

TENNESSEE

AFC SOUTH



Head Coach: Jeff Fisher (16th year)

Off. Coord: Mike Heimerdinger; Def. Coord: Chuck Cecil

2009 Record: SUR 8-8, PSR 7-9, O-U 9-7

Field: LP Field (68,498) Grass



That's two straight surprising seasons for Tennessee—one good, and one bad. In 2008, with Kerry Collins taking over in the second game, the Titans rolled to the best record in the league at 13-3 before a frustrating, mistake-filled, 13-10 home loss in the playoffs to Baltimore. Then, with big things expected in 2009, Tennessee—behind Collins—started an awful 0-6, culminated by a 59-0 bombardment in New England (the Pats scored 0 in the fourth quarter) on a day when the Titans' top CBs and nickel-back were out with injuries.

That defeat sent the 37-year-old Collins back to the bench and re-ignited the tarnished career of Vince Young, older and wiser after a season and a half observing NFL action from the sidelines. The new, improved, more-mature Vince—reading defenses better and throwing more accurately—helped lead Tennessee back from the abyss to 8 wins in the Titans' last 10 games, setting things up for a return to the playoffs in 2010, his fourth year in the league. Young had the perfect backfield mate LY in Chris Johnson, the marvelously-durable speedball who was the Offensive Player of the Year after leading the league with 2006 YR on a physically-testing 358 attempts. Only Eric Dickerson (3318) and Edgerrin James (3262) have gained more yards rushing than Johnson (3234) in their first two years in the league.

Not surprisingly, Johnson is now seeking a rich new contract. As his initial deal has three years remaining, we'll have to see how the contract matter plays out. But 2009 showed that a Chris Johnson/Vince Young backfield, operating behind a physical OL (HC Jeff Fisher loves 6-7 tackles Michael Roos & David Stewart, while C/G Eugene Amano has been signed to a \$26 million extension) can be extremely effective. Young had many "moments" in 2009, but perhaps the signature indication that he has "arrived" came in a 20-17 Nov. 29 home victory vs. Arizona, when Vince led a 99-yard drive in the last 2:37, converting three times on fourth down, including a 10-yard, fourth-down TD pass with no time left! Until he falters again, Young's tearful, whining, immature days of 2008 are likely a thing of the past.

It remains to be seen, however, whether Titan management has provided Young with the receiving arsenal to keep pace with Indianapolis—and perhaps even Houston now—in the AFC South. 2009 first-round pick Kenny Britt (42 recs., 3 TDs) has an upside, but former free-agent signee Nate Washington from the Steelers must do better than last year's 47 recs. and 6 TDs. HC Fisher is pretty sure No. 3 pick Damian Williams from Southern Cal will help solve the team's PR needs, and he's hopeful Williams' precise routes will also be a boon for Vince on offense. Fisher dealt pudgy backup RB LenDale White to Seattle, but he's more than pleased with RB depth that includes second-year Javon Ringer of Michigan State, powerful (and controversial) 241-pound college FA LeGarrette Blount from Oregon, and feel-good case Stafon Johnson (he of the barbell accident) from USC. With the now-wealthy Amano moving from G to C, his college position, the Titans are unlikely to re-sign 39-year-old C Kevin Mawae except for a backup role.

Fisher's bigger concern is his defense, which dropped to 28th overall and a lenient 31st vs. the pass, allowing a generous 67% completions. Injuries took a major toll last season, with many who are hoping to be in TY's rotation recovering from surgery, including DT Tony Jones (knee), DT Jason Jones (shoulder), LB David Thornton (shoulder), CB Rod Hood (hernia), and S Michael Griffin (shoulder). Stalwart LB Keith Bulluck (11th season; ACL last Dec.) might not be re-signed. Reinforcements include steady vet LB Will Witherspoon via Philly, DE Justin Babin via Philly, No. 1 pick DE Derrick Morgan (12½ sacks LY) from Ga. Tech, No. 3 LB Rennie Curran from Georgia, No. 4 CB Alterraun Verner from UCLA, and No. 6 S Myron Rolle from Florida State. Because of some size issues with Curran & Verner, and due to Rolle's year off from football LY to study as a Rhodes scholar (he wants to be a neurosurgeon), Tennessee believes those potentially valuable players dropped to them fortuitously in the draft.

Bottom Line...Titans' personnel were visible in relief efforts to help victims of this year's historic spring flooding in Tennessee (the Cumberland River filled LP Field to the first row). But with veteran leaders such as DE Kyle Vanden Bosch (to the Lions), C Mawae, and LB Bulluck not around, insiders believe the Titans might be too green to keep pace with Indy in the AFC South.

PRESEASON NOTES: Fisher is often one of the better exhibition coaches (9-4 SU, 6-6-1 vs. the spread the L3Ys; 11-4 as a dog the L10Ys).

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REGULAR-SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	PA	PC	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	RAT
V. Young	152	259	1879	58.7	10	7	82.8
K. Collins	119	216	1225	55.1	6	8	65.5
TOTAL	271	476	3104	56.9	16	15	74.8

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
C. Johnson	358	2006	5.6	91	14
V. Young	55	281	5.1	44	2
L. White	64	222	3.5	11	2
J. Ringer	8	48	6.0	32	0
TOTAL	499	2592	5.2	91	19

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
K. Britt	42	701	16.7	57	3
N. Washington	47	569	12.1	35	6
C. Johnson	50	503	10.1	69	2
B. Scaife	45	440	9.8	27	1
J. Gage	28	383	13.7	49	3
A. Crumpler	27	222	8.2	27	1
L. Hawkins	7	110	15.7	32	0
A. Hall	12	79	6.6	15	0
TOTAL	271	3104	11.5	69	16

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
R. Bironas	0/0	8/8	4/6	10/12	5/6
TOTAL	0/0	8/8	4/6	10/12	5/6

DEFENSE	Total	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	FR
S. Tulloch	121	94	27	2.0	0
K. Bulluck	108	81	27	0.0	0
N. Harper	81	69	12	0.0	0
C. Hope	81	67	14	2.0	1
M. Griffin	77	57	20	1.0	2
C. Finnegan	63	56	7	0.0	0
D. Thornton	59	46	13	1.0	1
G. McRath	47	32	15	0.0	0
K. Vanden Bosch	44	32	12	3.0	2
W. Hayes	51	31	20	4.0	2
T. Brown	38	28	10	5.0	3
V. Fuller	34	27	7	1.0	0
J. McCourty	29	24	5	0.0	1
J. Hays	32	20	12	0.5	0
K. Vickerson	28	20	8	0.0	0
R. Mouton	24	20	4	0.0	0
J. Ford	22	16	6	5.5	1
R. Hood	16	14	2	0.0	0
K. Kaesviharn	16	14	2	0.0	0
C. Stevens	12	11	1	0.0	0
D. Ball	19	9	10	0.0	0
J. Jones	15	9	6	4.0	0
D. Nickey	12	9	3	0.0	0
C. Allred	19	8	11	0.0	0
TOTAL	1086	859	227	44	23
OPPONENTS	1087	823	264	12	12

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
C. Finnegan	5	194	38.8	80	1
R. Hood	3	91	30.3	43	1
V. Fuller	3	71	23.7	45	2
K. Bulluck	3	45	15.0	23	0
C. Hope	3	24	8.0	24	0
TOTAL	20	433	21.6	80	4
OPPONENTS	15	121	8.1	26	0

2010

S.12	OAKLAND
S.19	PITTSBURGH
S.26	NY Giants
O.03	DENVER
O.10	Dallas
O.18*	Jacksonville
O.24	PHILADELPHIA
O.31	San Diego
N.07	Bye
N.14	Miami
N.21	WASHINGTON
N.28	Houston
D.05	JACKSONVILLE
D.09*	INDIANAPOLIS
D.19	HOUSTON
D.26	Kansas City
J.02	Indianapolis

2009

(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 7-9 O-U: 9-7)

S.10*	Pittsburgh-OT	W +6	10-13	u35*
S.20	HOUSTON	L -6*	31-34	o41
S.27	NY Jets	L +2	17-24	o36*
O.04	Jacksonville	L -3	17-37	o41*
O.11*	INDIANAPOLIS	L +4	9-31	u45*
O.18	New England	L +9*	0-59	o41
O.25	Open Week			
N.01	JACKSONVILLE	W -3	30-13	u44*
N.08	San Francisco	W +4	34-27	o40*
N.15	BUFFALO	W -7	41-17	o41
N.23*	Houston	W +4	20-17	u48
N.29	ARIZONA	W -2*	20-17	u45
D.06	Indianapolis	L +6*	17-27	u46*
D.13	ST LOUIS	W -13	47-7	o41*
D.20	MIAMI-OT	L -5	27-24	o42*
D.25*	SAN DIEGO	L -2*	17-42	o47
J.03	Seattle	L -6	17-13	u45

2008

(SUR: 13-4 PSR: 12-5 O-U: 7-10)

S.07	JACKSONVILLE	W +3	17-10	u36*
S.14	Cincinnati	W +1	24-7	u37
S.21	HOUSTON	W -5	31-12	o39*
S.28	MINNESOTA	W -3	30-17	o36
O.05	Baltimore	W -2*	13-10	u33*
O.12	Bye			
O.19	Kansas City	W -8*	34-10	o35
O.27*	INDIANAPOLIS	W -4	31-21	o40*
N.02	GREEN BAY-OT	L -4*	19-16	u41
N.09	Chicago	W -3	21-14	u38
N.16	Jacksonville	W -2*	24-14	u39*
N.23	NY JETS	L -5*	13-34	o40*
N.27	Detroit	W -11	47-10	o44*
D.07	CLEVELAND	W -14	28-9	u37*
D.14	Houston	L -3	12-13	u45
D.21	PITTSBURGH	W +2*	31-14	o34*
D.28	Indianapolis	L -3	0-23	u39
J.10	BALTIMORE-P	L -3	10-13	u34

2007

(SUR: 10-7 PSR: 8-8-1 O-U: 6-10-1)

S.09	Jacksonville	W +7	13-10	u38
S.16	INDIANAPOLIS	W +7	20-22	u45*
S.24*	New Orleans	W +4*	31-14	n45
O.30	Bye			
O.07	ATLANTA	L -8	20-13	u41
O.14	Tampa Bay	N +3	10-13	u37*
O.21	Houston	W -1	38-36	o37*
O.28	OAKLAND	L -7	13-9	u40
N.04	CAROLINA	W -5	20-7	u36
N.11	JACKSONVILLE	L -4*	13-28	o36
N.19*	Denver	L +2	20-34	o38
N.25	Cincinnati	L -1	6-35	u47
D.02	HOUSTON	W -3*	28-20	o41
D.09	SAN DIEGO-OT	L +1	17-23	o39*
D.16	Kansas City	W -3*	26-17	o34
D.23	NY JETS	L -8*	10-6	u37
D.30*	Indianapolis	W -4*	16-10	u39*
J.06	San Diego-P	L +10	6-17	u39

2006

(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 11-5 O-U:13-3)

S.10	NY JETS	L -2*	16-23	o35*
S.17	San Diego	L +11	7-40	o38
S.24	Miami	W +10*	10-13	u35*
O.01	DALLAS	W +9*	14-45	o37
O.08	Indianapolis	W +18	13-14	u48
O.15	Washington	W +11	25-22	o39*
O.22	Bye			
O.29	HOUSTON	W -3	28-22	o41*
N.05	Jacksonville	L +9*	7-37	o37*
N.12	BALTIMORE	W +7	26-27	o38
N.19	Philadelphia	W +13	31-13	o43*
N.26	NY GIANTS	W +3*	24-21	o44
D.03	INDIANAPOLIS	W +7*	20-17	u47
D.10	Houston-OT	W +1	26-20	o42
D.17	JACKSONVILLE	W +3*	24-17	o40*
D.24	Buffalo	W +5	30-29	o37
D.31	NEW ENGLAND	L -3	23-40	o41

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TENNESSEE 2009 REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

	TITANS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	288	323
FIRST DOWNS (Rushing-passing-by penalty)	115-154-19	89-210-24
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	89/214	89/218
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	12/22	12/17
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	5623	5850
OFFENSE (Plays-Average Yards)	990-5.7	1038-5.6
TOTAL RUSHING YARDS	2592	1711
RUSHING (Plays-Average Yards)	499-5.2	402-4.3
TOTAL PASSING YARDS	3031	4139
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	271-476-15-6.5	404-604-20-7.2
SACKS	32	15
FIELD GOALS	27/32	22/27
TOUCHDOWNS	39	48
(Rushing-Passing>Returns-Defensive)	19-16-0-4	16-31-1-0
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:41	31:49

Tennessee 2010 Draft Picks

Rd	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 (16)	Derrick Morgan	DE	6'3"	266	Georgia Tech
3 (77)	Damian Williams	WR	6'1"	197	Southern Cal
3 (97)	Rennie Curran	LB	5'11"	235	Georgia
4 (104)	Alterraun Verner	CB	5'10"	189	UCLA
5 (148)	Robert Johnson	DB	6'2"	200	Utah
6 (176)	Rusty Smith	QB	6'5"	230	Florida Atlantic
6 (207)	Myron Rolle	SS	6'2"	215	Florida State
7 (222)	Marc Mariani	WR	6'0"	185	Montana
7 (241)	David Howard	DT	6'3"	298	Brown

PROJECTED OFFENSE

QB	10 Vince Young	5 Kerry Collins
	8 Chris Simms	7 Rusty Smith (6th Rd)
RB	28 Chris Johnson	21 Javon Ringer
	35 Alvin Pearman	42 LeGarrette Blount
FB	45 Ahmard Hall	46 Willie Rose
WR	85 Nate Washington	18 Kenny Britt
	84 Mark Jones	83 Marc Mariani (7th Rd)
WR	12 Justin Gage	17 Damian Williams (3rd Rd)
	87 Lavelle Hawkins	19 Dominique Edison
TE	80 Bo Scaife	89 Jared Cook
	88 Craig Stevens	48 Gerald Harris
LT	71 Michael Roos	66 Mike Otto
LG	64 Leroy Harris	77 Ryan Durand
C	54 Eugene Amano	60 Kevin Matthews
RG	73 Jake Scott	61 Fernando Velasco
RT	76 David Stewart	70 Troy Kropog

PROJECTED DEFENSE

DE	95 William Hayes	93 Jason Babin
DT	75 Jovan Haye	91 Jason Jones
DT	97 Tony Brown	94 Sen'Derrick Marks
DE	96 Derrick Morgan (1st Rd)	78 Jacob Ford
OLB	50 David Thornton	52 Jamie Winborn
		38 Rennie Curran (3rd Rd)
MLB	55 Stephen Tulloch	56 Colin Allred
OLB	4 Will Witherspoon	51 Gerald McRath
CB	30 Jason McCourty	29 Ryan Mouton
		N/A Tye Hill
S	24 Chris Hope	23 Donnie Nickey
S	33 Michael Griffin	22 Vincent Fuller
	32 Robert Johnson (5th Rd)	25 Myron Rolle (6th Rd)
CB	31 Cortland Finnegan	37 Rod Hood
		20 Alterraun Verner (4th Rd)

PROJECTED SPECIALISTS

K	2 Rob Bironas	
P	6 Brett Kern	3 Ricky Schmitt

TENNESSEE TITANS POINTSPREAD BREAKDOWN (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

	SUR	Spread	Home	Home	Road	Road	SB	Fav	Fav>3	Dog	After
	SUR	Spread	SUR	Spnd	SUR	Spnd	Spnd	Spnd	Spnd	Spnd	SUL
2009	8-8	7-9	5-3	4-4	3-5	3-5	---	4-5	2-3	3-4	2-6
2008	13-4	12-5	7-2	6-3	6-2	6-2	---	9-5	5-2	3-0	2-1
2007	10-7	8-8-1	5-3	3-5	5-4	5-3-1	---	5-5	4-4	3-3-1	4-2
2006	8-8	11-5	4-4	5-3	4-4	6-2	---	1-2	---	10-3	5-2
2005	4-12	6-10	3-5	4-4	1-7	2-6	---	1-1	1-1	5-9	4-7
L5 Years	43-39	44-37-1	24-17	22-19	19-22	22-18-1	---	20-18	12-10	24-19-1	17-18

TENNESSEE TITANS 2009

REGULAR SEASON STAT RANKINGS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	351.4	12
FIRST DOWNS (Per Game)	18.0	21
POINTS PER GAME	22.1	16
RUSHING (Yds. Per Game)	162.0	2
RUSHING TDS	19	T-6
PASSING OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	189.4	23
PASSING COMPLETION %	56.9	25
PASSING TDS	16	T-24
FIELD GOALS	27	T-6
TIME OF POSSESSION	28:42	25
DEFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	365.6	28
SCORING DEFENSE	25.1	28
RUSHING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	106.9	T-10
PASSING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	258.7	31
PASS COMPLETION%	66.9	30
INTERCEPTIONS	20	8
SACKS	32	T-18
TOTAL TEAM PENALTIES	98	T-12
TURNOVER MARGIN	-4	21

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

OPPONENT	PF	PA	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-Y/P	SK	F-FL	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-Y/P	SK	F-FL
Pittsburgh	10	13	25/86	22/35/1/234	1	2-1	23/36	33/43/2/321	4	1-1
Houston	31	34	26/240	21/33/1/209	1	3-1	29/63	25/39/0/357	0	3-0
NY Jets	17	24	30/127	15/37/2/159	2	2-2	31/83	17/30/1/146	3	2-1
Jacksonville	17	37	19/95	29/48/2/284	0	1-1	30/137	27/37/0/305	2	1-1
Indianapolis	9	31	21/90	19/35/1/155	1	1-1	23/58	36/44/1/309	0	1-1
New England	0	59	36/193	2/14/2/-7	0	6-3	30/193	38/45/0/426	2	1-0
Jacksonville	30	13	49/305	15/18/0/125	0	0-0	16/217	14/29/2/113	4	2-0
San Francisco	34	27	34/152	12/20/0/163	1	0-0	20/108	29/45/3/250	4	2-1
Buffalo	41	17	35/168	17/25/1/210	0	2-0	20/89	21/36/2/207	2	1-0
Houston	20	17	42/228	12/22/0/116	0	1-1	17/57	25/39/0/283	4	0-0
Arizona	20	17	23/163	27/43/0/369	4	1-1	20/75	21/31/0/217	1	1-0
Indianapolis	17	27	33/142	24/43/1/233	1	3-1	27/88	24/37/0/270	0	1-1
St. Louis	47	7	30/160	17/27/0/286	0	1-1	21/88	27/43/5/152	1	2-0
Miami	27	24	31/128	14/27/1/236	2	2-1	30/121	29/46/3/347	1	2-1
San Diego	17	42	27/182	8/21/2/88	1	1-1	40/166	21/28/0/259	1	1-1
Seattle	17	13	39/133	17/28/1/171	0	1-1	26/140	16/31/1/169	3	1-0

TENNESSEE 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	OPR	TM	TO
2009	8-8	7-9	22	25	18	31	162	5.2	27-16	39-19-16	17	30	15	14	189	6.4	15.9	20	25	107	4.3	22-8	48-16-31	25	38	20	32	258	6.9	14.6	-1.3	3.6	3.8	28	-3
2008	13-4	12-5	23	15	17	31	136	4.3	23-10	42-25-13	17	29	10	13	182	6.2	14.1	17	25	91	3.6	28-11	26-12-13	21	35	20	44	198	5.6	19.9	5.8	.9	5.1	29	+11
2007	10-7	8-8	18	18	19	34	131	3.9	32-17	28-17-9	18	29	18	33	177	6.1	17.1	17	24	91	3.8	27-12	37-12-22	22	35	23	40	204	5.8	16.0	-1.1	4.6	5.5	32	0
2006	8-8	11-5	20	25	16	29	138	4.7	29-7	36-15-13	14	28	19	30	162	5.8	14.8	21	32	145	4.6	19-11	46-20-24	21	33	17	26	225	6.8	14.8	-1	9.6	3.9	27	+2