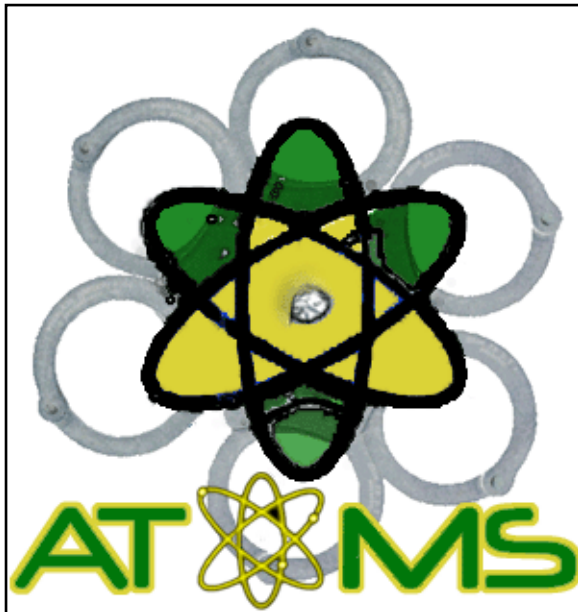




# 2009 Season Preview Series Vol. 1.1



## When will the “Team of the New Millennium “ finally arrive?

The Atoms enter the 2009 season with a sense of hope which has been a huge change from previous seasons. They have an above average starting QB in Donvoan McNabb. At RB they have many questions that must be answered. Will Reggie Bush return to the pre injury form? Can Cedric Benson build off a solid season with the Bengals?

The team’s brightest star with the highest ceiling is 4th year WR Santonio Holmes who broke out in the NFL postseason and was named the MVP of Super Bowl XLIII. Lining up opposite Holmes will be Mark Clayton whom the Atoms fought hard to retain during RFA. The problem that the Atoms will face is that they really don’t have much more to offer after those two players,

although Miles Austin may be someone to keep an eye on.

At TE they are solid with Jeremy Shockey and Alge Crumpler both expected to see regular time in the team’s starting lineup.

The Buffalo Bill are the Atom’s starting DEF/ST unit having scored a big payday in free agency to become the team’s #1 option. Josh Scobee and Jason Hanson make for a very solid tandem at kicker.

Overall, expect the Atoms to play better than their 8-9 record from a year ago, but don’t look for them to challenge for one of the three postseason spots in the OFC this year.

## 2009 OUTLOOK

**2008 Record**  
8-9 (4th place)

**Key Additions:**  
WR Javon Walker, WR Miles Austin, K Jason Hanson

**Key Losses:**  
WR Marvin Harrison, WR Jason Avant

**Highest 2009 draft pick:**  
#40

**Needs:**  
Team depth

**2009 Prediction:**  
5-11 (6th place)