

MINNESOTA VIKINGS

CONFERENCE: NFC
DIVISION: North
STADIUM: Hubert H. Humphrey Metrodome
CAPACITY: 64,111
SURFACE: FieldTurf
COACH NAME: Brad Childress
EXPERIENCE: 3rd
RECORD: 14-18
PLAYOFF REC: 0-0
WINNING%: .438

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

The Vikings might as well change their name to The Adrian Petersons, because the young running back got about 95% of the team's publicity last season. In his first year in the league Peterson ran for 1341 yards and 12 touchdowns turning in a pair of monstrous performances, 224 yards and three touchdowns against the Bears on October 14, 296 yards and three touchdowns against the Chargers on November 4. That has expectations high for Peterson in 2008 - although the Vikings could still be hampered by the play of their quarterback. Tarvaris Jackson posted a QB rating of just 70.8 last season, throwing for 1911 yards and nine touchdowns (with 12 interceptions) in a dozen games. That allowed opponents to key in on the Vikings' running game, which they'll do even more this year if Jackson can't take a step forward in his development. Jackson will have some help downfield this year, as the team brought in wide receiver Bernard Berrian. Bobby Wade led all Minnesota wideouts with just 647 receiving yards in 2007. The Vikings made an even bigger move on the defensive side of the ball, acquiring Pro Bowl defensive end Jared Allen from the Chiefs. Allen led the league in sacks last season so the Vikings signed him to a huge long-term contract to repeat that performance in the years ahead. At 8-8 (and 7-7-2 against-the-spread) in 2007 the Vikings weren't that far out of a playoff berth in the NFC, but a lot of last year's 7-9 clubs will be nipping at their heels in 2008. With Peterson and Allen the Vikings have two big pieces in place for this season as they try to make some noise in the NFC North division.

BETTING OUTLOOK			
SB ODDS	+2700	TOTAL WINS	OVER 8½(165)
CONF. ODDS	+1100	3 YEAR ATS	23-23-2
DIV. ODDS	+150	3 YEAR O/U	20-25-3
TO WIN MVP	ADRIAN PETERSON		+900
TO WIN ROY	TYRELL JOHNSON		+1500

2007 RANKINGS			
OFFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	22.81	15
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.58	8
	1ST DOWNS	18.38	19
	YARDS PER RUSH	5.33	1
	YARDS PER PASS	11.02	8
	RUSHING	164.63	1
	PASSING	171.56	28
	TOTAL YARDS	336.19	13
	TIME OF POSSESSION	29:34	22

DEFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	19.44	12
	YARDS PER PLAY	5.57	15
	1ST DOWNS	19.88	20
	YARDS PER RUSH	4.51	2
	YARDS PER PASS	12.48	11
	RUSHING	153.5	1
	PASSING	188.69	32
	TOTAL YARDS	342.19	20
	TURNOVERS	1.38	9

2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Tarvaris Jackson	12	171	294	58.2	1911	159.3	6.5	9	12	70.8
Kelly Holcomb	3	42	83	50.6	515	171.7	6.2	2	1	73.1

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Adrian Peterson	14	238	1341	5.6	12	4	95.8
Chester Taylor	14	157	844	5.4	7	5	60.3
Tarvaris Jackson	12	54	260	4.8	3	5	21.7

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Bobby Wade	16	54	654	12.1	3	2.9
Sidney Rice	13	31	396	12.8	4	3
Robert Ferguson	15	32	391	12.2	1	3.7
Visanthe Shiancoe	16	27	323	12	1	4.3

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Ryan Longwell	16	39	40	20	23	55

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Aundrae Allison	20	573	28.6	1
Troy Williamson	17	387	22.8	0

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Chris Kluwe	16	81	3621	44.7	34

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Bobby Wade	17	118	6.9	0

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
E.J. Henderson	16	119	5.5	0	2
Chad Greenway	16	99	0	2	4
Ben Leber	16	65	5	1	1
Darren Sharper	16	62	0	4	0
Dwight Smith	14	51	0	4	0
Kenechi Udeze	16	47	5	1	0
Kevin Williams	16	37	2	2	1

2008 DRAFT				
PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL	
43	Tyrell Johnson	FS	Arkansas State	
137	John David Booty	QB	USC	
152	Letroy Guion	DT	Florida State	
187	John Sullivan	C	Notre Dame	
193	Jaymar Johnson	WR	Jackson State	

2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Mon, Sep 8	7:00 PM	at Green Bay					
Sun, Sep 14	1:00 PM	Indianapolis					
Sun, Sep 21	1:00 PM	Carolina					
Sun, Sep 28	1:00 PM	at Tennessee					
Mon, Oct 6	8:30 PM	at New Orleans					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	Detroit					
Sun, Oct 19	1:00 PM	at Chicago					
Bye							
Sun, Nov 2	1:00 PM	Houston					
Sun, Nov 9	1:00 PM	Green Bay					
Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	at Tampa Bay					
Sun, Nov 23	1:00 PM	at Jacksonville					
Sun, Nov 30	8:15 PM	Chicago					
Sun, Dec 7	1:00 PM	at Detroit					
Sun, Dec 14	4:05 PM	at Arizona					
Sun, Dec 21	1:00 PM	Atlanta					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	NY Giants					

2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
Atlanta	24-3	W	-3.0	W	35.5	U
at Detroit	17-20	L	3.0	P	43.0	U
at Kansas City	10-13	L	3.0	P	34.0	U
Green Bay	16-23	L	1.0	L	38.0	O
at Chicago	34-31	W	4.5	W	35.5	O
at Dallas	14-24	L	9.5	L	46.5	U
Philadelphia	16-23	L	1.0	L	37.5	O
San Diego	35-17	W	7.0	W	42.0	O
at Green Bay	0-34	L	5.5	L	41.0	U
Oakland	29-22	W	-4.5	W	35.5	O
at NY Giants	41-17	W	7.0	W	40.0	O
Detroit	42-10	W	-5.5	W	44.5	O
at San Francisco	27-7	W	-8.5	W	39.0	U
Chicago	20-13	W	-10.5	L	43.5	U
Washington	21-32	L	-6.0	L	40.5	O
at Denver	19-22	L	-3.0	L	41.5	U

ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
Benny Sapp, CB	Dontarrious Thomas, LB
Bernard Berrian, WR	Dwight Smith, S
Dallas Sartz, LB	Kelly Holcomb, QB
Derrick Pope, LB	Kenechi Udeze, DE
Ellis Wymys, DT	Mewelde Moore, RB
Gus Frotter, QB	Spencer Johnson, DT
Jared Allen, DE	Tank Williams, S
Kenderick Allen, DT	Tony Richardson, RB
Madieu Williams, S	Troy Williamson, WR
Maurice Hicks, RB	
Michael Boulware, S	
Thomas Tapeh, RB	

TRENDS

- MIN is 12-1 ATS in L13 on road avenging a loss of <14.
- MIN is 3-15 O/U in L18 as home FAVs of 3 or less.
- MIN is 6-16 O/U in L22 when playing Monday night.
- MIN is 5-18 ATS in L23 vs. poor passing teams
- MIN is 9-1 ATS in L10 home games vs. excellent teams
- HOME TEAM is 13-4 SU & 12-4 ATS in L17 MIN-TB games.
- The DOG is 22-10 ATS in MIN-CHI series since '92
- The DOG is 23-9 ATS in MIN-GB series since '92