



**JOE GIBBS RETIRES**  
The End of an Era

# Stresses of the Job

Since he was reintroduced as Redskins president and coach on Jan. 8, 2004, Joe Gibbs endured a tumultuous four seasons, buffeted by events he controlled and others he did not.

## Personnel

**2004** (6-10, .375 win pct.)

**Jan. 6:** Gibbs hires former Bills head coach Gregg Williams to run the defense.

**Jan. 7:** Gibbs rehires Joe Bugel, his assistant during the Super Bowl years.

**Feb. 19:** QB Mark Brunell is acquired in trade from Jacksonville; signs seven-year deal for more than \$43 million.

**March 1:** Redskins trade CB Champ Bailey to Denver for RB Clinton Portis.

**March 3:** CB Shawn Springs and DT Cornelius Griffin sign as free agents.

**March 5:** Marcus Washington is added to the linebacking corps of LaVar Arrington and Jeremiah Trotter. Other free agents signed include future contributors DE Phillip Daniels, FB Mike Sellers, LB Khary Campbell and DL Joe Salave'a. Biggest bust: LB Mike Barrow, who hurt his knee in camp and never played.

### Draft Picks

S Sean Taylor (1st round)  
TE Chris Cooley (3rd)  
OL Mark Wilson (5th)  
OL Jim Molinar (6th)



Chris Cooley

### Starting QB



Mark Brunell



Patrick Ramsey

### W L

- 16-10, TB
- 20-14, at NYG
- 21-18, DAL
- 17-13, at CLE
- 17-0, BAL
- 13-10, at CHI
- 28-14, GB
- 17-10, at DET
- 17-10, CIN
- 28-6, at PHI
- 16-7, at PIT
- 31-7, NYG
- 17-14, PHI
- 26-16, at SF
- 13-10, at DAL
- 21-18, MIN

Portis takes his first carry 65 yards for a touchdown.

Two fumbles by Portis and three interceptions deflate the team.

Clock-management problems exacerbate loss to Browns team that went 4-12.

A go-ahead touchdown is nullified by James Thrash's illegal-motion penalty, and the Redskins drop to last in the NFC East.

Brunell is benched in favor of Ramsey.

The Redskins have not scored more than 18 points to date, making this the longest stretch the franchise has gone without scoring at least 20 points since the late 1930s.

Team narrowly avoids season franchise records for fewest points and most penalties.



Gibbs takes the field for his first game back.

BY JONATHAN NEWTON — THE WASHINGTON POST

## Personal

**2004:** Gibbs's fifth and sixth grandchildren are born, Elle in April and Taylor in October.



Gibbs and Taylor.

**2005** (10-6, .625, 1-1 in playoffs)

**March 2:** Leading tackler Antonio Pierce leaves as a free agent and joins Giants. Redskins sign Ravens C Casey Rabach.

**March 5:** WR Laveranues Coles is traded to the Jets for WR Santana Moss, ending a saga during which Coles bristled at the conservative scheme and claimed owner Daniel Snyder threatened to bench him for a season and send a plasma TV to his house so he could watch the games.

**April 23:** Team trades three picks, including a first-rounder, to move up in draft and pick Jason Campbell in first round.

### Draft Picks

CB Carlos Rogers (1st)  
QB Jason Campbell (1st)  
FB Manuel White (4th)  
LB Robert McCune (5th)  
LB Jarred Newberry (6th)  
FB Nehemiah Broughton (7th)



Carlos Rogers



Mark Brunell

### W L

- 9-7, CHI
- 14-13, at DAL
- 20-17 (OT), SEA
- 21-19, at DEN
- 28-21, at KC
- 52-17, SF
- 36-0, at NYG
- 17-10, PHI
- 36-35, at TB
- 16-13, OAK
- 23-17 (OT), SD
- 24-9, at STL
- 17-13, at ARI
- 35-7, DAL
- 35-20, NYG
- 31-20, at PHI
- 17-10, at TB
- 20-10, at SEA

Ramsey suffers a minor neck strain and is replaced by Brunell.

Three fumbles ruin 331-yard, 3-TD performance by Brunell.

A Gibbs low: The Giants had the 31st-ranked defense.

Redskins' block of game-tying extra point called off by penalty. Bucs go for two and get it on Mike Alstott's controversial run.

The Redskins' fifth straight win propels them into the playoffs.

Despite 120 total yards, team gets first playoff win since 1999-2000.

The defense knocks out NFL MVP Shaun Alexander but the offense struggles again.



Gibbs gets a Gatorade bath after his win vs. the Cowboys.

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**April:** In a minor procedure, Gibbs has a stent put into an artery to his heart to correct a blockage.

**November:** Tony Stewart wins his second Nextel Cup championship, the third for Joe Gibbs Racing.



**2006** (5-11, .313)

**Jan. 23:** Gibbs hires Al Saunders as associate head coach for offense and gives him play-calling responsibilities, effectively replacing himself.

**March 14:** Team wraps up offseason acquisitions by signing QB Todd Collins to join DE Andre Carter, S Adam Archuleta, WRs Antwaan Randle El and Brandon Lloyd and TE Christian Fauria. Archuleta's 6-year, \$30 million contract makes him the highest-paid safety in league history.

**April 22:** Ending a soured relationship with the Redskins, LB LaVar Arrington signs with Giants as a free agent.

### Draft Picks

LB Rocky McIntosh (2nd)  
DT Anthony Montgomery (5th)  
S Reed Doughty (6th)  
DL Kedric Golston (6th)  
OL Kili Lefotu (7th)  
LB Kevin Simon (7th)



LaVar Arrington



Jason Campbell

### W L

- 19-16, MIN
- 27-10, at DAL
- 31-15, at HOU
- 36-30 (OT), JAX
- 19-3, at NYG
- 25-22, TEN
- 36-22, at IND
- 22-19, DAL
- 27-3, at PHI
- 20-17, at TB
- 17-13, CAR
- 24-14, ATL
- 21-19, PHI
- 16-10, at NO
- 37-31 OT, at STL
- 34-28, NYG

Monday night loss spoils Tom Cruise's FedEx Field debut.

Brunell sets an NFL record with 22 consecutive completions.

Gibbs loses his third straight at Giants Stadium as team is outgained 411 yards to 164.

Fans at FedEx Field boo team during loss to winless Titans.

Archuleta is demoted from the starting lineup.

Campbell makes first start after Brunell is benched.

Gibbs is 21-27 in his return to Redskins. The defense nearly sets record for most yards allowed since the inception of the franchise in 1932.



Gibbs talks with new starter Campbell.

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**Aug. 30:** Biggest personal crisis involves Micah Doughty, son of rookie S Reed Doughty, who is born six weeks prematurely with chronic kidney failure. "It was kind of scary for all of us at first, because the baby was so premature. But [now] the baby looks great," Gibbs said later.

**2007** (9-7, .563, 0-1 in playoffs)

**Jan. 16:** Gibbs fires linebackers coach Dale Lindsey, the only assistant coach or position coach he fired in this tenure.

**Feb. 6:** Vowing to de-emphasize big-money free agents and reward loyal veterans, team gives veteran T Jon Jansen a five-year, \$23 million contract extension.

**March 3:** Only big-money additions are LB London Fletcher and CB Fred Smoot.

**March 22:** Archuleta is traded to Bears for a sixth-round pick.

**Sept. 1:** TE Chris Cooley gets \$30 million, six-year contract extension.

### Draft Picks

S LaRon Landry (1st)  
LB Dallas Sartz (5th)  
LB H.B. Blades (6th)  
QB Jordan Palmer (6th)  
TE Tyler Ecker (7th)



Fred Smoot



Todd Collins

### W L

- 16-13, MIA
- 20-12, PHI
- 24-17, NYG
- 34-3, DET
- 17-14, at GB
- 21-19, ARI
- 52-7, at NE
- 23-20, at NYJ
- 33-25, PHI
- 28-23, at DAL
- 19-13, at TB
- 17-16, BUF
- 24-16, CHI
- 22-10, at NYG
- 32-21, at MIN
- 27-6, DAL
- 35-14, at SEA

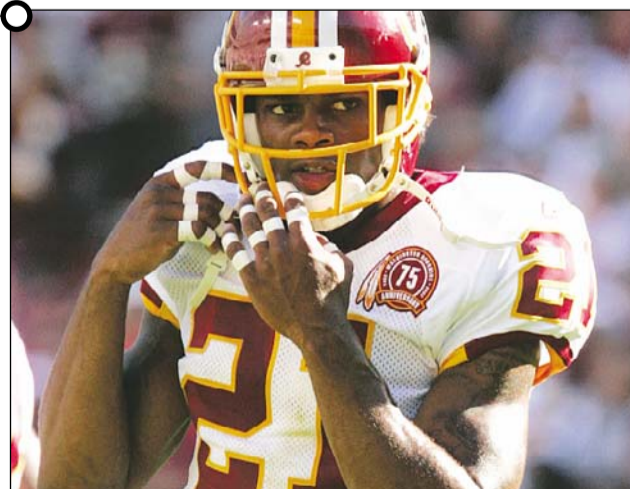
T Jon Jansen breaks leg and dislocates ankle.

Down 24-17, Redskins, who blew a 17-3 halftime lead at home, have first and goal at the Giants 1 in the closing minute and fail to score on four tries.

In the first game after Sean Taylor died, the Redskins lose by a point after Gibbs calls consecutive timeouts to ice Bills PK Rian Lindell. Penalty turned a 51-yard try into a 36-yarder, which Lindell made with four seconds left.

Both starting quarterbacks are knocked from the game; Campbell's kneecap is dislocated.

The Redskins had six good minutes in the fourth quarter, but Collins's magic ran out, and the Seahawks returned two interceptions for touchdowns.



S Sean Taylor, who died Nov. 27 of a gunshot wound during a break-in at his Miami home, was named to the Pro Bowl.

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**Jan. 23:** Gibbs reveals on his Web site that his 2-year-old grandson Taylor has leukemia.

**Feb. 2:** Gibbs's son Coy leaves Redskins to start a motocross race team in Charlotte. Coy Gibbs was a quality-control coach on offense.

**April 30:** Former Redskins LB Kevin Mitchell dies at age 36.

**May 30:** Team nutritionist Ann Litt dies.

**Nov. 27:** S Sean Taylor dies of a gunshot wound after a break-in at his Miami home.