

# Projected Starting Defense

LEFT END      DEFENSIVE TACKLE      DEFENSIVE TACKLE      RIGHT END      STRONG-SIDE LINEBACKER



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**93** Phillip Daniels

**Height/Weight:** 6-5, 285  
**Age/Year:** 33, 11  
**College:** Georgia  
**Outlook:** The elder statesman of the defensive line was also the most productive last season, highlighted by a four-sack game vs. Dallas on Dec. 18. Daniels moves to left end this season to accommodate Andre Carter. The combination of Carter and Daniels is considered a big upgrade in the pass rush.  
**Backup:** Demetric Evans, 6-3, 280, 6th year, Georgia, No. 92



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**96** Cornelius Griffin

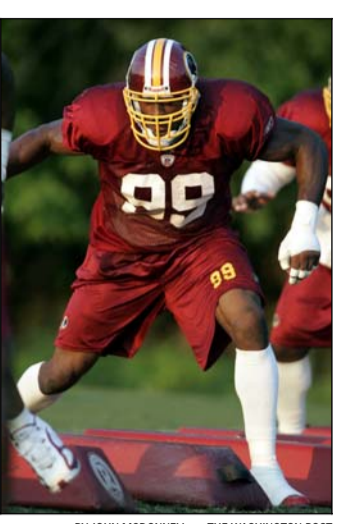
**Height/Weight:** 6-3, 300  
**Age/Year:** 29, 7  
**College:** Alabama  
**Outlook:** Griffin is the key to the Redskins' run defense, and along with Joe Salave'a must stay healthy, as he likely will have either Anthony Montgomery or Kedric Golston, both rookies, as a backup.  
**Backup:** Kedric Golston, 6-4, 292, rookie, Georgia, No. 64



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**95** Joe Salave'a

**Height/Weight:** 6-3, 295  
**Age/Year:** 31, 9  
**College:** Arizona  
**Outlook:** Salave'a is the second part of the Redskins' run-stopping interior line. He was hampered by foot injuries last season but recorded a career-best 50 tackles and half a sack. Along with Griffin, health will be a big factor.  
**Backup:** Ryan Boschetti, 6-4, 300, 3rd year, UCLA



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**99** Andre Carter

**Height/Weight:** 6-4, 265  
**Age/Year:** 27, 6  
**College:** California  
**Outlook:** For a team whose pass rush did not produce big results until the final month of the season, Carter was acquired from San Francisco to be the impact speed rusher the Redskins lacked. His presence should create more opportunities for Griffin, Salave'a, blitzing linebackers and safeties.  
**Backup:** Renaldo Wynn, 6-3, 292, 10th year, Notre Dame, No. 97



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**53** Marcus Washington

**Height/Weight:** 6-3, 247  
**Age/Year:** 28, 7  
**College:** Auburn  
**Outlook:** Marcus Washington is, along with Sean Taylor and Andre Carter, among the team's most dangerous defensive players. He will be allowed to blitz more this season and should be a big factor in the Redskins' pass rush.  
**Backup:** Jeff Posey, 6-4, 241, 9th year, So. Mississippi, No. 58

MIDDLE LINEBACKER



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**98** Lemar Marshall

**Height/Weight:** 6-2, 227  
**Age/Year:** 29, 5  
**College:** Michigan State  
**Outlook:** Marshall had a breakout year in his first season as middle linebacker. He needs to stay healthy and improve because he is the Redskins' defensive signal caller.  
**Backup:** Khary Campbell, 6-3, 250, 5th year, Bowling Green, No. 50

WEAK-SIDE LINEBACKER



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**57** Warrick Holdman

**Height/Weight:** 6-1, 235  
**Age/Year:** 30, 8  
**College:** Texas A&M  
**Outlook:** The Redskins want stability from Holdman. He was given an opportunity last year when LaVar Arrington was benched but did not take advantage. He will be pushed by rookie Rocky McIntosh.  
**Backup:** Rocky McIntosh, 6-2, 231, rookie, Miami, No. 52

FREE SAFETY



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**21** Sean Taylor

**Height/Weight:** 6-2, 231  
**Age/Year:** 23, 3  
**College:** Miami  
**Outlook:** Taylor says he will not be satisfied until he is mentioned as one of the most fearsome and dominant safeties in the game, in the same class as Baltimore's Ed Reed and Pittsburgh's Troy Polamalu.  
**Backup:** Pierson Prioleau, 5-11, 188, 8th year, Virginia Tech, No. 20

STRONG SAFETY



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**40** Adam Archuleta

**Height:** 6-0, 223  
**Age/Year:** 28, 6  
**College:** Arizona State  
**Outlook:** Archuleta is the physical safety the Redskins feel they lacked last year with Ryan Clark. He will be used in an array of packages and will be the blitzing safety featured in Gregg Williams's defense.  
**Backup:** Vernon Fox, 5-10, 200, 5th year, Fresno State, No. 39

LEFT CORNERBACK



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**24** Shawn Springs

**Height/Weight:** 6-0, 204  
**Age/Year:** 31, 10  
**College:** Ohio State  
**Outlook:** Springs is being counted on to be the shutdown corner all good teams must have. When he is in the game, few quarterbacks challenge him directly. When he is not, the Redskins' secondary is vulnerable.  
**Backup:** Kenny Wright, 6-1, 207, 8th year, Northwestern State, No. 25


RIGHT CORNERBACK



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**22** Carlos Rogers

**Height/Weight:** 5-11, 199  
**Age/Year:** 25, 2  
**College:** Auburn  
**Outlook:** Rogers was the ninth overall pick in the 2005 draft and took over as a starter around Thanksgiving. He has the size to be a physical corner and the agility to cover. The Redskins are counting on him being healthy.  
**Backup:** Ade Jimoh, 6-1, 190, 4th year, Utah State, No. 32



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