

Bengals, Colts & Falcons To Sport New Uniforms In 2004

They've got a new wardrobe!

Three teams - the Bengals, Colts and Falcons - will introduce uniform changes in 2004

<u>CINCINNATI BENGALS</u>: Their new home jersey is black with orange sleeves and black tiger stripes on the shoulders. A white strip runs up the sides of the jersey nearly to the end of the sleeves. The Bengals' away jersey is white with orange shoulders with black tiger stripes and black sleeves. The team has added a pair of black pants to the traditional white, with both pants sporting orange and black tiger stripes up the sides. Cincinnati also added orange-topped socks to their uniform as an option to the current black socks.

The Bengals will also show off a new logo this season (above), using a block-letter "B" with white trim and black and white tiger stripes as their primary mark. Cincinnati head coach **MARVIN LEWIS** hopes the "movement, speed and energy" in the design of the new uniform and logo will serve as symbols of how he wants his team to play.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS: There will be subtle changes in their 2004 uniform. The re-design will include a darker shade of blue in the jersey, a return to the team's traditional deep hue. In addition, the Colts are changing the color of their face mask from blue to gray.

"I'm kind of an old-school guy and I was very, very happy to go along with this," says Colts head coach **TONY DUNGY**. "I think it brings us back a little bit closer to our roots."

ATLANTA FALCONS: The team has chosen to make its red jersey (formerly its third jersey) the home jersey for 2004. Their black jersey, which served as their home jersey in 2003, will now become the third jersey.

Also in 2004, the JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS will wear black pants on the road, instead of the white they wore previously.

2004 THIRD JERSEYS

Some teams will wear a third jersey this season:

TEAM	COLOR	DATE(S)
Atlanta	Black	11/28
Baltimore	Black	11/7
Carolina	Panthers Blue	10/24 & 11/28
Cincinnati	Orange	TBA
Cleveland	Orange	11/21
Denver	Orange	11/28
Houston	Red	10/31 & 11/28
Jacksonville	Black	12/5
Miami	Orange	12/20
New England	Silver	12/12
Philadelphia	Black	TBA
San Diego	Powder Blue	10/10
Tennessee	Titans Blue	10/17 & 12/13

2004 TEAM PATCHES	2004 SPECIAL GAME BALLS
Some teams will wear special uniform patches this year:	
 Arizona Cardinals: Memorial patch for the late Pat Tillman and No. 40 (Tillman's number) helmet decal. 	All NFL Openers: Will use "NFL Kickoff 2004" footballs
Carolina Panthers: 10th anniversary.	 Carolina Panthers: 10th anniversary football in home opener.
 Jacksonville Jaguars: 10th anniversary. 	
 New York Giants: 80th anniversary. 	 Jacksonville Jaguars: 10th
St. Louis Rams: 10th anniversary of move to St. Louis.	anniversary football in home opener.

NFL LEADS ESPN'S 25TH ANNIVERSARY "TOP TEAMS" LIST

It's their 25th anniversary, and ESPN has chosen its "Top Teams" of the past 25 years.

The sport with the most teams on the list? The NFL with six, ranging from the '79 Steelers to the '94 49ers.

ESPN's best NFL teams of the past quarter century, and what they won:

TEAM	HONORS
1985 Chicago Bears	Won Super Bowl XX
1989 San Francisco 49ers	Won Super Bowl XXIV
1984 San Francisco 49ers	Won Super Bowl XIX
1979 Pittsburgh Steelers	Won Super Bowl XIV
1994 San Francisco 49ers	Won Super Bowl XXIX
1992 Dallas Cowboys	Won Super Bowl XXVII