

# Are You a Student of the Game?

You rifle through sports sections and magazines, you search the net, heaven knows you watch TV. But are you as hip to the the offseason happenings of the NFL as you think you are? Take our quiz and find out.



## Part 1: Name That Coach

Nearly one-third of the league's teams have new head coaches and the majority of them are hardly household faces. See if you can name them. We'll give you four clues and, if the fourth isn't a dead giveaway, you should probably move on to another sport.

**1** ► **Hint:** As a player, was named to the All-Monday Night team.

**Hint:** Knows all about winning Super Bowls — as a player.

**Hint:** Attended Maryland State College (now the University of Maryland Eastern Shore).

**Hint:** His team's owner — a man who is a fashion visionary when it comes to the use of silver and black — regretted firing this coach in his first stint with the team.

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**2** ► **Hint:** Is the second-youngest head coach in NFL history.

**Hint:** Was a ballboy for the Cleveland Browns.

**Hint:** Was a Chi Psi member at Wesleyan, although he disdains the hoodies favored by his frat brother, Bill Belichick.

**Hint:** By Day 2, had already lasted longer as head coach of this team than that frat brother.

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**3** ► **Hint:** Grew up in Sunnyside, Wash., which sounds nice to us.

**Hint:** Was a quarterback for Dennis Erickson and Keith Gilbertson at the University of Idaho.

**Hint:** An offensive coordinator in his previous job, he said when asked if he would give up calling plays: "It's like giving up a dog or something. I just can't give that away."

**Hint:** Hollywood ties: His brother-in-law is James "Passion of the Christ" Caviezel, and he signed John David Washington, son of Denzel, to this team — could help him with "Greatest Show on Turf II."

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**4** ► **Hint:** Is the guy who, as a defensive back, scored on a play that is known as "The Miracle at the Meadowlands" to Philadelphians and "The Fumble" to New Yorkers.

**Hint:** Doesn't allow players to use cellphones in the locker room.

**Hint:** Is known for colorful quotes in a city that devoured 'em. Example: "This is what's great about sports. This is what the greatest thing about sports is. You play to win the game. Hello? You play to win the game. You don't play it to just play it."

**Hint:** May be head coach of a new team but isn't a new head coach. Refuses to watch the Super Bowl until he coaches in one.

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**5** ► **Hint:** As an assistant in Tampa Bay, helped Buccaneers finish in the top 10 in defense for the ninth straight year.

**Hint:** Is a dead ringer for Peter Boyle, the guy who played Ray Romano's father in "Everybody Loves Raymond" and Frankenstein's monster in "Young Frankenstein."

**Hint:** Had a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969.

**Hint:** The third straight coach GM Matt Millen hired whose last name begins with M.

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**6** ► **Hint:** As running backs coach at San Diego State, worked directly with future Hall of Famer Marshall Faulk.

**Hint:** Inducted into Eastern Illinois University Hall of Fame in 2000.

**Hint:** In first season as Giants offensive coordinator in 2000, New York scored 328 points, the most in a decade.

**Hint:** Has a strong affinity for Tuna.

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**7** ► **Hint:** Has aided in the development of quarterbacks Aaron Brooks, Matt Hasselbeck, Marc Bulger, Rich Gannon and Jake Delhomme.

**Hint:** Credits Paul Hackett for teaching him the finer points of the West Coast offense when Hackett was offensive coordinator for the Chiefs and this coach was a quality control assistant there.

**Hint:** Said during his introductory news conference that his new job as head coach was like "purchasing my dream house."

**Hint:** Unfortunately is not related to actress / comedian / model Jenny McCarthy.

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**8** ► **Hint:** Earned a degree in history from Yale University.

**Hint:** Selected to the Pro Bowl in 1974 after averaging an NFC-leading 16.8 yards per punt return.

**Hint:** Coached the 2001 Bears to a 13-3 record and their first division title since 1990.

**Hint:** Has the unenviable task of choosing J.P. Losman, Craig Nall or Kelly Holcomb as his starting quarterback.

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**9** ► **Hint:** Banned hazing of rookies.

**Hint:** Was part of a Northern Arizona coaching staff that included future NFL head coaches Bill Callahan, Marty Mornhinweg and Andy Reid.

**Hint:** Raised in Aurora, Ill., the same city where "Wayne's World" could be seen on cable access.

**Hint:** As Eagles offensive coordinator, clashed with Terrell Owens. But, really, who hasn't?

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**10** ► **Hint:** Was part of famed 1983 quarterback draft class that included Dan Marino, John Elway and Jim Kelly.

**Hint:** Coached Elway as an assistant with the Broncos.

**Hint:** In only season as an assistant with the San Francisco 49ers, helped Steve Young amass a record 112.8 passer rating and earn MVP of Super Bowl XXIX.

**Hint:** Last name sounds a lot like Kodiak. Grrr!

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1. ART SHELL, OAKLAND RAIDERS; 2. ERIC MANGINI, N.Y. JETS; 3. SCOTT LINEHAN, ST. LOUIS RAMS; 4. HERMAN EDWARDS/KANSAS CITY CHIEFS; 5. ROD MARINELLI/DETROIT LIONS; 6. SEAN PAYTON, NEW ORLEANS SAINTS; 7. MIKE MCCARTHY, GREEN BAY PACKERS; 8. DICK JAURON, BUFFALO BILLS; 9. BRAD CHILDRESS, MINNESOTA VIKINGS; 10. GARY KUBIAK, HOUSTON TEXANS

## Part 2: Multiple Choice

1. The Giants have had an, um, interesting offseason. They signed LaVar Arrington, whose final days with the Redskins may have left him feeling he has something to prove. And then there was Strahan vs. Strahan, the divorce case in which the missus dropped hints about Michael's sexual orientation and requested an enormous settlement (including \$27,000 on clothes annually for their 20-month-old twin daughters). Which player figures to be angrier this fall?

- A. Arrington
- B. Strahan

2. The NFL's ban on amphetamine use will have enormous repercussions. Which will be the biggest?

- A. Pregame "dances" (see: Ray Lewis) now will resemble "Swan Lake"
- B. Starbucks stock will go through the roof
- C. Coffee replaces Gatorade, resulting in the scalding of at least one victorious coach

3. In an unforgettable courtside interview during the NBA Finals (Miami beat Dallas, for the pigskin-centric), new Cowboy Terrell Owens, committing the fashion faux pas of wearing a Heat jersey, said that his relationship with Coach Bill Parcells would be just fine because the two have so many "similarities." Which of these do they have in common?

- A. Tattoos
- B. A six-pack
- C. Choppers overhead
- D. Tights

## Part 3: True or False?

Cincinnati Bengals fans can report bad behavior in the stands by calling 513-381-DOPE.

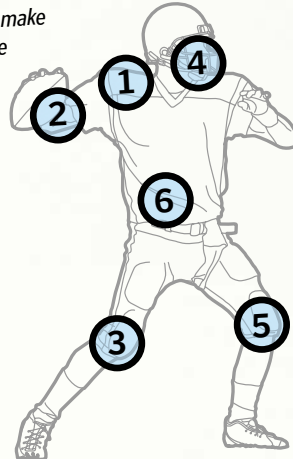
- True
- False

Jane Goodell, the wife of Commissioner Roger Goodell, did pioneering work studying chimpanzees in Tanzania.

- True
- False

## Part 4: Match the Quarterback to His Boo-Boo

Six starting quarterbacks are attempting to make comebacks from injuries — and not all were football related — that required surgery. Draw a line to who did what to his what?



- A. Daunte Culpepper, Dolphins
- B. Carson Palmer, Bengals
- C. Chad Pennington, Jets
- D. Drew Brees, Saints
- E. Donovan McNabb, Eagles
- F. Ben Roethlisberger, Steelers

- 1. Torn labrum in right shoulder
- 2. Torn right rotator cuff
- 3. Three torn ligaments in right knee
- 4. Broken jaw and facial lacerations\*  
\*Injuries unrelated to recent appendectomy (not shown)
- 5. Torn ACL and MCL in left knee
- 6. Sports hernia

**Extra Credit** Circle the two divisions with no new head coaches.



EAST NORTH | WEST SOUTH



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NFC EAST, AFC NORTH

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1-FALSE. IT'S 513-381-JERK. 2-FALSE. THAT WAS JANE GOODALL. HONESTLY, PEOPLE, THERE'S A WHOLE WORLD OUTSIDE OF FOOTBALL. JANE SKINNER IS THE WIFE OF THE COMMISSAR AND IS A FOX NEWS ANCHOR. 3-TRUE. WE'VE GOT BAD NEWS FOR RAY. 4-TRUE. ALTHOUGH T.O.'S IS OF THE ABDOMINAL VARIETY.