

Redskins Gameday

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COWBOYS' ROSTER

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt
1	Mat McBriar	P	6-1	224
6	Nick Folk	QB	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
20	Alan Ball	CB	6-1	175
21	Julius Jones	RB	5-10	208
23	Evan Olesby	DB	5-10	185
24	Marion Barber	RB	6-0	221
25	Pat Watkins	FS	6-5	208
26	Ken Hamlin	FS	6-2	206
27	Courtney Brown	CB	6-1	203
28	Tyson Thompson	RB	6-1	225
29	Keith Davis	FS	5-11	207
31	Roy Williams	SS	6-0	225
33	Nate Jones	DB	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	ILB	6-2	240
54	Bobby Carpenter	LB	6-2	248
56	Bradie James	ILB	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	G	6-4	297
72	Stephen Bowen	DE	6-5	303
75	Marc Colombo	T	6-8	315
76	Flozell Adams	T	6-7	340
77	Pat McQuistan	T	6-6	311
78	James Marten	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	NT	6-4	298
91	L.P. LaDouceur	LS	6-4	251
93	Anthony Spencer	OLB	6-3	257
94	DeMarcus Ware	OLB	6-4	252
96	Marcus Spears	DE	6-4	305
97	Jason Hatcher	DE	6-6	298
98	Greg Ellis	OLB	6-6	265
99	Chris Canty	DE	6-7	299

PROJECTED STARTERS

WR	17	Sam Hurd
LT	76	Flozell Adams
LG	63	Kyle Kosier
C	71	Cory Procter
RG	70	Leonard Davis
RT	75	Marc Colombo
TE	82	Jason Witten
WR	84	Patrick Crayton
QB	9	Tony Romo
RB	21	Julius Jones
FB	46	Oliver Hoyte

DEFENSE

RE	99	Chris Canty
NT	66	Tank Johnson
LE	96	Marcus Spears
LOLB	98	Greg Ellis
LILB	56	Bradie James
RILB	51	Akin Ayodele
ROLB	94	DeMarcus Ware
LCB	33	Nate Jones
RCB	42	Anthony Henry
FS	26	Ken Hamlin
SS	31	Roy Williams

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	6	Nick Folk
P	1	Mat McBriar

STATISTICS

Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	Rtg
Romo	328	504	4125	36	18	99.3
Team	328	504	4125	36	18	99.3
Opp.	320	550	3484	18	19	73.5

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Barber	198	981	5.0	54	10
J. Jones	156	581	3.7	25	2
Romo	31	129	4.2	17	2
Team	403	1745	4.3	54	14
Opp.	344	1382	4.0	62	10

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Witten	94	1121	11.9	53	7
Owens	81	1355	16.7	52	15
Team	328	4125	12.6	59	36
Opp.	320	3484	10.9	69	18

INTs	No.	Yds	TD	Sacks	No.
Henry	6	81	1	Ware	13.0
Hamlin	5	93	0	Ellis	12.5
Team	19	331	2	Team	43.0
Opp.	18	185	2	Opp.	23.0

Punting	No.	Avg.	Net	In20
McBriar	56	47.1	38.4	16
Team	56	47.1	38.4	16
Opp.	68	45.3	39.4	25

Scoring	TD	XP-Att	FG-Att	S	Pts
Folk	0	53-53	24-28	0	125
Owens	15	0-0	0-0	0	90
Barber	12	0-0	0-0	0	72
Team	54	53-54	24-28	0	449
Opp.	33	31-33	23-29	0	298

INJURY REPORT

OUT: C Andre Gurode (knee), CB Terence Newman (knee), WR Terrell Owens (ankle), DT Jay Ratliff (knee), S Pat Watkins (ankle).
PROBABLE: WR Terry Glenn (knee).

FIRST DOWN

Reward in Sight

After arguably the most difficult season in the history of the Redskins franchise, here is their reward if they defeat the Dallas Cowboys: an NFC wild-card berth. The Redskins (8-7) would clinch the NFC's only remaining spot, eliminating Minnesota and New Orleans from postseason contention. Losing to longtime rival Dallas (13-2) would leave the door ajar for the teams behind them.



SECOND DOWN

Cool Collins

Former backup quarterback Todd Collins has been sensational since relieving the injured Jason Campbell in Week 14. Collins is 2-0 as a starter and has a 107 passer rating. He has thrown four touchdown passes, has no interceptions in 74 pass attempts and has been sharp on deep balls. Collins will be a free agent after the season.



THIRD DOWN

1-2 Punch

Wide receiver Santana Moss and running back Clinton Portis played key roles down the stretch to help Washington reach the playoffs in 2005, and the team's top playmakers are at it again. After struggling with injuries earlier in the season, Moss again has emerged as a consistent deep threat. Meantime, Portis was a big factor in the short passing game last week against the Vikings.



FOURTH DOWN

Nothing to Lose

The Cowboys have secured home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs, wide receiver Terrell Owens could be inactive with a left ankle injury and quarterback Tony Romo is not expected to play much. The same goes for some key defenders with minor ailments. Dallas seemingly has nothing to play for, which is just the type of scenario that makes Coach Joe Gibbs nervous.



REDSKINS' ROSTER

No	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt
3	Sam Hollenbach	QB	6-4	215
4	Derrick Frost	P	6-2	201
6	Shaun Suisham	PK	6-0	197
8	Mark Brunell	QB	6-1	217
15	Todd Collins	QB	6-4	225
17	Jason Campbell	QB	6-5	233
19	Anthony Mix	WR	6-5	235
20	Pierson Prioleau	DB	5-11	188
23	Omar Stoutmire	DB	5-11	205
24	Shawn Springs	CB	6-0	204
26	Clinton Portis	RB	5-11	223
27	Fred Smoot	CB	5-11	190
29	Leigh Torrence	DB	5-11	179
30	LaRon Landry	SS	6-0	213
31	Rock Cartwright	RB	5-8	218
37	Reed Doughty	FS	6-1	209
38	David Macklin	DB	5-10	197
39	Vernon Fox	SS	5-10	203
41	Brian Kozlowski	TE	6-3	265
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	6-2	232
53	M. Washington	OLB	6-3	248
54	H.B. Blades	LB	5-10	250
57	Randall Godfrey	LB	6-2	245
58	Matt Sinclair	LB	6-1	244
59	London Fletcher	MLB	5-10	245
60	Chris Samuels	T	6-5	317
61	Casey Rabach	C	6-4	296
64	Kedric Golston	DT	6-4	320
66	Pete Kendall	G	6-5	292
67	Ethan Albright	LS	6-5	257
69	Jason Fabini	G	6-7	309
71	Todd Wade	T	6-8	314
73	Ryan Boschetti	DT	6-4	311
74	Stephon Heyer	OT	6-6	325
75	Rick DeMulling	T	6-4	304
78	Kevin Sampson	T	6-4	312
79	Lorenzo Alexander	DT	6-1	300
80	Keenan McCardell	WR	6-1	191
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
90	Alex Buzbee	DE	6-3	246
92	Demetric Evans	DE	6-4	275
93	Phillip Daniels	DE	6-4	276
94	An. Montgomery	DT	6-6	315
95	Chris Wilson	DE	6-4	246
96	Cornelius Griffin	DT	6-3	311
99	Andre Carter	DE	6-4	252

PROJECTED STARTERS

WR	89	Santana Moss
LT	60	Chris Samuels
LG	66	Pete Kendall
C	61	Casey Rabach
RG	69	Jason Fabini
RT	74	Stephon Heyer
TE	47	Chris Cooley
WR	82	Antwaan Randle El
QB	15	Todd Collins
RB	45	Clinton Portis
FB	26	Mike Sellers

DEFENSE

LE	93	Phillip Daniels
DT	96	Cornelius Griffin
DT	94	Anthony Montgomery
LE	99	Andre Carter
OLB	53	Marcus Washington
MLB	59	London Fletcher
OLB	57	Randall Godfrey
LCB	24	Shawn Springs
RCB	27	Fred Smoot
FS	37	Reed Doughty
SS	30	LaRon Landry

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	6	Shaun Suisham
P	4	Derrick Frost

STATISTICS

Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD	Int	Rtg
J. Campbell	250	417	2700	12	11	77.6
Collins	45	74	644	4	0	107.0
Team	297	494	3378	17	11	82.9
Opp.	337	575	3457	20	13	78.1

Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Portis	300	1158	3.9	32	9
Betts	83	306	3.7	20	1
Team	461	1740	3.8	32	13
Opp.	375	1459	3.9	27	10

Receiving	No.	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Cooley	61	744	12.2	39	8
Moss	53	693	13.1	49	2
Randle El	48	702	14.6	54	1
Team	297	3378	11.4	54	17
Opp.	337	3457	10.3	60	20

INTs	No.	Yds	TD	Sacks	No.
Taylor	5	98	0	Carter	10.5
Springs	3	57	0	Washington	5.0
Fletcher	3	36	1	McIntosh	3.0
Team	13	295	2	Team	31.0
Opp.	11	78	0	Opp.	26.0

Punting	No.	Avg.	Net	In20
Frost	70	41.0	36.4	21
Team	70	41.0	36.4	21
Opp.	74	42.6	36.6	23

Scoring	TD	XP-Att	FG-Att	S	Pts
Suisham	0	26-27	27-33	0	107
Portis	9	0-0	0-0	0	54
Cooley	8	1-1	0-0	0	50
Team	32	28-32	27-33	2	207
Opp.	33	29-33	25-34	1	304

INJURY REPORT

OUT: QB Jason Campbell (knee).
PROBABLE: TE Todd Yoder (knee).

Line Drives the Cowboys

Dallas Sent 3 Blockers to the Pro Bowl; Redskins Must Find a Way Through Them

Of the 11 Dallas Cowboys elected to the Pro Bowl, three were offensive linemen. Left tackle Flozell Adams, right guard Leonard Davis and center Andre Gurode are key members of the NFL's second most productive offense, and how the Redskins fare at attacking that formidable offensive line will help determine whether they advance to the playoffs.

"Our offensive line is certainly a big strength on our team," Cowboys Coach Wade Phillips said. "They have played outstandingly well. Our passing game and running game all starts with the offensive line. They have done a really good job for us."

With a victory over their NFC East rivals, the Redskins would clinch the conference's last wild-card berth. Gurode will sit out because of a knee injury, and the Cowboys, who have home-field advantage throughout the NFC playoffs, are expected to rest other starters as well. But Redskins Coach Joe Gibbs still is prepared to face the Cowboys' top personnel, and their offensive line is one of the league's best, Gibbs said.

"I think this team is one of the most talented teams, obviously with 11 Pro Bowl players, and the offensive line is a big part of that," he said. "All the way across the board offensively, defensively, special teams, [they've] won 13 games, and they are very talented, particularly on the offensive line. "You are playing against . . . one of the real talented teams in the NFL in a long time. It comes down to one big game like this. It is going to be a huge challenge for us. They beat us down there. The offensive line is certainly a big part of that."

In the Cowboys' 28-23 victory on Nov. 18 at Texas Stadium, the Dallas offense pass-protected well, enabling quarterback Tony Romo to team with wide receiver Terrell Owens on four touchdown passes — including three on deep balls in the second half. The Cowboys gained only 72 yards rushing on 25 carries (a 2.9-yard average), but Washington's defensive line did not apply enough pressure on Romo.

"I don't think there is any doubt that they are one of the best," Phillips said of the Cowboys' offensive line. "We have three starters in the Pro Bowl, so I think other people think the same thing."