

REALIGNMENT WORKS!

Entering its fourth season, the realignment of the NFL into eight divisions of four teams each has proven its efficacy. In its first three years, 22 of the 32 NFL teams have qualified for the playoffs at least once. In that time, 17 different teams have won division titles.

“The realigned format of the NFL has served the league very well,” says **RICH MC KAY**, the Atlanta Falcons’ president and general manager and co-chairman of the NFL Competition Committee. “It has leveled the playing field.” Following are the teams that qualified for the playoffs and won their division during realignment:

TEAM	PLAYOFF BERTHS	DIVISION TITLES
Green Bay	3	3
Indianapolis	3	2
Philadelphia	3	3
Atlanta	2	1
Denver	2	0
New England	2	2
New York Jets	2	1
Pittsburgh	2	2
St. Louis	2	1
Seattle	2	1
Tennessee	2	1
Baltimore	1	1
Carolina	1	1
Cleveland	1	0
Dallas	1	0
Kansas City	1	1
Minnesota	1	0
New York Giants	1	0
Oakland	1	1
San Diego	1	1
San Francisco	1	1
Tampa Bay	1	1

HE’S WITH WHO?

“It’s great to be in Chicago.” So says new Chicago Bears wide receiver **MUHSIN MUHAMMAD**.

For some well-known NFL players this offseason, “It’s great to be in...(whichever NFL city they are in now).”

While only about six percent of the total number of NFL players switched teams this year through free agency, it seems that this offseason was packed with more big-name moves than ever before.

PLAXICO BURRESS is with the New York Giants, **RANDY MOSS** with Oakland, **JERRY RICE** in Denver, **KURT WARNER** in Arizona, and **PATRICK SURTAIN** with Kansas City.

Of course, every player has his own reasons for switching teams. What was **DREW BLEDSOE**’s? It’s simple. “Bill Parcells (who drafted him No. 1 overall in 1993) wants me here,” says Dallas’ new starting quarterback. Some big-name players who changed teams this offseason:

PLAYER	NEW TEAM	2004 TEAM	TRANSACTION
G Joe Andruzzi	Cleveland	New England	Free Agent
LB Kendrell Bell	Kansas City	Pittsburgh	Free Agent
QB Drew Bledsoe	Dallas	Buffalo	Free Agent
LB Chad Brown	New England	Seattle	Free Agent
DE Courtney Brown	Denver	Cleveland	Free Agent
S Phillip Buchanon	Houston	Oakland	Trade
WR Plaxico Burress	New York Giants	Pittsburgh	Free Agent
WR Lavernues Coles	New York Jets	Washington	Trade
RB Reuben Droughns	Cleveland	Denver	Trade
QB Jay Fiedler	New York Jets	Miami	Free Agent
QB Doug Flutie	New England	San Diego	Free Agent
QB Jeff Garcia	Detroit	Cleveland	Free Agent
WR Rod Gardner	Carolina	Washington	Trade
CB Aaron Glenn	Dallas	Houston	Free Agent
LB Napoleon Harris	Minnesota	Oakland	Trade
LB Ed Hartwell	Atlanta	Baltimore	Free Agent
RB Travis Henry	Tennessee	Buffalo	Trade
QB Kelly Holcomb	Buffalo	Cleveland	Free Agent
QB Brad Johnson	Minnesota	Tampa Bay	Free Agent
RB LaMont Jordan	Oakland	New York Jets	Free Agent
S Sammy Knight	Kansas City	Miami	Free Agent
CB Ken Lucas	Carolina	Seattle	Free Agent
WR Derrick Mason	Baltimore	Tennessee	Free Agent
T Kareem McKenzie	New York Giants	New York Jets	Free Agent
WR Freddie Mitchell	Kansas City	Philadelphia	Free Agent
WR Randy Moss	Oakland	Minnesota	Trade
WR Santana Moss	Washington	New York Jets	Trade
WR Muhsin Muhammad	Chicago	Carolina	Free Agent
WR Jerry Rice	Denver	Seattle	Free Agent
G Marco Rivera	Dallas	Green Bay	Free Agent
CB Samari Rolle	Baltimore	Tennessee	Free Agent
S Darren Sharper	Minnesota	Green Bay	Free Agent
CB Fred Smoot	Minnesota	Washington	Free Agent
CB Patrick Surtain	Kansas City	Miami	Free Agent
QB Kurt Warner	Arizona	New York Giants	Free Agent

