



2009 Season Preview Series

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Team is hoping to regain the magic of 2005!

The former TBL champions have struggled to regain the form of their championship season, despite the fact that they have continued to add premier players in each of the past two offseasons.

The team does have one of the premier QBs in the league in Philip Rivers, but literally has nothing behind him.

LT is one of the all-time great players in TBL history and should continue to remain productive this year. Darren Sproles provides a nice option behind him, but the team is hurting after those two.

The Replacements added Terrell Owens this offseason to provide insurance for Plaxico Burress in the event that he does not get on the field in 2009. Veteran Torry Holt has been one of the best WRs over the past decade, but he is getting long in the tooth. The team has a logjam of mid tier WRs on the bench. They will need one of them to step up to provide depth.

TE Ben Watson was brought signed during RFA to provide the team with a legitimate starting option. Longtime Replacement Randy McMichael is a serviceable backup.

The Ravens DEF/ST are one of the best in the league and are the type of unit that can carry a team to a win.

Kris Brown is a very underrated kicker and Lawrence Tynes in a very good backup.

The team does not have a HC on their roster at this present time. They will need to address this issue at the draft.

While the team has sought to place a competitive product on the field, they did so at the cost of their future. The lack of youth on this team is going to really come back to bite the team in the long run.

Overall, I expect the team to win a few big games, but fail to make any real impact in 2009.

2009 OUTLOOK

2008 Record
8-9 (5th place)

Key Additions:
WR Terrell Owens, TE Ben Watson

Key Losses:
WR Antonio Bryant

Highest 2009 draft pick:
#32

Needs:
WR

2009 Prediction:
3-14 (8th place)