

# ST. LOUIS

NFC WEST



**Head Coach: Steve Spagnuolo (2nd year)**  
**Off. Coord: Pat Shurmur; Def. Coord: Ken Flajole**  
**2009 Record: SUR 1-15, PSR 7-9, O-U 7-9**  
**Field: Edward Jones Dome (66,000) FieldTurf**



*Sam, was it really worth it to wait a year for the NFL draft?*

Although no one seemed to ask top pick Sam Bradford about it on draft night at Radio City Music Hall, we have to wonder if the former Heisman Trophy-winning QB from Oklahoma is wondering about his decision to bypass last year's selection show, when the Lions had the top pick, for this past April, when the Rams had the first selection. Bradford, the likely number one choice in '09, was said to be uncomfortable a year ago at the thought of joining a team as wretched as Detroit (off a winless 0-16 campaign), and decided not to come out early, gladly allowing Georgia's Matthew Stafford to be sacrificed to the Lions instead. But we're not sure Bradford ended up in a better situation with the woeful Rams, off their own 1-15 mark. Moreover, Bradford's 2009 season at OU turned into a complete waste and even threatened his future with a severe shoulder injury that kept him out for almost the entire campaign. *Hindsight is 20/20, we know, but we don't think Sam did himself any favors by sticking around Norman for another year, with St. Louis hardly the reward Bradford might have had in mind.*

The bigger question regarding Bradford (who appears to have the inside track for the starting job for the Rams now that veteran Marc Bulger was released in the offseason) is whether he's worth the huge investment made by St. Louis. After all, Bob Stoops' Sooner offenses have been piling up yards and points for years, but his two most-decorated QBs in Norman before Bradford, Jason White and Josh Heupel, never appeared in an NFL regular-season game. *Could Bradford be one of those "system" QBs, destined to produce big numbers in his college offense, but no guarantee to translate that success into the NFL?*

The Rams, however, were willing to take a chance on Bradford becoming a franchise QB, although we wouldn't be holding our breath for any Dan Marino-like debut for Bradford at the Edward Jones Dome. St. Louis is now in year two of a massive rebuilding phase under HC Steve Spagnuolo & GM Billy Devaney, who inherited a 2-14 team with one of the league's oldest rosters. Shedding many of those unproductive vets, the Rams immediately evolved into the third-youngest team in the league, although it cost them one win from '08.

In the meantime, Spagnuolo and Devaney are doing their jobs with the knowledge they might be working for someone else if still employed in St. Louis next year, as the heirs of Georgia Rosenbloom are in the process of selling the team. After a Dave Checketts-led group that for a brief time included Rush Limbaugh dropped out of the competition, the Rams' best chance to find local ownership and stay in St. Louis beyond the next few years (*when an escape clause on the lease at the Edward Jones Dome can be triggered*) rests with the group headed by Stan Kroenke, who already owns a minority share of the team. Kroenke, whose sports holdings also include the NBA Nuggets, NHL Avalanche and England's Arsenal soccer team, has exercised a right of first refusal on Georgia's shares, with negotiations ongoing. Stay tuned for further developments.

With Bulger released and a short-term alternative at QB needed in case Bradford isn't ready this fall, Spagnuolo enlisted ex-Panther and Eagle A.J. Feeley as a stop-gap if necessary. *Neither Bradford nor Feeley, however, is likely to change the focus of the offense, away from All-Pro RB Steven Jackson, who deserves a medal after leading NFC rushers with 1416 yards LY.* A reliable backup for Jackson, forced to play with a bad back for much of last fall, would also come in handy, as would the OL staying healthy (especially last year's top pick, T Jason Smith, who missed all but 5 games with concussion and knee issues). And unless Cincinnati rookie Mardy Gilyard emerges, there is still no bona fide No. 1 receiver, with the top returning targets all complementary types such as Donnie Avery & Laurent Robinson. *Remember, Bradford inherits an "O" that scored only 10.9 ppg last fall.*

Defensively, Spagnuolo is still trying to employ the same aggressive schemes, variety of man coverages, zone blitzes, and various defensive fronts to spook enemy QBs that worked so well with him for the Giants. *Unfortunately, Spagnuolo didn't bring Justin Tuck and Usi Omenyiora with him from New York,* and major repair work is still needed for a "D" that ranked above only Detroit LY. Some veteran reinforcements were added from the FA ranks (LB Na'il Diggs from Carolina and DT Fred Robbins from the Giants), and a couple of the young charges displayed encouraging playmaking ability in '09 (MLB James Laurinatis & DE Chris Long in particular), but the biggest plus for the platoon will be more familiarity in the second year with Spagnuolo's system.

**Bottom line...**Spagnuolo & Devaney didn't tweak the Ram roster they inherited, they tore it apart, and the rebuilding process continues. *Bradford provides hope for the future, but the present still looks bleak, and we shudder to think what might happen to the offense if Jackson gets KO'd.*

**PRESEASON NOTES:** In his first pre-season, Spagnuolo was a tough customer, going 3-1 SU, all as a dog.

## 2009 ST. LOUIS RAMS

### REGULAR-SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	PA	PC	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	RAT
M. Bulger	140	247	1469	56.7	5	6	70.7
K. Boller	98	176	899	55.7	3	6	61.2
K. Null	73	119	566	61.3	3	9	49.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>543</b>	<b>2970</b>	<b>57.5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>64.0</b>

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
S. Jackson	324	1416	4.4	58	4
K. Darby	27	152	5.6	51	0
K. Boller	13	76	5.8	16	0
C. Ogbonnaya	11	50	4.5	18	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>1784</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>4</b>

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
D. Avery	47	589	12.5	50	5
B. Gibson	34	348	10.2	23	1
R. McMichael	34	332	9.8	35	1
D. Amendola	43	326	7.6	25	1
S. Jackson	51	322	6.3	38	0
D. Fells	21	273	13.0	36	3
K. Burton	25	253	10.1	25	0
L. Robinson	13	167	12.8	45	1
R. Martin	6	99	16.5	33	0
K. Darby	18	96	5.3	13	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>2970</b>	<b>9.5</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>12</b>

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
J. Brown	0/0	5/5	4/5	4/7	6/7
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0/0</b>	<b>5/5</b>	<b>4/5</b>	<b>4/7</b>	<b>6/7</b>

DEFENSE	Total	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	FR
J. Laurinatis	120	107	13	2.0	1
R. Bartell	66	61	5	0.0	3
O. Atogwe	74	58	16	1.0	3
J. Butler	69	58	11	0.0	0
C. Dahl	65	57	8	2.0	0
J. Hall	43	40	3	4.5	0
D. Vobora	46	36	10	0.0	1
P. Lenon	42	35	7	0.0	3
C. Ryan	42	35	7	1.0	0
C. Long	43	33	10	5.0	1
J. King	36	33	3	0.0	0
Q. Butler	28	25	3	0.0	0
B. Fletcher	23	23	0	0.0	0
L. Little	23	19	4	6.5	0
L. Grant	19	17	2	1.0	1
D. Scott	18	17	1	0.0	0
J. Wade	20	16	4	0.0	0
C. Ah You	17	16	1	1.0	0
C. Chamberlain	19	15	4	0.0	0
D. Roach	15	14	1	0.0	0
L. Ramsey	16	13	3	1.0	1
L. Douzable	11	11	0	0.0	0
G. Gibson	11	10	1	0.0	0
K. Darby	9	9	0	0.0	0
K. Asiiodu	8	6	2	0.0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1008</b>	<b>882</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>1009</b>	<b>858</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>14</b>

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
J. Butler	3	17	5.7	17	0
J. Laurinatis	2	28	14.0	21	0
O. Atogwe	2	21	10.5	12	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>OPPONENTS</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>321</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>4</b>

2010		2009		2008		2007		2006	
		(SUR: 1-15 PSR: 7-9 O-U: 7-9)		(SUR: 2-14 PSR: 6-10 O-U: 8-8)		(SUR: 3-13 PSR: 5-11 O-U: 7-9)		(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 9-7 O-U: 8-7-1)	
S.12	ARIZONA	S.13	Seattle L +7 0-28 u41	S.07	Philadelphia L +8 3-38 u44	S.09	CAROLINA L -1 13-27 u42	S.10	DENVER W +3 18-10 u46
S.19	Oakland	S.20	Washington W +9 7-9 u37	S.14	NY GIANTS L +8 13-41 o42	S.16	S. FRANCISCO L -3 16-17 u44	S.17	San Francisco L -3 13-20 u43
S.26	WASHINGTON	S.27	GREEN BAY L +6 17-36 o42	S.21	Seattle L +9 13-37 o44	S.23	Tampa Bay L +3 3-24 u38	S.24	Arizona W +4 16-14 u44
O.03	SEATTLE	O.04	San Francisco L +9 0-35 u37	S.28	BUFFALO L +8 14-31 o43	S.30	Dallas L +13 7-35 u46	O.01	Detroit W -5 41-34 o43
O.10	Detroit	O.11	MINNESOTA L +10 10-38 o41	O.05	Bye	O.07	ARIZONA W +3 31-34 o40	O.08	Green Bay W -2 23-20 u46
O.17	SAN DIEGO	O.18	Jacksonville-OT W +9 20-23 o42	O.12	Washington W +12 19-17 u44	O.14	Baltimore L +9 3-22 u36	O.15	SEATTLE W +3 28-30 o44
O.24	Tampa Bay	O.25	INDIANAPOLIS L +14 6-42 o45	O.19	DALLAS W +7 34-14 o44	O.21	Seattle L +8 6-33 u39	O.22	Bye
O.31	CAROLINA	N.01	Detroit W +4 17-10 u44	O.26	New England W +8 16-23 u42	O.28	CLEVELAND L +3 20-27 o45	O.29	San Diego L +9 24-38 o45
N.07	Bye	N.08	Open Week	N.02	ARIZONA L +3 13-34 u49	N.04	Bye	N.05	KANSAS CITY L -2 17-31 n48
N.14	San Francisco	N.15	NEW ORLEANS W +14 23-28 o50	N.09	NY Jets L +9 3-47 o44	N.11	New Orleans W +10 37-29 o46	N.12	Seattle W +3 22-24 o43
N.21	ATLANTA	N.22	ARIZONA W +9 13-21 u47	N.16	San Francisco L +6 16-35 o43	N.18	San Francisco W -3 13-9 u39	N.19	Carolina L +6 0-15 u44
N.28	Denver	N.29	SEATTLE L +3 17-27 o42	N.23	CHICAGO L +7 3-27 u44	N.25	SEATTLE L +3 19-24 u44	N.26	S. FRANCISCO L -4 20-17 u44
D.05	Arizona	D.06	Chicago W +9 9-17 u41	N.30	MIAMI W +7 12-16 u44	D.02	ATLANTA W -3 28-16 o40	D.03	ARIZONA L -6 20-34 o46
D.12	New Orleans	D.13	Tennessee L +13 7-47 o41	D.07	Arizona L +14 10-34 u48	D.09	Cincinnati W +9 10-19 u45	D.11	CHICAGO L +6 27-42 o40
D.19	KANSAS CITY	D.20	HOUSTON W +14 13-16 u43	D.14	SEATTLE L +2 20-23 o42	D.16	GREEN BAY L +7 14-33 o45	D.17	Oakland W +2 20-30 u38
D.26	SAN FRANCISCO	D.27	Arizona L +15 10-31 u44	D.21	S. FRANCISCO W +5 16-17 u42	D.20	PITTSBURGH L +8 24-41 o43	D.24	WASH.-OT W -2 37-31 o43
J.02	Seattle	J.03	S. FRANCISCO L +7 6-28 u40	D.28	Atlanta W +14 27-31 o44	D.30	Arizona L +6 19-48 o49	D.31	Minnesota W -2 41-21 o43

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## ST. LOUIS 2009 REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

	RAMS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	259	333
FIRST DOWNS (Rushing-passing-by penalty)	79-159-21	127-182-24
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	73/226	91/209
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	10/28	6/12
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	4470	5965
OFFENSE (Plays-Average Yards)	998-4.5	1016-5.9
TOTAL RUSHING YARDS	1784	2201
RUSHING (Plays-Average Yards)	411-4.3	500-4.4
TOTAL PASSING YARDS	2686	3764
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	312-543-21-5.5	315-491-8-8.0
SACKS	25	44
FIELD GOALS	19/24	19/22
TOUCHDOWNS	17	54
(Rushing-Passing>Returns-Defensive)	4-12-0-1	24-22-1-7
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:10	31:15

## PROJECTED OFFENSE

QB	8	Sam Bradford (1st Rd)	4	A.J. Feely
	9	Keith Null	12	Thaddeus Lewis
RB	39	Steven Jackson	34	Kenneth Darby
	22	Chris Ogbonnaya	35	DeMauray Woolridge
FB	44	Mike Karney	42	Jamie McCoy
WR	14	Keenan Burton	16	Danny Amendola
	11	Brandon Gibson	19	Laurent Robinson
WR	17	Donnie Avery	81	Mardy Gilyard (4th Rd)
TE	46	Daniel Fells	47	Billy Bajema
	86	Hoomanawanui (5th Rd)	48	Fendi Onobun (6th Rd)
LT	77	Jason Smith	61	Eric Young
LG	63	Jacob Bell	66	Mark Setterstrom
C	60	Jason Brown	65	Hank Fraley
RG	73	Adam Goldberg	79	John Greco
RT	76	Rodger Saffold (2nd Rd)	64	Phil Trautwein

## PROJECTED DEFENSE

DE	94	Victor Adeyanju	90	Hall Davis (5th Rd)
	67	George Selvie (7th Rd)	99	C.J. Ah You
DT	98	Fred Robbins	97	Darell Scott
DT	95	Clifton Ryan	71	Gary Gibson
DE	72	Chris Long	96	James Hall
OLB	53	Na'il Diggs	58	David Vobora
MLB	55	James Laurinaitis	56	Josh Hull (7th Rd)
OLB	52	Bobby Carpenter	59	Larry Grant
CB	24	Ronald Bartell	32	Bradley Fletcher
S	37	James Butler	30	Kevin Payne
S	21	Oshiomogho Atoogwe	43	Craig Dahl
CB	31	Justin King	26	Jerome Murphy (3rd Rd)

## PROJECTED SPECIALISTS

K	3	Josh Brown
P	5	Donnie Jones

## St. Louis 2010 Draft Picks

Rd	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 (1)	Sam Bradford	QB	6'4"	236	Oklahoma
2 (33)	Rodger Saffold	OT	6'4"	316	Indiana
3 (65)	Jerome Murphy	CB	6'0"	196	South Florida
4 (99)	Mardy Gilyard	WR	6'0"	187	Cincinnati
5 (132)	Michael Hoomanawanui	TE	6'4"	264	Illinois
5 (149)	Hall Davis	DE	6'4"	271	LA-Lafayette
6 (170)	Fendi Onobun	TE	6'6"	252	Arizona
6 (189)	Eugene Sims	DE	6'6"	235	West Texas A&M
7 (211)	Marquis Johnson	DB	5'11"	192	Alabama
7 (226)	George Selvie	DE	6'3"	252	South Florida
7 (254)	Josh Hull	LB	6'3"	237	Penn State

## ST. LOUIS RAMS POINTSPREAD BREAKDOWN (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

	SUR	Spread	Home	Home	Road	Road	SB	Fav	Fav>3	Dog	After
			SUR	Spr	SUR	Spr	Spr	Spr	Spr	Spr	SUL
2009	1-15	7-9	0-8	3-5	1-7	4-4	---	---	---	7-9	6-8
2008	2-14	6-10	1-7	3-5	1-7	3-5	---	---	---	6-10	4-9
2007	3-13	5-11	1-7	2-6	2-6	3-5	---	2-2	---	3-9	3-9
2006	8-8	9-7	4-4	4-4	4-4	5-3	---	4-4	1-2	5-3	3-5
2005	6-10	5-11	3-5	2-6	3-5	3-5	---	2-6	1-4	3-5	4-6
<b>L5 Years</b>	<b>20-60</b>	<b>32-48</b>	<b>9-31</b>	<b>14-26</b>	<b>11-29</b>	<b>18-22</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>8-12</b>	<b>2-6</b>	<b>24-36</b>	<b>20-37</b>

## ST. LOUIS RAMS 2009

### REGULAR SEASON STAT RANKINGS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	279.4	29
FIRST DOWNS (Per Game)	16.2	26
POINTS PER GAME	10.9	32
RUSHING (Yds. Per Game)	111.5	20
RUSHING TDS	4	32
PASSING OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	167.9	28
PASSING COMPLETION %	57.5	24
PASSING TDS	12	T-29
FIELD GOALS	19	T-26
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:10	20
DEFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	372.8	29
SCORING DEFENSE	27.2	31
RUSHING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	137.8	27
PASSING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	235.2	25
PASS COMPLETION%	64.2	T-27
INTERCEPTIONS	8	T-31
SACKS	25	30
TOTAL TEAM PENALTIES	100	T-10
TURNOVER MARGIN	-13	T-30

## ST. LOUIS—2009 Game-by-Game Statistics, including playoffs

OPPONENT	OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
	PF	PA	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-Y-P	SK F-FL	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-Y-P	SK	F-FR	
Seattle	0	28	18/77	17/36/0/170	3 2-1	34/167	25/36/2/279	0	2-1	
Washington	7	9	21/126	15/28/0/119	1 2-1	33/125	23/36/0/237	1	2-1	
Green Bay	17	36	33/149	19/35/1/187	1 2-2	37/152	13/23/0/250	2	0-0	
San Francisco	0	35	28/95	13/24/1/82	5 2-2	29/96	14/24/0/132	4	2-0	
Minnesota	10	38	30/122	27/38/1/278	2 4-3	24/89	21/27/1/288	2	0-0	
Jacksonville	20	23	18/55	22/34/1/207	1 0-0	38/166	30/43/2/326	3	1-1	
Indianapolis	6	42	30/155	14/26/2/117	3 0-0	26/156	23/34/0/235	0	1-0	
Detroit	17	10	26/150	18/36/1/212	0 0-0	33/127	14/33/1/162	2	0-0	
New Orleans	23	28	29/141	26/40/1/293	2 1-0	29/203	18/26/2/217	1	1-1	
Arizona	13	21	27/123	19/37/1/191	3 2-0	30/183	25/33/0/261	2	2-2	
Seattle	17	27	28/113	28/46/2/251	4 0-0	31/170	14/25/0/95	1	2-1	
Chicago	9	17	30/135	17/32/1/98	3 2-1	38/120	9/18/0/128	2	6-1	
Tennessee	7	47	21/88	27/43/5/152	1 2-0	30/160	17/27/0/286	0	1-1	
Houston	13	16	26/88	18/27/1/149	3 2-1	24/52	28/40/0/367	0	2-2	
Arizona	10	31	21/88	20/32/3/150	4 2-1	32/110	24/38/0/297	2	2-1	
San Francisco	6	28	26/87	11/28/0/22	8 0-0	32/125	17/28/0/204	3	1-0	

## ST. LOUIS 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-FR	T-R-P	PC	PA	PI	SK	YP	YPP	YPT	DIF	APR	OPR	TM	TO
2009	1-15	7-9	11	27	16	26	112	4.3	23-12	17-4-12	19	34	21	44	167	4.9	25.5	21	31	138	4.4	25-12	54-24-22	20	31	8	25	235	7.7	13.7	-11.9	13.6	4.6	29	-13
2008	2-14	6-10	15	29	16	26	102	3.9	17-12	20-8-11	18	33	19	45	185	5.7	19.8	20	31	154	4.9	24-14	53-26-20	18	28	12	30	217	7.8	12.8	-7.0	13.6	5.1	30	-5
2007	3-13	5-11	16	27	18	25	95	3.8	25-9	27-5-19	21	36	28	48	202	5.6	18.1	20	28	115	4.1	24-9	48-16-25	20	33	18	30	227	6.9	12.5	-5.6	11.2	6.4	30	-10
2006	8-8	9-7	23	24	21	27	113	4.3	20-10	39-13-24	23	37	8	49	248	6.7	15.7	20	30	145	4.9	24-15	46-21-21	17	28	17	34	190	6.7	14.1	-1.6	8.0	7.4	31	+14