

PLAY FOOTBALL VIGNETTES - 2010

NDAMUKONG SUH

AGILE. MOBILE. HOSTILE. A FITTING DESCRIPTION FOR A MAN WHOSE FIRST NAME MEANS "HOUSE OF SPEARS."

NDAMUKONG SUH IS A GAME CHANGER.

NO. 90 FINISHED HIS SENIOR YEAR AT NEBRASKA WITH 85 TACKLES, 24 FOR LOSS AND 12 SACKS.

IN 2010, THE LIONS LOOK FOR SUH-PERMAN TO BE A KEY FIXTURE IN THEIR DEFENSIVE FRONT.

CHRIS COOLEY

THROUGH SIX SEASONS, CHRIS COOLEY ALREADY HAS THE SECOND MOST CATCHES BY A TIGHT END IN TEAM HISTORY.

COMING OFF A SEASON-ENDING ANKLE INJURY, NO. 47 EYES A RETURN TO HIS PRO BOWL FORM. COOLEY IS THE FIRST REDSKINS TIGHT END TO MAKE CONSECUTIVE PRO BOWLS.

"CAPTAIN CHAOS" SHOULD BENEFIT FROM THE ADDITION OF QUARTERBACK DONOVAN MCNABB.

WITH COOLEY HEALTHY, THE REDSKINS LOOK TO EARN A SPOT IN THE PLAYOFFS FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2007.

EDDIE ROYAL

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "NFL GOOD" AND "NFL GREAT" IS WANT-TO, OR THE DESIRE TO DO WHAT'S NECESSARY TO BE GREAT.

BRONCOS RECEIVER EDDIE ROYAL WANTS TO BE GREAT. NO. 19 HAS ALREADY DRAWN COMPARISONS TO ANOTHER STRONG RECEIVER THAN CAN STRETCH A DEFENSE, PANTHERS ALL-PRO STEVE SMITH.

WITH BRANDON MARSHALL'S TRADE TO MIAMI, LOOK FOR ROYAL TO GET MORE TOUCHES IN 2010.

ADRIAN PETERSON

ADRIAN PETERSON RUNS LIKE HIS CAREER DEPENDS ON EVERY CARRY, BREAKING TACKLES (PAUSE) AND BREAKING RECORDS.

HIS 296 RUSHING YARDS IN A SINGLE-GAME ARE THE MOST IN NFL HISTORY, AND "ALL DAY" HAS EARNED ALL-PRO HONORS IN BACK TO BACK SEASONS.

WITH THE VIKINGS COMING OFF AN NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME APPEARANCE, NO. 28 EYES THE NEXT STEP (PAUSE) SUPER SUNDAY.

RAY LEWIS

RAY LEWIS IS ONE OF THE BEST LINEBACKERS OF ALL TIME AND COULD BE THE GREATEST DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THIS GENERATION.

COMING OFF HIS SEVENTH ALL-PRO SELECTION, BIG PLAY RAY EYES HIS FIFTH STRAIGHT SEASON WITH MORE THAN 100 TACKLES.

WHAT THE FIFTEEN-YEAR VETERAN MAY HAVE LOST IN SPEED, HE MAKES UP FOR WITH TENACITY.

A TWO-TIME DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE YEAR, NO. 52 CONTINUES TO CREATE CHAOS FOR OFFENSES ACROSS THE NFL.

ANTONIO GATES

SEASONAL GREATNESS MEANS AN ALL-PRO NOD. SUSTAINED GREATNESS MEANS THE HALL OF FAME. WITH A FEW MORE STELLAR SEASONS, ANTONIO GATES COULD END HIS CAREER IN CANTON.

NO. 85 CAUGHT 50 TOUCHDOWNS FASTER THAN ANY TIGHT END IN NFL HISTORY, AND THIS SUPER CHARGER HOLDS THE SINGLE-SEASON RECORD FOR MOST TOUCHDOWNS BY A TIGHT END.

IN 2009, THE ALL-DECADE PERFORMER SET A CAREER HIGH WITH 1,157 RECEIVING YARDS.

DONOVAN MCNABB

DONOVAN MCNABB BRINGS MORE THAN 32,000 YARDS PASSING AND 200 TOUCHDOWNS TO THE BURGUNDY AND GOLD. THE SIX-TIME PRO BOWLER WON AN NFC CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOUR NFC EAST TITLES WITH THE EAGLES.

IN WASHINGTON, MCNABB WILL LOOK FOR SANTANA MOSS TO GO DEEP (PAUSE) AND DEVIN THOMAS TO CAPITALIZE IN THE RED ZONE.

WITH A FRESH OPPORTUNITY, NO. 5 HAS A CHANCE TO TAKE THE 'SKINS TO A PLACE THEY HAVEN'T BEEN SINCE 2007 (PAUSE) THE PLAYOFFS.

JETS DEFENSE

THE NEW YORK JETS HAD THE LEAGUE'S TOP RANKED DEFENSE IN 2009. THE GREEN MACHINE HELD OPPONENTS UNDER 15 POINTS A GAME AND ALLOWED JUST 8 PASSING TOUCHDOWNS.

LEADING THE WAY IS ALL-PRO CORNERBACK DARRELLE REVIS, WHO SOME THINK IS THE BEST PLAYER IN THE NFL.

BUT BEFORE OFFENSES TAKE A SHOT AT REVIS ISLAND, THEY HAVE TO DEAL WITH LINEBACKER BART SCOTT. SCOTT IS CONSTANTLY FLYING AROUND THE BALL AND IS COMING OFF A 92-TACKLE SEASON.

VIKINGS DEFENSE

THE VIKINGS DEFENSE IS ONE OF THE NFL'S MOST CONSISTENT. MINNESOTA HAS RANKED NO. 1 AGAINST THE RUN THREE OUT OF THE LAST FOUR SEASONS.

UP FRONT, THE DEFENSIVE LINE IS ANCHORED BY THE WILLIAMS WALL AND JARED ALLEN, WHO LED THE TEAM WITH 14.5 SACKS IN 2009.

IF THE PURPLE AND GOLD CONTINUES ITS STOUT PLAY DEFENSIVELY, THEN THE TEAM HAS A SHOT AT REACHING ITS FIRST SUPER BOWL IN MORE THAN 30 YEARS.

TIM TEBOW

TIM TEBOW HAS BEEN CALLED MANY NAMES. TIM TREMENDOUS, THE MILE HIGH MESSIAH AND TIMMY TODAY. BUT THERE'S ONE NAME HE'S EAGER TO HEAR MORE (PAUSE) QUARTERBACK.

THE HEISMAN TROPHY WINNER ENTERS HIS ROOKIE SEASON LOOKING TO QUIET CRITICS AND REWARD DENVER FOR MAKING HIM A FIRST ROUND PICK.

WITH TEBOW'S STRONG ARM, TOUGHNESS AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS, BRONCOS FANS MAY WANT TO START SETTING THEIR WATCHES. NOT FOR COLORADO'S STANDARD MOUNTAIN TIME, BUT FOR TEBOW TIME.

MAURICE JONES-DREW

MAURICE JONES-DREW IS SLATED TO HOST A FANTASY FOOTBALL RADIO SHOW. BUT MO JO LIKELY DOES HIS BEST WORK IN FRONT OF THE CAMERAS AND THE CROWDS.

COMING OFF HIS FIRST PRO BOWL APPEARANCE, M-J-D EYES HIS SECOND STRAIGHT 1,000 YARD SEASON. IN HIS FIRST YEAR AS A FULL-TIME STARTER, THE JACKSONVILLE BACK RUSHED FOR NEARLY 1400 YARDS AND 15 TOUCHDOWNS.

THE SECOND ROUND STEAL WEARS NO. 32 BECAUSE THAT'S HOW MANY TEAMS PASSED ON HIM IN THE NFL DRAFT.

BRANDON STOKLEY

PEYTON MANNING ONCE CALLED BRANDON STOKLEY THE "BEST SLOT RECEIVER IN NFL HISTORY." MANNING WOULD KNOW, AS STOKLEY WAS ONCE A 1,000-YARD RECEIVER WITH THE COLTS.

THOUGH HE NOW CATCHES PASSES WITH DENVER, STOKLEY STILL MOVES THE CHAINS AND IS A RELENTLESS COMPETITOR. THIS WILL SERVE NO. 14 WELL, AS RECEIVER COULD BE THE DEEPEST POSITION ON THE BRONCOS ROSTER.

THE TWO-TIME SUPER BOWL CHAMPION AVERAGED A CAREER-HIGH 17.2 YARDS PER CATCH IN HIS ELEVENTH SEASON, WITH THE LONGEST GRAB COMING ON AN 87-YARD GAME-WINNING TOUCHDOWN AGAINST THE BENGALS ON THE LAST PLAY OF THE GAME.

DREW BREES:

QUARTERBACK DREW BREES LIVED OUT A DREAM BY GUIDING THE SAINTS TO A SUPER BOWL VICTORY LAST SEASON. AND SAINT DREW DID IT HIS WAY, THROWING THE BALL WITH UNCANNY ACCURACY. (10 SECS)

OVER HIS CAREER BREES HAS COMPLETED NEARLY 65 PERCENT OF HIS PASSES. IN 2009 THE PRO BOWLER COMPLETED 7 OF EVERY 10 OF HIS THROWS, A PERSONAL BEST, SO HE ENTERS 2010 AS THE HOTTEST QUARTERBACK IN THE NFL.
(15 SECS)

PEYTON MANNING:

THE COLTS' PEYTON MANNING MAY BE THE NFL'S BIGGEST STAR, AND HIS NUMBERS SUGGEST THE FOUR-TIME LEAGUE MVP COULD WIND UP THE GREATEST QUARTERBACK OF ALL-TIME. (10 SECS)

MANNING ENTERS THE 2010 SEASON TRAILING ONLY JOHN ELWAY, DAN MARINO AND BRETT FAVRE IN CAREER PASSING YARDS. BUT NUMBERS ONLY TELL PART OF THE STORY. MANNING WAS THE MVP OF SUPER BOWL 41, AND AFTER FALLING SHORT IN SUPER BOWL 44, HE'S HUNGRY FOR A SECOND WORLD TITLE. (19 SECS)

TONY ROMO:

THE COWBOYS BUILT A HIGH-POWERED OFFENSE AROUND TONY ROMO, AND FOR GOOD REASON. THE QUARTERBACK HAS THE ARM AND MOXIE TO MAKE BIG D A CONTENDER IN 2010. (11 SECS)

ROMO IS THE TOTAL PACKAGE, A CAPABLE RUNNER WHO ALSO PASSED FOR 4,400 YARDS LAST YEAR. IF THE PRO BOWLER REACHES SUPER BOWL 45 THIS SEASON, HE'LL BE PLAYING AT HOME, WITH THE GAME BEING HELD IN DALLAS. (16 SECS)

MATT RYAN:

MATT RYAN MAY HAVE THE BEST NICKNAME AMONG ALL OF THE NFL'S QUARTERBACKS: MATTY ICE. IT SUITS HIM. THE FALCONS STAR IS A COOL CUSTOMER WHENEVER HE DROPS BACK TO PASS. (11 SECS)

MATTY ICE THREW FOR OVER 6,300 YARDS IN HIS FIRST TWO YEARS IN THE LEAGUE, AND IN DOING SO LED HIS TEAM TO THEIR FIRST BACK-TO-BACK WINNING SEASONS IN FRANCHISE HISTORY. (12 SECS)

JASON WITTEN:

THE COWBOYS JASON WITTEN MAY POSSESS THE BEST HANDS IN THE NFL TODAY. THE SIX-TIME PRO BOWL TIGHT END CATCHES ANY PASS THROWN IN HIS GENERAL DIRECTION. (11 SECS)

WITTEN'S SPECIALTY IS MAKING GRABS OVER THE MIDDLE, AND THAT FEARLESSNESS HAS MADE HIM A FAVORITE OF QUARTERBACK TONY ROMO. IN THE LAST THREE SEASONS HE HAS SNAGGED OVER 260 OF ROMO'S PASSES. (12 SECS)

REGGIE WAYNE:

REGGIE WAYNE HAS MASTERED EVERY ROUTE IN THE COLTS OFFENSE. THE RECEIVER'S KNOW-HOW, SPEED AND FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC HAS MADE

HIM PEYTON MANNING'S FAVORITE TARGET. (10 SECS)

WAYNE IS A PLAYMAKER ALL OVER THE FIELD, CATCHING PASSES ACROSS THE MIDDLE AND ON DEEP ROUTES. THE FOUR-TIME PRO BOWLER SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE A TOP WEAPON FOR MANNING IN 2010. (13 SECS)

CHRIS JOHNSON:

THE TITANS CHRIS JOHNSON JOINED AN ELITE GROUP IN 2009. THE ALL-PRO RUNNING BACK BECAME JUST THE SIXTH PLAYER IN NFL HISTORY TO RUSH FOR 2,000 YARDS OR MORE IN A SINGLE SEASON. (12 SECS)

WHAT SETS JOHNSON APART IS HIS REMARKABLE SPEED. LAST YEAR HE SCORED SEVEN TIMES ON PLAYS OF 50 YARDS OR MORE, AND SET A LEAGUE RECORD WITH OVER 2,500 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE. (12 SECS)

RAY RICE:

THE GO-FOR-BROKE STYLE OF RUNNING BACK RAY RICE IS ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS THE RAVENS ARE CONSIDERED AN EARLY FAVORITE TO WIN SUPER BOWL 45 THIS SEASON. (10 SECS)

RICE EXPLODED ONTO THE SCENE IN 2009, RUSHING FOR OVER 1,300 YARDS AND SEVEN SCORES. THE PRO BOWLER'S QUICKNESS ALSO SERVED HIM WELL IN THE PASSING GAME, ADDING 78 RECEPTIONS. (15 SECS)

REGGIE BUSH:

REGGIE BUSH HAS EVERYTHING A RUNNING BACK COULD WANT: SPEED, ELUSIVENESS, FAME, AND A SUPER BOWL RING. NOW THE SAINTS ALL-PURPOSE MAN HOPES TO WIN BACK-TO-BACK WORLD TITLES. (12 SECS)

BUSH EXCELS AS A RECEIVER OUT OF THE BACKFIELD, CATCHING 260 PASSES IN FOUR SEASONS AS A PRO. IF HIS TEAM IS TO REPEAT, BUSH NEEDS TO MAKE BIG PLAYS THROUGH THE AIR AND ON THE GROUND. (14 SECS)

MILES AUSTIN:

EVERY NFL SEASON HAS AT LEAST ONE BREAKOUT PLAYER. IN 2009, COWBOYS RECEIVER MILES AUSTIN'S TRANSFORMATION FROM BACKUP TO SUPERSTAR CAME SEEMINGLY OVERNIGHT. (11 SECS)

AFTER CATCHING 18 PASSES IN HIS FIRST THREE SEASONS, AUSTIN HAULED IN 81 RECEPTIONS FOR 1,320 YARDS LAST YEAR. THE PRO BOWLER LOOKS TO POST EVEN BIGGER NUMBERS AS BIG D AIMS FOR A SUPER BOWL TITLE IN 2010.

(15 SECS)

ANDRE JOHNSON:

STANDING 6-FOOT-3 AND TIPPING THE SCALES AT 225 POUNDS, THE TEXANS' ANDRE JOHNSON IS A HEAVYWEIGHT BOXER OF A RECEIVER -- A HEAVYWEIGHT WHO'S BEEN BLESSED WITH TRACK STAR SPEED. (13 SECS)

HIS COMBINATION OF QUICKNESS, GOOD HANDS AND BRUTE STRENGTH HAS MADE JOHNSON A PROLIFIC PASS CATCHER. THE ALL-PRO LED THE LEAGUE IN RECEIVING YARDS IN EACH OF THE LAST TWO SEASONS. (11 SECS)

RODDY WHITE:

THE FALCONS' RODDY WHITE HAS DEVELOPED INTO A STAR AT WIDE RECEIVER. HE ALWAYS HAD THE BLAZING SPEED, AND NOW BOASTS THE RELIABLE HANDS AND SHARP ROUTE-RUNNING TO BE A PRO BOWLER FOR YEARS TO COME.

(13 SECS)

WHITE'S RAPPORT WITH MATT RYAN IS AS GOOD AS ANY QUARTERBACK-RECEIVER DUO IN THE NFL. IN 2009, JUST THEIR SECOND SEASON TOGETHER, THE WIDEOUT HAULED IN 11 TOUCHDOWN PASSES. (13 SECS)

LARRY FITZGERALD:

THE CARDINALS LARRY FITZGERALD POSSESSES AN ENVIABLE COMBINATION OF SIZE, SPEED, AND LEAPING ABILITY. HE IS THE PROTOTYPICAL WIDE RECEIVER THAT EVERY NFL TEAM IS LOOKING FOR. (12 SECS)

THE PERENNIAL PRO BOWLER CAN SPRINT PAST OR OUT-JUMP ANY DEFENDER. IN FITZGERALD'S FIRST SIX SEASONS HE CAUGHT 95 PASSES OR MORE FOUR TIMES AND SCORED 59 TOUCHDOWNS. (13 SECS)