

INDIANAPOLIS

AFC SOUTH



Head Coach: Jim Caldwell (2nd year)
Off. Coord: Clyde Christensen; Def. Coord: Larry Coyer
2009 Record: SUR 16-3, PSR 12-7, O-U 9-9-1
Field: Lucas Oil Stadium (63,000) FieldTurf



The 2009 Colts will always be remembered in the Circle City as "the team that could have been." Most people anticipated a dropoff from Indianapolis when the wise and steady Tony Dungy retired after 2008. But in his rookie season as a head coach, Dungy's faithful assistant Jim Caldwell had his team in gear and humming toward perfection 14½ games into the season. Then, with the top seed in the AFC sewed up and trying to keep Peyton Manning and other key players healthy for the playoffs, the Colts pulled their QB and several others, inserting shaky rookie QB Curtis Painter vs. the desperate Jets and their voracious defense, with Indy ahead 15-10 late in the third quarter. The chins of the benched starters sank to their chests when a quick Painter fumble and later interception led to a 29-15 N.Y. win. The ensuing "giveaway" by the Colts the next week in snowy Buffalo, when the starters played just long enough to collect some meaningless stats (the 100th recs. for both Reggie Wayne & Dallas Clark) gave Indy a 14-2 record in the regular season.

However, sage observers noticed that 7 of those 14 victories were gained by narrow margins of 4 points or fewer. A weak running game (last in the NFL) and injuries in the defensive backfield kept Caldwell's team from being the blowout powerhouse that its 14 consecutive victories might have suggested. The Colts then had to rally from behind at the half to defeat the Jets 30-17 in the AFC title game. And they got caught by a surprise onside kick by the trailing Saints to open the second half of the Super Bowl in Miami. With premier pass rusher Dwight Freeney not the same due to a sore ankle and the Indy ground attack ineffective, "Practically Perfect" Peyton managed only 7 points in the last three quarters of the Super Bowl, losing 31-17 to the seemingly anointed Saints. Chins sunk again.

Regardless of that third straight year of disappointment following its Super Bowl triumph over the Bears, the 2009 Indy team accomplished a lot, and it seems poised for another run in 2010. The Colts last year absorbed the departure of WR Marvin Harrison and knee injury of planned replacement Anthony Gonzalez seemingly right in stride, as 2008 late draftee Pierre Garcon & 2009 fourth-rounder Austin Collie combined for 107 recs. and 11 TDs as invaluable complements to the prolific Wayne & Clark. And, when Indy's starting corners were hurt on defense, rookies Jerraud Powers & Jacob Lacey learned fast and learned well. Rookie NFL coach Caldwell, whose earlier 26-63 record at Wake Forest was unimpressive to say the least, proved he belonged on the big stage. And he now goes forward seeking a credible ground assault, a tighter defense (18th overall LY, and 64% completions allowed), and a vastly-improved return game on special teams.

Helping their coach in those tasks are the likes of team captains Manning (69%, 33 TDs, but 16 ints. LY) & MLB Gary Brackett, who showed up unexpectedly at rookie minicamp asking to speak to the newbies about the virtues of hard work and necessity of preparation. It turns out that fifth-round pick Brody Eldridge might be the guy to spark the running attack. A "TE" by label, Eldridge was such a valuable blocker at Oklahoma that he also saw action at H-back, FB, C and G! At 6-5, he might eventually grow from 265 pounds into an NFL tackle. But for this season, he is expected to help the OL make things easier for RBs Joseph Addai & Donald Brown in double-TE and short-yardage situations.

Defensive coordinator Larry Coyer weaned the Colts from Dungy's Tampa-Two style to a more physical unit in 2009, and he hopes to continue the process TY with the addition of rookies DE Jerry Hughes (26½ sacks L2Ys at TCU), run-stuffing LB Pat Angerer from Iowa, and DT/DE Ricardo Mathews from Cincinnati. Despite LY's emergence of corners Powers & Lacey, there are still concerns in the secondary due to the loss of CBs Marlin Jackson & Tim Jennings in free agency, S Bob Sanders' aching knees, and a spring ACL that might finish No. 3 pick, CB Kevin Thomas of Southern Cal, for the season.

Indiana CB Ray Fisher and Florida's 5-7 Brandon James will get a chance to liven up Indy's return game.

Bottom Line...Manning is only 34 and has four MVPs, while the Colts have won 6 of the last 7 AFC South titles. It's not hard to envision them making it 7 of 8. But better a run-pass balance and a nastier defense would help Peyton in the postseason.

PRESEASON NOTES: With Manning usually seeing little action, Indy is only 4-18 SU, 2-7 when favored, and 4-9 as a preseason dog the L5Ys. However, the Colts are 6-2 vs. the spread the last 8 years in Exhibition Three, when starters see their most action.

2009 INDIANAPOLIS COLTS REGULAR-SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	PA	PC	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	RAT
P. Manning	571	393	4500	68.8	33	16	99.9
C. Painter	28	8	83	28.6	0	2	9.8
TOTAL	601	402	4605	66.9	34	19	95.4

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
J. Addai	219	828	3.8	21	10
D. Brown	78	281	3.6	45	3
C. Simpson	15	102	6.8	31	2
M. Hart	26	70	2.7	15	1
TOTAL	366	1294	3.5	45	16

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
R. Wayne	100	1264	12.6	65	10
D. Clark	100	1106	11.1	80	10
P. Garcon	47	765	16.3	66	4
A. Collie	60	676	11.3	39	7
J. Addai	51	336	6.6	25	3
D. Brown	11	169	15.4	72	0
T. Santi	8	107	13.4	31	0
G. Robinson	9	62	6.9	19	0
TOTAL	402	4605	11.5	80	34

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
M. Stover	0/0	2/2	5/6	2/2	0/1
A. Vinatieri	1/1	3/3	1/2	2/2	0/1
TOTAL	1/1	5/5	6/8	4/4	0/2

DEFENSE	Total	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	FR
C. Session	103	84	19	0.5	1
G. Brackett	99	80	19	1.0	0
A. Bethea	95	70	25	0.0	2
J. Lacey	85	69	16	0.0	0
M. Bullitt	77	63	14	0.0	1
J. Powers	66	57	9	0.0	1
T. Jennings	57	44	13	0.0	0
P. Wheeler	61	42	19	1.0	1
D. Muir	52	42	10	0.5	0
K. Hayden	50	42	8	0.0	0
E. Foster	38	30	8	2.5	1
F. Keiaho	38	27	11	1.0	0
R. Humber	32	27	5	0.0	1
R. Brock	32	25	7	3.5	0
R. Mathis	37	24	13	9.5	5
A. Johnson	34	23	11	1.0	0
J. Silva	30	22	8	0.0	0
D. Freeney	24	19	5	13.5	1
A. Francisco	16	16	0	0.0	0
T. Hagler	26	14	12	0.0	0
K. Dawson	17	10	7	0.0	0
E. Johnson	11	10	1	0.0	0
E. Baldwin	13	7	6	0.0	0
M. Jackson	10	7	3	0.0	0
TOTAL	1227	954	273	34	14
OPPONENTS	1027	831	196	13	8

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
A. Bethea	4	19	4.8	19	0
J. Lacey	3	53	17.7	35	1
TOTAL	16	167	10.4	35	2
OPPONENTS	19	229	12.1	42	0

2010

S.12	Houston
S.19*	NY GIANTS
S.26	Denver
O.03	Jacksonville
O.10	KANSAS CITY
O.17*	Washington
O.24	Bye
N.01*	HOUSTON
N.07	Philadelphia
N.14	CINCINNATI
N.21	New England
N.28*	SAN DIEGO
D.05	DALLAS
D.09*	Tennessee
D.19	JACKSONVILLE
D.26	Oakland
J.02	TENNESSEE

2009

(SUR: 16-3 PSR: 12-7 O-U: 9-9-1)					
S.13	JACKSONVILLE	L	-6'	14-12	u45
S.21*	Miami	W	-3	27-23	o42
S.27*	Arizona	W	+3	31-10	u48
O.04	SEATTLE	W	-10	34-17	o44
O.11*	Tennessee	W	-4	31-9	u45
O.18	Open Week				
O.25	St. Louis	W	-14	42-6	o45
N.01	S. FRANCISCO	L	-12'	18-14	u44'
N.08	HOUSTON	L	-9	20-17	u49
N.15*	NEW ENGLAND	L	-3	35-34	o49
N.22	Baltimore	W	-1	17-15	u44'
N.29	Houston	W	-3	35-27	o47'
D.06	TENNESSEE	W	-6'	27-17	u46'
D.13	DENVER	W	-7	28-16	n44
D.17*	Jacksonville	W	-3	35-31	o43
D.27	NY JETS	L	-4	15-29	o40
J.03	Buffalo	L	+8	7-30	o32'
J.16*	BALTIMORE-P	W	-6'	20-3	u44
J.24	NY JETS-P	W	-8	30-17	o40
F.07*	New Orleans-P	L	-4'	17-31	u56'
(Super Bowl XLIV at Miami, FL)					

2008

(SUR: 12-5 PSR: 8-9 O-U: 8-9)					
S.07*	CHICAGO	L	-9'	13-29	u44
S.14	Minnesota	W	-1'	18-15	u43'
S.21	JACKSONVILLE	L	-4'	21-23	o41'
S.28	Bye				
O.05	Houston	W	-3'	31-27	o48
O.12	BALTIMORE	W	-4	31-3	u39
O.19	Green Bay	L	-2	14-34	o47
O.27*	Tennessee	L	+4	21-31	o40
N.02*	NEW ENGLAND	L	-6	18-15	u44
N.09	Pittsburgh	W	+3'	24-20	o39
N.16	HOUSTON	L	-8	33-27	o50
N.23*	San Diego	W	+3	23-20	u49
N.30	Cleveland	L	-5'	10-6	u44'
D.07	CINCINNATI	W	-13'	35-3	u41'
D.14	DETROIT	L	-17	31-21	o45
D.18*	Jacksonville	W	-6'	31-24	o44
D.28	TENNESSEE	W	+3	23-0	u39
J.03*	San Diego-OT-P	L	-1'	17-23	u51

2007

(SUR: 13-4 PSR: 9-8 O-U: 8-9)					
S.06*	NEW ORLEANS	W	-6	41-10	u52'
S.16	Tennessee	L	-7	22-20	u45'
S.23	Houston	L	-6'	30-24	o47
S.30	DENVER	W	-9'	38-20	o46
O.07	TAMPA BAY	W	-9'	33-14	o45
O.14	Bye				
O.22*	Jacksonville	W	-3	29-7	u44'
O.28	Carolina	W	-6'	31-7	u44
N.04	NEW ENGLAND	W	+5	20-24	u56'
N.11*	San Diego	L	-3'	21-23	u48
N.18	KANSAS CITY	L	-14'	13-10	u42
N.22*	Atlanta	W	-12	31-13	o41'
D.02	JACKSONVILLE	L	-6'	28-25	o45
D.09*	Baltimore	W	-9	44-20	o41'
D.16	Oakland	L	-10	21-14	u45
D.23	HOUSTON	W	-7	38-15	o45
D.30*	TENNESSEE	L	+4'	10-16	u39'
J.13	SAN DIEGO-P	L	-9	24-28	o45'

2006

(SUR: 16-4 PSR: 12-8 O-U: 9-11)					
S.10*	Ny Giants	W	-3	26-21	u48
S.17	HOUSTON	W	-13	43-24	o47
S.24	JACKSONVILLE	W	-6'	21-14	u42'
O.01	NY Jets	L	-8'	31-28	u46'
O.08	TENNESSEE	L	-18	14-13	o48
O.15	Bye				
O.22	WASHINGTON	W	-8'	36-22	o48
O.29	Denver	W	+3	34-31	o40
N.05*	New England	W	+3	27-20	u48'
N.12	BUFFALO	L	-12'	17-16	u45
N.19	Dallas	L	-7	14-21	u49
N.26*	PHILADELPHIA	W	-9	45-21	o44'
D.03	Tennessee	L	-7'	17-20	u47
D.10	Jacksonville	L	-1	17-44	o44
D.18*	CINCINNATI	W	-3'	34-16	u54'
D.24	Houston	L	-9	24-27	o46'
D.31	MIAMI	L	-9	27-22	o43
J.06	KANSAS CITY-P	W	-7	23-8	u50'
J.13	Baltimore-P	W	+4	15-6	u41'
J.21*	N. ENGLAND-P	W	-3	38-34	o47'
F.04	Chicago-P	W	-7	29-17	u48
(Super Bowl XLI at Miami, FL)					

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INDIANAPOLIS 2009 REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

	COLTS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	339	320
FIRST DOWNS (Rushing-passing-by penalty)	69-241-29	106-203-11
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	95/193	104/231
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	5/11	6/19
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	5809	5427
OFFENSE (Plays-Average Yards)	980-5.9	1084-5.0
TOTAL RUSHING YARDS	1294	2024
RUSHING (Plays-Average Yards)	366-3.5	467-4.3
TOTAL PASSING YARDS	4515	3403
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	402-601-19-7.7	372-583-16-6.2
SACKS	34	13
FIELD GOALS	16/20	30/36
TOUCHDOWNS	53	31
(Rushing-Passing>Returns-Defensive)	16-34-1-2	10-19-1-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:40	32:19

Indianapolis 2010 Draft Picks

Rd	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 (31)	Jerry Hughes	DE	6'2"	255	TCU
2 (63)	Pat Angerer	LB	6'0"	235	Iowa
3 (94)	Kevin Thomas	CB	6'0"	192	Southern Cal
4 (129)	Jacques McClendon	OG	6'2"	305	Tennessee
5 (162)	Brody Eldridge	TE	6'5"	261	Oklahoma
7 (238)	Ricardo Mathews	DT	6'3"	294	Cincinnati
7 (240)	Kavell Conner	LB	6'0"	242	Clemson
7 (246)	Ray Fisher	DB	5'9"	185	Indiana

PROJECTED OFFENSE

QB	18 Peyton Manning	7 Curtis Painter
	16 Drew Willy	3 Tim Hiller
RB	29 Joseph Addai	31 Donald Brown
	42 Mike Hart	23 Brandon James
H-B	47 Gijon Robinson	84 Jacob Tamme
TE	44 Dallas Clark	86 Tom Santi
		81 Brody Eldridge (5th Rd)
WR	87 Reggie Wayne	17 Austin Collie
	14 Sam Giguere	83 John Matthews
WR	85 Pierre Garcon	11 Anthony Gonzalez
	10 Taj Smith	13 Dudley Guize
LT	74 Charlie Johnson	67 Tony Ugoh
LG	78 Mike Pollak	61 Jamey Richard
C	63 Jeff Saturday	62 Andy Alleman
RG	66 Kyle DeVan	73 Jaimie Thomas
RT	71 Ryan Diem	79 Adam Terry
		65 Jacq. McClendon (4th Rd)

PROJECTED DEFENSE

DE	98 Robert Mathis	96 Keyunta Dawson
DT	99 Antonio Johnson	68 Eric Foster
DT	90 Daniel Muir	91 Ricardo Mathews (7th Rd)
DE	93 Dwight Freeney	92 Jerry Hughes (1st Rd)
OLB	50 Philip Wheeler	52 Cody Glenn
MLB	58 Gary Brackett	51 Pat Angerer (2nd Rd)
OLB	55 Clint Session	59 Ramon Humber
CB	26 Kelvin Hayden	27 Jacob Lacey
S	21 Bob Sanders	33 Melvin Bullitt
S	41 Antoine Bethea	38 Mike Newton
CB	25 Jerraud Powers	28 Ray Fisher (7th Rd)

PROJECTED SPECIALISTS

K	4 Adam Vinatieri	2 Brett Swenson
P	1 Pat McAfee	

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS POINTSPREAD BREAKDOWN (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

	SUR	Spread	Home	Home	Road	Road	SB	Fav	Fav>3	Dog	After
			SUR	Sprd	SUR	Sprd		Sprd	Sprd	Sprd	SUL
2009	16-3	12-7	9-1	5-5	7-1	7-1	0-1	11-6	7-5	1-1	1-1
2008	12-5	8-9	6-2	3-5	6-3	5-4	---	5-8	4-6	3-1	2-2
2007	13-4	9-8	6-3	5-4	7-1	4-4	---	8-7	7-7	1-1	0-3
2006	16-4	12-8	10-0	7-3	5-4	4-5	1-0	9-7	7-6	3-0	2-2
2005	14-3	9-7-1	7-2	3-6	7-1	6-1-1	---	9-6-1	8-6-1	0-1	0-2
L5 Years	71-19	50-39-1	38-8	23-23	32-10	26-15-1	1-1	42-34-1	33-30-1	8-4	5-10

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS 2009 REGULAR SEASON STAT RANKINGS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	363.1	9
FIRST DOWNS (Per Game)	21.2	5
POINTS PER GAME	26.0	7
RUSHING (Yds. Per Game)	80.9	32
RUSHING TDS	16	T-12
PASSING OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	282.2	2
PASSING COMPLETION %	66.9	4
PASSING TDS	34	T-1
FIELD GOALS	16	T-31
TIME OF POSSESSION	27:40	31
DEFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	339.2	18
SCORING DEFENSE	19.2	8
RUSHING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	126.5	24
PASSING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	212.7	14
PASS COMPLETION %	63.8	26
INTERCEPTIONS	16	15
SACKS BY DEFENSE	34	T-16
TOTAL TEAM PENALTIES	74	31
TURNOVER MARGIN	+2	T-13

INDIANAPOLIS—2009 Game-by-Game Statistics, including playoffs

OPPONENT	OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
	PF	PA	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YR	SK F-FL	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YR	SK F-FR		
Jacksonville	14	12	31/71	28/38/1/294	1 1-1	26/114	14/28/0/114	1 0-0		
Miami	27	23	11/61	14/23/0/295	1 0-0	49/239	22/33/1/164	2 1-0		
Arizona	31	10	31/126	24/35/1/379	0 1-0	12/24	32/54/2/299	4 3-1		
Seattle	34	17	22/78	31/41/1/353	0 1-0	19/49	33/45/0/230	5 2-2		
Tennessee	31	9	23/58	36/44/1/309	0 1-1	21/90	19/35/1/155	1 1-1		
St. Louis	42	6	26/156	23/34/0/235	0 1-0	30/155	14/26/2/117	3 0-0		
San Francisco	18	14	21/61	32/49/0/349	3 2-0	18/113	19/32/1/182	4 2-1		
Houston	20	17	18/72	34/51/2/306	2 1-0	26/81	32/43/2/301	2 1-1		
New England	35	34	18/91	28/44/2/316	1 0-0	28/113	29/42/1/364	2 2-1		
Baltimore	17	15	25/76	22/31/2/299	0 1-1	31/98	23/35/1/256	0 1-1		
Houston	35	27	23/114	27/35/2/228	2 0-0	24/122	31/42/2/274	2 1-1		
Tennessee	27	17	27/88	24/37/0/270	0 1-1	33/142	24/43/1/233	1 3-1		
Denver	28	16	28/92	20/42/3/220	0 0-0	30/95	29/41/1/262	3 0-0		
Jacksonville	35	31	23/61	23/30/1/308	0 0-0	34/139	23/40/1/206	2 1-0		
NY Jets	15	29	24/64	18/32/1/213	2 1-1	44/202	12/19/0/91	2 0-0		
Buffalo	7	30	16/25	18/35/2/132	1 1-1	42/248	16/25/0/155	0 1-0		
Baltimore	20	3	25/42	30/44/1/233	2 0-0	19/87	20/35/2/183	1 3-2		
NY Jets	30	17	24/101	26/39/0/360	2 2-1	29/86	18/31/1/302	0 0-0		
New Orleans	17	31	19/99	31/45/1/333	0 0-0	18/51	32/39/0/281	1 0-0		

INDIANAPOLIS TEAM STATISTICS 2006-2009 (INCLUDING ALL PLAYOFF GAMES)

YEAR	OFFENSE													DEFENSE																					
	SUR	PSR	PF	PA	FD	RA	RY	YPC	F-FL	T-R-P	PC	PA	PI	SK	YPT	YPP	YPT	DIF	APR	OPR	TM	TO													
2009	16-3	12-7	25	19	22	23	81	3.5	14-7	60-17-40	26	38	21	17	286	7.5	14.4	19	28	118	4.2	22-12	36-10-23	23	36	19	36	219	6.1	17.9	3.5	-2.4	3.8	28	+3
2008	12-5	8-9	23	19	20	23	79	3.4	13-5	47-14-28	25	37	12	15	259	7.0	14.6	19	30	125	4.2	26-12	31-21-6	21	30	16	35	188	6.2	16.6	2.1	.3	6.1	29	+11
2007	13-4	9-8	28	17	23	27	103	3.8	15-6	57-19-35	23	35	16	23	261	7.4	13.0	18	28	106	3.7	28-15	35-11-19	20	31	23	28	181	5.9	16.8	3.8	-3.2	4.4	30	+16
2006	16-4	12-8	27	21	24	29	118	4.0	21-12	59-21-34	23	36	16	21	264	7.4	14.4	19	30	155	5.2	37-17	48-21-19	17	27	22	33	159	6.0	14.8	.4	-4	5.5	31	+11