

WASHINGTON

NFC EAST



Head Coach: Mike Shanahan (1st yr. in Washington)

Off. Coord: Kyle Shanahan; Def. Coord: Jim Haslett

2009 Record: SUR 4-12, PSR 8-8, O-U 9-7

Field: FedEx Field (85,407) Grass



The first thought we had in January, right after HC Mike Shanahan was hired by the Redskins as Jim Zorn's replacement following last year's 4-12 crash-and-burn, is that considering the egos involved, pairing Shanahan with owner Dan Snyder might not be a good idea. Not to mention the fact that "The Shan" is Snyder's seventh coach since buying the franchise in 1999. But we can't believe that Shanahan, a two-time Super Bowl winner at Denver before being unceremoniously canned by owner Pat Bowlen after the '08 campaign, didn't go into the deal in D.C. with his eyes wide open, with some assurances that Snyder would not involve himself in the franchise's nuts-and-bolts football decisions, as he has been known to do in the past.

Which is why the other new component in the Redskins' braintrust, GM Bruce Allen, looms as such an intriguing piece in Washington's new puzzle. Among other things, Allen will likely be playing the role of buffer between The Shan and Snyder, a role with which he has familiarity after working between Jon Gruden and Al Davis at Oakland, then more recently between Gruden and the Glazers at Tampa Bay. Not to mention Allen's own keen understanding of Redskin history after papa George coached the team from 1971-77.

Still, there should be a couple of things Shanahan would do well to remember as he begins his new job.

1) Dan Snyder. For the moment, all appears to be calm with the new Skin power structure, but let's see how it all works when events play out in real time. Many Beltway observers don't believe Snyder will be able to step aside so gently, and suspect that Allen will eventually find out that the boss will not necessarily defer to him on critical issues. Moreover, as well-intentioned as the new front office might be, Snyder is never going to set himself up as the fall guy if personnel decisions (even those of his own making) go wrong. Snyder will cleverly let Allen first, then Shanahan, take the heat for any bad personnel moves. It is worth noting that of Snyder's Redskin coaches, only the sainted Joe Gibbs lasted more than two seasons, with even strong-willed types such as Steve Spurrier and Marty Schottenheimer reduced to bit players in the Snyder drama.

2) NFC East. Shanahan will also be dealing in a much tougher neighborhood than the AFC West in which he resided for 14 seasons between 1995-2008. Although one among the Chiefs, Raiders, and Chargers was usually formidable at any given time during Shan's Denver years, rarely was more than one good at the same time. Which is unlike the NFC East, where Jerry Jones has the money and wherewithal to regularly beat Snyder, and the Giants and Eagles also like to win every bit as much as the Cowboys...and Skins.

Realizing the limitations within the roster he inherited, Shanahan was aggressive in re-molding the lineup in the offseason. The Skins were active participants in the first wave of free agency, signing eight players, including former All-Pro RBs Larry Johnson & Willie Parker, while cutting six veterans. But the biggest splash came on Easter, when the Bunny delivered QB Donovan McNabb in a trade from the Eagles, prompting the subsequent deal of holdover QB Jason Campbell to the Raiders.

McNabb figures as an upgrade over Campbell, but at 34 and with a litany of injuries lately, how much a leaky OL improves will be key, because Shanahan would probably rather not have to trust backup QB Rex Grossman in relief of a banged-up McNabb. First-round pick T Trent Williams from Oklahoma indicates Shanahan's OL emphasis. *Shan's son Kyle is also the new o.c.; while at Houston LY, Kyle's Texans led the NFL in passing, and a more-complex offense should be no problem for McNabb to absorb.* It's also hoped that aging RBs Johnson, Parker, and Clinton Portis (reunited with Shan from long-ago Bronco days) will benefit as the OL becomes more comfy with the zone-blocking schemes that served Shan well in Denver. Still-quick WR Santana Moss and TEs Chris Cooley and Fred Davis give McNabb some viable targets.

New d.c. Jim Haslett is similarly revamping a stop unit that might have some different problems with disgruntled DT Albert Haynesworth & LB Rocky McIntosh skipping offseason workouts. Just in case Haynesworth succeeds in forcing a trade, reinforcements (DE Adam Carriker & NT Maake Kemoeatu) have been added along the DL, while Haslett is overhauling responsibilities for the LBs and DBs in his 3-4 schemes. *Which, by the way, are made for pass-rushing OLBs, where it's hoped 2009 rookie star Brian Orapko can flourish.*

Bottom line... The additions of McNabb, competition for Portis at RB, youth in the OL, veteran muscle to the DL, plus a new offense and defense suggest Shanahan's new-look Skins will likely be unrecognizable from the last time we saw their shell of a team at the end of last season. *Enough to improve several wins from a year ago? Probably. Enough to contend in the NFC East and get in the playoff mix?* Let's not get too carried away.

PRESEASON NOTES: In Denver, Shanahan was one of the best preseason coaches, going 22-11-2 vs. the spread his L9Ys, including 12-4-1 away, 7-2-1 after a SU loss, and 8-1 in finales.

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REGULAR-SEASON STAT LEADERS

PASSING	PA	PC	YDS	PCT	TD	INT	RAT
J. Campbell	507	327	3618	64.5	20	15	86.4
T. Collins	23	12	144	52.2	0	0	71.6
TOTAL	533	340	3797	63.8	21	16	85.6

RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
C. Portis	124	494	4.0	78	1
J. Campbell	46	236	5.1	21	1
R. Cartwright	64	228	3.6	34	0
L. Betts	56	210	3.8	18	2
Q. Gantner	62	199	3.2	13	3
TOTAL	391	1508	3.9	78	8

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
S. Moss	70	902	12.9	59	3
A. Randle El	50	530	10.6	44	0
F. Davis	48	509	10.6	29	6
M. Kelly	25	347	13.9	84	0
C. Cooley	29	332	11.4	25	2
D. Thomas	25	325	13.0	40	3
R. Cartwright	27	242	9.0	51	1
L. Betts	17	179	10.5	25	0
M. Sellers	17	176	10.4	47	2
TOTAL	340	3797	11.2	84	21

FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
G. Gano	0/0	2/2	0/0	2/2	0/0
S. Suisham	0/0	8/9	5/6	5/5	0/1
TOTAL	0/0	10/11	5/6	7/7	0/1

DEFENSE	Total	Tackles	Assists	Sacks	FR
L. Fletcher	142	95	47	2.0	1
L. Landry	90	78	12	1.0	2
R. Doughty	91	75	16	2.0	0
R. McIntosh	94	64	30	0.0	2
A. Carter	62	48	14	11.0	3
D. Hall	58	46	12	0.0	0
B. Orapko	50	37	13	11.0	1
C. Rogers	39	36	3	0.0	0
H. Blades	40	31	9	0.0	0
A. Haynesworth	37	29	8	4.0	0
C. Horton	37	28	9	0.0	1
K. Moore	34	26	8	0.0	2
P. Daniels	35	24	11	1.0	0
K. Golston	34	22	12	2.0	1
C. Griffin	34	22	12	2.0	1
F. Smoot	28	22	6	0.0	0
J. Tryon	27	22	5	1.0	0
L. Alexander	23	18	5	2.0	1
C. Wilson	20	17	3	1.0	0
B. Westbrook	12	11	1	0.0	0
TOTAL	1096	847	249	40	17
OPPONENTS	1062	819	243	46	14

INTERCEPTIONS	No	Yards	Avg	Long	TD
D. Hall	4	114	28.5	44	0
R. McIntosh	2	27	13.5	18	0
TOTAL	11	185	16.8	44	0
OPPONENTS	16	291	18.2	62	3

2010

2009		2008		2007		2006	
(SUR: 4-12 PSR: 8-8 O-U: 9-7)		(SUR: 8-8 PSR: 6-9-1 O-U: 3-12-1)		(SUR: 9-8 PSR: 7-8-2 O-U: 8-8-1)		(SUR: 5-11 PSR: 5-10-1 O-U: 7-7-2)	
S.12* DALLAS		S.04* NY GIANTS	L +4 7-16 u41	S.09 MIAMI-OT	N -3 16-13 u34*	S.11* MINNESOTA	L -4* 16-19 u36
S.19 HOUSTON		S.20 ST. LOUIS	L -9* 9-7 u37	S.17* Philadelphia	W +6* 20-12 u39	S.17* Dallas	L +6* 10-27 n37
S.26 St. Louis		S.27 Detroit	L -6* 14-19 u38*	S.23 NY GIANTS	L -3* 12-24 n41	S.24 Houston	W -3* 31-15 o37*
O.03 Philadelphia		O.04 TAMPA BAY	L -8* 16-13 u37*	S.30 Bye		O.01 JVILLE-OT	W +2* 36-30 u34*
O.10 GREEN BAY		O.11 Carolina	W +4 17-20 u37*	O.07 DETROIT	W -3* 34-3 u45*	O.08 NY Giants	L +5 3-19 u45*
O.17* INDIANAPOLIS		O.18 KANSAS CITY	L -6* 6-14 u37	O.14 Green Bay	N +3 14-17 u40*	O.15 TENNESSEE	L -11 22-25 o39*
O.24 Chicago		O.26* PHILADELPHIA	L +7* 17-27 o37*	O.21 ARIZONA	L -8 21-19 o36	O.22 Indianapolis	L +8* 22-36 o48
O.31 Detroit		N.01 Open Week		O.28 New England	L +15* 7-52 o47*	O.29 Bye	
N.07 Bye		N.08 Atlanta	L +9* 17-31 o41	N.04 NY Jets-OT	L -3* 23-20 o36	N.05 DALLAS	W +3 22-16 n41
N.15* PHILADELPHIA		N.15 DENVER	W +3* 27-17 o37	N.11 PHILADELPHIA	L -2* 25-33 o37*	N.12 Philadelphia	L +7 3-27 u42
N.21 Tennessee		N.22 Dallas	W +11 6-7 u41*	N.18 Dallas	W +10* 23-28 o47	N.19 Tampa Bay	N +3 17-20 o33*
N.28 MINNESOTA		N.29 Philadelphia	W +9* 24-27 o40*	N.25 Tampa Bay	L +3* 13-19 u38	N.26 CAROLINA	W +4 17-13 u36
D.05 NY Giants		D.06 N. ORLEANS-OT	W +9 30-33 o46*	D.02 BUFFALO	L -6 16-17 u37	D.03 ATLANTA	L -1 14-24 u38*
D.12 TAMPA BAY		D.13 Oakland	W -1 34-13 o37*	D.06* CHICAGO	W -3 24-16 o38	D.10 PHILADELPHIA	L +1* 19-21 u40*
D.19 Dallas		D.21* NY GIANTS	L +3 12-45 o43*	D.16* NY Giants	W +5 22-21 u36	D.17 New Orleans	W +9* 16-10 u46*
D.26 Jacksonville		D.27* DALLAS	L +7 0-17 u42	D.23* Minnesota	W +6* 32-10 o40*	D.24 St Louis-OT	L +2 31-37 o43*
J.02 NY GIANTS		D.28 San Francisco	N +3 24-27 o37	D.30 DALLAS	W -9 27-6 u38*	D.30* NY GIANTS	L +2 28-34 o42*
				J.05 Seattle-P	L +3* 14-35 o39		

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WASHINGTON 2009 REGULAR SEASON TEAM STATS

	REDSKINS	OPPONENTS
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	280	280
FIRST DOWNS (Rushing-passing-by penalty)	72-191-17	85-176-19
THIRD DOWN CONVERSIONS	86/216	87/219
FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS	7/22	4/17
TOTAL OFFENSIVE YARDS	5000	5115
OFFENSE (Plays-Average Yards)	970-5.2	1000-5.1
TOTAL RUSHING YARDS	1510	1799
RUSHING (Plays-Average Yards)	391-3.9	449-4.0
TOTAL PASSING YARDS	3490	3316
PASSING (Comp-Att-Int-Avg)	340-533-16-7.1	314-511-11-7.0
SACKS	40	46
FIELD GOALS	22/25	31/36
TOUCHDOWNS	29	34
(Rushing-Passing>Returns-Defensive)	8-21-0-0	10-19-0-5
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:00	31:23

Washington 2010 Draft Picks

Rd	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	School
1 (4)	Trent Williams	OT	6'5"	315	Oklahoma
4 (103)	Perry Riley	LB	6'1"	239	LSU
6 (174)	Dennis Morris	TE	6'2"	265	Louisiana Tech
7 (219)	Terrence Austin	WR	5'11"	172	UCLA
7 (229)	Erik Cook	C	6'6"	318	New Mexico
7 (231)	Selvish Capers	OT	6'4"	308	West Virginia

PROJECTED OFFENSE

QB	5	Donovan McNabb	8	Rex Grossman
	10	Richard Bartel	15	Colt Brennan
RB	26	Clinton Portis	27	Larry Johnson
	39	Willie Parker	46	Ryan Torain
FB	45	Mike Sellers	36	Darrel Young
WR	89	Santana Moss	84	Joey Galloway
	18	Terr. Austin (7th Rd)	13	Anthony Armstrong
WR	11	Devin Thomas	12	Malcolm Kelly
	19	Bobby Wade	83	Marques Hagans
TE	47	Chris Cooley	86	Fred Davis
			85	Sean Ryan
LT	72	Trent Williams (1st Rd)	73	William Robinson
LG	66	Derrick Dockery	58	Erik Cook (7th Rd)
C	61	Casey Raback	63	Will Montgomery
RG	71	Mike Williams	77	Chad Rinehart
RT	74	Stephon Heyer	75	Artis Hicks

PROJECTED DEFENSE

DE	93	Phillip Daniels	94	Adam Carriker
NT	64	Kedric Golston	96	Ma'ake Kemoeau
DE	92	Albert Haynesworth	90	Jeremy Jarmon
OLB	98	Brian Orakpo	53	Perry Riley (4th Rd)
ILB	59	London Fletcher	54	H.B. Blades
ILB	52	Rocky McIntosh	51	Robert Henson
OLB	99	Andre Carter	97	Lorenzo Alexander
CB	22	Carlos Rogers	38	Phillip Buchanon
S	30	LaRon Landry	48	Chris Horton
S	37	Reed Doughty	41	Kareem Moore
CB	23	DeAngelo Hall	20	Justin Tryon

PROJECTED SPECIALISTS

K	4	Graham Gano	6	Justin Medlock
P	3	Josh Bidwell		

WASHINGTON REDSKINS POINTSPREAD BREAKDOWN (INCLUDING PLAYOFFS)

	SUR	Spread	Home	Home	Road	Road	SB	Fav	Fav>3	Dog	After
			SUR	Sprrd	SUR	Sprrd	Sprrd	Sprrd	Sprrd	Sprrd	SUL
2009	4-12	8-8	3-5	2-6	1-7	6-2	---	1-4	0-4	7-4	5-6
2008	8-8	6-9-1	4-4	3-5	4-4	3-4-1	---	2-5	1-4	3-4-1	2-5
2007	9-8	7-8-2	5-3	3-4-1	4-5	4-4-1	---	3-5-1	2-4	4-3-1	3-4
2006	5-11	5-10-1	3-5	3-5	2-6	2-5-1	---	1-3	1-2	4-7-1	4-5-1
2005	11-7	11-7	6-2	5-3	5-5	6-4	---	8-3	3-2	3-4	3-3
L5 Years	37-46	37-42-4	21-19	16-23-1	16-27	21-19-3	---	15-20-1	7-16	21-22-3	17-23-1

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REGULAR SEASON STAT RANKINGS

OFFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	312.5	22
FIRST DOWNS (Per Game)	17.5	23
POINTS PER GAME	16.6	26
RUSHING (Yds. Per Game)	94.4	27
RUSHING TDS	8	T-25
PASSING OFFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	218.1	16
PASSING COMPLETION %	63.8	10
PASSING TDS	21	T-16
FIELD GOALS	22	T-19
TIME OF POSSESSION	29:01	21
DEFENSE	TOTAL	RANK
TOTAL DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	319.7	10
SCORING DEFENSE	21.0	18
RUSHING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	112.4	16
PASSING DEFENSE (Yds. Per Game)	207.2	T-8
PASS COMPLETION%	61.4	19
INTERCEPTIONS	11	T-26
SACKS	40	T-8
TOTAL TEAM PENALTIES	85	T-23
TURNOVER MARGIN	-11	28

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

OPPONENT	PF	PA	RA-YR	OFFENSE					DEFENSE				
				PC-PA-I-YP	SK	F-FL	RA-YR	PC-PA-I-YP	SK	F-FR			
NY Giants	17	23	21/85	19/26/1/187	3	3-1	31/103	20/29/1/248	1	2-1			
St. Louis	9	7	33/125	23/36/0/237	1	2-1	21/126	15/28/0/119	1	2-1			
Detroit	14	19	14/65	27/41/1/325	2	2-0	36/154	21/36/0/227	2	1-0			
Tampa Bay	16	13	35/125	12/22/3/152	3	2-1	30/129	13/22/1/100	3	1-1			
Carolina	17	20	24/74	17/23/0/124	5	3-1	32/86	16/25/1/162	3	4-1			
Kansas City	6	14	20/118	15/30/1/147	3	4-1	34/107	17/32/0/158	5	2-0			
Philadelphia	17	27	19/62	29/43/1/246	6	4-3	27/122	16/26/0/140	3	2-0			
Atlanta	17	31	32/136	19/27/1/176	5	0-0	27/181	17/24/1/125	3	0-0			
Denver	27	17	40/174	18/27/0/214	3	0-0	22/120	14/31/1/185	3	1-1			
Dallas	6	7	20/78	24/37/1/246	1	0-0	33/153	15/27/1/152	1	1-1			
Philadelphia	24	27	25/82	22/37/2/221	1	0-0	29/123	21/36/1/258	2	0-0			
New Orleans	30	33	25/88	30/42/1/367	0	3-3	24/55	35/49/1/408	1	1-0			
Oakland	34	13	27/100	16/28/0/195	1	1-1	24/65	20/34/1/162	4	4-0			
NY Giants	12	45	17/89	17/33/3/213	5	1-0	30/114	22/30/0/273	2	0-0			
Dallas	0	17	18/43	24/39/1/175	3	3-0	30/108	25/38/1/285	1	0-0			
San Diego	20	23	22/64	28/42/0/275	1	2-0	17/50	28/45/1/314	1	0-0			

WASHINGTON 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	4-12	8-8	17	21	18	25	94	3.8	30-12	29-8-21	21	33	16	43	219	6.6	18.8	18	28	112	4.0	21-6	34-10-19	20	32	11	36	207	6.5	15.2	-3.6	8.1	4.9	29	-11
2008	8-8	6-9	17	19	18	30	131	4.4	19-12	27-12-14	20	32	6	38	189	5.9	19.3	16	25	95	3.8	16-5	32-12-16	18	32	13	23	194	6.1	15.6	-3.7	4.5	5.5	31	0
2007	9-8	7-8	20	20	19	31	115	3.7	36-18	37-15-20	20	34	13	31	218	6.4	16.2	18	24	90	3.7	27-10	37-11-21	22	37	16	33	215	5.8	15.0	-1.2	7.2	4.5	31	-5
2006	5-11	5-10	19	24	18	31	139	4.5	19-7	34-13-19	17	29	10	20	189	6.4	17.1	19	31	137	4.5	16-6	41-9-29	18	30	6	20	216	7.1	15.0	-2.0	7.0	5.9	30	-5