

# TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

**CONFERENCE:** NFC  
**DIVISION:** South  
**STADIUM:** Raymond James Stadium  
**CAPACITY:** 65,857  
**SURFACE:** Grass  
**COACH NAME:** Jon Gruden  
**EXPERIENCE:** 11th  
**RECORD:** 86-74  
**PLAYOFF REC:** 5-3  
**WINNING%:** .538

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

Nine wins often doesn't even get you a Wild Card spot, but last year it was good enough to give the Buccaneers the NFC South title. Tampa Bay, at 9-7 (and 9-7 against-the-spread), ended up two games ahead of both the Panthers and the Saints in the division and was rewarded with a postseason contest (which they lost to the Giants 24-14). So can the Bucs slip into the playoffs again in 2008 with a middling campaign, or will they need to improve on that win total? That's probably up to the rest of the division (although the Falcons aren't likely to compete) - and to Tampa Bay's ability to shut down opposing teams again. The Bucs gave up just 270 points last season, which was tops in the NFC. That unit should be a strength for the team again this year, with cornerback Aqib Talib (the team's first-round draft pick) thrown into the mix as well. On offense the Bucs will again rely on veteran quarterback Jeff Garcia, although they did pick up Brian Griese as well for insurance. Garcia had an efficient QB rating of 94.6 last year, but in 13 games he only threw for 2440 yards and 13 touchdowns (with four interceptions). Joey Galloway picked up just over 1000 receiving yards in 2007 and caught six of Garcia's TD strikes. Ike Hilliard returns as the team's second option at wide receiver. Earnest Graham led the Bucs with 898 rushing yards and 10 touchdowns last season, but he'll have to compete for carries with newly-signed Warrick Dunn this year. Cadillac Williams suffered a serious knee injury last year and it's unknown when he'll be able to return to the field; the Bucs aren't counting on him to help out this year.

## BETTING OUTLOOK

SB ODDS	+4500	TOTAL WINS	OVER 8(-120)
CONF. ODDS	+1400	3 YEAR ATS	23-24-1
DIV. ODDS	+200	3 YEAR O/U	22-26-0
TO WIN MVP	JEFF GARCIA		+3000
TO WIN ROY	AQIB TALIB		+1200

## 2007 RANKINGS

OFFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS FOR	20.88	18
YARDS PER PLAY	5.36	14	
1ST DOWNS	17.56	23	
YARDS PER RUSH	4.17	9	
YARDS PER PASS	10.62	17	
RUSHING	117	11	
PASSING	209.81	16	
TOTAL YARDS	326.81	18	
TIME OF POSSESSION	30:26	13	

  

DEFENSIVE	CATEGORY	TOTAL	RANK
	POINTS AGAINST	16.68	3
YARDS PER PLAY	4.56	1	
1ST DOWNS	16.06	2	
YARDS PER RUSH	3.8	7	
YARDS PER PASS	9.18	3	
RUSHING	107.88	17	
PASSING	170.31	1	
TOTAL YARDS	278.19	2	
TURNOVERS	2.19	3	

## 2007 STATS LEADERS

QUARTERBACK	G	COMP	ATT	PCT	YDS	Y/G	Y/A	TD	INT	Rat.
Jeff Garcia	13	209	327	63.9	2440	187.7	7.5	13	4	94.6
Luke McCown	5	94	139	67.6	1009	201.8	7.3	5	3	91.7

  

RUSHING	GP	ATT	YARDS	YPC	TD	FUM	YPG
Earnest Graham	15	222	898	4	10	1	59.9
Michael Pittman	10	69	288	4.2	0	1	28.6
Cadillac Williams	4	54	208	3.9	3	2	52

  

RECEIVING	GP	REC	YARDS	AVG	TD	YAC
Joey Galloway	15	57	1014	17.8	6	6.8
Ike Hilliard	15	62	722	11.6	1	5
Alex Smith	14	32	385	12	3	4.8
Earnest Graham	15	49	324	6.6	0	6

  

KICKERS	GP	XP	XPA	FG	FGA	LONG
Matt Bryant	16	34	34	28	33	49

  

KICK RETURNS	KR	YDS	AVG	TD
Michael Spurlock	16	444	27.8	1
Mark Jones	10	286	28.6	0

  

PUNTERS	GP	PUNTS	YDS	AVG	IN20
Josh Bidwell	16	77	3382	43.9	30

  

PUNT RETURNS	PR	YDS	AVG	TD
Phillip Buchanon	16	59	3.7	0

  

DEFENSE	GP	TAK	SACK	IR	FR
Barrett Ruud	15	114	0	2	3
Derrick Brooks	16	109	0	0	0
Jermaine Phillips	15	81	1	4	0
Jovan Haye	16	68	6	0	4
Chris Hovan	16	47	1.5	1	0
Kevin Carter	16	43	3	0	1
Gaines Adams	16	36	4.5	0	0

## 2008 SCHEDULE

DATE	TIME	OPPONENT	LINE		FINAL SCORE		W/L
			OPEN	CLOSE	TEAM	OPP	
Sun, Sep 7	1:00 PM	at New Orleans					
Sun, Sep 14	4:05 PM	Atlanta					
Sun, Sep 21	1:00 PM	at Chicago					
Sun, Sep 28	1:00 PM	Green Bay					
Sun, Oct 5	4:05 PM	at Denver					
Sun, Oct 12	1:00 PM	Carolina					
Sun, Oct 19	8:15 PM	Seattle					
Sun, Oct 26	1:00 PM	at Dallas					
Sun, Nov 2	1:00 PM	at Kansas City					
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Sun, Nov 16	1:00 PM	Minnesota					
Sun, Nov 23	1:00 PM	at Detroit					
Sun, Nov 30	1:00 PM	New Orleans					
Mon, Dec 8	8:30 PM	at Carolina					
Sun, Dec 14	1:00 PM	at Atlanta					
Sun, Dec 21	8:15 PM	San Diego					
Sun, Dec 28	1:00 PM	Oakland					

## 2007 RESULTS

OPPONENT	SCORE	RES	LINE	ATS	O/U	RES
at Seattle	6-20	L	6.0	L	41.0	U
New Orleans	31-14	W	5.5	W	41.5	O
St. Louis	24-3	W	-3.5	W	38.5	U
at Carolina	20-7	W	3.0	W	39.0	U
at Indianapolis	14-33	L	9.0	L	45.0	O
Tennessee	13-10	W	-2.5	W	37.0	U
at Detroit	16-23	L	2.5	L	44.5	U
Jacksonville	23-24	L	-3.5	L	32.5	O
Arizona	17-10	W	-3.5	W	39.0	U
at Atlanta	31-7	W	-3.0	W	35.5	O
Washington	19-13	W	-3.5	W	38.0	U
at New Orleans	27-23	W	5.5	W	41.5	O
at Houston	14-28	L	-3.0	L	39.5	O
Atlanta	37-3	W	-12.5	W	37.5	O
at San Francisco	19-21	L	-6.5	L	36.5	O
Carolina	23-31	L	3.0	L	36.0	O

## 2008 DRAFT

PICK	PLAYER	POS	SCHOOL
20	Aqib Talib	CB	Kansas
58	Dexter Jackson	WR	Appalachian State
83	Jeremy Zuttah	OG	Rutgers
115	Dré Moore	DT	Maryland
160	Josh Johnson	QB	San Diego
175	Geno Hayes	ILB	Florida State
238	Cory Boyd	RB	South Carolina

## ROSTER CHANGES

ADDITIONS	DELETIONS
Ben Troupe, TE	Anthony Becht, TE
Brian Griese, QB	Brian Kelly, DB
Eugene Wilson, S	Greg Spires, DE
Jeff Faine, C	John Wade, C
Jimmy Wilkerson, DE	Calvin Pearson, S
John Gilmore, TE	Matt Lehr, G
Leon Joe, LB	Mike Alstott, RB
Marques Douglas, DE	
Matt McCoy, LB	
Teddy Lehman, LB	
Warrick Dunn, RB	

## TRENDS

- TB is 12-2 ATS in L14 road games after 3+ losses.
- TB is 20-8 ATS at home vs. good off. teams since '92.
- TB is 11-26 O/U on road if line is +3 to -3 since '92.
- TB is 5-26 O/U in first 2w of the season since '92.
- TB is 8-1 O/U in L9 home games vs. NFC South.
- DET is 12-4 ATS vs. TB since '96.
- The TB-GB series is 7-17 O/U since '92.
- DOG is 10-3 SU & 11-2 ATS in TB-NOR games since '01.