

CAROLINA PANTHERS

CONFERENCE: NFC
DIVISION: South
STADIUM: Bank of America Stadium
CAPACITY: 73,298
SURFACE: Grass
COACH NAME: John Fox
EXPERIENCE: 7th
RECORD: 51-45
PLAYOFF REC: 5-2
WINNING%: .531

2007 REC	HOME	AWAY	ATS	HOME ATS	AWAY ATS	FAV ATS	DOG ATS	O/U	DIV	CONF	GRASS	TURF
7-9	2-6	5-3	8-8	3-5	5-3	3-3	5-5	6-10	3-3	7-5	4-9	3-0

Jake Delhomme played just three games for the Panthers last season before suffering an elbow injury that required Tommy John surgery. Carolina was 2-1 in those three contests, but they ended up at just 7-9 (8-8 against-the-spread) and two games behind the Bucs for top spot in the NFC South standings. However, Delhomme is expected to be back at full strength before the start of the 2008 regular season, he should give the Panthers a chance to get back into the playoffs. Steve Smith will once again be the top target downfield; the star wide receiver picked up 1002 receiving yards and scored seven touchdowns in 2007. Joining Smith on the receiver corps this year will be D.J. Hackett and Muhsin Muhammad, who were both signed as free agents in the offseason. Last year's leading rusher, DeShaun Foster, was released by the team, so they'll use a combination of DeAngelo Williams and rookie Jonathan Stewart this season. Williams averaged five yards per carry in 2007 and scored four touchdowns, while Stewart was selected with the 13th overall pick out of Oregon. Tackle Jeff Otah, another first-round selection by the team, should also help out an offense that put up just 267 points last season. Carolina's defense ranked in the middle of the pack last year, they gave up more points than rival Tampa Bay but less than rival New Orleans. That unit has some question marks surrounding it again this year, but it should be good enough to keep the team in the race for top spot in the division. That's assuming that Jake Delhomme can bounce back from his injury; if the QB is ineffective, the Panthers will be in trouble.

BETTING OUTLOOK			
SB ODDS	+5000	TOTAL WINS	OVER 714(160)
CONF. ODDS	+2000	3 YEAR ATS	22-24-2
DIV. ODDS	+250	3 YEAR O/U	20-26-2
TO WIN MVP	STEVE SMITH		+3000
TO WIN ROY	JONATHAN STEWART		+550

2007 RANKINGS			
OFFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	16.69	26
	YARDS PER PLAY	4.61	29
	1ST DOWNS	15.94	28
	YARDS PER RUSH	4.04	15
	YARDS PER PASS	9.6	28
	RUSHING	114	14
	PASSING	170.94	29
	TOTAL YARDS	284.94	29
	TIME OF POSSESSION	28:44	28

DEFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	21.69	15
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.04	11
	1ST DOWNS	18.88	18
	YARDS PER RUSH	3.75	4
	YARDS PER PASS	10.17	10
	RUSHING	110.69	18
	PASSING	214.13	17
	TOTAL YARDS	324.81	16
	TURNOVERS	1.88	11

2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Vinny Testaverde	7	94	172	54.7	952	136	5.5	5	6	65.8
Jake Delhomme	3	55	86	64	624	208	7.3	8	1	111.8

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
DeShaun Foster	16	247	876	3.5	3	6	54.8
DeAngelo Williams	16	144	717	5	4	2	44.8
Steve Smith	15	9	66	7.3	0	1	4.4

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Steve Smith	15	87	1002	11.5	7	5.5
Drew Carter	16	38	517	13.6	4	3.4
Jeff King	16	46	406	8.8	2	3.2
Keary Colbert	12	32	332	10.4	0	3.4

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
John Kasay	16	27	24	28	53	

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryne Robinson	26	598	23	0
DeAngelo Williams	13	231	17.8	0

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Jason Baker	16	90	3978	44.2	21

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Ryne Robinson	30	262	8.7	0

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
Jon Beason	16	137	0	1	1
Chris Harris	15	92	0	1	3
Thomas Davis	16	86	3	1	1
Julius Peppers	14	40	3	1	2
Richard Marshall	16	75	1	3	2
Na'il Diggs	16	49	3.5	0	1
Mike Rucker	16	47	2.5	0	2

2008 DRAFT			
PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
13	Jonathan Stewart	RB	Oregon
19	Jeff Otah	OT	Pittsburgh
67	Charles Godfrey	CB	Iowa
74	Dan Connor	LB	Penn State
141	Gary Barnidge	TE	Louisville
181	Nick Hayden	DT	Wisconsin
221	Hilee Taylor	OLB	North Carolina
241	Geoff Schwartz	OL	Oregon
250	Mackenzey Bernadeau	OG	Bentley

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	4:15 PM	at San Diego					
Sun, Sep 14	1:00 PM	Chicago					
Sun, Sep 21	1:00 PM	at Minnesota					
Sun, Sep 28	1:00 PM	Atlanta					
Sun, Oct 5	1:00 PM	Kansas City					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	at Tampa Bay					
Sun, Oct 19	1:00 PM	New Orleans					
Sun, Oct 26	1:00 PM	Arizona					
Bye							
Sun, Nov 9	4:05 PM	at Oakland					
Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	Detroit					
Sun, Nov 23	1:00 PM	at Atlanta					
Sun, Nov 30	1:00 PM	at Green Bay					
Mon, Dec 8	8:30 PM	Tampa Bay					
Sun, Dec 14	1:00 PM	Denver					
Sun, Dec 21	1:00 PM	at NY Giants					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	at New Orleans					

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
at St. Louis	27-13	W	1.0	W	43.0	U
Houston	21-34	L	-6.5	L	38.5	0
at Atlanta	27-20	W	-4.0	W	38.5	0
Tampa Bay	7-20	L	-3.0	L	39.0	U
at New Orleans	16-13	W	4.0	W	43.5	U
at Arizona	25-10	W	6.0	W	38.5	U
Indianapolis	7-31	L	7.0	L	44.0	U
at Tennessee	7-20	L	5.5	L	35.5	U
Atlanta	13-20	L	-3.5	L	35.5	U
at Green Bay	17-31	L	10.0	L	37.5	0
New Orleans	6-31	L	3.0	L	42.0	U
San Francisco	31-14	W	-3.0	W	35.0	0
at Jacksonville	6-37	L	11.0	L	39.0	0
Seattle	13-10	W	7.5	W	37.0	U
Dallas	13-20	L	11.0	W	42.5	U
at Tampa Bay	31-23	W	-3.0	W	36.0	0

ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
D.J. Hackett, WR	Dan Morgan, LB
Darwin Walker, DT	David Carr, QB
Ian Scott, DT	DeShaun Foster, RB
LaBrandon Toefield, RB	Drew Carter, WR
Landon Johnson, LB	Justin Hartwig, C
Milford Brown, OL	Keary Colbert, WR
Muhsin Muhammad, WR	Kindal Moorehead, DT
Ricardo Colclough, CB	Kris Jenkins, DT
Terrence Holt, S	Marquand Manuel, S
Tyler Brayton, DE	Mike Rucker, DE
	Mike Wahle, G
	Vinny Testaverde, QB

TRENDS

- CAR is 26-8 ATS vs. teams scoring <17 PPG since '95.
- CAR is 35-19 ATS in Dec games since '95.
- CAR is 37-14 ATS vs. teams allowing >24 PPG since '95.
- CAR is 9-0 UNDER in L9 home games vs. own division.
- CAR is 6-1 SU & 7-0 ATS at NOR since '01.
- ROAD TEAM is 13-1 ATS in NOR-CAR series since '01.
- The CAR-ATL series is 7-16 O/U since '96.