



# 2009 Season Preview Series Vol. 1.8



## How much fight do the JawBreakers have?

The JawBreakers came to TBL under a difficult circumstance having lost both Steve Smith and TJ Houshmanzadeh to RFA.

Their new GM made an immediate impact as they did their best to make up for the losses as he added a proven starting caliber QB in Marc Bulger to compliment rookie sensation Joe Flacco.

Their best player is second year RB Chris Johnson who has the ability to win games all by himself. The JawBreakers success this season will most likely be determined by this position.

Willie Parker and Rashard Mendenhall provide the team with a very solid #2 combination. Newcomer Leon Washington was brought on board to make up for some of the firepower that they lost with the departure of Steve Smith.

WR is a serious concern for the team after they lost both of their top options in RFA and could do nothing to stop it. Vincent Jackson, Steve Breaston and the "other" Steve Smith provide some nice

young pieces but the team desperately needs a legitimate #1 WR to have any shot of competing in the ultra competitive AFC division.

They have above average options at the TE position which is a critical position in TBL, compared to other leagues. Heath Miller, Martellus Bennett and Dante Rosario all have the ability to put up large amounts of points each week.

At DEF/ST the team has a pair of underrated performers in the Miami Dolphins and the Arizona Cardinals.

Matt Bryant and Robbie Gould gives the JawBreakers two above average kickers and should provide the team with a solid return.

The team added HC Jeff Fisher as an RFA. He will solidify the position.

Overall, the JawBreakers are on a more solid ground than they had been under the previous regime, so good things should happen under the team's new GM Jeff Clauson.

## 2009 OUTLOOK

### 2008 Record

7-10 (6th place)

### Key Additions:

QB Marc Bulger, RB Leon Washington, WR Jason Avant, HC Jeff Fisher

### Key Losses:

QB Jeff Garcia, WR T.J. Houshmandzadeh, WR Steve Smith, K John Kasay

### Highest 2009 draft pick:

#11 overall

### Needs:

Starting RB, Starting TE

### 2009 Prediction:

8-9 (6th place)