

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS at OAKLAND RAIDERS

7:15 p.m. PDT — Monday, Sept. 14, 2009

Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum — Oakland, California



2009 Schedule

REGULAR SEASON

Mon.	Sept.	14	at Oakland	7:15 p.m.	ESPN/KFMB
Sun.	Sept.	20	BALTIMORE	1:15 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Sept.	27	MIAMI	1:15 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Oct.	4	at Pittsburgh	5:20 p.m.	NBC
Sun.	Oct.	11	Bye		
Mon.	Oct.	19	DENVER	5:30 p.m.	ESPN/KFMB
Sun.	Oct.	25	at Kansas City	10:00 a.m.	CBS
Sun.	Nov.	1	OAKLAND	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Nov.	8	at New York Giants	1:15 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Nov.	15	PHILADELPHIA	1:15 p.m.	FOX
Sun.	Nov.	22	at Denver*	1:15 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Nov.	29	KANSAS CITY*	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Dec.	6	at Cleveland*	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Dec.	13	at Dallas*	1:15 p.m.	CBS
Sun.	Dec.	20	CINCINNATI*	1:05 p.m.	CBS
Fri.	Dec.	25	at Tennessee	4:30 p.m.	NFLN/KFMB
Sun.	Jan.	3	WASHINGTON*	1:15 p.m.	FOX

All times Pacific. Home games in **BOLD**.

Home games will be subject to local blackout rules and will be shown locally if they are sold out 72 hours prior to kickoff. Dates and times are subject to change.

*Denotes flex scheduling and games subject to time change.

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For the second time in the last four years, the San Diego Chargers will open the NFL season on national TV in the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum when they face their long-time division rivals, the Oakland Raiders, on Sept. 14 on ESPN's Monday Night Football. Kickoff is 7:15 p.m. PDT.

Series History

The Chargers will be looking for their 12th-straight win over the Raiders. The current 11-game win streak is the Bolts' longest ever against any single opponent. Despite the win streak, the Raiders still lead the all-time series, 55-42-2. This will be the seventh season opener played between the Chargers and Raiders. Oakland has won five of the previous six.

Chargers-Raiders Connections

For the Chargers, Owner **Alex Spanos** makes his home in the Northern California city of Stockton. Head Coach **Norv Turner** is a native of Martinez, Calif. and spent the 2004-05 seasons as the Raiders' head coach. Defensive Coordinator **Ron Rivera** was born in Fort Ord, Calif. and grew up in Marina. Rivera also was a collegiate linebacker at Cal-Berkeley. Assistant secondary coach **Cris Dishman** spent the last three seasons as an assistant coach at Menlo College in the Bay Area. Defensive line coach **Don Johnson** coached defensive tackles for the Raiders from 2007-08. Running Backs coach **Ollie Wilson** held the same post at Cal from 1983-90. Long snapper **David Binn** is from San Mateo, Calif. (San Mateo High and Cal-Berkeley). WR **Malcom Floyd** is from Sacramento (River City High). WR **Kassim Osgood** is from Salinas, Calif. (North Salinas High). QB **Billy Volek** is from Fresno (Clovis West High and Fresno State).

For the Raiders, Owner **Al Davis** was an original Chargers coach, working for the Bolts from 1960-62. Head Coach **Tom Cable** was a Grad Assistant at San Diego State in 1989. Linebackers coach **Mike Haluchak** was a Chargers assistant from 1986-91. Passing game coordinator **Ted Tollner** spent the 1989-91 seasons with the Chargers. San Diego State alums **Kirk Morrison** and **Chaz Schilens** play for the Raiders, as do Southern California natives **Todd Watkins** (La Mesa), **Nnamdi Asomugha** (Los Angeles) and **Justin Fargas** (Sherman Oaks).

Television and Radio Coverage

ESPN and KFMB-TV (Ch. 8 San Diego)

Mike Greenberg (play-by-play), **Mike Golic** (analyst), **Steve Young** (analyst) and **Michele Tafoya** (sidelines)



Westwood One Radio

Kevin Harlan (play-by-play), **Warren Moon** (analyst) and **Mark Malone** (sidelines)



Rock 105.3 FM, XTRA Sports 1360 (San Diego) and AM 570 KLAC (Los Angeles)

Josh Lewin (play-by-play) and **Hank Bauer** (analyst)

The Chargers Radio Network includes KGEO 1230 AM in Bakersfield; KNWH 1250 AM in the Yucca Valley; KNWQ 1140 AM in Palm Springs; KNWZ 970 AM in the Coachella Valley; KOSS 1380 AM in Palmdale and Lancaster, KSPA 1510 AM in Ontario, Rancho Cucamonga and the Inland Empire; KATY 101.3 FM in Temecula and the Inland Empire; KWDJ 1360 AM in Ridgecrest; ESPN Radio 1100 AM in Las Vegas; KXO 107.5 FM in the Imperial Valley and Yuma, Arizona; and SiriusSatellite Radio.



XHFG 107.3 (San Diego) and KWKW 1330 AM (Los Angeles) - Spanish

Jorge Villanueva (play-by-play) and **Adrian Garcia** (analyst)



Bolts in season openers

- The Chargers are 28-21 (.571) all-time on Opening Day.
- The Chargers are 11-10 in season openers against AFC West foes.
- The Chargers are 14-14 in season openers on the road.
- The Chargers are 3-0 when opening the season in a nationally-televised night game, including a 27-0 ESPN Monday Night Football win over the Raiders in Oakland in 2006. The Chargers' other national TV night wins on opening weekend include a 37-34 win over Denver in 1994 and a 44-14 win at Cleveland in 1981. The Chargers have won 12 of their last 16 regular-season nationally-televised night games.

Press releases, player bios, notes and a downloadable version of the Chargers' 2009 Media Guide are available at www.Chargers.com

Tomlinson looks to show age doesn't matter

Much of the talk this offseason was about **LaDainian Tomlinson** turning 30 and the perception that running backs' careers typically decline once they move beyond their 20s. Tomlinson, who has had an outstanding career rushing against the Raiders, including six 100-yard games at the Oakland-Alameda Coliseum, will look to stiff-arm that perception when he takes the field on Monday night. Below is a look at the Top 5 rushing performances on Opening Day by a running back over the age of 30.

Player	Team	Yards	Opening Day Age
Curtis Martin	New York Jets	196	31
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	151	30
Christian Okoye	Kansas City	143	30
Warrick Dunn	Atlanta	132	31
Marshall Faulk	St. Louis	128	31

For his career, Tomlinson has rushed for more yards (1,906) and touchdowns (19) against the Raiders than any other opponent.



Rivers looks for lucky 7

Philip Rivers took over as the Chargers' starting quarterback in 2006, facing the Raiders in his first-ever NFL start. That night he was an efficient 8-of-11 for 108 yards and a touchdown in the Chargers' 27-0 win. Rivers has never lost to the Raiders, owning a record of 6-0 as a starter vs. Oakland. With a win over the Raiders on Monday night, Rivers would join **Mark Brunell** (vs. Baltimore), **Brett Favre** (vs. San Francisco) and **Kurt Warner** (vs. San Francisco) as starting quarterbacks with the second-most consecutive wins against a single opponent to start their careers.



Currently the record for most wins (9) is shared by **Ben Roethlisberger** (vs. Cleveland), **Daunte Culpepper** (vs. Detroit) and **Peyton Manning** (vs. Houston). Both Roethlisberger and Culpepper's streaks are active, however as a member of the Lions, Culpepper won't have a chance to extend his streak this season. Roethlisberger, however, will face the Browns twice in Weeks 6 and 14.



Rivers puts up some lofty numbers

Recently, the *San Diego Union-Tribune* posted some lofty statistics on **Philip Rivers'** young career. About to embark on his fourth season as a starter, Rivers' 33 wins in his first 48 starts tie him with John Elway for third-most in the modern era, behind only Ben Roethlisberger (35) and Dan Marino (34). His passer rating in his first 48 starts (92.9) is second only to Marino's 94.8 and his 2.16-to-1 touchdown-to-interception ratio is the NFL's best.

Rivers is coming off an '08 season in which he led the NFL in passer rating (105.5) and tied for the league lead in touchdown passes (34).



Rivers re-ups

On Monday, Aug. 24, quarterback **Philip Rivers** signed a six-year contract extension that will run thru the 2015 season. The Bolts' starting quarterback since 2006, Rivers has led the team to three straight playoff seasons. His career record as a starter is 36-18 (.667), including playoffs. His record at Qualcomm Stadium is even more impressive, 22-5 for a .815 winning percentage. He also holds the team's record for career passer rating (92.9).



Lights on

Shawne "Lights Out" Merriman will make his long awaited return on Monday night when the Chargers face the Raiders. Merriman, who sat out the final 15 games of 2008 and the playoffs while recovering from knee surgery, had one of his most memorable games against the Raiders in the '06 opener. That night, Merriman's three sacks were a third of the Chargers' nine sacks as a team. Merriman helped the Chargers' defense hold the Raiders' duo of **Aaron Brooks** and **Andrew Walter** to a combined 8-of-19 passing for 96 yards and no touchdowns as the Chargers shut out the Raiders for the first time since 1961.

Merriman enters Monday night's game with 39.5 career sacks, eighth-most in Chargers history, including 6.5 against Oakland.



Workout partners

Linebackers **Shawne Merriman** and **Shawne Phillips** spent part of their offseason training together at Gold's Gym in Los Angeles. According to *The Press-Enterprise*, they pushed each other in weightlifting and cone drills during their workout sessions. Merriman, Phillips and fellow linebacker **Stephen Cooper** all share a townhouse in Hollywood during the offseason.



Championships begin in the division

The Chargers have been the rulers of late in the AFC West, winning four of the five last division crowns.

Since 2004, the Chargers are 23-7 (.767) in the division, including 10-0 against Oakland, 6-4 against Denver and 7-3 against the Chiefs. The Chargers went 5-1 in AFC West play in 2008, including a 52-21 win over the Broncos in last year's season finale to seal the crown. The



Chargers' 23 inner-division wins since '04 are tied with Indianapolis and Pittsburgh for the second-most in the NFL during that span behind New England's 24.

Since the NFL realigned the divisions in 2002, the Chargers are the only AFC West team to win consecutive titles.



This Week's Practice and Media Schedule

Media wishing to access the Media Center, cover the open practice period or gather interviews post-practice should enter the facility via the walk-through gate nearest the Media Center.

Mon. Sept. 7 — (*11:15-1:00 pm practice; interviews after)

Tues. Sept. 8 — (No availability)

Wed. Sept. 9 — (*11:15-1:00 pm practice; interviews after)

TBD - Norv Turner Conference Call

TBD - Chargers Player Conference Call

TBD - Tom Cable Conference Call

TBD - Raiders Player Conference Call

Thu. Sept. 10 — (*1:30-3:30 pm practice; interviews after)

Fri. Sept. 11 — (*1:30-3:30 pm practice; interviews after)

Sat. Sept. 12 — (*11:15-1:00 pm practice; interviews after)

Sun. Sept. 13 — (No availability)

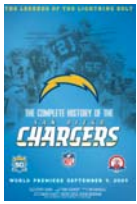
Mon. Sept 14 — **Chargers at Raiders, 7:15 p.m. PDT**

* Practice is open for first 20-30 minutes.

A reminder to all media: there is no live reporting of any kind from the field during the open practice period. That means no use of cell phones or other electronic devices for any reason, including calls, blogs, texts and tweets. In addition, once you leave the field during or after the open practice period, you may not return to the field until after practice.

San Diego history hits the big screen

NFL Films and Warner Home Video will present the world premiere of



"San Diego Chargers: The Complete History" on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7:00 and 9:30 pm at the UltraStar Theater at Hazard Center. Tickets are \$10 and available at www.Chargers.com and www.UltraStarMovies.com.

The 85-minute film, in state-of-the-art "Pure Digital" cinema, highlights the Chargers' first 49 years leading up to the team's 50th Anniversary Season in 2009. NFL Films chronicles the team's dominance through the early years in the American Football League, the offensive powerhouse Air Coryell squads through today's division-winning teams.

The film includes rare sideline sound from players and coaches wires and vintage radio accounts from such notable Chargers greats as **Lance Alworth, Sid Gillman, Dan Fouts, Junior Seau, Stan Humphries, LaDainian Tomlinson** and many more.



Blue Bombers invade Chargers Park

Last Tuesday, the Little League World Series Champion Parkview



(Chula Vista, CA) Blue Bombers visited Chargers Park just a day after their historic return from Williamsport, Pa. The Blue Bombers, so named because of the LLWS record 59 home runs the team hit during

the tournament, took a tour of Chargers Park and watched the team practice. Afterward, Head Coach **Norv Turner** had the players form a tunnel and each Parkview player was given a chance to run through the tunnel, receiving handshakes and high-fives from the Chargers' players. Several Bolts, including **Luis Castillo**, who was one of the team's biggest fans, stuck around after practice and signed autographs for the new world champs.



OL teams up with Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation

The Chargers offensive line has teamed up with the Marine Corps-



Law Enforcement Foundation to raise money for the children of Marines and law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty. For every rushing touchdown the Bolts score this year, each offensive lineman will contribute \$100 toward the fund. Chargers fans are welcome to join the OL and contribute as well. Information is available online at <http://www.mc-lef.org/>.



Summer Camp with the San Diego Chargers

Running backs **LaDainian Tomlinson** and **Darren Sproles**, quarterback **Philip Rivers**, wide receiver **Chris Chambers** and safety **Clinton Hart** all hosted football camps this summer. Tomlinson hosted camps in San Diego and Waco, Texas; Sproles at Del Norte High School in San Diego; Rivers in Huntsville, Alabama; Chambers at Hoover High School in San Diego, and Hart at his alma mater, South Sumter High School in Bushnell, Florida.

My time will come

One of the most exciting stories to follow during training camp was that of defensive end Ogemdi Nwagbuo (OH-gem-dee NEW-wah-boe). His parents were both born in Nigeria and even though Ogemdi was born in San Diego, he was given a Nigerian name, which translated to English means "my time will come." Nwagbuo is the family's surname.



Nwagbuo, who played more snaps than any other defensive lineman in the preseason (132), got a very late start playing football. He did not play as a prep at Mt. Miguel High School in the San Diego suburb of Spring Valley. After graduating, Nwagbuo enrolled at Southwestern College in San Diego and got his first exposure to the game. A successful two-year stint led to a scholarship to Michigan State where he earned a degree in interdisciplinary studies. After originally signing with the New York Giants in 2008, Nwagbuo was signed by the Chargers to their practice squad late in the '08 season and re-signed for 2009.



Gates featured by ESPN

Chargers tight end **Antonio Gates** is being featured in an ESPN ad this summer with several other NFL stars, including fellow tight ends **Tony Gonzalez** and **Dallas Clark**. The three are among a number of players waiting to be selected to a mock fantasy football team.



Vasquez will fit in well in Southern California

Rookie guard **Louis Vasquez**, a native of Corsicana, Texas, looks like he'll fit in just fine in Southern California. Vasquez recently told Chargers.com that he has Aztec blood in his heritage and San Diego happens to be home of the San Diego State University Aztecs. Vasquez also told the website that the Los Angeles based Red Hot Chili Peppers are one of his favorite bands.



Aztec Pride

Speaking of Aztecs, the Chargers will open the season with three San Diego State University alums on the active roster **Antwan Applewhite, Brandyn Dombrowski** and **Kassim Osgood**. It is the most former Aztecs the Chargers have had on their roster to open a season since 1974, when four were on the team. That '74 squad featured SDSU alums **Bobby Howard, Jeff Stagg, Jesse Freitas** and **Don Horn**.



Kaeding kicks it with the Kernels

Bolts kicker **Nate Kaeding** had some fun this summer with the Cedar Rapids (Iowa) Kernels minor-league baseball team. Kaeding, a native of Iowa City, was invited to a game over the Fourth of July weekend and as part of a promotion, booted 16 autographed footballs into the crowd in between innings. Kaeding's appearance must've been good luck as the Kernels defeated the Quad Cities River Bandits, 4-3.



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Highlights from Week 1 of the preseason vs. Seattle



• **LaDainian Tomlinson** and **Shawne Merriman** both made healthy returns and were in the starting lineup against the Seahawks.

- **Billy Volek** led the Chargers to their first touchdown of the night with a perfect drive, going 4-of-4 for 54 yards on the drive, including a beautifully thrown 32-yarder to TE **Kris Wilson** to the seven-yard line. Volek played a little over a quarter, completing 8-of-12 for 122 yards.
- Wilson, **Malcom Floyd** (37 yards) and **Buster Davis** (41 yards) all had catches of longer than 30 yards on the night.
- **Michael Bennett** scored the Chargers' first touchdown of the night on a two-yard run. He finished the night as the team's leading rusher with 21 yards and the TD.
- **Mike Scifres** averaged 46.0 yards on four punts, landing three inside the 20, including a couple that were downed on the four and six-yard lines, respectively.
- Safety **Steve Gregory** delivered the "Hit of the Night," breaking



up a pass intended for **Deon Butler** with a ferocious hit on a third-down play late in the second quarter.

- Cornerback **Antoine Cason** ended Seattle's first drive of the third quarter with a pass breakup on third down, and then followed with another deep down the middle of the field on the first play of the Seahawks' next drive. On the Seahawks' third drive of the quarter, Cason broke up a pass intended for **Ben Obomanu** and the resulting tipped pass was intercepted by **Antwan Applewhite**.
- Quarterback **Charlie Whitehurst** and WR **Charly Martin**, a rookie from West Texas A&M, nearly rallied the Bolts to victory in the fourth quarter. Whitehurst threw a five-yard touchdown pass to **Legedu Naanee** to bring the Chargers within 20-14. Martin had two catches on the drive for 33 yards. Martin then hauled in three straight catches for 34 additional yards on the Chargers' following drive and finished the night with game highs of 67 yards and five catches.



Highlights from Week 2 of the preseason at Arizona

- The Chargers went on the road and knocked off the defending NFC Champion Arizona Cardinals, 17-6, to earn their first win of the preseason.



• The Chargers' defense set the tone early on. **Quentin Jammer** had two big pass breakups in the first quarter, with one in the end zone against **Anquan Boldin** on a third-down play and another on a deep sideline route intended for **Larry Fitzgerald**.

- The defense also picked off two Cardinal passes in the first half, both deep in Chargers territory as **Antonio Cromartie** picked off a **Kurt Warner** pass at the one, and **Clinton Hart** intercepted a **Brian St. Pierre** pass in the end zone.
- **Philip Rivers** and **Billy Volek** both led touchdown drives in the second quarter as the Chargers outscored the Cardinals, 14-0. Volek's

drive was particularly impressive as he directed a 12-play, 95-yard drive capped with an 11-yard touchdown pass to **Legedu Naanee**. After his first pass of the drive fell incomplete, Volek went on to complete his next six, including the touchdown pass.

- Naanee had a nice night in the desert. The touchdown catch was his second in as many weeks. He also opened the Arizona game in fine fashion, catching a 49-yard bomb on the Chargers' first offensive play of the game. He, **Darren Sproles** and **Chris Chambers** each had catches of longer than 30 yards.
- **Nate Kaeding** provided the second-half fireworks for the Chargers, connecting on a 56-yard field goal to open the third quarter. That kick was just one yard shy of the career-long 57-yarder he hit for the Chargers in a pivotal late-season game last year in Tampa.



Highlights from Week 3 of the preseason at Atlanta

- The Chargers faced perhaps their toughest test of the preseason, traveling cross-country to take on the Atlanta Falcons, a Wild Card Playoff team in 2008

- The Chargers jumped out to a 21-13 lead in the first half, going 7-of-8 on third down with **Vincent Jackson**, **Malcom Floyd**, **Chris Chambers**, **Buster Davis** and **Michael Bennett** all making long third-down catches. Bennett scored a touchdown on a 48-yard screen with the Chargers facing a 3rd-and-24. During that same drive, the Bolts overcame a 3rd-and-13, 3rd-and-18 and a 3rd-and-17.



• **Philip Rivers** and **Billy Volek** were outstanding in leading the Chargers to those 21 first half points. In the first half alone, they combined to complete 15-of-21 for 265 yards and a pair of touchdowns for a combined QB rating of 145.4.



• **Darren Sproles** scored his first touchdown of the preseason on a 10-yard run. His blitz pickup on the drive allowed Rivers to complete a 28-yard pass to Jackson to the Falcons' 10-yard line that led to the TD.

- Floyd, who scored the Bolts' other TD, finished the night with team highs of four catches and 56 yards.
- The Chargers' offensive line did a solid job all night long, allowing only one sack in 33 pass plays, while blocking for 118 yards in the run game.
- Defensively, both **Quentin Jammer** and **Kevin Burnett** continued their solid preseasons. Jammer again broke up a couple of passes, including one deep down the field on the game's opening series and another near the goal line late in the second quarter. In just one half of play, Burnett tallied six tackles, including a drive-killing 3rd-down tackle for loss in the first quarter.



Highlights from Week 4 of the preseason vs. San Francisco



• The Chargers closed out the preseason with a 26-7 win over the 49ers to end the preseason 2-2.

• **Kassim Osgood** had his first touchdown catch of the preseason, scoring on a 39-yard pass from Billy Volek in the first quarter.

- The Chargers defense yielded just seven points and received big efforts from linebackers **Shaun Phillips** and **Antwan Applewhite**. Phillips' third-down sack on the 49ers opening series of the game forced a punt and Applewhite later did his part to contribute to a San Francisco three-and-out with a tackle for loss and two-yard sack on consecutive plays.



- **Nate Kaeding** made ammends for a short missed field goal the last time he played at Qualcomm Stadium by going a perfect 4-of-4, including 47 and 51-yarders. His other two kicks were good from 28 and 36.



Noteworthy from the preseason...

- San Diego ranked 3rd in the NFL in total offense (382.3 ypg)
- San Diego ranked 4th in the NFL in passing offense (258.5 ypg)
- San Diego ranked 2nd in the NFL in passing yards per play (13.3 ypr)
- San Diego ranked 1st in the NFL in 3rd-down efficiency (50.8%)
- San Diego ranked 3rd in the NFL in team QB rating (99.0)
- **Billy Volek** and **Philip Rivers** ranked 2nd and 3rd, respectively, in NFL in passer rating on 3rd down.
- San Diego ranked 5th in the NFL in total defense (272.8 ypg)
- San Diego ranked 1st in the NFL in rushing defense (76.0 ypg)
- San Diego allowed the 3rd fewest rushing yards per attempt (3.3)
- San Diego allowed the 2nd lowest punt return average (2.9)



Supplemental Bios - Players not in the 2009 Media Guide



DE-DT TRAVIS JOHNSON
 6-3, 311
 Florida State
 5th NFL Season/1st with Chargers
 Trade (Hou.) - '09
 Notre Dame HS
 Sherman Oaks, Calif.

TRANSACTION HISTORY: First-round pick (16th overall) by Houston in 2005 NFL Draft, April 23, 2005...signed with Texans, Aug. 1, 2005...traded to Chargers, Aug. 31, 2009 for undisclosed draft choice in 2010.

2008: Missed Tennessee game Sept. 21 (knee)...lone sack of season Oct. 26 vs. Cincinnati. **2007:** First-career INT Sept. 9 vs. KC. **2006:** Matched career-best with eight stops Sept. 17 at Indianapolis...injured calf Nov. 12 at Jacksonville and placed on IR Nov. 14. **2005:** First-career sack Nov. 6 at Jaguars...season-high eight tackles vs. SF Jan. 1, 2006.

COLLEGE: First-team All-ACC in 2004...finished career with 175 TT, 43.5 TFLs and 10 sacks...social science major. **PERSONAL:** Born in Sherman Oaks, Calif....All-America DL and school record-holder for sacks, TFLs, FFs and blocked punts at Notre Dame HS in Sherman Oaks...plays saxophone in spare time.

Regular Season		G-S		Tack.-Asst.		Total	Sacks-Yds.		Int.-Yds.	Long	TD	Pass	Fumbles	Spec. Tms.	
Year	Team											Def.	For.-Rec.	TFL	Tackles
2005	Hou.	14-3	20-24	44	1-4	0-0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0-0	n/a	0
2006	Hou.	9-8	8-3	11	0-0	0-0	0	0	0	0	1	0-0	0-0	n/a	0
2007	Hou.	15-13	27-14	41	0-0	1-0	0	0	6	0-0	n/a	0	0	0	0
2008	Hou.	15-14	22-6	28	1-3	0-0	0	0	2	1-0	n/a	0	0	0	0
Totals		52-38	77-47	124	2-7	1-0	0	0	9	1-0	n/a	0	0	0	0

- A couple of rookies turned in solid efforts. **Gartrell Johnson** ran hard for a game-high 85 yards, while **C.J. Spillman** closed out the game with his first interception of the preseason.



Hidden gems

Chargers General Manager continued his impressive trend of finding key undrafted free agent players with safety **C.J. Spillman** of Marshall making the final 53-man roster. Spillman had a solid preseason that included an interception in the preseason finale against San Francisco. All told, the Chargers have 12 former undrafted free agents on the roster, 11 of whom were signed by Smith, including Pro Bowlers **Kassim Osgood**, **Antonio Gates** and **Kris Dielman**. Last year's leading tackler, **Stephen Cooper** is also a former undrafted free agent mined by Smith.



A Look Back - 2008 Offensive Highlights

- Head Coach **Norv Turner** won his second AFC West title in as many seasons while the Chargers became the only team in the NFL to win their division title the past three seasons (2006-08). It also marked the Chargers fourth division crown in the last five seasons.
- Turner coached the Chargers to an overtime win against Indianapolis to improve his postseason record to 3-2, moving him into a tie with **Don Coryell** and **Bobby Ross** for the most playoff wins in team history.
- Turner went 5-1 in December and January, improving his record with the Bolts during those months to 12-2.
- The Chargers were 4-0 in December and in his two seasons at the helm, Turner is 9-0 in December. The Bolts have won an NFL record 14-straight games in December. San Diego has not lost a game in December since 2005, including eight straight at home and six straight on the road.
- Turner oversaw a five-game win streak late in the season, including playoffs. It marked the fifth straight year the Chargers put together a win streak of at least five games.
- Speaking of streaks, when Turner coached the Chargers to the win over the Colts, it ended Indianapolis' nine-game win streak, which was the NFL's longest active streak entering the playoffs.
- The Chargers went 5-1 in the AFC West in 2008. The Bolts are 23-7 (.767) in division play since 2004, their 23 inner-division wins tied with Indianapolis and Pittsburgh for the second-most in the NFL during that span (New England, 24). Since the NFL realigned the divisions in 2002, the Chargers are the only AFC West team to win consecutive titles. The Chargers became the first NFL team since divisions were formed in 1967 to come back from three games down with three games to play and win a division.
- The Chargers won the AFC West with a four-game win streak down the stretch during which San Diego outscored its opponents, 149-73.
- San Diego has now qualified for the playoffs four times in the last five years (since 2004), most since the team went in five of six years from 1960-65.
- San Diego's four-game win streak allowed the team to even its record at 8-8 and become the first-ever team in NFL history to go to the playoffs after starting 4-8. The last 8-8 team to go to the playoffs was the New York Giants in 2006.
- The Chargers also became the first team since the 1985 Cleveland Browns (8-8) to win their division with a record of 8-8 or worse.
- In their AFC West-clinching win over Denver in the regular-season finale, the Chargers rushed for a team-record 289 yards, bettering the previous mark of 287 that was set against the New York Jets back on Oct. 13, 1963.
- With Turner calling the offensive plays, the Chargers scored 439 points in 2008, second-most in the NFL to New Orleans (463). It's the fifth straight year (2004-08) the Chargers scored at least 400 points, the longest stretch of 400-point seasons in team history. The Chargers also extended their team-record streak of consecutive games without being shut out to 153. It's the fourth-longest active streak in the NFL behind Denver (261), Indianapolis (241) and the New York Giants (195).



- The 2008 unit became only the second squad in team history (1981) to feature a 4,000-yard passer, a 1,000-yard receiver and a 1,000-yard rusher – **Philip Rivers** (4,009), **Vincent Jackson** (1,098 yards) and **LaDainian Tomlinson** (1,110 yards), respectively.
- Rivers led the team to his third-straight AFC West title in his three years as a starter.
- Rivers tied for the NFL lead and set a new team record with 34 touchdown passes in 2008. The previous team mark of 33 was set by **Dan Fouts** in 1981. Rivers threw at least two TD passes in 12 of the team's 16 games and three or more in seven of 16 games.

- Rivers also led the league and set a new team mark with a passer rating of 105.5. Already the franchise's all-time leader in passer rating (92.9), Rivers is only the second Chargers QB to finish a season with a passer rating over 100.0 (min. 100 attempts). **Drew Brees** was the other, posting a 104.8 rating in 2004. Rivers had a passer rating of 96.0 or better in 13 of the team's 18 games this season. He did so in each of the team's four wins down the stretch and again in the AFC Divisional Playoff game at Pittsburgh.
- Rivers' 65.3% completion mark was the third-highest in a season in team history. In posting that number, he moved past Brees (62.2%) as the team's all-time most accurate passer with a career completion percentage of 62.3%.
- Rivers' six 300-yard games this season, including playoffs, were the most by a Chargers QB since Fouts had seven in 1985. He also became the first Chargers' QB since **John Friesz** in 1991 to record consecutive 300-yard outings, doing so at New Orleans and vs. Kansas City.
- Rivers also became only the second quarterback in team history to throw for more than 4,000 yards. He finished with 4,009, joining Fouts, who passed for more than 4,000 yards three years in a row (1979-81), including a club-record 4,802 yards in 1981, the same year Rivers was born. Rivers' 4,009 yards were the fourth-most in a season in team history.
- Rivers had a sensational month of December while leading the Chargers to the playoffs. He completed 80 of 121 passes (66.1%) for 1,054 yards with 11 touchdowns and just one interception. His passer rating for the month, a lofty 120.3, was second in the NFL in December behind only **Peyton Manning**, who racked up a rating of 130.8. Manning was 90 of 110 (81.8%) for an identical 1,054 yards, though he had eight TDs and no INTs. Rivers is 14-0 during his career as a starter in December.



- Rivers spread the wealth this season as nine different Chargers had at least 10 catches and scored touchdowns. **Antonio Gates** led the team with 60 catches and eight touchdowns, while Jackson led the squad with 1,098 yards.
- Jackson made a late push for All-Pro consideration, setting career highs in catches (59), yards (1,098) and touchdowns (seven). He finished the year ranked 11th in the league in receiving yards. Jackson's game-winning 10-yard touchdown catch with 36 seconds remaining at Kansas City's Arrowhead Stadium on Dec. 14 helped the Bolts cap off an 18-point comeback and keep the team's playoff hopes alive.



- In the 2008 calendar year, including the '07 playoffs, Jackson caught 77 passes for 1,398 yards and nine touchdowns.
- Fellow WR **Malcom Floyd** also had the best season of his career, setting career-bests with 27 catches, 465 yards and four touchdowns.
- Tomlinson's 1,110 yards allowed him to become just the third player in NFL history to rush for more than 1,000 yards in each of his first eight NFL seasons. He joined company with **Barry Sanders**, who did so from his rookie season in 1989-98 (10 seasons) and **Curtis Martin**, who also did so over his first 10 seasons (1995-04).
- Tomlinson also extended his NFL record of consecutive seasons with at least 10 rushing touchdowns to begin a career to eight.
- **Darren Sproles** played a key role in the Chargers' Wild Card win over Indianapolis, recording 328 all-purpose yards, second-most in a postseason game in team history (including AFL), and third-most in NFL playoff history. Subbing for the injured Tomlinson, Sproles recorded his second-straight 100-yard game and beat the Colts with a 22-yard touchdown run in overtime. It was just Sproles' third-career 100-yard game and his first-ever in the postseason.
- The following week in Pittsburgh, Sproles racked up 274 all-purpose yards, giving him a two-game postseason NFL record total of 602, easily surpassing the previous mark of 500 yards, which had been set by Minnesota's **Anthony Carter** in 1987.

2008 Offensive Highlights (cont.)

- Sproles totaled 2,297 all-purpose yards and scored seven touchdowns in 2008, including 330 yards and one TD as a rusher, 342 yards and five TDs as a receiver, 249 yards as a punt returner and 1,376 yards and one touchdown on kickoff returns.

2008 Defensive Highlights

- **Ron Rivera** took over as defensive coordinator after the season's eighth game. The Chargers' pass defense steadied itself during the team's four-game win streak to close out the season. In those four games, the Chargers intercepted eight passes, while only allowing an average of 213.0 passing yards per game and four total touchdown passes. During the first 12 games of the season when the Bolts were just 4-8, the team only had a total of seven interceptions, while allowing 269.8 passing yards per game and 21 touchdown passes.
- The Chargers defense only had 24 takeaways this season, but 14 of them took place in the final five games of the regular season, a stretch that included the Bolts four-game win streak to win the AFC West and qualify for the playoffs.
- Despite missing the first four games of the year, linebacker **Stephen Cooper** led the team with 136 tackles.
- Cooper made a strong case for AFC Defensive Player of the Month honors for December with four interceptions and 41 tackles. His four interceptions were a career high. They were the most this season by a linebacker in the NFL and they were also the most by a Chargers' linebacker since **Donnie Edwards** tallied five in 2004.
- Anchored yet again by **Jamal Williams**, San Diego's run defense ranked among the NFL's best. The Bolts ranked 11th in the NFL in rushing defense (102.6 yards per game) and only missed out on cracking the Top-10 by 1.3 yards per game.



- The Chargers run defense was at its best this year in two games against the Bolts' arch-rivals, the Oakland Raiders. In those two games combined, the Chargers allowed the Raiders only two total rushing first downs, one in each game. In the first meeting in Oakland in September, the Raiders only scratched out 72 yards on 23 carries (3.1 avg.) and in the December rematch in San Diego, the Bolts' D held Oakland to 54 rushing yards on 16 carries (3.4 avg.).
- **Shaun Phillips** had a solid season, leading the team with 7.5 sacks, while also pacing the squad with 15 tackles for loss. His last sack of the season at Tampa Bay raised his career total to 38.5 and moved him into the team's career Top-10 for sacks.

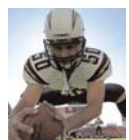


- In just his second season, safety **Eric Weddle** played a big role in the Chargers' secondary. Weddle started all 16 games and ranked second in tackles, just one behind Cooper for the team lead. Weddle also had a big postseason with 19 tackles, including two for loss, a sack and three passes defensed. Weddle set a team record with an 86-yard fumble return for a touchdown in the Chargers' Nov. 30 game against Atlanta.



2008 Special Teams Highlights

- **Mike Scifres** was one of the best punters in the NFL. He set a team record and ranked third in the league in net punting average (40.9). In seven games this season, he allowed zero or negative punt return yards. Scifres had only five touchbacks in 51 punts (9.8%) and 19 of his 51 landed inside the 20. Among kickers with 40-or-more punts, only two others allowed fewer than Scifres' 146 return yards. Only five teams had more than 15 punt return yards against the Chargers this season.
- Because San Diego's offense was so good again in 2008, Scifres was only called upon to punt 51 times. It's the fewest number of punts in a season in team history since the NFL went to a 16-game schedule in 1978.
- Opponents only managed to return a total of 23 of Scifres' punts, the fewest punt returns against the Chargers since 1968 and the fewest returns ever allowed in a 16-game season.
- Scifres had a record-breaking night in the Chargers' AFC Wild Card Playoff win over Indianapolis, landing all six of his punts inside the 20, the highest number and percentage of punts landed inside the 20 in a playoff game in NFL history. The previous best was five of five by Green Bay's **Craig Hentrich** in the 1998 NFC Championship Game. Scifres also averaged an NFL Playoff-record 51.7 net yards per punt (min. 5 punts) against the Colts, who managed just six punt return yards vs. the Chargers. As a result, the Colts were forced to start drives at the 10, 19, 3, 7, 9 and 1 yard lines following his punts.
- **Nate Kaeding** made a career-high 27 field goals in 2008, including a team-record 57-yarder on Dec. 21 at Tampa Bay.
- In going 27 of 32 in 2008, Kaeding improved his career ledger to 118 of 137 (.861) and qualified for the list ranking the top all-time kickers in terms of field goal accuracy (minimum 100 FGM). Kaeding is the NFL's second-most accurate kicker of all time behind only **Mike Vanderjagt** (1998-06), who finished his career with a mark of .865, having successfully converted 230 of 266 field goal attempts.
- **David Binn**, the Chargers' 36-year-old long snapper, played in his 250th career game (regular and post-season) when he took the field in the AFC Divisional Playoffs at Pittsburgh. He is the team record holder for most career games played. Since Binn joined the Chargers in 1994 as a free agent from Cal-Berkeley, more than 100 long snappers have come and gone across the league, yet Binn has missed only one game in his 15 seasons.
- **Darren Sproles** had an outstanding year as both a kickoff and punt returner, ranking eighth in the NFL in both categories. He averaged 26.0 yards on kickoffs, including a 103-yard return for a touchdown Week 2 in Denver, and 11.3 yards on punt returns. Sproles was one of only two players (Tampa Bay rookie **Clifton Smith**) in the league to rank in the Top-10 in both categories.



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acq.	GP-GS-DNP-INA ('08)
5	Mike Scifres	P	6-2	221	28	7	Western Illinois	D5-'03	16-0-0-0
6	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	6-4	220	27	4	Clemson	D3-'06	0-0-0-16
7	Billy Volek	QB	6-2	214	33	10	Fresno State	T (TEN)-'06	0-0-16-0
10	Nate Kaeding	K	6-0	187	27	6	Iowa	D3A-'04	16-0-0-0
11	Legedu Naanee	WR	6-2	220	25	3	Boise State	D5-'07	16-0-0-0
17	Philip Rivers	QB	6-5	228	27	6	North Carolina State	T (NYG)-'04	16-16-0-0
20	Antoine Cason	CB	6-0	190	23	2	Arizona	D1-'08	16-3-0-0
21	LaDainian Tomlinson	RB	5-10	221	30	9	Texas Christian	D1-'01	16-16-0-0
22	Jacob Hester	FB	5-11	235	24	2	Louisiana State	D3-'08	16-3-0-0
23	Quentin Jammer	CB	6-0	204	30	8	Texas	D1-'02	16-16-0-0
25	Kevin Ellison	SS	6-1	221	22	R	Southern California	D6-'09	0-0-0-0
27	Paul Oliver	FS	5-10	210	25	3	Georgia	D4 (Supp)-'07	12-0-0-4
28	Steve Gregory	SS	5-11	195	26	4	Syracuse	FA-'06	15-3-0-1
29	Michael Bennett	RB	5-9	207	31	9	Wisconsin	W (TB)-'08	0-0-0-7
31	Antonio Cromartie	CB	6-2	203	25	4	Florida State	D1-'06	16-15-0-0
32	Eric Weddle	FS	5-11	200	24	3	Utah	D2-'07	16-16-0-0
33	Gartrell Johnson	RB	5-11	218	23	R	Colorado State	D4C-'09	0-0-0-0
35	Mike Tolbert	FB	5-9	243	23	2	Coastal Carolina	FA-'08	13-7-0-3
41	C.J. Spillman	FS	6-0	196	23	R	Marshall	FA-'09	0-0-0-0
42	Clinton Hart	SS	6-0	208	32	7	Central Florida CC	W (PHI)-'04	14-14-1-1
43	Darren Sproles	RB-KR	5-6	185	26	5	Kansas State	D4-'05	16-0-0-0
50	David Binn	LS	6-3	228	37	16	California	FA-'94	16-0-0-0
51	Tim Dobbins	ILB	6-1	246	26	4	Iowa State	D5-'06	16-8-0-0
52	Larry English	OLB	6-2	255	23	R	Northern Illinois	D1-'09	0-0-0-0
54	Stephen Cooper	ILB	6-1	235	30	7	Maine	FA-'03	12-12-0-0
56	Shawne Merriman	OLB	6-4	265	25	5	Maryland	D1A-'05	1-1-0-0
59	Brandon Siler	ILB	6-2	239	23	3	Florida	D7-'07	15-0-0-1
61	Nick Hardwick	C	6-4	295	28	6	Purdue	D3B-'04	13-13-0-3
62	Brandyn Dombrowski	T	6-5	323	24	1	San Diego State	FA-'08	0-0-0-0
63	Scott Mrczkowski	C-G	6-5	325	27	5	Bowling Green	D7-'05	16-1-0-0
65	Louis Vasquez	G	6-5	325	22	R	Texas Tech	D3-'09	0-0-0-0
66	Jeromey Clary	T	6-6	320	25	3	Kansas State	D6A-'06	16-16-0-0
68	Kris Dielman	G	6-4	320	28	7	Indiana	FA-'03	15-15-0-1
69	Tyronne Green	G	6-2	308	23	R	Auburn	D4B-'09	0-0-0-0
73	Marcus McNeill	T	6-7	336	25	4	Auburn	D2-'06	14-14-0-2
74	Jacques Cesaire	DE	6-2	295	29	7	So. Connecticut State	FA-'03	16-2-0-0
76	Jamal Williams	DT	6-3	348	33	12	Oklahoma State	D2 (Supp)-'98	16-15-0-0
80	Malcom Floyd	WR	6-5	225	27	4	Wyoming	FA-'04	13-2-0-3
81	Kassim Osgood	WR	6-5	220	29	7	San Diego State	FA-'03	16-0-0-0
83	Vincent Jackson	WR	6-5	230	26	5	Northern Colorado	D2-'05	16-16-0-0
84	Buster Davis	WR	6-1	210	23	3	Louisiana State	D1-'07	4-0-1-5
85	Antonio Gates	TE	6-4	260	29	7	Kent State	FA-'03	16-16-0-0
86	Brandon Manumaleuna	FB-TE	6-2	295	29	9	Arizona	T (STL)-'06	16-11-0-0
88	Kris Wilson	TE	6-2	245	28	6	Pittsburgh	FA-'08	3-0-0-13
89	Chris Chambers	WR	5-11	210	31	9	Wisconsin	T (MIA)-'07	14-9-0-2
90	Antwan Applewhite	OLB	6-3	246	23	2	San Diego State	FA-'07	14-0-0-1
91	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	DE-DT	6-4	303	23	1	Michigan State	FA-'08	0-0-0-0
92	Vaughn Martin	DE	6-4	320	23	R	Western Ontario	D4A-'09	0-0-0-0
93	Luis Castillo	DE	6-3	290	26	5	Northwestern	D1B-'05	15-15-0-1
94	Jyles Tucker	OLB	6-3	258	25	3	Wake Forest	FA-'07	13-12-0-3
95	Shaun Phillips	OLB	6-3	262	28	6	Purdue	D4-'04	16-16-0-0
96	Travis Johnson	DE-DT	6-3	311	27	5	Florida State	T (HOU)-'09	15-14-0-1
99	Kevin Burnett	ILB	6-3	240	26	5	Tennessee	UFA (DAL)-'09	16-2-0-0

Reserve-Injured

36	Brandon Hughes	CB	5-11	181	23	R	Oregon State	D5-'09	0-0-0-0
82	Demetrius Byrd	WR	6-0	200	23	R	Louisiana State	D7-'09	0-0-0-0
97	Ryon Bingham	DE-DT	6-3	303	28	5	Nebraska	D7A-'04	16-0-0-0

San Diego Chargers 2009 Alpha Roster – (as of Sept. 7, 2009)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	High School	Hometown
90	Applewhite, Antwan	OLB	6-3	246	23	2	San Diego State	Narbonne	Los Angeles, Calif.
29	Bennett, Michael	RB	5-9	207	31	9	Wisconsin	Tech	Milwaukee, Wis.
50	Binn, David	LS	6-3	228	37	16	California	San Mateo	San Mateo, Calif.
99	Burnett, Kevin	ILB	6-3	240	26	5	Tennessee	Dominguez	Compton, Calif.
20	Cason, Antoine	CB	6-0	190	23	2	Arizona	Los Alamitos	Long Beach, Calif.
93	Castillo, Luis	DE	6-3	290	26	5	Northwestern	Garfield	Garfield, N.J.
74	Cesaire, Jacques	DE	6-2	295	29	7	So. Connecticut St.	Gardner	Gardner, Mass.
89	Chambers, Chris	WR	5-11	210	31	9	Wisconsin	Bedford	Bedford, Ohio
66	Clary, Jeromey	T	6-6	320	25	3	Kansas State	Mansfield	Mansfield, Tex.
54	Cooper, Stephen	ILB	6-1	235	30	7	Maine	Wareham	Wareham, Mass.
31	Cromartie, Antonio	CB	6-2	203	25	4	Florida State	Lincoln	Tallahassee, Fla.
84	Davis, Buster	WR	6-1	210	23	3	Louisiana State	Walker	New Orleans, La.
68	Dielman, Kris	G	6-4	320	28	7	Indiana	Troy	Troy, Ohio
51	Dobbins, Tim	ILB	6-1	246	26	4	Iowa State	Glenciff	Nashville, Tenn.
62	Dombrowski, Brandyn	T	6-5	323	24	1	San Diego State	Green Valley	Henderson, Nev.
25	Ellison, Kevin	SS	6-1	221	22	R	Southern California	Redondo Union	Redondo Beach, Calif.
52	English, Larry	OLB	6-2	255	23	R	Northern Illinois	Marmion Military Academy	Aurora, Ill.
80	Floyd, Malcom	WR	6-5	225	27	4	Wyoming	River City	Sacramento, Calif.
85	Gates, Antonio	TE	6-4	260	29	7	Kent State	Central	Detroit, Mich.
28	Gregory, Steve	SS	5-11	195	26	4	Syracuse	Curtis	Staten Island, N.Y.
69	Green, Tyronne	G	6-2	308	23	R	Auburn	Woodham	Pensacola, Fla.
61	Hardwick, Nick	C	6-4	295	28	6	Purdue	Lawrence North	Indianapolis, Ind.
42	Hart, Clinton	SS	6-0	208	32	7	Central Florida CC	South Sumter	Bushnell, Fla.
22	Hester, Jacob	FB	5-11	235	24	2	Louisiana State	Evangel Christian	Shreveport, La.
83	Jackson, Vincent	WR	6-5	230	26	5	Northern Colorado	Widefield	Colorado Springs, Colo.
23	Jammer, Quentin	CB	6-0	204	30	8	Texas	Angleton	Angleton, Tex.
33	Johnson, Gartrell	RB	5-11	218	23	R	Colorado State	Miami Springs	Miami Springs, Fla.
96	Johnson, Travis	DE-DT	6-3	311	27	5	Florida State	Notre Dame	Sherman Oaks, Calif.
10	Kaeding, Nate	K	6-0	187	27	6	Iowa	West	Iowa City, Iowa
86	Manumaleuna, Brandon	FB-TE	6-2	295	29	9	Arizona	Narbonne	Torrance, Calif.
92	Martin, Vaughn	DE	6-4	320	23	R	Western Ontario	South Secondary	London, Ontario
73	McNeill, Marcus	T	6-7	336	25	4	Auburn	Cedar Grove	Ellenwood, Ga.
56	Merriman, Shawne	OLB	6-4	265	25	5	Maryland	Frederick Douglass	Upper Marlboro, Md.
63	Mruczkowski, Scott	C-G	6-5	325	27	5	Bowling Green	Benedictine	Garfield Heights, Ohio
11	Naanee, Legedu	WR	6-2	220	25	3	Boise State	Franklin	Portland, Ore.
91	Nwagbuo, Ogemdi	DE-DT	6-4	303	23	1	Michigan State	Mt. Miguel	Spring Valley, Calif.
27	Oliver, Paul	FS	5-10	210	25	3	Georgia	Harrison	Kennesaw, Ga.
81	Osgood, Kassim	WR	6-5	220	29	7	San Diego State	North Salinas	Salinas, Calif.
95	Phillips, Shaun	OLB	6-3	262	28	6	Purdue	Willingboro	Willingboro, N.J.
17	Rivers, Philip	QB	6-5	228	27	6	North Carolina State	Athens	Athens, Ala.
5	Scifres, Mike	P	6-2	221	28	7	Western Illinois	Destrehan	Destrehan, La.
59	Siler, Brandon	ILB	6-2	239	23	3	Florida	Evans	Orlando, Fla.
41	Spillman, C.J.	FS	6-0	196	23	R	Marshall	Central	Louisville, Ky.
43	Sproles, Darren	RB-KR	5-6	185	26	5	Kansas State	Olathe North	Olathe, Kan.
35	Tolbert, Mike	FB	5-9	243	23	2	Coastal Carolina	Douglas County	Douglasville, Ga.
21	Tomlinson, LaDainian	RB	5-10	221	30	9	Texas Christian	University	Waco, Tex.
94	Tucker, Jyles	OLB	6-3	258	25	3	Wake Forest	Morristown Beard	Dover, N.J.
65	Vasquez, Louis	G	6-5	325	22	R	Texas Tech	Corsicana	Corsicana, Tex.
7	Volek, Billy	QB	6-2	214	33	10	Fresno State	Clovis West	Fresno, Calif.
32	Weddle, Eric	FS	5-11	200	24	3	Utah	Alta Loma	Alta Loma, Calif.
6	Whitehurst, Charlie	QB	6-4	220	27	4	Clemson	Chattahoochee	Alpharetta, Ga.
76	Williams, Jamal	DT	6-3	348	33	12	Oklahoma State	Archbishop Carroll	Washington, D.C.
88	Wilson, Kris	TE	6-2	245	28	6	Pittsburgh	J.P. McCaskey	Lancaster, Pa.

Reserve-Injured

97	Bingham, Ryon	DE-DT	6-3	303	28	5	Nebraska	Alta	Sandy, Utah
82	Byrd, Demetrius	WR	6-0	200	23	R	Louisiana State	Central	Miami, Fla.
36	Hughes, Brandon	CB	5-11	181	23	R	Oregon State	Bloomington	Bloomington, Ill.

San Diego Chargers 2009 Roster by Position – (as of Sept. 7, 2009)

Quarterbacks – (3)		Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acq.	GP-GS-DNP-INA ('08)
6	Charlie Whitehurst	QB	6-4	220	27	4	Clemson	D3-'06	0-0-0-16
7	Billy Volek	QB	6-2	214	33	10	Fresno State	T (TEN)-'06	0-0-16-0
17	Philip Rivers	QB	6-5	228	27	6	North Carolina State	T (NYG)-'04	16-16-0-0
Running Backs – (4)									
21	LaDainian Tomlinson	RB	5-10	221	30	9	Texas Christian	D1-'01	16-16-0-0
29	Michael Bennett	RB	5-9	207	31	9	Wisconsin	W (TB)-'08	0-0-0-7
33	Gartrell Johnson	RB	5-11	218	23	R	Colorado State	D4C-'09	0-0-0-0
43	Darren Sproles	RB-KR	5-6	185	26	5	Kansas State	D4-'05	16-0-0-0
Fullback – (2)									
22	Jacob Hester	FB	5-11	235	24	2	Louisiana State	D3-'08	16-3-0-0
35	Mike Tolbert	FB	5-9	243	23	2	Coastal Carolina	FA-'08	13-7-0-3
Wide Receivers – (6)									
11	Legedu Naanee	WR	6-2	220	25	3	Boise State	D5-'07	16-0-0-0
80	Malcom Floyd	WR	6-5	225	27	4	Wyoming	FA-'04	13-2-0-3
81	Kassim Osgood	WR	6-5	220	29	7	San Diego State	FA-'03	16-0-0-0
83	Vincent Jackson	WR	6-5	230	26	5	Northern Colorado	D2-'05	16-16-0-0
84	Buster Davis	WR	6-1	210	23	3	Louisiana State	D1-'07	4-0-1-5
89	Chris Chambers	WR	5-11	210	31	9	Wisconsin	T (MIA)-'07	14-9-0-2
Tight Ends – (3)									
85	Antonio Gates	TE	6-4	260	29	7	Kent State	FA-'03	16-16-0-0
86	Brandon Manumaleuna	FB-TE	6-2	295	29	9	Arizona	T (STL)-'06	16-11-0-0
88	Kris Wilson	TE	6-2	245	28	6	Pittsburgh	FA-'08	3-0-0-13
Offensive Linemen – (8)									
61	Nick Hardwick	C	6-4	295	28	6	Purdue	D3B-'04	13-13-0-3
62	Brandyn Dombrowski	T	6-5	323	24	1	San Diego State	FA-'08	0-0-0-0
63	Scott Mruzckowski	C-G	6-5	325	27	5	Bowling Green	D7-'05	16-1-0-0
65	Louis Vasquez	G	6-5	325	22	R	Texas Tech	D3-'09	0-0-0-0
66	Jeromey Clary	T	6-6	320	25	3	Kansas State	D6A-'06	16-16-0-0
68	Kris Dielman	G	6-4	320	28	7	Indiana	FA-'03	15-15-0-1
69	Tyronne Green	G	6-2	308	23	R	Auburn	D4B-'09	0-0-0-0
73	Marcus McNeill	T	6-7	336	25	4	Auburn	D2-'06	14-14-0-2
Defensive Linemen – (6)									
74	Jacques Cesaire	DE	6-2	295	29	7	So. Connecticut State	FA-'03	16-2-0-0
76	Jamal Williams	DT	6-3	348	33	12	Oklahoma State	D2 (Supp)-'98	16-15-0-0
91	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	DE-DT	6-4	303	23	1	Michigan State	FA-'08	0-0-0-0
92	Vaughn Martin	DE	6-4	320	23	R	Western Ontario	D4A-'09	0-0-0-0
93	Luis Castillo	DE	6-3	290	26	5	Northwestern	D1B-'05	15-15-0-1
96	Travis Johnson	DE-DT	6-3	311	27	5	Florida State	T (HOU)-'09	15-14-0-1
Linebackers – (9)									
51	Tim Dobbins	ILB	6-1	246	26	4	Iowa State	D5-'06	16-8-0-0
52	Larry English	OLB	6-2	255	23	R	Northern Illinois	D1-'09	0-0-0-0
54	Stephen Cooper	ILB	6-1	235	30	7	Maine	FA-'03	12-12-0-0
56	Shawne Merriman	OLB	6-4	265	25	5	Maryland	D1A-'05	1-1-0-0
59	Brandon Siler	ILB	6-2	239	23	3	Florida	D7-'07	15-0-0-1
90	Antwan Applewhite	OLB	6-3	246	23	2	San Diego State	FA-'07	14-0-0-0
94	Jyles Tucker	OLB	6-3	258	25	3	Wake Forest	FA-'07	13-12-0-3
95	Shaun Phillips	OLB	6-3	262	28	6	Purdue	D4-'04	16-16-0-0
99	Kevin Burnett	ILB	6-3	240	26	5	Tennessee	UFA (DAL)-'09	16-2-0-0
Cornerbacks – (3)									
20	Antoine Cason	CB	6-0	190	23	2	Arizona	D1-'08	16-3-0-0
23	Quentin Jammer	CB	6-0	204	30	8	Texas	D1-'02	16-16-0-0
31	Antonio Cromartie	CB	6-2	203	25	4	Florida State	D1-'06	16-15-0-0
Safeties – (6)									
25	Kevin Ellison	SS	6-1	221	22	R	Southern California	D6-'09	0-0-0-0
27	Paul Oliver	FS	5-10	210	25	3	Georgia	D4 (Supp)-'07	12-0-0-4
28	Steve Gregory	SS	5-11	195	26	4	Syracuse	FA-'06	15-3-0-1
32	Eric Weddle	FS	5-11	200	24	3	Utah	D2-'07	16-16-0-0
41	C.J. Spillman	FS	6-0	196	23	R	Marshall	FA-'09	0-0-0-0
42	Clinton Hart	SS	6-0	208	32	7	Central Florida CC	W (PHI)-'04	14-14-1-1
Specialists – (3)									
5	Mike Scifres	P	6-2	221	28	7	Western Illinois	D5-'03	16-0-0-0
10	Nate Kaeding	K	6-0	187	27	6	Iowa	D3A-'04	16-0-0-0
50	David Binn	LS	6-3	228	37	16	California	FA-'94	16-0-0-0

San Diego Chargers 2009 Coaching Staff

Head Coach	Norv Turner
Offensive Coordinator	Clarence Shelmon
Defensive Coordinator	Ron Rivera
Tight Ends & Assistant Head Coach.....	Rob Chudzinski
Special Teams	Steve Crosby
Assistant Secondary	Cris Dishman
Offensive Line.....	Hal Hunter
Defensive Line	Don Johnson
Wide Receivers	Charlie Joiner
Linebackers.....	John Pagano
Quarterbacks.....	John Ramsdell
Offensive Line.....	Mike Sullivan
Secondary	Steven Wilks
Assistant Linebackers.....	Greg Williams
Running Backs	Ollie Wilson
Strength and Conditioning.....	Jeff Hurd
Assistant Strength and Conditioning.....	Vernon Stephens
Coaches Assistant	Steve Gera

San Diego Chargers Pronunciation Guide

Antwan (Ann-TWON) Applewhite
Antoine (Ann-TWON) **Cason** (KAY-sun) – sounds like Jason
Jacques **Cesaire** (see-ZAIR)
Kris **Dielman** (DEAL-min)
Tyrone (TIE-rone) Green
Quentin (KWEN-tin) Jammer
Gartrell (GAR-trell) Johnson
Nate **Kaeding** (KAY-ding)
Brandon **Manumaleuna** (mah-nu-mah-lee-oo-nuh)
Scott **Mruczkowski** (merch-COW-ski)
Legedu (LEG-a-doo) **Naanee** (Nah-NAY)
Ogemdi (OH-gem-dee) **Nwagbuo** (NEW-wah-boe) – hard “g” in first name
Kassim (Kuh-SIM) Osgood
Mike **Scifres** (SIGH-fres)
Brandon **Siler** (SIGH-ler)
Louis (LEW-iss) **Vasquez** (VAS-kez)

San Diego Chargers Team Captains

Offense: **TBD**
Defense: **TBD**
Special Teams: **TBD**

San Diego Chargers 2009 Depth Chart**(as of Sept. 7, 2009)****OFFENSE**

WR	89	CHRIS CHAMBERS	80	Malcom Floyd	81	Kassim Osgood
LT	73	MARCUS McNEILL	62	Brandyn Dombrowski		
LG	68	KRIS DIELMAN	63	Scott Mruzckowski	69	Tyronne Green
C	61	NICK HARDWICK	63	Scott Mruzckowski		
RG	65	LOUIS VASQUEZ	63	Scott Mruzckowski	69	Tyronne Green
RT	66	JEROMEY CLARY	62	Brandyn Dombrowski		
TE	85	ANTONIO GATES	88	Kris Wilson		
WR	83	VINCENT JACKSON	11	Legedu Naanee	84	Buster Davis
QB	17	PHILIP RIVERS	7	Billy Volek	6	Charlie Whitehurst
FB	22	JACOB HESTER	35	Mike Tolbert		
FB	86	BRANDON MANUMALEUNA				
RB	21	LaDAIANIAN TOMLINSON	43	Darren Sproles	29	Michael Bennett
					33	Gartrell Johnson

DEFENSE

DE	74	JACQUES CESAIRE	91	Ogemdi Nwagbuo	92	Vaughn Martin
DT	76	JAMAL WILLIAMS	96	Travis Johnson	91	Ogemdi Nwagbuo
DE	93	LUIS CASTILLO	96	Travis Johnson	92	Vaughn Martin
OLB	95	SHAUN PHILLIPS	94	Jyles Tucker		
ILB	54	STEPHEN COOPER	59	Brandon Siler		
ILB	99	KEVIN BURNETT	51	Tim Dobbins		
OLB	56	SHAWNE MERRIMAN	90	Antwan Applewhite	52	Larry English
LCB	23	QUENTIN JAMMER				
RCB	31	ANTONIO CROMARTIE	20	Antoine Cason		
SS	42	CLINTON HART	28	Steve Gregory	25	Kevin Ellison
FS	32	ERIC WEDDLE	27	Paul Oliver	41	C.J. Spillman

SPECIAL TEAMS

P	5	MIKE SCIFRES				
K	10	NATE KAEDING				
H	5	MIKE SCIFRES	32	Eric Weddle		
LS	50	DAVID BINN	59	Brandon Siler		
KR	43	DARREN SPROLES	84	Buster Davis	22	Jacob Hester
PR	43	DARREN SPROLES	84	Buster Davis		

San Diego Chargers 2009 Practice Squad – (as of Sept. 7, 2009)

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acq.	GP-GS-DNP-INA ('08)
12	Gary Banks	WR	6-0	193	27	1	Troy	FA-'08	0-0-0-0
26	Simeon Castille	CB	6-0	195	23	2	Alabama	FA-'09	0-0-0-0
34	Billy Latsko	FB	5-10	233	25	1	Florida	FA-'08	0-0-2-5
46	Darry Beckwith	ILB	6-0	234	22	R	Louisiana State	FA-'09	0-0-0-0
53	James Holt	OLB	6-2	223	22	R	Kansas	FA-'09	0-0-0-0
60	Ryan McDonald	C	6-4	293	24	R	Illinois	FA-'09	0-0-0-0
75	Corey Clark	T	6-2	325	25	2	Texas A&M	D7-'08	0-0-0-0
78	Andre Coleman	DE	6-3	287	25	1	Albany	FA-'07	0-0-0-0

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS 2009 TRANSACTIONS

1/7	Eric Bakhtiari (LB).....signed	Roderiquis Smith (WR).....signed	
1/16	Gary Banks (WR).....signed	Kory Sperry (TE).....signed	
	Eldra Buckley (RB).....signed	C.J. Spillman (S).....signed	
	Andre Coleman (DE).....signed	Jeremiah Wurzbacher (TE).....signed	
	Grant Mason (CB).....signed	5/11	Jeremiah Wurzbacher (TE).....waived
	Ogemdi Nwagbuo (DT).....signed	5/15	Malcom Floyd (WR).....signed
	DeJuan Tribble (CB).....signed	5/18	Tripp Chandler (TE).....signed
1/26	Brandyn Dombrowski (G).....signed		Truman Spencer (P).....signed
2/5	Drew Mormino (C).....signed	6/19	Brandon Hughes (CB).....signed
2/18	Darren Sproles (RB).....designated Franchise Player	6/24	Sam Allen (G).....waived
2/26	Eldra Buckley (RB).....waived		Ramarcus Brown (CB).....waived
	Mike Goff (G).....free agent - not offered contract		Jeremy Childs (WR).....waived
	Marques Harris (LB).....free agent - not offered contract		Anthony Felder (LB).....waived
	Jeremy Newberry (G).....free agent - not offered contract	7/23	Curtis Brinkley (RB).....waived
	Igor Olshansky (DE).....free agent - not offered contract	7/24	Curtis Brinkley (RB).....placed on "Reserve-Non-FB Injury"
	Anthony Waters (LB).....waived		Matt Wilhelm (LB).....released
3/12	Kevin Burnett (LB).....signed	7/25	Kestahn Moore (RB).....signed
3/16	Jeromey Clary (T).....signed	7/25	Tripp Chandler (TE).....waived
3/23	Drew Mormino (C).....waived		Anthony Felder (LB).....signed
4/14	Cletis Gordon (CB).....signed		Tyronne Green (C).....signed
4/25	Larry English (LB).....Drafted 1		Gartrell Johnson (RB).....signed
4/26	Louis Vasquez (G).....Drafted 3		Vaughn Martin (DT).....signed
	Vaughn Martin (DT).....Drafted 4		Louis Vasquez (G).....signed
	Tyronne Green (C).....Drafted 4	7/30	Kevin Ellison (S).....signed
	Gartrell Johnson (RB).....Drafted 4	8/2	Charles Davis (TE).....signed
	Brandon Hughes (CB).....Drafted 5		Larry English (LB).....signed
	Kevin Ellison (S).....Drafted 6	8/5	Simeon Castille (CB).....signed
	Demetrius Byrd (WR).....Drafted 7		Bill Rentmeester (FB).....waived
4/27	Scott Chandler (TE).....waived	8/6	Antonio Smith (CB).....signed
	DeJuan Tribble (CB).....waived	8/13	Ray Feinga (G).....signed
4/28	Grant Mason (CB).....waived	8/14	Ben Muth (G).....waived
	Darren Sproles (RB).....signed	8/22	Wopamo Osaisai (CB).....waived
5/1	Sam Allen (G).....signed	8/24	Philip Rivers (QB).....signed extension
	Darry Beckwith (LB).....signed	8/25	Cletis Gordon (CB).....waived
	Curtis Brinkley (RB).....signed	8/31	Demetrius Byrd (WR).....signed
	Ramarcus Brown (CB).....signed		Greg Carr (WR).....waived
	Greg Carr (WR).....signed		Dan Gay (T).....waived
	Jeremy Childs (WR).....signed		Travis Johnson (DT).....traded from Houston Texans
	Anthony Felder (LB).....signed		Roderiquis Smith (WR).....waived
	Dan Gay (T).....signed	9/1	Demetrius Byrd (WR).....placed on "Reserve-Injured"
	James Holt (LB).....signed		Anthony Felder (LB).....waived
	Rashaad Jackson (DT).....signed		Brandon Hughes (CB).....placed on "Reserve-Injured"
	Charly Martin (WR).....signed	9/5	Eric Bakhtiari (LB).....waived
	Ryan McDonald (C).....signed		Gary Banks (WR).....waived
	Ben Muth (G).....signed		Darry Beckwith (LB).....waived
	Wopamo Osaisai (CB).....signed		Ryon Bingham (DE-DT).....placed on "Reserve-Injured"
	Bill Rentmeester (FB).....signed		Simeon Castille (CB).....waived

Corey Clark (T)waived
Andre Coleman (DE)waived
Charles Davis (TE)waived
Ray Feinga (G).....waived
Kynan Forney (G)..... released
Keith Grennan (DE).....waived
James Holt (LB)waived
Rashaad Jackson (DT)waived
Billy Latsko (FB).....waived
Charly Martin (WR).....waived
Ryan McDonald (C)waived
Kestahn Moore (RB)waived
Ian Scott (DT)..... released
L.J. Shelton (T) released
Antonio Smith (CB).....waived
Truman Spencer (P)waived
Kory Sperry (TE).....waived
Gary Banks (WR)signed to practice squad
Darry Beckwith (LB).....signed to practice squad
Simeon Castille (CB).....signed to practice squad
Corey Clark (T)signed to practice squad
Andre Coleman (DE)signed to practice squad
James Holt (LB)signed to practice squad
Billy Latsko (FB).....signed to practice squad

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