

Do the Redskins Have the Ingredients to Make It All the Way?



Superstar Head Coach

Hmm. Where to start? You've got the HOFer, Joe Gibbs, and the innovative coordinators, Gregg Williams and Al Saunders, former head coaches who earn more than many current head coaches. Is that enough brain power for you?



Innovative Coordinators

See above. The biggest question: Who replaces Gibbs — Williams or Saunders?



Fanity Insanity

Lord knows the good people of Redskins Nation are starved for a “bandwagon-worthy” team. No lack of true believers.



Burner Returner

Antwaan Randle El brings a new dimension to punt returns.



The Smart Quarterback

Mark Brunell is plenty heady, but now that he's almost 36, his most athletic days are behind him.



Young Talent

Clinton Portis, Sean Taylor, Carlos Rogers and Chris Cooley.



Hard-Hitting Secondary

Taylor and Adam Archuleta can lay the lumber, but will their coverage skills be good enough?



Pass-Rushing Defensive Ends

When healthy, Phillip Daniels and Andre Carter can bring it. That's far from a given, however, with Daniels hurt again this preseason.



Run-Stuffing Linebacker

Marcus Washington is a tackling machine.



Bowling Ball Running Back

Gibbs has long had an affinity for big backs and, in T.J. Duckett, now he's got one again.



Game-Breaking Running Back

Portis has been a 1,500-yard guy consistently, but with his left shoulder now a league-wide target, many wonder if the diminutive runner can hold up for 16 weeks.



Team Chemistry

The club rallied from 5-6 to win six straight games, and teams that win together stay together.



Possession Receiver

The Redskins have plenty of short receivers (rim shot, please!), but there is absolutely no shortage of talent when Washington must get the chains moving.



The Oooh! Factor

Randle El was a perfect X-factor for Pittsburgh in its Super Bowl run last year. Slated for the same role here.