

DETROIT LIONS

CONFERENCE: **NFC**
 DIVISION: **North**
 STADIUM: **Ford Field**
 CAPACITY: **65,000**
 SURFACE: **FieldTurf**

COACH NAME: **Rod Marinelli**
 EXPERIENCE: **3rd**
 RECORD: **10-22**
 PLAYOFF REC: **0-0**
 WINNING%: **.313**

2007 REC	HOME	AWAY	ATS	HOME ATS	AWAY ATS	FAV ATS	DOG ATS	O/U	DIV	CONF	GRASS	TURF
7-9	5-3	2-6	6-9-1	4-3-1	2-6	2-1-1	4-8	10-6	3-3	4-8	2-5	5-4

Oh Detroit, why must you tease us so? There was plenty of talk about winning 10 games and making the playoffs prior to last season and that talk didn't look so crazy in the early going of 2007. However, the Lions were still the Lions in the end as they ended up with a 7-9 record (6-9-1 against-the-spread) and tied with the Bears for last place in the NFC North. So will the Lions be able to sustain some solid play this season, or will they continue to flounder and miss the playoffs yet again? Well, they won't have much chance for success if they can't improve their defense. The Lions gave up a whopping 444 points last season, more than any other team in the NFC. Detroit did make some moves in the offseason, most notably boosting their secondary with the addition of cornerbacks Leigh Bodden and Brian Kelly, but there's still plenty of work to do on that unit (especially with tackle Shaun Rogers now in Cleveland). Detroit's offense will be led by Jim Colletto this year, after Mike Martz was relieved of his duties. Quarterback Jon Kitna passed for 4068 yards in 2007 and posted a QB rating of 80.9, but he was also picked off 20 times to go along with 18 touchdown strikes. Shaun McDonald, Roy Williams and Calvin Johnson form a solid corps of wide receivers, but the team desperately needs to improve its running game. Kevin Jones led the team with 581 rushing yards and eight TDs in 2007, but he was cut in the offseason. That leaves Tatum Bell as the team's top option in the backfield, although it seems likely that'll they'll try to add someone else before the season begins. The Lions were only two games out of a postseason berth in 2007, but whether or not they are improved remains to be seen.

BETTING OUTLOOK			
SB ODDS	+4000	TOTAL WINS	OVER 6 1/2 (-160)
CONF. ODDS	+3500	3 YEAR ATS	21-26-1
DIV. ODDS	+600	3 YEAR O/U	26-20-2
TO WIN MVP	JON KITNA		+4000
TO WIN ROY	N/A		

2007 RANKINGS			
OFFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	21.63	16
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.35	15
	1ST DOWNS	18.94	16
	YARDS PER RUSH	3.98	19
	YARDS PER PASS	10.54	18
	RUSHING	80.5	31
	PASSING	242.44	9
	TOTAL YARDS	322.94	19
	TIME OF POSSESSION	27:43	31
DEFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	27.75	32
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.56	29
	1ST DOWNS	22.69	32
	YARDS PER RUSH	4.27	23
	YARDS PER PASS	9.79	7
	RUSHING	119.44	23
	PASSING	258.19	31
	TOTAL YARDS	377.63	32
	TURNOVERS	2.19	3

2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Jon Kitna	16	355	561	63.3	4068	254.3	7.3	18	20	80.9
J.T. O'Sullivan	5	13	26	50	148	29.6	5.7	1	2	48.2

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Kevin Jones	13	153	581	3.8	8	2	44.7
T.J. Duckett	11	65	335	5.2	3	1	27.9
Tatum Bell	5	44	182	4.1	1	1	36.4

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Shaun McDonald	16	79	943	11.9	6	3.2
Roy Williams	12	63	836	13.3	5	4.6
Calvin Johnson	15	48	756	15.8	4	3.6
Mike Furrey	16	61	664	10.9	1	3

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Jason Hanson	16	35	36	29	35	53

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Aveion Cason	42	1041	24.8	0
Brian Calhoun	10	221	22.1	0

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Nick Harris	16	68	3010	44.3	26

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Troy Walters	15	118	7.9	0

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
Ernie Sims	16	134	0.5	1	0
Paris Lenon	16	116	2	1	0
Gerald Alexander	16	81	2	2	2
Boss Bailey	15	47	3.5	0	0
Dewayne White	14	42	6	1	2
Keith Smith	15	41	0	3	0
Shaun Rogers	16	39	7	1	4

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	1:00 PM	at Atlanta					
Sun, Sep 14	1:00 PM	Green Bay					
Sun, Sep 21	4:05 PM	at San Francisco					
Bye							
Sun, Oct 5	1:00 PM	Chicago					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	at Minnesota					
Sun, Oct 19	4:05 PM	at Houston					
Sun, Oct 26	1:00 PM	Washington					
Sun, Nov 2	1:00 PM	at Chicago					
Sun, Nov 9	1:00 PM	Jacksonville					
Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	at Carolina					
Sun, Nov 23	1:00 PM	Tampa Bay					
Thu, Nov 27	12:30 PM	Tennessee					
Sun, Dec 7	1:00 PM	Minnesota					
Sun, Dec 14	1:00 PM	at Indianapolis					
Sun, Dec 21	1:00 PM	New Orleans					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	at Green Bay					

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
at Oakland	36-21	W	2.5	W	39.5	0
Minnesota	20-17	W	-3.0	P	43.0	U
at Philadelphia	21-56	L	5.0	L	44.0	0
Chicago	37-27	W	2.5	W	46.0	0
at Washington	3-34	L	4.0	L	44.5	U
Tampa Bay	23-16	W	-2.5	W	44.5	U
at Chicago	16-7	W	6.0	W	45.5	U
Denver	44-7	W	-3.0	W	46.5	0
at Arizona	21-31	L	2.0	L	45.0	0
NY Giants	10-16	L	2.5	L	49.0	U
Green Bay	26-37	L	3.0	L	47.0	0
at Minnesota	10-42	L	5.5	L	44.5	0
Dallas	27-28	L	10.5	W	50.5	0
at San Diego	14-51	L	9.5	L	46.0	0
Kansas City	25-20	W	-6.0	L	435.0	U
at Green Bay	13-34	L	5.5	L	38.5	0

ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
Artose Pinner, RB	Boss Bailey, LB
Brian Kelly, DB	Damien Woody, OT
Chartric Darby, DT	Fernando Bryant, CB
Dwight Smith, S	J.T. O'Sullivan, QB
Gilbert Gardner, LB	Kalimba Edwards, DE
Kalvin Pearson, S	Kenoy Kennedy, S
Leigh Bodden, CB	Kevin Jones, RB
Michael Gaines, TE	Patrick Body, DB
	Shaun Rogers, DT
	T.J. Duckett, RB
	Teddy Lehman, LB

TRENDS

- DET is 0-8 ATS in L8 games vs. sub .500 teams
- DET is 20-6 ATS at home vs. opponent after 2 previous losses to the same team.
- DET is 29-10 O/U at home vs. good passing since '92
- DET is 9-1 OVER in its L10 Dec games.
- L2 seasons, DET is 2-11 ATS as road DOGs of <=7
- GB is 12-3 ATS in L17 games at home vs. DET.
- The HOME TEAM is 27-7 SU in GB-DET games since '92.
- The DOG is 14-3 ATS in L19 of CHI-DET series.