

CHICAGO BEARS

CONFERENCE: NFC
DIVISION: North
STADIUM: Soldier Field
CAPACITY: 61,500
SURFACE: Grass

COACH NAME: Lovie Smith
EXPERIENCE: 5th
RECORD: 36-28
PLAYOFF REC: 2-2
WINNING%: .563

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

The Bears ended up 7-9 (and 7-9 against-the-spread) last season, but that had them six games back of the Packers in the NFC North standings. As well, Chicago scored 101 fewer points than their rivals from Green Bay in 2007, but they plan on giving the much-maligned Rex Grossman a shot as their starting quarterback once again this season. Grossman was held to just eight games last year and his numbers were ugly: a 66.4 QB rating, four touchdown passes, seven interceptions. However, chief competition Kyle Orton didn't exactly light the league on fire either, posting a QB rating of 73.9 while tossing three TD strikes and getting picked off twice in his three games. Assuming the Bears don't grab another QB before the season opens, either Grossman or Orton will be the starter. And that starter will have to break in a new running back, as the disappointing Cedric Benson was given his walking papers in the offseason. That should give rookie running back Matt Forte the starter's gig this season. Forte, out of Tulane, was a second-round pick in this year's draft. Wide receivers Bernard Berrian and Muhsin Muhammad are also gone from last year's team, with veteran wideout Marty Booker signed as a free agent to give the quarterbacks a target downfield. Chicago's once-vaunted defense remains good, but not great; they allowed more points than the Packers and the Vikings last season. That unit will have to return to dominance this year to make up for the team's problems on offense and get them into the playoffs.

BETTING OUTLOOK

SB ODDS	+5000	TOTAL WINS	OVER 8 (110)
CONF. ODDS	+2000	3 YEAR ATS	26-20-2
DIV. ODDS	+350	3 YEAR O/U	24-21-3
TO WIN MVP	DEVIN HESTER		+1600
TO WIN ROY	MATT FORTE		+1100

2007 RANKINGS

CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	20.88
YARDS PER PLAY	4.53	30
1ST DOWNS	16.63	27
YARDS PER RUSH	3.14	32
YARDS PER PASS	10.3	20
RUSHING	83.31	30
PASSING	209.94	15
TOTAL YARDS	293.25	27
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:28	30

CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	21.75
YARDS PER PLAY	5.48	25
1ST DOWNS	19.06	20
YARDS PER RUSH	4.33	24
YARDS PER PASS	10.81	19
RUSHING	122.94	24
PASSING	231.75	27
TOTAL YARDS	354.69	28
TURNOVERS	2.06	11

2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Rex Grossman	8	122	225	54.2	1411	176.4	6.3	4	7	66.4
Kyle Orton	3	43	80	53.8	478	159.3	6	3	2	73.9

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Cedric Benson	11	197	678	3.4	4	3	61.3
Adrian Peterson	16	151	510	3.4	3	2	31.9
Garrett Wolfe	12	31	85	2.7	0	1	6.5

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Bernard Berrian	16	70	948	13.5	5	3.5
Muhsin Muhammad	16	40	570	14.3	3	4.7
Desmond Clark	16	44	545	12.4	4	5.6
Adrian Peterson	16	51	420	8.2	0	9

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Robbie Gould	16	33	33	31	36	49

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Hester	43	934	21.7	2
Rashied Davis	12	168	14	0

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Brad Maynard	15	88	3674	41.8	27

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Devin Hester	42	651	15.5	4

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
Brian Urlacher	16	123	5	5	2
Lance Briggs	14	102	2	0	1
Danieal Manning	16	79	6	2	0
Charles Tillman	15	75	0	3	0
Adewale Ogunleye	16	58	9	0	3
Adam Archuleta	15	57	2	1	1
Ricky Manning Jr	16	36	1	0	1
Tommie Harris	16	35	8	0	0

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	8:15 PM	at Indianapolis					
Sun, Sep 14	1:00 PM	at Carolina					
Sun, Sep 21	1:00 PM	Tampa Bay					
Sun, Sep 28	8:15 PM	Philadelphia					
Sun, Oct 5	1:00 PM	at Detroit					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	at Atlanta					
Sun, Oct 19	1:00 PM	Minnesota					
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Sun, Nov 2	1:00 PM	Detroit					
Sun, Nov 9	1:00 PM	Tennessee					
Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	at Green Bay					
Sun, Nov 23	1:00 PM	at St. Louis					
Sun, Nov 30	8:15 PM	at Minnesota					
Sun, Dec 7	1:00 PM	Jacksonville					
Thu, Dec 11	8:15 PM	New Orleans					
Mon, Dec 22	8:30 PM	Green Bay					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	at Houston					

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
at San Diego	3-14	L	6.0	L	42.5	U
Kansas City	20-10	W	-12.0	L	35.0	U
Dallas	10-34	L	-3.0	L	41.5	0
at Detroit	27-37	L	-2.5	L	46.0	0
at Green Bay	27-20	W	3.0	W	41.0	0
Minnesota	31-34	L	-4.5	L	35.5	0
at Philadelphia	19-16	W	5.5	W	43.0	U
Detroit	7-16	L	-6.0	L	45.5	U
at Oakland	17-6	W	-3.5	W	38.5	U
at Seattle	23-30	L	5.5	L	38.0	0
Denver	37-34	W	-1.5	W	42.0	0
NY Giants	16-21	L	1.5	L	39.5	U
at Washington	16-24	L	3.0	L	39.5	0
at Minnesota	13-20	L	10.5	W	43.5	U
Green Bay	35-7	W	7.5	W	31.5	0
New Orleans	33-25	W	1.5	W	40.5	0

2008 DRAFT

PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
14	Chris Williams	OT	Vanderbilt
44	Matt Forte	RB	Tulane
70	Earl Bennett	WR	Vanderbilt
90	Marcus Harrison	DT	Arkansas
120	Craig Steltz	S	LSU
142	Zack Bowman	CB	Nebraska
158	Kellen Davis	TE	Michigan State
208	Ervin Baldwin	DE	Michigan State
222	Chester Adams	OG	Georgia
243	Joey LaRocque	OLB	Oregon State
247	Kirk Barton	OT	Ohio State
248	Marcus Monk	WR	Arkansas

ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
Brandon Lloyd, WR	Adam Archuleta, S
Marty Booker, WR	Babatunde Oshinowo, DL
	Bernard Berrian, WR
	Brian Griese, QB
	Darwin Walker, DT
	Jimmy Kennedy, DT
	John Gilmore, TE
	Mike Jones, OG
	Muhsin Muhammad, WR

TRENDS

- CHI is 10-1 ATS in L11 home games vs. good rushing teams
- CHI is 2-12 ATS in L15 games vs. terrible def. teams
- CHI is 2-13 ATS in L15 road games vs. top off. teams.
- CHI is 7-24 ATS in its L31 Dec road games.
- In L2 seasons, CHI is 19-6 O/U vs NFC.
- The GB-CHI series is 19-9 O/U since '94.
- The DOG is 14-3 ATS in L19 CHI-DET games.
- The DOG is 22-10 ATS in MIN-CHI series since '92.