Rashad	S	6-1	217	4	Kansas State	Wichita, KS	D7d-04
2	Wong, Juan	WR	5-11	179	R	Item Campus Laguna	Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico	NFL/EL
15	Wright, Wallace	WR	6-1	191	2	North Carolina	Fayetteville, NC	FA-06

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58	Chatham, Matt	LB	6-4	250	8	South Dakota	Sioux City, IA	UFA-06 (NE)
17	Dwight, Tim	WR/KR	5-8	180	10	Iowa	Iowa City, IA	UFA-06 (NE)

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Eric Mangini; Offensive Coordinator: Brian Schottenheimer; Defensive Coordinator: Bob Sutton; Special Teams Coordinator: Mike Westhoff; Head Strength and Conditioning: Sal Aloisi; Quality Control - Offense: Mike Bloomgren; Assistant Defensive Line: Bryan Cox; Quarterbacks, Brian Daboll; Offensive Line: Mike Devlin; Defensive Assistant: Andy Dickerson; Assistant Defensive Backs/Director of Player Development, Jerome Henderson; Linebackers: Jim Herrmann; Assistant Strength and Conditioning: Mike Jones; Quality Control - Defense/Assistant Special Teams: Ben Kotwica; Assistant Strength and Conditioning/Nutrition Coordinator: Rick Lyle; Defensive Backs: Mike MacIntyre; Wide Receivers: Noel Mazzone; Assistant Tight Ends: Jason Michael; Defensive Line: Dan Quinn; Running Backs Jimmy Raye; Quality Control - Offense: Brian Smith; Offensive Line: Tony Wise



Numerical Roster



NO.	NAME	POS	HT	WT	AGE	EXP	COLLEGE	HOMETOWN
1	Mike Nugent	K	5-9	188	25	3	Ohio State	Centerville, OH
2	Juan Wong	WR	5-11	179	26	R	Itesm Campus Laguna	Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico
4	Dante Ridgeway	WR	5-11	210	23	2	Ball State	Decatur, IL
5	Brett Ratliff	QB	6-4	224	21	R	Utah	Chico, CA
6	Chris Davis	WR	5-10	180	23	R	Wake Forest	St. Petersburg, FL
7	Ben Graham	P	6-5	235	33	3	Deakin (Australia)	Geelong/Victoria Australia
8	Marques Tuiasosopo	QB	6-1	220	28	7	Washington	Woodinville, WA
9	Evan Prall	WR	5-11	185	23	R	East Stroudsburg	Scranton, PA
10	Chad Pennington	QB	6-3	225	31	8	Marshall	Knoxville, TN
11	Kellen Clemens	QB	6-2	223	24	2	Oregon	Burns, OR
15	Wallace Wright	WR	6-1	191	23	2	North Carolina	Fayetteville, NC
16	Brad Smith	QB	6-2	210	23	2	Missouri	Liberty, OH
18	Frisman Jackson	WR	6-3	217	28	5	Western Illinois	Chicago, IL
20	Thomas Jones	RB	5-10	215	28	8	Virginia	Big Stone Gap, VA
21	Andre Dyson	CB	5-10	183	28	7	Utah	Clearfield, UT
22	Justin Miller	CB/KR	5-10	196	23	3	Clemson	Owensboro, KY
23	Danny Ware	RB	6-0	234	22	R	Georgia	Rockmart, GA
24	Darrelle Revis	DB/PR	5-11	204	22	R	Pittsburgh	Aliquippa, PA
25	Kerry Rhodes	S	6-3	210	25	3	Louisville	Bessemer, AL
26	Erik Coleman	S	5-10	200	25	4	Washington State	Spokane, WA
27	Alphonso Hodge	CB	5-10	203	25	3	Miami (OH)	Cleveland, OH
29	Leon Washington	RB/KR	5-8	202	24	2	Florida State	Jacksonville, FL
30	Drew Coleman	CB	5-9	175	24	2	TCU	Henderson, TX
31	Hank Poteat	CB	5-10	195	29	7	Pittsburgh	Harrisburg, PA
32	Tony Hollings	RB	5-10	218	25	4	Georgia Tech	Jeffersonville, GA
33	Eric Smith	S	6-1	209	24	2	Michigan State	Groveport, OH
34	Alvin Banks	RB	5-10	225	22	R	James Madison	Hampton, VA
35	Manny Collins	CB	5-10	190	23	R	Rutgers	Plainfield, NJ
36	David Barrett	CB	5-10	195	29	8	Arkansas	Osceola, AR
37	Darian Barnes	FB	6-2	240	27	6	Hampton	Toms River, NJ
38	Jamie Thompson	S	6-0	192	24	1	Oklahoma State	Sparr, FL
39	Rayshaun Kizer	CB	5-9	193	22	R	Walsh	Euclid, OH
40	Joe Kowalewski	TE	6-4	250	24	1	Syracuse	Warners, NY
41	Raymond Ventrone	S	5-10	200	24	2	Villanova	Pittsburgh, PA
42	Rashad Washington	S	6-1	217	27	4	Kansas State	Wichita, KS
45	Stacy Tutt	FB	6-1	233	25	1	Richmond	Fredricksburg, VA
46	Jerry Mackey	LB	6-1	233	22	R	Syracuse	Freeport, NY
47	Blake Costanzo	LB	6-2	235	23	1	Lafayette	Franklin Lakes, NJ
48	Jason Trusnik	LB	6-4	250	23	R	Ohio Northern	Macedonia, OH
50	Eric Barton	LB	6-2	245	29	9	Maryland	Alexandria, VA
51	Jonathan Vilma	LB	6-1	230	25	4	Miami (FL)	South Miami, FL
52	David Harris	LB	6-2	243	23	R	Michigan	Grand Rapids, MI
53	Cody Spencer	LB	6-2	245	26	4	North Texas	Grapevine, TX
54	Victor Hobson	LB	6-0	252	27	5	Michigan	Mt. Laurel, NJ
55	Brad Kassell	LB	6-3	242	27	6	North Texas	Llano, TX
56	Anthony Schlegel	LB	6-1	251	26	2	Ohio State	Dallas, TX
57	Andre Wadsworth	LB	6-4	272	32	4	Florida State	Miami, FL
59	Dominic Moran	OL	6-5	303	23	R	Western Michigan	Rochester Hills, MI
60	D'Brickshaw Ferguson	T	6-6	312	23	2	Virginia	Freeport, NY
61	Adrien Clarke	G	6-5	330	26	3	Ohio State	Shaker Heights, OH
62	Marko Cavka	OT	6-7	294	26	2	Sacramento State	Burbank, CA
63	Dewayne Robertson	DT	6-1	310	25	5	Kentucky	Memphis, TN
65	Brandon Moore	G	6-3	295	27	5	Illinois	Gary, IN
66	Pete Kendall	G	6-5	292	34	12	Boston College	Weymouth, MA
67	Kim von Oelhoffen	DE/DT	6-4	299	36	14	Boise State	Kaunakakai, HI
68	Anthony Clement	T	6-8	320	31	10	Southwestern Louisiana	Lafayette, LA
69	Joseph Villani	C	6-4	300	23	R	Pittsburgh	Wantagh, NY
70	Mike DeVito	DE	6-3	298	23	R	Maine	Wellfleet, MA
71	Wade Smith	OL	6-4	318	26	5	Memphis	Dallas, TX
72	Jacob Bender	OL	6-6	315	22	R	Nicholls State	Mayo, MD
74	Nick Mangold	C	6-4	300	23	2	Ohio State	Centerville, OH
75D	Zarnell Fitch	DT	6-3	320	24	1	TCU	Spencer, OK
75O	Robert Turner	OL	6-4	308	22	R	New Mexico	Austin, TX
76	Na'Shan Goddard	OL	6-5	315	24	2	South Carolina	Dayton, OH
77	Eric Hicks	DE	6-6	280	31	10	Maryland	Overland Park, KS
78	Nick Smith	OL	6-6	320	23	R	San Diego State	Mobile, AL
79	Adrian Jones	T	6-5	296	26	4	Kansas	Dallas, TX
81	Justin McCareins	WR	6-2	215	28	7	Northern Illinois	Naperville, IL
82	Jason Pociask	TE	6-2	259	24	2	Wisconsin	Plainfield, IN
83	Chansi Stuckey	WR	6-0	196	23	R	Clemson	Warner Robins, GA
85	James Dearth	TE-LS	6-4	270	31	7	Tarleton State	Scurry, TX
86	Chris Baker	TE	6-3	258	27	6	Michigan State	Queens, NY
87	Laveranues Coles	WR	5-11	193	29	8	Florida State	Jacksonville, FL
88	Sean Ryan	TE	6-5	265	27	4	Boston College	Buffalo, NY
89	Jerricho Cotchery	WR	6-0	207	25	4	North Carolina State	Birmingham, AL
91	Sione Pouha	DT	6-3	325	28	3	Utah	Salt Lake City, UT
92	Shaun Ellis	DE	6-5	285	30	8	Tennessee	Anderson, SC
93	Kenyon Coleman	DE	6-5	295	28	6	UCLA	Alta Loma, CA
94	Michael Haynes	DE	6-4	283	26	4	Penn State	Columbus, NJ
95	C.J. Mosley	DT	6-2	314	22	3	Missouri	Fort Knox, KY
96	David Bowens	LB	6-3	265	30	9	Western Illinois	Detroit, MI
97	Darrell Adams	DE	6-5	282	24	1	Villanova	Bay Shore, NY
98	Bobby Hamilton	DE	6-5	285	36	13	Southern Mississippi	Columbia, MS
99	Bryan Thomas	LB	6-4	266	28	6	Alabama-Birmingham	Birmingham, AL
NFL INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE SQUAD								
84	Iiro Luoto	TE	6-5	257	22	R	None	Espoo, Finland
PHYSICALLY UNABLE TO PERFORM								
17	Tim Dwight	WR/KR	5-8	180	32	10	Iowa	Iowa City, IA
58	Matt Chatham	LB	6-4	250	30	8	South Dakota	Sioux City, IA



By The Numbers



2006 LEADERS

Scoring:Mike Nugent106	Receiving Yards:Laveranues Coles .1,098
Touchdowns:Kevan Barlow	Receiving TD:Laveranues Coles
.Jerricho CotcheryJerricho Cotchery6
.Laveranues Coles6	Yds Per Reception:Justin McCareins . . .15.1
Pass Attempts:Chad Pennington . . .485	Yds From Scrimmage: .Laveranues Coles .1,112
Pass Completions: . . .Chad Pennington . . .313	Tackles:Jonathan Vilma116
Completion Pct.:Chad Pennington . . .64.5	Sacks:Bryan Thomas8.5
Passing Yards:Chad Pennington .3,352	Interceptions:Andre Dyson
Passing TD:Chad Pennington . . .17Kerry Rhodes4
Passer Rating:Chad Pennington . . .82.6	Punt Returns:Tim Dwight14
Rushing Yards:Leon Washington . . .650	Punt Return Avg.:Tim Dwight10.4
Rushing Attempts: . . .Leon Washington . . .151	Kickoff Returns:Justin Miller46
Rushing TD:Kevan Barlow6	Kickoff Return Avg.: . . .Justin Miller28.3
Yards Per Rush:Leon Washington . . .4.3	Gross Punting Avg.: . . .Ben Graham44.2
Receptions:Laveranues Coles91	

ROSTER RUNDOWN

Oldest players on roster	Kimo von Oelhoffen – 36 years old (1/30/71)
.	Bobby Hamilton – 36 years old (7/1/71)
Youngest player on roster	Brett Ratliff – 21 years old (8/8/85)
Most experience	14 seasons – Kimo von Oelhoffen
Tallest player on roster	Anthony Clement – 6'8"
Shortest player on roster	Tim Dwight, Leon Washington – 5'8"
Players not from Division I-A schools	19 (Darrell Adams, Alvin Banks, Darian Barnes, Jacob Bender, David Bowens, Marko Cavka, Matt Chatham, Blake Costanzo, James Dearth, Mike DeVito, Ben Graham, Frisman Jackson, Rayshaun Kizer, Iro Luoto, Evan Prall, Jason Trusnik, Stacy Tutt, Raymond Ventrone, Juan Wong).
Furthest away from home	Ben Graham – Geelong, Australia – 9,428 miles
States represented on roster	30 states, 4 countries
State with the most players on roster	Ohio (9) – Adrien Clarke, Na'Shan Goddard, Alphonso Hodge, Rayshaun Kizer, Nick Mangold, Mike Nugent, Brad Smith, Eric Smith, Jason Trusnik
Players from New York on roster	7 (Darrell Adams, Chris Baker, D'Brickashaw Ferguson, Joe Kowalewski, Jerry Mackey, Sean Ryan, Joseph Villani)
Players from New Jersey on roster	5 (Darian Barnes, Manny Collins, Blake Costanzo, Michael Haynes, Victor Hobson)
First round draft choices on roster	12 (Pete Kendall, Andre Wadsworth, Thomas Jones, Shaun Ellis, Chad Pennington, Bryan Thomas, Dewayne Robertson, Jonathan Vilma, Michael Haynes, D'Brickshaw Ferguson, Nick Mangold, Darrelle Revis)
Assistant coaches that played in the NFL	5 - Bryan Cox (1991-2002), Mike Devlin (1993-99), Jerome Henderson (1991-98), Jimmy Raye (1969), Rick Lyle (1994-2003)



Building the Jets



NFL DRAFT

Year	Draftee	(Round)
2000	Shaun Ellis	(1a)
	Chad Pennington	(1c)
2002	Bryan Thomas	(1)
	Chris Baker	(3)
2003	Dewayne Robertson	(1)
	Victor Hobson	(2)
2004	Jonathan Vilma	(1)
	Jerricho Cotchery	(4a)
	Adrian Jones	(4b)
	Erik Coleman	(5)
	Rashad Washington	(7d)
2005	Mike Nugent	(2a)
	Justin Miller	(2b)
	Sione Pouha	(3)
	Kerry Rhodes	(4)
2006	D'Brickashaw Ferguson	(1a)
	Nick Mangold	(1b)
	Kellen Clemens	(2)
	Anthony Schlegel	(3a)
	Eric Smith	(3b)
	Brad Smith	(4a)
	Leon Washington	(4b)
	Jason Pociask	(5)
Drew Coleman	(6)	
2007	Darrelle Revis	(1)
	David Harris	(2)
	Jacob Bender	(6)
	Chansi Stuckey	(7)

TRADES/WAIVERS

Year	Player	(Previous Team)
2004	Justin McCareins	(T-TEN)
2005	Laveranues Coles	(T-WAS)
2006	Bobby Hamilton	(T-OAK)
	C.J. Mosley	(T-MIN)
	Sean Ryan	(T-DAL)
2007	Thomas Jones	(T-CHI)
	Danny Ware	(W-TEN)

UFA=Unrestricted Free Agent
RFA=Restricted Free Agent
FA=Free Agent
T=Trade
W=Waivers

FREE AGENTS

Year	Player	(How Acquired)
2001	James Dearth	(FA)
2004	David Barrett	(UFA-ARI)
	Eric Barton	(UFA-OAK)
	Pete Kendall	(UFA-ARI)
2006	Matt Chatham	(UFA-NE)
	Anthony Clement	(UFA-SF)
	Tim Dwight	(UFA-NE)
	Andre Dyson	(UFA-SEA)
	Zarnell Fitch	(FA)
	Alphonso Hodge	(FA-KC)
	Brad Kassell	(UFA-TEN)
	Hank Poteat	(FA-NE)
	Wade Smith	(FA-MIA)
	Cody Spencer	(FA-TEN)
	Kimo von Oelhoffen	(UFA-PIT)
2007	Darian Barnes	(UFA-MIA)
	David Bowens	(UFA-MIA)
	Marko Cavka	(UFA)
	Adrien Clarke	(FA)
	Kenyon Coleman	(UFA-DAL)
	Michael Haynes	(FA)
	Eric Hicks	(UFA-KC)
	Tony Hollings	(FA)
	Frisman Jackson	(FA)
	Dante Ridgeway	(FA)
	Marques Tuiasosopo	(UFA-OAK)
Raymond Ventrone	(FA)	
Andre Wadsworth	(FA)	

NON DRAFTED FREE AGENTS

Year	Player	
2003	Brandon Moore	
2005	Ben Graham	
2006	Darrell Adams	
	Blake Costanzo	
	Joe Kowalewski	
	Na'Shan Goddard	
	Jamie Thompson	
	Stacy Tutt	
	Wallace Wright	
2007	Alvin Banks	Evan Prall
	Manny Collins	Brett Ratliff
	Chris Davis	Nick Smith
	Mike DeVito	Jason Trusnik
	Rayshaun Kizer	Robert Turner
	Iiro Luoto	Joseph Villani
	Jerry Mackey	Juan Wong
	Dominic Moran	



Jets Transactions



MARCH, 2007

- 1st Signed WR Jerricho Cotchery to a contract extension. Released Derrick Blaylock and Bobby Hamilton.
- 2nd Released QB Patrick Ramsey.
- 6th Acquired RB Thomas Jones and the 63rd selection in the 2007 NFL Draft from the Chicago Bears in exchange for the 37th selection. Signed DE Kenyon Coleman and re-signed DL Bobby Hamilton.
- 8th Signed FB Darian Barnes.
- 12th Re-signed OL Wade Smith.
- 19th Re-signed T Anthony Clement.
- 22nd Signed DL Michael Haynes.
- 23rd Signed QB Marques Tuiasosopo.
- 26th Signed LB Andre Wadsworth.
- 29th Signed LB David Bowens. Released WR Phil Silva.

APRIL, 2007

- 28th Acquired the Carolina Panthers' 2007 1st round pick (No. 14 - CB Darrelle Revis, Pittsburgh) and 2007 6th round pick (No. 191) for the Jets' 2007 1st round pick (No. 25 - LB Jon Beason, Miami); 2007 2nd round pick (No. 59 - C Ryan Kalil, USC) and 2007 5th round pick (No. 164: - LB Tim Shaw, Penn State). Acquired the Green Bay Packers' 2007 2nd round pick (No. 47 - LB David Harris, Michigan) and 2007 7th round pick (No. 235 - WR Chansi Stuckey, Clemson) for the Jets' 2007 2nd round pick (No. 63 - RB Brandon Jackson, Nebraska); 2007 3rd round pick (No. 89 - DB Aaron Rouse, Virginia Tech) and 2007 6th round pick (No. 191 - LB Korey Hall, Boise State).

MAY, 2007

- 12th Signed rookie free agents FB Jesse Allen, RB Alvin Banks, Kyle Steffes DT Mike DeVito, DB Caleb Hendrix, WR Dustin Osborn, S Leonard Peters, QB Brett Ratliff, OL Dominic Moran, Nick Smith, Andrew Wicker, DE Matt King and Jason Trusnik and LB Mark Zalewski.
- 15th Signed rookie free agents DB James Ihedigbo, CB Rayshaun Kizer, LB Jared Newberry, WR Jesse Pellot-Rosa and Renard Stevens. Released Caleb Hendrix, Matt King, Dustin Osborn and Mark Zalewski.
- 16th Signed rookie free agents OL Robert Turner. Released OL Nick Smith.
- 22nd Signed DE Eric Hicks. Released DL Keyonta Marshall.

JUNE, 2007

- 14th Signed rookie free agent WR Evan Prall. Waived Renard Stevens.
- 15th Waived FB Jesse Allen.
- 25th Claimed RB Danny Ware off waivers from Tennessee Titans. Waived RB Kyle Steffes.
- 29th Signed LB Lawrence Pinson. Waived LB Jared Newberry.

JULY, 2007

- 2nd Signed P Jeremy Kapinos. Signed C Charles Missant.
- 5th Signed OT Jacob Bender.
- 9th Signed WR Iiro Luoto to practice squad via NFL International Development Practice Squad Program.
- 16th Signed WR Juan Wong.
- 20th Signed WR Chansi Stuckey.
- 23rd Placed WR Tim Dwight and LB Matt Chatham on the Physically Unable to Perform list. Signed C Joseph Villani. Waived OL Dominic Moran and S Leonard Peters.
- 24th Signed K Justin Ayat and OT Marko Cavka.
- 25th Signed LB David Harris. Waived LB Lawrence Pinson.
- 26th Announced the retirement of RB Curtis Martin. Signed WR Chris Davis. Announced RB Cedric Houston has left the team for personal reasons.
- 27th Signed RB Tony Fisher and LB Mark Zalewski.
- 29th Re-signed OL Dominic Moran and waived K Justin Ayat.
- 31st Signed RB Tony Hollings. Released RB Tony Fisher.

AUGUST, 2007

- 2nd Signed rookie free agent CB Manny Collins and re-signed OL Nick Smith. Waived P Jeremy Kapinos and OT Ed Blanton.
- 3rd Waived LB Mark Zalewski.
- 4th Signed LB Jerry Mackey.
- 12th Re-signed WR Dante Ridgeway. Waived OL Andrew Wicker and WR Jesse Pellot-Rosa.
- 13th Signed OL Stanley Daniels.
- 15th Signed DB Darrelle Revis.
- 16th Waived OL Stanley Daniels.
- 20th Waived DB James Ihedigbo.
- 21st Traded LB Jerry Mackey to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for an undisclosed draft pick.



Depth Chart



OFFENSE

WR 87 Laveranues Coles	16 Brad Smith	15 Wallace Wright	<u>6 Chris Davis</u>	4 Dante Ridgeway 17 *Tim Dwight
LT 60 D'Brickashaw Ferguson	79 Adrian Jones	76 Na'Shan Goddard	<u>72 Jacob Bender</u>	
LG 66 Pete Kendall	61 Adrien Clarke	<u>72 Jacob Bender</u>	<u>69 Joseph Villani</u>	
C 74 Nick Mangold	71 Wade Smith	<u>69 Joseph Villani</u>	<u>78 Nick Smith</u>	<u>59 Dominic Moran</u>
RG 65 Brandon Moore	<u>75 Robert Turner</u>	<u>78 Nick Smith</u>	<u>59 Dominic Moran</u>	
RT 68 Anthony Clement	<u>72 Jacob Bender</u>	62 Marko Cavka		
TE 86 Chris Baker	88 Sean Ryan	40 Joe Kowalewski	82 Jason Pociask	85 James Dearth <u>84 Iiro Luoto</u> <u>9 Evan Prall</u> <u>2 Juan Wong</u> <u>5 Brett Ratliff</u> 32 Tony Hollings
WR 89 Jerricho Cotchery	81 Justin McCareins	18 Frisman Jackson	<u>83 Chansi Stuckey</u>	
QB 10 Chad Pennington	11 Kellen Clemens	8 Marques Tuiasosopo	16 Brad Smith	<u>5 Brett Ratliff</u>
RB 20 Thomas Jones	29 Leon Washington	<u>34 Alvin Banks</u>	<u>23 Danny Ware</u>	32 Tony Hollings
FB 37 Darian Barnes	45 Stacy Tutt			

DEFENSE

LE 92 Shaun Ellis	98 Bobby Hamilton	94 Michael Haynes	97 Darrell Adams	
NT 63 Dewayne Robertson	95 C.J. Mosley	91 Sione Pouha	75 Zarnell Fitch	
RE 67 Kimo von Oelhoffen	93 Kenyon Coleman	77 Eric Hicks	<u>70 Mike DeVito</u>	
OLB 99 Bryan Thomas	96 David Bowens	57 Andre Wadsworth		
ILB 50 Eric Barton	<u>52 David Harris</u>	47 Blake Costanzo		
ILB 51 Jonathan Vilma	55 Brad Kassell	56 Anthony Schlegel	<u>46 Jerry Mackey</u>	
OLB 54 Victor Hobson	53 Cody Spencer	<u>48 Jason Trusnik</u>	58 *Matt Chatham	
LCB 21 Andre Dyson	31 Hank Poteat	30 Drew Coleman	<u>39 Rayshaun Kizer</u>	
RCB 36 David Barrett	22 Justin Miller	27 Alphonso Hodge	<u>35 Manny Collins</u>	<u>24 Darrelle Revis</u>
S 26 Erik Coleman	33 Eric Smith	38 Jamie Thompson		
S 25 Kerry Rhodes	42 Rashad Washington	41 Raymond Ventrone		

SPECIAL TEAMS

K 1 Mike Nugent				
P 7 Ben Graham				
H 7 Ben Graham				
PR 29 Leon Washington	<u>83 Chansi Stuckey</u>	<u>24 Darrelle Revis</u>	17 *Tim Dwight	
KR 22 Justin Miller	29 Leon Washington	16 Brad Smith		
LS 85 James Dearth				

*- PUP List

Rookies are underlined

COACHING STAFF

Head Coach: Eric Mangini

Offensive Coordinator: Brian Schottenheimer; **Defensive Coordinator:** Bob Sutton; **Special Teams Coordinator:** Mike Westhoff; **Head Strength and Conditioning Coach:** Sal Alosi; **Quality Control - Offense:** Mike Bloomgren; **Assistant Defensive Line:** Bryan Cox; **Quarterbacks:** Brian Daboll; **Offensive Line:** Mike Devlin; **Quality Control - Defense:** Andy Dickerson; **Assistant Defensive Backs/Director of Player Development:** Jerome Henderson; **Linebackers:** Jim Herrmann; **Assistant Strength and Conditioning:** Mike Jones; **Quality Control - Defense/Asst. Special Teams:** Ben Kotwica; **Assistant Strength and Conditioning/Nutrition Coordinator:** Rick Lyle; **Defensive Backs:** Mike MacIntyre; **Wide Receivers:** Noel Mazzone; **Assistant Tight Ends:** Jason Michael; **Defensive Line:** Dan Quinn; **Running Backs:** Jimmy Raye; **Quality Control - Offense:** Brian Smith; **Offensive Line:** Tony Wise.



2006 Regular Season Statistics



Won 10, Lost 6

9/10/2006	W	23-16	at Tennessee Titans
9/17/2006	L	17-24	New England Patriots
9/24/2006	W	28-20	at Buffalo Bills
10/1/2006	L	28-31	Indianapolis Colts
10/8/2006	L	0-41	at Jacksonville Jaguars
10/15/2006	W	20-17	Miami Dolphins
10/22/2006	W	31-24	Detroit Lions
10/29/2006	L	13-20	at Cleveland Browns
11/12/2006	W	17-14	at New England Patriots
11/19/2006	L	0-10	Chicago Bears
11/26/2006	W	26-11	Houston Texans
12/3/2006	W	38-10	at Green Bay Packers
12/10/2006	L	13-31	Buffalo Bills
12/17/2006	W	26-13	at Minnesota Vikings
12/25/2006	W	13-10	at Miami Dolphins
12/31/2006	W	23-3	Oakland Raiders

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
L.Washington	151	650	4.3	23	4
C.Houston	113	374	3.3	31	5
K.Barlow	131	370	2.8	12	6
C.Pennington	35	109	3.1	15	0
B.Smith	18	103	5.7	32	0
D.Blalock	25	44	1.8	6	0
T.Dwight	2	28	14.0	28	0
J.Cotchery	5	25	5.0	10	0
L.Coles	2	14	7.0	15	0
B.Askew	6	11	1.8	5	0
K.Clemens	2	10	5.0	8	0
B.Graham	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	491	1738	3.5	32	15
Opponents	453	2084	4.6	57t	14

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
L.Coles	91	1098	12.1	58t	6
J.Cotchery	82	961	11.7	71t	6
C.Baker	31	300	9.7	28	4
L.Washington	25	270	10.8	64	0
J.McCareins	23	347	15.1	50	1
T.Dwight	16	112	7.0	15	0
B.Smith	9	61	6.8	19	0
B.Askew	9	50	5.6	12	0
C.Houston	7	43	6.1	11	0
K.Barlow	7	21	3.0	8	0
S.Ryan	6	44	7.3	10	0
D.Blalock	5	29	5.8	9	0
J.Hodgins	2	9	4.5	6	0
C.Pennington	0	7	0	7	0
Team	313	3352	10.7	71t	17
Opponents	316	3452	10.9	77t	19

New York Jets		Opponent	
Total First Downs	289	312	
Rushing	99	111	
Passing	161	181	
Penalty	29	20	
3rd Down: Made/Att	99/226	76/208	
3rd Down Pct.	43.8%	36.5%	
4th Down: Made/Att	5/16	12/23	
4th Down Pct.	31.3%	52.2%	
Possession Avg.	31:03	28:57	
Total Net Yards	4891	5306	
Avg. Per Game	305.7	331.6	
Total Plays	1013	1020	
Avg. Per Play	4.8	5.2	
Net Yards Rushing	1738	2084	
Avg. Per Game	108.6	130.3	
Total Rushes	491	453	
Net Yards Passing	3153	3222	
Avg. Per Game	197.1	201.4	
Sacked/Yards Lost	34/199	35/230	
Gross Yards	3352	3452	
Attempts/Completions	488/313	532/316	
Completion Pct.	64.1%	59.4%	
Had Intercepted	16	16	
Punts/Average	74/43.4	74/44.1	
Net Punting Avg.	37.6	36.8	
Penalties/Yards	70/560	105/843	
Fumbles/Ball Lost	21/9	17/9	
Touchdowns	35	34	
Rushing	15	14	
Passing	17	19	
Returns	3	1	

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
K.Rhodes	4	46	11.5	25	0
A.Dyson	4	-3	-0.8	0	0
D.Barrett	3	0	0.0	0	0
E.Smith	2	1	0.5	1	0
V.Hobson	1	9	9.0	9	0
E.Coleman	1	3	3.0	3	0
J.Vilma	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	16	56	3.5	25	0
Opponents	16	148	9.3	58t	1

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
B.Graham	72	3182	44.2	37.8	11	26	69	1
C.Pennington	1	29	29.0	29.0	0	1	29	0
Team	73	3211	43.4	37.6	11	27	69	1
Opponents	74	3266	44.1	36.8	15	18	68	0

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
Team	54	107	67	88	0	316
Opponents	52	74	53	116	0	295

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
T.Dwight	14	9	146	10.4	18	0
L.Washington	13	6	97	7.5	38	0
H.Poteat	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
B.Kassell	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
J.Cotchery	0	2	0	0	0	0
Team	29	17	243	8.4	38	0
Opponents	28	15	205	7.3	18	0

Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
M.Nugent	0	0	0	0	34/35	24/27	0	106
L.Coles	6	0	6	0	0/0	0/0	0	36
K.Barlow	6	6	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	36
J.Cotchery	6	0	6	0	0/0	0/0	0	36
C.Houston	5	5	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	30
L.Washington	4	4	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
C.Baker	4	0	4	0	0/0	0/0	0	24
J.Miller	2	0	0	2	0/0	0/0	0	12
V.Hobson	1	0	0	1	0/0	0/0	0	6
J.McCareins	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Team	35	15	17	3	34/35	24/27	0	316
Opponents	34	14	19	1	29/29	18/24	4	295

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J.Miller	46	1304	28.3	103t	2
L.Washington	6	79	13.2	23	0
M.Chatham	2	26	13.0	20	0
C.Baker	2	15	7.5	11	0
J.Hodgins	1	17	17.0	17	0
B.Smith	1	4	4.0	4	0
L.Coles	1	0	0.0	0	0
K.Rhodes	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	60	1445	24.1	103t	2
Opponents	69	1462	21.2	39	0

2-Pt. Conversions: Team 0/ 0, Opponents: 4/ 5

Sacks: B.Thomas 8.5, V.Hobson 6.0, K.Rhodes 5.0, S.Ellis 5.0, E.Barton 4.5, D.Robertson 2.5, D.Coleman 1.0, K.Von Oelhoffen 1.0, C.Mosley 1.0, R.Washington 0.5 Team: 35.0, Opponents: 34.0

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
M.Nugent	1/1	7/7	10/12	4/4	2/3
Team	1/1	7/7	10/12	4/4	2/3
Opponents	0/0	9/11	5/5	4/6	0/2

Fumbles Lost: C.Pennington 4, B.Kassell 1, S.Ryan 1, N.Mangold 1, K.Clemens 1, L.Washington 1 Total: 9

Nugent: (18G,34N,30N)(42G)(0)(0)(33G,33G)(33G)(27G,52N,47G)(34G)(0)(23G,34G,54G,40G)(24G)(30G,38G)(25G,52G,45G,20G)(22G,30G)(35G,22G,35G)

OPPONENTS: (0)(20G,29B)(36G,28G)(20G)(43G,40G)(21G,51N)(25G)(47G,26N,21G)(31G,21G)(20G)(47G,59N)(40N,34G)(34G)(49N)(25G)(35G)

Opponent Fumble Recoveries: V.Hobson 2, J.Vilma 1, J.Miller 1, K.Rhodes 1, B.Hamilton 1, H.Poteat 1, B.Thomas 1, D.Robertson 1 Total: 9

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%
C.Pennington	485	313	3352	64.5%	6.9	17	3.5%
P.Ramsey	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0	0	0.0%
B.Graham	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0	0	0.0%
K.Clemens	1	0	0	0.0%	0.0	0	0.0%
Team	488	313	3352	64.1%	6.9	17	3.5%
Opponents	532	316	3452	59.4%	6.5	19	3.6%

Int	Int%	Long	Sack	Lost	Rating
16	3.3%	71t	30/	172	82.6
0	0.0%	0	0/	0	39.6
0	0.0%	0	0/	0	39.6
0	0.0%	0	4/	27	39.6
16	3.3%	71t	34/	199	82.1
16	3.0%	77t	35/	230	78.0



2006 Jets Defensive Statistics



Player	TT	ST	AT	S	QH	FR	FF	PD	I
Jonathan Vilma	116	68	48	0	2	1	0	4	1
Eric Barton	100	72	28	4.5	3	0	1	2	0
Victor Hobson	100	66	34	6	13	2	0	2	1
Erik Coleman	93	63	30	0	1	0	0	4	1
Kerry Rhodes	92	70	22	5	4	1	3	13	4
Bryan Thomas	77	58	19	8.5	10	1	1	0	0
Andre Dyson	62	51	11	0	0	0	0	8	4
Dewayne Robertson	62	37	25	2.5	6	1	1	0	0
Shaun Ellis	58	37	21	5	4	0	1	3	0
Justin Miller	53	46	7	0	0	1	1	6	0
David Barrett	36	23	13	0	0	0	2	6	3
Hank Poteat	32	23	9	0	0	1	0	3	0
Bobby Hamilton	30	19	11	0	0	1	0	1	0
Kimo von Oelhoffen	28	17	11	1	1	0	0	1	0
Drew Coleman	20	15	5	1	1	0	1	2	0
Brad Kassell	19	12	7	0	0	0	0	1	0
Matt Chatham	19	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	0
Eric Smith	16	11	5	0	1	0	0	2	2
Rashad Washington	12	7	5	0.5	1	0	0	0	0
Rashad Moore	11	8	3	0	1	0	1	0	0
Derrick Strait	8	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
C.J. Mosley	7	6	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dave Ball	1	1	0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Ryan Riddle	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	1053	728	325	35	51	9	12	60	16

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES

Player	TT	ST	AT	FF	FR	BL
Rashad Washington	22	17	5	0	0	0
Cody Spencer	13	10	3	0	0	0
Eric Smith	11	8	3	0	0	0
B.J. Askew	11	5	6	0	0	0
Brad Smith	10	9	1	0	0	0
Erik Coleman	8	7	1	0	0	0
Kerry Rhodes	7	6	1	0	0	0
Brad Kassell	7	6	1	0	0	0
Matt Chatham	6	3	3	0	0	0
Drew Coleman	6	4	2	0	0	0
Wallace Wright	6	6	0	0	0	0
Mike Nugent	4	1	3	0	1	0
Brad Kassell	4	3	1	0	0	0
Justin McCareins	2	2	0	0	0	0
James Dearth	2	2	0	0	0	0
Derrick Strait	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ryan Myers	1	0	1	0	0	0
Ryan Riddle	1	1	0	0	0	0
Anthony Schlegel	1	1	0	0	0	0
Ben Graham	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jamie Thompson	1	1	0	0	0	0
Leon Washington	0	0	0	0	1	0
Bryan Thomas	0	0	0	0	0	1
Totals	125	94	31	0	2	1



2006 Postseason Statistics



Won 10, Lost 6

1/7/2007 L 16-37 at New England Patriots

	New York Jets	Opponent
Total First Downs	18	26
Rushing	3	13
Passing	12	12
Penalty	3	1
3rd Down: Made/Att	3/11	11/16
3rd Down Pct.	27.3%	68.8%
4th Down: Made/Att	1/2	0/0
4th Down Pct.	50.0%	0.0
Possession Avg.	26:40	33:20
Total Net Yards	347	358
Avg. Per Game	347.0	358.0
Total Plays	60	73
Avg. Per Play	5.8	4.9
Net Yards Rushing	70	158
Avg. Per Game	70.0	158.0
Total Rushes	16	38
Net Yards Passing	277	200
Avg. Per Game	277.0	200.0
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/22	1/12
Gross Yards	299	212
Attempts/Completions	41/24	34/22
Completion Pct.	58.5%	64.7%
Had Intercepted	1	0
Punts/Average	3/34.3	2/37.0
Net Punting Avg.	27.7	33.5
Penalties/Yards	4/47	7/59
Fumbles/Ball Lost	1/1	1/1
Touchdowns	1	4
Rushing	0	1
Passing	1	2
Returns	0	1

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
Team	3	7	3	3	0	16
Opponents	7	10	6	14	0	37

Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
M.Nugent	0	0	0	0	1/1	3/3	0	10
J.Cotchery	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Team	1	0	1	0	1/1	3/3	0	16
Opponents	4	1	2	1	4/4	3/3	0	37

2-Pt. Conversions: Team 0/0, Opponents: 0/0

Sacks: E.Barton 0.5, B.Thomas 0.5 Team: 1.0, Opponents: 3.0

Fumbles Lost: C.Pennington 1 Total: 1

Opponent Fumble Recoveries: H.Poteat 1 Total: 1

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack	Lost	Rating
C.Pennington	40	23	300	57.5%	7.5	1	2.5%	1	2.5%	77t	3/	22	79.2
P.Ramsey	1	1	-1	100.0%	-1.0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	-1	0/	0	79.2
Team	41	24	299	58.5%	7.3	1	2.4%	1	2.4%	77t	3/	22	79.2
Opponents	34	22	212	64.7%	6.2	2	5.9%	0	0.0%	31	1/	12	101.6

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
L.Washington	11	50	4.5	19	0
J.Cotchery	2	19	9.5	14	0
C.Pennington	2	1	0.5	7	0
C.Houston	1	0	0.0	0	0
Team	16	70	4.4	19	0
Opponents	38	158	4.2	13	1

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
C.Baker	5	68	13.6	26	0
L.Coles	5	45	9.0	14	0
J.Cotchery	4	100	25.0	77t	1
L.Washington	4	25	6.3	12	0
J.McCareins	2	31	15.5	20	0
B.Askew	2	22	11.0	23	0
B.Smith	2	8	4.0	6	0
Team	24	299	12.5	77t	1
Opponents	22	212	9.6	31	2

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Opponents	1	36	36.0	36t	1

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
B.Graham	3	103	34.3	27.7	1	2	44	0
Team	3	103	34.3	27.7	1	2	44	0
Opponents	2	74	37.0	33.5	0	0	42	0

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
L.Washington	1	0	7	7.0	7	0
Team	1	0	7	7.0	7	0
Opponents	0	1	0	0	0	0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J.Miller	6	136	22.7	35	0
Team	6	136	22.7	35	0
Opponents	5	126	25.2	29	0

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
M.Nugent	0/0	2/2	1/1	0/0	0/0
Team	0/0	2/2	1/1	0/0	0/0
Opponents	0/0	2/2	0/0	1/1	0/0

Nugent: (28G, 21G, 37G) OPPONENTS:(20G, 40G, 28G)

DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

Player	TT	ST	AT	S	QH	FR	FF	PD	I	Player	TT	ST	AT	FF	FR	BL
Erik Coleman	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	C. Spencer	3	1	2	0	0	0
Eric Barton	8	2	6	0.5	1	0	0	0	0	R. Washington	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dewayne Robertson	8	4	4	0	0	0	1	0	0	E. Smith	1	1	0	0	0	0
Shaun Ellis	7	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	B. Kassell	1	1	0	0	0	0
Jonathan Vilma	6	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	M. Chatham	1	1	0	0	0	0
Kerry Rhodes	6	5	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	D. Coleman	1	0	1	0	0	0
Hank Poteat	6	5	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	Totals	8	5	3	0	0	0
Bryan Thomas	5	3	2	0.5	2	0	0	0	0							
David Barrett	5	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	2							
Eric Smith	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Victor Hobson	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	1	0							
Bobby Hamilton	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Brad Kassell	3	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0							
Andre Dyson	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Justin Miller	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0							
Drew Coleman	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Matt Chatham	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Kimo von Oelhoffen	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Rashad Washington	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Rashad Moore	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0							
Totals	85	54	31	1	6	1	1	5	0							



2007 Preseason Statistics



Won 1, Lost 1

8/10/2007 W 31- 16 Atlanta Falcons
 8/17/2007 L 20- 37 Minnesota Vikings

	New York Jets	Opponent
Total First Downs	43	30
Rushing	17	13
Passing	22	15
Penalty	4	2
3rd Down: Made/Att	15/28	10/27
3rd Down Pct.	53.6%	37.0%
4th Down: Made/Att	1/4	1/2
4th Down Pct.	25.0%	50.0%
Possession Avg.	34:06	25:55
Total Net Yards	634	542
Avg. Per Game	317.0	271.0
Total Plays	132	108
Avg. Per Play	4.8	5.0
Net Yards Rushing	294	253
Avg. Per Game	147.0	126.5
Total Rushes	71	54
Net Yards Passing	340	289
Avg. Per Game	170.0	144.5
Sacked/Yards Lost	3/15	2/9
Gross Yards	355	298
Attempts/Completions	58/38	52/27
Completion Pct.	65.5%	51.9%
Had Intercepted	3	1
Punts/Average	4/44.5	8/44.5
Net Punting Avg.	38.8	37.9
Penalties/Yards	9/72	15/104
Fumbles/Ball Lost	6/1	1/1
Touchdowns	6	5
Rushing	1	2
Passing	5	0
Returns	0	3

Rushing	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D.Ware	23	93	4.0	26	0
L.Washington	20	82	4.1	25	0
B.Smith	7	47	6.7	11	0
T.Jones	8	27	3.4	6	1
C.Pennington	1	16	16.0	16	0
A.Banks	5	11	2.2	4	0
T.Hollings	2	9	4.5	7	0
K.Clemens	3	5	1.7	4	0
C.Stuckey	1	5	5.0	5	0
M.Tuiasosopo	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
Team	71	294	4.1	26	1
Opponents	54	253	4.7	43	2

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
S.Ryan	8	63	7.9	10t	2
C.Stuckey	6	33	5.5	13t	1
J.McCareins	5	101	20.2	42	1
W.Wright	5	43	8.6	16	0
J.Pociask	3	35	11.7	23t	1
L.Washington	3	5	1.7	13	0
F.Jackson	2	23	11.5	20	0
L.Coles	2	23	11.5	12	0
J.Cotchery	2	10	5.0	10	0
T.Hollings	1	14	14.0	14	0
C.Baker	1	5	5.0	5	0
Team	38	355	9.3	42	5
Opponents	27	298	11.0	37	0

Interceptions	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D.Coleman	1	14	14.0	14	0
Team	1	14	14.0	14	0
Opponents	3	60	20.0	40t	2

Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
Team	3	24	14	10	0	51
Opponents	21	16	10	6	0	53

Punting	No	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
B.Graham	4	179	44.8	38.8	0	2	49	0
Team	4	179	44.8	38.8	0	2	49	0
Opponents	8	356	44.5	37.9	2	1	54	0

Scoring	TD	Ru	Pa	Rt	PAT	FG	2Pt	Pts
M.Nugent	0	0	0	0	6/6	3/4	0	15
S.Ryan	2	0	2	0	0/0	0/0	0	12
J.Pociask	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
C.Stuckey	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
T.Jones	1	1	0	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
J.McCareins	1	0	1	0	0/0	0/0	0	6
Team	6	1	5	0	6/6	3/4	0	51
Opponents	5	2	0	3	5/5	6/6	0	53

Punt Returns	Ret	FC	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
C.Stuckey	2	0	15	7.5	14	0
L.Washington	1	1	-2	-2.0	0	0
Team	3	1	13	4.3	14	0
Opponents	4	0	24	6.0	10	0

2-Pt. Conversions: Team 0/ 0, Opponents: 0/0

Kickoff Returns	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
L.Washington	3	129	43.0	86	0
B.Smith	3	101	33.7	46	0
C.Stuckey	2	46	23.0	25	0
W.Wright	1	38	38.0	38	0
A.Banks	1	24	24.0	24	0
J.Pociask	1	13	13.0	13	0
Team	11	351	31.9	86	0
Opponents	10	246	24.6	40	0

Sacks (2.0): S.Ellis 2.0. Opponents: 3.0

Fumbles/Lost (6/2): Clemens 2/0, Kendall 2/1, Cotchery 1/0, McCareins 1/0.

Opponent Fumble Recoveries: S.Ellis 1. Total: 1

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
M.Nugent	1/ 1	1/ 1	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/ 1
Team	1/ 1	1/ 1	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/ 1
Opponents	0/ 0	2/ 2	1/ 1	2/ 2	1/ 1

Nugent: (52N,29G)(19G,34G). TEAM: (52N,29G)(19G,34G). OPPONENTS: (45G,41G,37G)(54G,22G,27G)

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack	Lost	Rating
K.Clemens	31	22	230	71.0%	7.4	4	12.9%	1	3.2%	42	1/	5	118.3
M.Tuiasosopo	10	5	64	50.0%	6.4	1	10.0%	0	0.0%	23t	1/	9	103.7
C.Pennington	10	7	40	70.0%	4.0	0	0.0%	2	20.0%	12	0/	0	37.5
B.Smith	7	4	21	57.1%	3.0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	9	1/	1	62.2
Team	58	38	355	65.5%	6.1	5	8.6%	3	5.2%	42	3/	15	89.4
Opponents	52	27	298	51.9%	5.7	0	0.0%	1	1.9%	37	2/	9	61.2



2007 Preseason Defense/ST



DEFENSIVE STATISTICS									
Player	Tkls.	Assts.	Total	Sacks/Yds	PR	INT/Yds	PD	FF	FR
Eric Barton	7	1	8	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	0
David Barrett	6	1	7	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	0
Kerry Rhodes	4	2	6	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
David Harris	4	2	6	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Hank Poteat	5	0	5	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	0
C.J. Mosley	5	0	5	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Cody Spencer	4	1	5	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Andre Dyson	3	2	5	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Manny Collins	4	0	4	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Brad Kassell	4	0	4	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
David Bowens	3	1	4	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Alphonso Hodge	2	2	4	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Shaun Ellis	3	0	3	2.0/9	2	0/0	0	1	1
Eric Hicks	3	0	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Kenyon Coleman	3	0	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Victor Hobson	2	1	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Bobby Hamilton	2	1	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Rashad Washington	1	2	3	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Andre Wadsworth	2	0	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Dewayne Robertson	2	0	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Bryan Thomas	2	0	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Kimo von Oelhoffen	2	0	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Sione Pouha	1	1	2	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Drew Coleman	1	0	1	0/0	0	1/14	2	0	0
Jonathan Vilma	1	0	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Mike DeVito	1	0	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
James Ihedigbo	1	0	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Rayshaun Kizer	1	0	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Jason Trusnik	1	0	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Jerry Mackey	1	0	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Blake Costanzo	0	1	1	0/0	0	0/0	0	0	0
Erik Coleman	0	0	0	0/0	0	0/0	1	0	0
TOTALS	81	18	99	2.0/9	2	1/14	6	1	1

Miscellaneous: Tackles: Sean Ryan (1). **Own Fumble Recoveries:** Brad Smith (1), Pete Kendall (1), Kellen Clemens (1).

SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLES			
Player	Tkls.	Assts.	Total
Raymond Ventrone	3	0	3
Manny Collins	3	0	3
Brad Smith	2	0	2
David Harris	1	1	2
Wallace Wright	1	1	2
Brad Kassell	0	2	2
Mike Nugent	1	0	1
Rayshaun Kizer	1	0	1
Ben Graham	1	0	1
Erik Coleman	1	0	1
TOTALS	14	4	18

Key: PR = Pressure; INT = Interception; FF = Forced Fumble; FR = Fumble Recovery; PD = Pass Defensed

SPECIAL TEAMS BIG PLAYS
<u>TDs (0):</u>
<u>Blocked Punts (0):</u>
<u>Blocked Punt Returns (0):</u>
<u>Blocked Field Goals (0):</u>
<u>Blocked FG Returns (0):</u>
<u>Forced Fumbles (0):</u>
<u>Fumble Recoveries (0):</u>



Last Week



VIKINGS 37, JETS 20 - AUGUST 17, 2007 - THE MEADOWLANDS

Minnesota	14	10	10	3	37
New York	3	10	0	7	20

TEAM STATISTICS

	MIN	NYJ
First Downs	14	22
Third Downs	6-14	6-13
Total Net Yards	230	315
Net Yards Rushing	167	148
Net Yards Passing	63	167
Pass attempts-comp-int	18-8-0	35-22-3
Times sacked yards lost	2-9	2-14
Punts-average	3-38.0	1-47.0
Punt returns-yards	1-10	1-1
Kickoff returns-yards	5-111	7-167
Penalties-yards	8-45	6-47
Fumbles-lost	1-1	4-1
Time of possession	26:08	33:52

SCORING SUMMARY

T SCORING PLAY

	MIN-NYJ
M Sharper 40 INT return (Longwell)	7-0
N FG Nugent 19	7-3
M Greenway 16 INT return (Longwell)	14-3
N FG Nugent 34	14-6
M Peterson 3 run (Longwell)	21-6
N McCareins 35 pass from Clemens (Nugent)	21-13
M FG Longwell 54	24-13
M Robison 3 fumble return (Longwell)	31-13
M FG Longwell 22	34-13
N Pociask 23 pass from Tuiasosopo (Nugent)	34-20
M FG Longwell 27	37-20

GAME REVIEW

On the Jets first offensive play of the game, Chad Pennington threw his first pass of the preseason, a 5-yard completion to Chris Baker. Four plays later Pennington ran for 16 yards on a third-and-four, marking his longest preseason rush since August 27, 2004 against the New York Giants (nine yards). — The Vikings capitalized with two defensive touchdowns off of Pennington interceptions in the first quarter helping the Vikings score 21 points in the first half; the largest first-half total allowed by the Jets in the preseason since 1992. — Minnesota's third touchdown was scored by Adrian Peterson who set up his three-yard score with a 43-yard rush. — Shaun Ellis forced Brooks Bollinger to fumble on a sack in the second quarter. Ellis totalled two sacks

in the game, making him the first Jets player with two in a preseason game since Ryan Wingrove on August 23, 2003 against the Giants. — Kellen Clemens took advantage of the turnover, connecting with Justin McCareins on a 35-yard touchdown completion on third-and-10. Clemens currently leads the NFL with four touchdown passes in the preseason. — In the third quarter, Vikings DE Brian Robison recovered an errant snap from Pete Kendall and returned it three yards for Minnesota's third defensive touchdown of the game. — The Jets have had only one other preseason game since 1992 in which the team allowed as many as two return touchdowns (July 29, 2000 vs. New Orleans Saints).

POSTGAME NOTES

- Chad Pennington completed his first pass of the preseason to Chris Baker for five yards on the Jets first offensive play of the first quarter. Four plays later, Pennington ran for a preseason career-best 16 yards on a third-and-four play. It was his longest preseason rush since August 27, 2004 against the New York Giants when he ran for nine yards.
- The Minnesota Vikings scored 21 points in the first half; the largest total allowed by the Jets in the preseason since 1992.
- Shaun Ellis became the first Jets player to record at least two sacks in a preseason game since Ryan Wingrove accomplished the feat on

- August 23, 2003, against the Giants.
- In the preseason the Jets have had only one other game since 1992 in which they allowed as many as two return touchdowns. On July 29, 2000, New Orleans Saints cornerback Sammy Knight returned a Vinny Testaverde interception 65 yards for a score and Chad Morton returned a Tom Tupa punt 77 yards for a touchdown. The Jets won the game 24-20.
- Kellen Clemens threw a 35-yard touchdown pass to Justin McCareins in the second quarter. Clemens leads the NFL with four touchdown passes in the preseason.



Last Week



STARTING LINEUP AND INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Offense

WR #87	Laveranues Coles
LT #60	D'Brickshaw Ferguson
LG #61	Adrien Clarke
C #74	Nick Mangold
RG #65	Brandon Moore
RT #68	Anthony Clement
TE #86	Chris Baker
WR #89	Jerricho Cothery
WR #81	Justin McCareins
QB #10	Chad Pennington
RB #29	Leon Washington

Defense

DE #92	Shaun Ellis
NT #63	Dewayne Robertson
DE #93	Kenyon Coleman
OLB #99	Bryan Thomas
ILB #50	Eric Barton
ILB #51	Jonathan Vilma
OLB #54	Victor Hobson
CB #36	David Barrett
CB #21	Andre Dyson
S #26	Erik Coleman
S #25	Kerry Rhodes

VIKINGS PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD-I
D. Henson	9	4	33	0-0
B. Bollinger	4	2	27	0-0
T. Jackson	4	2	12	0-0
T. Thigpen	1	0	0	0-0
Totals	18	8	72	0-0

JETS PASSING

	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD-I
M. Tuiasosopo	10	5	64	1-0
K. Clemens	9	6	56	1-1
C. Pennington	10	7	40	0-2
B. Smith	6	4	21	0-0
Totals	35	22	181	2-3

VIKINGS RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
A. Peterson	8	70	8.8	43	1
M. Moore	8	27	3.4	9	0
A. Pinner	3	20	6.7	15	0
B. Bollinger	2	18	9.0	11	0
C. Taylor	4	16	4.0	12	0
T. Thigpen	1	8	8.0	8	0
C. Fason	3	6	2.0	5	0
T. Richardson	1	1	1.0	1	0
J. Dugan	1	1	1.0	0	0
Totals	31	167	5.4	43	1

JETS RUSHING

	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
L. Washington	11	52	4.7	15	0
D. Ware	11	45	4.1	9	0
B. Smith	4	21	5.3	11	0
C. Pennington	1	16	16.0	16	0
T. Hollings	2	9	4.5	7	0
C. Stuckey	1	5	5.0	5	0
K. Clemens	1	0	0.0	0	0
Totals	31	148	4.8	16	0

VIKINGS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
S. Rice	2	14	7.0	8	0
B. Wade	2	13	6.5	9	0
C. Taylor	1	18	18.0	18	0
M. Moore	1	12	12.0	12	0
M. Nance	1	8	8.0	8	0
R. Owens	1	7	7.0	7	0
Totals	8	72	9.0	18	0

JETS RECEIVING

	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
S. Ryan	4	34	8.5	10	0
J. McCareins	3	52	17.3	35	1
J. Pociask	3	35	11.7	23	1
C. Stuckey	3	13	4.3	10	0
L. Coles	2	23	11.5	12	0
J. Cotchery	2	10	5.0	10	0
T. Hollings	1	14	14.0	14	0
C. Baker	1	5	5.0	5	0
F. Jackson	1	3	3.0	3	0
L. Washington	2	-8	-4.0	-4	0
Totals	22	181	8.2	35	2

POSTGAME QUOTES

HEAD COACH ERIC MANGINI

Opening statement...

Prior to the game, I talked to the players about building on last week. Last week we did a really good job in terms of our game operations and penalties. In addition to that, I was looking to put together a game that was similar to our practices, and that's what this game was. There were some plays that showed very good awareness, attack situations down in the red zone, using the cadence effectively, and there were some good checks defensively at times. Then there were a whole lot of plays that weren't very

good. That's why there is practice. It's obviously disappointing. I told them after the game that if anyone has the impression that this is OK because it's pre-season, they are wrong. Next week, we are going to work very hard to get these corrected...extremely hard to get these corrected. I think they understand. It's too important not to.



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POSTGAME QUOTES - continued

On correcting the mental mistakes from the game...

In any game, there are mental mistakes you have to work on in practice. Our significant issue was the turnovers, the snap over the head, the interception off the batted ball, the tipped ball high on Kellen's play, another snap that was low, and the two throws that Chad had which I am sure he would like to have back. I know I'd like him to have them back. This is who the Vikings are. They are good against the run.

They led the NFL last year on interceptions returned for touchdowns, defensive returns for touchdowns. So it's not that there was not awareness. We just need better execution.

On talking with Pennington on the sideline early in the game...

What I was concerned about was calling a timeout on second-and-17 that early in the game. He should just check to a run and get what he can there as opposed to calling a timeout. You can't give up those timeouts that easily in the first quarter with a play like that. It was just a clock management issue we were talking through.

QB CHAD PENNINGTON

On the game...

The only good thing that came out of tonight is that it didn't count. But with that being said, I think all of us in the locker room are going to take this game very seriously and look at those mistakes and correct them on the practice field. Anytime you have a game like this, the best thing that you can do as a team and do as an individual player is fix them and practice well the next week and get ready and prepared. That's what we'll do, that's what I'll do. My mistakes are fixable. They are not things that can't be fixed or things that I can fix really quickly in a heartbeat. I will just move on and learn from it and try to teach our young guys how to move on from setbacks like this. As veterans we need to step up and make sure we do the right things on the practice field to get better.

On making errors in the game...

You're glad that it doesn't count and you're glad that you're still 0-0 as far as the NFL record books are concerned. But as a player you are disappointed in how you played and how you performed on the field.

Anytime you have a chance to perform on the field you want to perform well. You want to get better at

the fundamentals and you talked about those things when we didn't make those things happen. It starts with me. I take care of the football and take pride in taking care of the football and not just giving the ball away and I didn't do that tonight. That's what I've got to focus on. Just focus on me. I am doing everything necessary to where my teammates can feed off of my play.

QB KELLEN CLEMENS

On his overall performance...

It's difficult to say. We were fortunate to get the touchdown there. Credit that one all to Justin (McCareins) for making those guys miss. The interception was costly. I know that led to points. It put our defense in a difficult situation. There are a lot of things that we can improve on.

S ERIK COLEMAN

On coach's message in the locker room...

It's not acceptable to come out here and give up plays. Even though it's the preseason, we demand nothing but the best out of each other. We work too hard for us to give up plays. The defense missed a couple of tackles and we work too hard for that. We gotta keep getting better. It's still the preseason so its not like we're gonna panic, but we still have a lot of work to do.

On his performance and playing in the NFL...

Last year was a big year for me and I'm getting a lot of skills. I can play in the NFL, I belong in the NFL. Trust me, I belong here and at the same time trying to get better every day. Take down the new stuff and trying to improve out there week to week.



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Sharper, Greenway return TD passes in Vikings' 37-20 win over Jets

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Darren Sharper watched the New York Jets set up their offense and knew he'd have a chance to make a play.

"With the formation they came out in and after playing 11 years, I can predict what they were doing," the veteran Minnesota Vikings safety said. "I read Chad Pennington's eyes and he threw it right to me."

Sharper returned an interception 40 yards on New York's first series, Chad Greenway later brought one back 16 yards and rookie Brian Robison scored on a fumble recovery as the Vikings took advantage of turnovers in a 37-20 victory Friday night.

"We know when our defense performs the way it performed that we can win a lot of games," Sharper said. "Our attitude is to create turnovers and score with the football."

A week after not attempting a pass, Pennington was 7-of-10 for 40 yards and threw two touchdown passes — to the Vikings (1-1).

"About the only good thing that came out of tonight is that it didn't count," Pennington said.

The Vikings led 14-3 after the first quarter, despite holding the ball for just 58 seconds because of the Jets' offensive mistakes.

"I told them after the game that if anybody has the impression that this is OK because it's preseason, they're wrong," coach Eric Mangini said.

In New York's preseason-opening win over Atlanta, Pennington was ordered to only hand off during his two series. The rust certainly showed.

On the fifth play of the game, Pennington faced a heavy rush and threw a pass off his back foot. The ball floated to Sharper, who avoided a halfhearted tackling attempt by Pennington and sped into the end zone. "I just lost sight of Sharper," Pennington said. "It was one of those things where you'd like to have a string on the football so you could have that one back."

Pennington bounced back with a solid drive on the team's next possession, but the Jets (1-1) had to settle for a 19-yard field goal by Mike Nugent. Jerricho Cotchery made a nice 10-yard catch to get New York to the 1, but as he was getting up, the receiver bounced the ball off the turf — and was called for delay of game as part of the NFL's crackdown on excessive celebrations. The Jets then couldn't get into the end zone. After the Vikings went three-and-out, Pennington made another costly mistake. On second-and-16, Pennington was pressured by Ray Edwards and lofted a pass toward Leon Washington. Greenway stepped in front of the soft toss and took it in for an easy touchdown with 3:28 left in the opening quarter.

"I'd just throw it at Leon's feet and live to see another down," Pennington said when asked what he'd do differently. "Any time you're under pressure like that, you don't want to make something bad into something worse."

Rookie running back Adrian Peterson had a big game for Minnesota, gaining 70 yards and scoring a touchdown on eight carries.

"I'm getting better each week," the No. 7 overall pick said. "The game is faster now, but I feel like I'm catching up with it."

After Nugent's 34-yard field goal made it 14-6 early in the second quarter, Peterson showed why he was the first running back drafted in April. On his first carry, the bruising 6-foot-1, 217-pounder hit the hole and took off down the right sideline for 43 yards before being knocked out of bounds by David Barrett.

"I kind of hit him at the same time he was knocking me out," Peterson said. "I wanted to let him know that I was going to get him before he got me. I think that's part of playing in the NFL: sending a message to the other team that you're tough."

Peterson, who had 33 yards on 11 carries in the Vikings' preseason opener, rumbled up the middle six plays later for 3 yards to give Minnesota a 21-6 lead.

On Minnesota's next drive, Shaun Ellis sacked backup Brooks Bollinger and forced a fumble that he also recovered. Justin McCareins scored on a 35-yard touchdown pass from Kellen Clemens three plays later.

The Vikings put the game away with 6:18 left in the third quarter on consecutive plays by Robison, the



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team's fourth-round pick out of Texas.

After Robison sacked Clemens and forced a fumble that the Jets recovered, Pete Kendall's errant shotgun snap went over Clemens' head. Instead of falling on it, the quarterback tried to pick it up but the ball bounced to Robison, who went 3 yards into the end zone.

New York's Jason Pociask caught a 23-yard touchdown pass from Marques Tuiasosopo with 2:22 left in the game, but it was too late for a comeback attempt.

"It was just one of those days," Jets wide receiver Laveranues Coles said. "We took one on the chin."

The Jets played without star running back Thomas Jones, sidelined by a strained right calf. Cornerback Darrelle Revis, the Jets' first-round pick, was in uniform but didn't play after ending his holdout Wednesday.

The Jets' Offense Sputters Without Jones

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There was a hole in the offensive backfield, a haze obscuring Chad Pennington's vision and an altogether messy look to the Jets' offense Friday night.

Five days after Thomas Jones, their No. 1 running back, went down with a calf injury, the Jets found out how much they might miss him for the next couple of weeks. They struggled to adapt to his absence at Giants Stadium, losing to the Minnesota Vikings, 37-20.

Minnesota had 21 points by halftime, the most the Jets have allowed in a preseason game since 1992.

"It's obviously disappointing," Coach Eric Mangini said. "And I told them after the game, if anybody has the impression that this is O.K. because it's preseason, they're wrong. And they've got to understand that next week we're going to work very hard to get these corrected — extremely hard to get these corrected."

A week ago, with Jones alongside him in the backfield, Pennington did not attempt a pass in a 31-16 victory against the Atlanta Falcons. Without Jones, Pennington passed early and often and errantly. He completed 7 of 10 passes for 40 yards, but two of his misses were interceptions. Each was returned for a Vikings touchdown in the first quarter.

The backup quarterback Kellen Clemens also threw an interception, and the Jets lost a fumble, bringing their turnover total to four.

"They're very good at what they do, and that means that those decisions have to be that much sharper," Mangini said, referring to Pennington's two bad passes.

Leon Washington stepped in for Jones and perhaps cast some doubt on his ability to be an every-down back. He rushed 11 times for 52 yards in the first half, including a key 13-yard run on the Jets' first scoring drive.

But it did not take long to notice Jones's absence. The Vikings seemed content to wait for Pennington to make a mistake.

On the fifth play of the game, Pennington threw to his left, toward Chris Baker, but Darren Sharper cut in front of Baker for an interception and ran 40 yards for a touchdown.

Undeterred, Pennington threw six times (completing five) on an 11-play drive that produced a 19-yard field goal by Mike Nugent.

Trouble struck again on the Jets' third possession. Pennington tried to throw as he was being pulled down from behind by the Vikings' Ray Edwards. The pass floated into the waiting arms of linebacker Chad Greenway, who ran 16 yards untouched into the end zone.

Pennington directed the Jets to a second field goal, cutting Minnesota's lead to 14-6, before leaving the game early in the second quarter.

There was modest intrigue for the Jets even before kickoff — a man wearing a No. 24 jersey roaming the 35-yard line on the west side of the field. The rookie cornerback Darrelle Revis, who ended his holdout two nights earlier, was in uniform and hungry to make his debut. He defended on a few warm-up plays but clearly had not finished reading his playbook; on one play, he cut inside just as Justin McCareins, the receiver he



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was covering, turned toward the sideline for an easy reception. He did not play in the first half. Minnesota scored its third defensive touchdown in the third quarter when Pete Kendall — reluctantly playing center — snapped the ball over the head of Clemens. The ball bounced toward the end zone, and defensive end Brian Robison scooped it up behind Clemens, then bounded in for the touchdown and a 34-13 lead.

The play only underscored the rift between the Jets and Kendall, who is unhappy with his contract. “I don’t control where I play, I don’t control when I play, I don’t control who I play for,” Kendall said. “They asked me to go play center, they’re well within their rights to do that. I did the best I could. It wasn’t good enough.”

Jets’ offensive woes create three Vikings defensive TDs

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Chad Pennington has spent the last few years thinking about his shoulder. Now the Jets quarterback may have to start looking over it.

Pennington was far from impressive in Friday night’s 37-20 loss to the Vikings. A week after he was relegated to handing off on every snap of his two offensive series in the preseason opener, Pennington might have been better off with the same approach this time. He completed seven of his 10 passes, but two of the three misses were picked off by the Vikings and returned for touchdowns.

Pennington was not the only disappointment in the sloppy loss, and it’s unlikely that Eric Mangini will make a change at the position. But his poor performance, coupled with the strong play of backup Kellen Clemens in recent weeks, could start to sway Mangini’s confidence. If nothing else, it should spark Pennington in the second half of the preseason.

Mangini speaks highly of Pennington and even stepped outside his philosophy of naming starters when he apparently crowned him the team’s quarterback at the NFL combine in February. But a closer look at Mangini’s statement back then shows it may not have been a long-term decision.

“He’ll be the starter going into camp,” Mangini said. He made no guarantees about coming out of camp. Normally lauded more for his decision-making than his throwing, both of Pennington’s interceptions came as the result of poor choices. The first was intended for Jerricho Cotchery on a quick slant but safety Darren Sharper, planted in the middle of the field, jumped the route and returned the ball 40 yards.

The second turnover capped a streak of inefficiency by the Jets. First, starting left guard Adrien Clarke was flagged for holding, then the Jets needed to call a timeout to avoid a delay-of-game penalty. On the next play, Pennington was pressured in the pocket and tried to throw a dump pass to Leon Washington while eluding the grasp of Vikings defensive end Ray Edwards. The quarterback avoided the sack but found a worse fate as linebacker Chad Greenway stepped up to snag the fluttering foible in stride on his way to the end zone.

The Vikings’ offense ran three plays for 4 yards and controlled the ball for 58 seconds in the first quarter. Oh, and they led 14-3 at the end of the period.

Not only were Pennington’s turnovers of concern, but his inability to get the Jets into the end zone should cause alarm, especially for Mangini, who stresses red-zone efficiency. The Jets drove to the 1 on their second possession and had to settle for a field goal.

Then they reached the 16 and again Mike Nugent gave them three instead of the desired six.

The second field goal, which made it 14-6 early in the second quarter, was preceded by Leon Washington’s run for 2 yards, notable because it came on third-and-8. Pennington did not throw a pass after his second interception was returned for a Vikings touchdown.

After four offensive sets by Pennington, in stepped Clemens, who did little to close the gap between starter and backup. Clemens — playing with the starting unit for the rest of the first half — went three-and-out on his first series before he hit Justin McCareins for a 35-yard touchdown pass, though McCareins ran some 29 yards after the catch.

In the third quarter, Clemens fumbled (recovered by Jets center Pete Kendall) and threw an interception on



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a pass that was tipped away from Chansi Stuckey. Clemens finished the game 6-for-9 for 56 yards with a TD and an interception.

Mangini: Ugly Loss Not OK

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The Jets' ugly 37-20 preseason loss to the Vikings was only minutes old and Eric Mangini stood at the podium for his postgame press conference trying his best to be mellow and in control of his emotions.

Yet it was clear he was seething inside.

Four turnovers, leading to 24 Minnesota points, and general shoddy play in some areas on defense, including missed tackles, will lead to repercussions from a coach as detail- and discipline-oriented as Mangini. So the players are bracing for a tough week of practice, beginning today.

"I told them after the game that if anyone has the impression that this is OK because it's preseason, they're wrong," Mangini said. "Next week, we're going to work . . . extremely hard to get these corrected. I think they understand."

They certainly do.

"We always expect the worst," Chad Pennington said. "We know what a stickler [Mangini] is for details, so we understand what we're up against next week, and we'll be fine. Whatever [Mangini] has in store for us we'll be ready. We know that he's probably got a few tricks up his sleeve to motivate us and get us going and we'll motivate ourselves."

OL Pete Kendall's summer of discontent keeps getting more intriguing. Kendall said he told the coaches he wasn't comfortable playing center in a game after only a few days of practice, yet the coaches put him in at center in the second half Friday night.

The result was two bad snaps in the shotgun formation, one of which was recovered by the Vikings and led to a Minnesota field goal.

Kendall is the best left guard on the Jets, better than Adrien Clarke, who has been getting half of the snaps with the starters.

Don't be stunned if, after all of this contentiousness, the Jets keep Kendall and give him the \$1 million he's seeking to add to his \$1.7 million salary. Either that or Mangini is so ticked off at him he wants Kendall gone at any cost.

Told the cynic might think he tanked it on those snaps as a protest to playing center, Kendall said, "I can't do anything about what other people think. I'll sleep knowing that I did the best I could."

Kendall, a natural guard, said he wants to remain a guard.

Today marks the first full week of training camp for CB Darrelle Revis, the Jets' top draft pick, who signed last week. Revis, who was in uniform Friday but didn't play, surely will play against the Giants on Saturday.

"It was a little weird being in uniform not playing, but I'm looking forward to practice (today) and getting into the mix and getting back into the playbook," Revis said. "There are things I have to catch up on and I have to work hard."



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Jets have plenty of mistakes to correct when they get back to practice

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After a game filled with interceptions, bad snaps and missed tackles, Eric Mangini went into the New York Jets' locker room with a stern message.

"If anybody has the impression that this is OK because it's preseason, they're wrong," the Jets coach told his team after a 37-20 loss to Minnesota on Friday night. "Next week, we are going to work very hard to get these corrected, extremely hard to get these corrected. I think they understand. It's too important not to."

It's safe to assume the Jets' next practice on Sunday will be a tough one.

"We always expect the worst because we know what a stickler Coach is for details and he takes great pride in how we play," quarterback Chad Pennington said.

And there wasn't a lot for Mangini to be proud of against the Vikings.

Pennington got a chance to throw the ball after going without a pass in the preseason opener and the normally heady quarterback made two ill-advised tosses that were returned for touchdowns.

"You're glad that it doesn't count and you're glad that you're still 0-0 as far as the NFL record books are concerned, but as a player, you're disappointed in how you played and how you performed on the field," Pennington said.

One interception was returned 40 yards by Darren Sharper and the other 16 yards by Chad Greenway. Backup Kellen Clemens, who has had a good preseason, also made some mistakes. He fumbled a snap, and later was intercepted on a ball that was tipped away from wide receiver Chansi Stuckey. The Vikings ended up getting a field goal off the turnover.

"The interception was costly," Clemens said. "I know that led to points. It put our defense in a difficult situation. There are a lot of things that we can improve on."

That seemed to be the theme of the night for the Jets.

New York's defense was highly criticized for not being able to stop the run consistently last season. There were more examples of that Friday night.

Rookie Adrian Peterson had a 43-yard run, Artose Pinner had a 15-yarder, Chester Taylor had one for 12 and even backup quarterback Brooks Bollinger scrambled for 11 yards on one play. The Vikings finished with 167 yards rushing on 31 carries, the result of bad positioning and poor tackling at times by the Jets.

"The defense missed a couple of tackles and we work too hard for that," safety Erik Coleman said. "We've got to keep getting better. It's still the preseason so it's not like we're going to panic, but we still have a lot of work to do."

The Jets might want to scrap the idea of using Pete Kendall at center. The veteran, who usually plays left guard, had two bad snaps out of the shotgun, including one that was recovered by Brian Robison for a touchdown.

"Certainly, I'm disappointed with those two snaps," Kendall said. "I can't blame anybody but myself. I'm the one that pulled the ball and it was obviously awful. So I let my teammates down. It's back to the drawing board, I suppose."

Kendall, in his 12th NFL season, is embroiled in a bitter contract dispute with the team and has asked to be released or traded. Instead, New York has continued to play Kendall mostly with the second-team offense and had him practice at center this week. That's a position he struggled at when he filled in for the



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injured Kevin Mawae two years ago.

"I made mention that I didn't feel entirely comfortable after two or three days of practice," he said. "I don't control where I play. I don't control when I play. I don't control who I play for. So they told me to go out there and do it. I did the best I could and the shotgun snaps were awful. There's no other way to put it."

With a myriad of mistakes and poor judgments, the Jets have plenty to work on before their next game against the Giants on Saturday.

"I think all of us in the locker room are going to take this game very seriously and look at the mistakes and correct those mistakes on the practice field," Pennington said. "Anytime you go through a game like this, the best thing you can do as a team and as an individual player is to fix them and practice well the next week and get ready and prepare for the next week. That's what we'll do. That's what I'll do."



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#37 - DARIAN BARNES

Science-Fiction Fan Hopes Jets' Opportunity Isn't a Fantasy

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Darian Barnes has done some of his best work creating comic-book characters like Paradox, Outback and Ironbound in a series called the "National Triumph League." He has created the story lines of their lives and has overseen their illustration.

Now, after signing with the Jets as a free agent during the off-season, he will try to bring stability to a revamped backfield as the team's starting fullback.

The "National Triumph League" is a figment of Barnes's imagination, something he has worked on for the past year and hopes to have in stores by September. On the field, though, he is facing a real challenge.

The Jets running game was anemic last season. In an effort to revive it, the team traded for Bears running back Thomas Jones and allowed fullback B. J. Askew to sign with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. Barnes, who played last season for the Miami Dolphins and has started only 22 games in his five-year career, was signed days after Jones was acquired.

"Darian was a guy we were familiar with from playing in Miami," Coach Eric Mangini said. "He is a good physical lead blocker and he had worked with Thomas in Tampa Bay. That is a nice plus to the whole equation." Jones, with his deep voice and thick arms covered with tattoos, more closely resembles one of the characters from Barnes's comics than does Barnes, who has a high-pitched voice and a burly beard.

"I am a huge sci-fi fan, anything sci-fi I watch," Barnes, a New Jersey native, said Friday after the Jets' voluntary workouts. "My whole life I have read Batman, Punisher and Greenlander religiously."

The "National Triumph League" is based on 10 superheroes who compete to catch supervillains in a league set up by the government.

"It uses our interest in comic books and Darian's experiences and insights in professional sports," the comic's co-creator, Joshua Goldfond, said.

Barnes and Goldfond came up with ideas for comic books during late-night video-game sessions during their freshman year at Rutgers University. Barnes later transferred to Hampton and signed with the Giants as a rookie free agent after college. He was cut by the Giants and joined the Buccaneers, winning the Super Bowl as a rookie in 2002.

Barnes has caught 14 passes in his career for 87 yards. Mangini said he thought his role could be expanded. "If he shows that he is a very good receiver out of the backfield, that could be something that expands," Mangini said. "Carrying the football is something that is definitely a possibility."

Mangini said he had heard about the comic books. "I used to read comic books at one point," he said. "But I haven't read one of his yet."



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#72 - JACOB BENDER

Jets day at camp

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Jacob Bender isn't a narcissist, but he couldn't help but stare at himself the other day.

"It's like a dream come true to watch myself on film in a Jets uniform," Bender said without a trace of arrogance after practice at Hofstra yesterday. "It's just crazy."

Plucked from Division 2 Nicholls State in Louisiana, the 6-6, 315-pound rookie offensive lineman sounds like an overgrown kid at his own personal fantasy camp. Bender, the Jets' sixth-round selection (177th overall), should add some much desired depth along the line.

Bender, who grew up in Mayo, Md., just outside Washington, D.C., is listed as the third string left tackle on the team's unofficial depth chart, but he can also play the guard spot.

"It's been a great learning experience," Bender said of camp. "It was tough at first. They throw everything at you. You got to learn it quick. Then they throw you out there on the field going against (guys) that have been playing the game for a long time."

Thanks to some helpful hints from 10-year veteran Anthony Clement, the rookie has done well thus far. His early progress isn't a surprise for those who saw him in college. Bender dominated at Nicholls State en route to All-American and All-Southland Conference honors.

Despite his past success -- he didn't allow a sack as a senior -- he isn't taking anything for granted.

Right now, he has a single-minded purpose.

"I just want to make the team," he said. "Just work hard. After that, we'll see what happens."



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#96 - DAVID BOWENS

Jets looking to Bowens for a push

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Jets defensive end David Bowens is a bowling junkie who boasts a 221 average with a personal best of 275. His father, Frank Williams, competed on the Pro Bowlers' Tour in the 1980s.

Yesterday, the former Miami Dolphin was asked what he likes better -- knocking down bowling pins or NFL quarterbacks.

"It's similar," Bowens said through a hearty laugh between practices at Hofstra. "Both are competitive sports, but knocking down quarterbacks gets me a paycheck right now."

The Jets signed Bowens to a three-year contract this off-season with the hope that he can energize their plodding pass rush, which had 35 sacks last season. That total was 15th-most in the NFL, a deceiving ranking because the Jets rarely seemed to get a sack when they most needed one.

Bowens notched 18 sacks the past three seasons with the Dolphins, including five a year ago. He will be counted on -- along with LB Victor Hobson and DE Bryan Thomas (team-high 8 1/2 sacks in 2006) -- to spark the pass rush in coach Eric Mangini's 3-4 defense. Although he's the newcomer among that group, Bowens said the Dolphins' defensive scheme under former coach Nick Saban is nearly identical to the Jets'.

"In Miami, it is easy (to get sacks) when you have Jason Taylor on one side because a lot of the focus is on him," Bowens said. "The rest is just effort. This defense, I'm really familiar with. In this defense, you have to have a lot of athletic linebackers that can play defensive end. It gives you a lot of options in what you can do. That's the key. They have to be interchangeable."

Mangini said he likes Bowens because he's an every-down player. When he comes into the game, it won't tip off what the Jets are doing.

"I'll do whatever the team needs," the 6-3, 265-pound Bowens said. "Everybody knows I can play linebacker and everybody knows I can rush the passer. If they need me to hold for field goals, I'm with that. We have a lot of athletic guys, and I'm sure they'll put the best people out there."

Bowens, 30, routinely studies opposing offensive linemen, tight ends and running backs he's about to face, looking for tendencies and a way to gain an edge. As he gets older, he realizes he may slow down a bit physically but he can make up for it by being sharp mentally.

The Jets are Bowens' fifth team in nine NFL seasons, following the Broncos, Packers, Redskins and Dolphins. He was in Miami for the past 5 1/2 seasons, but prior relationships with Mangini assistant coaches Bryan Cox (an old friend), Jim Hermann (his coach at Michigan) and Dan Quinn (his coach in Miami) weighed heavily in his decision to sign with the Jets.

Once Bowens met Mangini, he said he was sold. And now he will get to experience the flip side of the heated Jets-Dolphins rivalry.

"It is awesome," Bowens said. "Someone wrote into my Web site asking if my hatred transfers (to the Dolphins). It transferred immediately."



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#26 - ERIK COLEMAN

Jets Safety and His Mother Are in a Better Place

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On the second day of the N.F.L. draft last week, Erik Coleman and his mother, Cynthia Brace-Coleman, sat side by side on the sofa in his apartment in Westbury, N.Y., counting their blessings as they did on the same Sunday three years earlier after Coleman was drafted in the fifth round by the Jets.

This time, they were marveling at how far they had each come: Coleman, from a chaotic adolescent to a starting safety with the Jets and his mother from a drug-using felon to a model student.

Next month, Cynthia will receive an associate's applied science degree in business, marketing and management from Spokane Community College in Washington. "She's been on the honor roll every quarter," Coleman said.

After bearing witness to his mother's journey, the 24-year-old Coleman may have more of a perspective on players with police records than others in a league in which missteps with the law became, over the weekend, significant stumbling blocks to employment for some prospects.

"If someone truly does change," Coleman said, casting a sidelong glance at his mother, "and lives a different life, they deserve a second chance."

Cynthia, 50, spent six months at the Geiger Corrections Facility outside Spokane in 2000 after pleading guilty to theft of government property, according to court records. Over a five-year period, she embezzled about \$97,000 from the Social Security Administration, where she was employed as a service representative.

Asked if the seed to pursue higher education was planted in prison, Cynthia shifted uncomfortably on the couch and said: "I wouldn't say it was a prison. It was minimum security."

Coleman shot his mother a look and, maintaining eye contact, said, "It was prison."

At age 11, Coleman, who has an older sister and a younger brother, assumed the mantle of man of the house after his parents divorced. Cynthia struggled to provide for her children.

They were evicted after falling behind on the rent, and their only car was repossessed. "It was a rough time," Coleman said. "A lot of the innocence of my childhood was taken away."

The family's financial problems were exacerbated by a crack-cocaine habit that Cynthia, a self-described goody-two-shoes through her high school years, developed.

"I don't know how, I just drifted away," she said. "I was making bad choices."

Coleman interjected, "It's like the person is good but what's going on in their life isn't, and they don't realize it."

Looking at her hands, Cynthia added soberly, "Sometimes people don't know how to get out of it and change."

Because she said her drug use never caused her to miss work, her sons' games or church on Sundays, Cynthia managed to convince herself that she did not have a problem.

"I thought I wasn't hurting anybody else," she said. And then more softly, "Obviously, I was wrong."

In 1999, she was indicted in the embezzling case. She pleaded guilty the next year and was incarcerated. Coleman, then a senior at Lewis and Clark High in Spokane, and his brother went to live with different families they knew from school.

"It was definitely a low point," Coleman said. "It was hard seeing the family dispersed like that. And I was dealing with SATs, college. It was very emotional for me."

Cynthia described her sentence as a blessing in disguise. "The time I had to do cleared my body and my mind," she said. "If not for that," she added, "I might have kept going the way I was."

She received drug counseling in prison and said she had been clean since 2000. Coleman, who turns 25 today, said he learned from watching what his mother went through. "You can take a bad experience and use it as an excuse to be bad, or you can learn and grow from it," he said.

His mother's evolution was on display at a Delta Epsilon Chi fund-raiser that Coleman attended earlier in



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the year in Spokane. The group, to which his mother belongs, stresses leadership, management and marketing, and was raising money to send students to an international career-development conference last month in Orlando, Fla.

Coleman said people kept stopping him to ask, "Are you Cynthia's son?" He smiled. "She used to be Erik's mom. Now I'm Cynthia's son. That's how it's supposed to be."

He added: "Everyone was raving about my mom. One of her professors told me: 'Erik, your mom is an amazing person. She works so hard, and everyone in class feeds off her.' It made me feel proud."

In a telephone interview, Ginny Powers, the Delta Epsilon Chi adviser who has taught Cynthia, described her as a "bright, energetic, up-front woman," and said, "She's done a great job of turning her life around."

Powers has encouraged Cynthia, who is financing her education through a work-study program and by working for a friend's catering company, to apply for a coveted position in a postgraduate entrepreneurial program. Cynthia said she probably would. "I like being a student," she said.

At Powers's suggestion, Cynthia entered a statewide business ethics competition sponsored by Delta Epsilon Chi. Which is how the woman whose life was once a business ethics case study found herself dissecting business ethics-case studies in front of a panel of judges.

She and her partner took first place, which earned them a trip to Orlando for the international competition. They did not win a prize, but Cynthia made some contacts at the event's job fair. On her way home, she made a stopover in New York to spend a few days with Erik.

As they sat together on the couch, Coleman rotated his left arm as if he was going to do a biceps curl. A tattoo on the inside of his arm became clearly visible. His mother's name, Cynthia Lynn, is written in script. It was his way of keeping her close, he said, when they had to be apart.

He said, "I think my mom and I have grown up a lot together from our experiences."



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#87 - LAVERANUES COLES

Top-notch receiver Coles might be team captain

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Will Laveranues soon become Captain Coles?

The wide receiver dismissed that idea yesterday, insisting that he is too much of a jokester to play the part of team leader in any official capacity. But with the Jets soon to be voting for the positions of captain - and offensive incumbent Pete Kendall sure to be scratched from the ballot by management - there's a good chance that the guy whom the players selected as their MVP last season could be out calling coin tosses this season.

"I don't view myself as one of those guys who is real vocal," Coles said sheepishly of his place on the team. "I try to keep things light because I think that's what my job is."

Still, there are others who think he'd be a perfect fit for the office.

"He's a true leader," fellow wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery said. "He's a guy who works hard and keeps the team level-headed. He talks a lot of smack in the locker room, but when it's time to go out and perform, he does it."

Coles does talk. That's one of the things coach Eric Mangini had to get used to when he arrived here last year. Coles was one of the more outspoken critics of the Mangini Way, using words such as "grueling" to describe training camp and even slapping the coach with his nickname: The Penguin.

Mangini recalled a similar relationship with another former player whom he refused to name.

"Every single day he was in a bad mood, to the point of just complaining, complaining, and finally I had to say, 'Do we have an issue here? Is there a problem?'" Mangini said. "He said, 'Look, Eric, it's just how I get through the week. I'm going to do exactly what you tell me to do, it's just how I get through the week.' And at that point, I understood where he was coming from. It was just who he is."

Coles is fond of using the ubiquitous phrase "it is what it is." Coles is who he is.

He expressed reservations about coming back for another year of the physical demands of the Jets' system, but then developed his own offseason regimen that put him in the best shape of his career. After he emptied the exercise room in his house in Jacksonville, Fla. - "I really didn't want to look at any weights," he said of the eviction - and realized there were no training facilities nearby, he took to the outdoors.

Coles began running through the wooded area near his home, chugging through the muck and brush until he couldn't go any farther, then turning around and coming home. He said he came up with the idea while cruising the area on a four-wheeler a few years ago.

"I used to say, 'Man, this would be a pretty rough terrain to run on,'" Coles said. "So I just went out and ran it and it was tough, but it's been working for me so I'm not going to stop."

Running through the woods, cutting in front of trees as if they were defensive backs, Coles always kept his eye out for wild animals that lived in the area. Luckily, he said, there were no encounters. "I was fortunate not to have anything happen other than my neighbors' dog that looked like it was going to chase me," he said.

But ultimately, the humid and uncomfortable conditions of those woods changed to the humid and uncomfortable conditions of Jets training camp. Coles, 29, said he knows when he'll stop playing: "When I'm not as productive in helping this ballclub, it'll be time to step away," he said, "and I think I still have a lot of production left in me."

Last year he had a career-high 91 receptions for 1,098 yards and started all 16 games despite a head injury late in the season. He's the only receiver in the NFL to start all 96 games from 2001-06. And this year, after an early career filled with casted aspersions and misjudgments about his character, he could very well become a captain on the Jets. "He's a warrior," Cotchery said. "He definitely has my vote."



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#89 - JERRICHO COTCHERY

Cotchery works to repeat breakout year

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Most Jets agree that the theme of this offseason is consistency. After a streak of coaching changes, personnel shifts and injury questions, almost the entire cast is back to reprise their roles. "It feels like this is just a continuation of what we had going last season," wide receiver Jerricho Cotchery said.

Strange, because Cotchery is one of the few players to have undergone tremendous change in the past 12 months.

A year ago, Cotchery was an underused, virtually unknown commodity preparing for his third NFL season sitting behind two steady, well-paid veterans. This time around, though, he's an established player coming off a season in which he caught 82 passes for 961 yards and earned a five-year, \$19-million contract extension a year before he was eligible to become a free agent.

Jets general manager Mike Tannenbaum touted that long-term commitment as one of the keys to this offseason and pointed to Cotchery as an example of "guys taking advantage of great opportunities."

Being at the head of the race for playing time is a lot different than chasing. But although the incentive and motivation may be different, Cotchery also said the continuity from a remarkable 2006 campaign makes this prep work easier.

"I'm a lot more comfortable," he said. "Other offseasons I was trying to catch the eye of a coach, trying to get established. This year a lot of things are still in place and I can build off of what I started."

So can the Jets. Cotchery's emergence made receiver Justin McCareins and the remaining four years of his seven-year, \$31-million deal expendable, and trading McCareins at the draft this weekend is a possible move. That might allow the Jets to jump ahead and pick the first-round player of their choice rather than wait and see who's available with the 25th pick, or add quantity to the six picks they hold.

There's no question why Cotchery would be looking for a repeat performance in 2007; 2006 was so good to him. But he's also looking to repeat an honor that put him on the path toward all he achieved: offseason MVP. He's already won one of the weekly awards the Jets dangle as incentives for their players and is quickly carving a reputation as a ferocious, non-stop worker among his teammates and, surprisingly for such a quiet man, a leader.

"His work ethic did come to the forefront in the offseason," quarterback Chad Pennington said recently. "Our young people saw how hard he worked and then they were able to see how it correlated to success during the season. He's a great example for our young guys to have."

And - gasp! - Cotchery is even looking forward to Eric Mangini's training camp, one that quickly gained a reputation as exhausting.

"I think we were caught off guard with a tough situation," he said of the culture shock last August. "No one could have expected how tough it was going to be. But now we know, and you can get your mind right."



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#60 - D'BRICKASHAW FERGUSON

He's a 'Brick house

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By the end of last season, the Brick was more like a Brickette.

Confirming the concerns raised by many NFL scouts before the 2006 draft, the Jets' D'Brickashaw Ferguson failed to maintain his weight, falling from 312 pounds (his listed weight) to about 290. In his line of work - playing left tackle, protecting Chad Pennington's blind side - that qualified as undersized.

As a result, Ferguson got pushed around at times as a rookie, especially in the running game. He also allowed 10 sacks, the sixth-highest total among offensive linemen, according to Stats, LLC. Considering where they drafted him (fourth overall), the Jets expected a little more.

But that was a light year ago. These days, the Brick is bigger (305 pounds), stronger and wiser, turning heads in training camp at Hofstra.

"His run-blocking," defensive end Shaun Ellis said, "has improved tremendously."

When Ferguson arrived last season from Virginia, he looked more like a power forward, closer to gangly than gargantuan. He's still not the latter - that's simply not his body type - but anyone can see the added thickness to his 6-5 frame. In pass-rushing drills, he handles bull-rushing moves better than last season.

"I think his technique has improved," Eric Mangini said. "He really focused on that in the offseason, in terms of the width of his base, his hand placement, his leverage. Those things have gotten better with experience and focus."

You might say Ferguson is in the midst of a mind-and-body makeover. After he addressed the body in the offseason, it's now a mind game. To help him, and the other tackles on the roster, the Jets hired former Pro Bowl tackle Lomas Brown, who will spend a few days at camp as a tutor.

Brown, who made seven Pro Bowls in a career that spanned from 1985 to 2002, was a guest instructor in the Jets' minicamp. He returned late Monday afternoon, embracing Ferguson as his prized pupil walked off the practice field. Clearly, they have developed a rapport.

"Whenever you can be part of (learning from) an individual such as Lomas Brown, watching him on tape and seeing how fluid he is and the types of techniques he uses, it's great," Ferguson said. "As a young player, I can look at that and say, 'This is a guy who has done it, let me try to pattern myself after him.'"

The Brown invitation was the idea of assistant line coach Mike Devlin, who played with Brown in Arizona from 1996 to 1998. One stop later, Brown started for the Giants' Super Bowl team in 2000. He's the ideal mentor for Ferguson because he, too, was an undersized left tackle (6-4, 280) who used athleticism and textbook technique to compensate for his lack of girth. The Brown-Ferguson comparison was on the lips of many scouts before and after the '06 draft.

The Jets' objective was "to put those two guys together...and let them talk through the left-tackle play," Mangini said.

Evidently, Mangini didn't want Brown to talk about it to the media, as the club declined to make him available for interviews.

On the second day of camp, Mangini offered unsolicited praise of Ferguson, mentioning his improved nutrition and weight-room habits. The question is whether he can maintain his weight and stamina, avoiding the late-season swoon that caught up to him as a rookie.

Ferguson is modest when discussing his goals for the upcoming season, but it's obvious he expects to do better than last year, which he described as "okay, but not where I want to be." This is year two; the weight is over.



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#98 - BOBBY HAMILTON

Jets' Hamilton has giddyup in step

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Another sweltering day of training camp at Hofstra was in full swing when the Jets took a water break. And there was Bobby Hamilton, entering his 13th NFL season, his wide smile visible with his helmet briefly off. "Don't worry about my age," the 36-year-old Hamilton said. "I just like to play the game. I just like to go out here and have fun."

Even at practice, which the veteran defensive end will get to do twice today after the Jets had Monday off. Hamilton, who is in his second tour of duty with the Jets, has been one of the most impressive players in camp thus far. He has made numerous plays, including a fumble recovery in the team's intrasquad scrimmage Sunday at Fordham University.

"I think he loves the game," coach Eric Mangini said. "He loves being at practice and loves being a football player. It's not work for him. It's something that he's very passionate about. ... This isn't something he does just to earn a living."

Maybe some tread has worn off Hamilton's tires, but his motor still revs just as high as it did when he was an undrafted free agent trying to make the Jets' roster in 1996.

"When you come into the league as a free agent like me," Hamilton said, "you've always got to prove a point. I don't care what people say. ... I'm always going to play with a chip on my shoulder."

Hamilton, a rookie from Southern Mississippi at the time, made Seattle's roster in 1994, only to spend the entire season on injured reserve before being released prior to 1995. After some time in NFL Europe, he resurfaced in the Jets' training camp in the summer of 1996.

"I started off on the practice squad," Hamilton recalled. "Two players got hurt, the next thing you know the next week I was getting ready to play."

Hamilton made 11 starts and had 4.5 sacks for the Jets during a 1-15 season that led to Rich Kotite's resignation under fire. In came Bill Parcells and a different attitude.

"When Parcells came here," Hamilton said, "he put together a lot of guys that wanted to play football. He brought a lot of leadership here."

Hamilton listed some of the players back then who had an impact on him.

Pepper Johnson, Otis Smith, Anthony Pleasant, Marvin Washington, Hugh Douglas, Mo Lewis and Marvin Jones.

With a smile, he said, "I could keep going."

Well, that's exactly what Hamilton has done every day on the practice field since being reacquired by the Jets in a trade with Oakland in September, and the younger players can't help but notice his intensity.

"He's seen it all. He's done it all," rookie linebacker David Harris said of Hamilton, who had 30 tackles and one fumble recovery as part of the defensive-line rotation in 2006. "He's a great example of what a professional is. He comes to work everyday."

His personality also is important in the locker room.

"Whatever question they ask me," Hamilton said, "I try to answer the best I can."

And it seems he still has something to provide on the field, too.



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#54 - VICTOR HOBSON

Jets' Hobson is a knockout on the football field and in the boxing ring

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Victor Hobson has a nice jab, an impressive left-right combination and some fancy footwork in the boxing ring.

It's still not enough to fight off the razzing he gets from his New York Jets teammates

"They've made jokes here and there that I think I'm Little Mike Tyson and stuff like that," Hobson said with a big grin. "It's all in good fun."

But the linebacker's knockout performance during the team's offseason weekly boxing classes conducted by trainer Teddy Atlas was nothing to joke about.

"Vic is just built that way," linebacker Jonathan Vilma said. "It's in his blood."

Hobson got into boxing after he was drafted in the second round out of Michigan, and regularly trains in the sport during the offseason.

"A lot of people think it's just going out there and throwing punches and seeing who knocks out who first, but it's a chess match," he said.

An avid boxing fan who often shows the team clips of memorable fights before big games, coach Eric Mangini created the classes to help the players perfect their footwork, hand placement and overall conditioning.

"It helped with all of that," Hobson said. "One thing Teddy used to always say is that boxing is a one-on-one sport and you don't have anyone to blame. If you're not prepared, everyone in the world is going to know it was your fault. It helped us mentally, too."

Hobson, who at 6 feet and 252 pounds would qualify as a boxing heavyweight, had a heavy-duty breakout year for the Jets last season. After three years of not living up to the expectations that come with being a high draft pick, Hobson finished tied for second on the Jets with 100 tackles, along with six sacks, an interception and two fumble recoveries.

"I'm hard on myself," Hobson said. "I always felt the need to get better and I always worked hard at that. I came in in the best shape to show that I belong."

And then he proved it on the field by excelling in Mangini's 3-4 defense at outside linebacker.

"He did a good job, and I thought that he did a nice job in terms of learning the concept," Mangini said.

While Vilma, veteran Eric Barton and others struggled to be playmakers in the 3-4, Hobson thrived -- even when things didn't look so promising last summer.

"It was a learning experience," he said. "We had a new coach, he came in and wanted to see what we were about. He tested us mentally and physically and that's hard to go through when you're trying to learn a system, too. I think it was a trying time for all of us."

A year later, Hobson is as comfortable in the defense as anyone.

"A lot of people say that last year was a breakout season for me," he said. "I just say it was an opportunity for me to get better this year."

Atlas, listed in the team's media guide as a "special assistant-boxing," came to Hofstra every Monday for about an hour during the spring. Hobson quickly became a teacher's pet.

"Boxing is a tough sport, so it probably helps that I've done it before," said Hobson, who counts welterweight Zab Judah among his friends. "I pretty much knew the basics and with a guy like Teddy, that helped tremendously, just mentally. He's a perfectionist."

In June, Hobson and right tackle Anthony Clement were invited by Atlas to take part in a taping of his "Teddy's Fight Plan" segment on ESPN2's "Friday Night Fights" that aired before a bout between Darnell Wilson and Emmanuel Nwodo on Staten Island.

"It was great," Hobson said. "It was something I actually approached him about when we first started. He



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said he was going to take me up on the offer and when he did, I was happy about it."

Despite being praised by Atlas and his teammates for his boxing skills, Hobson doesn't plan to pursue a career in the ring after his days in the NFL are over.

"Sparring only," Hobson said. "I get hit in the head way too much playing football. I don't need to do boxing, too."

That's not to say some of his teammates wouldn't relish a chance to go a few rounds against "Little Mike."

"Of course, I'll get in the ring with Vic anytime," Vilma said, laughing. "I've got no problems with that."



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#20 - THOMAS JONES

Jets' Jones is a coal miners' son ... and it shows

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Thomas Jones and his six siblings would gather each morning before school and pray, just about the time their mother was emerging from somewhere five to 10 miles underground in the coal mines of the south-western Virginia town of Appalachia.

Well aware of the perils in the cold, damp, dark-as-midnight mines — deadly explosions, rock slides and cave-ins are not uncommon — the kids prayed for Betty Jones' safe return from the "hoot owl" shift, which kept her away from the family from midnight to 8 a.m.

"You knew the chances of something happening down there," Thomas Jones said recently. "There were a lot of situations where people would be called to the (school) office, and you pretty much knew that something must have happened to their dad...."

"It's a dangerous job."

For 19 years, Betty Jones toiled in the mines, donning overalls, a hard hat and incredible courage. Jones' father, Thomas Sr., worked in the mines for a year before being laid off. A former member of the U.S. Air Force, he worked a laundry list of jobs: radio/television news broadcaster, coal miner, college admissions official and a maximum-security corrections officer. There wasn't a day that Thomas Sr. didn't punch a time clock.

"My mother and father worked very hard," Jones said. "That's what I saw growing up. Those were the examples that I had."

Jets coach Eric Mangini and general manager Mike Tannenbaum, who have put a premium on character and hard work while building the team's roster, jumped at the chance to get Jones and make him their No. 1 running back.

To fill the hole created when likely Hall of Famer Curtis Martin's right knee gave out before the 2006 season, the Jets acquired Jones in a trade with the Chicago Bears in March — a month after he had rushed for 112 yards in the Super Bowl — and promptly signed him to a five-year, \$20 million deal that included \$10 million guaranteed.

"He's the type of person we're looking for in our program, and I hope that his work ethic is infectious to our other players," Tannenbaum said of Jones, who will turn 29 in August. "He's a lead-by-example guy."

When Jones was 5 years old, he promised his parents he would make it to the NFL, buy them a new house, a new car and get them out of the coal mines for good. Every Mother's Day and Father's Day, not having enough money for gifts, he would give his parents a card, repeating his pledge.

A few months after he was the seventh overall pick in the 2000 draft, Jones sent home the first installment of his signing bonus — roughly \$1.5 million — so his parents could buy their dream house. Having raised their kids in a tiny, tar-paper home, the Joneses could afford a house with a huge kitchen, which comes in handy for family reunions, and a swimming pool.

"My wife and I were ecstatic. So were the other kids," Thomas Sr. said. "...That's the kind of person Thomas is in terms of commitment to family, people and his employers."

LEARNING ABOUT HARD WORK

Betty Jones went underground in 1979, knowing she could make nearly three times as much money by trading her air-conditioned office as a secretary at the local community college for a hard hat and the hazardous mines. With bills to pay and seven mouths to feed, she and Thomas Sr. ignored pleas from their families not to go.

There were no women working in the local mine, but Betty and another woman (who quit two years later) were hired and given just one week of training — four days in the classroom and one day underground.

"After going underground for one day, I said this wasn't for me," said the charming and well-spoken Betty



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Jones, who was a heavy-equipment operator. “It was dirty, damp and very dangerous. I wasn’t going to come back. But another woman and I decided to give it a try for one week and 19 years later I was still there.”

Betty and Thomas Sr. are from a family of coal miners, but that didn’t make their time underground any more bearable.

“It was tough work, physically demanding,” said Betty Jones, who was set to go back into the mines after recovering from a back injury when Thomas was drafted. “But again, that’s where the money was. It was very difficult as a woman, but I had a job to do. I had to carry my weight. I didn’t want the men saying I couldn’t do the job.”

Said Thomas Jr.: “Now, when I look back at it I think, ‘Wow.’ But growing up, that’s all you know. It was like, ‘My mom works in a coal mine. That’s her job.’”

Above ground, Thomas Sr. was busy molding sons Thomas and Julius, who’s three years younger and also reached the NFL and started last season for the Dallas Cowboys, into men.

He didn’t want them spending their lives in the coal mines. He stressed education and made them read the entire newspaper, not just the sports section. He taught them about persistence, perseverance, patience and having faith in the “good Lord.”

“All my two sons are used to is hitching up the wagon and pulling,” Thomas Sr. said. “There’s no substitute for hard work.”

Thomas Jr. graduated with a degree from Virginia in three years and is just 15 credits shy of a master’s in psychology. Julius graduated from Notre Dame with a degree in sociology after being ruled academically ineligible for the 2002 season.

In fact, six of the Jones’ children have college degrees and the seventh will be a freshman at Virginia this fall.

When Thomas Jones told his father he wanted to be a football player and asked for a set of weights, Thomas Sr. instead instructed him to start doing push-ups and sit-ups.

Often, in the middle of the night, Thomas Sr. would hear the plank floor creak as Thomas, and later with Julius, did their push-ups and sit-ups because they had forgotten to do them earlier. The boys would crawl out of bed at 6 a.m. every morning, even during the summer, to run up and down a nearby hill some 20 to 25 times.

“I give my father a lot of credit: He opened our eyes,” Thomas said. “He told us there was another world out there. Sometimes when you grow up in a small town, you don’t know that.”

BUILDING MUSCLE, CHARACTER

Thomas Jones describes himself as a “workout warrior,” and one look at his chiseled 5-10, 220-pound frame gives credence to his boast. He has the upper torso of a bodybuilder. His lower body is built for speed.

Three days a week he arrives at the Jets’ facility about 6:30 a.m. for the team’s off-season workouts. The first session runs from 7 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., but that’s only a warm-up for Jones.

After the group session, a sweat-drenched and focused Jones takes a brief break and attacks the weight room again. He’ll call it a day around noon, although he sometimes comes back to work in solitude, driven by the memory of his soot-covered mom emerging from the mines.

Jones works out six days a week, resting on Sundays. In addition to working with the Jets’ training staff, he has a personal trainer. And his teammates have no interest in trying to keep pace.

“No,” Jets fullback Darian Barnes said emphatically. “I will not work out with Thomas. There’s nooooo way.”

Said Jones: “The more I work out, the harder I work, the better prepared I’m going to be on Sunday.”

Though the past three seasons in Chicago were good ones, Jones hasn’t always had a chance to shine on Sundays.

A stellar career at Powell Valley High School (he had two 3,000-yard seasons) and three years as a starter at the University of Virginia — he finished with a school-record 4,698 all-purpose yards and broke several records set by recently retired Giants star Tiki Barber — helped make Jones a first-round pick in 2000 by the Arizona Cardinals. But he quickly found himself far away from home with an organization that couldn’t get out of its own way.

The Cardinals were 15-33 during his first three NFL seasons, and Jones rushed for 1,264 yards and nine touchdowns in that span. The team even sent him to a psychiatrist and suggested he was faking an injury;



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Jones had three dislocated ribs that affected his breathing and his play.

"It was tough to go into that type of situation when you're young," Jones said. "You're picked that high and you're pretty much expected to turn the whole team around. When that doesn't happen, people put labels on you.

"But I wouldn't change my career if I could. When I'm done, I can say I came from a tough situation (in Arizona) and overcame a lot of obstacles."

Jones asked for and was granted a trade to the Tampa Bay Buccaneers. There, coach Jon Gruden helped jump-start his career and he rushed for a then career-high 627 yards and scored three TDs. The next season, Jones signed with the Bears as an unrestricted free agent.

"I never lost faith in God that He would put me in the right situation," Jones said.

Even so, Jones knew before last season that Chicago wasn't big enough for he and Cedric Benson.

Benson, drafted fourth overall in 2005, was given \$16 million guaranteed and Bears general manager Jerry Angelo staked his reputation on him. And even though Jones was focused enough to lead the Bears to the Super Bowl with 1,210 yards and six touchdowns, he was also studying NFL rosters.

"The Jets are the team I was looking at," Jones said. "...I knew there was a chance I might be traded. I followed the Jets all the way to the end of the season, even when they made the playoffs. This was definitely my first choice."

And as Jones begins anew with the Jets and takes over for Martin, it can all be traced back to the morning prayers, the late-night push-up and sit-up sessions, watching his parents do the grunt work of a nation, the father-son talks.

"Thomas saw the rigors we endured and the schedule we had," said Thomas Sr., who, along with Betty, owns a music catalog business. "He was always determined. He has always been a hard worker.

"Work ethic is nothing but preparation. It's not when you sit down to take the test, it's what you do prior to taking the test. That's what has engulfed him."



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#1 - MIKE NUGENT

Nugent Is Hoping to Build on Last Season's Success

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The goal posts were 57 yards away, but they were within range for Mike Nugent. During a sultry Thursday morning at Jets practice, Nugent broke the monotony by kicking the ball between the uprights and ending a two-minute drill.

Several Jets turned toward Nugent and whooped in appreciation. Fans sitting in the bleachers applauded. It was only practice, but for Nugent and the Jets, it was a sign that he was ready to build on last season, when he became one of the N.F.L.'s most consistent place-kickers.

Nugent will enter the Sept. 9 season opener against New England having made 18 consecutive regular-season field goals, which was followed by a 3-for-3 performance in a playoff loss to the Patriots. Over all, Nugent made 24 of 27 field goals last season, the most accurate campaign in team history since 1990, when Pat Leahy hit 23 of 26.

Some fans booed at the 2005 draft after the Jets selected Nugent in the second round with the No. 47 pick over all. Many thought the Jets had wasted a valuable pick, taking a specialist instead of an every-down player. But as Nugent watched the draft from his home in Centerville, Ohio, he insisted that he was too excited to be offended by the booing.

"I knew I had to prove myself anyway," Nugent said. "My main goal is to do what I can on the field to make sure we come out with a win. I'd like to instill in my teammates that dependable confidence. I'd like them to know that once we get to a certain yard line, we've got at least 3 points."

A dependable kicker can be the difference between winning and losing a game, between making the play-offs or not. Nugent has become someone the Jets expect to deliver in pressure situations, but that reputation did not come easily. After making 22 of 28 field-goal attempts as a rookie, Nugent was shaky in last season's first game, missing an extra point and two field goals. The Jets still managed a 23-16 victory over Tennessee, but Nugent realized his teammates had bailed him out. Afterward, Nugent did some soul-searching, and he has been almost automatic since.

"I just needed to go out by myself, kick a few balls, and get my head on straight," he said. "When I missed that extra point, I let that get to me. I don't normally let one kick get to me, but maybe because it was the beginning of the season, I did."

Nugent's has focused on his kickoffs during camp, an area that Coach Eric Mangini wants to see improvement. "Mike spent a lot of time this off-season working on total-body strength," Mangini said. "One of his points of emphasis was kickoffs, more distance and hang time. He's done a good job with that."

Nugent normally wears a size 9 ½ shoe, but for football he squeezes his right foot into a size 8 ½ for more power and accuracy.

"It's tough at first, but if you can get them broken in, it's like socks with cleats on," Nugent said. "The shoe just forms to your feet."

Unlike some kickers, who prefer to be loners, Nugent has formed a bond with many teammates, like center Nick Mangold, a friend since preschool. "Nick's mom was my swim-team coach when I was in kindergarten," said Nugent, who also attended Ohio State with Mangold. "When I saw his name pop up during the draft, I called my mom and said, 'Did that really just happen?' I was really happy he came here."

Nugent has gained his teammates' respect with his accuracy.

"At this level, you can get every kicker together on a day like today and everybody will be hitting balls like crazy," he said. "The difference is what you can do when it really counts."



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#10 - CHAD PENNINGTON

Jet Ahead

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Chad Pennington sat back in a chair on the edge of the field immediately after yesterday's grueling morning training camp practice that ran nearly three hours. His face was lined with sweat streaming down from under his Jets ball cap from the suffocating heat in the mid-90s.

You could have excused him if he said how exhausted he was, yet Pennington somehow looked energized, even rejuvenated.

The Jets quarterback is a new man this summer, liberated from the shackles of that silly four-man quarterback competition of a year ago and firmly entrenched as the team's starter.

This is Pennington's team and it shows. He's the unquestioned leader, looked up to by virtually everyone on the team.

"He's got a little swagger to him right now," Eric Mangini said. "He's been jawing back and forth with the defensive guys pretty good. He's always been a pretty confident guy, and justifiably so because of the way he works and performs. But it's been good to see that interaction with him and the defense, the good-spirited competitiveness they have."

The two major shoulder injuries and subsequent surgeries are mere specks in Pennington's rearview mirror now. So, too, is his stressful summer of 2006, during which he had to prove to Mangini, offensive coordinator Brian Schottenheimer, et al that he was their man.

As good as life is for Pennington, though, he's hungry for more than merely being the team's starter.

Pennington, who has a thirst to win a championship that he desperately wants to quench, will be the first to tell you his NFL career consists of unfinished business.

"It's certainly been a roller coaster," he told The Post. "There's been some really high emotions and there's been some really low times. Right now I'm just excited to have another opportunity. Going through what I've gone through, you look at each situation and every day and say, 'Man, this is an opportunity to get better.'

"I truly try to take advantage of each day and realize that football is not a career that you can plan the next 10 or 15 years ... you never know when the end is going to come. So, if you don't enjoy it and soak it all up and try to get better every day, you're going to regret it."

Pennington, barring any unforeseen injuries, is almost assured to be better than he was a year ago, when he had 16 interceptions to go along with 17 touchdowns, a number not indicative of his ball handling and ball security skills.

He'll be better because he's got another year in Schottenheimer's system and because he'll be handing the ball off to running back Thomas Jones, who automatically upgrades the offense.

"The difference this year is instead of learning what to do I'm learning how to do it better and really take control of the situation and take this offense to another level, take the next step," Pennington said.

He said starting all 16 games last season for the first time in his NFL career was "a relief" because he was not used to missing games in college.

"To be able to do that 17 games straight [including a playoff game], week in and week out and not having to worry about anything major," he said, "that was a nice feeling."

That feeling would get even nicer if Pennington is able to lead the Jets to their first Super Bowl since Joe Namath did it almost 40 years ago.

"By my experience with Joe Namath and how people still talk about him 30 some years later, it would be pretty unbelievable," Pennington said. "It would be a pretty amazing experience."



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#31 - HANK POTEAT

Poteat leading by example, NFL veteran uses camp to share lessons from career with kids

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One by one, the kids slipped the way-too-big ring onto their fingers and stared wide-eyed at the gold band and the encrusted jewels and, especially, the words “Super Bowl Champions.”

“I brought it to show them that hard work and perseverance do have their rewards,” Hank Poteat said. “But I also told them that sometimes it takes a lot of hard work and a lot of perseverance.”

Poteat speaks from experience. A lot of it. The Philadelphia native now lives in Bear with his wife and three children, and he also plays cornerback for the New York Jets, his fifth NFL team in the past eight years.

The first three years were spent with the same team, the Pittsburgh Steelers. But in the past four years, Poteat has been released by NFL teams seven times. That’s a lot of rejection.

But he also has a Super Bowl ring. And that got the attention of the 30 or so kids who came to Poteat’s football camp Monday at a high school stadium in Northwest Philadelphia, where they sweated under a hot sun and picked up a few pointers about football and life.

“Kids tend to want everything and they want it right now, and they don’t mind telling you about it,” Poteat said with a chuckle. “They need an adult to set them straight, and the fact that I’m an NFL player helps that message get across.

“So, when I show them the ring, I make sure they understand that it came with a price.”

Poteat earned the ring with the New England Patriots, who beat the Eagles in Super Bowl XXXIX, a career highlight for a player whom one New York sportswriter described as “an itinerant cornerback.”

Poteat was born in West Philly and moved to Harrisburg, Pa., where he became a high school star. He played at the University of Pittsburgh, was drafted by the Steelers in 2000 and was a special teams ace for three years.

But he was released in 2003, and that started Poteat’s scenic tour of the NFL, with stops — usually brief — at Tampa Bay (one game), Carolina (no games), New England (cut three times) and the Jets (cut twice).

Two of those seasons stand out, for bad and good reasons.

The first was 2004, when he was cut by Carolina in training camp and his career appeared to be over. But New England needed help late in the season, and Poteat signed in time for the playoffs. And he played well, earning that Super Bowl ring as the Patriots beat the Eagles at Jacksonville, Fla.

Last year also was noteworthy. He was signed by the Pats and cut by the Pats, then signed by the Jets and cut by the Jets, then signed by the Pats and cut by the Pats one final time, on Oct. 9.

Two days later, the Jets called again — Poteat got the cell phone message while he and his family were driving to see friends in Odessa — and this time, he got to stay for the duration.

Also, for the first time, he got some meaningful playing time, as the Jets were blindsided by injuries to their secondary. Poteat started the final six games and played well enough to earn a one-year, \$635,000 contract with the Jets for this season.

But New York also just drafted a cornerback in the first round, Darrelle Revis, of, coincidentally, Pittsburgh, and once again Poteat faces an uncertain future.



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Poteat said he isn't sweating the competition.

After all, what's the worst that could happen that hasn't happened before?

"I'll do what I've always done," he said, "which is work as hard as I can and study as hard as I can and do the best I can.

"That was really the message I gave these kids," he added. "Things aren't always going to go your way, and you have to believe in yourself and keep moving forward, even when everybody is trying to push you back. In the end, you're not going to be judged by what you did as much as by what you tried to do."



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#91 - SIONE POUHA

Once more with feeling for Jets' Pouha

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Sione Pouha stood on the sideline of the Jets practice field and refused to look over at them. The memories were too harsh. So he positioned his 325-pound frame with his back to the stationary bicycles set up to keep injured players occupied while the rest of the team practices. His only recognition of their presence came with a slight flick of his head to the space over his shoulder.

"This time last year I was there pedaling the bike," Pouha said, still not looking, "and I wasn't really in high spirits."

He seemed to be a perfect fit. A big body, the size and shape of a traditional 3-4 nose tackle, playing for a team transforming itself into that very system. Even the rookie head coach had come out and praised him for his offseason work (he lost about 30 pounds and chiseled his physique) as well as his on-the-field progress.

But on the third day of training camp, Pouha twisted his right knee. After a few days of whirling on those stationary bikes in isolation, he underwent surgery to repair a torn ACL. He was placed in injured reserve, ending his 2006 season before it started.

"It was difficult," said Pouha (whose parents are natives of Tonga and whose surname is pronounced "bow-OOH-ha"). "When they told me that it happened I was devastated because the preparation that I had put into my body and my work ethic and eating, they didn't have a payoff."

Until, perhaps, now. A full year after his season-ending injury, Pouha is back in the Jets' rotation of defensive linemen. He's the backup to incumbent starter Dewayne Robertson at nose tackle, giving the Jets a pair of diverse skill sets at the same position. While Pouha's size makes him a lane-clogger -- "He's a tough guy to move," Jets coach Eric Mangini said recently -- Robertson's quickness allows him to penetrate and disrupt offenses.

That combination should come in handy for a run defense that ranked 24th in the NFL. Mangini said he isn't sure how the rotation of Robertson and Pouha would have worked out last year since it simply was never really an option.

Mangini said last week that Pouha's progress was not hampered by his injury.

"He maintained that while he wasn't playing and even improved it with another good offseason under his belt," Mangini said. "He's got a year in the system, and just because he was rehabbing, he was still studying and working, so that's starting to show up."

Pouha said he was included in every aspect of Jets life last year -- with the obvious exception of playing. He attended all of the meetings, was given a weekly gameplan book, and was even subject to Mangini's now-famous pop quizzes.

"I made sure I was ready mentally for whatever schemes, whatever team we were playing," he said. "It was all in my mind."

This week, it will be all on the field. Pouha is very much looking forward to Friday's preseason opener against the Falcons, when he is sure to receive a bulk of the work along with the other non-starters. It will be a sort of reunion for Pouha, a chance to become reacquainted with football.

"You never know what you have until it's gone and for me it was temporarily gone," he said. "I have a little more appreciation for the game. It was almost gone, what more can I say? But I get this blessing to come back and play this sport I love, and there's certainly a little more fire in me than there was last year."



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#25 - KERRY RHODES

Rhodes has star power on and off field

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Kerry Rhodes was everywhere this past off-season and perhaps it was fitting because he was everywhere last season, finishing with 92 tackles, four interceptions, three forced fumbles and five sacks, a club record for a defensive back. A Pro Bowl berth just eluded him.

Maybe you saw Rhodes, a budding actor, in his big-screen debut in the independent movie "Misunderstandings," in which he played a cheating boyfriend.

Maybe you caught Rhodes on the cover of this month's edition of Essence Magazine. He posed shirtless on a beach next to Saints linebacker Dhani Jones and Browns wide receiver Braylon Edwards. Rhodes was lauded for his work with the RHODES foundation, which provides college scholarships for students in his native Alabama.

And maybe you'll catch him soon at a multiplex near you in the movie "Queen of Media," a biographical film of controversial New York deejay Wendy Williams and starring Robin Givens. Rhodes plays the role of a bowling ally owner and played it so well, many of the cast members didn't know he was an NFL player.

Rhodes, who minored in theater at Louisville, is nicknamed "Hollywood" by his teammates and he fits the bill with his tall, lean frame, 1,000-watt smile, good looks and charming personality.

"Right now, I don't want to talk about (acting)," Rhodes said yesterday after another marathon practice (2 hours, 27 minutes) in inferno-like conditions at Hofstra.

"I'm putting all of that away right now. I'm concentrating on football. Talk to me after training camp."

Rhodes, in his third season, broke into the starting lineup as a rookie and hasn't looked back. After years of searching for a free safety (remember Ronnie Lott, Marcus Coleman, Steve Atwater, Damien Robinson), the Jets have seemingly found the answer in Rhodes.

At 6-3, 210 pounds, Rhodes has the size, speed and range to make plays and is physical. He can play down low in the tackle box or deep in coverage. He was so disruptive on his blitzes that teams started game-planning specifically for him. He had two sacks, two forced fumbles and 10 tackles in a Week 3 win at Buffalo. One forced fumble was returned 32 yards for a touchdown by linebacker Victor Hobson.

After that game, Rhodes was a marked man. Opposing offenses began calling out his number (25) at the line of scrimmage to keep tabs on his whereabouts.

"I had a lot of time to think about last year but last year was last year," Rhodes said. "It's a whole new year. This is a fresh start for me. This is another chance for me to get better as a player. I'm trying to be more of a leader.

"It was funny how when you make plays in this league you get respect. But right now, the thing is we have a good defense this year. We have people who can come from multiple angles. It's going to be tough for teams to game-plan me, game-plan (Jonathan) Vilma, game-plan Shaun (Ellis), anybody. We have so many good players on this defense."

In the secondary, it starts with Rhodes. He calls the defensive signals and makes presnap calls. Oftentimes, it's a chess match between he and the opposing quarterback.

"Kerry had a very good spring," Jets coach Eric Mangini said. "I liked the way that he has increased his presence in the secondary. He's really pro-actively getting involved, even more so with the communication, not just with the defensive backs but with the front (seven). I like to see that professionalism from someone



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this young in his career.”

This season, Rhodes knows defenses will be making adjustments to counter what he does well and he must make a counter adjustment.

“That’s what I’m learning now,” Rhodes said. “That’s part of becoming a better player. I’ve been asking a lot of coaches and players how to handle it. I spoke to Rodney Harrison (Patriots), Donovan Darius (Raiders) and other good safeties in this league. You have to try not to do too much. That’s the biggest thing right now.



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#25 - KERRY RHODES

Rhodes to stardom, Jets safety has secondary career as actor & model

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This is pressure: The play clock is winding down, and Tom Brady is calling an audible. Your job as the leader of the Jets' secondary is to counter with an audible of your own, but the Patriots are aligned in a funky formation, one that you don't recognize from countless hours of film study. What's it going to be? Tick, tick, tick. Welcome to Kerry Rhodes' world.

This, too, is pressure: You're sitting in a Jacuzzi with a sultry, almost-naked actress. You're on a movie set, cameras are rolling and dozens of eyes are upon you. The scene is taking so long to shoot that the woman starts to ... um ... lose herself; the "stickies" on her nipples slide off in the hot water, a real Hollywood moment. Now what do you do?

Welcome to Rhodes' other world.

From July to January, Rhodes plays safety for the Jets. Plays it very well, too. In only two seasons, he has established himself as a fast-rising star, a play-making machine that many felt should've made the Pro Bowl last February. During the offseason, he's a fledgling actor and model with a resume that is growing faster than Michael Strahan's fines.

Magazines? Rhodes is featured in recent issues of Essence, Velocity, Suavv and Indulge magazines, among others. He also appears in clothing ads, showing off his ripped upper body in at least one spread.

Album covers? Yep, he's got that covered, too. Rhodes recently shot a cover with soul singer KeKe Wyatt for her new "Ghetto Rose" album.

Movies? Rhodes has appeared in two, "Misunderstandings" and "Queen of Media," both of which are scheduled for released next spring. In the latter movie, based on the controversial life story of New York radio personality Wendy Williams, he plays a bowling alley owner. In "Misunderstandings," a short film about relationships, he plays a cheating boyfriend who gets caught in a hot tub with another woman - a one-scene role that took about a dozen takes and two hours to film.

"Kerry is professional, down to earth and easygoing," rapper/actress K Love says in a phone interview, noting that Rhodes kept his cool during the "stickies" mishap. "As far as his acting ability, he did a great job. In our scene, which was really, really hot and steamy, I forgot that he was a football player."

These days, Rhodes wants to forget he's an actor - he says it's football, 24/7 - but he admits that show biz has been a lifelong ambition. He appeared in a school play as a kid in Bessemer, Ala., and he decided to make theater his minor at Louisville, where he participated in short plays and drama workshops. He wanted to major in theater, but his mother, Jubrella Rhodes, convinced him it wasn't practical. She didn't think it would help him in the job market after college.

Now it could develop into his post-football career.

"I've always seen myself as being able to do stuff like that," says Rhodes, who never seems uncomfortable in front of cameras or microphones. "It goes back to when I was younger. It always came naturally to me. When I got the opportunity, I took it and ran with it."

Rhodes has a publicist on the West Coast and a nickname to match - "Hollywood," befitting his magnetic personality.

"People have always been drawn to Kerry," Jubrella says proudly.

Don't get the wrong impression about Rhodes; he's not a camera-loving cut up. He's serious about football, with a burning desire to be the best safety in the NFL. After a decent rookie season, he decided to ratchet up his preparation, joining linebacker Jonathan Vilma five nights a week for after-hours film study of the upcoming opponent. Rhodes noticed a dramatic improvement on the field, finishing last season with five sacks and four interceptions - most of those were game-changing plays.

"As a rookie, I didn't do a lot of film study," Rhodes admits. "I started, but I kind of tailed off. I wasn't mentally ready for it. It was a long season and I just got tired. Now I understand that, if you want to be the best,



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you have to put in the extra work."

Vilma laughs when asked if Rhodes, known for his playful personality, would interrupt their study session by replacing a football DVD with one of his movie clips. Imagine that, going from pass coverage to, um, virtually no coverage in the hot tub.

"I won't be surprised if he does it this year," Vilma says. "He's got a little bit on the resume."

But it's his football resume that's missing something: a Pro Bowl appearance, a void that drives him. He was overlooked last season, which he says bothers him "a little bit." Vilma, a close friend, says the snub upset Rhodes more than he's willing to admit. Rhodes says he's trying to turn that into a positive, claiming it has provided more fuel to his furnace.

"You always want to be known as the best that ever did it," he says.

Rhodes comes from a town in the deep south that worships football, but he may never be known as the best player from Bessemer, located about 15 miles from Birmingham. That's because a fellow named Bo Jackson grew up there. There's a running joking in the Rhodes family about the time his father, Jerome, a high school safety, tried to tackle Bo in a game. Let's just say that Pop got popped - and good.

But now they have Kerry, young and talented, charismatic and handsome. He has the it factor. Bo did two sports; maybe Rhodes can conquer two fields, sports and entertainment.

"Bo is the legend," Jubrella says, "but maybe someday it'll be the home of Bo Jackson and Kerry Rhodes." Hmm. Sounds like a possible movie plot.



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#63 - DEWAYNE ROBERTSON

Jets' Robertson right on nose

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When Bobby Hamilton talks about defensive linemen, you listen. The man has played the position for 11 seasons, a forever run in which he has won two Super Bowl rings and has lined up alongside two likely Hall of Famers, Warren Sapp and Richard Seymour. So, with that in mind, pay close attention to Hamilton's assessment of teammate Dewayne Robertson.

"I saw some stuff last year that I never thought a defensive lineman could do," he said recently of the Jets' nose tackle.

That's quite a verbal pat on the back.

In his first season as a nose tackle, Robertson didn't produce gaudy statistics - the big fellas in the middle rarely do - but he brought a different dimension to the position, one the Jets believe may revolutionize that spot in the 3-4 defense. Not a classic nose tackle, meaning he's not as wide as a doorway, Robertson relies on speed and explosiveness, not overwhelming size and power.

At 6-1, 310, Robertson is anywhere from 20 to 50 pounds lighter than some of the premier nose tackles, creating a perception that he's not Eric Mangini's kind of guy, that it's only a matter of time before he is replaced. That isn't true. If an expansion draft were held today and the Jets could protect only a handful of players, Robertson would be one of them. They value him that much.

"When you watch the tape, there's not a lot of times where he's getting knocked off," Mangini said. "Where he really compensates for that lack of mass is that first-step quickness. He's into the center so quickly that he gets the edge in terms of who has leverage, who has hand placement. So that quickness eliminates or offsets any lack of mass."

As an assistant in New England, Mangini coached Ted Washington, who is roughly the size of a subway car - an estimated 400 pounds. Nose tackles that big can clog two gaps, a must in a 3-4 front, and hold their ground against double-team blocking, freeing others to make the tackles. Robertson can do that, but he's better when penetrating gaps. That's why the Jets made him the fourth pick in the 2003 draft, but the change in coaches last year meant a scheme change, which meant a new world for him.

"When most people think of a nose tackle, they think of a 350-pound guy," Robertson said. "Me, I'm not as heavy, but I can play the nose with my speed, my quickness and my ability."

Robertson admitted that "on some plays I wish I was 350," but he maintained that he has embraced the position. He watches tape of the better nose tackles in the league - the Chargers' Jamal Williams, the Steelers' Casey Hampton and the Patriots' Vince Wilfork - looking for little things he can incorporate into his game. His goal is to improve his pre-snap reads, trying to decipher blocking schemes.

The Jets believe Robertson (62 total tackles, 2-1/2sacks) improved considerably as he got comfortable in the new defense. Maybe the coaches learned some things, too, providing a foundation for 2007. Because of his agility, he can be used on pass-rushing stunts, looping around another rusher in attempt to confuse the offensive line. He also can line up in the center-guard gap, creating a different look for the offense.

Obviously, there is a lot of work to be done, as the Jets finished 24th in run defense. Mangini believes the defense improved over the second half of the season - and it did in terms of points allowed - but it still yielded 4.9 yards per rush in that span, worse than the first eight games (4.4). Robertson took a lot of outside criticism for that, and he's determined to reverse the trend.

"That bothered us a lot," he said. "Part of my job is to make sure it doesn't happen again."



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#16 - BRAD SMITH

SUPER BRAD: SMITH SHOWS JETS HE CAN DO IT ALL

Mark Cannizzaro
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See the talented second-year player make one acrobatic catch after another as a receiver, beating defensive backs with twice the NFL experience he has.

See the player excel on special teams, catching punts and weaving his way up the field past the oncoming players on the coverage units, whisking past them virtually untouched.

See him on kick coverage teams, tackling dangerous returners before they can turn it up the field. See him take handoffs as a running back.

And to think, he's a quarterback.

Brad Smith can do it all.

In practices, when he's playing receiver or special teams he wears his usual white offensive practice jersey. When he's at quarterback, though, he dons the requisite red jersey, a signal to the onrushing defensive players not to take his head off with an unnecessary hit.

Truth is, what Smith should be wearing is a green Superman cape with a Jets logo on the back.

What makes his story particularly compelling is when Smith was drafted by the Jets in the fourth round in 2006, he was told he'd be working at receiver, special teams and some running back.

He was told to squelch his inner quarterback thoughts and concentrate on his new positions.

After watching him do some intriguing things at quarterback in spot duty last season, Eric Mangini did some thinking in the offseason and decided to let Smith re-open that door to his inner quarterback. And so Smith is now listed on the Jets' roster as a quarterback.

"It's pretty amazing for a guy to be able to handle everything he's handled," Chad Pennington said. "He came in as a rookie and was asked to learn the receiver position after playing quarterback his whole life, and he made a really good transition. It's a compliment to him."

Mangini sees infinite possibilities with regard to using Smith as a quarterback.

"It was more a function of being able to expand his package and be able to expand what people have to prepare for with Brad," Mangini said. "If you just have two or three plays a game that he can run, then that's really two or three reps per practice that your opponent has to work on."

"It's the ability to add more pressure and more things to prepare for our opponent. We ask Brad to do a lot of things between work on special teams, receiver and quarterback. He's created that opportunity and we want to give it to him."

Smith first really opened Mangini's eyes as a quarterback in the Jets' final preseason game last year against the Eagles.

"We literally threw him in the Philadelphia game with about 20 minutes of work at the team hotel [the day before the game]," Mangini said. "We said, 'Hey, Brad, you're going to play quarterback tomorrow.' He drove us back and we scored [the Jets won 20-17]. So we figured if we put more than 20 minutes into it, it might work out."



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#99 - BRYAN THOMAS

Changing positions a boon for Jets' Thomas

Tom Rock
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Bryan Thomas refers to "The Road Not Taken," the famous Robert Frost poem, when he talks about last year's move from defensive end to outside linebacker.

It was a verse that made an impact on him in his school days, but in his mind, it later applied to the course of his career as well. He found himself at a turning point, four lackluster seasons behind him, when he was faced with the position switch.

That's a lyrical and elegant way to look at it. Jets coach Eric Mangini has a different take. For him, it wasn't so much a fork in the path for Thomas but a one-way street.

"I wasn't really asking," Mangini said, laying down the law with more frost than Frost about approaching Thomas to make the move. "I mean, that's what was going to happen. That's really what it was."

Forget the road not taken. This was "my way or the highway."

However the subject was broached, there's no denying that becoming an outside linebacker changed the course of Thomas' career and his life. Due to become a free agent at the end of the 2006 season, Thomas adapted so well to the 3-4 defensive scheme of the Jets that they locked him up with a five-year midseason extension worth up to \$25 million with \$9 million in guaranteed money.

The former first-round pick never found his feet as a defensive end. In those first four seasons he had a total of 6½ sacks and was an afterthought behind Jets starters Shaun Ellis and John Abraham. But in 2006 he started all 16 games and had 8½ sacks, including 6½ in a six-game span from Week 8 to Week 14 when the Jets made their push to the playoffs.

"That's what it's about for me, just making sure my teammates know that I'm a dependable part of the defense," Thomas said.

Thomas' conversion wasn't an unfamiliar story. He followed in the footsteps of other 3-4 outside linebackers such as Jason Taylor of the Dolphins and Joey Porter of the Steelers and now the Dolphins. At 6-6, 266 pounds, his frame was more suited to his new role and his athleticism could be put to better use.

"When you start to understand that you have the ability to rush, the ability to cover and be even more involved with the whole concept of the defense, I think that's exciting to anybody," Mangini said.

The plan worked so well with Thomas that the Jets are trying it with two other players this season. Free-agent acquisition David Bowens is playing outside linebacker for the Jets this summer after spending most of his career as a more traditional defensive end with the Dolphins. Andre Wadsworth has not only come out of a six-year retirement but is learning a new position. He was the No. 3 overall pick in the 1998 draft as a defensive end and is trying to make the Jets as an outside linebacker.

While those additions will add depth to the position, there's little doubt that the expectations are heaviest on Thomas. He'll not only have to play a critical role in the 2007 defense, improve his pass coverage and maintain his pass-rushing, but he'll have to prove that his most recent numbers were no fluke and that he is the player of 2006 and not the player of 2002-05.

"You have to go through certain things sometimes to get where you want to be," Thomas said. "Sometimes the only way you can build and get stronger is to go through trials and tribulations."

And in Thomas' case, that has made all the difference.



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#57 - ANDRE WADSWORTH

NFL comeback for Wadsworth would be miraculous

John Gambadoro
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He is 32 years old, has undergone 15 knee surgeries and hasn't played a down of professional football in almost seven years. Yet Andre Wadsworth is determined to play in the NFL again. The third overall pick in the 1998 draft by the Arizona Cardinals, Wadsworth signed a contract with the Jets this week and is in New York working out with his new teammates in an attempt to do the unthinkable. That Wadsworth's comeback attempt was just a footnote to the sports media is a shame. Because if for some reason Wadsworth can defy the odds and make the roster, it will be nothing short of a miracle.

There was a time when Wadsworth thought he would never walk again. A time when he thought he would lose his leg. A time when playing another game seemed the furthest thing from his mind. From micro-structure surgery to torn anterior cruciate ligaments, the former Florida State Seminole star has had every conceivable major injury that could happen to a knee.

That he wants to play again in the NFL is mind-boggling. And it has nothing to do with money. Wadsworth owns several successful car dealerships. He was smart with the \$10 million plus he got to sign his name on the dotted line after being drafted behind Peyton Manning and Ryan Leaf. He has two daughters. You would think that after everything he has been through his only goal would be to someday walk his daughters down the aisle. But Wadsworth was always competitive. He knows the risks involved in coming back. He knows there is a chance that he can blow his knees out again. But he wants to play football.

In some ways it is unfinished business. He didn't get to go out on his own terms. He was going to be a great player. To have a long career. And suddenly it was all gone. Wadsworth had never gotten injured at Florida State, so knee injuries early in his career were new to him. The surgeries didn't work. They couldn't get him back on the field. A year went by, then two and three. But he kept working, hoping someday he would be healthy enough to give the NFL one more try. That time is now.

He can't wait any longer. He may be too old now at 32, but he would definitely be too old if he waited two or three more years. So it is now or never for Wadsworth.

The Jets worked him out and did several tests on his knees. He passed the physical. It's not unprecedented for athletes to make comebacks. George Foreman made a miraculous comeback after being out of the ring for 10 years and won the heavyweight championship of the world at the age of 45. Montreal great Guy Lafleur retired from the NHL in 1985 only to come back three years later with the New York Rangers. There are tons of examples of athletes attempting comebacks. But what Wadsworth is attempting may be unprecedented. Football is a young man's game. So making a comeback at his age and with his injury history and having been away for that long is almost impossible. It may not be big news now because he hasn't made the team. But if he does, they should do a movie about him. It will be that big.



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#2 - JUAN WONG

NFL Looks to Bolster Pipeline Beyond Border

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There is one unavoidable question that wide receiver Juan Wong has already heard from several of his new Jets teammates.

"How can a Mexican have the last name Wong?" he said Friday after his first training camp practice.

Wong, whose father's grandfather was Chinese, joined the Jets this season after one season in the Arena Football League and two in the now-defunct N.F.L. Europa. Born and raised in Mexico, he has pursued football from age 6, spurning soccer for a sport that he said was now probably more popular in his homeland than baseball.

Wong was among 99 foreign-born players on N.F.L. rosters as training camps opened across the country last week. That number has nearly doubled since the beginning of the preseason 10 years ago, when there were 52 foreign-born players on rosters.

Making sure international players are able to find their way onto N.F.L. rosters is a part of the league's strategy in trying to spread its popularity throughout the world, said Mark Waller, the senior vice president of N.F.L. International.

Since N.F.L. Europa folded in June after 16 years, Waller said in a telephone interview Thursday, the goal of the league has been to show the world "the best product we have to offer." That includes playing regular-season games overseas.

"Once we build the popularity of the sport, the players will follow," said Waller, who added that the N.F.L. was focusing on Mexico, Canada, Britain, Germany, Japan and China.

In its fourth year, the N.F.L. International Development Practice Squad Program is giving 11 international players positions on team practice squads. Each N.F.L. team is also eligible for an international player exemption, a spot on the roster for a foreign-born player who does not count toward the 80-man limit.

One of those exemptions is Noriaki Kinoshita, a wide receiver from Japan who signed with the Atlanta Falcons after three years with the Amsterdam Admirals of N.F.L. Europa.

Kinoshita is trying to become the first regular-season N.F.L. player from Japan, a country that loves its baseball and soccer but also has football teams at the collegiate and professional levels. He drew Japanese news media to Flowery Branch, Ga., for the first day of training camp, on Thursday.

"Hopefully, this way, future players will not be so scared and will come over and play in the N.F.L.," Kinoshita said Thursday in a telephone interview, with the help of an interpreter.

"I'll probably be the first Japanese player to play. I can show them how it's done."

Even with the recent increase in international players, less than 4 percent of all potential N.F.L. roster spots were occupied by foreign-born players when camps opened. International players made up 20 percent of N.B.A. rosters last season, and 29 percent of Major League Baseball roster spots at the beginning of this season.

Kim Bohuny, the N.B.A.'s vice president for basketball operations-international, said that international sports clubs with basketball teams helped the influx of foreign-born N.B.A. players by complementing several other important events: the beginning of N.B.A. telecasts throughout the world, the fall of the Eastern bloc and the 1992 Dream Team's dominating performances.

Bob DuPuy, Major League Baseball's president and chief operating officer, said that baseball had benefited from having more than one method of obtaining players, including a protocol agreement with Japan that brings premade stars to the United States.

But international sports clubs do not have football teams, and football does not have the same global history as baseball. The N.F.L. also lost a major international feeder system in N.F.L. Europa. That "puts a lot more pressure on us as a league to continue to do a great job" of making sure foreign-born players get into the N.F.L., Waller said.

They would provide exposure for the N.F.L. in their native countries and the world's best athletes should get



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an opportunity to play in the league, he added.

Even when foreign-born players make their way onto preseason rosters, most are a long way from the success that some international stars in other American sports leagues have seen. In the N.B.A., the last three Most Valuable Player awards have been won by players who were not born in the United States.

Nick Polk, the director of football operations for the Falcons, said that Kinoshita was “a long shot” to make the team.

And Wong had only four catches in two N.F.L. Europa regular seasons, and he is undersized at 5 feet 11 inches and 179 pounds.

One day, if the N.F.L.’s strategy succeeds, a name like Juan Wong might not be the topic of conversation for the opening day of training camp.

“I think it would help a lot,” Wong said about the impact he would have in Mexico if he played for the Jets.

“It would help the young kids, to be some kind of inspiration to see that a Mexican, who was born and raised in Mexico, can make it on an N.F.L. roster.”



Bios Not Found in the Media Guide



#62 MARKO CAVKA

OFFENSIVE TACKLE

HEIGHT: 6-7
WEIGHT: 294
AGE: 26 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Burbank, CA
HIGH SCHOOL: Cypress
COLLEGE: Sacramento State
EXPERIENCE: In his second NFL season, second with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 7/24/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a free agent on 7/24/07.
- Waived on 9/2/06.
- Allocated to the Amsterdam Admirals of NFL Europa on 1/3/06.
- Placed on injured reserve 9/7/05.
- Selected by the Jets in the sixth round (178th overall) of the 2004 NFL Draft.

SEASON BY SEASON REVIEW

2004 (JETS) Was on the 53-man roster but was inactive for all 16 games of the regular season and the two postseason games.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Started 42 consecutive games at Sacramento State.
- Earned second-team all-Big Sky Conference honors as a senior.
- Played three years of football on the offensive and defensive lines at Cypress HS.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Majored in social science.
- Speaks Croatian.

#35 MANNY COLLINS

CORNERBACK

HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 190
AGE: 23 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Plainfield, NJ
HIGH SCHOOL: Plainfield
COLLEGE: Rutgers
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 8/2/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a rookie free agent on 8/2/07.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Recorded 68 tackles, two interceptions and four fumble recoveries over four seasons at Rutgers.
- Picked off two passes in the Scarlet Knights' season opening 2006 win over North Carolina.
- Earned All-Area honors as a wide receiver and defensive back at Plainfield HS.
- Also competed for the wrestling team and reached the 2001 NJSIAA District XII Championship Finals as a junior in the 160-pound weight class.
- Played three seasons for the baseball team and ran track his senior year.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Given name is Leslie.



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#6 CHRIS DAVIS

WIDE RECEIVER

HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 180
AGE: 23 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: St. Petersburg, FL
HIGH SCHOOL: Gibbs
COLLEGE: Wake Forest
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 7/26/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a free agent on 7/26/07..
- Signed by the Montreal Alouettes of the Canadian Football League in May 2006.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Recorded nine catches for 83 yards in portions of two seasons with the Montreal Alouettes.
- Tallied 721 receiving yards on 62 receptions with four touchdowns and rushed for 175 yards and one score in four seasons at Wake Forest.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Has nine siblings.
- His cousin Shaun King was an NFL quarterback for six seasons with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and Arizona Cardinals.

#32 TONY HOLLINGS

RUNNING BACK

HEIGHT: 5-10
WEIGHT: 218
AGE: 25 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Jeffersonville, GA
HIGH SCHOOL: Twiggs County
COLLEGE: Georgia Tech
EXPERIENCE: In his fourth NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 7/31/07

CAREER OFFENSIVE STATISTICS

Year	Team	RUSHING								RECEIVING				
		GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	
2003	HOU	14	1	38	102	2.7	17	0	2	25	12.5	19	0	
2004	HOU	7	0	11	47	4.3	13	0	5	46	9.2	27	0	
2005	HOU	2	0	0	0	--	0	0	0	0	--	0	0	
CAREER TOTALS		23	1	49	149	3.0	17	0	7	71	10.1	0	0	

Additional Statistics: Kickoff Returns: 11-21; Special Teams Tackles: 2 in 2004.

SEASON BY SEASON REVIEW

2005 (HOU) Played two games for HOU returning two kicks for 46 yards. **2004 (HOU)** Rushed for 15 yards on two carries and caught three passes for 16 yards in Week 9 at DEN...Scampered for 22 yards on six carries and caught one pass for three yards in Week 4 vs. OAK...Hauled in a career-long 27-yard pass in Week 1 vs. SD. **2003 (HOU)** Made first NFL start, rushing for 19 yards on 18 carries with one reception for six yards in Week 14 at JAX...Rushed for a career-high 41 yards in Week 3 vs. KC.

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a free agent on 7/31/07.



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#32 HOLLINGS - continued

- Signed by the Hamburg Sea Devils of NFL Europa in 2007.
- Waived by IND on 9/02/06.
- Signed by IND on 8/04/06.
- Waived by CHI on 7/28/06.
- Signed by CHI on 5/06/06.
- Waived by HOU on 2/28/06.
- Selected by HOU in the second round of the 2003 NFL Supplemental Draft.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Started four career games at running back for Georgia Tech, rushing for 633 yards on 92 carries (6.9 avg) with 11 TD before suffering an injury. He was leading the nation in rushing yardage at the time.
- Became the first Yellow Jacket since Eddie Lee Ivory in 1978 to rush for over 100 yards in four consecutive games.
- Played defensive back for his first two seasons at Georgia Tech, recording 17 career tackles.
- Played quarterback and defensive back at Twiggs County HS, compiling 1,360 rushing yards, 10 rushing TD; 672 passing yards and seven passing TD as a senior en route to earning *Atlanta Journal Constitution* Super Southern 100 honors.
- Recorded seven career INT, while also lettering in basketball and track.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Majored in history, technology and society.

#84 IIRO LUOTO

WIDE RECEIVER

HEIGHT: 6-5
WEIGHT: 257
AGE: 22 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Espoo, Finland
HIGH SCHOOL: Helsinki Rudolf Steiner-School
COLLEGE: None
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed to NFL International Practice Squad on 7/9/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets to the practice squad via NFL International Development Practice Squad Program.
- Signed with the Rhein Fire of NFL Europa in 2007.
- Signed with the Frankfurt Galaxy of NFL Europa in 2005.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Caught five passes for 38 yards with Rhein in 2007.
- Played in nine regular season games for the World Bowl champion Frankfurt Galaxy in 2006.
- Spent five years playing football in Finland with the Helsinki Roosters.
- Won the Maple League Championship in 2002 and 2004.
- Represented Finland in the Junior Nordic Championship Game and led Finland to victory over Sweden.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Enjoys playing ice hockey.



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#46 JERRY MACKEY

LINEBACKER

HEIGHT: 6-1
WEIGHT: 233
AGE: 22 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Freeport, NY
HIGH SCHOOL: Freeport HS
COLLEGE: Syracuse
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 8/4/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a free agent on 8/4/07.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Recorded 202 tackles (106 solo), three sacks, one interception and one fumble recovery in four-year career at Syracuse.
- Earned All-Nassau County and All-Long Island honors as a senior at Freeport High School.
- High school teammate of D'Brickshaw Ferguson.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Great nephew of NFL Hall of Famer John Mackey.
- Earned degree in child and family studies.

#4 DANTE RIDGEWAY

WIDE RECEIVER

HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 210
AGE: 23 (AS OF 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Decatur, IL
HIGH SCHOOL: Douglas MacArthur
COLLEGE: Ball State
EXPERIENCE: In his second NFL season, second with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 8/12/07.

CAREER RECEIVING STATISTICS

Year	Team	GP	GS	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2005	NYJ	7	0	2	26	13.0	17	0
CAREER TOTALS		7	0	2	26	13.0	17	0

Additional Statistics: Special Teams Tackles: 2 in 2005.

SEASON BY SEASON REVIEW

2005 (NYJ) Recorded two receptions for 26 yards with a long of 17 yards in Week 11 at DEN (11/20)...Saw first NFL action in Week 10 at CAR (11/13).

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Re-signed by the Jets as a free agent on 8/12/07.
- Waived by NO on 8/8/07..
- Signed by NO on 1/26/07.
- Waived by the Jets on 9/6/06.
- Signed to the Jets practice squad on 9/3/06.
- Waived by the Jets on 9/2/06.
- Claimed off waivers by the Jets on 9/4/05.
- Waived by CIN on 9/3/05.



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#4 RIDGEWAY - continued

- Claimed off waivers by CIN on 8/31/05.
- Waived by STL on 8/30/05.
- Selected by STL in the sixth round (192nd overall) of the 2005 NFL Draft.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Was one of three finalists for the Fred Biletnikoff Award (college football's top wide receiver) as a senior.
- Set a new Ball State record with 10 100-yard receiving games.
- In 35 games, set school records with 238 catches for 3,030 yards and 22 TD (second all-time).
- As a junior, led country in receptions per game (9.55), receiving yards per game (127.18), and total receiving yards (1,399).
- Recorded 1,300 receiving yards and 23 TD at Douglas MacArthur HS.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Majored in Criminal Justice.
- Became the first player in Ball State history to leave school early for the NFL.

#78 NICK SMITH

OFFENSIVE LINE

HEIGHT: 6-6
WEIGHT: 320
AGE: 23 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Mobile, AL
HIGH SCHOOL: Miramonte
COLLEGE: San Diego State
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 8/2/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Re-signed by the Jets on 8/2/07.
- Waived by the Jets on 5/16/07.
- Signed by the Jets as a rookie free agent on 5/12/07.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Played the 2006 season on the offensive line for San Diego State.
- Practiced with the Aztecs but did not play in 2005.
- First team all-league performer and received honorable mention All-American honors at Diablo Valley Junior College in 2004, where he was an offensive MVP and team captain.
- All-conference selection at Miramonte HS where he also participated in rugby and wrestling.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Economics major.



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#69 JOE VILLANI

CENTER

HEIGHT: 6-4
WEIGHT: 300
AGE: 23 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Wantagh, NY
HIGH SCHOOL: St. Anthony's
COLLEGE: Pittsburgh
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 7/23/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a free agent on 7/23/07.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Two-year starter at center for Pittsburgh, logging 23 consecutive starts to finish his career.
- Named Pittsburgh's Most Valuable offensive lineman by the coaching staff as a senior.
- Was Pittsburgh's first offensive lineman since 1985 (Bill Fralic) to play in the Hula Bowl.
- Multiple-sport athlete at St. Anthony's HS, lettering four times in football, twice in lacrosse and once in basketball.
- Golden 50 of New York State honoree.
- Played in the Governor's Bowl (New Jersey vs. New York) and Boomer Esiason Outback Bowl.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Majored in History and Communication and Rhetoric.
- Grew up a Jets fan.

#2 JUAN WONG

WIDE RECEIVER

HEIGHT: 5-11
WEIGHT: 179
AGE: 26 (as of 9/9/07)
HOMETOWN: Torreón, Coahuila, Mexico
HIGH SCHOOL: Itesm Campus Laguna
COLLEGE: Itesm Campus Laguna
EXPERIENCE: In his first NFL season, first with the Jets
ACQUIRED: Signed as a free agent on 7/16/07

CAREER TRANSACTIONS

- Signed by the Jets as a free agent on 7/16/07.
- Signed with the Hamburg Sea Devils of NFL Europa in 2007.
- Signed with the Rhein Fire of NFL Europa in 2006.
- Signed with the Dallas Desperados of the AFL on 12/23/03.

BEFORE THE NFL

- Won the World Bowl with Hamburg in 2007 while recording one reception for 11 yards.
- Caught three passes for 77 yards and one touchdown in 2006 with Rhein.
- Spent the 2004 season on the AFL Dallas Desperados practice squad.
- Member of the Mexican National Team.
- Competed for the World Cup Crown in Germany in 2005.
- Was Mexico's Offensive Player of the Year in 2002.

OFF-THE-FIELD

- Majored in International Business.