

Redskins Gameday

By Jason Reid



REDSKINS (5-4) VS. COWBOYS (8-1) AT TEXAS STADIUM » **TV:** WTTG-5, WBFF-45 » **RADIO:** WWXX (92.7 FM), WWXT (94.3 FM), WGRQ (95.9 FM), WSMD (98.3 FM), WBIG (100.3 FM), WXTR (730 AM) » **LINE:** Cowboys by 11

REDSKINS ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
4	Derrick Frost	P	6-4	208
6	Shaun Suisham	PK	6-0	205
8	Mark Brunell	QB	6-1	217
15	Todd Collins	QB	6-4	228
16	Jimmy Farris	WR	6-0	200
17	Jason Campbell	QB	6-5	233
20	Pierson Prioleau	S	5-11	188
21	Sean Taylor	S	6-2	212
24	Shawn Springs	CB	6-0	200
25	John Eubanks	CB	5-10	173
26	Clinton Portis	RB	5-11	223
27	Fred Smoot	CB	5-11	192
29	Leigh Torrence	CB	6-0	179
30	LaRon Landry	S	6-0	213
31	Rock Cartwright	RB	5-8	218
37	Reed Doughty	S	6-1	209
38	David Macklin	CB	5-10	206
39	Vernon Fox	S	5-10	203
45	Mike Sellers	FB	6-3	284
46	Ladell Betts	RB	5-11	225
47	Chris Cooley	TE	6-3	249
50	Khary Campbell	LB	6-3	232
52	Rocky McIntosh	LB	6-2	232
53	Marcus Washington	LB	6-3	248
54	H.B. Blades	LB	5-10	236
57	Randall Godfrey	LB	6-2	245
59	London Fletcher	LB	5-10	245
60	Chris Samuels	T	6-5	310
61	Casey Rabach	C	6-4	296
62	Mike Pucillo	OL	6-4	306
64	Kedric Golston	DT	6-4	320
66	Pete Kendall	OL	6-5	292
67	Ethan Albright	LS	6-5	257
69	Jason Fabini	OL	6-7	309
71	Todd Wade	OL	6-8	314
73	Ryan Boschetti	DT	6-4	311
74	Stephon Heyer	OL	6-6	320
75	Rick Demulling	OL	6-4	310
77	Randy Thomas	G	6-5	317
78	Kevin Sampson	OL	6-4	312
79	Lorenzo Alexander	DT	6-1	300
80	Keenan McCardell	WR	6-1	188
82	Antwaan Randle El	WR	5-10	190
83	James Thrash	WR	6-0	204
86	Reche Caldwell	WR	6-0	210
87	Todd Yoder	TE	6-4	253
89	Santana Moss	WR	5-10	200
92	Demetric Evans	DE	6-3	275
93	Phillip Daniels	DE	6-4	276
94	Anthony Montgomery	DT	6-6	315
95	Chris Wilson	DE	6-4	240
96	Cornelius Griffin	DT	6-3	311
99	Andre Carter	DE	6-4	252

FIRST DOWN

Taking a Stand

The NFC East-leading Cowboys are second to New England in total offense at 396.8 yards per game and scoring average at 32.9 points, and third behind Green Bay and the Patriots in passing yards at 2,466. The third-place Redskins are 12th in total defense at 318.2 yards; they need this game to stay in the hunt for the division title.



SECOND DOWN

Open It Up

Although Jason Campbell has had mixed results in his first full season as a starter for Washington, he has been productive overall in a run-heavy offense. The Redskins became a bit less conservative last week, and Campbell responded, so more passing could serve to keep the aggressive Cowboys defense honest.



THIRD DOWN

Stay True

While Coach Joe Gibbs and Al Saunders, associate head coach-offense, threw more last week, the receiving corps is limited because of injuries. Gibbs still espouses the benefits of a power-running game, so running back Clinton Portis figures to be very busy again and could be a major factor in play action.



FOURTH DOWN

No Letdowns

The Redskins have lost three times this season — and 13 times since 2004 — in games in which they had led at halftime. Washington had another second-half letdown in a loss to Philadelphia last week, and Dallas has sprinted to leads often against opponents. The Redskins may need a solid start and strong finish to keep pace with the Cowboys.



COWBOYS ROSTER

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.
1	Mat McBriar	P	6-1	224
6	Nick Folk	PK	6-1	222
9	Tony Romo	QB	6-2	224
14	Brad Johnson	QB	6-5	238
17	Sam Hurd	WR	6-2	196
19	Miles Austin	WR	6-3	216
21	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	208
23	Evan Oglesby	CB	5-10	185
24	Marion Barber	RB	6-0	221
25	Pat Watkins	S	6-5	208
26	Ken Hamlin	S	6-2	206
27	Courtney Brown	S	6-1	203
28	Tyson Thompson	RB	6-1	225
29	Keith Davis	S	5-11	207
31	Roy Williams	S	6-0	225
33	Nathan Jones	CB	5-10	183
35	Jacques Reeves	CB	5-11	188
41	Terence Newman	CB	5-11	181
42	Anthony Henry	CB	6-1	205
46	Oliver Hoyte	FB	6-3	252
50	Justin Rogers	LB	6-4	250
51	Akin Ayodele	LB	6-2	240
54	Bobby Carpenter	LB	6-2	248
56	Bradie James	LB	6-2	239
57	Kevin Burnett	LB	6-3	227
63	Kyle Kosier	G	6-5	294
65	Andre Gurode	C	6-4	316
66	Tank Johnson	DT	6-3	300
67	Joe Berger	G	6-5	304
68	Doug Free	OT	6-6	306
70	Leonard Davis	G	6-6	354
71	Cory Procter	C	6-4	297
72	Stephen Bowen	DE	6-5	303
75	Marc Colombo	OT	6-8	315
76	Flozell Adams	OT	6-7	340
77	Pat McQuistan	OT	6-6	311
78	James Martin	OT	6-7	303
80	Anthony Fasano	TE	6-4	265
81	Terrell Owens	WR	6-3	218
82	Jason Witten	TE	6-5	266
83	Terry Glenn	WR	5-11	196
84	Patrick Crayton	WR	6-0	205
86	Isaiah Stanback	WR	6-2	208
89	Tony Curtis	TE	6-5	265
90	Jay Ratliff	DE	6-4	298
91	L.P. Ladouceur	LS	6-4	251
92	Remi Ayodele	DT	6-2	300
93	Anthony Spencer	LB	6-3	257
94	Demarcus Ware	LB	6-4	252
96	Marcus Spears	DE	6-4	305
97	Jason Hatcher	DE	6-6	298
98	Greg Ellis	LB	6-6	265
99	Chris Canty	DE	6-7	299



Dallas's Roy Williams missed a tackle against the Patriots. The Cowboys' secondary has been hurt by injuries to Terence Newman (41) and Anthony Henry (42).

Turning Up the Tempo

Redskins Likely to Take Plenty of Shots at Dallas's Hobbled Secondary

Average yards per pass attempt is considered a good barometer of the strength of a defense against the pass, and the NFC East-leading Dallas Cowboys are tied for fifth in the NFL at 6.4 yards per attempt. As is often the case, however, statistics tell only part of the story.

Opponents have had success passing against the Cowboys, in part because Dallas cornerbacks Terence Newman and Anthony Henry have been hobbled by injuries. The Washington Redskins opened up the offensive game plan in last week's loss to Philadelphia, and they're expected to take more shots downfield today against the Cowboys despite having a thin receiving corps.

"We're more of a run-oriented team, I think everyone knows that," quarterback Jason Campbell said. "But I think we've also shown that we can be a great passing offense as well as a great running offense. You talk about the way we were doing it against Philadelphia, and I think a lot of people saw what this offense is capable of from a passing standpoint."

In their 33-25 loss to the Eagles, the Redskins used a no-huddle offense for part of one drive in the first half and three full drives in the second half. Campbell called the plays at the line based on the alignment of the defense, choosing among a handful of predetermined plays selected by Al Saunders, associate head coach-offense. Until the last game, the Redskins had operated in a no-huddle offense only in two-minute drills at the end of halves. Coach Joe Gibbs and Saunders expanded its use in an effort to disrupt Philadelphia's aggressive blitzing schemes.

CAMPBELL'S CORNER | THE REDSKINS QB'S TAKE ON THE COWBOYS

Jason Campbell and Dallas quarterback Tony Romo are in their first full seasons as starters. Romo's direction of the high-scoring Cowboys has impressed Campbell.

The Redskins are 1-2 in the NFC East after losing games to the Giants and Eagles in which they led at halftime. Washington must finish well at Dallas.

The Cowboys have a two-game lead in the division over the Giants and are three games ahead of the third-place Redskins. Washington is in a must-win situation.

"Romo is doing a great job for them. They have an explosive offense, and it's a real fast-paced offense. They really attack the defense from the standpoint of the things that they do, and that's what you want to do as an offense. You want to use all your weapons and keep a defense guessing."

"We've got to stop putting ourselves in the position we're where fighting uphill. We've had close losses where we didn't protect the lead, didn't finish the games the way we needed to, and you can't do that against a team like Dallas. We've got to do a better job from that standpoint."

"We understand we're going into a hostile environment . . . and we're fighting for our season. With all the injuries we have, it would have been nice to be 6-3 at this point. But we've just got to accept we're 5-4 and fighting for our season. When you go into a game like this, you've got to let everything go."

Signs of Weakness

Although the Cowboys' defense ranks seventh overall and has the third most interceptions (14) in the NFL, the secondary has allowed seven players to break the 90-yard plateau:

Receiver	Team	Rec	Yds	Lg	TD
Plaxico Burress	NYG	8	144	60	3
Amani Toomer	NYG	9	91	21	0
Chris Chambers	Mia	9	109	24	0
Donte' Stallworth	NE	7	136	69	1
Wes Welker	NE	11	124	35	2
Brian Westbrook	Phi	14	90	19	0
Jeremy Shockey	NYG	12	129	29	1

serve after breaking his collarbone in practice Wednesday, ending his season.

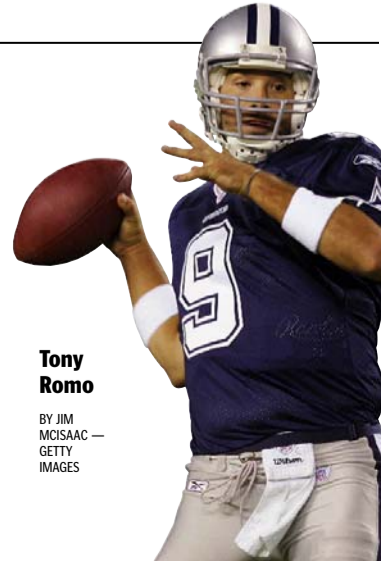
"That was big for all of us, not just Jason," Randle El said of the up-tempo offense. "We've always talked about having an opportunity to do that; spread the defense out and open up the offense a little bit. A lot of times, defenses are not expecting that, especially from a team that likes to run the ball as much as us."

"That isn't the first time we've been able to do that. It's just a matter of us being able to do it in the middle of a game and not at the end of the half or the end of a game. To just line up and do it the second series of the game or the first series of the game . . . that's how you catch 'em off guard."

Dallas's secondary hasn't been at full strength. Because of a heel injury, Newman has been limited to seven games. Despite playing in only six games after spraining an ankle Sept. 30, Henry is tied for second in the league with five interceptions.

"We feel good about the secondary. The defense is playing well back there," Cowboys Coach Wade Phillips said. "I look at average per attempt . . . fifth in the league. We have a lot of passes thrown against us, but we are getting better and better. I like our secondary. If we can get both corners starting, which we haven't had all season, I think that will help us."

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Tony Romo

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PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE			
WR	89	Santana Moss	
LT	60	Chris Samuels	
LG	66	Pete Kendall	
C	61	Casey Rabach	
RG	69	Jason Fabini	
RT	71	Todd Wade	
TE	47	Chris Cooley	
WR	82	Antwaan Randle El	
QB	17	Jason Campbell	
RB	26	Clinton Portis	
HB	45	Mike Sellers	

DEFENSE			
LE	93	Phillip Daniels	
DT	96	Cornelius Griffin	
DT	94	A. Montgomery	
RE	99	Andre Carter	
OLB	53	Marcus Washington	
MLB	59	London Fletcher	
OLB	52	Rocky McIntosh	
LCB	24	Shawn Springs	
RCB	27	Fred Smoot	
FS	21	Sean Taylor	
SS	30	LaRon Landry	

SPECIAL TEAMS			
PK	6	Shaun Suisham	
P	4	Derrick Frost	

STATISTICS

Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	Rtg
J. Campbell	156	261	1735	9	7	79.9
Team	156	262	1735	9	7	79.6
Opp.	210	339	2079	13	8	82.2

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Portis	181	766	4.2	32	6
Betts	57	204	3.6	20	0
Team	293	1189	4.1	32	7
Opp.	228	899	3.9	27	7

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Randle El	32	523	16.3	54	0
Cooley	32	310	9.7	28	5
Moss	24	297	12.4	49	0
Portis	23	176	7.7	25	0
Team	156	1735	11.1	54	9
Opp.	210	2079	9.9	60	13

INTS	No.	Yds	TD	Sacks	No.
Taylor	5	98	0	Carter	7.0
Fletcher	2	36	1	McIntosh	3.0
Rogers	1	61	1	Washington	3.0
McIntosh	0	0	0	Griffin	2.5
Team	8	191	2	Team	22.0
Opp.	7	68	0	Opp.	14.0

Punting	No.	Avg.	Net	In 20
Frost	44	41.3	37.7	14

INJURY REPORT

OUT: S Sean Taylor (knee), G Randy Thomas (triceps), WR James Thrash (ankle). **PROBABLE:** G Pete Kendall (ankle), WR Santana Moss (heel), CB Fred Smoot (hamstring), LB Marcus Washington (hamstring).

PROJECTED STARTERS

OFFENSE			
WR	81	Terrell Owens	
LT	76	Flozell Adams	
LG	63	Kyle Kosier	
C	65	Andre Gurode	
RG	70	Leonard Davis	
RT	75	Marc Colombo	
TE	82	Jason Witten	
WR	84	Patrick Crayton	
QB	9	Tony Romo	
RB	21	Julius Jones	
HB	46	Oliver Hoyte	

DEFENSE			
RE	99	Chris Canty	
NT	90	Jay Ratliff	
LE	96	Marcus Spears	
LLB	98	Greg Ellis	
MLB	56	Bradie James	
MLB	51	Akin Ayodele	
RLB	94	DeMarcus Ware	
LCB	41	Terence Newman	
RCB	42	Anthony Henry	
FS	26	Ken Hamlin	
SS	31	Roy Williams	

SPECIAL TEAM			
PK	6	Nick Folk	
P	1	Mat McBriar	

STATISTICS

Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	Rtg
Romo	190	292	2555	23	11	103.3