



2009 Season Preview Series Vol. 1.10



Much improved team looks to make serious run in year #3 of TBL play!

Arguably, the most improved team in TB, the Misfits look like a team ready to knock down the door on the playoffs and make a legitimate run in 2009.

This offseason they added a new starting QB in Eli Manning, who has shown flashes of potential, but has never gotten the opportunity to be the #1 guy in TBL. Matt Hasselbeck provides a very solid backup at the position.

Stephen Jackson and Kevin Smith provide the team with two quality starting options in the backfield and should provide plenty of points this season. Justin Fargas is a very serviceable backup.

The strength of this team is the WR corps which was bolstered with the RFA signings of Roy Williams and Domenik Hixon (both of whom are expected to improve on their numbers in 2009) to go along with Roddy White to give the team three up and coming WRs that should put up huge points each week.

Their backups at WR have some question marks, so depth could be an issue if injuries hit.

The TE position is solid, but not spectacular with Kevin Boss and LJ Smith as the most likely starting options at this point.

The Patriots and Colts provide the team with two very capable DEF/ST units.

Nate Kaeding was brought in via RFA to be the team's top kicking option while Mason Crosby gives the team a very good backup at this crucial position. What's not to like about having Bill Belichick as your team's HC? Dude is good for 10-12 wins per season.

Overall, this team is vastly improved from the one that took the field in 2008. They have quality starting options at just about every position (I am of the opinion that this team needs an upgrade at TE) and should make a serious run towards a playoff spot in the AFC this year.

TBLN is predicting that the Misfits will make the postseason in 2009. This is based on the fact that we are projecting an MVP type season from Sjax in 2009.

Regardless, this team should be fun to watch!

2009 OUTLOOK

2008 Record

3-13-1 (8th place)

Key Additions:

QB Eli Manning, WR Roy Williams, WR Domenick Hixon,

Key Losses:

WR Michael Jenkins

Highest 2009 draft pick:

#19 overall

Needs:

Starting TE, Overall team depth

2009 Prediction:

11-6 (3rd place)