

## **Personnel Review: AFC South by Tony Villiotti**

The effectiveness of a team's personnel decisions is ultimately judged by that team's won-lost record. There is more than one way to build a winning team, though, and **DRAFTMETRICS** believes that exploring the "how" for a team's success or lack thereof can be quite interesting.

There are two basic aspects of building a winning team - - hanging onto your good players and bringing in new talent. Everything beyond that is a matter of degree. If a team does not have many good players, there is a heavy emphasis on bringing in replacements. If a team has a solid core of players it can be very selective in adding talent.

Free agency and the salary cap make player retention a difficult issue. Players move from team to team to maximize their earnings or seek opportunities for more playing time. In some cases a team is forced to cut a player they would otherwise keep in order to stay under the salary cap. These factors make player retention a real balancing act as a team must continually weigh its options in order to maintain the proper investment level at each playing position.

A team has several options available to it when acquiring talent. It can seek help in the draft while maneuvering to move up or down to get the players it wants at a reasonable price. It can venture into the free agent market where they usually have to pay top dollar to land top of the line talent. It can make trades, usually surrendering draft choices for a player. Finally, it can "dumpster dive" and try to find bargains in released players, Canadian Football League players, undrafted free agents or on the waiver wire.

This is the third in a series of eight articles in which **DRAFTMETRICS** will review, by Division, the personnel moves of NFL teams over the past five seasons (2006-2010). In this review, **DRAFTMETRICS** will address the following for each team in the AFC South:

- How it got its starters
- The stability of its starting lineup
- Quarterbacks

### **The Source of Starters**

NFL starters from 2006 through 2010 fall into one of several categories:

- They were on the roster in 2005 and continued with the team for part or all of the study period
- They were drafted from 2006-2010
- They were signed as veteran free agents from 2006-2010
- They were acquired via trade from 2006-2010
- They were obtained in another manner (waivers, undrafted free agents, etc.) from 2006-2010

During the 2006 through 2010 seasons, starts across all teams were distributed as follows:

- 43% of all starts were made by players on the same team's roster in 2005;
- 26% of all starts were made by players drafted by that team from 2006 through 2010;
- 31% of all starts were made by players signed as free agents, acquired via trade or any other source from 2006 through 2010.

**DRAFTMETRICS** will comment on each team's player acquisition activities as well as provide some comparative metrics. It should be recognized that it is impossible for a team to have favorable metrics for each activity. A team that retained a lot of its starters from the 2005 roster, for example, does not have as many starting spots to fill through the draft or free agency and will have fewer starters from those activities than a team with a poor starting point.

### **Stability of the Starting Lineup**

Continuity is an important element in a team's success. Football is a team game and developing a cohesive unit from a collection of individual talents is a critical success factor. While a team is always striving to improve by replacing weaker links with stronger players, keeping the unit relatively intact is also important. Sometimes injuries interfere with this process and sometimes the continuing effort to find better talent results in a "revolving door" for certain positions in the starting lineup.

In addition to a **DRAFTMETRICS** commentary on this subject, a few metrics have been developed to aid in the analysis. The first is a "Stability Index" that is calculated for each team. The basis for the stability index is determining the number of games that are started by players who started for that same team in the previous season. The percentage of that number of games divided by 352 (16 games with 22 starters) is the stability index.

It is worth noting that for all NFL teams combined, the average number of starts by players who also started at least one game for that team in the prior year was 252.7, which is about 72% of all games started. The Steelers had the highest average with 296.2 games and the Lions at 187.8 games were the lowest.

Another metric used to measure continuity was to determine the number of players who started at least 13 games in each of the seasons. On average, NFL teams have 75 such players (or 15 per year). The highest was the Cowboys with 89 and the lowest was the Lions with 57. The intent of this metric is to determine how "settled" a team is at its starting positions. This can be affected by both injury and trying to find the right player.

## Quarterbacks

It has been repeated ad nauseam that the NFL is a “Quarterback-Driven League”. There is no questioning the importance of this position so **DRAFTMETRICS** will comment on the success of each team in this area and list the QB starters during the study period for each team.

Before starting on the team analysis for the AFC South, here is each NFL team’s won-lost record for the 2006-2010 seasons.

Patriots	63-17	Giants	48-32	Cardinals	37-43	Dolphins	32-48
Colts	61-19	Packers	48-32	Panthers	37-43	Redskins	32-48
Chargers	55-25	Bears	47-33	Texans	37-43	Bills	31-49
Steelers	51-29	Titans	45-35	Broncos	36-44	Chiefs	29-51
Ravens	50-30	Falcons	44-36	49ers	35-45	Browns	28-52
Saints	49-31	Jets	43-37	Bucs	35-45	Raiders	24-56
Eagles	48-31-1	Vikings	42-38	Seahawks	35-45	Rams	21-59
Cowboys	48-32	Jaguars	39-41	Bengals	33-46-1	Lions	18-62

The next division that will be analyzed is the AFC West and that article will be posted on the website within the next week.

## INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

### Won-Lost Record

2006	12-4	2008	12-4	2010	10-6
2007	13-3	2009	14-2	All Years	61-19 Rank:2 <sup>nd</sup>

### Colts Metrics

Metric	Bengals	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	57%	43%	7
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	30%	26%	6
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	13%	31%	32
Stability Index	79.7%	71.8%	4
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	69	75	25

### Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
Gary Brackett	68	Joseph Addai	2006 – 30	49				
<b>Raheem Brock</b>	<b>50 – W</b>	Antoine Bethea	2006- 207	75				
Dallas Clark	64	Charlie Johnson	2006-199	54				
Ryan Diem	72	Mike Pollak	2008-59	33				
Dwight Freeney	64	Clint Session	2007-136	35				
<b>Marvin Harrison</b>	<b>36 – W</b>							
Kelvin Hayden	46							
<b>Ryan Lilja</b>	<b>37 - W</b>							
Peyton Manning	80							
Robert Mathis	55							
Jeff Saturday	76							
<b>Jake Scott</b>	<b>32 - FA</b>							
Reggie Wayne	80							

**Bold indicates a player was not on the team at the end of the 2010 season with the letter designation indicating how they left the team  
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### Quick Take

The Colts are from the school that pretty much ignores free agency and trades and tries to keep their best players. Throw in an occasional undrafted free agent and that's been the ticket to their success.

### Players from 2005 Roster

The Colts ranked 7<sup>th</sup> in the number of games started by players on their 2005 roster and 10 of those players started games in 2010. Significant players lost from the 2005 roster include Edgerrin James, Raheem Brock, Nick Harper, Marvin Harrison, Ryan Lilja and Jake Scott, with James, Harper and Scott leaving in free agency and the others waived. They have been able to maintain a solid core, though, that results in their having the 2<sup>nd</sup> best won-lost record in the five-year period.

## **The Draft**

When you first look at the Colts drafts from 2006-2010 it doesn't look so good. First round choices Anthony Gonzalez, Donald Brown and Jerry Hughes have really not done that great, though with Gonzalez it may be more injury-related. Plus the Colts are always drafting late due to their success. But overall the Colts rank 6<sup>th</sup> in the number of games started by draftees. Their strong 2006 draft plays a major role in that ranking, adding Joseph Addai, Tim Jennings and Freddie Keiaho in the first three rounds and then adding five-year starter Antoine Bethea and four-year starter Charlie Johnson in the 6<sup>th</sup> round. Their 2007 draft brought Gonzalez, Tony Ugoh (who started for two seasons before being waived), bust Quinn Pitcock and 4<sup>th</sup> rounder Clint Session. The 2008 draft added Mike Pollack in the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and Phillip Wheeler in the 3<sup>rd</sup> plus Jacob Tamme in the 4<sup>th</sup> and Pierre Garcon in the 6<sup>th</sup>. 2009 included disappointing Donald Brown in the 1<sup>st</sup>, Fili Moala in the 2<sup>nd</sup>, Jerraud Powers in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Austin Collie in the 4<sup>th</sup>. The 2010 draft yield a rookie starter in Pat Angerer but a likely bust in 1<sup>st</sup> rounder Jerry Hughes. Their later round picks have given the Colts a pretty good draft grade.

## **Free Agent Signings**

The Colts pretty much avoid free agent signings. They have done pretty well with undrafted free agents, though, adding Melvin Bullitt, Jacob Lacey and Gijon Robinson via that route.

## **Trades**

Over than a handful of trade-ups, the Colts have not been very active in trades. They did add Anthony McFarland in 2006 (for a 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder) in an early season trade and traded Jason David for a 4<sup>th</sup>. Their small handful of trade-ups have gone okay as they moved up to take Tony Ugoh, Fili Moala and Pat McAfee. In the trade-up for Ugoh they sacrificed their 2008 1<sup>st</sup> round choice to take Ugoh with the 42<sup>nd</sup> pick in the 2007 draft. A small body of work for sure.

## **Stability**

The Colts rank 4<sup>th</sup> in the Stability Index. Their Index has been higher than the league average in each of the five seasons. Their least stable year was 2007 when they replaced eight starters. This included Joseph Addai for Domnic Rhodes; a healthy Bob Sanders, Kelvin Hayden and Marlin Jackson for Jason David and Nick Harper; Ed Johnson for Anthony McFarland; Rocky Boiman, Freddie Keiaho and Tyjuan Hagler for Gilbert Gardner and Cato June; and Charlie Johnson, Rylan Lilja and Tony Ugoh for Tarik Glenn and Dylan Gandy. Interestingly, the Colts only rank 25<sup>th</sup> in number of players starting 13 games or more in a season. This reflects a relatively high rate of injuries. In both 2009 and 2010 the Colts had only 12 starters in each season that started 13 games or me. Fortunately, as least until 2011, Peyton Manning was healthy throughout.

### Quarterbacks

Peyton Manning has been a constant and is an all-time great. His value will be illustrated during the 2011 seasons. The Colts did add Curtis Painter in the 6<sup>th</sup> round in 2009 but he hasn't shown that he is the likely successor.

### Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Peyton Manning	D – 1	1998	80

## JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

### Won-Lost Record

2006	8-8	2008	5-11	2010	8-8
2007	11-5	2009	7-9	All Years	39-41 Rank: 16

### Jaguars Metrics

Metric	Jaguars	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	53%	43%	9
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	28%	26%	11
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	19%	31%	26
Stability Index	75.6%	71.8%	11
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	68	75	27

### Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
<b>Khalif Barnes</b>	<b>45 – FA</b>	Justin Durant	2007-48	42	<b>Brian Williams</b>	FA	2006	<b>45 - W</b>
David Garrard	68	Derrick Harvey	2008-8	32				
<b>John Henderson</b>	<b>60 – F</b>	<b>Clint Ingram</b>	<b>2006-80</b>	<b>46 - F</b>				
Greg Jones	38	Maurice Jones-Drew	2006-60	34				
Vince Manuwai	59	Terrance Knighton	2009-72	32				
Rashean Mathis	68	Marcedes Lewis	2006-28	66				
Brad Meester	69	<b>Reggie Nelson</b>	<b>2007-21</b>	<b>42 - T</b>				
<b>Rob Meier</b>	<b>32 – W</b>	Uchi Nwaneri	2007-149	45				
Daryl Smith	77							
<b>Paul Spicer</b>	<b>38 – W</b>							
<b>Fred Taylor</b>	<b>43 – W</b>							

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### Quick Take

The Jaguars focus on the draft and retaining their players.

### Players from 2005 Roster

The Jaguars rank 9<sup>th</sup> in the number of games started by players from their 2005 roster. They were coming off a 12-4 record in 2005 and looked to be in pretty good shape going forward. The biggest loss from 2005 to 2006 was the retirement of Jimmy Smith, who was coming off a 70 catch season in 2005. In addition, Bryon Leftwich was excellent in first 11 starts of 2005, then broke his ankle. He was injured again in 2006 and lost his job permanently to David Garrard. The dropdown from the early season 2005 version of Leftwich to Garrard was substantial. There were six players from the 2005 roster who were starters in 2010 (David Garrard, Greg Jones, Vince Manuwai, Rashean Mathis, Brad Meester and Darryl Smith). The Jaguars returned a formidable middle of the line in John Henderson and Marcus Stroud. Henderson played through the 2009 season, after which he was released, and Stroud was traded in 2008.

## **The Draft**

The Jaguars ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in number of starts by draftees from 2006 through 2010. The 2006 draft was a fruitful one yielding three players (Mercedes Lewis, Maurice Jones-Drew and Clint Ingram) who would go on to start. 2007 1<sup>st</sup> rounder Reggie Nelson started for three seasons before being traded. 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder Justin Durant has started the majority of his games and Mike Sims-Walker has started the last two seasons. 5<sup>th</sup> rounder Uce Nwaneri has been a three-year starter. The 2008 was a fail as both 1<sup>st</sup> rounder Derrick Harvey and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder Quentin Groves failed to live up to expectations and are now gone. 2009 1<sup>st</sup> rounder Eugene Monroe was a starter from day one and 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder Eben Britton has started but is still somewhat of a question. 3<sup>rd</sup> rounders Terry Knighton and Derek Cox have both become starters. 2010 1<sup>st</sup> rounder Tyson Alualu was an immediate starter on the defensive line. Positive draft grades for the Jaguars.

## **Free Agent Signings**

The Jaguars have been relatively quiet in the free agent market with Tony Pashos, a two-year starter, and Brian Williams, a three-year starter, being their only significant signings. Pashos started for three years and Williams started for four seasons.

## **Trades**

Most of the Jaguars trades have been trade-ups, moving up to take Derrick Harvey, Quentin Groves, Clinton Ingram and Derek Cox. They did acquire Troy Williamson (a 1<sup>st</sup> round bust for the Vikings) for a 6<sup>th</sup> round choice and traded former 1<sup>st</sup> rounder Reggie Nelson for David Jones, who started 5 games for the Jags in 2010. The Jaguars also traded Quentin Groves for a 5<sup>th</sup> rounder and acquired Kirk Morrison and a 5<sup>th</sup> rounder for a 4<sup>th</sup> round pick. Probably the biggest trade they made was to send Marcus Stroud to the Bills for a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> rounder, used to trade up and grab Derrick Harvey

## **Stability**

The Jaguars were 11<sup>th</sup> in the NFL in the Stability Index. Their biggest personnel turnover occurred in 2009 coming off a 5-11 record in 2008. The Jaguars made a large number of changes in the defensive backfield (Gerald Sensibaugh, Drayton Florence and Brian Williams replaced by Derek Cox, Gerald Alexander, Tyron Brackenridge and Sean Considine), the defensive line which shifted to a 3-4 (Rob Meier, Paul Spicer and Reggie Hayward replaced by Terrence Knighton and Derrick Harvey) the offensive line (Khlaif Barnes, Dennis Norman and Tony Pashos replaced by a healthy Vince Manuwai and draftees Eugene Monroe and Eben Britton) and running back (Fred Taylor replaced by Maurice Jones-Drew).

### Quarterbacks

David Garrard took over for Byron Leftwich as a starter and was the predominant QB for the Jaguars. The Jaguars released Garrard before the 2011 season so they obviously were not satisfied with him. Luke McCown was named the 2011 starter but rookie Blaine Gabbert is the hope for the future.

### Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
David Garrard	D – 108	2002	68
Byron Leftwich	D – 7	2003	6
Quinn Gray	UDFA	2002	4
Todd Bouman	FA	2009	1
Trent Edwards	W	2010	1

## HOUSTON TEXANS

### Won-Lost Record

2006	6-10	2008	8-8	2010	6-10
2007	8-8	2009	9-7	All Years	37-43 Rank: 17

### Texans Metrics

Metric	Texans	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	24%	43%	32
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	36%	26%	2
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	41%	31%	7
Stability Index	68.4%	71.8%	23
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	70	75	23

### Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
<b>C C Brown</b>	<b>34 – FA</b>	Duane Brown	2008-26	44	Mike Brisiel	UDFA	2006	34
<b>Morlon Greenwood</b>	<b>41 - W</b>	Owen Daniels	2006-98	62	Vonta Leach	FA	2006	38
Andre Johnson	70	Amobi Okoye	2007- 10	58	Chris Myers	T	2008	48
<b>Travis Johnson</b>	<b>35 – T</b>	DeMeco Ryans	2006-33	70	Matt Schaub	T	2007	54
<b>Chester Pitts</b>	<b>50- FA</b>	Mario Williams	2006-1	77	Kevin Walter	FA	2006	63
<b>Dunta Robinson</b>	<b>47 – FA</b>	Eric Winston	2006- 66	71	<b>Anthony Weaver</b>	<b>FA</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>44 - W</b>

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### Quick Take

The Texans started 2006 with a poor talent base and have used the draft and veteran free agents to build their team.

### Players from 2005 Roster

The Texans were dead last in the number of starts from players on their 2005 roster. Considering they posted a 2-14 record in 2005 this is probably a good thing. 20 players with at least one start (and accounting for 143 starts in 2005) were gone before the 2006 season, including Milford Brown, Marcus Coleman, Jabar Gaffney, DaShon Polk, Victor Riley, Robaire Smith, Gary Walker and Dominick Williams. A handful more left before 2007 including David Carr, Glenn Earl and Zach Wiegert. The final group to leave included Morlon Greenwood, Travis Johnson, Chester Pitts, Dunta Robinson and Fred Weary. The last man standing was Andre Johnson, the only 2010 starter from the 2005 roster. Not quite sure how

to grade this one. They definitely retained the best player from that roster and it was probably good that they got rid of the rest.

### **The Draft**

The Texans ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in starts by players taken in the 2006 through 2010 drafts. They obviously had lots of holes to fill. The 2006 draft was excellent as they landed four starters in Mario Williams, DeMeco Ryans, Eric Winston and Owen Daniels. 2007 brought instant starter Amobi Okoye in the 1<sup>st</sup> round and Zach Diles in the 7<sup>th</sup>. Duane Brown was a 1<sup>st</sup> rounder in 2008 and Steve Slaton, who got off to a great start and then tailed off, in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. Brian Cushing was a 1<sup>st</sup> rounder in 2009 with Glover Quin taken in the 4<sup>th</sup>. Kareem Jackson was a 1<sup>st</sup> round pick in 2010 with the jury out on the rest. The Texans had a perfect record with 1<sup>st</sup> rounders and did okay with the rest, particularly in 2006.

### **Free Agent Signings**

The Texans got a significant amount of help from the veteran free agent market. Veteran free agents included Shaun Cody, Joel Dreessen, Vonta Leach, Bernard Pollard, Ephraim Salaam, Antonio Smith, Kevin Walter, Anthony Weaver and Eugene Wilson.

### **Trades**

The most important trade made by the Texans was acquiring Matt Schaub and the 10<sup>th</sup> pick in the draft (Amobi Okoye) for the 8<sup>th</sup> pick and two 2nds. They also acquired three-year starter Chris Myers for a 6<sup>th</sup> pick and one-year starter Eric Moulds for a 5<sup>th</sup> rounder. The Texans swung deals sending Jason Babin for Michael Boulware; Sage Rosenfels for a 4<sup>th</sup> rounder; and Travis Johnson for a 5<sup>th</sup> rounder. The Texans also allowed the Ravens to take Joe Flacco by trading down and ended up with three-year starter Duane Brown, two-year starter Steve Slaton and backup Dominique Barber. A potentially significant trade was a trade down with the Vikings (who picked Toby Gerhart) while the Texans took Ben Tate. Tate missed the 2010 season due to injury but could be a great acquisition. Favorable marks to the Texans for their trade activity.

### **Stability**

The Texans had the 23<sup>rd</sup> highest Stability Index, surprisingly high given that they unloaded virtually their whole 2005 roster and started over. The biggest turnover, as previously discussed, was in 2006 but they were pretty close to average after that and actually had the 7<sup>th</sup> highest Stability Index for the 2010 season.

### Quarterbacks

David Carr was the first player drafted by the Texans and was a human punching bag through the 2006 season. The Schaub trade was made in 2007 and he has been the guy since then and looks to remain so for the foreseeable future.

### Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Matt Schaub	T	2007	54
David Carr	D – 1	2002	16
Sage Rosenfels	FA	2006	10

## TENNESSEE TITANS

### Won-Lost Record

2006	8-8	2008	13-3	2010	6-10
2007	10-6	2009	8-8	All Years	45-35 Rank: 12

### Titans Metrics

Metric	Titans	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	38%	43%	21
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	24%	26%	23
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	38%	31%	9
Stability Index	74.4%	71.8%	13
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	81	75	6

### Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
Eugene Amano	50	Cortland Finnegan	2006-215	63	Tony Brown	FA	2006	59
<b>Keith Bulluck</b>	<b>62 – FA</b>	Michael Griffin	2007-19	57	Kerry Collins	FA	2006	32
<b>Albert Haynesworth</b>	<b>36 – FA</b>	Chris Johnson	2008-24	46	Justin Gage	FA	2007	35
Michael Roos	80	Stephen Tulloch	2006-116	45	Ahmard Hall	UDFA	2006	34
Bo Scaife	56	Vince Young	2006-3	47	<b>Nick Harper</b>	<b>FA</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>38 – R</b>
David Stewart	77				Chris Hope	FA	2006	75
<b>Kyle Vanden Bosch</b>	<b>58 – FA</b>				<b>Kevin Mawae</b>	<b>FA</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>61 – R</b>
					Jake Scott	FA	2008	48
					David Thornton	FA	2006	55

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### Quick Take

The Titans have relied heavily on free agent signings to build their team.

### Players from 2005 Roster

The Titans ranked 21<sup>st</sup> in the NFL in starts by players on their 2005 roster. The only players who started in 2010 from that roster are Eugene Amano, Michael Roos, Bo Scaife and David Stewart. Players who left immediately after the 2005 season were Justin Hartwig, Brad Hopkins, Brad Kassell, Erron Kinney, Steve McNair and Tank Williams. Those players accounted for about 25% of the games started in 2005. McNair was traded, Hopkins was released and the rest were lost in free agency. Keith Bulluck and Kyle Vanden Bosch were important players from the 2005 roster who stayed through the end of 2009 before leaving in free agency while Albert Haynesworth stayed for three years. Only a fair job of keeping their talent.

### The Draft

The Titans ranked 23<sup>rd</sup> in games started by players who were draft selections made in 2006 through 2010. Depending what you think of Vince Young, they did fairly well with their first round picks landing offensive weapons Chris Johnson in 2008 and Kenny Britt in 2009. Michael Griffin, a day one starter, came in 2007 and Derrick Morgan in 2010. 2<sup>nd</sup> round picks have not done particularly well as they took running backs Lendale White and Chris Henry in 2006 and 2007, respectively, and neither really worked out. Jason Jones was a 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder in 2008 who cracked the starting lineup in 2010 as did Sen'Derrick Marks a 2<sup>nd</sup> rounder in 2009. The only other really notable pick was Cortland Finnegan, taken in the 7<sup>th</sup> round in 2006. The Titans did bring in a few impact players, but overall didn't do all that well.

### Free Agent Signings

The Titans landed a pretty large number of significant players in free agency. The list includes Tony Brown, Kerry Collins, Justin Gage, Nick Harper, Chris Hope, Kevin Mawae, Jake Scott, David Thornton and Nate Washington.

### Trades

The Titans made few, if any, significant trades. They traded Steve McNair for a 4<sup>th</sup>; Billy Volek for a 6<sup>th</sup> and Pacman Jones for a 4<sup>th</sup>. They also dumped LenDale White for what amounts to an exchange of 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> round picks. Very little activity to judge here.

### Stability

The Titans were in about the middle of the pack, ranking 14<sup>th</sup> in the Stability Index. They had no large peaks or valleys when it came to maintaining their roster, with personnel changes from year to year being at a modest and continuing level.

### Quarterbacks

The Titans looked like they had the QB of the future in Vince Young but he faltered both on and off the field and was replaced by veteran Kerry Collins. Now Collins is gone and the Titans continue to search for the long-term answer. Both Young and Collins are gone and Matt Hasselback is the starter In 2011, though Jake Locker is the hope for the future.

### Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Vince Young	D – 3	2006	47
Kerry Collins	FA	2006	32
Rusty Smith	D -176	2010	1