

Personnel Review: NFC East 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 NFC East:

- 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:

- 44% 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;
- 30% 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 NFC East, 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 NFC North and that article will be posted on the website within the next week.

DALLAS COWBOYS

Won-Lost Record

2006	9-7	2008	9-7	2010	6-10
2007	13-3	2009	11-5	All Years	48-32 Rank:8

Cowboys Metrics

Metric	Cowboys	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	61%	44%	3
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	12%	26%	32
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	27%	30%	21
Stability Index	79.0%	71.8%	5
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	89	75	1

Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
Flozell Adams	64 – F	Mike Jenkins	2008-25	34	Leonard Davis	FA	2007	64
Marion Barber	39	Anthony Spencer	2007-6	38	Ken Hamlin	FA	2007	44 – F
Chris L. Canty	48 – FA				Kyle Kosier	FA	2006	64
Marc Colombo	72				Terrell Owens	FA	2006	46 – F
Greg Ellis	35 – W							
Andre Gurode	78							
Anthony Henry	41 - T							
Brodie James	80							
Julius Jones	32 – FA							
Terence Newman	69							
Jay Ratliff	62							
Tony Romo	61							
Marcus Spears	68							
DeMarcus Ware	79							
Jason Witten	79							

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Quick Take

The Cowboys did a good job of supplementing their 2005 base with free agent signings.

Players from 2005 Roster

The Cowboys ranked 3rd (behind the Steelers and Chargers) in the number of games started by players on their 2005 roster. 10 players from the 2005 roster started games in 2010. It is somewhat interesting, though, that half of those 2010 starters (Marion Barber, Marc Colombo, Andre Gurode, Jay Ratliff and Tony Romo) were not regulars in 2005. Of the remaining 17 starters from 2005, six were ultimately lost to free agency, two were traded and nine were waived or released. Seven of them were gone before the 2006 season and a total of ten before the 2007 season. Good grades for building on their foundation.

The Draft

The Cowboys ranked last in starts from 2006-2010 draftees. Some of this is due to the trading away of draft choices, but a big part is the number of misses they had in the draft. The 2006 draft was not a good one. 1st rounder Bobby Carpenter and 3rd rounder Jason Hatcher were flops. 2nd rounder Anthony Fasano started 10 games for the Cowboys over two seasons before being traded. In 2007 Anthony Spencer was taken in the 1st round and became a starter in this third season. They had no 2nd rounder and 3rd rounder James Marten was waived before his second season. The Cowboys did get some help later in the draft with Doug Free in the 4th round and Nick Folk and Deon Anderson in the 6th round. Dallas had two first round picks in the 2008 draft and selected Felix Jones and Mike Jenkins, with Jenkins becoming a starter in his second season and Jones atop the depth chart in 2010. 2nd rounder Martellus Bennett has shown promise. They had no 3rd round pick. In 2009 they had neither a 1st nor 2nd round pick. Jason Williams and Robert Brewster were selected in the 3rd round and both have been busts. Stephen McGee was taken in the 4th round and is learning the trade at QB. The 2010 draft was potentially much better, assuming 1st rounder Dez Bryant gets his act together. 2nd rounder Sean Lee was a good pick and is now starting. They had no 3rd rounder. Too many misses to give the Cowboys anything but a negative grade here.

Free Agent Signings

The Cowboys have been as successful as anyone with their free agent signing. From 2006 through 2010 they added Akin Ayodele, Keith Brooking, Leonard Davis, Ken Hamlin, Kyle Kosier, Igor Olshansky (recently released), Terrell Owens and Gerald Sensabaugh.

Trades

The Cowboys were pretty active in the trade market. One of the things that is worth summarizing is how the Cowboys came to surrender five of their picks in the first three rounds from 2006-2010.

- In 2007 the Browns traded for the Cowboys 1st round pick to take Brady Quinn in exchange for the Cowboys receiving a 1st round pick in 2008 plus a 2nd round pick (#36) in 2007
- The Cowboys used the #36 pick along with a 3rd and a 5th to move up and take Anthony Spencer
- Their own 2nd round pick in 2007 (along with a 6th that they later reacquired) was traded for a 3rd, 4th and 6th round pick.
- Their 3rd round choice in 2008 was traded for 4th round choices in 2008 and 2009
- The Cowboys 1st round 2009 choice, along with a 3rd and a 6th, was traded for WR Roy Williams
- The Cowboys 2nd round 2009 choice was traded for 3rd and 4th round choices
- A second 3rd round choice in 2009 was acquired in 2008 in exchange for a 4th round 2008 choice
- Their 3rd round choice in 2010 was part of the trade-up to select Dez Bryant

Other trades worth noting are (1) trading Akin Ayodele and Anthony Fasano for a 4th rounder, (2) acquiring Pacman Jones for a 4th rounder and (3) trading Anthony Henry for Jon Kitna.

All in all, **DRAFTMETRICS** thinks the Cowboys came out slightly on the negative side in these trades, largely because they didn't do much with the draft choices they obtained.

Stability

The Cowboys had the 5th highest Stability Index. In addition they led the NFL in players who started 13 games or more in a season with 89 (out of a possible 110). The largest personnel turnover occurred in 2006 when, as previously mentioned, seven starters departed. There were four new starters in the offensive line as Flozell Adams, Marc Colombo, Kyle Kosier and Andre Gurode replaced Larry Allen, Al Johnson, Rob Petitti and Torrin Tucker. In addition, Tony Romo took over for Drew Bledsoe in midseason; Terrell Owens replaced Keyshawn Johnson; Akin Ayodele replaced Scott Fujita; and Chris Canty replaced La'Roi Glover.

Less turnover occurred over the next three seasons but there were still some significant changes as Marion Barber displaced Julius Jones; Leonard Davis replaced Marco Rivera; Jay Ratliff replaced Jason Ferguson; Mike Jenkins replaced Anthony Henry; Miles Austin replaced Terrell Owens; and Anthony Spencer replaced Chris Canty.

2010, the Cowboys only losing season in the study period, was somewhat of a real head-scratcher as there was hardly any turnover. The injury to Romo, who started only six games, was huge. Aside from that, though, the only significant changes were Flozell Adams being replaced by Doug Free and Ken Hamlin replaced by Alan Ball.

Quarterbacks

Tony Romo's reign has been rather frustrating. He seems good enough to win, but can't quite get them there. All the eggs are in his basket, though, unless Stephen McGee matures into a quality quarterback.

Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Tony Romo	UDFA	2003	61
John Kitna	T	2009	9
Drew Bledsoe	FA	2005	6
Brad Johnson	FA	2007	3
Stephen McGee	D – 101	2009	1

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

Won-Lost Record

2006	10-6	2008	9-6-1	2010	10-6
2007	8-8	2009	11-5	All Years	48-31-1 Rank: 7

Eagles Metrics

Metric	Eagles	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	53%	44%	8
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	26%	26%	15
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	20%	30%	25
Stability Index	75.3%	71.8%	12
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	75	75	18

Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
Shawn Andrews	35 – W	Brodrick Bunkley	2006-14	52	Asante Samuel	FA	2008	42
Reggie Brown	34 - T	Brent Celek	2007-162	41				
Sheldon Brown	63 – T	Omar Gaither	2006-168	36				
Trent Cole	77	Chris Gocong	2006-71	35 – T				
Brian Dawkins	42 – FA	DeSean Jackson	2008-49	44				
Todd Herremans	72							
Jamaal Jackson	64							
Donovan McNabb	54 – T							
Quintin Mikell	59							
Mike Patterson	77							
Jon Runyan	48 – FA							
L J Smith	36 – FA							
Juqua Parker	45							
Tra Thomas	47 – FA							
Brian Westbrook	50 – W							

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Quick Take

Good job of using all means of player acquisition to build a team.

Players from 2005 Roster

The Eagles rank 8th in the number of games started by players from their 2005 roster. Six players from 2005 started games in 2010 and three more departed before the 2010 season. The transition from the 2005 roster occurred slowly as the Eagles hung on to most of the key pieces for at least a few years. Jeremiah Trotter and Michael Lewis departed in free agency before the 2007 season and a group including Brian Dawkins, Jon Runyan, Tra Thomas and Lito Sheppard left before the 2009 season.

Sheldon Brown, Donovan McNabb and Brian Westbrook were the final pieces to depart before the 2010 season.

The Draft

The Eagles were in the middle of the pack in number of starts by draftees from 2006 through 2010, ranking 15th. The Eagles did pretty well in the draft, despite twice (2007 and 2008) trading out of the first round to accumulate additional picks. **DRAFTMETRICS** isn't sure that the strategy was a grand slam but it didn't lead to terrible results either. The 2006 draft produced Brodrick Bunkley in the 1st, Winston Justice in the 2nd, Chris Gocong in the 3rd, Jason Avant in the 4th and Omar Gaither in the 5th. While that draft didn't produce any stars it was otherwise as well as you can reasonably expect to do. 2007 produced Kevin Kolb in the 2nd and Stewart Bradley in the 3rd. They had additional picks in the 2nd and 3rd as well but both players (Victor Abiamiri and Tony Hunt) flopped. 2008 produced difference maker DeSean Jackson in the 2nd along with Trevor Laws, who has pretty much been a backup. 3rd rounder Bryan Smith was waived before his second season. The draft also yielded Mike McGlynn, now a starter, in the 4th. 2009 brought two offensive weapons with Jeremy Maclin taken in the 1st round and LeSean McCoy in the 2nd. The Eagles had no 3rd rounder. The jury is still out on the 2010 draft but 1st rounder Brandon Graham looked promising and 2nd rounder Nathaniel Allen started. Promising players Jamar Chaney and Kurt Coleman were grabbed in the 7th round. Good job of drafting for the Eagles.

Free Agent Signings

The Eagles have been more active than most in the free agent market and added a few top notch players in Michael Vick and Asante Samuel as well as others like Kevin Curtis, Ernie Sims and Joselio Hanson who have been useful players for one or more seasons. The Eagles also added a handful of players as undrafted free agents including Nick Cole and Akeem Jordan.

Trades

The Eagles were very active traders and traded away their first round picks in both 2007 and 2008. How did that go? In 2007 they sent the #26 pick in the draft to the Cowboys in exchange for the #36, #87 and #159 picks. The Eagles used the picks to select Kevin Kolb, Stewart Bradley and C.J. Gaddis. In 2008 they traded the 19th pick in the draft to the Panthers in exchange for picks #43 and #109 and a 1st rounder in 2009. Pick #109 was used to take Mike McGlynn. #43 was traded again in exchange for #47 (Trevor Laws) and #117 (Quentin Demps). The 2009 1st rounder was traded to the Bills as part of the deal for Jason Peters. The Eagles can't complain about the outcome of these trades and showed the willingness to be creative.

The Eagles have made plenty of trade up and trade down deals, sometimes including a player as part of the transaction (i.e., Hollis Thomas, Artis Hicks). In addition, there have been a lot of players acquired and sent off via the trade route. Some of the more significant trades, some good and some bad, are as follows:

- Acquired Donte Stallworth for Mark Simoneau and a 4th rounder;
- Traded Hank Fraley for a 6th;

- Acquired Takeo Spikes and Kelly Holcomb for Darius Walker and a 7th, then traded Holcomb for a 6th
- Acquired Lorenzo Booker for a 4th;
- Traded Lito Sheppard for a 4th and a 5th
- Traded Greg Lewis and a 7th for a 5th
- Acquired Ellis Hobbs for two 5ths
- Acquired Jason Peters for a 1st and a 4th
- Traded Sheldon Brown and Chris Gocong for Alex Hall (who never played a down for the Eagles), a 4th and a 5th
- Acquired Will Witherspoon for Michael Gibson and a 5th
- Traded Donovan McNabb for a 2nd and a 4th

Stability

The Eagles were 12th in the NFL in the Stability Index, surprisingly high given the number of trades and free agent signings. They had more turnover in the 2009 and 2010 seasons than in 2006-2008.

In 2009 such players as Brian Dawkins, Jon Runyan, Tra Thomas and LJ Smith were gone and Stewart Bradley was lost to injury. They were replaced by Asante Samuel, Will Witherspoon, Winston Justice, Jason Peters and Brent Celek. In addition, draftee Jeremy Maclin moved in to replace the combination of Hank Baskett and Kevin Curtis. There was even more turnover in 2010 with Michael Vick replacing Donovan McNab, LeSean McCoy replacing Brian Westbrook, Mike McGlynn replacing Jamaal Jackson, Stewart Bradley returning from injury, Nathaniel Allen replacing Sheldon Brown and waiver pickup Antonio Dixon largely replacing an injured Brodrick Bunkley.

Quarterbacks

The Eagles have hitched their wagon to Mike Vick. Durability is the big concern with Vick. They do have talent behind him, though, in Vince Young and Mike Kafka. The Eagles have done a good job in extracting value from a surplus at this position with the trades of Donovan McNabb and Kevin Kolb.

Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Donovan McNabb	D – 2	1999	54
Michael Vick	FA	2009	11
Kevin Kolb	D – 36	2007	7
Jeff Garcia	FA	2009	6
AJ Feeley	D – 155	2001	2

NEW YORK GIANTS

Won-Lost Record

2006	8-8	2008	12-4	2010	10-6
2007	10-6	2009	8-8	All Years	48-23 Rank: 8

Giants Metrics

Metric	Giants	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	59%	44%	4
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	23%	26%	25
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	18%	30%	28
Stability Index	81.0%	71.8%	3
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	77	75	14

Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
Plaxico Burruss	40 – F	Kevin Boss	2007- 153	45	Madison Hedgecock	W	2007	33
David Diehl	76	Barry Cofield	2006 -124	78				
Brandon Jacobs	41	Micheal Johnson	2007-224	35				
Eli Manning	80	Mathias Kiwanuka	2006-32	41				
Kareem McKenzie	75	Terrell Thomas	2008-63	34				
Shaun O’Hara	69							
Antonio Pierce	56 - W							
Fred Robbins	57 – FA							
Rich Seubert	65							
Chris Snee	80							
Amani Toomer	35 – FA							
Justin Tuck	49							
Osi Umenyiora	54							
Corey Webster	56							

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Quick Take

Continuity is the Giants strength. Their drafts have been unspectacular but pretty solid.

Players from 2005 Roster

The Giants rank 4th in the number of starts from players on their 2005 roster. What is most impressive is that 365 of the 400 (or 91%) games started by offensive lineman during the study period were by players who were on their 2005 roster. A total of ten players from 2005 started games in 2010. The Giants were much better holding their offensive core together than they were on the defensive side of the ball. Five 2005 starters were gone before the start of the 2006 season (3 lost in free agency, 1 waived and 1 retired) and two more players (Michael Strahan and Antonio Pierce) retired during the study period. The Giants also lost Plaxico Burruss after the 2008 season due to his going to jail, traded

Jeremy Shockey and lost Tiki Barber to retirement. All in all, the Giants did an effective job of retaining players and developing such players as Brandon Jacobs, Rich Seubert, Justin Tuck and Corey Webster who were backups in 2005 but became important cogs during the study period.

The Draft

The Giant ranked 25th in starts by players taken in the 2006 through 2010 drafts. The 2006 draft brought Mathias Kiwanuka in the 1st round, Sinorice Moss (now gone) in the 2nd and Gerris Wilkinson (also gone) in the 3rd as well as five-year starter Barry Cofield in the 4th. 2007 produced Aaron Ross in the 1st, Steve Smith in the 2nd, Jay Alford in the 3rd, Kevin Boss in the 5th and Michael Johnson and Ahmad Bradshaw in the 7th. Ross has been an occasional starter while Smith, Boss and Johnson started but have all left in free agency. Bradshaw is now a starter. 2008 brought Kenny Phillips (who became a starter in 2010) in the 1st, Terrell Thomas (who became a starter in 2009) in the 2nd, sometime starter Mario Manningham in the 3rd and 2010 starter Jonathan Goff in the 5th. 2009 produced starter Hakeem Nicks in the 1st, William Beatty and Clint Sintim in the 2nd and Travis Beckum and Ramses Barden in the 3rd. 2010 yielded Jason Pierre-Paul in the 1st, Linval Joseph in the 2nd and Chad Jones (who was gone before the start of the 2010 season) in the 3rd. The Giants ranking probably doesn't do them justice because their draftees typically work their way slowly into the starting lineup. 1/3 of their 2011 starters are from the 2006-2010 draft classes, so that's not so bad, and two 2010 starters (Barry Cofield and Kevin Boss) moved on in free agency prior to the 2011 season. So, actually not a bad job of drafting.

Free Agent Signings

The Giants have been selectively active in the free agent market, picking up Michael Boley, Keith Bulluck, Chris Canty, Danny Clark (who started for two seasons before moving on in free agency), Sam Madison and Antrel Rolle. All these free agents were defensive players. In addition, they picked up two-year starter Madison Hedgecock on the waiver wire.

Trades

With the exception of the occasional trade-up or trade-down, the Giants have been relatively inactive in the trade market. They sent Ryan Grant to the Packers for a 6th rounder, which on the surface seems like a terrible trade but the Giants had a surplus of running backs. They also traded Jeremy Shockey for 2nd and 5th round picks.

Stability

The Giants had the 3rd highest Stability Index. They have been particularly stable in the past three seasons. The stability of their offensive line has already been discussed above. Much of their turnover has taken place in the secondary and linebacker corps. In 2006, three of their secondary starters were gone with Brent Alexander, Will Allen and Curtis DeLoatch replaced by Corey Webster, Will Dumps, Sam Madison and RW McQuarters. In 2007 James Butler and Aaron Ross replaced Webster, Dumps and McQuarters. In 2008 Michael Johnson, Terrell Thomas and Corey Webster replaced Ross, Gibril Wilson and Madison. 2009 was pretty stable with only one change in the secondary (the combination of Aaron

Rouse and CC Brown replaced Butler). Finally, in 2010 Kenny Phillips and Antrel Rolle replaced Johnson (lost in free agency) and the Rouse/Brown duo.

Linebackers didn't have quite the amount of turnover as defensive backs, but it was still substantial. In 2006 Brandon Short replaced Nick Greisen. In 2007 Kawika Mitchell and Mathias Kiwanuka replaced Short and Carlos Emmons. In 2008 Danny Clark replaced Mitchell. In 2009 Michael Boley replaced Kiwanuka. In 2010 Keith Bulluck and Jonathan Goff replaced Pierce and Clark.

Quarterbacks

Eli Manning has been the guy since his rookie year. Veteran David Carr is his backup. Barring injury they are set for awhile, but they are heavily reliant on his good health.

Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Eli Manning	T	2004	80

WASHINGTON REDSKINS

Won-Lost Record

2006	5-11	2008	8-8	2010	6-10
2007	9-7	2009	4-12	All Years	32-48 Rank: 25

Redskins Metrics

Metric	Redskins	NFL Average	Rank
Percentage of Games Started By:			
Players on 2005 Roster	47%	44%	11
Players Drafted from 2006 thru 2010	20%	26%	28
Players signed as free agents or acquired in trades	33%	30%	14
Stability Index	67.1%	71.8%	24
Number of Players who started 13 games or more in a season	74	75	20

Players Starting 32 Games or More

From 2005 Roster		Players Drafted: 2006-2010			Other Players Signed: 2005-2010			
Jason Campbell	52 -T	Kedrick Golston	2006-196	43	Andre Carter	FA	2006	67
Chris Cooley	70	LaRon Landry	2007-6	56	London Fletcher	FA	2007	64
Phillip Daniels	46	Rocky McIntosh	2006-35	61	D'Angelo Hall	FA	2008	32
Cornelius Griffin	58 - FA				Stephon Heyer	UDFA	2007	33
Santana Moss	76				Pete Kendall	T	2007	32
Clinton Portis	52				Antwaan Randle El	FA	2006	48 - FA
Casey Rabach	79							
Carlos Rogers	63							
Chris Samuels	49 - R							
Mike Sellers	42							
Randy Thomas	37 - W							
Marcus Washington	34 - W							

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Quick Take

The Redskins lean heavily on free agent signings and seem to place a low value on draft choices, given their willingness (maybe even eagerness) to surrender them in trades.

Players from 2005 Roster

Coming off a 10-6 season in 2005, the Redskins ranked 11th in the NFL in starts by players on their 2005 roster. Four players (Chris Cooley, Santana Moss, Casey Rabach and Carlos Rogers) from the 2005 roster were starters through the entire five-year period. Two additional players from 2005 (Phillip Daniels and Clinton Portis) were still on the team in 2010, with Daniels a backup and Portis injured for much of the season. Key losses in the period were Sean Taylor (tragic death), Lavar Arrington (free agency), Ryan Clark (free agency), Jon Jansen (free agency) and Chris Samuels (retirement). The 2005 starters began to trickle away immediately with four gone (three through free agency and one released) by the start of

the 2006 season and two more still there but no longer starters. The migration continued in the following seasons.

The Draft

The Redskins ranked 28th in games started by players who were draft selections made in 2006 through 2010. The biggest issue with their drafting is that they keep trading away picks. Instead of having 15 picks in the first three rounds in the 2006-2010 drafts the Redskins had only nine. They traded four of these picks away for players, two were used to move up in the draft, one was used in the supplemental draft and they received one compensatory 3rd round pick, accounting for the net loss of six picks. The Redskins selected Rocky McIntosh with their 2nd round pick in 2006 (1st and 3rd traded away) and Kedric Golston in the 4th round. Both have been starters. In 2007 Laron Landry was selected in the 1st round (no 2nd or 3rd) and he has been a starter since his rookie season. In 2008 they had no 1st rounder but three picks in the 2nd round (Fred Davis, Malcolm Kelly and Devin Thomas) plus a 3rd compensatory pick used to take Chad Rinehart. Only Davis has been a significant contributor and he is the only one left. 2009 brought Brian Orakpo in the 1st round and Kevin Barnes in the 3rd (no 2nd). Orakpo has been excellent. In the 2010 draft they selected Trent Williams in the 1st round (no 2nd or 3rd) and he started as a rookie. The Redskins added a few players through the draft who have helped them, but they just didn't keep enough picks to get a positive grade.

Free Agent Signings

The Redskins had some significant free agent signings including Andre Carter, London Fletcher, DeAngelo Hall, Stephon Heyer, Ma'ake Kemo'eatu, Kory Lichtensteiger, Antwaan Randel El and Fred Smoot (who they lost in free agency and then re-signed two years later). Albert Haynesworth, of course, gets chalked up in the loss column. Definitely a positive result in their signings.

Trades

The Redskins were frequent participants in the trade market. First, let's go back to the statement made above regarding their trading of draft choices and see what happened there:

- 2006 1st rounder used to move up to take Jason Campbell in 2005
- 2006 3rd rounder and 2007 4th rounder used to acquire Brandon Lloyd
- 2007th 2nd rounder and 2006th 2nd rounder and 6th rounder used to move up to take Rocky McIntosh in 2006
- 2007 3rd and 4th rounder used to acquire T J Duckett
- 2008 1st rounder, 3rd rounder and 5th rounder traded for two 2nd rounders and a 4th rounder
- 2009 2nd rounder and 2010 6th rounder traded for Jason Taylor
- 2010 2nd rounder and 2011 4th rounder traded for Donovan McNabb
- 2010 3rd rounder used to take Jeremy Jarmon in 2009 supplemental draft

Other trades included acquiring Patrick Ramsey for a 6th; acquiring Adam Archuleta for a 6th; acquiring Pete Kendall for a 4th; acquiring Erasmus James for a 7th; acquiring Adam Carriker, a 5th and a 7th for a 5th

and a 7th; trading Jason Campbell for a 4th; acquiring Jamal Brown for a 2011 3rd; and trading Doug Dutch for John Beck.

Negative grades for the Redskins in their trades. Acquiring Lloyd, Duckett and Taylor was unproductive and the McNabb trade didn't work out for either side (Redskins traded him for a late round pick in 2011). In addition, they probably overpaid for their trade-ups.

Stability

The Redskins were 24th in the Stability Index and had below average stability in each of the five years studied. They averaged about five new starters per year from 2006-2009 but 2010 was by far their least stable year. The offensive side of the ball had a large turnover in 2010, led by the change to Donovan McNabb at QB. Only Casey Rabach was a repeat starter on the offensive line and was joined by draftee Trent Williams, Jammal Brown (who was acquired in a trade) and free agents Artis Hicks and Kory Lichtensteiger. Practice squad signees Anthony Armstrong (WR) and Ryan Torain (RB) also moved into the starting lineup. Rabach, Chris Cooley, Fred Davis and Santana Moss were the only repeat starters.

Quarterbacks

The Redskins are still searching for their quarterback. Jason Campbell looked like he was going to be the answer but faltered on the field and was traded. The McNabb trade was a failure and he was gone after one strange season. Rex Grossman is the starter in 2011, backed up by John Beck, but it is far from certain that they are the long-term answer.

Quarterback Starts

Player	How Acquired (Selection #)	Year Acquired	Number of Starts
Jason Campbell	D – 25	2005	52
Donovan McNabb	T	2010	13
Mark Brunell	T	2004	9
Todd Collins	FA	2006	3
Rex Grossman	FA	2010	3