



DETROIT LIONS

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DETROIT LIONS VS OAKLAND RAIDERS

The Detroit Lions will travel to Oakland this week to take on the Raiders at O.co Coliseum. The Lions will be looking to stay on track after a 34-28 victory over the Minnesota Vikings while the Raiders aim to rebound from a 46-16 loss at Green Bay. The game will be televised live on WJBK-TV FOX 2 in Metro Detroit with **Thom Brennaman** handling play-by-play, **Brian Billick** adding color commentary and **Laura Okmin** reporting from the sideline. The game will also air live on the Lions Radio Network (WXYT 97.1 FM) with announcer **Dan Miller** handling play-by-play, **Jim Brandstatter** adding color commentary and **Tony Ortiz** reporting from the sideline.

DOWN TO THE WIRE

Something that the Lions have continually stressed through the season is a need to come out fast in games on both sides of the ball. Against the Vikings on Sunday, they did just that, jumping to a 21-0 lead before the end of the first quarter.

However, the end of the game went down-to-the-wire. With less than four minutes to play, trailing by just six points, Minnesota's QB Joe Webb led the Vikings' down the field on an 18-play drive. With 0:26 left in the game, Webb scrambled up the middle to convert on fourth-and-6, seemingly primed to score from the Lions' 2-yard line.

In the final seconds though, the Lions found a way to make a play as LB **DeAndre Levy** stripped the ball from Webb, and DE **Cliff Avril** made the recovery at the Minnesota 43-yard line, ensuring the 34-28 win.

Head Coach Jim Schwartz on the final play: "Our hat is in full off position to Joe Webb because he was very, very difficult for us to handle. We tried everything. We were spying him with five guys, we were spying him with four, we were playing coverage – we were all-out blitzing him. The one thing we wanted to make sure is that he wasn't going to run the ball in that situation. We had played a lot of coverage up until that point where we were just trying to keep him in the pocket and play coverage behind and not give up a big play and try to find a way to be able to make one of the other plays.

"The last play was an all-out blitz and we were going to try to make sure that he couldn't run it and we had a chance and we made a play."

Following the game, Schwartz said this situation was not unlike what happened in their loss to the 49ers in October, only this time they walked away with a win.

2011 DETROIT LIONS SCHEDULE

(** DATES AND TIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE **)

REGULAR SEASON

DATE	OPPONENT	TIME/RESULT
Sun., Sept. 11	at Tampa Bay Buccaneers	W, 27-20
Sun., Sept. 18	KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	W, 48-3
Sun., Sept. 25	at Minnesota Vikings	W, 26-23 (OT)
Sun., Oct. 2	at Dallas Cowboys	W, 34-30
Mon., Oct. 10	CHICAGO BEARS	W, 24-13
Sun., Oct. 16	SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	L, 25-19
Sun., Oct. 23	ATLANTA FALCONS	L, 23-16
Sun., Oct. 30	at Denver Broncos	W, 45-10.
Sun., Nov. 6	*** BYE WEEK ***	
Sun., Nov. 13	at Chicago Bears	L, 37-13
Sun., Nov. 20	CAROLINA PANTHERS	W, 49-35
Thurs., Nov. 24	GREEN BAY PACKERS	L, 27-15
Sun., Dec. 4	at New Orleans Saints	L, 31-17
Sun., Dec. 11	MINNESOTA VIKINGS	W, 34-28
Sun., Dec. 18	at Oakland Raiders	FOX 4:05 p.m.
Sat., Dec. 24	SAN DIEGO CHARGERS	CBS 4:05 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 1	at Green Bay Packers	FOX 1:00 p.m.

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- > # Nationally Televised
- > FLEXIBLE SCHEDULING: NFL Sun. games during flexible Weeks 10-15 and 17 are subject to change 12 days in advance. Week 17 schedule is subject to change six days in advance. Games are subject to move to different time slots but dates will remain as announced.

GAME INFORMATION

Date:Sun., Dec. 18
 Kickoff:4:05 p.m. ET
 Stadium:O.co Coliseum
 Capacity:63,026
 Television:WJBK-TV FOX Ch. 2
 Play-By-Play:Thom Brennaman
 Color:Brian Billick
 Sideline:Laura Okmin

LIONS RADIO NETWORK

Flagship:97.1 FM The Ticket (WXYT-FM)
 Play-By-Play:Dan Miller
 Color:Jim Brandstatter
 Sideline:Tony Ortiz
 2011 Records:Lions 8-5; Raiders 7-6
 Playing Surface:Grass

LIONS TEAM CAPTAINS

The team's captains for 2011 are QB **Matthew Stafford** (offense), C **Dominic Raiola** (offense), DE **Kyle Vanden Bosch** (defense) and K **Jason Hanson** (special teams).

- > Stafford, Raiola, Vanden Bosch and Hanson will wear a team captain patch, that includes a block "C," on the right shoulder of their game jerseys.
- > Being named team captain in 2011 marks the sixth-straight season for Raiola and the fifth consecutive year for both Hanson and Vanden Bosch (2007-09 at Tennessee).
- > The "C" patches for Raiola and Hanson have four gold stars under the "C" signifying their four years of being a Lions captain since the NFL began its captain initiative in 2007.
- > This is the sixth-straight year the Lions selected team captains for the entire season. Prior to the launch of the NFL's initiative, the team captains in 2006 were recognized with a gold "C" on their practice jersey and a sign in their locker.



Schwartz: "A couple months ago, we were in a very similar situation. We had a chance to make a fourth-down stop and win the game. We didn't get it accomplished. There were a lot of things that happened today from the first play of the game – the first defensive play of the game getting the touchdown – getting a good lead, seeing that lead slip away; but I think the big thing is we had that situation today and we made the play and got the win. You don't get style points, but we'll take it."

It wasn't pretty, but the Lions now stand at 8-5 on the season, giving them meaningful games to play in December.

Schwartz made the point on Monday that sometimes people scrutinize the stats a little too much, missing what the most important thing is: winning.

Schwartz: "I think that there is something to the fact that that we, as a franchise, haven't played those (meaningful) games and (neither have) a lot of guys that have been around here. I think that we also need to acknowledge that we have a lot of guys in our locker room that have played in those kinds of games. You gain from all kinds of experience, whether it's in another game in another year or this game this year. However you get it done, you get it done and anybody that stands up here would trade every stat, every failed execution, every penalty, everything for a win. That's the name of the game in this business and that's all we aspire to do is win. All those other things are nice, but we don't aspire to lead the league in rushing or lead the league in passing or anything other than try to win every single game that we play."

That mindset certainly holds true for this week, as the Lions prepare for Oakland, where beating the Raiders on Sunday is of the utmost importance.

Schwartz: "We know what situation we're in. We know that every one of these games is going to be important. That makes the Oakland Raiders more important because of the situation that we are in. We've got a three-game schedule. A significant portion of that schedule is the Oakland Raiders."

STRONG FIRST HALF FROM OFFENSE

After the initial score for the Lions came on a defensive play, the offense got off to a good start in the first quarter against the Vikings.

In their first two possessions QB **Matthew Stafford** orchestrated two scoring drives. The first came on a 57-yard bomb to rookie WR **Titus Young** on third-and-14, capping a 3-play, 48-yard drive; the second score came on a Stafford 12-yard pass to TE **Brandon Pettigrew**.

Stafford looked sharp and did a nice job of handling the football as he finished 20-of-29 for 227 yards, 2 touchdowns and 0 interceptions for a quarterback rating of 115.2.

LIONS-RAIDERS SERIES

The Lions-Raiders series dates back to Thanksgiving Day 1970 when the two franchises met for the first time in Detroit. Behind RB Mel Farr's 121 yards rushing, the Lions won the initial meeting, 28-14. The Lions and Raiders have faced one another nine times since 1970 with the Raiders winning six of those contests, including five straight. The Lions, however, have won the last two meetings. Sunday's game will be the first time they have played since 2007 when the Lions won in Oakland, 36-21.

SERIES BY THE NUMBERS

Regular Season Record vs. Oak:	4-6-0
Home Record vs. Oak	2-1-0
Record at Ford Field	1-0-0
Road Record vs. Oak:	2-5-0
Record at O.Co Coliseum	1-3-0
Last regular season game:	Det 36, Oak 21 at Oak (9/9/07)

CONNECTIONS
COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

- Lions CB **Chris Houston** (2003-2006) and Raiders RB **Darren McFadden** (2005-07) played for a couple years together at the University of Arkansas.
- Lions DT **Andre Fluellen** (2004-07) played with Raiders LB **Kameron Wimbley** (2002-2005) under legendary head coach Bobby Bowden at Florida State University.
- Lions S **Amari Spivey** (2006, 2008-2009) and Raiders TE **Brandon Myers** (2004-2008) all went to the University of Iowa.
- Five players in the game this week played at the University of Maryland. Lions QB **Shaun Hill** (2000-2001) and Raiders T **Bruce Campbell** (2007-2010), LS **Jon Condo** (2000-2004), T **Stephen Heyer** (2002-2006), and WR **Darrius Heyward-Bey** (2005-2009)
- Lions CB **Alphonso Smith** (2004-2008) joined forces with Raiders LB **Aaron Curry** (2004-2008) at Wake Forest to form one of the best linebacker/defensive back combinations in the entire country.

KANSAS CITY COACHES

- Oakland offensive coordinator **Al Saunders** served as an assistant head coach/offensive coordinator with the Kansas City Chiefs from 2001-2005. During two of those seasons, current Lions defensive coordinator **Gunter Cunningham** was the defensive coordinator for the Chiefs. Cunningham also worked for the Raiders back from 1991-1994 when the team was located in Los Angeles. He served time as the team's defensive coordinator, linebackers coach and defensive line coach.

FROM THE 'D'

- Raiders rookie T **Joseph Barksdale** starred at Detroit's Cass Tech High School before going off to Louisiana State University. While at Cass Tech, he was regarded as the top defensive tackle prospect in the Midwest and was rated the fourth-best player in the country at his position. He chose LSU over Michigan, Michigan State, Florida State, Notre Dame, Ohio State and USC.

MICHIGAN RAISED

- Raiders T **Jared Veldheer** grew up in Grand Rapids, Michigan and attended Forest Hills Northern High School. From there, he went on to become a 4-year starter at Hillsdale College. While at Hillsdale, he started 46 games as left tackle and was named three-time team Offensive Lineman of the Year. He was an All-GLIAC selection and became the 11th offensive lineman in the 72-year history of Hillsdale football to earn All-American honors in 2009.

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GAME CREDENTIALS

Applications for media credentials for 2011 Detroit Lions home games are being accepted via **Media.Detroitlions.com**. Applicants must complete the credential application form through **Media.Detroitlions.com**. **Requests are only being accepted on a game-by-game basis and must be submitted by Noon Mon. of each game week.**



Stafford: "I thought we made some big plays; we made some plays when we needed to, one on third down to Titus for a long one, another third down that Titus caught was on a quick little slant and he made a big play for us there; moved the ball, flipped the field. We weren't as good as we need to be on third down. Third-down-and-short, we had our opportunities at third-and-one down there towards the goal line, (if) we get that first down, we score right there (and) the game's not as close. We have to be able to make those plays, keep the chains moving, and keep our defense off the field a little bit."

The Vikings' secondary did a good job of taking WR **Calvin Johnson** out of the game plan. He finished with just three catches for 29 yards; the last time this season he had that few was against Kansas City, where he finished with the same numbers.

But with Johnson drawing attention, it opened up the field for other pass catchers, like Young and Pettigrew.

Stafford on the impact Johnson had in Young's 57-yard TD: "Put Calvin in the slide, he gets a lot of attention and it's third-and-long. Worst thing that happens, you throw an incompleteness right there, but Titus got off the jam quick and was running. I told him to run on that play and he was moving and made a great play. Pumped Calvin, tried to keep the safety flat footed inside and threw an outside to Titus and it ended up being a pretty good shot."

When asked if he feels the offense will need to play even better as they move forward with hopes of making the playoffs, Stafford shared the same view as Schwartz in that it doesn't matter how they play, as long as they play to win.

Stafford: "We need to play as good as we need to play to win every week. That's the way it is. Some games are going to be prettier than others. You look at the first half stats of this one, we played well, we didn't play as well as we could have in the second half, but we got a win."

BIG PLAYS ON DEFENSE

A common rule is that whichever team wins the turnover battle, typically wins the game.

Against the Vikings, it's clear that the defense's ability to create turnovers, and capitalize on those, made the difference in the Lions 34-28 win.

In total the Lions had three interceptions, and three fumble recoveries. Out of the total six turnovers, three resulted in scores (2 touchdowns and a field goal).

Schwartz: "At this point, turnovers generally don't come from fooling somebody. Turnovers come from guys playing physical and guys being good around the football, particularly in the pass, with a high percentage of hits on the quarterback, sacks that cause

STATISTICAL COMPARISON			
	Det.	Oak.	NFL/Avg
OFFENSE			
FIRST DOWNS	268	261	251.9
Rushing	61	97	77.9
Passing	180	142	151.8
Penalty	27	22	22.2
YDS GAINED (tot)	4890	4765	4484.4
Avg per Game	376.2	366.5	345.0
RUSHING (net)	1306	1804	1500.0
Avg per Game	100.5	138.8	115.4
Rushes	299	395	353.9
Yards per Rush	4.4	4.6	4.2
PASSING (net)	3584	2961	2984.4
Avg per Game	275.7	227.8	229.6
Passes Att.	519	415	442.5
Completed	329	239	265.3
Pct Completed	63.4	57.6	60.0
Yards Gained	3787	3096	3181.0
Sacked	29	22	30.4
Yards Lost	203	135	196.6
Had intercepted	14	20	12.9
Yards Opp Ret.	134	207	180.2
Opp TDs on Int.	3	3	1.3
PUNTS	70	68	63.7
Avg Yards	43.6	50.7	45.1
PUNT RETURNS	31	28	30.6
Avg Return	8.2	8.8	10.0
Returned for TD	0	0	0.6
KICKOFF RETURNS	30	32	34.4
Avg Return	24.0	22.3	23.9
Returned for TD	0	1	0.3
PENALTIES	105	130	84.8
Yards Penalized	894	1116	711.2
FUMBLES BY	16	15	16.7
Fumbles Lost	4	6	7.6
Opp Fumbles	23	12	16.7
Opp Fum Lost	11	7	7.6
POSS. TIME (avg)	30:11	29:51	30:00
TOUCHDOWNS	43	32	31.6
Rushing	8	15	9.9
Passing	29	16	18.8
Returns	6	1	2.9
EXTRA-PT KICKS	41/41	30/30	99%
2-PT CONVERSIONS	1/2	0/2	47%
FIELD GOALS/FGA	22/26	22/24	21/26
POINTS SCORED	367	290	286.1
DEFENSE			
POINTS ALLOWED	305	354	286.1
OPP FIRST DOWNS	252	293	251.9
Rushing	75	89	77.9
Passing	146	159	151.8
Penalty	31	45	22.2
OPP YARDS GAINED	4487	4871	4484.4
Avg per Game	345.2	374.7	345.0
OPP RUSHING (net)	1769	1833	1500.0
Avg per Game	136.1	141.0	115.4
Rushes	347	350	353.9
Yards per Rush	5.1	5.2	4.2
OPP PASSING (net)	2718	3038	2984.4
Avg per Game	209.1	233.7	229.6
Passes Att.	467	487	442.5
Completed	285	255	265.3
Pct Completed	61.0	52.4	60.0
Sacked	35	37	30.4
Yards Lost	238	223	196.6
INTERCEPTED BY	18	15	12.9
Yards Returned	381	187	180.2
Returned for TD	4	0	1.3
OPP PUNT RETURNS	32	40	30.6
Avg return	14.1	13.5	10.0
OPP KICKOFF RET.	38	38	34.4
Avg return	28.0	24.6	23.9
OPP TOUCHDOWNS	32	43	31.6
Rushing	9	14	9.9
Passing	18	23	18.8
Returns	5	6	2.9



fumbles, a high percentage of balls that you are hitting them as they throw and you can get an interception. Quarterbacks in this league are very good, very accurate and you have to do something to affect them. We can speed them up a little bit. We were able to make (Christian) Ponder move a little bit and that was part of our plan with his hip situation, more of a philosophy than a practice.”

On the Vikings opening drive, the defense made their first score as Avril swiped the ball out of QB Christian Ponder’s hand, and Tulloch recovered the ball in the end zone.

Much like how the game opened, with a dramatic defensive play, it ended in the same fashion as Levy knocked the ball from Webb’s hand and Avril recovered as time expired.

Avril currently leads the league in fumble recoveries with 6.

Avril: “(It was) the longest play ever. Levy came off the end and got the sack-fumble. The ball was just fumbling around; I just hustled to the ball and ended up sliding on it.

“(Minnesota) moved it. They moved it slow, but they surely were moving the ball (on the last drive). I mean, I’m not going to lie, I was pretty blowed throughout that whole process; but guys throughout the whole thing were in the huddle saying, ‘We have to put our foot down, it’s on us.’ We ended up making a play and we capitalized off of it.”

Of the defense’s three interceptions, CB **Alphonso Smith** accounted for two of them, running one back for a touch-down. Smith led the team in interceptions last season with 5, but hasn’t had much of an opportunity to play this season after coming off of a foot injury, and having starters **Chris Houston** and **Eric Wright** available.

But with Houston being out with a knee injury, and then having **Aaron Berry** and Wright leave the game against the Vikings with shoulder and hamstring injuries respectively, Smith had a good opportunity to get out and make plays.

Smith: “I just try to do my job within the scheme and help our team win. My number got called last week and this week and I just try to pick up where Chris Houston left off.

“Unfortunately, I just found out last year via coach Schwartz that secondary players are the most injured position in the game. That’s why we keep good players in the holster: (Aaron) Berry, myself, Don Carey, John Wendling, Chris Harris; we know exactly what we have to do and that is the nature of the game. We all have jobs to do. We have to uphold our end of the bargain.”

2011 PRONUNCIATION CHART

Cliff Avril.....	A-vrill
Jahvid Best.....	JAH-vid
Nate Burleson.....	BURL-uh-sun
Gosder Cherilus.....	GOS-der SHARE-uh-less
Rashied Davis.....	RA-sheed
Louis Delmas.....	DEL-mus
Doug Hogue.....	Ho-ge
DeAndre Levy.....	LEV-ee
Don Muhlbach.....	MULE-bach
Dominic Raiola.....	rye-OH-la
Amari Spivey.....	uh-MAR-ee spuh-VAY
Maurice Stovall.....	More-eece STOW-vall
Ndamukong Suh.....	En-dom-ah-ken Soo
Stephen Tulloch.....	TULL-uck

HISTORIC WINS

Detroit’s 8-5 start in 2011 has been fueled by victories claimed by the Lions in historic fashion. Three of the team’s win have been comebacks from at 17+-point deficit. **The Lions are the first team in NFL history to record three 17+-point comebacks in the same season.**

- Detroit has now scored at least 45 points in three games this year (48 vs. KC 9/18, 45 at Den 10/30 and vs. Car 49 11/20). It is only the second time in team history that the Lions have registered 45 points in three different games during a single season. This also occurred in 1952 (52 at GB 10/26/52, 48 vs. GB 11/27/52 and vs. 45 Chi 12/7/52).
- **vs. KC 9/18:** In the 48-3 win over the Chiefs, the Lions set a new franchise record for margin of victory in the regular season with a 45-point margin. The only other game in team history with that large of a victory margin was the 59-14 win over the Cleveland Browns in the 1957 NFL Championship Game.
- **at Min 9/25:** In Week 3 at Minnesota, the Lions won 26-23 in overtime, after trailing 20-0 at halftime. It was the team’s largest comeback on the road in team history and it was the third largest comeback overall (regular season). It was the first time in team history that the Lions trailed by at least 20 points and came back to win.
- **at Dal 10/2:** In the 34-30 win last week, the Lions 24-point comeback over the Cowboys matched the franchise-best for comebacks equaling the come-from-behind win October 20, 1957 vs. Baltimore. It sets the franchise record for the largest comeback on the road in team history, breaking the previous record of a 20-point comeback set last week at Minnesota (9/25).
- **The Lions are the first team in NFL history to record 20+-point comebacks in consecutive weeks.**
- With the 24-point comeback on the road, the Lions tied an NFL record for the largest comeback by a road team, accomplished three previous times. The last 24-point comeback occurred December 6, 1992 when the Los Angeles Rams won at Tampa Bay 31-27 after trailing by 24 points.
- **at Den 10/30:** With a 45-10 win at Denver, the Lions scored 45 points and registered a 35-point margin of victory on the road. The 45 points are tied for the second-highest road tally in team history and most since a 45-3 win at San Francisco 10/29/67. The 35-point margin of victory is tied for the fourth-largest on the road in team history and is the largest road margin since the Lions won 40-0 at green Bay 9/20/70.
- **vs. Car 11/20:** After trailing 24-7 and then winning 49-35, the Lions are the first team in NFL history to win three games in a single season in which it trailed by at least 17 points. All 49 points by the Lions occurred via touchdowns. It ties a team record for the most touchdowns in a single game, which occurred four previous times. The last time the Lions scored 7 touchdowns in a game was vs. Chicago November 27, 1997. Also, the 43 points scored by the Lions occurred via offensive touchdowns (5 pass, 2 rush). It is only the second time in team history that the Lions scored 7 offensive touchdowns in a game. He Lions also scored 7 offensive touchdowns vs. the New York Yanks November 23, 1950 (3 pass, 4 rush).



Despite contributing two touchdowns on the day, one thing Schwartz doesn't want to see is opposing offense's putting up as many points as they have been.

Against Oakland, he's hoping to get players back who have been sidelined due to injury, including Houston and S **Louis Delmas**, who also suffered a knee injury against the Packers. They'll also have DT **Ndamukong Suh** back, who had been suspended for the previous two games.

Schwartz: "We had done a good job of keeping the score down and we haven't. We have been giving 28, 30, 31 in that range and it puts a lot of pressure on the offense to score. We also scored on defense, particularly in this last game to sort of offset a little bit, but you don't want to be that team that gives up 30 points. We need to be able to get back and hopefully for Oakland we get some guys back. Get back to our full strength and I think we will see some good things from our defense again."

MOVING UP THE RANKS

The Lions 8-5 record this season has been the result of an efficient offense and stingy defense. Detroit currently ranks high in critical statistical categories such as scoring, points allowed, Red Zone defense, turnover margin and passer rating. They also lead the NFL in converting turnovers to points.

- Through 13 games, the Lions have proven the ability to put points on the board, ranking fourth in the NFL in scoring (367 points; 28.2 pts/game).
- The Lions 62-point scoring margin through 13 games is seventh overall in the League.
- The team's success in many of its wins, including the Lions three historic comebacks, is due in part to the offense finding a way to put up points and the defense keeping the opponents off the board in the second half. After halftime, the Lions are first in the NFL with 219 points and seventh in points allowed with 115. The team's 104-point second half margin leads the league, and Detroit is the only team in the NFL to outscore their opponents in the second half by more than 75 points (Green Bay is second with 75-point second half scoring margin).
- In the Red Zone, the Lions defense has allowed a TD rate of 47.8-percent in the Red Zone (22 TDs on 46 drives), which ranks 11th in the League.
- When it comes to passing efficiency (rating), the Lions are highly ranked on both sides of the ball. On offense, the team has accumulated a 92.7 passer rating, the eighth-best in the NFL. On defense, the Lions have limited opponents to a passer rating of 76.1, which is fifth-best in the NFL. The passer rating difference of 16.6 is the sixth-best passer rating margin in the NFL.
- The Lions are third in turnover margin through 13 games with +11 (29 takeaways, 18 giveaways). Their 29 takeaways are third in the NFL this season. They are also tied for second in the NFL with 18 interceptions.
- On offense, their TD pass to interception ratio is 29-to-15. On defense, that ratio is 18-to-18.
- The Lions leads the NFL with 122 points off takeaways. 42 points (6 touchdowns) have been a direct results of scores derived from fumble or interception returns. As a team, the Lions lead the League with 6 touchdowns off fumble and interceptions returns.

CHARTING HISTORY

Lions Leaders, Largest Margin of Victory

Date	Opp	Det	Opp	Margin
12/29/57#	Cle	59	14	+45
9/18/11	KC	48	3	+45
2/17/95	Jax	44	0	+44
9/22/68	Chi	42	0	+42
11/24/83	Pit	45	3	+42
10/29/67	at SF	45	3	+42

Lions Leaders, Largest Comebacks

Date	Opp	Det	Opp	Deficit	QB
10/20/57	Bal	31	27	-24	B. Layne
10/2/11	at Dal	34	30	-24	M. Stafford
11/22/09	Cle	38	37	-21	M. Stafford
12/22/57#	at SF	31	27	-20	T. Rote
9/25/11	at Min	26	20 (ot)	-20	M. Stafford

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NFL Leaders, Largest Road Comeback Wins

Date	Deficit	Trm	Pts	Opp	Pts
10/02/2011	24	Det	34	at DAL	30
12/06/1992	24	LARm	31	at TB	27
9/26/1988	24	LARd	30	at DEN	27
9/23/1979	24	Hou	30	at CIN	27

Lions Leaders, Points Scored on Road

Date	Opp	PF	PA	Margin
10/26/1952	at GB	52	17	35
12/3/1950	at Bal	45	21	24
11/20/1949	at NYG	45	21	24
11/3/1963	at SF	45	7	38
10/29/1967	at SF	45	3	42
11/12/1961	at StL	45	14	31
10/30/11	at Den	45	10	35

Lions Leaders, Largest Margin of Victory on Road

Date	Opp	PF	PA	Margin
10/29/1967	at SF	45	3	42
9/20/1970	at SF	40	0	40
11/3/1963	at SF	45	7	38
10/28/1934	at Cin	38	0	38
10/26/1952	at GB	52	17	35
10/30/11	at Den	45	10	35

Lions Leaders, Most Points

Date	Opp	Pts
12/29/57#	Cle	59
11/27/97	Chi	55
11/22/51	GB	52
10/26/52	at GB	52
11/23/50	NYV	49
11/20/11	Car	49

Lions Leaders, Most Touchdowns

Date	Opp	TD
11/23/50	NYV	7
11/22/51	GB	7
10/26/52	at GB	7
11/27/97	Chi	7
11/20/11	Car	7

RECORD CROWD

The Lions claimed a 24-13 victory over the Chicago Bears on *Monday Night Football* (10/10) which marked the team's first appearance on *Monday Night Football* since 2001. The crowd of 67,861 for the Lions *Monday Night Football* game set a new Ford Field record for a Lions game since the team opened the stadium in 2002. The previous record was 63,257 vs. Green Bay November 11, 2007.

➢ Monday Night's crowd was only 345 fans shy of the attendance for Super Bowl XL (68,206).

Lions Leaders, Ford Field Attendance

Date	Opp	Attendance
10/10/11	Chi	67,861
11/24/11	GB	66,263
12/12/11	Min	63,988
11/20/11	Car	63,633
10/23/11	Atl	63,625
11/22/07	GB	63,257
11/25/04	Ind	63,107



- Historically, the 6 touchdowns off fumble and interceptions returns by the Lions is tied for second all-time in team history in a season, and it is only the fourth time in team history the Lions have registered 6 touchdowns in a season off fumble and interceptions returns.
- Detroit has scored two return touchdowns via fumble and interception returns in a game three times this season (at Dal 10/2, at Den 10/30 and vs. Min 12/11). It is the first time since the Arizona Cardinals in 2007 that an NFL team has scored 2 touchdowns via fumble and interception returns in a game three times in a season.

STAFFORD'S PROGRESS

Lions QB **Matthew Stafford** is in his third NFL season and directs an offense that features weapons like WRs Calvin Johnson, Nate Burleson and Titus Young, TEs Brandon Pettigrew and Tony Scheffer.

- Stafford went 20-for-29 for 227 yards and 2 touchdowns in the win vs. Minnesota (12/11). He now has 3,754 passing yards (327-of-516, 63.4 pct) with 29 touchdowns and 14 interceptions through 13 games of the season. He has a passer rating of 92.6.
 - He is fourth in the NFL in touchdown passes (29), sixth in completion-percentage (63.4) and is eighth in passer rating (92.6).
 - Stafford has averaged 288.8 passing yards through 13 games, which is fifth in the NFL.
 - He has thrown at least two touchdown passes in 13 of his 26 career NFL starts and nine of 13 games this season.
 - He has the most completions (Jon Kitna, 309 in 2006), yards (Scott Mitchell, 3,470 in 1995) and touchdown passes (Scott Mitchell, 26 in 1995) through the first 13 games of a season for a Lions quarterback.
- He completed 31-of-44 passes (70.5 pct) for 408 yards and 1 TD with a passer rating of 97.5 at New Orleans (12/4).
 - It was the fourth game this season he has completed over 30 passes and the fifth time he has passed for 300 yards. Additionally, he completed passes to 10 different receivers.
 - Stafford became the first quarterback in team history to register two 400-yard passing games.
 - He surpassed 300 yards passing for the sixth time in his career. He passed Hall of Fame QB Bobby Layne (5); for third on the Lions all-time list for career 300-yard passing games.
 - With 31 pass completions at New Orleans (12/4), Stafford passed QB Scott Mitchell (293 in 1997) for fifth on the team's single-season pass completions list.
- Had a career-high tying 5 touchdowns in a 49-35 win vs. Carolina (11/20). He also threw 2 interceptions. He finished with a passer rating of 121.9.
 - His 5 touchdown passes tied a team single-game record (Gary Danielson vs. Min 12/9/78 and Stafford vs. Cle 11/22/09). He became the first player in team history to throw 5 touchdowns twice during his career.
 - Stafford is the first quarterback in NFL history to throw 5 touchdown passes twice in his first 23 career games.

GRIDIRON MAN

Lions T **Jeff Backus** has the most consecutive starts among active (offensive and defensive) linemen in the NFL with 173. He has battled through injuries during his career to start every game since being drafted in the first round of the 2001 NFL Draft.

- **At New Orleans (12/4), Backus surpassed Hall of Fame CB Dick LeBeau (171) in team history for most consecutive games started.**
- Among offensive linemen who started their career since 1970, Backus is the first to begin their career starting their first 173 games.

NFL, Consecutive Starts Among Active Offensive Linemen

Rk	Player	Pos	Tm	G
1	Jeff Backus	T	Det	173
2	Casey Wiegmann	C	KC	171

NFL, Consecutive Starts Among Active Players

Rk	Player	Tm	Pos	G
1	Ronde Barber	TB	CB	195
2	London Fletcher	Was	LB	180
3	Jeff Backus	Det	T	173

NFL Leaders, Consecutive Starts by Offensive Linemen Since 1970

Rk	Player	G
1	Bruce Matthews	229
2	Will Shields	223
3	Randall McDaniel	202
4	Doug Dieken	194
5	Jon Runyan	192
6	Kevin Mawae	177
7	Jeff Backus	173
8	Casey Wiegmann	171
9	Dermontti Dawson	170
10	Gene Upshaw*	165

*Upshaw is only other player among list above to start the first 160 games of his career. He started 207 to begin his career in 1967.

LEAGUE TEAM SCORING LEADERS

2011 NFL Leaders, Team Scoring

Rk	Tm	G	TD	PAT	FG	Zpt	Saf	Pts	Pts/G
1	GB	13	57	55	23	0	0	466	
2	NO	13	48	45	26	2	0	415	
3	NE	13	47	46	22	1	0	396	
4	Det	13	43	41	22	1	0	367	
5	Hou	13	37	36	24	0	0	330	

2011 NFL Leaders, Scoring Margin

Rk	Tm	G	Pts	Opp	Diff
1	GB	13	466	278	188
2	NO	13	415	286	129
3	SF	13	307	182	125
4t	Hou	13	330	208	122
4t	NE	13	396	274	122
5	Bal	13	320	202	118
6	Pit	13	282	198	84
7	Det	13	367	305	62

2011 NFL Leaders, Second Half/OT Scoring

Rk	Tm	TD	PAT	FG	Zpt	Saf	Pts
1	Det	27	25	10	1	0	219
2	GB	25	23	15	0	0	218
3	NO	26	23	11	2	0	216
4	NE	26	25	8	1	0	207
5	Den	22	17	10	3	0	185

2011 NFL Leaders, Second Half/OT Opponent Scoring

Rk	Tm	TD	PAT	FG	Zpt	Saf	Pts
1	Bal	9	9	10	0	0	93
2	Pit	12	10	4	1	0	96
3	Cle	9	9	14	0	0	105
4	Cin	12	11	9	0	0	110
5	Jax	13	12	7	1	0	113
6	SF	13	11	7	1	1	114
7	Det	12	11	10	1	0	115

2011 NFL Leaders, Second Half/OT Scoring Margin

Rk	Tm	Pts	Opp	Diff
1	Det	219	115	104
2	GB	218	143	75
3	NO	216	143	73
4	NE	207	158	49
5	Den	185	147	38



- He also became the first player in team history to pass for 4 touchdowns in a game four times in his career. He broke the previous mark set by Layne, who had 3 career games with 4 touchdown passes.
- By passing for 335 yards, he now has 5 career 300-yard games tying Layne for the third-most in team history.
- Stafford's 77.8 completion percentage was the highest single-game tally for a Lions quarterback with at least 35 pass attempts.
- The Lions are now 6-0 in games when throwing at least 3 touchdowns and 7-0 when his passer rating is over 100.0.
- It is the fifth time in Stafford's career that he has led the Lions to victory after trailing or being tied in the fourth quarter.
- In Stafford's two career games with 5 touchdown passes, he found 5 different receivers for scores in both games.
- His 121.9 passer rating is the highest single-game passer rating in team history that included throwing 2 interceptions. The previous high was QB Rodney Peete's 115.1 rating vs. Chicago December 16, 1990.

➤ Stafford went 33-of-63 for 329 yards and a touchdown in Week 10 at Chicago (11/13). He also threw four interceptions.

- The 63 attempts sets a franchise record for most passing attempts in a single game.
- It was his fourth career 300-yard passing game, tying him with Gary Danielson for fourth on the Lions all-time list of career 300-yard passing games.

➤ Stafford finished 21-of-30 for 267 yards and 3 touchdowns in the 45-10 win at Denver (10/30).

- He tossed touchdown passes to WR Titus Young (41 yards), TE Tony Scheffler (1 yard) and WR Calvin Johnson (56 yards). It was the third game this season that he has thrown at least 3 touchdown passes and the seventh with at least two touchdown passes in a game.

- His 267 passing yards gave him the most passing yards by a Lions quarterback through the first eight games of a season (2,179 yards), surpassing QB Jon Kitna's 2006 total of 2,174.

- The 3 touchdown passes put his season total at 19 through the first eight games. Only Lions Hall of Fame QB Bobby Layne's 20 TD tosses in the first eight games of the 1951 season are better than Stafford's tally this year.

- He also added a 21-yard rush in the game. That tied the longest of rush of his career. His previous 21-yarder occurred vs. Washington 9/27/09.

➤ Stafford finished 19-of-26 (73.1%) for 219 yards and 2 touchdowns (1 int) vs. Chicago (10/10), highlighted by a 73-yard touchdown pass to Calvin Johnson in the second quarter.

- The 73-yard touchdown pass was the second longest completion of his career. The longest was in 2009 vs. Cleveland (11/22/09) when he connected with Johnson on a 75-yard touchdown.

- Stafford was 5-of-6 for 51 yards on the Lions' first drive of the third quarter which culminated in an 18-yard touchoun strike to TE Brandon Pettigrew to give Detroit the lead for good.

LEAGUE LEADERS

2011 NFL Leaders, Turnover Margin

Rk	Tm	Take-Aways			Give-Aways			Diff
		Int	Fum	Total	Fum	Total	Total	
1	SF	18	13	31	5	10	+21	
2	GB	27	5	32	5	12	+20	
3	Det	18	11	29	14	4	+18	
4	HOU	17	8	25	7	8	+15	
5	NE	18	7	25	11	5	+9	

2011 NFL Leaders, Team Passing Rating

Rk	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	GB	444	307	4163	69.1	39	7	121.5
2	NE	496	328	4273	66.1	33	11	106.0
3	NO	544	386	4377	71.0	32	11	105.9
4	Dal	463	300	3753	64.8	27	11	99.2
5	Pit	433	278	3574	64.2	21	11	95.6
6	NVG	489	303	4105	62.0	25	12	95.5
7	Hou	389	234	3094	60.2	19	7	94.1
8	Det	519	329	3787	63.4	29	14	92.7

2011 NFL Leaders, Opponent Passing Rating

Rk	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Hou	438	220	2621	50.2	13	17	62.6
2	Bal	435	230	2781	52.9	9	14	66.3
3	NJY	426	229	2780	53.8	12	15	68.8
4	Pit	434	246	2526	56.7	10	10	74.7
5	Det	467	285	2956	61.0	18	18	76.1

2011 NFL Leaders, Passer Rating Differential

Rk	Tm	Rtg	Opp	Diff
1	GB	121.5	76.8	44.7
2	Hou	94.1	62.6	31.5
3	Pit	95.6	74.7	20.9
4t	NE	106.0	88.0	18.0
4t	NO	105.9	87.9	18.0
6	Det	92.7	76.1	16.6

STAFFORD AT THE CONTROLS

Stafford's Last 16 Starts

Date	Opp	W/L	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
9/12/10	at Chi*	L	15	11	83	73.3	0	0	86.3
10/31/10	Was.	W	45	26	212	57.8	4	1	90.2
11/7/10	NJY	L	36	20	240	55.6	2	0	94.7
9/11/11	at TB	W	33	24	305	72.7	3	1	118.9
9/19/11	KC	W	39	29	294	74.4	4	1	106.1
9/25/11	at Min	W	46	32	378	69.9	2	0	108.8
10/2/11	at Dal.	W	43	21	240	48.8	2	1	71.9
10/10/11	Chi	W	26	19	219	73.1	2	1	107.7
10/16/11	SF	L	50	28	293	56.0	2	0	86.5
10/23/11	ATL	L	32	15	183	46.9	1	0	75.4
10/30/11	at Den	W	20	17	207	70.0	3	0	130.8
11/13/11	at Chi	L	63	33	329	52.4	1	4	46.3
11/20/11	Car	W	36	28	335	77.8	5	2	121.9
11/24/11	GB	L	45	32	276	71.1	1	3	66.5
12/5/11	at NO	L	44	31	408	70.5	1	1	97.5
12/11/11	Min	W	29	20	227	68.9	2	0	115.2
Totals			9-7	612	384	628.0	37	15	92.4

*Left game due to injury

2011 NFL Leaders, Passing Touchdowns

Rk	Player	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Aaron Rodgers	GB	438	305	4125	69.6	39	6	123.3
2	Tom Brady	NE	496	328	4273	66.1	33	11	106.0
3	Drew Brees	NO	543	385	4368	70.9	32	11	105.9
4	Matthew Stafford	Det	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6
5	Tony Romo	Dal	453	294	3646	64.9	26	9	100.6

2011 NFL Leaders, Passer Rating

Rk	Player	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Aaron Rodgers	GB	438	305	4125	69.6	39	6	123.3
2	Tom Brady	NE	496	328	4273	66.1	33	11	106.0
3	Drew Brees	NO	543	385	4368	70.9	32	11	105.9
4	Tony Romo	Dal	453	294	3646	64.9	26	9	100.6
5	Matt Schaub	Hou	292	178	2479	61.0	15	6	96.8
6	Ben Roethlisberger	Pit	429	276	3526	64.3	21	11	95.6
7	Eli Manning	NYG	489	303	4105	62.0	25	12	95.5
8	Matthew Stafford	Det	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6

2011 NFL Leaders, Passing Yards

Rk	Player	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Drew Brees	NO	543	385	4368	70.9	32	11	105.9
2	Tom Brady	NE	496	328	4273	66.1	33	11	106.0
3	Aaron Rodgers	GB	438	305	4125	69.6	39	6	123.3
4	Eli Manning	NYG	489	303	4105	62.0	25	12	95.5
5	Matthew Stafford	Det	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6

2011 NFL Leaders, Completions

Rk	Player	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Drew Brees	NO	543	385	4368	70.9	32	11	105.9
2	Tom Brady	NE	496	328	4273	66.1	33	11	106.0
3	Matthew Stafford	Det	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6
4	Aaron Rodgers	GB	438	305	4125	69.6	39	6	123.3
5	Eli Manning	NYG	489	303	4105	62.0	25	12	95.5

2011 NFL Leaders, Completion Percentage

Rk	Player	Tm	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	TD	Int	Rtg
1	Drew Brees	NO	543	385	4368	70.9	32	11	105.9
2	Aaron Rodgers	GB	438	305	4125	69.6	39	6	123.3
3	Tom Brady	NE	496	328	4273	66.1	33	11	106.0
4	Tony Romo	Dal	453	294	3646	64.9	26	9	100.6
5	Ben Roethlisberger	Pit	429	276	3526	64.3	21	11	95.6
6	Matthew Stafford	Det	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6



➤ Stafford was 21-of-43 for 240 yards and 2 touchdowns in the Week 4 comeback win at Dallas (10/2).

- He helped lead the Lions to his third career 20-point comeback, and second in consecutive weeks. Stafford now joins Hall of Fame QB Bobby Layne as the only quarterbacks in team history to lead the Lions back to victories from 24-point deficits. Stafford has led the team's only 24-point comeback on the road.
- Stafford got things going offensively at the end of the third quarter and start of the fourth when he directed a 5-play 80-yard drive (2:00). He was 4-for-4 for 77 yards on the drive which culminated in a 23-yard touchdown pass to WR Calvin Johnson.
- On the game-winning touchdown drive, Stafford went 3-for-3 for 26 yards, including a 2-yard touchdown pass to Johnson with 1:39 remaining.
- In the fourth quarter, he was 10-of-16 (62.5-percent) for 121 yards and threw 2 touchdowns. His rating in the last quarter was 125.3.
- The win marked Stafford's fourth career fourth quarter comeback victory in his first 17 starts.

➤ Stafford was 32-of-46 (69.5 pct) for 378 yards and 2 touchdowns in the Week 3 win at Minnesota (9/25).

- His 378 yards was his third career game throwing for more than 300 yards.
- Trailing 20-0 at the half, Stafford was 22-of-30 for 314 yards and 2 touchdowns with a passer rating of 129.0 in the second half and overtime.
- His 314 yards in the second half/OT of a game are the most in the NFL so far this season.

➤ Stafford was 23-of-39 (58.9 pct.) for 294 yards and 4 touchdowns in Week 2 vs. Kansas City (9/18) and finished with a passer rating of 106.1.

- He led the offense on three straight touchdown scoring drives in the second half vs. the Chiefs (9/18). He also directed three consecutive scoring drives (2 field goals and 1 touchdown) in the team's final three drives of the first half.

- He had 200 passing yards in the first half for a second consecutive week and third time in his career.

➤ Stafford opened the 2011 season with 305 passing yards (24-of-33, 72.7 pct) and 3 touchdowns to help Detroit to a 27-20 season-opening victory at Tampa Bay (9/11).

- His 305 yards passing at Tampa marked the third 300-yard passing game by a Lions quarterback on opening day, and he became only the second player in team history to accomplish this feat. The last time was QB Bobby Layne when he had 364 yards vs. Pittsburgh September 27, 1953.
- Stafford's 300-yard game is also the most by a Lions quarterback on the road to open the season.
- His 265 yards in the first half were the third most by a Lions passer in the first half of a game since 1991, and it is Stafford's second highest first-half total of his career. He threw for 270 yards in the first half vs. Cleveland November 22, 2009.

CALVIN ON THE RISE

Fifth-year WR Calvin Johnson continues to establish himself as one of the NFL's elite receivers. Last season, Johnson started in the Pro Bowl after finishing tied for second in the NFL (tied for first in the NFC) with 12 touchdown catches.

STAFFORD IN THE RECORD BOOKS

Lions Leaders, Completions-Season

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	Td	Int	Rtg
1	Jon Kitna	2006	596	372	4208	62.4	21	22	79.9
2	Jon Kitna	2007	561	325	4068	63.3	18	20	80.9
3	Scott Mitchell	1995	583	346	4338	59.3	32	12	82.3
4	Matthew Stafford	2011	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6

Lions Leaders, Completion Percentage-Season (min. 200 att.)

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	Td	Int	Rtg
1	Matthew Stafford	2011	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6
2	Jon Kitna	2007	561	351	4068	63.3	18	20	80.9
3	Eric Hipple	1986	305	192	1919	63.0	9	11	75.6

Lions Leaders, Passing Yards-Season

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	Td	Int	Rtg
1	Scott Mitchell	1995	583	346	4338	59.3	32	12	82.3
2	Jon Kitna	2006	596	372	4208	62.4	21	22	79.9
3	Jon Kitna	2007	561	355	4068	63.3	18	20	80.9
4	Matthew Stafford	2011	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6

Lions Leaders, Passing Touchdowns-Season

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	Td	Int	Rate
1	Scott Mitchell	1995	583	346	4338	59.3	32	12	82.3
2	Matthew Stafford	2011	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6
3	Bobby Layne	1951	332	152	2403	45.8	26	23	67.6

Lions Leaders, Passing Rating-Season (min. 200 att.)

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	Td	Int	Rtg
1	Dave Krieg	1994	212	131	1629	61.8	14	3	107.7
2	Matthew Stafford	2011	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6
3	Scott Mitchell	1995	583	346	4338	59.3	32	12	82.3

Lions Leaders, Attempts

Rk	Player	Year	Att	Cmp	Yds	Pct	Td	Int	Rtg
1	Jon Kitna	2006	596	372	4208	62.4	21	22	79.9
2	Scott Mitchell	1995	583	346	4338	59.3	32	12	82.3
3	Jon Kitna	2007	561	355	4068	63.3	18	20	80.9
4	Joey Harrington	2003	554	309	2880	55.8	17	22	63.9
5	Matthew Stafford	2011	516	327	3754	63.4	29	14	92.6

Lions Leaders, Career 300-Yard Passing Games

Rk	Player	G	Years
1	Scott Mitchell	8	1994-98
2	Jon Kitna	7	2006-08
3	Matthew Stafford	6	2009-
4	Bobby Layne	5	1950-58

Lions Leaders, 300-Yard Passing Game - Season

Rk	Player	Year
1	Scott Mitchell	1995
1t	Matthew Stafford	2011
3	Jon Kitna	2006

Lions Leaders, Passing Touchdown - Game

Rk	Player	TD	Opp	Date
1	Gary Danielson	3	Min	12/9/78
1t	Matthew Stafford	3	Car	11/20/09
1t	Matthew Stafford	5	Car	11/20/11

ON THE RECEIVING END

2011 NFL Leaders, Touchdown Receptions

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Rob Gronkowski	NE	13	77	1098	15.3	52	15	9
2	Calvin Johnson	DET	13	72	1121	15.6	73	12	11
3	Jordy Nelson	GB	13	51	957	18.8	93	10	12

2011 NFL Leaders, Receiving Yards

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Wes Welker	Car	13	100	1339	13.4	95	9	10
2	Steve Smith	Car	13	67	1217	18.2	77	5	14
3	Victor Cruz	NYG	13	68	1150	16.9	74	7	11
4	Calvin Johnson	DET	13	72	1121	15.6	73	12	11

2011 NFL Leaders, Receptions

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Wes Welker	NE	13	100	1339	13.4	95	9	10
2	Jimmy Graham	NO	13	80	1101	13.8	59	8	12
3	Roddy White	Atl	13	75	965	12.9	43	6	7
4	Darren Sproles	NO	13	74	580	7.8	36	4	3
5	Tony Gonzalez	GB	13	72	1121	15.6	73	12	11
6	Calvin Johnson	DET	13	72	1121	15.6	73	12	11

2011 NFL Leaders, 25+-Yard Receptions

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Steve Smith	Car	13	67	1217	18.2	77	5	14
2t	Larry Fitzgerald	Ari	13	62	1092	17.6	73	7	12
2t	Jimmy Graham	NO	13	80	1101	13.8	59	8	12
2t	A.J. Green	Cin	12	55	891	16.2	58	7	12
2t	Vince Jackson	SD	13	53	952	18.0	55	8	12
2t	Brandon Marshall	Mia	13	67	937	14.0	46	4	4
2t	Jordy Nelson	GB	13	51	957	18.8	93	10	12
8t	Victor Cruz	NYG	13	68	1150	16.9	74	7	11
8t	DeSean Jackson	Phi	12	47	757	16.1	61	3	11
8t	Calvin Johnson	DET	13	72	1121	15.6	73	12	11

2011 NFL Leaders, Total Touchdowns

Rk	Player	Tm	G	TD	Ru	Rec	Ret	Zpt	Pts
1	LeSean McCoy	Phi	17	14	3	0	0	0	102
2	Rob Gronkowski	NE	13	16	1	15	0	0	96
3	Cam Newton	Car	13	13	3	0	0	0	78
4t	Calvin Johnson	DET	13	12	0	12	0	0	72
4t	Adrian Peterson	Min	10	1	1	0	0	0	72
4t	Ray Rice	Bal	13	12	10	2	0	0	72



- Johnson is second in the NFL in touchdown receptions with 12, fourth in receiving yards (1,121) and sixth in receptions (72).
- Johnson had 3 receptions for 29 yards in the win vs. Minnesota (12/11).
- Johnson caught 6 passes for 69 yards vs. New Orleans (12/4).
 - In the game, Johnson moved past WR Gail Cogdill (5,221; 1960-68) for fourth place and past WR Brett Perriman (5,244; 1991-96) for third place on the team's career receiving yards list.
 - With his second reception of the game, Johnson surpassed Perriman (334, 1991-95) for the most receptions by a Lions receiver in their first five seasons with the team.
 - His 6 pass receptions moved his career total to 339 and he has now passed Hall of Fame TE Charlie Sanders (336; 1968-77) for fifth place on the team's career receptions list.
- He finished with 4 catches for 49 yards and 1 touchdown vs. Green Bay (11/24).
 - It is the third time in his career he has registered 1,000 receiving yards in a single season. He is the first receiver in Lions history to record 1,000 receiving yards three times (1,331 in 2008 and 1,120 in 2010) in the first five seasons with the team.
 - By catching 12 touchdown passes in three of his first five NFL seasons, Johnson joins Hall of Famers WR Lance Alworth and Jerry Rice as the only players in NFL history with 12+ TD catches three times in their first five seasons.
 - He is the 10th player in NFL history to record 12 touchdown receptions in three different seasons.
- Johnson had 5 catches for 89 yards in the Week 11 win vs. Carolina (11/20).
 - With the game notched at 35 with 4:59 left in the fourth quarter, Johnson pulled in a 30-yard diving reception to get Detroit to midfield on what culminated in the Lions' game-winning touchdown drive.
 - Johnson also had a key reception of 26 yards in the third quarter that put Detroit's offense in position to overcome their 17-point deficit with a touchdown a few plays later.
 - Johnson now has 11 catches of 25+ yards in 2011 which is tied for the second most in the NFL. He has 49 career receptions of 25+ yards, including 41 since the beginning of the 2008 season.
- Johnson hauled in 7 balls for 81 yards during Week 10 at Chicago (11/13).
 - With his 17-yard catch on the first offensive play from scrimmage, he surpassed 5,000 career receiving yards. In just his 69th game, he is the fastest to accomplish the feat in Lions history.
 - He surpassed WR Herman Moore for the second-most receptions by a Lions receiver in the first five seasons with the team.
 - His performance was highlighted by a 40-yard catch in the third quarter. It marked his sixth 40+-yard reception of the season which is tied for the most in the NFL.
- At Denver (10/30), Johnson recorded 6 receptions for 125 yards, including a 56-yard TD catch and run.

OVER THE YEARS

NFL Leaders, Receiving Touchdowns Since 2008

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Calvin Johnson	57	291	4527	15.6	96t	41	43
2	Larry Fitzgerald	60	338	4603	13.6	78t	37	39
3	Greg Jennings	60	289	4599	15.9	86t	34	49
4	Roddy White	60	356	4805	13.5	90t	33	37

NFL Leaders, Receiving Yards Since 2008

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Roddy White	61	363	4889	13.5	90t	34	38
2	Andre Johnson	51	333	4831	14.5	72t	27	37
3	Larry Fitzgerald	61	345	4752	13.8	78t	38	41
4	Wes Welker	58	420	4700	11.2	99t	23	26
5	Greg Jennings	61	291	4619	15.9	86t	34	49
6	Calvin Johnson	58	294	4556	15.5	96t	41	43

NFL Leaders, 25+-Yard Receptions Since 2008

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	DeSean Jackson	57	218	3881	17.8	91t	20	50
2t	Greg Jennings	61	291	4619	15.9	86t	34	49
2t	Steve Smith	56	236	4174	16.3	77t	20	49
4	Calvin Johnson	58	294	4556	15.5	96t	41	43
5	Larry Fitzgerald	61	345	4752	13.8	78t	38	41

NFL Leaders, Receiving Touchdowns Since 2007*

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Randy Moss	64	278	4158	15.5	76t	52	39
2	Larry Fitzgerald	76	445	6161	13.8	78t	27	57
3	Greg Jennings	74	344	5539	16.1	86t	46	58
4	Calvin Johnson	73	342	5312	15.5	96t	45	49

NFL Leaders, 25+-Yard Receptions Since 2007*

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	25+
1	Greg Jennings	74	344	5539	16.1	86t	46	58
2	Steve Smith	71	331	4776	13.9	77t	27	57
3	Larry Fitzgerald	76	445	6161	16.3	77t	20	49
4	Roddy White	77	446	6091	13.7	90t	40	51
5	DeSean Jackson	57	218	3881	17.8	91t	20	50
6	Calvin Johnson	73	342	5312	15.5	96t	45	49

*Calvin Johnson's first year in NFL

RIISING AMONG LIONS LEGENDS

Lions Leaders, Career Receiving Touchdowns

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Years
1	Herman Moore	670	9174	13.7	62	1991-2001
2	Calvin Johnson	342	5312	15.5	45	2007-

Lions Leaders, Career Receptions

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Years
1	Herman Moore	670	9174	13.7	62	1991-2001
2	Johnnie Morton	469	6499	13.9	35	1994-2001
3	Brett Perriman	428	5244	12.3	25	1991-96
4	Barry Sanders	352	2903	8.2	10	1989-98
5	Calvin Johnson	342	5312	15.5	45	2007-

Lions Leaders, Career Receiving Yards

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Lions Leaders, Receiving Touchdowns in First Five Seasons

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Years
1	Calvin Johnson	342	5312	15.5	96t	45	2007-11
2	Herman Moore	318	4895	15.4	93t	35	1991-95

Lions Leaders, Receptions in First Five Seasons

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Years
1	Calvin Johnson	342	5312	15.5	96t	45	2007-11
2	Brett Perriman	334	4223	12.6	91t	20	1991-95
3	Herman Moore	318	4895	15.4	93t	35	1991-95

Lions Leaders, Receiving Yards in First Five Seasons

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Years
1	Calvin Johnson	342	5312	15.5	96t	45	2007-11
2	Herman Moore	318	4895	15.4	93t	35	1991-95

Lions Leaders, Total Touchdowns

Rk	Player	TD	PAT	FG	S	2pt	Pts	Years
1	Barry Sanders	109	0	0	0	0	654	1989-98
2	Herman Moore	62	0	0	0	2	376	1991-01
3	Billy Sims	47	0	0	0	0	282	1980-84
4	Calvin Johnson	46	0	0	0	2	268	2007-

Lions Leaders, Receiving Touchdowns - Season

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Year
1	Cloyce Box	42	924	22.0	15	1952
2	Herman Moore	123	1686	13.7	14	1995
3	Terry Barr	66	1086	16.5	13	1963
4t	Leon Hart	35	544	15.5	12	1951
4t	Calvin Johnson	78	1331	17.1	12	2008
4t	Calvin Johnson	77	1120	14.5	12	2010
4t	Calvin Johnson	63	1023	16.2	12	2011



- He caught his 11th touchdown in the first eight games of the season and joined WR Randy Moss as the only players since the 1970 NFL-AFL Merger to record 11 touchdown receptions in the first eight games of the season.
- By surpassing the 100-yard mark in receiving yards, Johnson has four straight 100-yard games and is the first Lions player to accomplish this feat since WR Herman Moore in 1997.
- Johnson also tied WR Johnnie Morton for the second-most 100-yard receiving games in team history with 18.
- Johnson has 40 touchdown receptions since the beginning of the 2008 season.
- He passed Moore (4,895; 1991-95) for the most receiving yards in a player's first five seasons with the team and ranks fifth on the Lions all-time receiving yards list with 4,995 yards.
- Johnson finished with 5 grabs for 115 yards and a touchdown vs. the Falcons (10/23).
- He caught his 10th touchdown pass on the season with a 57-yard TD reception in the third quarter. Johnson is now the first player in Lions history with 10 touchdown catches in three different seasons. He also caught 12 touchdowns in 2008 and 2010.
- He became the sixth player in NFL history with 10 touchdown receptions through the first 7 games of the season and first since WR Randy Moss had 10 through 7 games for New England in 2007.
- It marked the first time in Johnson's career that he has registered 100 receiving yards in three-straight games and the first for a Lions receiver since WR German Crowell in 1999.
- Johnson finished with 7 catches for 113 yards in the Week 6 loss to the 49ers (10/16).
- With his first reception of the game vs. San Francisco (10/16), Johnson reached 300 receptions for his career, and he accomplished this feat in his 66th career game. He has recorded 300 career catches faster than any player in Lions history. The previous high was 70-career games by WR Herman Moore.
- He became the first player in NFL history with nine touchdown receptions through the first five games of a season.
- The 113-yard effort was Johnson's 16th career 100-yard game, which is now the third-most in team history. With 16 100-yard games, he broke a tie with WR Terry Barr (15, 1957-65).
- Johnson had 5 catches for 130 yards and a touchdown in the Week 5 victory over Chicago (10/10).
- He gave the Lions a 7-0 lead early in the second quarter on a 73-yard pass from Stafford.
- Johnson became the first receiver to register touchdown catches in five-straight games during the same season since WR Herman Moore in 1994.
- It was his fifth career reception of 70+ yards. He ties WR Leonard Thompson (5) for the most 70+-yard receptions in team history.
- Johnson finished with 8 catches for 96 yards and 2 TDs in the Lions come-from-behind win at Dallas (10/2). Five of his receptions were in the fourth quarter.
- He joined Vikings WR Cris Carter (1995) as the only

TIGHT END PRODUCTION

2011 NFL Leaders, Receptions by Tight Ends

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1	Jimmy Graham	NO	13	80	1101	13.8	59	8
2	Tony Gonzalez	Atl	13	73	812	11.1	30	7
3	Rob Gronkowski	NE	13	71	1088	15.3	52t	15
4	Jason Witten	Dal	13	64	772	12.1	64	5
5	Brandon Pettigrew	Det	13	62	532	8.6	27	4

2011 NFL Leaders, Receiving Touchdowns by Tight Ends

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1	Rob Gronkowski	NE	13	71	1088	15.3	52t	15
2	Jimmy Graham	NO	13	80	1101	13.8	59	8
3	Tony Gonzalez	Atl	13	73	812	11.1	30	7
4t	Scott Chandler	Buf	12	35	360	10.3	31	6
4t	Joel Dressen	Hou	13	19	278	14.6	56t	6
4t	Jermichael Finley	GB	13	42	600	14.3	39	6
4t	Antonio Gates	SD	10	53	601	11.3	27	6
8t	Vernon Davis	SF	13	49	548	11.2	39	5
8t	Jermichael Gresham	Cin	11	43	452	10.5	26	5
8t	Aaron Hernandez	NE	11	59	607	10.3	30	5
8t	Greg Olsen	Car	13	43	525	12.2	44t	5
8t	Tony Scheffler	Det	12	18	231	12.8	36t	5

NFL Leaders, Receptions by Tight Ends - Past 2 Seasons

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1	Jason Witten	29	158	1774	11.2	64	14
2	Tony Gonzalez	29	143	1468	10.3	34	13
3	Brandon Pettigrew	29	133	1254	9.4	35	8
4	Kellen Winslow	29	124	1337	10.8	41t	7
5	Rob Gronkowski	29	113	1634	14.5	52t	25

NFL Leaders, Receiving Yards by Tight Ends - Past 2 Seasons

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1	Jason Witten	29	158	1774	11.2	64	14
2	Rob Gronkowski	29	113	1634	14.5	52t	25
3	Tony Gonzalez	29	143	1468	10.3	34	13
4	Vernon Davis	29	105	1462	13.9	66t	12
5	Jimmy Graham	28	111	1457	13.1	59	13
6	Antonio Gates	20	103	1383	13.4	48t	16
7	Kellen Winslow	29	124	1337	10.8	41t	7
8	Dustin Keller	29	102	1307	12.8	41	9
9	Brandon Pettigrew	29	133	1254	9.4	35	8

Lions Leaders, Receptions by Tight End - Game

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Opp	Date
1	Brandon Pettigrew	11	112	10.2	0	at Min	9/25/11
2	Charlie Sanders	10	133	13.3	0	at Was	12/15/68
3t	Jim Gibbons	9	96	10.7	0	at LARm	10/30/60
3t	David Hill	9	98	10.9	1	GB	10/25/81
5t	Brandon Pettigrew	8	91	11.4	0	at GB	10/3/10
5t	Brandon Pettigrew	8	75	9.4	0	at Dal	11/21/10

Lions Leaders, Receiving Yards by TE - Game

Rk	Player	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD	Opp	Date
1	Jim Gibbons	4	161	40.3	2	SF	12/13/64
2	Charlie Sanders	7	146	20.9	1	GB	10/27/74
3	Charlie Sanders	10	133	13.3	0	at Was	12/15/68
4	John Hilton	3	120	40.1	1	NYG	9/17/72
5	Brandon Pettigrew	11	112	10.2	0	at Min	9/25/11
5	Brandon Pettigrew	7	108	15.4	0	Phi	9/19/10
6	David Hill	7	106	15.1	2	TB	11/12/78
7	Marcus Pollard	3	105	35.0	0	Car	10/16/05
8	Jim Gibbons	7	103	14.7	0	GB	11/26/59

Lions Leaders, Career Receptions by Tight Ends

Rk	Player	G	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	Years
1	Charlie Sanders	128	336	4817	14.3	54	31	1968-77
2	Jim Gibbons	140	287	3561	12.4	82t	20	1958-68
3	David Hill	100	245	3054	12.5	61	23	1976-82
4	David Sloan	90	180	2024	11.2	74t	15	1995-01
5	Brandon Pettigrew	40	160	1600	9.8	35	10	2009-

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receivers in NFL history to record 2 touchdowns catches in four-straight games. Johnson is the first player to accomplish this feat in the season's first four games.

- He recorded both his TD receptions in the fourth quarter, including the game-winner (2-yards) with 1:39 remaining.
 - He became the first player in NFL history to start the season off by catching at least 2 touchdowns in each of the team's first four games.
 - On Johnson's first touchdown reception, he pulled the ball down in the midst of three Cowboys' defenders to put the Lions within 6 points, 30-24. It was Johnson's seventh touchdown of the season and his 40th career touchdown catch.
 - The performance marked Johnson's eighth career game of at least 2 touchdowns. He is the second player in Lions history with eight games of 2+ receiving touchdowns; WR Herman Moore (1991-2001) holds the franchise record with 9.
- In the Lions comeback victory at Minnesota (9/25), Johnson finished with 7 receptions for 108 yards and 2 TDs. He also had a 40-yard catch in overtime that put Detroit in position to kick the game-winning field goal.
- He became the first player in NFL history to start the season off by catching at least 2 touchdowns in each of the team's first three games.
 - Johnson had 6 receiving touchdowns for the month of September which is the most receiving touchdowns by a Lions receiver in the first month of a season. The previous best was 5 touchdown grabs by WR Leonard Thompson in September 1984.
- Johnson began the season with another dominating performance at Tampa (9/11), pulling in 6 receptions for 88 yards and two touchdowns.
- His performance against the Bucs was highlighted by a 36-yard touchdown reception on fourth-and-three in the second quarter that gave Detroit a 13-10 lead which they would never relinquish.

END IN SIGHT

TE Brandon Pettigrew had one of the best seasons ever for a Lions tight end last year and is aiming to establish an even higher standard this season. In 2010, he started all 16 games and was second on the team with 71 receptions (most by a tight end in team history) for 722 yards and four touchdowns.

- Through 13 games, Pettigrew's 62 receptions is fifth in the NFL among tight ends.
- He is the first tight end in Lions history to record 60 receptions in two different seasons (71 in 2010).
- He hauled in a team-high 6 catches for 57 yards and a touchdown vs. Minnesota (12/11).
- In two games this year vs. Minnesota, he had 17 receptions for 169 yards and a touchdown.
- Pettigrew, now with 532 yards, is the fourth tight end in team history to record 500 receiving yards in two different seasons.
- He hauled in 4 grabs for 37 yards and a touchdown in the 49-35 win vs. Carolina (11/20).
- Stafford hit Pettigrew on a 3rd-and-goal from the 7-yard line to give the Lions the lead late in the fourth quarter.

GET OFF THE FIELD

The Lions defense this season has been sparked by the unit's ability to stop opponent drives, and limit points via turnovers, 3-and-Outs, third-down defense and fourth-down defense. Additionally, the defense has generated points off return touchdowns.

2011 NFL Leaders, Takeaways

Rk	Tm	Fum	Int	Total
1	GB	5	27	32
2	SF	13	18	31
3	Det	11	18	29
4	Chi	10	17	27
5t	Hou	8	17	25
5t	NE	7	18	25

2011 NFL Leaders, 3-and-Out Drives*

Rk	Tm	Series	Drives	Pct
1	Cin	163	50	30.7
2	Jac	158	49	31.0
3	Chi	167	48	28.7
4	SF	157	45	28.7
5t	Det	166	43	25.9
5t	NYJ	167	43	25.7

2011 NFL Leaders, Opponents Third Down Efficiency

Rk	Tm	Made	Att	Pct.
1	Bal	52	181	28.7
2	NYJ	52	171	30.4
3	Ari	58	182	31.9
4	Det	54	169	32.0
5	Hou	54	167	32.3

2011 NFL Leaders, Opponent 4th Down Efficiency

Rk	Tm	Made	Att	Pct
1	NYJ	1	10	10.0
2	SD	1	9	11.1
3	GB	3	13	23.1
4	Den	2	7	28.6
5	Oak	3	10	30.0
6	NO	6	18	33.3
7	Ten	6	17	35.3
8t	Car	3	8	37.5
8t	Cin	3	8	37.5
10	Det	6	15	40.0

2011 NFL Leaders, Opponents 3rd/4th and 1 Efficiency*

Rk	Tm	Made	Att	Pct
1	NYJ	18	7	38.9
2	Det	23	9	39.1
3	Car	27	14	51.9
4	Was	22	12	54.5
5	KC	27	15	55.6

*Courtesy Stats, LLC.

2011 NFL Leaders, Red Zone Defense

Rk	Tm	Pass	Pts	TD	TD%	FG	Score	Score%
1	SF	28	109	10	35.7	13	23	82.1
2	Bal	33	123	12	36.4	13	25	75.8
3	Chi	45	168	17	37.8	17	34	75.6
4t	Cle	40	160	16	40.0	16	32	80.0
4t	Mia	40	161	16	40.0	16	32	80.0
6	Was	42	170	17	40.5	17	34	81.0
7	Atl	37	144	15	40.5	13	28	75.7
8	Ari	47	196	20	42.6	19	39	83.0
9t	STL	40	180	18	45.0	18	36	90.0
9t	Ten	40	174	18	45.0	16	34	85.0
11t	Det	46	206	22	47.8	17	39	84.8
11t	Min	46	208	22	47.8	18	40	87.0

2011 NFL Leaders, Yards Per Pass Play

Rk	Tm	G	Att	Sk	PP	Yds	Avg/PP
1	Pit	13	434	30	464	2328	5.02
2	Hou	13	438	36	474	2385	5.03
3	Bal	13	435	45	480	2500	5.21
4	Det	13	467	35	502	2718	5.41
5	NYJ	13	426	29	455	2611	5.74

NFL Leaders, Combined Fumble and Interception Return TDs

Rk	Tm	Int	Fum	Total
1	Det	4	2	6
2	GB	4	1	5
3t	Chi	3	1	4
3t	Bal	1	3	4
3t	Buf	3	1	4

Leaders, Combined Fumble and Interception Return TDs

Rk	Year	Int	Fum	Total
1	1937	3	4	7
2t	1950	3	3	6
2t	1967	6	0	6
2t	2011	4	2	6
5t	1962	2	3	5
5t	1971	3	2	5
5t	1997	3	2	5



- Pettigrew was again a frequent target for QB Matthew Stafford as he had a team-high 8 receptions for 42 yards and a touchdown vs. San Francisco (10/16).
- He caught a 16-yard TD pass in the first quarter to give the Lions the early 10-0 lead. It was his second TD catch of the season.
- Pettigrew had another productive day at Dallas (10/2) with 6 grabs for 64 yards in the comeback victory.
- His 22-yard catch at the end of the third quarter sparked the offense to their first touchdown.
- Pettigrew had a career day in Week 3 at Minnesota (9/25), finishing with career-highs of 11 receptions for 112 yards to help fuel the Lions comeback victory.
- Pettigrew's 11 catches set a new team record for receptions by a Lions tight end in a single game. It was only the second time in Lions history that a tight end registered 10 catches in a game. Previously, Hall of Fame TE Charlie Sanders had 10 catches at Washington, December 15, 1968.
- His 112 receiving yards marked his second career 100-yard receiving game. Pettigrew joins Sanders (2, 1968-77) and TE Jim Gibbons (2, 1958-68) as the only tight ends in Lions history with 2 100-yard receiving games.
- Among Pettigrew's big plays against the Vikings, his 27-yard long in the game helped set up the Lions second score of the game (28-yard FG) as he moved the ball down to the 2-yard line. On the drive, Pettigrew caught 3 passes for 42 yards.

DEFENSE IN THE D

- Through 13 games, Detroit's pass defense is ranked ninth in the NFL in allowing 209.1 yards per game.
- The Lions defense has collected 29 takeaways (18 interceptions and 11 fumble recoveries). Detroit's +11 turnover margin is third in the NFL.
- The Lions are in the Top-10 of the league in sacks with 35.

STANDOUT PERFORMANCES

- LB **Stephen Tulloch** led the team with 9 tackles vs. Minnesota (12/11). He also recovered a fumble in the end zone for his first career touchdown.
- Lions DE **Cliff Avril** continues to show why he is one of the best young defensive ends in the NFL. He had 8 tackles, 2.0 sacks, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery in the win vs. Minnesota (12/11). He is tied for the NFL-lead with 6 forced fumbles on the season.
- LB **DeAndre Levy** had his first career sack vs. Minnesota (12/11) on the final play of the game. He stopped Vikings' QB Joe Webb on 1st-and-goal from the 1-yard line protecting a 6-point lead with 0:09 remaining.
- CB **Alphonso Smith**, filling in for the injured CBs **Chris Houston** and **Aaron Berry**, had 2 interceptions, including one he returned for a touchdown vs. Minnesota (12/11).
- CB **Eric Wright** also added an interception vs. the Vikings (12/11). It is his fourth interception of the season. He also added 4 pass breakups.

NOT SUH-PRISED

Detroit Lions DT **Ndamukong Suh** exploded onto the NFL scene as a rookie when he lead all defensive tackles with 10.0 sacks and had 66 tackles (49 solo).

PICK ARTISTS

2011 NFL Leaders, Team Interceptions

Rk	Tm	G	Int	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1t	GB	13	27	439	16.3	76	4
2t	Det	13	18	381	21.2	100t	4
3t	NE	13	18	219	12.2	28	1
4t	SF	13	18	216	12.0	48	1

2011 NFL Leaders, Interceptions Return for Touchdowns

Rk	Tm	G	Int	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
1t	Det	13	18	381	21.2	100t	4
1t	GB	13	27	439	16.3	76	4
3t	Buf	13	16	256	16.0	43t	3
3t	Chi	13	17	153	9.0	44t	3
3t	Den	13	9	152	16.9	55t	3

2011 NFL Leaders, Interceptions

Rk	Player	Tm	G	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1t	Kyle Arrington	NE	13	7	92	13.1	28	0
1t	Eric Weddle	SD	13	7	89	12.7	26	0
1t	Charles Woodson	GB	13	7	63	9.0	30t	1
4t	Brandon Browner	Sea	13	5	178	35.6	94t	1
4t	Dashon Goldson	SF	11	5	32	6.4	17	0
4t	Carlos Rogers	SF	13	5	75	15	31t	1
7t	Jason Allen	Hou	13	4	34	8.5	34	0
7t	Sam Chancellor	Sea	12	4	27	6.8	9	0
7t	Kurt Coleman	Phi	13	4	60	15	35	0
7t	Brandon Flowers	KC	13	4	95	23.8	58t	1
7t	Chris Houston	Det	11	4	182	45.5	100t	2
7t	Johnathan Joseph	Hou	13	4	40	10	29	0
7t	Sean Lee	Dal	12	4	87	21.8	37	0
7t	Terence Newman	Dal	11	4	80	20	43t	1
7t	Charlie Peprah	GB	13	4	126	31.5	76	1
7t	Darrelle Revis	NYJ	13	4	184	46	100t	1
7t	Aaron Ross	NGV	13	4	19	4.8	19	0
7t	Lardarius Webb	Bal	13	4	77	19.3	72t	1
7t	Corey Webster	NGV	13	4	55	13.8	25	1
7t	Tramon Williams	GB	12	4	92	23	43t	1
7t	George Wilson	Buf	10	4	26	6.5	12	0
7t	Eric Wright	Det	13	4	49	12.3	22	0

* Houston and Buccaneers CB aquib Talib are the only players in the League this year with 2 interception return touchdowns.

Lions Leaders, Team Interceptions Return Touchdowns

Rk	Year	G	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
1t	1987	14	23	343	14.9	71t	6
2t	1970	14	28	417	14.9	62t	4
2t	2011	13	18	381	21.2	100t	4

Lions Leaders, Interception Return Yards - Season

Rk	Player	Tm	Int	Yds	Avg	TD	Year
1	Don Doll	11	11	301	27.4	1	1949
2	Jack Christensen	12	238	19.8	1	1953	
3	Lem Barney	10	232	23.2	3	1967	
4	J. Robert Smith	9	218	24.2	1	1949	
5	Dick Jauron	4	208	52.0	1	1973	
6	Levi Johnson	6	206	34.3	1	1976	
8	J. Robert Smith	9	184	20.4	1	1952	
8	Yale Lary	8	182	22.8	1	1956	
8t	Chris Houston	4	182	45.5	2	2011	

LINE SACKERS

The Lions defense is tied for 9th in quarterback sacks, as the team's pass rush is paced by the defensive line.

- The engine to the Lions defense is the team's defensive front. Of the team's 35 sacks, 29 have been generated by the defensive line. The 29 sacks are third in the NFL for defensive line most sacks.
- DE Cliff Avril is leading the way this season with a career-high 9 sacks. DE Kyle Vanden Bosch is second with 7.
- Avril is tied for a League-high 6 forced fumbles, and Vanden Bosch is tied for fourth in the NFL with 4.
- The Lions are tied for third in the NFL with 15 forced fumbles with 11 of those caused by the defensive line.
- Avril is also tied for second with 3 fumble recoveries.

2011 NFL Leaders, Team Sacks

Rk	Tm	G	Sk	SkY
1	Bal	13	45	281
2	Phi	13	42	252
3	Min	13	40	264
4t	Den	13	37	253
4t	Oak	13	37	223
6t	Cin	13	36	214
6t	Hou	13	36	236
6t	NYG	13	36	257
9t	Dallas	13	35	200
9t	Det	13	35	238

2011 NFL Leaders, Defensive Line Sacks

Rk	Tm	Sk	Yds
1	Phi	38.0	223
2	NYG	30.5	213
3	Det	29.0	207
4	Cin	27.5	176
5	Chi	27.0	178



- After his ejection in the third quarter vs. Green Bay (11/24) for a personal foul, the NFL suspended Suh for two games. He was re-instated December 12.
- Suh had 5 tackles - including one for a loss - and a sack in Week 7 vs. Atlanta (10/23).
 - Sacked QB Matt Ryan for a loss of 5 yards on the Falcons' second drive.
 - In the first quarter, he stopped Falcons RB Michael Turner on a 3rd-and-1 to force a field goal.
 - On the final play of the third quarter, Suh tackled Turner for a 3-yard loss.
- Suh recorded 4 solo tackles in the Lions' win on Monday Night Football vs. Chicago (10/10).
 - In the first quarter, Suh penetrated the Bears offensive line and stopped RB Matt Forte on a 4th-and-1 at the Lions' 26-yard line.
- Suh had 3 tackles, including one for a loss, in the Lions comeback victory at Dallas (10/2).
 - Suh was bearing down on Cowboys QB Tony Romo (while being held; penalty declined), to force a pass off Romo's backfoot. The pass, intended for TE Jason Witten, was intercepted by LB Stephen Tulloch to give Detroit's offense the ball at the Dallas 40-yard line. The turnover led to the Lions game-winning touchdown.
- Suh had 5 tackles (3 solo), including one for a loss and 1.0 sack in the Lions win against the Vikings (9/25).
 - On Minnesota's second drive of the game and facing 3rd-and-4 at the Lions 14-yard line, he dropped the Vikings QB Donovan McNabb for a 9-yard loss forcing a Vikings' 41-yard field goal

GETTING A KICK OUT OF HANSON

The Lions' two-time Pro Bowl kicker **Jason Hanson** is one of the NFL's top all-around kickers. He is in his 20th season and is the franchise leader for most seasons played with the Lions. Hanson continues to show consistent accuracy and distance on both field goals and kickoffs.

- Hanson ranks first in every statistical category for a place kicker in Lions history with longest field goal (56), field goals made (461) and attempted (562), extra points made (613) and extra points attempted (621). He also ranks as the franchise leader in games played (307) and was named to the Lions' 75th Season All-Time Team in 2008.
- Hanson's 1,997 career points ranks first in all-time scoring among active players (sixth overall). He has led the team in scoring 18 seasons, which is tied for third all-time.
- He made 2 field goals and 4 PATs in the win vs. Minnesota (12/11). He moved his career point total to 1,997, just 3 points shy of becoming the 6th player in NFL history with 2,000 points and the first to do it with one franchise.
- He connected on a 31-yard field goal and 2 PATs at New Orleans (12/4) to tally 5 total points in the game. In doing so, he moved his career points to 1,987 and surpassed K Jason Elam (1,983) for sixth place on the NFL's all-time career scoring list.
- In his 305th career game, Hanson made 7 PATs in Detroit's 49-35 win over Carolina (11/20), which ties a career high. He joins Hall of Fame RB Doak Walker as the only players in team history to make 7 PATs in two different games.

FORCING IT

2011 NFL Leaders, Forced Fumbles					
Rk	Player	Tm	G	FF	
1t	Cliff Avril	Det	13	6	6
2	Terrelluggs	Det	13	6	6
3	JabariShard	Cle	13	6	6
4t	JaredAllen	Min	13	4	4
4t	RyanKerrigan	Was	13	4	4
4t	AaronMaybin	NYJ	10	4	4
4t	KyleVandenBosch	Det	13	4	4
4t	PatrickWillis	SF	12	4	4

2011 NFL Leaders, Team Forced Fumbles

Rk	Tm	G	FF
1	Bal	13	19
2	SF	13	16
3t	Cin	13	15
3t	Det	13	15

2011 NFL Leaders, Fumble Recoveries

Rk	Player	Tm	G	FR	Yds	TD
1	JaredAllen	Min	13	4	6	0
2t	CliffAvril	Det	13	3	24	1
2t	MichaelBoley	NYG	11	3	78	1
2t	NavorroBowman	SF	13	3	0	0
2t	D'QwellJackson	Cle	13	3	1	0
2t	HalotiNgata	Bal	13	3	28	1
2t	JonathanWilma	NO	9	3	0	1

SPECIAL SPECIAL TEAMERS

Lions 5 **John Wending** is one of the NFL's elite special team players. Few players in the League produce like he does on both kickoff and punt team cover units.

- During his five-year career, Wending has tallied 88 special teams tackles, the most in the NFL over the past five seasons.
- In 2010, Wending led the NFL with 24 special teams tackles.
- In 2011, Wending has 15 special teams tackles, which are the most in the NFL this season.

2011 NFL Leaders, Special Teams Tackles

Rk	Player	Tm	G	STT	ST	AT
1	AlexemDent	Atl	13	15	10	5
1t	HeathFarwell	Sea	8	15	10	5
1t	JohnWending	Det	13	15	13	2
4t	NickBellore	NYJ	13	14	12	2
4t	CurtisBrown	Pit	12	14	11	3
4t	JacquiWilliams	NYG	13	14	7	7

NFL Leaders, Special Teams Tackles, Past 2 Seasons

Rk	Player	G	STT	ST	AT
1	JohnWending	29	39	31	8
2	CoreyGraham	29	33	31	2
3	DannyMcCrain	29	30	24	6

NFL Leaders, Special Teams Tackles Since 2007

Rk	Player	G	STT	ST	AT
1	JohnWending	75	88	71	17
2	CoreyGraham	74	73	65	8
3	HeathFarwell	56	71	58	13

A LION'S LONGEVITY

NFL Leaders, Career Games

Rk	Player	G
1	MortenAndersen	382
2	GaryAnderson	353
3	JeffFeagles	352
4	GeorgeBlanda	340
5	JasonHanson*	308

NFL Leaders, 20+ Seasons with Team that Drafted Them

Rk	Player	Tm	Yrs
1t	JackieSlater	Lafm	20
1t	DarrellGreen	Was	20
1t	JasonHanson*	Det	20

NFL Leaders, Most Games Played with One Team

Rk	Player	Tm	G
1	JasonHanson*	Det	308
2	BruceMatthews	Hou/Ten	296

NFL Leaders, Career Seasons

Rk	Player	Yrs
1	GeorgeBlanda	26
2	MortenAndersen	25
3t	GaryAnderson	23
3t	JohnCarmey	23
3t	JeffFeagles	23
6t	SeanLahdeta	21
6t	EarlMorrall	21
6t	VinnyTestaverde	21
9t	BrettFavre	20
9t	DarrellGreen	20
9t	JimMarshall	20
9t	JerryRice	20
9t	JuniorSeau	20
9t	JackieSlater	20
9t	JasonHanson*	20

*Seasons with at least one game played.
 *Active



- Hanson played in his 304th career game at Chicago (11/13) which surpassed Hall of Fame WR Jerry Rice for fifth place on the NFL's career games played list.
- In Week 10 at Chicago (11/13), he kicked his 600th career PAT. Hanson is the eighth player in NFL history with 600 career PATs.
- He played in his 303rd career game at Denver (10/30) tying him with Hall of Fame WR Jerry Rice for fifth place on the NFL's career games played list.
- Hanson went 1-for-1 on field goals and 6-for-6 on extra points in the Lions win at Denver (10/30).
 - The field goal was from 50-yards out. He now has connected on 49 career 50+-yard field goals, the all-time leader in NFL history in that category.
 - His 9 points put his season total to 77 points, which is tied for the fifth most in the NFL Week 9.
- Hanson extended his streak of field goals made to 22 with his 25-yard field goal in the first quarter vs. San Francisco (10/16), which was the second longest streak of his career. The streak ended with a missed 52-yard attempt in the second quarter.
 - Hanson's longest streak of consecutive field goals is 24 (9/7/97 vs. TB to 11/14/97 vs. Min).
- Hanson was 1-for-1 on field goals and 3-for-3 on extra points in the Lions' 24-13 win vs. Chicago (10/10)
 - He became the first player in NFL history to play 300 career games with one team. In Week 2, he set the NFL record (297) for the most games played with one team in NFL history. Hanson is the eighth player in NFL history to play 300 career games.
- In Week 3 at Minnesota (9/25), Hanson sealed the game with a 32-yard field goal in overtime. It was the 18th time in his career that he has made a game-winning kick in the fourth quarter or overtime, and it was his eighth game-winning kick in overtime.
 - Hanson scored 14 points in the Lions win (4 FG, 2 PAT). It was the 17th time in his career that he has recorded 14-or-more points in a game and his 61st career-game with 10-or-more points.
 - He was 4-for-4 on field goal attempts at Minnesota, making field goals of 28, 50, 40 and 32 yards. It was the 23rd time in his career that he has made four field goals in a game. He moved passed K Gary Anderson for third place on the League's record list for most career games with four field goals.
 - He is tied for the most games (4) connecting on two 50-yard field goals in the same game. His 21 50-yard field goals since 2005 rank third in the League for the most 50-yarders over the past six seasons.
- Against the Chiefs (9/18), Hanson set an all-time NFL record by playing in his 297th career game for the Lions, which is the most games played by one player for one team. He surpassed Hall of Fame C Bruce Matthews who played 296 games for the Houston Oilers/Tennessee Titans.
- In the season-opener at Tampa (9/11), Hanson became the 15th player in NFL history to play in 20 seasons. He joined Hall of Famers T Jackie Slater (Los Angeles Rams; 20) and CB Darrell Green (Washington, 20) for the most seasons played for a team that originally drafted them.

NFL SCORING ELITE

NFL Leaders, Career Points

Rk	Player	Exp	G	TD	PAT	FG	797	Saf	Pts
1	Morten Andersen	25	382	0	849	565	0	0	2544
2	Gary Anderson	23	353	0	820	538	0	0	2434
3	John Carney	23	302	0	628	478	0	0	2082
4	Matt Stover	19	297	0	591	471	0	0	2004
5	George Blanda	26	340	9	943	335	0	0	2002
6	Jason Hanson*	20	308	0	614	562	0	0	1997

NFL Leaders, Years Leading Team in Scoring

Rk	Player	Yrs
1	Gary Anderson	23
2	Morten Andersen	21
3	Jason Hanson*	18
3t	George Blanda	18
3t	John Carney	18
3t	Norm Johnson	18
3t	Jan Stenerud	18
3t	Matt Stover	18

NFL Leaders, Career Field Goals

Rk	Player	Yrs	G	M	A	Pct.	Lg
1	Morten Andersen	25	382	565	709	79.7	60
2	Gary Anderson	23	353	538	672	80.1	55
3	John Carney	23	302	478	590	82.4	54
4	Matt Stover	19	297	471	563	83.7	55
5	Jason Hanson*	20	308	461	562	82.0	56

NFL Leaders, Career PATs

Rk	Player	Yrs	G	M	A	Pct.
1	George Blanda	26	340	942	958	98.3
2	Morten Andersen	25	382	849	859	98.8
3	Gary Anderson	23	353	820	827	99.2
4	Jason Elam	17	263	675	679	99.4
5	Lou Groza	17	216	641	657	97.6
6	Norm Johnson	18	273	638	644	99.1
7	John Carney	23	302	628	636	98.4
8	Jason Hanson*	20	307	614	622	98.7

NFL Leaders, Career Games with 4 FGs

Rk	Player	G
1	John Carney	29
2	Matt Stover	27
3	Jason Hanson	23

HANSON'S LONG RANGE

NFL Leaders, All-Time 50-Yard Field Goals

Rk	Player	Yrs	G	M	A	Pct.	Lg
1	Jason Hanson	20	308	49	89	55.1	56
2	John Kasay	21	298	42	82	51.2	36
3	Morten Andersen	25	382	40	84	47.6	60

NFL Leaders, 50-Yard Field Goals Since 2005

Rk	Player	Exp	Yrs	G	M	A	Pct.	Lg
1	Seb. Janikowski	12	04k	108	27	49	55.1	63
2	Josh Brown	9	01k	109	26	38	68.4	55
3	Jason Hanson	20	01k	100	24	36	66.7	56

Hanson's Career 50-Yard FG Breakdown

50	51	52	53	54	55	56	Total
13	9	11	8	5	1	0	49

2011 NFL Leaders, 50-Yard Field Goals

Rk	Player	Yr	G	M	A	Pct.	Lg
1	Phil Dawson	Cle	13	7	8	87.5	54
2t	Robbie Gould	Chi	13	6	6	100.0	53
2t	David Akers	SF	13	6	7	85.7	55
4t	Seb. Janikowski	Oak	12	9	6	83.3	63
4t	Josh Scobee	Jac	13	5	6	83.3	55
6	Jason Hanson	Det	13	4	6	66.7	51

NFL Leaders, All-Time Single Season 50-Yard Field Goals

Rk	Player	Year	Yrs	G	M	A	Pct.
1	Jason Hanson	2008	Det	17	16	8	100.0
1t	Morten Andersen	1995	Atl	14	16	8	88.9
2	Phil Dawson	2011	Cle	13	12	7	87.5

NFL Leaders, Career Games of Multiple 50-yard FGs

Rk	Player	G
1	Jason Hanson	4
1t	Josh Brown	4
1t	John Kasay	4
1t	Martin Gramatica	4
1t	Neil Rackers	4
6t	John Carney	3
6t	Morten Andersen	3
6t	Nick Lowery	3
6t	Seb. Janikowski	3

NFL Leaders, All-Time 56+-Yard FG by Oldest Kicker

Rk	Kicker	Yrs	Age	Opp	Date
1	Jason Hanson	56	38 yrs, 152 days	Car	11/16/08
2	Morten Andersen	59	35 yrs, 127 days	SF	12/24/95

Lions Leaders, All-Time Longest Field Goals

Rk	Player	Yds	Opp	Date
1t	Jason Hanson	56	Cle	10/09/95
1t	Jason Hanson	56	at Car	11/18/08
3t	Jason Hanson	55	Ind	11/23/97
3t	Dave Rayner	55	Min	12/11

2011 DETROIT LIONS DEPTH CHART

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OFFENSE

WR	13	Nate Burleson	<u>16</u>	Titus Young	82	Rashied Davis
LT	76	Jeff Backus				
LG	67	Rob Sims	75	Leonard Davis		
C	51	Dominic Raiola				
RG	66	Stephen Peterman	65	Dylan Gandy		
RT	77	Gosder Cherilus	78	Corey Hilliard		
TE	87	Brandon Pettigrew	89	Will Heller		
TE	85	Tony Scheffler				
WR	81	Calvin Johnson	80	Maurice Stovall	11	Stefan Logan
QB	9	Matthew Stafford	14	Shaun Hill	5	Drew Stanton
RB	30	Kevin Smith	28	Maurice Morris	34	Keiland Williams
					35	Aaron Brown

DEFENSE

LE	92	Cliff Avril	94	Lawrence Jackson	62	Keyunta Dawson
DT	90	Ndamukong Suh	<u>98</u>	Nick Fairley	95	Jovan Haye
DT	99	Corey Williams	91	Sammie Hill	96	Andre Fluellen
RE	93	Kyle Vanden Bosch	79	Willie Young		
OLB	52	Justin Durant	59	Bobby Carpenter		
MLB	55	Stephen Tulloch	58	Ashlee Palmer		
OLB	54	DeAndre Levy	<u>57</u>	Doug Hogue		
LCB	23	Chris Houston	32	Aaron Berry	27	Alphonso Smith
RCB	21	Eric Wright	31	Don Carey		
SS	42	Amari Spivey	43	Chris Harris	39	Ricardo Silva
FS	26	Louis Delmas	29	John Wendling		

SPECIAL TEAMS

PK	4	Jason Hanson				
P	2	Ben Graham				
H	2	Ben Graham				
LS	48	Don Muhlbach				
PR	11	Stefan Logan	13	Nate Burleson		
KR	11	Stefan Logan				

Italics indicate injured player; Underline indicates rookie player

Practice Squad: DE Ugo Chinasa, C Dan Gerberry, WR Marcus Harris, G Jacques McClendon, LB Slade Norris, TE Nathan Overbay, CB Brandon Stephens, WR Terrence Toliver

Reserve/Injured: RB Jahvid Best, S Erik Coleman, T Johnny Culbreath, P Ryan Donahue, LB Isaiah Ekejiuba, T Jason Fox, RB Mikel Leshoure

Reserve/Non Football Illness: RB Jerome Harrison

Practice Squad Reserve/Injured: WR Nate Hughes

2011 DETROIT LIONS COACHING STAFF

HEAD COACH: Jim Schwartz

Gunther Cunningham (Assistant Head Coach/Defensive Coordinator)

Scott Linehan (Offensive Coordinator)

Danny Crossman (Special Teams Coordinator)

Jason Arapoff (Coordinator of Physical Development); **Bradford Banta** (Assistant Special Teams); **Matt Burke** (Linebackers); **Don Clemons** (Defensive Quality Control); **Todd Downing** (Assistant Quarterbacks Coach); **Brandon Fisher** (Defensive Coaching Assistant); **Sam Gash** (Running Backs); **Shawn Jefferson** (Wide Receivers); **Kris Kocurek** (Defensive Line); **Tim Lappano** (Tight Ends); **Ted Rath** (Assistant Strength and Conditioning); **Kyle Valero** (Offensive Coaching Assistant); **Tim Walton** (Secondary); **Jeremiah Washburn** (Assistant Offensive Line); **George Yarno** (Offensive Line)

2011 DETROIT LIONS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

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No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Birthdate	Exp	College	Hometown	How Acq	2011				
											G	S	DNP		
92	Avril, Cliff	DE	6-3	260	25	4/8/86	4	Purdue	Green Cove Springs, Fla.	D-3c '08	13	13	0	0	
76	Backus, Jeff	T	6-5	305	34	9/21/77	11	Michigan	Norcross, Ga.	D-1 '01	13	13	0	0	
32	Berry, Aaron	CB	5-11	180	23	6/25/88	2	Pittsburgh	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA '10	11	3	0	2	
35	Brown, Aaron	RB	6-1	205	26	10/10/85	3	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D-6 '09	1	0	0	1	
13	Burleson, Nate	WR	6-0	198	30	8/19/81	9	Nevada	Seattle, Wash.	UFA-Sea '10	13	9	0	0	
31	Carey, Don	CB	5-11	192	24	2/14/87	3	Norfolk	Norfolk, Va.	FA '11	3	0	0	3	
59	Carpenter, Bobby	LB	6-2	249	27	8/1/83	6	Ohio State	Lancaster, Ohio	FA '10	13	3	0	0	
77	Cherilus, Gosder	T	6-7	325	28	6/28/84	4	Boston College	Somerville, Mass.	D-1 '08	13	12	0	0	
75	Davis, Leonard	G	6-6	355	33	9/5/78	11	Texas	Wortham, Texas	FA '11	0	0	0	5	
82	Davis, Rashied	WR	5-9	187	32	7/24/79	7	San Jose State	Los Angeles, Calif.	UFA-Chi '11	8	0	0	5	
62	Dawson, Keyunta	DE	6-3	254	26	9/13/1985	5	Texas Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA '11	2	0	0	0	
26	Delmas, Louis	S	5-11	202	24	4/12/87	3	Western Michigan	North Miami Beach, Fla.	D-2 '09	11	11	0	2	
52	Durant, Justin	LB	6-1	240	26	9/20/85	5	Hampton	Florence, S.C.	UFA-Jax '11	10	9	0	3	
98	Fairley, Nick	DT	6-4	298	23	1/23/88	R	Auburn	Mobile, Ala.	D-1 '11	7	0	0	6	
96	Fluelen, Andre	DE	6-2	302	26	3/7/85	4	Florida State	Cartersville, Ga.	D-3b '08	11	0	0	2	
65	Gandy, Dylan	G	6-3	295	29	3/8/82	6	Texas Tech	Harlingen, Texas	FA '09	13	0	0	0	
2	Graham, Ben	P	6-5	236	38	11/2/73	8	Deakin (Australia)	Geelong, Victoria (Australia)	FA '11	4	0	0	0	
4	Hanson, Jason	K	6-0	190	41	6/17/70	20	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.	D-2b '92	13	0	0	0	
43	Harris, Chris	S	6-2	211	29	8/6/82	7	Louisiana-Monroe	Little Rock, Ark.	W-Chi '11	5	2	0	1	
95	Haye, Jovan	DT	6-0	277	29	6/21/82	7	Vanderbilt	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA '11	1	0	0	0	
89	Heller, Will	TE	6-6	275	30	2/28/81	10	Georgia Tech	Dunwoody, Ga.	UFA-Sea '09	13	5	0	0	
91	Hill, Sammie	DT	6-4	329	25	11/8/86	3	Stillman	West Blocton, Ala.	D-4 '09	13	2	0	0	
14	Hill, Shaun	QB	6-3	220	31	1/9/80	10	Maryland	Parsons, Kan.	T-SF '10	2	0	11	0	
78	Hilliard, Corey	T	6-6	300	26	4/26/85	5	Oklahoma State	New Orleans, La.	FA '09	13	1	0	0	
57	Hogue, Doug	LB	6-2	226	22	2/1/89	R	Syracuse	Yonkers, N.Y.	D-5 '11	10	0	0	3	
23	Houston, Chris	CB	5-11	178	27	10/18/84	5	Arkansas	Austin, Texas	T-Atl '10	11	11	0	2	
94	Jackson, Lawrence	DE	6-4	271	26	8/30/85	3	Southern California	Inglewood, Calif.	T-Sea '10	9	0	0	4	
81	Johnson, Calvin	WR	6-5	236	26	9/29/85	5	Georgia Tech	Tyrone, Ga.	D-1 '07	13	13	0	0	
54	Levy, DeAndre	LB	6-2	238	24	3/26/87	3	Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Wisc.	D-3a '09	13	13	0	0	
11	Logan, Stefan	WR	5-6	180	30	6/2/81	3	South Dakota	Miami, Fla.	W-Pit '10	13	0	0	0	
28	Morris, Maurice	RB	5-11	216	32	12/1/79	10	Oregon	Chester, S.C.	UFA-Sea '09	13	5	0	0	
48	Muhlbach, Don	LS	6-4	265	30	8/17/81	8	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	FA '04	13	0	0	0	
58	Palmer, Ashlee	LB	6-1	236	25	4/7/86	3	Mississippi	Compton, Calif.	W-Buf '10	13	0	0	0	
66	Peterman, Stephen	G	6-4	323	29	1/11/82	7	Louisiana State	Waveland, Miss.	FA '06	13	13	0	0	
87	Pettigrew, Brandon	TE	6-5	265	26	2/23/85	3	Oklahoma State	Tyler, Texas	D-1b '09	13	13	0	0	
51	Raiola, Dominic	C	6-1	295	32	12/30/78	11	Nebraska	Honolulu, Hawaii	D-2a '01	13	13	0	0	
85	Scheffer, Tony	TE	6-5	255	28	2/15/83	6	Western Michigan	Chelsea, Mich.	T-Den '10	12	4	0	1	
39	Silva, Ricardo	S	6-3	225	23	5/9/88	R	Hampton	Balitmore, Md.	FA '11	2	0	0	0	
67	Sims, Rob	G	6-3	312	28	12/6/83	6	Ohio State	Macedonia, Ohio	T-Sea '10	13	13	0	0	
27	Smith, Alphonso	CB	5-9	190	26	10/20/85	3	Wake Forest	Pahokee, Fla.	T-Den '10	8	0	0	5	
30	Smith, Kevin	RB	6-1	217	25	12/17/86	4	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA '11	4	2	0	1	
42	Spievey, Amari	CB	5-11	195	23	4/15/88	2	Iowa	Middleton, Conn.	D-3 '10	12	12	0	1	
9	Stafford, Matthew	QB	6-3	232	23	2/7/88	3	Georgia	Highland Park, Texas	D-1a '09	13	13	0	0	
5	Stanton, Drew	QB	6-3	230	27	5/7/84	5	Michigan State	Farmington Hills, Mich.	D-2a '07	0	0	0	13	
80	Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	220	26	2/21/85	6	Notre Dame	Radnor, Pa.	UFA-TB '11	12	0	0	1	
90	Suh, Ndamukong	DT	6-4	307	24	1/6/87	2	Nebraska	Portland, Ore.	D-1a '10	11	11	0	0	
55	Tulloch, Stephen	LB	5-11	240	26	11/1/85	6	North Carolina State	Miami, Fla.	UFA-Ten '11	13	13	0	0	
93	Vanden Bosch, Kyle	DE	6-4	278	33	11/17/78	11	Nebraska	Larchwood, Iowa	UFA-Ten '10	13	13	0	0	
29	Wendling, John	S	6-1	222	28	6/4/83	5	Wyoming	Rock Springs, Wyo.	FA '10	13	1	0	0	
99	Williams, Corey	DT	6-4	320	31	8/17/80	8	Arkansas State	Camden, Ark.	T-Cle '10	13	13	0	0	
34	Williams, Keiland	RB	5-11	230	25	8/14/86	2	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	W-Wash '11	12	0	0	1	
21	Wright, Eric	CB	5-10	190	26	7/24/85	5	Nevada-Las Vegas	San Francisco, Calif	UFA-Cle '11	13	13	0	0	
16	Young, Titus	WR	5-11	254	22	8/21/89	R	Boise State	Los Angeles, Calif.	D-2a '11	13	8	0	0	
79	Young, Willie	DE	6-4	171	26	9/19/85	2	North Carolina State	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	D-7a '10	11	0	0	2	
PRACTICE SQUAD															
69	Chinasa, Ugo	DE	6-5	252	23	7/30/88	R	Oklahoma State	Richardson, Texas	FA '11	0	0	0	0	
64	Gerberry, Dan	C	6-3	302	26	11/10/85	1	Ball State	Austintown, Ohio	FA '09	0	0	0	0	
10	Harris, Marcus	WR	6-1	185	22	3/1/89	R	Murray State	St. Louis, Mo.	FA '11	0	0	0	0	
63	McClendon, Jacques	G	6-3	324	24	12/10/87	2	Tennessee	Cleveland, Tn.	FA '11	0	0	0	4	
49	Norris, Slade	LB	6-2	232	26	10/25/85	2	Oregon State	Portland, Ore.	FA '11	0	0	0	0	
64	Overbay, Nathan	TE	6-5	270	24	1/4/87	1	Eastern Washington	Lakewood, Wash.	FA '11	0	0	0	0	
40	Stephens, Brandon	CB	5-10	205	24	12/14/87	R	Miami (OH)	Strongsville, Ohio	FA '11	0	0	0	0	
19	Toliver, Terrence	WR	6-5	204	23	5/7/88	R	Louisiana State	Hempstead, Texas	FA '11	0	0	0	0	
RESERVE/INJURED															
44	Best, Jahvid	RB	5-10	199	22	1/30/89	2	California	Richmond, Calif.	D-1b '10	6	6	0	5	
24	Coleman, Erik	S	5-10	207	29	5/6/82	8	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.	FA '11	4	0	0	1	
72	Culbreath, Johnny	T	6-5	322	23	1/27/88	R	South Carolina State	Monroe, Ga.	D-7 '11	0	0	0	0	
6	Donahue, Ryan	P	6-3	190	23	3/17/88	R	Iowa	Evergreen Park, Ill.	FA '11	8	0	0	3	
50	Ekejiuba, Isaiah	LB	6-4	240	30	10/5/81	7	Virginia	Queens, N.Y.	FA '10	3	0	0	0	
70	Fox, Jason	T	6-6	314	23	5/2/88	2	Miami (Fla.)	Fort Worth, Texas	D-4 '10	0	0	0	8	
25	Leshoure, Mikel	RB	6-0	233	23	1/25/88	R	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	D-2b '11	0	0	0	0	
RESERVE/NON FOOTBALL ILLNESS															
36	Harrison, Jerome	RB	5-9	205	28	2/26/83	7	Washington State	Kalamazoo, Mich.	UFA-Phi '11	4	0	0	2	
PRACTICE SQUAD RESERVE/INJURED															
86	Hughes, Nate	WR	6-2	195	26	1/18/85	2	Alcorn State	Starkville, Miss	FA '11	0	0	0	0	

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No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Birthdate	Exp	College	Hometown	How Acq	2011		
											G	S	DNP
2	Ben Graham	P	6-5	236	38	11/2/73	8	Deakin (Australia)	Geelong, Victoria (Australia)	FA '11	4	0	0
4	Jason Hanson	K	6-0	190	41	6/17/70	20	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.	D-2b '92	13	0	0
5	Drew Stanton	QB	6-3	230	27	5/7/84	5	Michigan State	Farrington Hills, Mich.	D-2a '10	0	0	13
9	Matthew Stafford	QB	6-3	232	23	2/7/88	3	Georgia	Highland Park, Texas	D-1a '09	13	13	0
11	Stefan Logan	WR	5-6	180	30	6/2/81	3	South Dakota	Miami, Fla.	W-Pit '10	13	0	0
13	Nate Burleson	WR	6-0	198	30	8/14/81	9	Nevada	Seattle, Wash.	UFA-Sea '10	13	9	0
14	Shaun Hill	QB	6-3	220	31	1/9/80	10	Maryland	Parsons, Kan.	T-SF '10	2	0	11
16	Titus Young	WR	5-11	174	22	8/21/89	9	Boise State	Los Angeles, Calif.	D-2a '11	13	8	0
21	Eric Wright	CB	5-10	190	26	7/24/85	5	Nevada-Las Vegas	San Francisco, Calif	UFA-Cle '11	13	13	0
23	Chris Houston	CB	5-11	178	27	10/18/84	5	Arkansas	Austin, Texas	T-Atl '10	11	11	0
26	Louis Delmas	S	5-11	202	24	4/12/87	3	Western Michigan	North Miami Beach, Fla.	D-2 '09	11	11	0
27	Alphonso Smith	CB	5-9	190	26	10/20/85	3	Wake Forest	Pahokee, Fla.	T-Den '10	8	0	5
28	Maurice Morris	S	5-11	216	32	12/1/79	10	Oregon	Chester, S.C.	UFA-Sea '09	13	5	0
29	John Wendling	S	6-1	222	28	6/4/83	5	Wyoming	Rock Springs, Wyo.	FA '10	13	1	0
30	Kevin Smith	RB	6-1	217	25	12/17/86	4	Central Florida	Miami, Fla.	FA '11	4	2	0
31	Don Carey	CB	5-11	192	24	2/14/87	3	Norfolk State	Norfolk, Va.	FA '11	3	0	3
32	Aaron Berry	CB	5-11	180	23	6/25/88	2	Pittsburgh	Harrisburg, Pa.	FA '10	11	3	0
34	Keiland Williams	RB	5-11	230	25	8/14/86	2	Louisiana State	Lafayette, La.	W-Wash '11	12	0	0
35	Aaron Brown	RB	6-1	205	26	10/10/85	3	Texas Christian	Katy, Texas	D-6 '09	1	0	0
39	Ricardo Silva	S	6-3	225	23	5/9/88	R	Hampton	Balimore, Md.	FA '11	2	0	0
42	Amari Spivey	CB	5-11	195	23	4/15/88	2	Iowa	Middleton, Conn.	D-3 '10	12	12	0
43	Chris Harris	S	6-0	211	29	8/6/82	7	Louisiana-Monroe	Little Rock, Ark.	W-Chi '11	5	2	0
48	Don Muhlbach	LS	6-4	265	30	8/17/81	8	Texas A&M	Lufkin, Texas	FA '04	13	0	0
51	Dominic Raiola	C	6-1	295	32	12/30/78	11	Nebraska	Honolulu, Hawaii	D-2a '01	13	13	0
52	Justin Durant	LB	6-1	240	26	9/20/85	5	Hampton	Florance, S.C.	UFA-Jax '11	10	9	0
54	DeAndre Levy	LB	6-2	238	24	3/26/87	3	Wisconsin	Milwaukee, Wisc.	D-3a '09	13	13	0
55	Stephen Tulloch	LB	5-11	240	26	1/1/85	6	North Carolina State	Miami, Fla.	UFA-Ten '11	13	13	0
57	Doug Hogue	LB	6-2	226	22	2/1/89	R	Syracuse	Yonkers, N.Y.	D-5 '11	10	0	3
58	Ashlee Palmer	LB	6-1	236	25	4/7/86	3	Mississippi	Compton, Calif.	W-Buf '10	13	0	0
59	Bobby Carpenter	LB	6-2	249	28	8/1/83	6	Ohio State	Lancaster, Ohio	FA '10	13	3	0
62	Keyunta Dawson	DE	6-3	254	26	9/13/1985	5	Texas Tech	Shreveport, La.	FA '11	2	0	0
65	Dylan Gandy	G	6-3	295	29	3/8/82	6	Texas Tech	Harlingen, Texas	FA '09	13	0	0
66	Stephen Peterman	G	6-4	323	29	1/11/82	7	Louisiana State	Waveland, Miss.	FA '06	13	13	0
67	Rob Sims	G	6-3	312	28	12/6/83	6	Ohio State	Macedonia, Ohio	T-Sea '10	13	13	0
75	Leonard Davis	G	6-6	355	33	9/5/78	11	Texas	Wortham, Texas	FA '11	0	0	5
76	Jeff Backus	T	6-5	305	34	9/21/77	11	Michigan	Norcross, Ga.	D-1 '01	13	13	0
77	Gosder Cherilus	T	6-7	325	27	6/28/84	4	Boston College	Somerville, Mass.	D-1 '08	13	12	0
78	Corey Hilliard	T	6-6	300	26	4/26/85	5	Oklahoma State	New Orleans, La.	FA '09	13	1	0
79	Willie Young	DE	6-4	251	26	9/19/85	2	North Carolina State	Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.	D-7a '10	11	0	2
80	Maurice Stovall	WR	6-5	220	26	2/21/85	6	Notre Dame	Radnor, Pa.	UFA-TB '11	12	0	1
81	Calvin Johnson	WR	6-5	236	26	9/29/85	5	Georgia Tech	Tyrone, Ga.	D-1 '07	13	13	0
82	Rashied Davis	WR	5-9	187	32	7/24/79	7	San Jose State	Los Angeles, Calif.	UFA-Chi '11	8	0	5
85	Tony Scheffter	TE	6-5	255	28	2/15/83	6	Western Michigan	Chelsea, Mich.	T-Den '10	12	4	0
87	Brandon Pettigrew	TE	6-5	265	26	2/23/85	3	Oklahoma State	Tyler, Texas	D-1b '09	13	13	0
89	Will Heller	TE	6-6	275	30	2/28/81	10	Georgia Tech	Dunwoody, Ga.	UFA-Sea '09	13	5	0
90	Ndamukong Suh	DT	6-4	307	24	1/6/87	2	Nebraska	Portland, Ore.	D-1a '10	11	11	0
91	Sammie Hill	DT	6-4	329	25	11/8/86	3	Stillman	West Blockton, Ala.	D-4 '09	13	2	0
92	Cliff Avril	DE	6-3	260	25	4/8/86	4	Purdue	Green Cove Springs, Fla.	D-3c '08	13	13	0
93	Kyle Vanden Bosch	DE	6-4	278	33	11/17/78	11	Nebraska	Larchwood, Iowa	UFA-Ten '10	13	13	0
94	Lawrence Jackson	DE	6-4	271	26	8/30/85	3	Southern California	Inglewood, Calif.	T-Sea '10	9	0	4
95	Jovan Haye	DT	6-2	277	29	6/21/82	7	Vanderbilt	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	FA '11	1	0	0
96	Andre Fluellen	DT	6-2	302	26	3/7/85	4	Florida State	Cartersville, Ga.	D-3b '08	11	0	2
98	Nick Fairley	DT	6-4	298	23	1/23/88	R	Auburn	Mobile, Ala.	D-1 '11	7	0	6
99	Corey Williams	DT	6-4	320	31	8/17/80	8	Arkansas State	Camden, Ark.	T-Cle '10	13	13	0
PRACTICE SQUAD													
10	Marcus Harris	WR	6-1	185	22	3/1/89	R	Murray State	St. Louis, Mo.	FA '11	0	0	0
19	Terrence Toliver	WR	6-5	204	23	5/7/88	R	Louisiana State	Hempstead, Texas	FA '11	0	0	0
40	Brandon Stephens	CB	5-10	205	24	12/14/87	R	Miami (OH)	Strongsville, Ohio	FA '11	0	0	0
46	Nathan Overbay	TE	6-5	270	24	1/4/87	1	Eastern Washington	Lakewood, Wash.	FA '11	0	0	0
49	Slade Norris	LB	6-2	232	26	10/25/85	2	Oregon State	Portland, Ore.	FA '11	0	0	0
63	Jacques McClendon	G	6-3	324	23	12/10/87	2	Tennessee	Cleveland, TN.	FA '11	0	0	0
64	Dan Gerberry	C	6-3	302	26	11/10/85	1	Ball State	Austintown, Ohio	FA '09	0	0	0
69	Ugo Chinasa	DE	6-5	252	23	7/30/88	R	Oklahoma State	Richardson, Texas	FA '11	0	0	0
RESERVE/INJURED													
6	Ryan Donahue	P	6-3	190	23	3/17/88	R	Iowa	Evergreen Park, Ill.	FA '11	8	0	0
24	Erik Coleman	S	5-10	207	29	5/6/82	8	Washington State	Spokane, Wash.	FA '11	4	0	0
25	Mikel Leshoure	RB	6-0	233	23	1/25/88	R	Illinois	Champaign, Ill.	D-2b '11	0	0	0
44	Jahvid Best	RB	5-10	199	22	1/30/89	2	California	Richmond, Calif.	D-1b '10	6	6	5
50	Isaiah Ekejiuba	LB	6-4	240	30	10/5/81	7	Virginia	Queens, N.Y.	FA '10	3	0	0
70	Jason Fox	T	6-6	314	23	5/2/88	2	Miami (Fla.)	Fort Worth, Texas	D-4 '10	0	0	8
72	Johnny Culbreath	T	6-5	322	23	11/27/88	R	South Carolina State	Monroe, La.	D-7 '11	0	0	0
RESERVE/NON FOOTBALL ILLNESS													
36	Jerome Harrison	RB	5-9	205	28	2/26/83	7	Washington State	Kalamazoo, Mich.	UFA-Phi '11	4	0	0
PRACTICE SQUAD RESERVE/INJURED													
86	Nate Hughes	WR	6-2	195	26	1/18/85	2	Alcorn State	Starkville, Miss	FA '11	0	0	0

2011 DETROIT LIONS POSITION-BY-POSITION ROSTER

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OFFENSE

Quarterbacks

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
14	Hill, Shaun	QB	6-3	220	31	10	Maryland
9	Stafford, Matthew	QB	6-3	232	23	3	Georgia
5	Stanton, Drew	QB	6-3	230	27	5	Michigan State

Running Backs

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
35	Brown, Aaron	RB	6-1	205	26	3	Texas Christian
28	Morris, Maurice	RB	5-11	216	32	10	Oregon
30	Smith, Kevin	RB	6-1	217	24	4	Central Florida
34	Williams, Keiland	RB	5-11	230	25	2	Louisiana State

Wide Receivers

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
13	Burleson, Nate	WR	6-0	198	30	9	Nevada
82	Davis, Rashied	WR	5-9	187	32	7	San Jose State
81	Johnson, Calvin	WR	6-5	236	25	5	Georgia Tech
11	Logan, Stefan	WR	5-6	180	30	3	South Dakota
80	Stovall, Maurice	WR	6-5	220	26	6	Notre Dame
16	Young, Titus	WR	5-11	174	23	R	Boise State

Tight Ends

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
89	Heller, Will	TE	6-6	275	30	10	Georgia Tech
87	Pettigrew, Brandon	TE	6-5	265	26	3	Oklahoma State
85	Scheffler, Tony	TE	6-5	255	28	6	Western Michigan

Offensive Line

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
51	Raiola, Dominic	C	6-1	295	32	11	Nebraska
75	Davis, Leonard	G	6-6	355	33	11	Texas
65	Gandy, Dylan	G	6-3	295	29	6	Texas Tech
66	Peterman, Stephen	G	6-4	323	29	7	Louisiana State
67	Sims, Rob	G	6-3	312	27	6	Ohio State
76	Backus, Jeff	T	6-5	305	34	11	Michigan
77	Cherilus, Gosder	T	6-7	325	27	4	Boston College
78	Hilliard, Corey	T	6-6	300	26	5	Oklahoma State

PRACTICE SQUAD

69	Chinasa, Ugo	DE	6-5	252	23	R	Oklahoma State
64	Gerberry, Dan	C	6-3	302	26	1	Ball State
10	Harris, Marcus	WR	6-1	185	22	R	Murray State
63	McClendon, Jacques	G	6-3	324	23	2	Tennessee
49	Norris, Slade	LB	6-2	232	26	2	Oregon State
46	Overbay, Nathan	TE	6-5	270	24	1	Eastern Washington
40	Stephens, Brandon	CB	5-10	205	23	R	Miami (OH)
19	Toliver, Terrence	WR	6-5	204	23	R	Louisiana State

RESERVE/INJURED

44	Best, Jahvid	RB	5-10	199	22	2	California
24	Coleman, Erik	S	5-10	207	29	9	Washington State
72	Culbreath, Johnny	T	6-5	322	23	R	South Carolina State
6	Donahue, Ryan	P	6-3	190	23	R	Iowa
50	Ekejiuba, Isaiah	LB	6-4	240	30	7	Virginia
70	Fox, Jason	T	6-6	314	23	2	Miami (Fla.)
25	Leshoure, Mikel	RB	6-0	233	23	R	Illinois

PRACTICE SQUAD RESERVE/INJURED

86	Hughes, Nate	WR	6-2	195	26	2	Alcorn State
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RESERVE/NON FOOTBALL ILLNESS

36	Harrison, Jerome	RB	5-9	205	28	7	Washington State
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DEFENSE

Defensive Line

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
92	Avril, Cliff	DE	6-3	260	25	4	Purdue
62	Dawson, Keyunta	DE	6-3	254	26	5	Texas Tech
94	Jackson, Lawrence	DE	6-4	271	26	3	Southern California
93	Vanden Bosch, Kyle	DE	6-4	278	33	11	Nebraska
79	Young, Willie	DE	6-4	251	26	2	North Carolina State
98	Fairley, Nick	DT	6-4	298	23	R	Auburn
96	Fluellen, Andre	DT	6-2	302	26	4	Florida State
95	Haye, Jovan	DT	6-2	277	29	7	Vanderbilt
91	Hill, Sammie	DT	6-4	329	25	3	Stillman
90	Suh, Ndamukong	DT	6-4	307	24	2	Nebraska
99	Williams, Corey	DT	6-4	320	31	8	Arkansas State

Linebackers

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
59	Carpenter, Bobby	LB	6-2	249	28	6	Ohio State
52	Durant, Justin	LB	6-1	240	25	5	Hampton
57	Hogue, Doug	LB	6-2	266	22	R	Syracuse
54	Levy, DeAndre	LB	6-2	238	24	3	Wisconsin
58	Palmer, Ashlee	LB	6-1	236	25	3	Mississippi
55	Tulloch, Stephen	LB	5-11	240	26	6	North Carolina State

Defensive Backs

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
32	Berry, Aaron	CB	5-11	180	23	2	Pittsburgh
31	Carey, Don	CB	5-11	192	24	3	Norfolk State
23	Houston, Chris	CB	5-11	178	27	5	Arkansas
27	Smith, Alphonso	CB	5-9	190	26	3	Wake Forest
42	Spievey, Amari	CB	5-11	195	23	2	Iowa
21	Wright, Eric	CB	5-10	190	26	5	Nevada-Las Vegas
26	Delmas, Louis	S	5-11	202	24	3	Western Michigan
43	Harris, Chris	S	6-0	211	29	7	Louisiana-Monroe
39	Silva, Ricardo	S	6-3	225	23	R	Hampton
29	Wendling, John	S	6-1	222	28	5	Wyoming

SPECIAL TEAMS

Specialists

No.	Name	Pos	Ht	Wt	Age	Exp	College
2	Graham, Ben	P	6-5	236	38	8	Deakin (Australia)
4	Hanson, Jason	K	6-0	190	41	20	Washington State
48	Muhlbach, Don	LS	6-4	265	30	8	Texas A&M

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OFFENSE	NO.	DEFENSE	NO.
Quarterbacks	3	Defensive Line	11
Running Backs	4	Defensive End	5
Running Backs	4	Defensive Tackle	6
Fullbacks	0	Linebackers	6
Wide Receivers	6	Defensive Backs	10
Tight Ends	3	Cornerebacks	6
Offensive Linemen	8	Safeties	4
Centers	1	TOTALS	27
Guards	4		
Tackles	3	ROSTER TOTALS	54
TOTALS	24		

SPECIAL TEAMS

Kickers	1	Practice Squad	8
Punters	1	Reserve/PUP	0
Long Snappers	1	Reserve/Injured	7
TOTALS	3	Reserve/Illness	1
		PS Reserve/Injured	1

2011 DETROIT LIONS STARTERS

at TB 9/11

TE Heller
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Scheffler
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

KC 9/18

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Hilliard
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

at MIN 9/25

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR Young
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

at DAL 10/2

TE Heller
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Scheffler
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Carpenter
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

CHI 10/10

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Carpenter
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Wendling
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

SF 10/16

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Carpenter
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

ATL 10/23

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Scheffler
 RB Morris

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

at DEN 10/30

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Scheffler
 RB Morris

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

at CHI 11/13

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Heller
 RB Morris

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

CAR 11/20

WR T. Young
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Heller
 RB Morris

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

GB 11/24

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Smith

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 NCB Berry
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

at NO 12/4

WR T. Young
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Heller
 RB Smith

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Berry
 SS Spivey
 FS Harris
 CB Wright

MIN 12/11

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR Young
 RB Morris

LE Avril
 DT Hill
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Wright
 SS Spivey
 FS Harris
 CB Berry

at OAK 12/18

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Smith

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 OLB Berry
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

SD 12/24

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 TE Heller
 RB Smith

LE Avril
 DT Hill
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Berry
 SS Spivey
 FS Harris
 CB Wright

at GB 1/1/12

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Cherilus
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR Young
 RB Morris

LE Avril
 DT Hill
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Wright
 SS Spivey
 FS Harris
 CB Berry

at MIN 1/7/12

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Hilliard
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

at NYJ 1/14/12

WR Burleson
 LT Backus
 LG Sims
 C Raiola
 RG Peterman
 RT Hilliard
 TE Pettigrew
 WR C. Johnson
 QB Stafford
 WR T. Young
 RB Best

LE Avril
 DT Suh
 DT Williams
 RE Vanden Bosch
 OLB Durant
 MLB Tulloch
 OLB Levy
 CB Houston
 SS Spivey
 FS Delmas
 CB Wright

2011 DETROIT LIONS HOW THEY WERE BUILT

DRAFT (25)	FREE AGENT (24)	TRADE (7)	UFA/WAIVERS (13)
1992			
K Jason Hanson (Rd. 2)			
2001			
T Jeff Backus (Rd. 1)			
C Dominic Raiola (Rd. 2a)			
2004			
LS Don Muhlbach			
2006			
G Stephen Peterman			
2007			
WR Calvin Johnson (Rd. 1)			
QB Drew Stanton (Rd. 2)			
2008			
T Gosder Cherilus (Rd. 1)			
RB Kevin Smith (Rd. 3a)			
DT Andre Fluellen (Rd. 3b)			
DE Cliff Avril (Rd. 3c)			
2009			
QB Matthew Stafford (Rd. 1a)	G Dylan Gandy		TE Will Heller (UFA-Sea)
TE Brandon Pettigrew (Rd. 1b)	C Dan Gerberry (PS)		RB Maurice Morris (UFA-Sea)
S Louis Delmas (Rd. 2)	T Corey Hilliard		
LB DeAndre Levy (Rd. 3a)			
DT Sammie Hill (Rd. 4)			
RB Aaron Brown (Rd. 6)			
2010			
DT Ndamukong Suh (Rd. 1a)	CB Aaron Berry	QB Shaun Hill (T-SF)	WR Nate Burleson (UFA-Sea)
<i>*RB Jahvid Best (Rd. 1b)</i>	LB Bobby Carpenter	CB Chris Houston (T-Atl)	WR Stefan Logan (W-Pit)
S Amari Spivey (Rd. 3)	<i>*LB Isaiah Ekejiuba</i>	DE Lawrence Jackson (T-Sea)	LB Ashlee Palmer (W-Buf)
<i>*T Jason Fox (Rd. 4)</i>	S John Wendling	TE Tony Scheffler (T-Den)	DE Kyle Vanden Bosch (UFA-Ten)
DE Willie Young (Rd. 7a)		G Rob Sims (T-Sea)	
		CB Alphonso Smith (T-Den)	
		T Corey Williams (T-Cle)	
2011			
DT Nick Fairley (Rd. 1)	<i>*S Erik Coleman</i>		WR Rashied Davis (UFA-Chi)
WR Titus Young (Rd. 2a)	G Leonard Davis		OLB Justin Durant (UFA-Jax)
<i>*RB Mikel Leshoure (Rd. 2b)</i>	<i>*P Ryan Donahue</i>		<i>^Jerome Harrison (UFA-Phi)</i>
LB Doug Hogue (Rd. 5)	S Vincent Fuller		MLB Stephen Tulloch (UFA-Ten)
<i>*OT Johnny Culbreath (Rd. 7)</i>	WR Marcus Harris (PS)		WR Maurice Stovall (UFA-TB)
	LB Slade Norris (PS)		CB Eric Wright (UFA-Cle)
	G Jacques McClendon (PS)		RB Keiland Williams (W-Was.)
	DE Ugo Chinasa (PS)		
	TE Nathan Overbay (PS)		
	S Ricardo Silva		
	WR Terrence Toliver (PS)		
	P Ben Graham		
	CB Brandon Stephens (PS)		
	DE Keyunta Dawson		
	DT Jovan Haye		

**INJURED RESERVE; ^RESERVE/NON-FOOTBALL INJURY; #RESERVE/PUP; (PS) PRACTICE SQUAD*

LIONS ROSTER MOVES

OCT. 2010

- Oct. 2..... Lions sign S Randy Phillips to the practice squad and release S Cody Wallace from the practice squad.
Oct. 5..... Lions release G Manny Ramirez.
Oct. 6..... Lions claim T Jamon Meredith from the Buffalo Bills.
Oct. 7..... Lions sign WR Alric Arnett to the practice squad and place WR Tim Toone on Practice Squad Reserve/Injured.
Oct. 14..... Lions release LB Spencer Haver and sign LB Vinny Ciurciu.
Oct. 16..... Lions waive T Jamon Meredith and activate DB Paul Pratt from the practice squad to the active roster.
Oct. 19..... Lions release DB Paul Pratt and DB Dante Wesley.
Oct. 20..... Lions sign LB Bobby Carpenter, sign C Cody Wallace from the New York Jets practice squad, and sign DB Paul Pratt to the practice squad.
Oct. 27..... Lions place LB Zack Follett on Injured Reserve.
Oct. 28..... Lions claim CB Brandon McDonald off waivers from the Arizona Cardinals.

NOV. 2010

- Nov. 9..... Lions release DB Jonathan Wade and C Cody Wallace, sign K Dave Rayner and claim QB Zac Robinson from the Seattle Seahawks. DB Jack Williams remains on Reserve/Physically Unable to Perform.
Nov. 20..... Lions place RB Kevin Smith on Injured Reserve and sign LB Caleb Campbell from the practice squad to the active roster.
Nov. 23..... Lions release LB Caleb Campbell and sign G Donald Thomas.
Nov. 24..... Lions re-sign LB Caleb Campbell to the practice squad.

DEC. 2010

- Dec. 1..... Lions place K Jason Hanson on Injured Reserve and sign CB Tye Hill.
Dec. 8..... Lions place CB Alphonso Smith and DE Kyle Vanden Bosch on Injured Reserve and sign CB Prince Miller from the Baltimore Ravens practice squad.
Dec. 9..... Lions claim DE Barry Turner from the Chicago Bears.
Dec. 10..... Lions place WR Derrick Williams on Injured Reserve and sign WR Brian Clark.
Dec. 11..... Lions place LB Isaiah Ekejiuba on Injured Reserve and sign T Tony Ugho.
Dec. 14..... Lions place DB Brandon McDonald on Injured Reserve, sign LB Caleb Campbell from the Practice Squad, and sign WR Roy Hall to the P.S.
Dec. 15..... Lions place T Gosder Cherilus on Injured Reserve.
Dec. 16..... Lions claim DB Eric King off waivers from the Cleveland Browns.
Dec. 24..... Lions place QB Matthew Stafford on Injured Reserve and activate S Randy Phillips from the practice squad to the active roster.
Dec. 30..... Lions place LB Landon Johnson on Injured Reserve, sign DB Paul Pratt from the practice squad to the active roster, and release WR Michael Moore from the practice squad.

JAN. 2011

- Jan. 3..... Lions re-sign G Rob Callaway, TE Jon Joe Finley, C Dan Gerberry, RB Ian Johnson, WR Michael Moore and WR Tim Toone.
Jan. 31..... Lions sign FB Matt Clapp.

FEBRUARY 2011

- Feb. 1..... The Lions sign RB Matt Clapp for the 2011 season.
Feb. 11..... The Lions release G Trevor Canfield.
Feb. 14..... The Lions release CB Eric King.
Feb. 23..... The Lions sign S Erik Coleman.

MAR. 2011

- Mar. 4..... The Lions re-sign CB Nathan Vasher and release LB Julian Peterson.

JULY 2011

- July 29..... The Lions sign the following 2011 draft choices: T Johnny Culbreath, DT Nick Fairley, LB Doug Hogue, RB Mikel Leshoure and WR Titus Young.
July 29..... The Detroit Lions sign the following rookie free agents: LB Daunte Akra, WR Demario Ballard, WR Dominique Barnes, DB Brandon Bufford, LB Quentin Davie, TE Preston Dial, P Ryan Donahue, LB DeJuan Fulghum, WR Marcus Harris, OL Pat Illig, WR Jared Jenkins, DB Marquise Liverpool, OL Jeff Maddux, LB Cobrani Mixon, DB Jamal Robinson, DB Ricardo Silva, DB Brandon Stephens and DE Narada Williams
July 29..... The Lions released LB Jordan Dizon and WR Bryant Johnson.
July 29..... The Lions sign the following unrestricted free agents: WR Rashied Davis, LB Justin Durant, C Dylan Gandy, K Dave Rayner, QB Drew Stanton and S John Wendling.
July 29..... The Lions sign free agents CB Maurice Leggett and DT Quinn Pitcock; the Lions also sign restricted free agents: FB Jerome Felton and DT Andre Fluellen
July 29..... The Lions sign exclusive rights players: LB Korey Bosworth, LB Caleb Campbell, T Corey Hilliard, WR Stefan Logan, CB Prince Miller, LB Ashlee Palmer, S Randy Phillips and CB Paul Pratt.
July 29..... The Lions place T Jeff Backus and CB Alphonso Smith on the Active/Non-Football Injury List.
July 30..... The Lions sign unrestricted free agents CB Brandon McDonald and CB Eric Wright and release CB Marquis Liverpool.

AUG. 2011

- Aug. 1..... The Lions sign unrestricted free agent LB Stephen Tulloch.
Aug. 2..... The Lions sign WR Maurice Stovall and release LB Zack Follett and WR Jared Jenkins.
Aug. 3..... The Lions release LB Korey Bosworth, LB Zack Follett and CB Jack Williams and sign DE Greg Banks.
Aug. 4..... The Lions sign LB Bobby Carpenter, CB Chris Houston, DE Cliff Avril and T Isaac Sowells and release CB Brandon Bufford, G Pat Illig, WR Michael Moore and CB Brandon Stephens.
Aug. 4..... The Lions claimed WR Nate Hughes (Jacksonville) and G Greg Niland (Arizona) from waivers.
Aug. 8..... The Lions release LB Daunte Akra, DE Greg Banks and CB Jamal Robinson and sign DE Keyunta Dawson and DT Montavious Stanley.
Aug. 9..... The Lions sign RB Mike Bell and RB Jerome Harrison, release FB Preston

- Dial and waive/injure CB Maurice Leggett.
Aug. 10..... The Lions sign S Michael Johnson and C Rudy Niswanger and release LB Quentin Davie.
Aug. 11..... The Lions sign T Kirk Chambers and waive/injured G Jeff Maddux.
Aug. 13..... The Lions place RB Mikel Leshoure on the reserve/injured list.
Aug. 14..... The Lions sign CB Anthony Madison and release T Tony Ugho.
Aug. 16..... The Lions sign DB Aaron Francisco.
Aug. 21..... The Lions place S Randy Phillips on IR and release T Isaac Sowells.
Aug. 22..... The Lions sign TE Gijon Robinson
Aug. 24..... The Lions sign C Chris Morris and release G Greg Niland
Aug. 29..... The Lions release WR Demario Ballard, RB Mike Bell, TE Richard Dickson, LB DeJuan Fulghum, WR Marcus Harris, DB Michael Johnson, K Dave Rayner, and DT Montavious Stanley
Aug. 30..... The Lions release FB Jerome Felton.

SEPT. 2011

- Sept. 3..... The Lions activate CB Alphonso Smith off the Active/Non-Football injury list and place T Johnny Culbreath on Reserve/Injured.
Sept. 3..... The Lions release the following players: WR Dominique Barnes, DT Robert Callaway, LB Caleb Campbell, T Kirk Chambers, RB Matt Clapp, DE Keyunta Dawson, TE Joe Jon Finley, DB Aaron Francisco, C Dan Gerberry, P Nick Harris, WR Nate Hughes, RB Ian Johnson, DB Anthony Madison, DB Prince Miller, LB Cobrani Mixon (waived-injured), C Rudy Niswanger, DT Quinn Pitcock, DB Paul Pratt, TE Gijon Robinson, QB Zac Robinson, DB Ricardo Silva, G Donald Thomas, WR Tim Toone, DB Nathan Vasher, WR Derrick Williams, and DE Narada Williams.
Sept. 4..... The Lions release RB Aaron Brown and C Chris Morris and claim G Jacques McClendon and RB Keiland Williams off waivers.
Sept. 5..... The Lions sign the following players to the practice squad: C Dan Gerberry, WR Nate Hughes, S Ricardo Silva, and T Casey Bender.
Sept. 6..... The Lions sign the following players to the practice squad: TE Cornelius Ingram, DT Corey Irvin, DE Kyle Moore, and CB Donovan Warren.
Sept. 12..... The Lions release DB Randy Phillips from reserve/injured.
Sept. 14..... The Lions place TE Cornelius Ingram on the practice squad/injured list and sign TE Nathan Overbay to the practice squad.
Sept. 20..... The Lions release DB Donovan Warren from the practice squad and sign WR Tim Toone to the practice squad.
Sept. 27..... The Lions place LB Isaiah Ekejiuba on Reserve/Injured, sign WR Owen Spencer to the practice squad, re-sign DB Anthony Madison, and release the following players from the Practice Squad: TE Cornelius Ingram and WR Tim Toone.

OCT. 2011

- Oct. 6..... The Lions release G Jacques McClendon and sign S Vincent Fuller.
Oct. 8..... The Lions sign G Jacques McClendon to the practice squad and release WR Owen Spencer from the practice squad.
Oct. 12..... The Lions release DT Corey Irvin from the practice squad and sign LB Aaron Lavarias to the practice squad.
Oct. 13..... The Lions place S Erik Coleman on Reserve/Injured and sign TE Joe Jon Finley.
Oct. 19..... The Lions release TE Nathan Overbay from the practice squad and sign RB James Davis to the practice squad.
Oct. 20..... The Lions place RB James Davis on the practice squad/injured list and sign RB Matt Clapp to the practice squad.
Oct. 21..... The Lions place RB Jerome Harrison on Reserve/Non Football Illness list and sign RB Eldra Buckley.
Oct. 24..... The Lions release RB Matt Clapp from the practice squad and release TE Joe Jon Finley and sign TE Nathan Overbay to the practice squad and sign DB Don Carey.
Oct. 28..... The Lions claim S Chris Harris off waivers from the Chicago Bears and place DB Vincent Fuller on Reserve/Injured.

NOV. 2011

- Nov. 7..... The Lions release CB Anthony Madison and RB Eldra Buckley and sign G Leonard Davis and RB Kevin Smith.
Nov. 9..... The Lions release T Casey Bender from the practice squad and sign WR Terrence Toliver to the practice squad.
Nov. 11..... The Lions place T Jason Fox on the Reserve/Injured list and sign R Robert Malone.
Nov. 16..... The Lions release P Robert Malone and sign P Ben Graham. Also sign DE Ugo Chinasa to the practice squad to replace DE Kyle Moore (practice squad) who was signed to the Buffalo Bills active roster.
Nov. 28..... The Lions release LB Aaron Lavarias from the practice squad and sign LB Slade Norris to the practice squad. Place RB Jahvid Best on Reserve/Injured and resign RB Aaron Brown.
Nov. 29..... The Lions place DT Ndamukong Suh on Reserve/Suspended, sign S Ricardo Silva from the practice squad, sign CB Brandon Stephens to the practice squad and place P Ryan Donahue on Reserve/Injured.
Nov. 30..... The Lions sign DE Keyunta Dawson, place WR Nate Hughes on practice squad Reserve/Injured and sign WR Marcus Harris to the practice squad.

DEC. 2011

- Dec. 5..... The Lions release RB James Davis from Practice Squad/Injured.
Dec. 6..... The Lions waive DB Vincent Fuller from Reserve/Injured.
Dec. 9..... The Lions release DB Brandon McDonald and sign DT Jovan Hayes.
Dec. 12..... The Lions remove DT Ndamukong Suh from the Reserve/Suspended list.

2011 DETROIT LIONS SEASON STATISTICS

Won 8, Lost 5

Date	W-L	Score	OT	Opponent	Attendance	Rushing	Att	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
9/11	W	27-20		at Tampa Bay	51,274	Best	84	390	4.6	88t	2
9/18	W	48-3		Kansas City	60,040	Morris	71	281	4.0	31	1
9/25	W	26-23	OT	at Minnesota	62,466	K. Smith	33	229	6.9	43	3
10/2	W	34-30		at Dallas	78,122	K. Williams	57	195	3.4	18	2
10/10	W	24-13		Chicago	67,861	Stafford	19	68	3.6	22	0
10/16	L	19-25		San Francisco	62,061	Burleson	9	65	7.2	20	0
10/23	L	16-23		Atlanta	63,625	Harrison	14	41	2.9	9	0
10/30	W	45-10		at Denver	74,977	Johnson	1	11	11.0	11	0
11/6	BYE	WEEK				Logan	7	11	1.6	6	0
11/13	L	13-37		at Chicago	62,396	T. Young	1	11	11.0	11	0
11/20	W	49-35		Carolina	63,633	Scheffler	1	5	5.0	5	0
11/24	L	15-27		Green Bay	66,263	A. Brown	1	0	0.0	0	0
12/4	L	17-31		at New Orleans	73,042	Sh. Hill	1	-1	-1.0	-1	0
12/11	W	34-28		Minnesota	63,988	Team	299	1306	4.4	88t	8
12/18				at Oakland		Opponents	347	1769	5.1	65t	9
12/24				San Diego							
1/1				at Green Bay							

Team Stats

Total First Downs	Det	Opp				
Rushing	61	75				
Passing	180	146				
Penalty	27	31				
3rd Down: Made/Att	55/171	54/169				
3rd Down Pct.	32.2	32.0				
4th Down: Made/Att	6/10	6/15				
4th Down Pct.	60.0	40.0				
Possession Avg.	30:11	29:49				
Total Net Yards	4890	4487				
Avg. Per Game	376.2	345.2				
Total Plays	847	849				
Avg. Per Play	5.8	5.3				
Net Yards Rushing	1306	1769				
Avg. Per Game	100.5	136.1				
Total Rushes	299	347				
Net Yards Passing	3584	2718				
Avg. Per Game	275.7	209.1				
Sacked/Yards Lost	29/203	35/238				
Gross Yards	3787	2956				
Att./Completions	519/329	467/285				
Completion Pct.	63.4	61.0				
Had Intercepted	14	18				
Punts/Average	70/43.6	65/45.4				
Net Punting Avg.	70/35.2	65/40.0				
Penalties/Yards	105/894	105/808				
Fumbles/Ball Lost	16/4	23/11				
Touchdowns	43	32				
Rushing	8	9				
Passing	29	18				
Returns	6	5				
Score By Periods	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	Pts
Team	54	94	103	113	3	367
Opponents	69	121	57	58	0	305

Scoring

	TD	Ru	Rec	Ret	PAT	FG	S	Pts
Hanson	0	0	0	0	41/41	22/26	0	107
Johnson	12	0	12	0	0	0	0	72
Scheffler	5	0	5	0	0	0	0	30
Pettigrew	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	24
K. Smith	4	3	1	0	0	0	0	24
T. Young	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	20
Best	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	18
Burleson	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	12
Houston	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	12
Morris	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	12
K. Williams	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	12
Avril	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Carpenter	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
A. Smith	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Tulloch	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	6
Team	43	8	29	6	41/41	22/26	0	367
Opponents	32	9	18	5	31/31	26/28	1	305

Sacks: Avril 9, Vanden Bosch 7, Jackson 4.5, Suh 3, Tulloch 3, C. Williams

2, W. Young 2, Durant 1, Fairley 1, Levy 1, Spivey 1, Sa. Hill 0.5, **TM 35,**

OPP 29 FUM/Lost: Logan 4/1, Stafford 4/0, K. Williams 2/1, Burleson

1/1, Johnson 1/1, McDonald 1/0, Morris 1/0, Scheffler 1/0, T. Young 1/0

Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Johnson	72	1121	15.6	73t	12
Pettigrew	62	532	8.6	27	4
Burleson	54	548	10.1	47	2
T. Young	35	523	14.9	57t	3
Best	27	287	10.6	60	1
Morris	25	220	8.8	16	1
Scheffler	18	231	12.8	36t	5
K. Smith	15	138	9.2	28t	1
K. Williams	8	62	7.8	12	0
Heller	6	42	7.0	12	0
R. Davis	4	63	15.8	22	0
A. Brown	1	9	9.0	9	0
Stovall	1	8	8.0	8	0
Harrison	1	3	3.0	3	0
Team	329	3787	11.5	73t	29
Opponents	285	2956	10.4	67t	18

Interceptions	Int	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Houston	4	182	45.5	100t	2
Wright	4	49	12.3	22	0
Spivey	3	47	15.7	30	0
A. Smith	2	34	17.0	30t	1
Tulloch	2	9	4.5	9	0
Carpenter	1	34	34.0	34t	1
C. Harris LG	1	19	19.0	19	0
C. Harris TM	1	19	19.0	19	0
Levy	1	7	7.0	7	0
Team	18	381	21.2	100t	4
Opponents	14	314	9.6	44t	3

Punting	Pnt	Yds	Avg	Net	TB	In	Lg	B
Donahue	49	2093	42.7	35.6	4	13	60	0
Graham LG	21	925	44.0	36.3	3	7	58	0
Graham TM	16	713	44.6	37.2	3	5	58	0
Malone	5	245	49.0	24.6	0	0	62	0
Team	70	3051	43.6	35.2	7	18	62	0
Opponents	65	2953	45.4	40.0	5	18	70	0

Punt Returns	PR	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Logan	30	24	253	8.4	28	0
McDonald	1	0	0	0.0	0	0
Team	31	24	253	8.2	28	0
Opponents	32	12	450	14.1	82t	1

Kickoff Returns	KR	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
Logan	26	665	25.6	42	0
R. Davis	2	34	17.0	18	0
Fluellen	1	6	6.0	6	0
Morris	1	15	15.0	15	0
Team	30	720	24.0	42	0
Opponents	38	1063	28.0	101t	1

Field Goals	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+
Hanson	0/0	9/9	7/7	2/4	4/6
Team	0/0	9/9	7/7	2/4	4/6
Opponents	0/0	3/3	13/13	8/10	2/2

Hanson: (23G,28G)(51G,28G)(28G,50G,40G,32G)(33G,51G)(31G)(25G,52N,24G)(43G,38G,29G)(50G)(29G,35G)(47N)(42B,31G,55N)(30G,26G)

OPP: (38G,31G)(33G,44N)(33G,41G,49G)(41G,35G,23G)(44G,49G)(55G,31G,37G)(23G,47G,40G)(39G)(43G,35G,43N,50G)(27G,31G)(35G,32G)(39G)

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Avg	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Lg	Sk/Y	Rtg
Stafford	516	327	3754	63.4	7.28	29	5.6	14	2.7	73t	29/203	92.6
Sh. Hill	3	2	33	66.7	11.00	0	0.0	0	0.0	28	0/0	103.5
Team	519	329	3787	63.4	7.30	29	5.6	14	2.7	73t	29/203	92.7
Opponents	467	285	2956	61.0	6.33	18	3.9	18	3.9	67t	35/238	76.1

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DEFENSE	TT	ST	AT	Sk	SkY	Int	IntY	PD	FF	FR	Saf
Tulloch, Stephen	87	64	23	3.0	16	2	9	5	0	2	
Levy, DeAndre	85	57	28	1.0	15	1	7	1	1	0	
Spievey, Amari	58	51	7	1.0	0	3	47	4	0	1	
Wright, Eric	56	50	6	0.0	0	4	49	15	1	0	
Delmas, Louis	51	36	15	0.0	0			5	0	1	
Houston, Chris	46	38	8	0.0	0	4	182	10			
Durant, Justin	41	34	7	1.0	0			1			
Avril, Cliff	32	26	6	9.0	77			3	6	3	
Suh, Ndamukong	31	22	9	3.0	23	0	0	1			
Berry, Aaron	30	25	5	0.0	0			11			
Vanden Bosch, Kyle	29	20	9	7.0	56				4	1	
Williams, Corey	27	16	11	2.0	11	0	0	1			
Carpenter, Bobby	24	20	4	0.0	0	1	34	1			
Jackson, Lawrence	22	15	7	4.5	20				0	1	
Hill, Sammie	19	11	8	0.5	2				0	1	
Harris, Chris	15	13	2	0	0	1	19	1	1	0	
Young, Willie	12	8	4	2.0	18	0	0	1			
McDonald, Brandon	12	6	6	0.0	0	0	0	1			
Smith, Alphonso	10	10	0	0	0	2	34	4	1	0	
Fluellen, Andre	10	7	3	0.0	0				1	0	
Fairley, Nick	9	6	3	1.0	1						
Wendling, John	5	4	1	0.0	0						
Carey, Don	5	2	3	0	0	0	0	1			
Palmer, Ashlee	3	3	0	0.0	0						
Davis, Rashied	2	2	0	0	0						
Haye, Jovan	2	0	2	0	0						
Ekejuba, Isaiah	1	1	0	0.0	0						
Dawson, Keyunta	1	1	0	0	0						
Coleman, Erik	0	0	0	0.0	0						
Hogue, Doug	0	0	0	0.0	0						
Madison, Anthony	0	0	0	0.0	0						
TOTALS	725	548	177	35	238	18	381	66	15	10	0
Opponents	716	525	191	29	203	14	134	76	9	3	1

Special Teams	TT	ST	AT	FF	FR	Bl-XP	Bl-FG	Bl-Pnt	TD	Saf
Wendling, John	15	13	2							
McDonald, Brandon	5	5	0							
Stovall, Maurice	5	5	0							
Logan, Stefan	4	4	0	0	3					
Carpenter, Bobby	4	4	0							
Hogue, Doug	4	4	0							
Smith, Alphonso	3	3	0							
Madison, Anthony	3	2	1							
Williams, Keiland	3	2	1							
Spievey, Amari	2	2	0							
Coleman, Erik	2	2	0							
Palmer, Ashlee	2	2	0							
Carey, Don	2	2	0							
Ekejuba, Isaiah	2	1	1							
Hanson, Jason	2	1	1							
Donahue, Ryan	2	1	1							
Levy, DeAndre	2	1	1							
Muhlbach, Don	1	1	0							
TEAM	1	1	0							
Buckley, Eldra	1	1	0							
Malone, Robert	1	1	0							
Berry, Aaron	1	1	0							
Davis, Rashied	1	1	0							
Harris, Chris	1	1	0							
Morris, Maurice	1	0	1							
TOTALS	70	61	9	0	3					
Opponent	61	57	4	1	3					

MISCELLANEOUS	TT	ST	AT	FF	FR	Saf
Burleson, Nate	3	3		0	1	
Scheffler, Tony	2	2		0	1	
Pettigrew, Brandon	2	2		0		
Maurice Morris	2	2		0	0	0
Sims, Rob	1	1		0	1	
Davis, Rashied	1	1		0		
Gosder Cherilus	1	1		0	0	0
Stafford, Matthew				0	1	
Gandy, Dylan				0	1	
Best, Jahvid				0	1	
Backus, Jeff				0	1	
Young, Titus				0	1	
LIONS	12	12	0	0	8	
Opponent	19	19	0	0	7	

Game	Date	TAKEAWAYS			GIVEAWAYS			MARGIN Gm 2011		
		W/L	Int	Fum	Tot	Int	Fum		Tot	
at Tampa Bay	9/11	W	1	1	2	1	0	1	1	1
KANSAS CITY	9/18	W	3	3	6	1	0	1	5	6
at Minnesota	9/25	W	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
at Dallas	10/2	W	3	0	3	1	0	1	2	8
CHICAGO	10/10	W	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	7
SAN FRANCISCO	10/16	L	1	1	2	0	0	0	2	9
ATLANTA	10/23	L	2	0	2	0	1	1	1	10
at Denver	10/30	W	1	2	3	0	0	0	3	13
at Chicago	11/13	L	0	1	1	4	2	6	-5	8
CAROLINA	11/20	W	4	0	4	2	1	3	1	9
GREEN BAY	11/24	L	0	0	0	3	0	0	-3	6
at New Orleans	12/4	L	0	0	0	1	0	1	-1	5
MINNESOTA	12/11	W	3	3	6	0	0	0	6	11
Totals		0	18	11	29	14	4	18		11



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	9/11	9/18	9/25	10/2	10/10	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/13	11/20	11/24	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/24	1/2	2011	2011	2011	2011	
	at TB	KC	at Min	at Dal	CHI	SF	ATL	at Den	at Chi	CAR	GB	at NO	MIN	at Oak	SD	at GB	Home	Road	2011	2011	
FIRST DOWNS																					
Total	25	23	19	18	16	21	13	21	22	29	23	25	13				134	134	268	29	13
Made	2	7	1	3	5	3	4	6	4	9	7	5	1				35	26	61	9	1
Pass	17	12	16	13	9	14	8	13	17	17	15	18	11				86	94	180	18	8
Pen	2	4	2	2	2	4	1	2	1	3	1	2	1				13	14	27	4	1
THIRD DOWNS																					
Att	11	15	17	13	11	15	12	12	17	11	10	11	16				87	84	171	17	10
Made	2	5	7	4	5	2	1	4	4	6	5	2	8				30	25	55	8	1
Pct	18.2	33.3	41.2	30.8	45.5	13.3	8.3	33.3	23.5	54.5	50.0	18.2	50.0				34.5	29.8	32.2	54.5	8.3
FOURTH DOWNS																					
Att	1	2	0	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	0	1	0				5	5	10	2	0
Made	1	2	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0				3	3	6	2	0
Pct	100.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	50.0	50.0	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				60.0	60.0	60.0	100.0	0.0
TOTAL OFFENSE																					
Net Yds	431	411	358	303	395	310	263	376	393	495	409	466	280				2600	2290	4890	495	263
Ply	68	70	70	60	47	73	65	62	84	67	67	69	95				425	422	847	84	47
Avg/P	6.3	5.9	5.1	5.1	8.4	4.2	4.8	6.1	4.7	7.4	6.1	6.8	5.1				6.1	5.4	5.8	8.4	4.2
RUSHING																					
Net Yds	126	89	20	63	181	66	104	113	80	169	136	87	72				782	524	1306	181	20
Att	35	30	19	17	20	18	20	28	19	29	21	22	21				162	137	299	35	17
Avg	3.6	3.0	1.1	3.7	9.1	3.7	5.2	4.0	4.2	5.8	6.5	4.0	3.4				4.8	3.8	4.4	9.1	1.1
Tkl-Loss	5	3	6	1	2	1	1	2	0	2	0	1	1				10	15	25	6	1
Yds Lost	11	6	10	1	8	1	1	2	0	3	0	2	1				20	26	46	11	0
PASSING																					
Net Yds	305	322	338	240	214	244	159	263	313	326	273	379	208				1818	1766	3584	379	159
Att	33	40	46	43	26	50	32	32	63	36	45	41	29				245	271	516	63	26
Cmp	24	24	32	21	19	28	15	22	33	28	32	31	20				163	166	329	33	15
Int	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	1	0				6	8	14	4	0
Gross Yds	305	322	378	240	219	293	183	272	329	335	276	408	227				1907	1880	3787	408	183
Sk	0	0	5	0	1	5	3	2	2	2	1	3	5				15	14	29	5	0
Sky	0	0	40	0	5	49	24	9	16	9	3	29	19				89	114	203	49	0
Avg/PP	9.2	8.1	6.6	5.6	7.9	4.4	4.5	7.7	4.8	8.6	5.9	8.6	6.1				7.0	6.2	6.6	9.2	4.4
KICKOFFS																					
KO	6	9	6	7	5	6	5	8	4	8	3	4	7				41	37	78	9	3
EZ	5	8	6	6	4	5	5	8	1	8	2	4	6				37	31	68	8	1
TB	5	5	1	4	1	2	2	6	1	5	0	1	4				19	18	37	6	0
PUNTS																					
Pnt	5	5	7	6	5	8	6	7	5	2	4	4	6				37	33	70	8	2
Yds	241	206	325	262	162	350	263	284	245	96	148	183	286				1532	1519	3051	350	96
Avg	48.2	41.2	46.4	43.7	32.4	43.8	43.8	40.6	49.0	48.0	37.0	45.8	47.7				41.4	46.0	43.6	49.0	32.4
Bl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
TB	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0				4	3	7	2	0
Net Avg	44.6	41.0	33.6	37.3	32.2	32.3	33.5	33.7	24.6	35.5	31.5	42.5	37.3				34.2	36.1	35.1	44.6	24.6
TOTAL RETURNS																					
Ret Yards*	34	52	37	102	26	71	24	130	2	68	2	13	77				324	314	638	130	2
PR	5	1	4	1	4	3	1	3	3	2	1	2	1				13	18	31	5	1
PR Yds	34	7	37	12	26	41	0	30	2	25	2	13	28				129	128	257	41	0
KR	0	0	5	3	0	0	5	0	2	2	5	3	5				17	13	30	5	0
KR Yds	0	0	95	76	0	0	141	0	44	46	129	70	119				435	285	720	141	0
Int	1	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	3				13	5	18	4	0
Int Yds	0	45	0	90	0	30	24	100	0	43	0	0	49				191	190	381	100	0
*Does not include KO																					
FIELD GOALS																					
Made	2	2	4	2	1	3	3	1	2	0	0	1	2				11	12	23	4	0
Att	2	2	4	2	1	2	3	1	2	0	1	3	2				11	14	25	4	0
Bl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0				0	1	1	1	0
EXTRA POINTS																					
PAT Made	3	6	2	4	3	1	1	6	1	6	1	2	4				22	18	40	6	1
PAT Att	3	6	2	4	3	1	1	6	1	6	1	2	4				22	18	40	6	1
PAT Bl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Rush Made	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Rush Att	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Pass Made	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				2	0	2	1	0
Pass Att	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1	0	1	1	0
PENALTIES																					
Pen	8	4	7	10	12	6	10	4	4	8	11	11	10				61	44	105	12	4
Pen Yds	68	35	65	75	94	54	84	45	53	56	82	107	76				481	413	894	107	35
FUMBLES																					
Fumbles	4	1	1	0	1	2	2	0	3	1	1	0	0				8	8	16	4	0
Fum Lost	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	0				2	2	4	2	0
SCORING																					
Pts	27	48	26	34	24	19	16	45	13	49	15	17	34				205	162	367	49	13
TD Ru	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	2	1	1	0				6	2	8	2	0
TD Pa	3	4	2	2	2	2	1	3	1	5	1	1	2				17	12	29	5	1
TD Ret	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2				2	4	6	2	0
PAT	3	6	2	4	3	1	1	6	1	7	1	2	4				23	18	41	7	1
2 pt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0				1	0	1	1	0
FG	2	2	4	2	1	2	3	1	2	0	0	1	2				10	12	22	4	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
TIME OF POSSESSION																					
Possession	36:25	32:24	34:09	23:21	20:57	30:21	25:03	29:34	30:54	33:07	30:48	35:06	31:14				23:54	03:10	18:41	36:25	20:57



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	9/11	9/18	9/25	10/2	10/10	10/16	10/23	10/30	11/13	11/20	11/24	12/4	12/11	12/18	12/24	1/2	2011	2011	2011	2011	
	at TB	KC	at Min	at Dal	CHI	SF	ATL	at Den	at Chi	CAR	GB	at NO	MIN	at Oak	SD	at GB	Home	Road	2011	2011	
FIRST DOWNS																					
Total	17	12	16	25	23	14	22	19	12	24	18	21	29				144	108	252	29	12
Rush	1	5	5	4	5	7	4	9	4	7	3	4	17				47	28	75	17	1
Pass	15	6	10	19	14	6	11	9	5	12	11	16	12				79	67	146	19	5
Pen	1	1	1	2	4	1	7	1	3	5	4	1	0				18	13	31	7	0
THIRD DOWNS																					
Att	14	11	14	13	13	14	17	14	13	10	10	12	14				91	78	169	17	10
Made	6	2	4	5	4	2	7	2	3	3	2	6	8				31	23	54	8	2
Pct	42.9	18.2	28.6	38.5	30.8	14.3	41.2	14.3	23.1	30.0	20.0	50.0	57.1				34.1	29.5	32.0	57.1	14.3
FOURTH DOWNS																					
Att	2	0	1	2	1	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	3				8	7	15	3	0
Made	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	3				3	3	6	3	0
Pct	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	100.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	100.0				37.5	42.9	40.0	100.0	0.0
TOTAL OFFENSE																					
Net Yds	315	267	321	434	359	314	328	312	216	409	349	438	425				2478	2009	4487	438	216
Ply	64	54	63	75	66	63	69	76	57	65	53	61	83				462	387	849	83	53
Avg/P	4.9	4.9	5.1	5.8	5.4	5.0	4.8	4.1	3.8	6.3	6.6	7.2	5.1				5.4	5.2	5.3	7.2	3.8
RUSHING																					
Net Yds	56	151	132	113	122	203	129	195	109	137	53	100	269				1019	750	1769	269	53
Att	16	29	23	27	25	29	31	30	35	26	18	23	35				191	156	347	35	16
Avg	3.5	5.2	5.7	4.2	4.9	7.0	4.2	6.5	3.1	5.3	2.9	4.3	7.7				5.3	4.8	5.1	7.7	2.9
Tkl-Loss	0	1	2	1	2	3	3	0	6	2	2	3	2				13	14	27	6	0
Yds Lost	0	2	5	4	2	8	6	0	18	4	3	4	4				21	39	60	18	0
PASSING																					
Net Yds	259	116	189	321	237	111	199	117	107	272	296	338	156				1459	1259	2718	338	107
Att	46	23	36	34	38	32	35	39	20	38	33	36	44				248	206	454	46	20
Cmp	29	15	22	47	28	17	20	18	9	22	22	26	23				152	146	298	47	9
Int	1	3	0	3	0	1	2	1	0	4	0	0	3				9	9	18	4	0
Gross Yds	266	133	211	331	249	125	218	172	123	280	307	342	199				1620	1336	2956	342	123
Sk	2	2	4	1	3	2	3	7	2	1	1	2	4				22	12	34	7	1
Sky	7	17	22	10	12	14	19	55	16	8	11	4	43				161	77	238	55	4
Avg/PP	5.4	4.6	4.7	9.2	5.8	3.3	5.2	2.5	4.9	7.0	8.7	8.9	3.3				5.4	5.8	5.6	9.2	2.5
KICKOFFS																					
KO	4	2	7	6	4	5	6	3	8	6	6	6	5				32	36	68	8	2
EZ	3	2	5	5	4	5	5	3	6	6	6	5	2				26	30	56	6	2
TB	3	2	2	3	4	5	1	3	6	4	1	3	0				14	23	37	6	0
PUNTS																					
Pnt	5	5	6	3	5	9	5	7	6	3	5	4	2				33	32	65	9	2
Yds	261	198	267	161	44.2	430	177	353	280	122	207	179	97				1255.2	1521	2776.2	430	44.2
Avg	52.2	39.6	44.5	53.7	8.8	47.8	35.4	50.4	46.7	40.7	41.4	44.8	48.5				38.0	47.5	42.7	53.7	8.8
Bl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
TB	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	0	1				2	3	5	1	0
Net Avg	45.4	38.2	38.3	43.0	3.6	41.0	35.4	46.1	43.0	32.3	37.0	41.5	24.5				27.8	36.1	37.2	46.1	3.6
TOTAL RETURN																					
Ret Yards*	26	5	90	29	1	72	62	28	191	46	10	6	22				134	454	588	191	1
PR	1	1	4	3	1	3	4	5	3	2	1	2	2				14	18	32	5	1
PR Yds	-2	1	90	18	1	72	62	28	122	25	2	13	22				185	269	454	122	-2
KR	1	3	5	3	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	3	2				22	16	38	5	1
KR Yds	78	69	160	94	84	105	82	47	22	140	45	74	63				588	475	1063	160	22
Int	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	4	2	3	1	0				7	7	14	4	0
Int Yds	28	4	0	11	0	0	0	0	69	21	8	-7	0				33	101	134	69	-7
*Does not include KO																					
FIELD GOALS																					
Made	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	2	1	0				13	13	26	3	0
Att	2	2	3	3	2	3	3	1	4	2	2	1	0				14	14	28	4	0
Bl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
EXTRA POINTS																					
PAT Made	2	0	2	3	1	2	2	1	4	4	3	4	4				16	16	32	4	0
PAT Att	2	0	2	3	1	2	2	1	4	4	3	4	4				16	16	32	4	0
PAT Bl	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Rush Made	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Rush Att	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				0	0	0	0	0
Pass Made	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1	0	1	1	0
Pass Att	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1	0	1	1	0
PENALTIES																					
Pen	6	8	10	7	14	15	11	5	4	7	7	3	5				67	35	102	15	3
Pen Y	39	70	79	33	104	120	80	55	37	70	54	30	37				535	273	808	120	30
FUMBLES																					
Fumbles	4	3	1	0	0	1	0	5	3	0	1	0	5				10	13	23	5	0
Fum Lost	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	2	1	0	0	0	3				7	4	11	3	0
SCORING																					
Pts	20	3	23	30	13	25	23	10	37	35	27	31	28				154	151	305	37	3
TD Ru	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	1	1	1				6	3	9	2	0
TD Pa	1	0	1	3	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	3	3				9	9	18	3	0
TD Ret	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0				1	4	5	3	0
PAT	2	0	2	3	1	2	2	1	4	3	3	4	4				15	16	31	4	0
2 pt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0				1	0	1	1	0
FG	2	1	3	3	2	3	3	1	3	2	2	1	0				13	13	26	3	0
S	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				1	0	1	1	0
TIME OF POSSESSION																					
Possession	23:35	27:36	27:50	36:39	39:03	29:39	34:57	30:26	29:06	26:53	29:12	24:54	28:46				36:06	57:30	17:43	39:03	23:35

2011 DETROIT LIONS SUPERLATIVES

Rush Attempts.....	21, Jahvid Best (at TB)	9/11
Rush Yards.....	163, Jahvid Best (vs. Chi)	10/10
Rush Average (min. 2).....	13.6, Jahvid Best (vs. Chi)	10/10
Long Run from Scrimmage.....	88t, Jahvid Best (vs. Chi)	10/10
Long TD Run from Scrimmage.....	88t, Jahvid Best (vs. Chi)	10/10
Most Rush Touchdowns.....	2, Kevin Smith (vs. Car)	11/20
Receptions.....	11, Brandon Pettigrew (at Min)	9/25
Receiving Yards.....	130, Calvin Johnson (vs. Chi)	10/10
Receiving Average (min. 2).....	26.0, Calvin Johnson (vs. Chi)	10/10
Long Reception.....	73t, Calvin Johnson (vs. Chi)	10/10
Long Reception for TD.....	73t, Calvin Johnson (vs. Chi)	10/10
Receiving Touchdowns.....	2, four times, most recent Calvin Johnson (at Dal)	10/2
Pass Attempts.....	63, Matthew Stafford (at Chi)	11/13
Pass Completions.....	33, Matthew Stafford (at Chi)	11/13
Pass Completion Percentage.....	77.8, Matthew Stafford (vs. Car)	11/20
Highest Passer Rating.....	130.8, Matthew Stafford (at Den)	10/30
Pass Yards.....	408, Matthew Stafford (at NO)	12/4
Longest Pass.....	73t, Matthew Stafford (vs. Chi)	10/10
Longest Pass for TD.....	73t, Matthew Stafford (vs. Chi)	10/10
Pass Touchdowns.....	5, Matthew Stafford (vs. Car)	11/20
Punt Return Attempts.....	5, Stefan Logan (at TB)	9/11
Punt Return Yards.....	41, Stefan Logan (vs. SF)	10/16
Punt Return Average (min. 2).....	13.7, Stefan Logan (vs. SF)	10/16
Longest Punt Return.....	28, Stefan Logan (vs. Min)	12/11
Kick Return Attempts.....	5, twice, most recent Stefan Logan (vs. Min)	12/11
Kick Return Yards.....	141, Stefan Logan (vs. Atl)	10/23
Kick Return Average (min. 2).....	28.3, Stefan Logan (vs. GB)	11/24
Longest Kickoff Return.....	42, Stefan Logan (vs. Min)	12/11
Interceptions.....	2, Alphonso Smith (vs. Min)	12/11
Interceptions for TD.....	1, four times, most recent Alphonso Smith (vs. Min)	12/11
Longest Interception Return.....	100t, Chris Houston (at Den)	10/30
Fumble Returns.....	1, seven times, most recent Amari Spivey (at Chi)	11/13
Longest Fumble Return.....	24t, Cliff Avril (at Den)	10/30
Punts.....	8, Ryan Donahue (vs. SF)	10/16
Punt Yards.....	350, Ryan Donahue (vs. SF)	10/16
Punt Average (min. 2).....	49.0, Robert Malone (at Chi)	11/13
Punt Net Average (min. 2).....	44.6, Ryan Donahue (at TB)	9/11
Longest Punt.....	60, Ryan Donahue (at TB)	9/11
Points.....	18, Kevin Smith (vs. Car)	11/20
Field Goals.....	4, Jason Hanson (at Min)	9/25
Longest Field Goal.....	51, twice, most recent Jason Hanson (at Dal)	10/2
Tackles.....	13, DeAndre Levy (vs. Chi)	10/10
Sacks.....	2, twice, most recent Cliff Avril (vs. Min)	12/11
Sack Yards for Loss.....	22, Cliff Avril (at Den)	10/30

2011 DETROIT LIONS OPPONENTS SUPERLATIVES

Rush Attempts.....	27, Michael Turner (vs. Atl)	10/23
Rush Yards.....	141, Frank Gore (vs. SF)	10/16
Rush Average (min. 2).....	20.5, Percy Harvin (at Min)	9/25
Longest Run from Scrimmage.....	65t, Joe Webb (vs. Min)	12/11
Longest TD Run from Scrimmage.....	65t, Joe Webb (vs. Min)	12/11
Rush Touchdowns.....	2, Cam Newton (vs. Car)	11/20
Receptions.....	10, Percy Harvin (vs. Min)	12/11
Receiving Yards.....	119, Robert Meachem (at NO)	12/4
Receiving Average (min. 2).....	39.7, Robert Meachem (at NO)	12/4
Longest Reception.....	67t, Robert Meachem (at NO)	12/4
Longest Reception for TD.....	67t, Robert Meachem (at NO)	12/4
Receiving Touchdowns.....	2, Dez Bryant (at Dal)	10/2
Pass Attempts.....	47, Tony Romo (at Dal)	10/2
Pass Completions.....	34, Tony Romo (at Dal)	10/2
Pass Completion Percentage.....	73.6, Jay Cutler (vs. Chi)	10/10
Highest Passer Rating.....	129.6, Drew Brees (at NO)	12/4
Pass Yards.....	362, Drew Brees (at NO)	12/4
Longest Pass.....	67t, Drew Brees (at NO)	12/4
Longest Pass for TD.....	67t, Drew Brees (at NO)	12/4
Pass Touchdowns.....	3, twice, most recent Drew Brees (at NO)	12/4
Punt Return Attempts.....	4, three times, most recent Quan Cosby (at Den)	10/30
Punt Return Yards.....	140, Devin Hester (at Chi)	11/13
Punt Return Average (min. 2).....	24.0, Ted Ginn Jr. (vs. SF)	10/16
Longest Punt Return.....	82t, Devin Hester (at Chi)	11/13
Kickoff Return Attempts.....	4, twice, most recent Ted Ginn Jr. (vs. SF)	10/16
Kickoff Return Yards.....	140, Kealoha Piliare (vs. Car)	11/20
Kickoff Return Average (min. 2).....	46.7, Kealoha Piliare (vs. Car)	11/20
Longest Kickoff Return.....	101t, Kealoha Piliare (vs. Car)	11/20
Interceptions.....	1, 14 times, most recent Tracy Porter (at NO)	12/4
Interceptions for TD.....	1, three times, most recent Charles Tillman (at Chi)	11/13
Longest Interception Return.....	44t, Charles Tillman (at Chi)	11/13
Fumble Returns.....	1, three times, most recent Andre Neblett (vs. Car)	11/20
Longest Fumble Return.....	17, Brian Urlacher (at Chi)	11/13
Punts.....	9, Andy Lee (vs. SF)	10/16
Punt Yards.....	430, Andy Lee (vs. SF)	10/16
Punt Average (min. 2).....	52.2, Michael Koenen (at TB)	9/11
Punt Net Average (min. 2).....	46.1, Britton Colquitt (at Den)	10/30
Longest Punt.....	70, Adam Podlesh (at Chi)	11/13
Points.....	13, Robbie Gould (at Chi)	11/13
Field Goals.....	3, five times, most recent Robbie Gould (at Chi)	11/13
Longest Field Goal.....	55, David Akers (vs. SF)	10/16
Tackles.....	13, NaVorro Bowman (vs. SF)	10/16
Sacks.....	3, twice, most recent Jared Allen (vs. Min)	12/11
Sack Yards for Loss.....	29, Aldon Smith (vs. SF)	10/16



GAME #1

LIONS 27, BUCCANEERS 20
RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM, SEPTEMBER 11, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 51,274

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	6	14	7	0	-	27
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS	10	3	0	7	-	20

LIONS.....Hanson 23 yd. Field Goal
 BUCCANEERS...Barth 38 yd. Field Goal
 BUCCANEERS...Talib 28 yd. interception return (Barth kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 28 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....C. Johnson 36 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Scheffler 11 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 BUCCANEERS...Barth 31 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....C. Johnson 1 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 BUCCANEERS...M. Williams 5 yd. pass from Freeman (Barth kick)

	LIONS	BUCCANEERS
First Downs	25	17
Total Net Yards	431	313
Net Yards Rushing	126	56
Net Yards Passing	305	257
(Att/Comp/Int)	33-24-1	46-29-1
Punts-Average	5-48.2	5-52.2
Fumbles-Lost	4-0	4-1
Sacks-Yards	0-0	1-6
Penalties-Yards	8-68	6-39
Time of Possession	36:25	23:35

RUSHING

LIONS: Best 21-72; Harrison 8-27; Burleson 1-20; Scheffler 1-5; Morris 2-4; Stafford 1-0; Logan 1(-2).

BUCCANEERS: Freeman 4-26; Blount 5-15; Graham 6-13; Johnson 1-2.

PASSING

LIONS: Stafford 24-33 305 3 TD 1 INT.

BUCCANEERS: Freeman 28-43 257 1 TD 1 INT; Johnson 1-3 7.

RECEIVING

LIONS: C. Johnson 6-88 2 TD; Burleson 5-60; Pettigrew 4-57; Best 4-42; Morris 2-25; Davis 1-14; Scheffler 1-11 TD; Stovall 1-8.
 BUCCANEERS: Graham 8-58; Winslow 6-66; Williams 4-50 1 TD; Parker 4-44; Benn 4-27; Briscoe 2-14; Lumpkin 1-8;

SUMMARY

The Lions opened their 2011 regular season with a hard-fought victory in steamy Tampa, Florida against the Buccaneers. Coming off four consecutive wins to end 2010, which included one in Tampa in December, and four more wins during the preseason, momentum was on Detroit's side and they showed it right from the opening kickoff. Matthew Stafford, who was one of the League's best quarterbacks during the preseason, got off to a hot start in leading the Lions down the field on a 12-play, 78-yard opening drive to set up K. Jason Hanson for a chip-shot field goal of 23 yards out. The Bucs would answer right away with a 78-yard kickoff return by WR Sammie Stroughter to put the ball at the Lions 21-yard line. The Lions defense would hold and force a 38-yard field goal from TB K Connor Barth. On the next Detroit possession, Stafford threw high to TE Will Heller, who tipped the ball into the air, and TB CB Aqib Talib picked it off and returned it 28 yards for a touchdown giving Tampa Bay a 10-3 lead. After the mistake, however, Stafford would settle in and lead the Lions down the field on the next drive to set up Hanson's second field goal, this one from 28-yards out. The Bucs would hold the four-point advantage into the second quarter before the tide started to turn in the favor of the visiting team. Lions CB Chris Houston intercepted Bucs QB Josh Freeman in the end zone to halt a potential scoring drive giving the ball back to the offense, who would take advantage. Stafford hit his favorite target, WR Calvin Johnson, down the right sideline for a 36-yard touchdown strike on a 4th-and-2. This gave the Lions a 13-10 lead - one they would not relinquish the rest of the way. Following a Bucs 3-and-out, Stafford, working primarily out of the shotgun, would drive the Lions again. He hit WR Nate Burleson on a 29-yard pass followed by 14 yard catches by WR Rashied Davis and TE Brandon Pettigrew. He concluded the drive finding TE Tony Scheffler on a roll to the right from 11 yards away for a score to give Detroit the 10-point edge. The Bucs would cut into the lead before halftime as Freeman led the team on a 2-minute drill to set up a 31-yard Barth field goal as time expired for intermission. Following another 3-and-out from Tampa Bay to begin the second half, Stafford and Johnson would strike again. Battling cramps due to the heat, the third-year quarterback found Johnson on a jump ball from 1-yard out for his second touchdown of the game. The play was reviewed, but replay showed Johnson was able to get two feet in bounds with full possession. The Lions would take the 27-13 lead into the fourth quarter, but Freeman would not go quietly on his home field. With just under two minutes to play, the 6-foot-6 Freeman found WR Mike Williams on a toe-tip grab in the back of the end zone to trim the Detroit lead to just a seven. On the subsequent side kick, Johnson soared into the sky to recover the ball for the Lions. Detroit was unable to get a first down to run the clock out, so with just over a minute remaining, the Bucs got the ball back at their own 20-yard line. Freeman was able to get the team to the Lions 42-yard line, but time would run out and the Lions went back to Detroit 1-0 in the new season.

GAME #2

LIONS 48, CHIEFS 3
FORD FIELD, SEPTEMBER 18, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 60,040

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS	3	0	0	0	-	3
DETROIT LIONS	7	13	7	21	-	48

LIONS.....C. Johnson 15 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 CHIEFS.....Succop 33 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Scheffler 36 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 51 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 28 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....C. Johnson 1 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Best 9 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Best 1 yd. run (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....K. Williams 1 yd. run (Hanson kick)

	CHIEFS	LIONS
First Downs	12	23
Total Net Yards	267	411
Net Yards Rushing	151	89
Net Yards Passing	116	322
(Att/Comp/Int)	23-15-3	40-24-1
Punts-Average	5-39.6	5-41.2
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-0
Sacks-Yards	0-0	2-17
Penalties-Yards	8-70	4-35
Time of Possession	27:36	32:24

RUSHING

CHIEFS: McCluster 8-51; Jones 12-40; Charles 2-27; McClain 4-15; Bowe 1-12; Battle 1-6

LIONS: Best 16-57 1 TD; Williams 9-25 1 TD; Harrison 4-6; Stafford 1-1

PASSING

CHIEFS: Cassell 15-23, 133, 3 INT; Palko 0-1 0.

LIONS: Stafford 23-39 294 4 TD 1 INT; Hill 1-1 28.

RECEIVING

CHIEFS: Bowe 5-101; McCluster 4(-2); 2-12; Pope 2-9; Breaston 1-7; Urban 1-6
 LIONS: Burleson 7-93; Best 6-66 1 TD; Young 5-89; C. Johnson 3-29 2 TD; Scheffler 1-36 1 TD; Pettigrew 1-7; Heller 1-2

SUMMARY

The Lions opened their home schedule with a dominating performance in front of a sold out crowd at Ford Field defeating the Chiefs 48-3. Midway through the opening drive, quarterback Matthew Stafford threw an interception to Chiefs safety Jon McGraw. On the return, however, McGraw fumbled the ball and Lions TE Tony Scheffler recovered to give the Lions offense another opportunity. With the assistance of two personal foul penalties by the Chiefs defense, Stafford led the team 56 yards on just two plays and found his favorite target, WR Calvin Johnson, for a 15-yard score. The Chiefs answered with a field goal on their first possession, but suffered a huge loss on the drive when RB Jamaal Charles suffered a knee injury and would not return. The first quarter concluded with the score 7-3. The second quarter would see the Lions take complete control of the game, first with the offense and concluding with their defense. Stafford threw his second touchdown of the game midway through the quarter when he found Scheffler running down the middle of the field for a 36-yard score. It was Scheffler's second straight game with a touchdown catch. With the crowd energized, the Lions defense picked up the pressure on Chiefs QB Matt Cassell and forced him into interceptions on consecutive drives - the first by CB Chris Houston and the second by 5 Amari Spivey. Each interception set up a field goal by K Jason Hanson - who was playing in his 297th game with the Lions, a new NFL record for most games played with one team. He also went over the 1,900 point mark in his career, only the seventh player in NFL history to do so. Up by 17 at the half, Detroit's offense did not slow down and continued to put points on the board. Stafford hit Johnson for his second touchdown of the game - and fourth in the first two games - in the third quarter to push their lead to 27-3. Trailing 24-3, the Chiefs had to abandon their specialty - the run game - and rely on their passing game to try and get back in the game. That gave the Lions defense more opportunities to pressure Cassell and resulted in more turnovers. Following the Johnson score, Lions DE Kyle Vanden Bosch sacked Cassell and caused a fumble that was recovered by LB Stephen Tulloch. With the short field, RB Jahvid Best took a pass from Stafford from 9-yards out and dove into the end zone to push the score to 34-3. The Lions defense would force yet another turnover on the following Chiefs drive when CB Eric Wright forced a fumble by Chiefs RB Dexter McCaster which was recovered by DE Cliff Avril. Again with a short field to work with, Best scored his second touchdown of the fourth quarter on a 1-yard plunge. Wright would get his hands on the ball again on the next Chiefs possession when he picked off Cassell. With the starters plucked, newest Lion RB Keiland Williams took advantage of his opportunity and concluded the scoring when he converted a 4th-and-1 from the 1-yard line for the offense's sixth touchdown and a 48-3 final.



GAME #3

LIONS 26, VIKINGS 23 (OT)
MALL OF AMERICA FIELD, SEPTEMBER 25, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 62,466

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	0	0	10	13	3	26
MINNESOTA VIKINGS	6	14	0	3	-	23

VIKINGS.....Longwell 33 yd. Field Goal
 VIKINGS.....Longwell 41 yd. Field Goal
 VIKINGS.....Peterson 6 yd. run (Longwell kick)
 VIKINGS.....Shiancoe 8 yd. pass from McNabb (Longwell kick)
 LIONS.....Johnson 22 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 28 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Johnson 5 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 50 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 40 yd. Field Goal
 VIKINGS.....Longwell 49 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 32 yd. Field Goal

	LIONS	VIKINGS
First Downs	19	16
Total Net Yards	358	321
Net Yards Rushing	20	132
Net Yards Passing	338	189
(Att/Comp/Int)	46-32-0	36-22-0
Punts-Average	7-46.4	6-44.5
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Sacks-Yards	4-22	5-40
Penalties-Yards	7-65	10-79
Time of Possession	34:09	27:50

RUSHING

LIONS: Best 12-14; Harrison 2-8; Williams 2-3; Stafford 1-(-1); Morris 2-(-4).
VIKINGS: Peterson 17-78 1 TD; Harvin 2-41; McNabb 2-11; Gerhart 2-2.

PASSING

LIONS: Stafford 32-46 378 2 TD.

VIKINGS: McNabb 22-36 211 1 TD.

RECEIVING

LIONS: Pettigrew 11-112; Johnson 7-108 2 TD; Best 5-74; Young 4-51; Burleson 2-12; Morris 1-14; Scheffer 1-4; Harrison 1-3.

VIKINGS: Jenkins 9-88; Harvin 3-19; Harvin 3-47; Rudolph 3-39; Shiancoe 1-8 1 TD; Gerhart 1-5; Aromashodu 1-5.

SUMMARY

The Detroit Lions traveled to the Metrodome looking for their first win in Minnesota since 1997 and, early on, the Vikings were not welcoming hosts. The Vikings received the opening kickoff and were able to get off to a hot start. On the fifth play of the drive, RB Adrian Peterson ran off right tackle for 43 yards down to the Lions 20-yard line. The Detroit defense tightened up in the red zone and held the Vikings to a 33-yard field goal by K Ryan Longwell. After a three-and-out by the Lions offense, Minnesota added to its lead. Starting with good field position at its own 47, Minnesota once again drove down into the red zone, but a sack by DT Ndamukong Suh stopped the drive and forced another Longwell field goal. After two FGs, the Vikings finally found the end zone in the second quarter. On their second possession of the quarter, WR Percy Harvin took a reverse 39 yards down the left sideline that put the Vikings in scoring position. After consecutive passes from QB Donovan McNabb to TE Kyle Rudolph brought the ball inside the 10-yard line, Peterson finished the drive with a 6-yard touchdown run. With just over a minute to go in the half, the Lions were forced to punt the football back to Minnesota. Return man Marcus Sherels brought it back 53 yards and with an additional 15-yard face mask penalty by Detroit, the Vikings started on the Lions' 13-yard line with 0:50 remaining. On an 8-yard, McNabb found TE Visanthe Shiancoe in the back of the end zone for an 8-yard touchdown and Minnesota took a 20-0 lead to the locker room. After each team punted on their first possession of the second half, the QB Matthew Stafford-led Lions attack finally got going on their second drive. Stafford found TE Brandon Pettigrew for back-to-back receptions for 20 total yards and then took a shot deep to his favorite target, WR Calvin Johnson. The third-year QB threw a 32-yard fade pattern to Johnson, who jumped over DB Chris Cook for his fifth TD reception of the season. Following another Vikings three-and-out, Stafford hit Pettigrew three times on the next drive, including a 27-yarder, which culminated in a 28-yard field goal by K Jason Hanson. With momentum changing sides, the Detroit defense forced a third-straight three-and-out. On the subsequent possession, Stafford hit rookie WR Titus Young for 17 yards for a key third down conversion. On the next play, the final one the 3rd quarter, RB Jahvid Best took a screen pass from Stafford and raced down the sideline for a 60-yard gain to the Vikings' 5-yard line. The Stafford-Johnson combination struck again on the first play of the fourth quarter for a 5-yard touchdown reception and cut the Lions' deficit to three. Trying to re-establish control of the game, Minnesota drove the ball down to the Lions 17-yard line, where they were faced with a 4th-and-1. Head Coach Leslie Frazier decided to go for it, but the Lions stopped RB Toby Gerhart short of the marker and took over on downs. Down a field goal, Stafford led the offense back down the field and set up Hanson who converted on a game-tying 50-yarder. Tied with just over five minutes to play, the Lions forced the Vikings into another punt. Detroit took over near midfield and after a pass to Pettigrew followed by a 15-yard horse collar penalty, the ball was inside the Vikings 25-yard line. Three plays later, Hanson booted a 40-yard field goal to give the Lions their first lead of the game. With 2:25 remaining, McNabb led a 9-play, 52-yard drive to set up Longwell for a game-tying 49-yard field goal ultimately sending the game to overtime. The Lions won the toss in the extra session and elected to receive. On second down, Stafford hit Young on another 17-yard gain to move the ball close to midfield. Two plays later, Stafford saw single coverage on Johnson and threw it up to the big wide out. Johnson made an over-the-shoulder catch inside the Vikings 15-yard line. On the next play, Hanson kicked a game-winning 32-yard field goal.

GAME #4

LIONS 34, COWBOYS 30
COWBOYS STADIUM, OCTOBER 2, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 78,122

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	0	3	14	17	-	34
DALLAS COWBOYS	7	13	10	0	-	30

COWBOYS.....Bryant 25 yd. pass from Romo (Bailey kick)
 COWBOYS.....Bryant 6 yd. pass from Romo (Bailey kick)
 COWBOYS.....Bailey 41 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 33 yd. Field Goal
 COWBOYS.....Bailey 35 yd. Field Goal
 COWBOYS.....Written 1 yd. pass from Romo
 LIONS.....Carpenter 34 yd. interception return (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Houston 56 yd. interception return (Hanson kick)
 COWBOYS.....Bailey 23 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....C. Johnson 23 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 51 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....C. Johnson 2 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)

	LIONS	COWBOYS
First Downs	18	25
Total Net Yards	303	434
Net Yards Rushing	63	113
Net Yards Passing	240	321
(Att/Comp/Int)	43-21-1	47-34-3
Punts-Average	6-43.7	3-53.7
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks-Yards	1-10	0-0
Penalties-Yards	10-75	7-33
Time of Possession	23:31	36:39

RUSHING

LIONS: Best 11-47; Williams 4-14; Logan 1-3; Stafford 1-(-1).
COWBOYS: Jones 16-57; Choice 6-39; Murray 4-12; Bryant 1-5.

PASSING

LIONS: Stafford 21-43 240 2 TD 1 INT.

BILLS: Romo 34-47 331 3 TD 3 INT.

RECEIVING

LIONS: C. Johnson 8-96 2 TD; Pettigrew 6-64; Young 3-41; Best 2-23; Burleson 2-16.

COWBOYS: Written 8-94 1 TD; Robinson 7-116; Jones 5-19; Choice 4-23; 3-37 2 TD; Phillips 3-8; Bennett 2-22; Ogletree 1-13; Murray 1-(-1).

SUMMARY

The Dallas Cowboys hosted the Lions in a marquee matchup of Week 4 of the NFL season. Like a week prior, the Lions quickly had to play from behind as the home team jumped out in front. Following an interception of Lions QB Matthew Stafford by Cowboys S Gerald Sensabaugh, Cowboys QB Tony Romo found WR Dez Bryant on a fade pattern from 25 yards out for the game's first touchdown. On the next Dallas possession, Romo took the Cowboys down to the Lions' 1-yard line. Head Coach Jason Garrett decided to go for it on 4th-and-goal from the 1, but RB Felix Jones was stopped short of the goal line. Unfortunately, the Lions offense could not build on the momentum and were forced into another punt. On the subsequent drive, Romo hit Bryant again on a 6-yard touchdown pass to increase the lead to 14-0. The short touchdown reception was set up by a big play from Romo to WR Laurent Robinson of 44 yards. The Cowboys increased the lead to 17-0 midway through the second quarter on a 41-yard field goal by K Dan Bailey. Down three scores, the Lions offense was finally able to get something going on their next possession. Stafford hit WR Calvin Johnson for 12 yards and then RB Jahvid Best for 24 to bring Detroit into the red zone. Three interceptions stalled the drive, but K Jason Hanson got the Lions on the scoreboard with a 33-yard field goal. Dallas answered Detroit's three with a field goal of their own to end the first half with a 20-3 advantage. The Cowboys received the second half kickoff and after Hanson slipped on the kick, defensive lineman Sean Lissimore returned it 38 yards to set the Cowboys up in good field position at the Detroit 48-yard line. Six plays later, Romo found TE Jason Witten from 1-yard out to take a 27-3 lead. Following another Lions punt, the Detroit defense would get them back in the game on a 34-yard interception return for a touchdown by LB Bobby Carpenter. The Lions defense got Detroit closer on the next Dallas drive when CB Chris Houston picked off Romo and took it back 56 yards for another touchdown. In a matter of moments, a 24 point lead had been trimmed to 10 and shades of Detroit's Week 3 comeback at Minnesota were starting to creep into Cowboys Stadium. Dallas would regain a three possession lead on the next drive with another Bailey field goal, this one from 23 yards. The 4th quarter started with the Lions down 30-17, but got tighter on just the third play when Stafford connected on a 23-yard jump ball which WR Calvin Johnson caught in the midst of three Cowboys' defenders. A Hanson 51-yard field goal with 4:27 remaining cut the Cowboys lead to 30-27 and put the pressure on the Lions defense to regain possession for the offense. On the first play of the Dallas drive, LB Stephen Tulloch dropped into coverage and picked off a Romo pass intended for Witten. The Lions started on the Dallas 40-yard line and six plays later, they had a 3rd-and-goal from the 3-yard line. Stafford tried to hit TE Brandon Pettigrew, but Dallas CB Frank Walker was called for defensive holding giving the Lions an automatic first down. On the next play, Stafford connected with Johnson to give the Lions the lead. Down four, the Cowboys had one last drive for the win, but a DE Willie Young sack all but ended it for Dallas. On 4th-and-20, Romo hit Jones out of the backfield who was tackled short of the first-down marker and the Lions improved to 4-0 on the season. It marked their first 4-0 start since 1990.



GAME #5
LIONS 24, BEARS 13
FORD FIELD, OCTOBER 10, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 67,861

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
CHICAGO BEARS	0	10	0	3	-	13
DETROIT LIONS	0	7	14	3	-	24

LIONS.....C. Johnson 73 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 BEARS.....Gould 44 yd. Field Goal
 BEARS.....Davis 9 yd. pass from Cutler (Gould kick)
 LIONS.....Pettigrew 18 yd. pass from Cutler (Gould kick)
 LIONS.....Best 8 yd. run
 BEARS.....Gould 43 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 31 yd. Field Goal

	BEARS	LIONS
First Downs	23	16
Total Net Yards	359	395
Net Yards Rushing	122	181
Net Yards Passing	237	214
(Att/Comp/Int)	38-28-0	26-19-1
Punts-Average	5-44.2	5-32.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-0
Sacks-Yards	1-5	3-12
Penalties-Yards	14-104	12-94
Time of Possession	39:03	20:57

RUSHING

BEARS: Forte 22-116; Cutler 2-3; Barber 1-3.
LIONS: Best 12-163 1 TD; Williams 4-7; Logan 1-6; Burleson 2-4; Stafford 1-1.

PASSING

BEARS: Cutler 28-38, 249 1 TD.
LIONS: Stafford 19-26, 219 2 TD 1 INT.

RECEIVING

BEARS: Sanzenbacher 6-64; Hester 5-32; Hurd 4-50; Forte 4-35; Davis 3-25 1 TD; Knox 2-17; Williams 1-11; Spaeth 1-8; Barber 1-7; Clutts 1-0.
LIONS: C. Johnson 5-130 1 TD; Pettigrew 4-39 1 TD; Best 4-9; Young 2-14; Scheffler 1-12; Morris 1-8; Burleson 1-6; Heller 1-1.

SUMMARY

Hosting its first Monday Night Football game in a decade, the Detroit Lions welcomed division rival Chicago to Ford Field. After back-to-back comeback victories, the Lions aimed to get off to a better start in front of its rowdy home crowd. The first quarter supplied no scoring, but plenty of penalties – mostly from the Bears offensive line. The Ford Field crowd was relentless and caused numerous false start penalties to put the Bears' offense in difficult down and distances. With all the mistakes, however, the Lions offense did not take advantage and the first quarter ended scoreless. That changed early in the second quarter when QB Matthew Stafford found his favorite target, WR Calvin Johnson, in stride behind the Bears defense and he wrestled past S Brandon Meriweather for a 73-yard touchdown. It was Johnson's 9th touchdown reception in the first five games of the season. In spite of a deafening crowd, Chicago answered with a scoring drive of its own. QB Jay Cutler led the team on a 10-play, 57-yard drive that resulted in a 44-yard touchdown pass by K Robbie Gould. After forcing the Lions to punt on their next possession, the Bears would again sustain a long scoring drive – this time resulting in seven. A 19-yard run by RB Matt Forte started the possession, a 26-yard grab by WR Devin Hester moved the ball into Lions territory, and a 7-yard touchdown pass from Cutler to TE Kellen Davis finished the 88-yard drive to give the Bears the lead. Stafford tried to lead the Lions down the field in a 2-minute drill in an attempt to tie the game before halftime, but he was picked off by Bears CB D.J. Moore. The three point Chicago halftime lead did not last long into the second half. The Lions forced the Bears offense into a 3-and-out and on the subsequent Detroit possession, Stafford hit four different receivers on his way to completing the drive with an 18-yard touchdown strike to TE Brandon Pettigrew to once again give Detroit the lead. It didn't take Detroit long to push its lead to double-figures when on its next possession, RB Jahvid Best took a handoff out of the shotgun, burst up the middle and outran the Bears defense for an 88-yard touchdown. It was the 2nd longest run in Lions history. Midway through the fourth quarter, the Bears got back within one score on a second Gould field goal, this one from 49 yards away. Up by 8, the Lions were in position to control the clock by running the ball. On the first play, Best again found an opening on the left side and raced down the left sideline for 43 yards. Add on a 15-yard horse-collar tackle penalty and the ball was already on the Bears 23-yard line. Another 15 yard gain from Best set the Lions up with 1st-and-goal from the 6-yard line. Three plays later, K Jason Hanson kicked a 31-yard field goal to push the lead back to 11. The Bears were unable to cut back into the lead and the Lions improved to 5-0 for the first time since 1956.

GAME #6
49ERS 25, LIONS 19
FORD FIELD, OCTOBER 16, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 62,061

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS	0	12	3	10	-	25
DETROIT LIONS	10	0	3	6	-	19

LIONS.....Hanson 25 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Pettigrew 16 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 49ERS.....Gore 1 yd. run (Akers kick)
 49ERS.....Stafford sacked in end zone by Ald. Smith for a Safety
 49ERS.....Akers 55 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 24 yd. Field Goal
 49ERS.....Akers 31 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Burleson 5 yd. pass from Stafford (pass failed)
 49ERS.....Walker 6 yd. pass from Smith (Akers kick)
 49ERS.....Akers 37 yd. Field Goal

	49ERS	LIONS
First Downs	14	21
Total Net Yards	314	310
Net Yards Rushing	203	66
Net Yards Passing	111	244
(Att/Comp/Int)	32-17-1	50-28-0
Punts-Average	9-47.8	8-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	1-1	2-0
Sacks-Yards	5-49	2-14
Penalties-Yards	15-120	6-54
Time of Possession	29:39	30:21

RUSHING

49ERS: Gore 15-141 1 TD; Hunter 8-33; Ginn 2-21; Smith 2-5; Miller 1-3; Dixon 1-0.
LIONS: Best 12-37; Morris 5-20; Stafford 1-9.

PASSING

49ERS: Smith 17-32, 125, 1 TD, 1 INT
LIONS: Stafford 28-50, 293, 2 TD.

RECEIVING

49ERS: Crabtree 9-77; Ginn 2-24; Walker 2-11 1 TD; Davis 2-8; Gore 2-5.
LIONS: Pettigrew 8-42 1 TD; Johnson 7-113; Best 6-73; Burleson 4-34 1 TD; Young 1-14; Heller 1-9; Morris 1-8.

SUMMARY

Two of the hottest teams in the NFL got together in Week 6 as the 4-1 San Francisco 49ers traveled to Ford Field to take on the 5-0 Detroit Lions. On the 49ers' first offensive play, Lions DE Kyle Vanhook bosch got around the edge, sacked QB Alex Smith, caused a fumble that he recovered himself. That put the Lions offense in scoring position at the SF 32-yard line. With the help of a roughing the passer penalty, the Lions moved the ball inside the 5-yard line, but the 49ers' tough red zone defense once again proved why they are one of the League's best and held the Lions to a K Jason Hanson 25-yard field goal. After the teams traded possessions, Detroit added to its lead later in the first quarter. QB Matthew Stafford led a 7-play, 69-yard drive that resulted in a 16-yard touchdown strike to TE Brandon Pettigrew. After getting the ball to midfield following a couple passes from 49ers QB Alex Smith to WR Michael Crabtree, RB Frank Gore took a first down carry up the middle for a 47 yard gain down to the Lions' 1-yard line. Two plays later (and the first play of the second quarter), Gore powered it in for the 49ers' first points of the game and quieted the raucous Ford Field crowd. San Francisco got closer midway through the second quarter when Stafford was sacked in the end zone by rookie Aldon Smith for a safety. Later in the second quarter, Hanson missed a 52-yard field goal attempt 9 his first in 23 attempts. With field position at their 42-yard line, San Francisco put themselves in position for a last-second 55-yard field goal from K David Akers to take a 12-10 advantage into the locker room. It did not take long for the Lions to regain the lead as they took their first possession of the half 54 yards (all by RB Jahvid Best, either rushing or receiving) to set up Hanson's second field goal of the game, this one from 24 yards away. The 49ers answered immediately with another Akers field goal to recapture the lead in the back-and-forth affair. The third quarter ended with San Francisco up by a 15-13 score, but the Lions had possession of the football following an interception of Smith by Lions S Amari Spivey. Five plays into the fourth, Stafford hit WR Nate Burleson on a 5-yard TD reception to give Detroit the lead. The catch was initially ruled incomplete, but it was overturned after review confirmed that Burleson had two feet inbounds and he maintained possession throughout the process of the catch. Detroit held on to its 4-point lead until 1:56 to play when Smith found TE Delaine Walker on a 6-yard touchdown reception on a fourth-down-and-goal play. With 1:51 remaining, Stafford tried to lead the Lions down the field for a game-tying field goal, but three straight incompletions after a 5-yard gain on first down turned it back over to San Francisco. However, the Lions had all three of their timeouts left, so after the 49ers ran Gore three times for just six yards, Akers kicked his third field goal to put San Francisco up by six with 1:06 to play. Stafford and the Lions offense had one last chance, but had no timeouts left and 80 yards to go. On first down, DE Justin Smith and DT Ray McDonald combined to sack Stafford and in all aspects ended the game. A couple underneath catches moved the ball up closer to midfield, but time ran out and the 49ers escaped with 25-19 victory.



GAME #7

FALCONS 23, LIONS 16
FORD FIELD, OCTOBER 23, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 63,625

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
ATLANTA FALCONS	10	7	3	3	-	23
DETROIT LIONS	3	3	10	0	-	16

LIONS.....Hanson 43 yd. Field Goal
 FALCONS.....Bryant 23 yd. Field Goal
 FALCONS.....Ryan 1 yd. run (Bryant kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 38 yd. Field Goal
 FALCONS.....White 18 yd. pass from Ryan (Bryant kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 23 yd. Field Goal
 FALCONS.....Bryant 47 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Johnson 57 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 FALCONS.....Bryant 40 yd. Field Goal

	FALCONS	LIONS
First Downs	22	11
Total Net Yards	328	263
Net Yards Rushing	129	104
Net Yards Passing	199	159
(Att/Comp/Int)	35-20-2	32-15-0
Punts-Average	5-35.4	6-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Sacks-Yards	3-24	3-19
Penalties-Yards	11-80	10-84
Time of Possession	34:57	25:03

RUSHING

FALCONS: Turner 27-122; Rodgers 1-5; Ryan 3-2 1 TD.
LIONS: Morris 9-50; Williams 9-44; Burleson 2-10.

PASSING

FALCONS: Ryan 20-34, 218, 1 TD, 1 INT; Redman 0-1 0.
LIONS: Stafford 15-32, 183, 1 TD.

RECEIVING

FALCONS: Gonzalez 5-62; White 5-52 1 TD; Douglas 4-62; Rodgers 3-12; Snelling 1-18; Palmer 1-8; Mughelli 1-4.
LIONS: Johnson 5-115 1 TD; Pettigrew 4-31; Scheffler 2-15; Morris 2-13; Heller 1-8; Burleson 1-1.

SUMMARY

The reigning NFC South champion Atlanta Falcons came to raucous Ford Field and escaped with a hard-fought 23-16 victory against the Detroit Lions. The Lions got on the scoreboard first with a 43-yard field goal by K Jason Hanson. Detroit was given good field position on its first scoring drive after CB Eric Wright picked off Atlanta QB Matt Ryan and returned it 22 yards to the Falcons 15-yard line. Atlanta's defense responded to the quick change of possession and sacked Lions QB Matthew Stafford twice to hold Detroit to just a field goal. After each team went 3-and-out on their next possessions, it was Atlanta's turn to be the beneficiary of great field position following a 37-yard punt return by return man Eric Weems which put the ball on the Lions 26-yard line. The Falcons got the ball inside the Lions 10, but the defense held and forced Atlanta into a 23-yard field goal by K Matt Bryant. On the ensuing kickoff, Lions returner Stefan Logan fumbled and the Falcons recovered at the Lions' 28. Five offensive plays, including a 3rd-and-12 conversion, and 3 defensive penalties later, Ryan snuck in from 1-yard out to give the Falcons their first lead of the game. The Lions responded on their next drive by going 50 yards in 9 plays to set up Hanson's second field goal of the game, this one from 38 yards out. The Falcons added to their 4-point advantage just prior to halftime by finishing off a 7-play, 81-yard drive with an 18-yard touchdown pass from Ryan to WR Roddy White. Down by 11 at the break, the Lions cut the Falcons lead back to just one possession with a third Hanson field goal midway through the third quarter. With momentum possibly heading to the home team, Ryan quieted the screaming fans by hitting WR Harry Douglas down the middle of the field for 43 yards to set the Falcons up inside the Lions' 30-yard line. After the big play to Douglas, the Lions' defense did not allow another yard on the drive and forced Bryant to kick his second field goal of the day to push the lead back to double figures. In need to keep within striking distance, Stafford answered quickly - to his favorite target. After converting a key 3rd-and-4, Stafford faked a reverse to WR Nate Burleson and hit WR Calvin Johnson on a skinny post pattern. Johnson broke through a couple tackles in the Falcons' secondary and raced the rest of the way for a 57-yard touchdown. It marked his League-leading 10th touchdown of the season. However, the momentum didn't last long again as on the third play of the subsequent drive, Atlanta RB Michael Turner ran up the middle and broke it down the right sideline for a 50-yard gain to put the Falcons back in scoring range. With the fourth quarter beginning and Atlanta looking to build another two possession game, Ryan overthrew TE Tony Gonzalez and Lions S Amari Spivey picked it off. The Lions' offense was unable to build off the interception and punted it back to the Falcons. On the next drive, Atlanta was faced with a 4th-and-2 on the Lions' 39-yard line. It appeared as if the defense had held on an incompletion to White, but a defensive holding call on Lions S Louis Delmas continued the drive for Atlanta. They would finish the drive with another Bryant field goal, this time from 40 yards away, to expand the lead to seven. The Lions had two separate drives in the fourth quarter in an attempt the tie the game, but the passing game struggled to get in a rhythm and some key, untimely penalties were too much to overcome. With 1:30 remaining, the Falcons got the ball back, but the Lions had all three of their timeouts remaining. Following two short gains by Turner with very little time running off the clock, diminutive RB Jacquizz Rodgers squeezed through a tiny hole and converted a 3rd-and-4 to secure the victory for the visitors.

GAME #8

LIONS 45, BRONCOS 10
SPORTS AUTHORITY FIELD, OCTOBER 30, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 74,977

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	7	17	14	7	0	45
DENVER BRONCOS	3	0	0	7	0	10

BRONCOS.....Prater 39 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Young 41 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 50 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Scheffler 1 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Morris 1 yd. run (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Avril 24 yd. fumble return (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Johnson 56 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Houston 100 yd. interception return (Hanson kick)
 BRONCOS.....Decker 14 yd. pass from Tebow (Prater kick)

	LIONS	BRONCOS
First Downs	21	19
Total Net Yards	376	312
Net Yards Rushing	113	195
Net Yards Passing	263	117
(Att/Comp/Int)	32-22-0	39-18-0
Punts-Average	7-40.6	7-50.4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	5-2
Sacks-Yards	0-0	7-55
Penalties-Yards	4-45	5-55
Time of Possession	29:34	30:26

RUSHING

LIONS: Morris 13-58 1 TD; Williams 11-25; Stafford 1-21; Burleson 1-9; Logan 1-1; Hill 1(-1).
BRONCOS: Moreno 14-69; Tebow 10-63; Ball 6-63.

PASSING

LIONS: Stafford 21-30, 267 3 TD; Hill 1-2, 5.
BRONCOS: Tebow 18-39, 172 1 TD 1 INT.

RECEIVING

LIONS: Johnson 6-125 1 TD; Young 4-66 1 TD; Burleson 4-23; Scheffler 3-38 1 TD; Pettigrew 3-8; Morris 1-7; Williams 1-5.
BRONCOS: Decker 6-72 1 TD; Royal 6-41; Willis 1-28; Thomas 1-10; Rosario 1-7; Moreno 1-5; Fells 1-5; Ball 1-4.

SUMMARY

The Lions traveled to the Mile High city looking to end their two-game losing streak before the upcoming bye. However, Denver QB Tim Tebow and the rest of the Broncos started off the game as unwelcoming hosts. On the opening possession of the game, the Broncos, coming off a Week 7 comeback victory in Miami, continued their momentum, fed off the home crowd and marched the ball down the field. The big play in the 8-play drive was a 34 yard run off right guard by RB Lance Ball to bring the ball inside the Lions 20-yard line. The Detroit defense held strong and actually backed up the Denver offense forcing a 39-yard field goal by K Matt Prater. From that point, it was all Detroit. On the very next possession, Lions QB Matthew Stafford, battling an ankle injury suffered last week vs. Atlanta, found a wide open Titus Young behind the defense for a 41-yard touchdown. The Lions added to their lead early in the second quarter on a 50-yard field goal by K Jason Hanson. From that point, the Lions defense put a straggle hold on the Denver offense. The rest of the half, the Lions D forced four 3-and-outs allowing their offense to punt more points on the scoreboard before the break. The Stafford-led attack took full advantage of the possessions by scoring two more touchdowns in the second quarter. Stafford hit former Bronco TE Tony Scheffler on a 1-yard play action pass to give the Lions a 17-3 lead and on the subsequent drive, RB Maurice Morris, filling in for injured RB Jahvid Best, plunged in from 1-yard out to increase the lead to 21. While the offense had all the fun in the first half, it was the defense's turn in the third quarter. After forcing a punt from the Lions, the Broncos took over at their own 36-yard line. On 2nd down, Tebow dropped back to pass but was stripped by Cliff Avril. The four-year defensive end picked up the ball and raced 24 yards for his first career touchdown. Not to be outdone, the Lions' dynamic pass duo connected later in the quarter. Approaching midfield, Stafford used the hard count to draw the Broncos' offense. Knowing he had a free play, the quarterback sent his favorite target, WR Calvin Johnson, deep down the left sideline. Stafford dropped a ball right over CB Champ Bailey and into the streaking arms of Johnson. Johnson broke away from an attempted Bailey tackle and galloped 56 yards for his 11th touchdown in the first eight games. Trailing 38-3 to enter the fourth quarter, Denver was forced into throwing the ball. Tebow used the short passing game to get the ball inside the Lions 10-yard line, but on 3rd-and-5 from the 8, Lions CB Chris Houston jumped an out route and ran it back 100 yards for a touchdown. It was his fourth interception of the season and his second touchdown return. The Broncos finally scored their first touchdown on the next drive when Tebow hit WR Eric Decker on a 14-yard pitch and catch, but the game was well out of reach at that point. The Lions defense finished the game with seven sacks, including two each from Avril and fellow DE Lawrence Jackson.



GAME #9

BEARS 37, LIONS 13
SOLDIER FIELD, NOVEMBER 13, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 62,396

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	0	6	0	7	-	13
CHICAGO BEARS	10	10	17	0	-	37

BEARS.....Forte 6 yd. run (Gould kick)
 BEARS.....Gould 43 yd. Field Goal
 BEARS.....Gould 35 yd. Field Goal
 BEARS.....Hester 82 yd. punt return (Gould kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 29 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Hanson 35 yd. Field Goal
 BEARS.....Wright 24 yd. interception return (Gould kick)
 BEARS.....Tillman 44 yd. interception return (Gould kick)
 BEARS.....Gould 50 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Scheffler 10 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)

	LIONS	BEARS
First Downs	22	12
Total Net Yards	393	216
Net Yards Rushing	80	109
Net Yards Passing	313	107
(Att/Comp/Int)	63-33-4	20-9-0
Punts-Average	5-49.0	6-46.7
Fumbles-Lost	3-2	3-1
Sacks-Yards	2-16	2-16
Penalties-Yards	4-53	4-37
Time of Possession	30:54	29:06

RUSHING

LIONS: Morris 10-44; Smith 4-19; Burleson 1-10; Logan 1-5; Stafford 2-1; Williams 1-1.

BEARS: Forte 18-64 1 TD; Barber 13-27; Cutler 4-18.

PASSING

LIONS: Stafford 33-63, 329 1 TD 4 INT.

BEARS: Cutler 9-19, 123; Forte 0-1.

RECEIVING

LIONS: Burleson 8-83; Johnson 7-81; Young 7-74; Pettigrew 5-38; Scheffler 3-37 1 TD; Smith 2-10; Morris 1-6.

BEARS: Bennett 6-81; Hurd 1-21; Knox 1-18; Forte 1-3.

SUMMARY

Coming off a bye week, the Detroit Lions traveled to Chicago to take on the division rival Bears in a pivotal NFC matchup. Before kickoff, the average wind was 25 mph with gusts up to 40 mph. The Lions won the opening coin toss, elected to receive and started off in a nice offensive rhythm. QB Matthew Stafford hit his first four passes, however, on the fourth completion WR Calvin Johnson was hit by Bears DE Julius Peppers, fumbled, and it was scooped up by Chicago LB Brian Urlacher and returned to the Detroit 30-yard line. Four plays later, with the help of a personal foul penalty, RB Matt Forte ran it 6 yards for the game's opening touchdown. On the subsequent possession, the Lions once again fumbled it away. WR Nate Burleson took a completion down the right sideline, but Bears CB Tim Jennings poked it out from behind and was able to fall on it for the recovery. Taking advantage of another turnover, the Bears added three points to their lead with a 43-yard field goal by K Robbie Gould. Following a 3-and-out by the Lions offense, the Bears used the passing game to put themselves in position to tack on more points. QB Jay Cutler hit WR Earl Bennett for 17 yards and then WR Johnny Knox for 18 more to put set up for a second Gould field goal, this one from 35 yards away. After another 3-and-out by Detroit, newly-signed P Robert Malone, filling in for an injured P Ryan Donahue, punted it 60 yards to the Bears' Devin Hester. The dangerous return man raced up the left sideline, avoided Malone's attempt to shove him out of bounds and cruised into the end zone. It was Hester's 12th career punt return for a touchdown, adding on to his own NFL record. Down 20-0, the Lions defense was the recipient of a turnover when Cutler and Forte fumbled an exchange. Detroit got the ball inside the Bears' 20, but was only able to put three points on the board with a K Jason Hanson 29-yard field goal. Another Hanson field goal prior to the half cut the Chicago lead to 20-6 with the Lions hopeful of another second-half comeback. Unfortunately, those hopes were dashed early in the third quarter. On the Lions second offensive play, Stafford tried to hit TE Will Heller on an out route, but a wind gust pushed the pass inside, and Bears S Major Wright picked it off and ran it back 24 yards for a touchdown. On the very next possession, Bears CB Charles Tillman jumped in front of a pass from Stafford to Johnson and returned it 44 yards for another score. A 50-yard field goal by Gould pushed the Bears lead to 37-6 at the end of the third quarter. Stafford threw two more interceptions in the fourth quarter, but neither led to any more points for the Bears. The Lions, however, did finally get in the end zone later in the fourth quarter when Stafford hit Scheffler on a 4th-and-goal from 10 yards away to finish the scoring.

GAME #10

LIONS 49, PANTHERS 35
FORD FIELD, NOVEMBER 20, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 63,633

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
CAROLINA PANTHERS	10	17	0	8	-	35
DETROIT LIONS	0	14	14	21	-	49

PANTHERS.....Mare 27 yd. Field Goal
 PANTHERS.....Smith 15 yd. pass from Newton (Mare kick)
 LIONS.....Smith 28 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 PANTHERS.....Pilares 101 yd. kickoff return (Mare kick)
 PANTHERS.....Newton 11 yd. run (Mare kick)
 LIONS.....Young 3 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 PANTHERS.....Mare 31 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Burleson 16 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Scheffler 17 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Smith 4 yd. run (Hanson kick)
 PANTHERS.....Newton 6 yd. run (Newton-Smith pass)
 LIONS.....Pettigrew 7 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Smith 19 yd. run (Hanson kick)

	PANTHERS	LIONS
First Downs	24	29
Total Net Yards	409	495
Net Yards Rushing	137	169
Net Yards Passing	272	326
(Att/Comp/Int)	38-22-4	36-28-2
Punts-Average	3-40.7	2-48.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Sacks-Yards	2-9	1-8
Penalties-Yards	7-70	8-56
Time of Possession	26:53	33:07

RUSHING

PANTHERS: Williams 10-73; Newton 7-37 2 TD; Stewart 8-22; Smith 1-5.
LIONS: Smith 16-140 2 TD; Morris 7-29; Stafford 4-2; Williams 1-0; Logan 1-(-2).

PASSING

PANTHERS: Newton 22-38, 280, 1 TD, 4 INT.

LIONS: Stafford 28-36, 335, 5 TD, 2 INT.

RECEIVING

PANTHERS: Stewart 6-87; Smith 5-41 1 TD; LaFell 3-51; Naanee 3-41; Olsen 3-23; Williams 1-32; Brockel 1-5.

LIONS: Burleson 7-63 1 TD; Johnson 5-89; Smith 4-61 1 TD; Pettigrew 4-37 1 TD; Davis 2-27; Scheffler 2-24 1 TD; Young 2-14 1 TD; Heller 1-12; Morris 1-8.

SUMMARY

After suffering a one-sided loss in Week 10 at Chicago, the Detroit Lions returned to Ford Field to face rookie quarterback Cam Newton and the Carolina Panthers. Unfortunately for the home crowd, the early going was entirely similar to the week before. On just the third play from scrimmage, QB Matthew Stafford was picked off by Carolina LB James Anderson. The Lions defense, however, bailed them out by intercepting Newton on their third offensive play giving the ball back to the offense. Stafford drove the team down the field, but the turnover bug bit once again as he threw another interception, this one by Panthers S Charles Godfrey. Newton and the Panthers offense took advantage of the second opportunity and got on the scoreboard with a 27-yard field goal by K Olinde Mare. A third Detroit first quarter turnover, this time a fumble by RB Keiland Williams, gave the ball back to Carolina inside the Lions' 30-yard line and the Panthers again took advantage of the opportunity. After a 19-yard screen play to RB Jonathan Stewart, Newton found his favorite target, WR Steve Smith, on a post pattern for a 15-yard touchdown to give Carolina a 10-0 lead after the first quarter. The Lions composed themselves, however, and on the second play of the second quarter it was their turn to use the screen game to their advantage. Following a big 43-yard run up the middle by RB Kevin Smith, Stafford faked an end around to WR Nate Burleson and dumped it off to Smith who maneuvered his way 28 yards for the Lions opening touchdown. That momentum was short lived as on the ensuing kickoff Carolina WR Kealoha Pinares returned the boot from K Jason Hanson 101 yards for a touchdown to regain a 10 point edge. Following a 3-and-out by the Lions, the Panthers got the ball back around midfield and once again had little trouble moving the ball down the field. RB DeAngelo Williams took a handoff from Newton 26 yards down to the 11-yard line and, on the very next play, Newton called his own number and ran it in for another touchdown. Down 17, Stafford and the Lions offense started airing it out and had success. He went 8-of-9 on the next drive, concluding with a 3-yard quick strike to WR Titus Young for a touchdown and bringing some life back into a stunned Ford Field crowd. A Mare field goal as time expired in the first half pushed the Panthers' lead back to 13 heading to the break. The second half, however, was dominated by the Lions. Stafford threw two touchdown passes in the third quarter -- one to Burleson and the other to TE Tony Scheffler -- and the defense forced an interception by Newton to take a 1-point lead into the fourth quarter. After forcing another Carolina punt, the Detroit offense added to its lead early in the fourth, primarily due to the running game. Smith broke off a 19-yard gain, which was followed by 11 yards from RB Maurice Morris resulting in 1st-and-goal from the 4-yard line. On the next play, Smith burst through the middle for a score. Now down eight, Newton showed poise beyond his years by taking the Panthers right down the field in a hostile environment and scored on a 6-yard quarterback draw. A 2-point conversion from Newton to Smith tied the game at 35 with just over 5:00 to play. The Lions offense countered with a 7-play, 80-yard drive that ended with a 7-yard touchdown pass from Stafford to TE Brandon Pettigrew. An interception by S Chris Harris on the first play of the subsequent Carolina drive gave the ball back to the Lions and Smith took the handoff 19 yards for the Lions' seventh touchdown of the game. Another interception of Newton, this time by LB Stephen Tulloch, with 0:54 left ended any hope of a dramatic comeback.



GAME #11

PACKERS 27, LIONS 15
FORD FIELD, NOVEMBER 24, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 66,263

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
GREEN BAY PACKERS	0	7	17	3	-	27
DETROIT LIONS	0	0	0	15	-	15

PACKERS.....Jennings 3 yd. pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick)
 PACKERS.....Kuhn 1 yd. run (Crosby kick)
 PACKERS.....Jones 65 yd. pass from Rodgers (Crosby kick)
 PACKERS.....Crosby 35 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Williams 16 yd. run (Stafford-Young pass)
 PACKERS.....Crosby 32 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Johnson 3 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)

	PACKERS	LIONS
First Downs	18	23
Total Net Yards	349	409
Net Yards Rushing	53	136
Net Yards Passing	296	273
(Att/Comp/Int)	33-22-0	45-32-3
Punts-Average	5-41.4	4-37.0
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Sacks-Yards	2-5	2-5
Penalties-Yards	7-54	11-82
Time of Possession	29:12	30:48

RUSHING

PACKERS: Grant 6-20; Starks 4-19; Saine 2-10; Kuhn 5-5 1 TD; Rodgers 1(-)-1.

LIONS: Morris 7-39; Smith 7-36; Stafford 4-31; Williams 2-19 1 TD; Burleson 1-11.

PASSING

PACKERS: Rodgers 22-32, 307 2 TD.

LIONS: Stafford 32-45, 276 1 TD 3 INT.

RECEIVING

PACKERS: Jennings 5-74 1 TD; Nelson 4-26; Jones 3-94 1 TD; Grant 3-20; Finley 2-38; Cobb 2-21; Driver 1-15; Kuhn 1-10; Saine 1-9.

LIONS: Morris 9-81; Burleson 5-39; Johnson 4-49 1 TD; Williams 4-33; Pettigrew 4-27; Smith 3-21; Scheffler 2-13; Young 1-13.

SUMMARY

For the 20th time in the 72-year history of Thanksgiving Day football, the Lions and Packers met in Detroit. With both teams possessing prolific offenses, the expectation was a high-scoring shootout; however the first half proved to be a defensive struggle. Each team had the ball twice in the opening quarter and the defenses forced four punts. The Lions gained the only two first downs in the opening quarter, one on each drive, but penalties stalled the respective possessions as Detroit crossed into Green Bay territory. QB Aaron Rodgers and the Packers offense finally got going in the second quarter as they moved the ball successfully through the air, but the Detroit defense stopped them short of scoring position. Following a punt, the Lions got the ball back on their own 20-yard line. On the second play of the drive, QB Matthew Stafford's pass to TE Brandon Pettigrew was tipped in the air by Packers DT Ryan Pickett and caught by LB Clay Matthews. The Pro Bowler returned it 7 yards to the Lions 13-yard line. On the first play after the turnover, a pass interference call on Lions CB Brandon McDonald put the ball at the 1-yard line. Two plays later, Rodgers found WR Greg Jennings on a quick out pattern for the game's opening touchdown. Detroit drove the ball back down the field prior to the end of the half, but K Jason Hanson missed a 47-yard field goal attempt so the Packers took a 7-0 lead to the halftime break. After receiving the kickoff to open the second-half, Rodgers led the Packers on an 11-play, 77-yard drive which was capped off by a 1-yard touchdown plunge from FB John Kuhn. On the subsequent Lions possession, Stafford was once again able to enter Green Bay's side of the 50-yard line, but he was picked off by LB Robert Francois on another pass intended for Pettigrew. On the very next play, Rodgers faced a handoff to RB Ryan Grant and hit WR James Jones in stride down the middle of the field and he raced 65 yards for a touchdown. A third Stafford interception on the Lions next drive gave the ball back to Green Bay at the Detroit 33-yard line and set up a 35-yard field goal by K Mason Crosby. The third quarter ended with the Packers ahead 24-0, but a 18-yard touchdown run by the Lions' Keiland Williams early in the fourth trimmed the lead. Stafford hit rookie WR Titus Young for a successful two-point conversion to make it a 24-8 advantage. Green Bay added another Crosby field goal, this one from 32 yards away to expand its lead to 27-8 with 2:46 to play and put the game out of reach. Detroit did add a late touchdown pass from Stafford to WR Calvin Johnson, but it was too little, too late as the Packers marched to 11-0 on the season.

GAME #12

SAINTS 31, LIONS 17
MERCEDES-BENZ SUPERDOME, DECEMBER 4, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 73,042

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
DETROIT LIONS	0	7	10	0	-	17
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS	3	21	0	7	-	31

SAINTS.....Kasay 39 yd. Field Goal
 SAINTS.....Ingram 14 yd. run (Kasey kick)
 SAINTS.....Meachem 67 yd. pass from Brees (Kasay kick)
 LIONS.....Smith 2 yd. run (Hanson kick)
 SAINTS.....Moore 20 yd. pass from Brees (Kasay kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 31 yd. Field Goal
 LIONS.....Morris 9 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 SAINTS.....Sproles 6 yd. pass from Brees (Hanson kick)

	LIONS	SAINTS
First Downs	25	21
Total Net Yards	466	438
Net Yards Rushing	87	100
Net Yards Passing	379	338
(Att/Comp/Int)	44-31-1	36-26-0
Punts-Average	4-45.8	4-44.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0
Sacks-Yards	2-4	3-29
Penalties-Yards	11-107	3-30
Time of Possession	35:06	24:54

RUSHING

LIONS: Smith 6-34 1 TD; Morris 12-28; Williams 2-14; Young 1-11; Logan 1-0.

SAINTS: Ingram 16-54 1 TD; Sproles 4-28; Thomas 2-10; Meachem 1-8.

PASSING

SAINTS: Brees 26-36, 342 3 TD.

LIONS: Stafford 31-44, 408 1 TD 1 INT.

RECEIVING

LIONS: Johnson 6-69; Smith 6-46; Burleson 5-93; Morris 5-47; Young 2-60; Scheffler 2-41; Pettigrew 2-13; Davis 1-22; Heller 1-10; Williams 1-7.

SAINTS: Graham 8-89; Colston 6-54; Sproles 5-46 1 TD; Meachem 3-119 1 TD; Moore 2-23 1 TD; Thomas 2-11.

SUMMARY

The Detroit Lions traveled down to New Orleans for a primetime matchup with the NFC South leading Saints. In the always-boisterous Superdome, the Saints jumped out in front. On its second possession, using a good combination of pass and run, New Orleans moved the ball down the field into scoring position. After a third down conversion from QB Drew Brees to WR Lance Moore set them up at the Lions' 20-yard line, the Detroit defense held strong and forced a 39-yard field goal from veteran kicker John Kasay. Late in the first quarter, the Lions pinned the Saints deep in their own territory, but Brees led them on a 9-play, 97-yard drive that would be capped off by a 14-yard touchdown run by rookie RB Mark Ingram. Already up by 10, the Saints stopped the Lions and made them punt again. On its second play of the subsequent drive, Brees hit a streaking WR Robert Meachem over the middle. The former Tennessee Volunteer made a couple moves to avoid Lions CB Eric Wright and raced into the end zone. With momentum on the side of the home team and penalties becoming an issue in keeping drives alive, QB Matthew Stafford was able to answer the Saints' touchdown. He drove the team 80 yards on the next Lions drive that was capped off by a 2-yard touchdown plunge from RB Kevin Smith. With just over 2 minutes to go in the first half, Brees got his hands on the ball once again looking to build on their lead going into the break. In typical Brees fashion, he methodically ran the hurry up offense and hit Moore down the seam from for a 20 yard touchdown with just 0:28 to go in the half. The Lions did have an opportunity for points before time would expire, however. After the kickoff, Stafford hit rookie WR Titus Young down the left sideline for 49 yards. Two plays later, K Jason Hanson attempted a 42-yard field goal, but it was blocked by Saints CB Patrick Robinson. On the first drive of the second half, Detroit was able to finally put that field goal on the scoreboard when Hanson connected from 31 yards away. It could have been seven, however, as the Lions were inside the 5-yard line, but Young was called for a personal foul penalty to move them back 15 yards. Penalties were an issue the entire game for the Lions, who were flagged 11 times for 107 yards. But penalties aside, Detroit continued to stick around and closed the gap to within seven later in the third quarter. Following a 36-yard pass play to TE Tony Scheffler, Stafford dumped one off to RB Maurice Morris, who maneuvered his way into the end zone from 9 yards out to cut the deficit to just a score. Entering the fourth quarter and momentum changing, the Lions looked poised to have another big comeback, but the Saints proved why they are one of the best teams in the NFL. After a Hanson miss from 55 yards early in the quarter, Brees decided to get his soon-to-be All-Pro tight end involved. Jimmy Graham caught four passes in five plays to bring them inside the 10-yard line and on 1st-and-goal, Brees found RB Darren Sproles in the flat who jogged in for a touchdown. Down a couple touchdowns, the Lions had two more possessions in the game, but penalties and an interception by Saints CB Tracy Porter ended the possibility of another Lions comeback.



GAME #13
LIONS 34, VIKINGS 28
FORD FIELD, DECEMBER 11, 2011
ATTENDANCE: 63,988

	1Q	2Q	3Q	4Q	OT	Final
MINNESOTA VIKINGS	7	7	7	7	-	28
DETROIT LIONS	21	10	0	3	-	34

LIONS.....Tulloch fumble recovery in end zone (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Young 57 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 LIONS.....Pettigrew 12 yd. pass from Stafford (Hanson kick)
 VIKINGS.....Shiancoe 7 yd. pass from Ponder (Longwell kick)
 LIONS.....A. Smith 30 yd. interception return (Hanson kick)
 VIKINGS.....Harvin 6 yd. pass from Ponder (Longwell kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 30 yd. Field Goal
 VIKINGS.....Webb 65 yd. run (Longwell kick)
 LIONS.....Hanson 26 yd. Field Goal
 VIKINGS.....Gerhart 2 yd. pass from Webb (Longwell kick)

	VIKINGS	LIONS
First Downs	29	13
Total Net Yards	425	280
Net Yards Rushing	269	72
Net Yards Passing	156	208
(Att/Comp/Int)	37-22-2	22-10-2
Punts-Average	2-48.5	6-47.7
Fumbles-Lost	5-3	0-0
Sacks-Yards	5-19	4-43
Penalties-Yards	5-37	10-76
Time of Possession	28:46	31:14

RUSHING

VIKINGS: Webb 7-109 1 TD; Gerhart 19-90; Harvin 4-40; Booker 3-17; Ponder 2-13.

LIONS: Williams 12-43; Morris 4-13; Johnson 1-11; Stafford 2-4; Burlleson 1-1; Brown 1-0.

PASSING

VIKINGS: Webb 12-23 84, 1 TD; Ponder 11-21 115, 2 TD, 3 INT.

LIONS: Stafford 20-29 227 2 TD.

RECEIVING

VIKINGS: Harvin 10-69 1 TD; Aromashodu 4-47; Shiancoe 3-33 1 TD; Gerhart 3-19 1 TD; Camarillo 2-31; Rudolph 1-0.

LIONS: Pettigrew 6-57 1 TD; Young 4-87 1 TD; Johnson 3-29; Burlleson 3-25; Williams 2-17; Brown 1-9; Morris 1-3.

SUMMARY

After the Lions stormed back from a big deficit in the teams' first meeting earlier in the season, the Vikings almost returned the favor in Week 13. Coming off two straight losses to NFC powers, the Lions looked to start fast against the struggling Vikings and accomplished their goal. On Minnesota's first offensive play, rookie QB Christian Ponder was sacked by Lions DE Cliff Avril, stripped of the football, and Detroit's Stephen Tulloch jumped on the ball in the end zone for the game's opening touchdown. On Minnesota's next drive, on a 3rd-and-long situation, Ponder was picked off by CB Alphonso Smith. Three plays later, Lions QB Matthew Stafford hit rookie WR Titus Young down the left sideline for a 57-yard touchdown. After a punt from the Vikings, the Lions continued to add to their lead. A good punt return by return man Stefan Logan set them up at Vikings' 34-yard line; Stafford found his tight end, Brandon Pettigrew on a 17-yard pitch and catch that included the 265-pounder hurdling over a defender. The two connected again on the very next play on a corner route for a 17-yard score to push the Detroit lead to 21-0. Down three touchdowns with their best player (RB Adrian Peterson) inactive with an ankle injury, things looked bleak for the 2-10 Vikings, but they fought back into the game. Late in the first quarter, Ponder led the team on a 10-play, 80-yard drive that was capped off by a 7-yard tight end screen to Visanthe Shiancoe. With a little bit of momentum, the Vikings defense held the Lions and forced them into a punt. On their next drive, however, Ponder was picked off again by Smith, who returned it 30 yards for a touchdown. Minnesota answered on its next possession as Ponder again led a 10-play drive that resulted in a 6-yard touchdown pass to WR Percy Harvin. Detroit added a 30-yard field goal by K Jason Hanson late in the second quarter to take a 31-14 advantage into the halftime locker room. Minnesota received the second half kickoff, but once again the Lions defense forced them into a turnover. Ponder was intercepted by CB Eric Wright, giving the ball back to the Lions and ending his day. After a Lions punt, QB Joe Webb replaced Ponder as the signal-caller and instantly brought some energy to his team. On his first drive, the mobile Webb escaped a third-down pass rush and raced all alone down the right sideline for a 65-yard touchdown run. Up by 10 entering the fourth quarter, the Lions added a second Hanson field goal to increase their lead. However, Webb proved difficult to stop as he drove the Vikings down the field and threw a 2-yard touchdown pass to RB Toby Gerhart to bring Minnesota within six. After each team punted, the Vikings were in position to have the final drive looking for a game-winning touchdown. With 3:32 remaining, Minnesota started on their 20 and methodically moved the ball down the field. They converted two fourth down plays on the drive, including a 4th-and-6 from the Lions' 12. An offside penalty by the Lions gave Minnesota a 1st-and-goal from the 1-yard line with 0:09 left. On what turned out to be the final play of the game, Webb rolled to his left, was sacked by Lions LB DeAndre Levy forcing a fumble. The ball bounced down the field before Avril rolled on top of it at the Minnesota's 43-yard line securing the victory.