

# SAN FRANCISCO

NFC WEST



**Head Coach: Mike Singletary (3rd year)**  
**Off. Coord: Jimmy Raye; Def. Coord: Greg Manuskay**  
**2009 Record: SUR 8-8, PSR 11-4-1, O-U 5-11**  
**Field: Candlestick Park (69,734) Grass**



*Does Mike Singletary have the 49ers punching above their weight? Or is he not getting as much out of his roster as he should?*

Now, we wouldn't accuse the menacing Singletary of anything other than the former in a face-to-face meeting, but heading into Singletary's third season (including half of the '08 campaign), we're still not quite sure. Most pundits seem to prefer the former, reckoning that San Francisco has played better than expected since Singletary relieved Mike Nolan after seven games of the 2008 season. Singletary's 13-12 SU mark is an improvement over predecessors Nolan and Dennis Erickson, and last year's 8-8 was the franchise's best record since 2002. Remember, the 49ers, with *Shaun Hill at QB and Frank Gore unavailable*, were a Brett Favre miracle away from beating the Vikings at the Metrodome last season. They were also within 4 points of the AFC champion Colts on the road. And they beat the division champ Cards in both meetings a year ago.

*Ah-ha, but that's also the rub in the Singletary file, because it says here that his San Francisco team was the best in the winnable NFC West last season and had no business missing the playoffs.* The 49ers lost too many close games in 2009, with 6 of their 8 losses by 7 points or fewer. They botched a game in early December at Seattle they had no business losing, with questionable late-game strategy proving costly. Much as they lost a game the previous season at Arizona under similar circumstances. *And, in a related development, just as the pieces appeared to finally be falling in place for the organization, GM Scot McCloughan was relieved of his duties under mysterious circumstances in March after having forged a positive working relationship with Singletary.*

Not that Samurai Mike (*his self-coined nickname from the Bears' Super Bowl Shuffle days*) doesn't have a clear idea of what he wants his team to become. In a word, *physical*, an apt description of Singletary's take-no-prisoners approach as a Hall-of-Fame LB. Singletary had no use for the finesse-oriented, Mike Martz offense he inherited from Nolan; instead, Singletary dreams of an attack that can impose its will upon opponents via a strong running game. And to that end he has made upgrading the OL a priority, loading up on a couple of linemen (Rutgers' 323-lb. RT Anthony Davis and Idaho's obliterating 331-lb. LG Mike Lupati) with his first-round picks in last April's draft to better block for workhorse RB Frank Gore (1120 YR LY), who will likely yield a few more carries to Glen Coffee and Mississippi State rookie Anthony Dixon in the fall. And drafting Davis and Lupati made sense after Singletary promised the OL would be a strength of LY's team before it turned into a glaring weakness for an "O" that ranked 27th in '09.

*The passing stuff?* A necessary evil, perhaps, but not likely to be the trademark of any Singletary teams.

Yet as much as Singletary might dream of Bo Schembechler-like smashmouth tactics, it's not 1969, and for the 49ers to make that next leap they're going to have to get more consistent play from the QB position. Former 2005 top pick Alex Smith, whose career seemed finished a few years ago, was either really good or really bad in '09 after re-assuming the starting role and enters 2010 as Singletary's starter, although this is his last chance (*contract issues make it unlikely he returns in 2011 unless he delivers this fall*). Finally working with the same offense under o.c. Jimmy Raye for the second straight year after learning a new playbook each season from a succession of different coordinators prior, Smith is reportedly getting more comfy, and his receivers could really take on a dangerous look with LY's top pick Michael Crabtree (a holdout into the regular season in '09) and Jason Hill flashing potential as lethal downfield threats. TE Vernon Davis (career-best 78 catches LY and out of Singletary's doghouse) has evolved into one of the NFL's best. Adding Ted Ginn, Jr. from Miami helps the depth at WR and could also solve some of the 49ers' punt and kick return woes.

Singletary's defense was certainly playoff-quality last year, ranking 4th overall and allowing only 17.6 ppg. Although still lacking a dominant pass rusher, the DL (especially NT Aubrayo Franklin) does a good job tying up blockers and allowing a dynamic LB crew featuring the likes of Patrick Willis (a tackle machine recently signed to lucrative extension), Parys Haralson, Manny Lawson, and Takeo Spikes to make plays in d.c. Greg Manuskay's version of the 3-4. An ongoing concern, however, is whether the "D" has enough pizzazz on the periphery to slow down prolific passing attacks, especially with no major upgrades added to a rather shallow CB situation.

**Bottom line...**Singletary seems to have literally willed the 49ers back to competitive status, but to make the next jump to serious contender takes more than motivational sermons and attitude adjustments. The NFC West is winnable, but the offense needs to develop a sharper edge to compete with the likes of the Saints, Cowboys, Packers, and Vikings in the NFC queue. *Is QB Alex Smith really up to the challenge?*

**PRESEASON NOTES:** 2009 was Singletary's first preseason as HC; he was 3-1 SU, but only 1-3 vs. the number.

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### REGULAR-SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	PA	PC	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	RAT
A. Smith	225	372	2350	60.5	18	12	81.5
S. Hill	87	155	943	56.1	5	2	79.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>528</b>	<b>3293</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>80.8</b>

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
F. Gore	229	1120	4.9	80	10
G. Coffee	83	226	2.7	17	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>371</b>	<b>1600</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>12</b>

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
V. Davis	78	965	12.4	73	13
M. Crabtree	48	625	13.0	50	2
J. Morgan	52	527	10.1	61	3
F. Gore	52	406	7.8	48	3
I. Bruce	21	264	12.6	50	0
D. Walker	21	233	11.1	39	0
J. Hill	9	90	10.0	30	2
G. Coffee	11	76	6.9	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>3293</b>	<b>10.6</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
J. Nedney	0/0	4/4	7/8	4/6	2/3
R. Schmitt	0/0	0/1	2/2	0/0	0/0
S. Andrus	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0	0/0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>9/10</b>	<b>4/6</b>	<b>2/3</b>

DEFENSE	Total	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	FR
P. Willis	152	114	38	4.0	3
D. Goldson	94	76	18	2.0	3
M. Lewis	82	71	11	1.0	2
T. Spikes	75	57	18	4.0	0
M. Lawson	68	51	17	6.5	3
S. Spencer	53	49	4	0.0	0
M. Roman	53	46	7	1.0	1
J. Smith	55	40	15	6.0	2
T. Brown	40	34	6	0.0	0
P. Haralson	45	33	12	5.0	0
N. Clements	35	30	5	0.0	0
D. Bly	29	26	3	1.0	2
A. Franklin	36	25	11	2.0	0
A. Brooks	21	20	1	6.0	5
I. Sopoaga	29	19	10	1.0	0
M. Hudson	21	17	4	0.0	0
S. McKillop	19	15	4	0.0	0
M. Wilhelm	18	12	6	0.0	0
D. Walker	14	11	3	0.0	0
M. Robinson	12	10	2	0.0	0
A. Battle	9	9	0	0.0	1
G. Coffee	11	8	3	0.0	0
R. McDonald	8	6	2	3.0	0
K. Balmer	12	5	7	0.0	0
D. Evans	12	5	7	1.5	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1101</b>	<b>874</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>978</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>230</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>15</b>

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
D. Goldson	4	39	9.8	34	0
D. Bly	3	66	22.0	31	0
P. Willis	3	33	11.0	23	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>237</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1</b>

2010		2009		2008		2007		2006				
(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 11-4-1 O-U: 5-11)		(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 11-4-1 O-U: 5-11)		(SUR: 7-9 PSR: 7-8-1 O-U: 8-8)		(SUR: 5-11 PSR: 5-10-1 O-U: 6-10)		(SUR: 7-9 PSR: 9-7 O-U: 9-7)				
S.12 Seattle	S.13 Arizona	W +5	20-16 u46	S.07 ARIZONA	L +2	13-23 u42	S.10* ARIZONA	N -3	20-17 u45	S.10 Arizona	W +8	27-34 u43
S.20* NEW ORLEANS	S.20 SEATTLE	W -1	23-10 u39	S.14 Seattle-OT	W +6	33-30 o38	S.16 St. Louis	W +3	17-16 u44	S.17 ST LOUIS	W +3	20-13 u43
S.26 Kansas City	S.27 Minnesota	W +6	24-37 o39	S.21 DETROIT	W -4	31-13 u46	S.23 Pittsburgh	L +9	16-37 o37	S.24 PHILADELPHIA	L +6	24-38 o42
O.03 Atlanta	O.04 ST. LOUIS	W -9	35-0 u37	S.28 New Orleans	L +4	17-31 u48	S.30 SEATTLE	L +2	3-23 u40	O.01 Kansas City	L -7	0-41 o40
O.10* PHILADELPHIA	O.11 ATLANTA	L -2	10-45 o40	O.05 NEW ENGLAND	L +3	21-30 o41	O.07 BALTIMORE	W +3	7-9 u35	O.08 OAKLAND	W -3	34-20 o39
O.17 OAKLAND	O.18 Open Week			O.12 PHILADELPHIA	L +5	26-40 o42	O.14 Bye			O.15 SAN DIEGO	L +9	19-48 o42
O.24 Carolina	O.25 Houston	N +3	21-24 o44	O.19 NY Giants	L +10	17-29 u46	O.21 NY Giants	L +9	15-33 o39	O.22 Bye		
O.31 DENVER	N.01 Indianapolis	W +12	14-18 u44	O.26 SEATTLE	L -5	13-34 o41	O.28 NEW ORLEANS	L +2	10-31 o40	O.29 Chicago	L +16	10-41 o42
N.07 Bye	N.08 TENNESSEE	L -4	27-34 o40	N.02 Bye			N.04 Atlanta	L +3	16-20 u37	N.05 MINNESOTA	W +4	9-3 u42
N.14 ST. LOUIS	N.12* CHICAGO	W -3	10-6 u43	N.10* Arizona	W +9	24-29 o47	N.12* Seattle	L +9	0-24 u38	N.12 Detroit	W +6	19-13 u46
N.21 TAMPA BAY	N.22 Green Bay	W +6	24-30 o42	N.16 ST. LOUIS	W -6	35-16 o43	N.18 ST. LOUIS	L +3	9-13 u39	N.19 SEATTLE	W +3	20-14 u43
N.29* Arizona	N.29 JACKSONVILLE	W -3	20-3 u42	N.23 Dallas	L +10	22-35 o46	N.25 ARIZONA-OT	W +10	37-31 o37	N.26 St. Louis	W +4	17-20 u44
D.05 Green Bay	D.06 Seattle	L -1	17-20 u41	N.30 Buffalo	W +6	10-23 u42	D.02 Carolina	L +3	14-31 o35	D.03 New Orleans	L +7	10-34 u45
D.12 SEATTLE	D.14* ARIZONA	W +3	24-9 u44	D.07 NY JETS	W +4	24-14 u44	D.09 MINNESOTA	L +8	7-27 u38	D.10 GREEN BAY	L +4	19-30 o44
D.16* San Diego	D.20 Philadelphia	L +7	13-27 u41	D.14 Miami	W +6	9-14 u41	D.15* CINCINNATI	W +8	20-13 u42	D.14* Seattle	W +10	24-14 u39
D.26 St. Louis	D.27 DETROIT	W -13	20-6 u41	D.21 St. Louis	L -5	17-16 u42	D.23 TAMPA BAY	W +6	21-19 o36	D.24 ARIZONA	L -4	20-26 u45
J.02 ARIZONA	J.03 St. Louis	W -7	28-6 u40	D.28 WASHINGTON	N -3	27-24 o37	D.30 Cleveland	L +11	7-20 u40	D.31 Denver-OT	W +10	26-23 o39

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## SAN FRANCISCO 2009 REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

	49ERS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	238	278
FIRST DOWNS (Rushing-passing-by penalty)	77-137-24	77-176-25
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	65/218	88/240
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	12/21	6/15
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	4652	5222
OFFENSE (Plays-Average Yards)	939-5.0	1050-5.0
TOTAL RUSHING YARDS	1600	1552
RUSHING (Plays-Average Yards)	371-4.3	426-3.6
TOTAL PASSING YARDS	3052	3670
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	312-528-14-6.2	352-580-18-6.8
SACKS	44	40
FIELD GOALS	19/24	29/34
TOUCHDOWNS	39	28
(Rushing-Passing>Returns-Defensive)	12-23-0-4	12-14-1-1
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:46	30:13

## San Francisco 2010 Draft Picks

Rd	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 (11)	Anthony Davis	OT	6'5"	323	Rutgers
1 (17)	Mike Iupati	OG	6'5"	331	Idaho
2 (49)	Taylor Mays	FS	6'3"	230	Southern Cal
3 (91)	Navarro Bowman	LB	6'0"	242	Penn State
6 (173)	Anthony Dixon	RB	6'1"	233	Mississippi State
6 (182)	Nate Byham	TE	6'4"	268	Pittsburgh
6 (206)	Kyle Williams	WR	5'10"	188	Arizona State
7 (224)	Phillip Adams	DB	5'10"	192	South Carolina St.

## PROJECTED OFFENSE

QB	11	Alex Smith	5	David Carr
	7	Nate Davis	3	Jarrett Brown
RB	21	Frank Gore	29	Glen Coffee
	24	Michael Robinson	33	Anthony Dixon (6th Rd)
FB	44	Moran Norris	47	Brit Miller
WR	15	Michael Crabtree	19	Ted Ginn
	89	Jason Hill	17	Dominique Zeigler
WR	84	Josh Morgan	10	Kyle Williams (6th Rd)
	81	Brandon Jones	14	Jared Perry
TE	85	Vernon Davis	46	Delanie Walker
LT	74	Joe Staley	65	Barry Sims
LG	77	Mike Iupati (1st Rd)	64	David Baas
C	66	Eric Heitmann	59	Cody Wallace
RG	68	Adam Snyder	62	Chilo Rachal
RT	76	Anthony Davis (1st Rd)	75	Alex Boone

## PROJECTED DEFENSE

DE	90	Isaac Sopoaga	96	Kentwan Balmer
			95	Ricky Jean-Francois
NT	92	Aubrayo Franklin	60	Khalif Mitchell
DE	94	Justin Smith	91	Ray McDonald
OLB	99	Manny Lawson	54	Travis LaBoy
ILB	51	Takeo Spikes	56	Scott McKillop
			53	Navarro Bowman (3rd Rd)
ILB	52	Patrick Willis	57	Matt Wilhelm
OLB	98	Parys Haralson	55	Ahmad Brooks
CB	22	Nate Clements	41	Karl Paymah
S	32	Michael Lewis	23	Taylor Mays (2nd Rd)
S	38	Dashon Goldson	28	Curtis Taylor
CB	36	Shawntae Spencer	25	Tarell Brown
			31	William James

## PROJECTED SPECIALISTS

K	6	Joe Nedney	9	Shane Andrus
P	4	Andy Lee		

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS POINTSPREAD BREAKDOWN (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

	SUR	Spread	Home SUR	Home Sprd	Road SUR	Road Sprd	SB Sprd	Fav Sprd	Fav>3 Sprd	Dog Sprd	After SUL
2009	8-8	11-4-1	6-2	6-2	2-6	5-2-1	---	6-3	3-1	5-1-1	6-1-1
2008	7-9	7-8-1	4-4	3-4-1	3-5	4-4	---	2-2-1	2-2	5-6	4-5
2007	5-11	5-10-1	3-5	3-4-1	2-6	2-6	---	0-0-1	---	5-10	3-7
2006	7-9	9-7	4-4	4-4	3-5	5-3	---	1-2	1-2	8-5	5-4
2005	4-12	8-8	3-5	5-3	1-6	3-4	---	---	---	8-8	6-6
L5 Years	31-49	40-37-3	20-20	21-17-2	11-28	19-19-1	---	9-7-2	6-5	31-30-1	24-23-1

## SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS 2009

### REGULAR SEASON STAT RANKINGS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	290.8	27
FIRST DOWNS (Per Game)	14.9	29
POINTS PER GAME	20.6	18
RUSHING (Yds. Per Game)	100.0	25
RUSHING TDS	12	19
PASSING OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	190.8	22
PASSING COMPLETION %	59.1	21
PASSING TDS	23	15
FIELD GOALS	19	T-26
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:46	18
DEFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	326.4	15
SCORING DEFENSE	17.6	4
RUSHING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	97.0	6
PASSING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	229.4	21
PASS COMPLETION%	60.7	16
INTERCEPTIONS	18	T-11
SACKS	44	T-3
TOTAL TEAM PENALTIES	98	T-12
TURNOVER MARGIN	+9	5

## SAN FRANCISCO—2009 Game-by-Game Statistics

OPPONENT	PF	PA	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YP	SK	F-FL	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YP	SK	F-FL
Arizona	20	16	25/21	18/31/0/182	4	1-1	17/40	26/44/2/259	3	1-0
Seattle	23	10	29/256	19/27/0/123	4	2-0	23/66	25/41/1/217	1	2-0
Minnesota	24	27	26/58	15/25/1/188	1	1-0	27/94	24/46/1/283	2	0-0
St. Louis	35	0	29/96	14/24/0/132	4	2-0	28/95	13/24/1/82	5	2-2
Atlanta	10	45	17/100	15/38/1/179	3	2-2	40/148	22/32/1/329	0	3-1
Houston	21	24	19/59	21/33/1/238	2	1-1	27/90	20/30/0/246	2	1-1
Indianapolis	14	18	18/113	19/32/1/182	4	2-1	21/61	32/49/0/349	3	2-0
Tennessee	27	34	20/108	29/45/3/250	4	2-1	34/152	12/20/0/163	1	0-0
Chicago	10	6	28/110	16/23/1/106	2	1-0	21/43	29/52/5/307	0	1-0
Green Bay	24	30	10/69	16/33/1/215	3	1-0	32/158	32/45/0/326	2	1-0
Jacksonville	20	3	20/52	27/41/0/232	0	0-0	19/96	25/36/0/261	6	2-2
Seattle	17	20	12/53	27/45/0/303	1	2-2	29/107	26/35/0/185	5	2-1
Arizona	24	9	36/189	19/35/2/138	1	1-0	18/85	16/29/2/160	4	7-5
Philadelphia	13	27	18/107	20/37/3/154	3	2-1	33/116	21/36/2/306	0	0-0
Detroit	20	6	32/84	20/31/0/226	1	1-1	31/114	18/33/3/175	2	3-3
St. Louis	28	6	32/125	17/28/0/204	3	1-0	26/87	11/28/0/22	8	0-0

## SAN FRANCISCO 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	YP	YPP	YPT	FD	RA	RY	YPC	F-FL	T-R-P	PC	PA	PI	SK	YP	YPP	YPT	DIF	APR	OPRTM	TO	
2009	8-8	11-4	21	18	15	23	100	4.3	22-10	39-12-23	20	33	14	40	191	5.8	14.1	17	27	97	3.6	27-15	28-12-14	22	36	18	44	229	6.3	18.6	4.5	5.1	5.4	30	+9
2008	7-9	7-8	21	24	18	25	100	4.0	36-16	36-10-21	19	32	19	55	211	6.6	14.7	18	28	107	3.8	16-6	39-14-22	21	34	12	30	219	6.4	13.7	-1.0	9.4	5.9	29	-17
2007	5-11	5-10	14	23	14	22	92	4.1	35-16	24-8-15	17	32	18	54	145	4.5	17.3	19	32	119	3.8	17-10	39-9-24	22	34	12	31	227	6.7	15.2	-2.2	11.9	6.9	27	-12
2006	7-9	9-7	19	26	15	27	136	5.0	25-17	30-12-16	16	28	15	37	168	6.0	16.3	20	30	121	4.1	23-13	46-18-25	21	32	14	34	223	6.9	13.4	-3.0	11.9	6.4	28	-5