

Superstitions, Cont'd.

T Daniel Loper, Tennessee	Puts his equipment on left to right in game order for every practice and game.
QB Peyton Manning, Indianapolis	Reads the game program cover to cover before every game.
RB Moran Norris, San Francisco	Does not walk under the cross bars before games.
FB Mike Sellers, Washington	Does not eat before a game, even if it's a night game.
WR Maurice Stovall, Tampa Bay	Gets his hair cut every Friday and watches a Bruce Lee movie before every game.
CB Charles Tillman, Chicago	Has the same person stretch him and tape him.
DE Jason Taylor, Miami	Does everything from right to left.
K Lawrence Tynes, Giants	Washes his car before every home game.
LB Brian Urlacher, Chicago	Eats a couple of chocolate chip cookies before every game.



NFL NICKNAMES

"Peanut" may not be the first nickname that usually comes to mind for an NFL player, but that's exactly the name Chicago Bears corner back **CHARLES TILLMAN** has gone by since childhood.

But the nicknames get even more creative — Jacksonville Jaguars quarterback **BYRON LEFTWICH** gave his teammate **MAURICE JONES-DREW** the nickname "Pinball" after the way defenders bounced off the running back during training camp last year.

Ranging in origin from athletic ability to size or demeanor, these nicknames give a creative insight into the players they have been given to.

Here are some other interesting NFL player nicknames:

PLAYER	NICKNAME	DERIVATION
Anthony Adams, Chi.	"Double A"	Teammates say he moves constantly, just like the Energizer Bunny.
Keith Adams, Miami	"The Bullet"	Runs down the field as fast as he can and zeroes in on his target.
Correll Buckhalter, Phil.	"The General"	After General Albert Buckhalter from the TV show "Hogan's Heroes."
Devone Claybrooks, Ariz.	"Headquarters"	The size of his head.
Demarcus Faggins, Hou.	"Petey"	Grandmother thought he looked like the dog from "Little Rascals."
James Farrior, Pitt.	"Potsie"	Nicknamed by his parents because he had a pot-belly as a child and because of the sitcom "Happy Days."
Malcolm Floyd, S.D.	"M80"	Named after the firecracker since the explosive Floyd wears #80.
James Grigsby, K.C.	"Boomer"	Been called that by his grandmother since birth.
Devin Hester, Chi.	"Anytime"	A tribute and play on the nickname of friend Deion "Primetime" Sanders.
Abdul Hodge, G.B.	"Hitman"	Given by youth football coaches for his ability to deliver hits.
Carlyle Holiday, G.B.	"Doc"	Named after Doc Holiday of Old West fame.
Maurice Jones-Drew, Jax.	"Pinball"	Name given to him by Byron Leftwich because of the way defenders bounce off of him.
Jevon Kearse, Phil.	"The Freak"	Given to him by teammates at University of Florida for his power, quickness and intensity.
Ray Lewis, Balt.	"Sugar Ray"	His ability to deliver the big hit.
Terrence McGee, Buff.	"Game Day"	Always ready to play on game day.
Eli Manning, NYG	"E"	"E" as in "easy" for his calm demeanor.
Lemar Marshall, Wash.	"Catfish"	Marshall's mustache makes him look like a catfish.
Hanik Milligan, Ariz.	"Birdman"	Patented dance that looks like a bird flapping its wings.
Jim Molinaro, Dallas	"Soprano"	Looks like he should be on the TV show "The Sopranos."
Eric Parker, S.D.	"The Bondsman"	When the team needs a big play, just like a bail bondsman, Parker is "always there to bail you out."
Sam Rayburn, S.F.	"Truck Driver"	Due to his blue collar attitude and work ethic.
Terrell Suggs, Balt.	"Sizzle"	Given to him because of the heat he puts on opposing quarterbacks.
Dontarrious Thomas, Minn.	"Reindeer"	His running form has a gallop.
Charles Tillman, Chi.	"Peanut"	Name was given to him by his family when he was a baby and it has stuck ever since.
Clevan Williams, Minn.	"Tank"	Family thought he should have a tank of milk instead of a bottle.