



# NEW ORLEANS VooDoo™

## NEW ORLEANS VooDoo NEWS & NOTES

New Orleans VooDoo (1-1) vs. San Jose SaberCats (1-1)

February 13, 2005, 2:00 p.m. CST

New Orleans Arena (16,021) -- New Orleans, LA

### QUICK FACTS

New Orleans VooDoo (1-1) vs. San Jose SaberCats (1-1)

**Site:** New Orleans Arena (16,021)

**Television:** NBC (WDSU-6 locally)

Allen Bestwick, Charles Davis and Rich Lenz

**Radio:** WWL (870-AM)

Chris Kenyon and John Pease

**Coaches:** NO: Mike Neu (2nd Season in New Orleans, 3rd season overall, 18-14, regular season; 1-3 playoffs);

SJ.: Darren Arbet (7th season in San Jose and overall, 65-25, regular season; 9-3 playoffs)

**Series Record:** San Jose leads series 1-0

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### 2005 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

#### Monday, February 7

2 p.m.

Mike Neu Press Conference

#### Wednesday, February 9

9:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Practice

11:30 p.m.

Coach Neu/Players available

#### Thursday, February 10

9:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Practice

11:30 a.m.

Coach Neu/Players available

#### Friday, February 11

9:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Practice

11:30 a.m.

Coach Neu/Players available

#### Sunday, February 13

2 p.m.

VooDoo vs. San Jose

### 2005 SCHEDULE AND RESULTS

#### NEW ORLEANS VooDoo (1-1)

Date	Opponent	Time	Result
Jan. 30	at Georgia	3 p.m.	44-46
Feb. 4	at Nashville	7:30 p.m.	59-34
Feb. 13	SAN JOSE	2 p.m.	
Feb. 20	PHILADELPHIA	11 a.m.	
Feb. 25	TAMPA BAY	7 p.m.	
Mar. 5	at Dallas	7:30 p.m.	
Mar. 13	ORLANDO	2 p.m.	
Mar. 20	at Chicago	11 a.m.	
Mar. 26	GEORGIA	7 p.m.	
Apr. 1	at Austin	7:30 p.m.	
Apr. 8-10	Bye Weekend		
Apr. 16	COLUMBUS	7 p.m.	
Apr. 23	at Grand Rapids	6:30 p.m.	
Apr. 30	at Tampa Bay	6:30 p.m.	
May 8	COLORADO	12 p.m.	
May 14	AUSTIN	7 p.m.	
May 20	at Orlando	6:30 p.m.	

### VooDoo TO FACE ArenaBowl CHAMPS IN HOME OPENER

The New Orleans VooDoo will face the defending ArenaBowl Champion San Jose SaberCats for their home opener on Sunday, February 13 at the New Orleans Arena. The VooDoo rebounded from a season opening loss by defeating the Nashville Kats on Friday, February 4, 59-34. Andy Kelly set a career-high in completion percentage (87.9%), as he completed 29-of-33 passes for 277 yards with six touchdown passes. OL/DL B.J. Cohen paced the VooDoo defense with two sacks, two tackles for a loss and an interception.

### THE LAST MEETING

**May 1, 2004; San Jose 68, New Orleans 34** - In a battle for the top spot in the Arena Football League, San Jose used 34 consecutive points from late in the first half into the third quarter as the SaberCats defeated New Orleans 68-34 in the HP Pavilion at San Jose. San Jose QB Mark Grieb threw five touchdown passes and the SaberCats defense intercepted New Orleans QB John Fitzgerald four times. VooDoo OS Aaron Bailey had seven receptions for 118 yards with one touchdown in his first matchup against his former team.

### NEXT WEEK

The VooDoo will host the Philadelphia Soul on Sunday, February 20 at 11 a.m. The game can be seen live on NBC (WDSU-6 locally).

### www.GoVooDoo.com

For updated news, press releases, statistics, rosters, players, coach and front office biographies, ticket information, merchandise, photo galleries and New Orleans VooDoo Dolls information, go to the official website of the New Orleans VooDoo, [www.GoVooDoo.com](http://www.GoVooDoo.com). Updated daily, [www.GoVooDoo.com](http://www.GoVooDoo.com) has the most extensive information on the VooDoo and the Arena Football League.

## THE COACHES

**Mike Neu:** The first head coach of the New Orleans VooDoo, Mike Neu is a six-year Arena Football coaching veteran.

Since being named coach of the VooDoo on June 17, 2003, Neu worked has worked tirelessly to make New Orleans a winning team. In his first season at the helm, he successfully molded a 24-man roster comprised of a mix of Arena Football League veterans and rookies, allowing the VooDoo to get off to a 7-1 start, one of the fastest starts for a first-year AFL entry. Neu led the VooDoo to an 11-5 record, making them the only team in league history to win 11 games in their first season. The VooDoo's Southern Division title marked only the fourth time in AFL history that an expansion franchise has won their division in their first year of play. Following the season, Neu was named the Arena Football League Coach of the Year.

For his professional career, Neu has posted a 17-13 regular season record and has reached the playoffs every season as both a coach and a player in the Arena Football League.

Neu came to New Orleans after serving as head coach of the Carolina Cobras. In 2002, Neu guided the Cobras to a 5-2 record on the road and their second-straight playoff berth. Carolina posted the first playoff victory in club history in 2002 as the club featured the AFL's fourth-ranked defense. As offensive coordinator with the Cobras in 2001, before being promoted to head coach prior to the team's first round playoff game, the Cobras averaged over 56 points a game (fifth in the league) and finished 7-7 (improving from a 3-13 record the year before).

Prior to coming to Carolina, Neu served as head coach and director of football operations for the Augusta Stallions of af2 in 2000. In his only season, Neu led Augusta to a 14-4 record, the American Conference title and was named the league's Coach of the Year. Augusta finished in the top four in every major offensive and defensive category. Neu started his AFL coaching career with Nashville in 1998, when he served as quarterbacks coach for the Kats and handled all play-calling responsibilities for the offense. The next year he was promoted to offensive coordinator and the Kats achieved their third consecutive playoff berth. The team also set franchise highs in six offensive categories, including scoring and total offense. Current New Orleans QB Andy Kelly, one of top quarterbacks in Arena Football League history, enjoyed a career-high passer rating of 116.4 under Neu's tutelage in 1999. Neu began his coaching career in 1994 as a graduate assistant at his alma mater, Ball State.

Neu's professional playing career started with a stint with the Canadian Football League's Calgary Stampeders in 1995 before joining the Orlando Predators in 1996 and moving on to the Nashville Kats in 1997. The 1997 Nashville squad which Neu played on won an expansion record 10 games, a record which was broken by this VooDoo just this

past season.

Neu played four seasons at Ball State, where he was named the MAC Most Valuable Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year as a senior in 1993. A four-year starter, Neu guided Ball State to the conference championship his final year and holds school career passing records in passing yardage, passing attempts, completions and touchdown passes. He was recently voted to the school's Athletic Hall of Fame. Neu and his wife, Charmin, have a daughter, Graycen and a son, Carson.

**Darren Arbet:** Coming off an ArenaBowl championship season and another year of double-digit victories, two-time Coach of the Year Darren Arbet enters season seven as head coach of the SaberCats in 2005. The success San Jose has enjoyed during his tenure has vaulted the franchise to elite status in the Arena Football League.

Last year the SaberCats claimed their second ArenaBowl title in the last three years and posted a league-high regular season win total for the third straight year. San Jose's 11 victories in 2004 also marked the fifth consecutive season the team has won 10 or more regular season games matching an AFL record.

Arbet enters the 2005 campaign tied with John Gregory for 7th place in career coaching victories with 73 and his .730 (73-27) overall winning percentage is tops among coaches who have been involved in at least 25 games. Arbet also has the highest playoff winning percentage of any AFL coach (.750) and ranks fourth in playoff wins with nine. Last year's ArenaBowl victory at Arizona was the 100th game of Arbet's AFL career.

Orchestrating a six-game turnaround from the previous season and leading the SaberCats to a Western Division title, a league-best 12 victories and the first playoff win in franchise history earned Arbet Coach of the Year honors for a first time following the 2000 campaign. He was named the league's top coach again in 2002 after leading the SaberCats to their first league championship by posting a record 13 regular season wins. San Jose started the season by winning its first 12 contests, also a league mark and capped it record setting run with the largest victory in ArenaBowl history, running off 45 unanswered points in a 52-14 win over the Arizona Rattlers on August 18, 2002.

Under the direction of Arbet, the SaberCats have claimed two league titles (2002, 2004), four Western Division titles (2000-03) and set league records for regular season wins in a season (13 in 2002), overall wins in a season (16 in 2002), consecutive regular season wins in a season (12 in 2002), regular season wins to end a season (11 in 2000) and the longest regular season win streak (15 in 2000-01). During the 2001 season, Arbet surpassed Todd Shell as the winningest coach in club history.

## 2004 AWARD WINNERS

**Rita Benson LeBlanc**.....Executive of the Year  
**Mike Neu**.....Coach of the Year  
**B.J. Cohen**.....All-Bentley Team (NBC)  
**Dan Curran**.....All-Arena (first team)  
                     All-Ironman team  
                     U.S. Army Ironman of the Month (February)  
                     All-Bentley Team (NBC)  
**John Fitzgerald** AFLWA Player of the Week (4/25)  
**Monty Montgomery** Defensive Player of the Week (4/18)  
                     Defensive Player of the Month (April)  
**Lamont Moore**...Defensive Player of the Week (March 7)

## PRONOUNCIATION GUIDE

Head Coach Mike Neu (NEW)  
 Special Teams Coordinator Ken Matous (May-TOSH)  
     #5 B.J. Cohen (CO-en)  
     #82 Thabiti Davis (Ta-Be-Tee)  
     # 2 Jacques Rumph (ja KWEZ)  
     #40 Sunungura Rusununguko  
 (Soon-n-gur-a Roo-sun-un-goo-ko)  
     #33 Leroy Thompson (LEE-Roy)

## STATISTICS

A quick look at how the New Orleans VooDoo and the San Jose SaberCats match up based on 2005 Arena Football League regular season statistics and league rankings.

Category	New Orleans	San Jose
<b>Scoring Offense</b>	103 (7)	99 (8)
<b>Scoring Defense</b>	80 (3)	94 (t9)
<b>Total Offense (Yds/G)</b>	316.5 (2)	305.5 (3)
<b>Total Defense (Yds/G)</b>	227.5 (1)	292.0 (11)
<b>Pass Offense (Yds/G)</b>	311.0 (1)	292.0 (3)
<b>Pass Defense (Yds/G)</b>	199.5 (1)	279.0 (13)
<b>Rushing Offense (Yds/G)</b>	5.5 (17)	13.5 (11)
<b>Rushing Defense (Yds/G)</b>	28.0 (11)	13.0 (5)
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>	10.2 (17)	22.6 (2)
<b>Field Goals</b>	2-4(t6)	0-0 (t15)
<b>PAT Kicking</b>	13-14	9-14
<b>Sacks By (sks/yds)</b>	3/9 (3)	1/4 (1)
<b>Sacks Against (sks/yds)</b>	2/11 (9)	4/19 (12)
<b>First Downs</b>	47 (2)	48 (1)
<b>Penalties (#/yds)</b>	15/73	14/83
<b>Turnover Margin</b>	+2(2)	+1 (t3)
<b>Time of Possession</b>	31:17	33:28

## THE VooDoo's RECORD WHEN?

**0-0** at home  
**1-1** on the road

	Scoring	Allowing
<b>0-9 points</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>10-19 points</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>20-29 points</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>30-39 points</b>	0-0	1-0
<b>40-49 points</b>	0-1	0-1
<b>50-59 points</b>	1-0	0-0
<b>60-69 points</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>70-79 points</b>	0-0	0-0
<b>80+ points</b>	0-0	0-0

**1-0** vs. Central Division  
**0-0** vs. Eastern Division  
**0-1** vs. Southern Division  
**0-0** vs. Western Division

**0-0** on Thursdays  
**1-0** on Fridays  
**0-0** on Saturdays  
**0-1** on Sundays

**0-1** in January  
**1-0** in February  
**0-0** in March  
**0-0** in April  
**0-0** in May

**0-0** in games televised on NBC  
**1-1** in games televised on Cox Sports Television  
**0-0** in games not televised

**1-1** when leading after the first quarter  
**0-0** when tied after the first quarter  
**0-0** when trailing after the first quarter

**1-0** when leading at the half  
**0-0** when tied at the half  
**0-1** when trailing at the half

**1-0** when leading after three quarters  
**0-0** when tied after three quarters  
**0-1** when trailing after three quarters

**0-1** outcome 7 points or less  
**0-1** outcome 3 points or less  
**0-0** overtime games

**1-1** when the VooDoo scores first  
**0-0** when the opponent scores first

**1-1** when the VooDoo has more total offense  
**0-0** when the VooDoo's opponent has more total offense

**1-1** when the VooDoo has more yards passing than opp.  
**0-0** when the VooDoo has less yards passing than opp.  
**0-0** when the VooDoo has same passing yards as opp.

**0-0** when the VooDoo has more yards rushing than opp.  
**1-1** when the opp. has more yards rushing than VooDoo

## 2005 WEEKLY AWARD WINNERS

### A listing of the weekly game award winners for 2005 VooDoo games

#### Offensive Player of the Game

Week 1: (at GEO): Troy Bergeron (GEO)

Week 2: (at NASH): Andy Kelly (NO)

Week 3: (SJS):

Week 4: (PHI):

Week 5: (TB):

Week 6: (at DAL):

Week 7: (ORL):

Week 8: (at CHI):

Week 9: (GEO):

Week 10: (at AUS):

Week 12: (CLB):

Week 13: (at GR):

Week 14: (at TB):

Week 15: (COL):

Week 16: (AUS):

Week 17: (at ORL):

#### ADT Defensive Player of the Game

Week 1: (at GEO): Dialleo Burks (GEO)

Week 2: (at NASH): B.J. Cohen (NO)

Week 3: (SJS):

Week 4: (PHI):

Week 5: (TB):

Week 6: (at DAL):

Week 7: (ORL):

Week 8: (at CHI):

Week 9: (GEO):

Week 10: (at AUS):

Week 12: (CLB):

Week 13: (at GR):

Week 14: (at TB):

Week 15: (COL):

Week 16: (AUS):

Week 17: (at ORL):

#### U.S. Army Ironman of the Game

Week 1: (at GEO): Robert Thomas (GEO)

Week 2: (at NASH): Thabiti Davis (NO)

Week 3: (SJS):

Week 4: (PHI):

Week 5: (TB):

Week 6: (at DAL):

Week 7: (ORL):

Week 8: (at CHI):

Week 9: (GEO):

Week 10: (at AUS):

Week 12: (CLB):

Week 13: (at GR):

Week 14: (at TB):

Week 15: (COL):

Week 16: (AUS):

Week 17: (at ORL):

## WHAT A SEASON

Sparked by a 11-5 start, the VooDoo became the first team

in Arena Football League history to win 11 games in their first season, surpassing the 10-4 record by the 1997 Nashville Kats.

## TOPS AT HOME

Another contributing factor for the VooDoo's 11-5 2004 record was their 7-1 home mark at the New Orleans Arena. New Orleans, the Colorado Crush and the San Jose SaberCats were tied for the best home record in the AFL.

## WHAT A CROWD

Through their 8 regular season home games in 2004, the VooDoo attracted an average of 15,240 fans per game to the New Orleans Arena. New Orleans' average crowd ranked third in the AFL, led attendance figures for teams in the Southern division and is above the league's average of 12,019. The VooDoo enjoyed their two sellouts, their second being on May 30 when they attracted a standing room only crowd of 17,030 fans for the season finale with Austin Wranglers. Below are the top 10 season attendance figures.

Team	Average Attendance
1. Philadelphia Soul	16,851
2. Columbus Destroyers	16,286
3. NEW ORLEANS VooDoo	15,240
4. Colorado Crush	15,233
5. Tampa Bay Storm	14,348
6. Chicago Rush	14,085
7. San Jose SaberCats	13,138
8. Orlando Predators	13,086
9. Arizona Rattlers	13,000
10. Los Angeles Avengers	12,590

## GETTING DEFENSIVE

An important reason for the VooDoo's 11-5 inaugural season was the team's ability to keep the opposition out of the end zone on the defensive end. Through 16 games, New Orleans surrendered an average of only 45.1 points per game, putting them in second place in the Arena Football League in scoring defense. In the 14 games the week prior to playing the VooDoo (not counting the inaugural season opener at the Philadelphia Soul), VooDoo opponents had averaged 55.0 points on offense and were held to an average of 45.8 points by the VooDoo defense, a difference of -9.2 points per game. The team has kept up the pace this season, surrendering only 227.5 yards per game after two contests, giving them the league's top ranked defense.

## RECEIVING OPTION

WR/LB **Thabiti Davis** was signed from the Detroit Fury to fill the void of a tall wide receiver in the VooDoo offense. After enjoying career-highs in 2004 and finishing among league leaders with 127 receptions for 1557 yards and 26 touchdowns. Davis has so far been a big help to the VooDoo red zone offense, recording a team-high 16 receptions for 136 yards and four touchdowns. Currently, Davis is tied for 10th in the AFL in scoring among nonkickers (24), fifth in receptions, sixth in touchdown receptions, 12th in first downs (10) and 11th in third down receptions (2).

## **IMPACT PLAYER**

OS **Aaron Bailey** made an immediate impact for the VooDoo offense. Bailey, a five-year AFL veteran who came to New Orleans from San Jose after spending his first two seasons playing under Mike Neu in Carolina, is among the AFL's leading receivers. In 2004, Bailey had 91 receptions for 1364 yards with a career-high 32 touchdowns. Bailey finished the season tied for fifth in the AFL in scoring among nonkickers (204), receiving touchdowns, ranked 13th in receptions, tied for first in receiving average (15.0 - min. 80 catches), ranked sixth in receiving yards, third in all-purpose yards (2333), eighth in first downs (76) and tied for sixth in third down receptions (17). This season, Bailey is once again ranked among AFL leaders with 13 receptions for a team-high 185 yards and two touchdowns, while returning seven kickoffs for 86 yards.

## **ANDY KELLY**

QB **Andy Kelly** is considered one of the AFL's premier quarterbacks and was signed by the VooDoo in the team's stated offseason objective to improve their passing offense. Kelly is one of the league's all-time passing leaders. He currently holds the AFL career passing records for completions (2925), attempts (4755) and passing yards (32,666) and is second all-time in touchdown passes (633). Kelly helped engineer squads in Nashville, Dallas and Detroit to playoff berths in seven consecutive seasons from 1997-2003 and helped lead the Kats to consecutive ArenaBowl berths from 2000-01. Kelly has started 121 consecutive games, the all-time record for consecutive starts by a QB.

## **B.J. COHEN**

OL/DL **B.J. Cohen's** leadership and high level of performance played a key role both on the field and in the locker room for the New Orleans VooDoo in 2004. Starting all 16 games last season, Cohen recorded 26 tackles, was tied for 10th in the league with four sacks and finished third with a career-high four forced fumbles. Cohen enjoyed one of the finest games of his career last Friday night at Nashville as he recorded 3.5 tackles, two tackles for a loss, one interception, one pass defense and two sacks for -6 yards.

## **VooDoo ON THE AIRWAVES**

New Orleans VooDoo and Arena Football League fans will enjoy plenty of chances to watch the team both live and on various on radio and television programs throughout the 2005 season and the postseason.

Every VooDoo game will be heard on WWL-AM 870 or WSMB-AM 1350. **Chris Kenyon** will handle play-by-play. Selected media personalities and Saints players and coaches will serve as guest color analysts and **Kenny Wilkerson** will handle sideline duties. This week's game will be broadcast on WWL. Saints defensive line coach **John Pease** will serve as a guest color analyst. WWL will also broadcast a weekly coaches show with VooDoo head coach **Mike Neu** on Tuesdays from 7 - 8 p.m., with Wilkerson as the show's

host. Due to the Mardi Gras holiday, this week's coach's show can be heard on Monday from 8-9 p.m.

Four of the VooDoo's regular season games are scheduled to be broadcast by NBC and will be seen locally on WDSU Channel 6. Cox Sports Television is scheduled to broadcast eight games regionally. This week's game will be broadcast live on NBC. **Allen Bestwick** will handle play-by-play, **Charles Davis** will do color and WDSU sports director **Rich Lenz** will handle sideline duties. Selected media personalities and New Orleans Saints players and coaches will serve as guest color analysts throughout the season. Cox Sports Television will air "Inside VooDoo with Mike Neu" on a weekly basis, featuring a review of the last week's game, preview of the upcoming game and player and coach features. The half-hour show can be seen on Friday, February 11 from 6:00-6:30 p.m. Kenyon will serve as the show's host and Fanguy will do weekly player features.

## **VooDoo-SAN JOSE CONNECTIONS**

New Orleans OS **Aaron Bailey** played for San Jose in 2003, appearing in four games and setting a career-high with five rushing touchdowns...VooDoo OL/DL **Mike Landry** spent part of the 2003 season and the 2004 offseason with the San Francisco 49ers...New Orleans OL/DL **B.J. Cohen** spent part of the 1999 season on the practice squad of the Oakland Raiders. Cohen and San Jose WR/LB **James Roe** went to training camp with the XFL's Orlando Rage in 2001. Cohen and San Jose WR/DB **Barry Wagner** were teammates in Orlando in 1999. Wagner and VooDoo coach **Mike Neu** were teammates in Orlando in 1996. Bailey and Wagner were teammates with the Indianapolis Colts in 1994...New Orleans DS **Monty Montgomery** played cornerback and safety for the San Francisco 49ers from 1999-2000...VooDoo OL/DL **Abdul-Salam Noah** was a three-year starter at San Jose State and was selected by the VooDoo in the 2003 expansion draft from the SaberCats, who had owned the rights to Noah even though he had never suited up for them. Noah played for San Jose defensive coordinator **Michael Church** with the Spartans, where he held the same position. Noah and SaberCats OL/DL **Albrey Battle**, OS **James Hundon** and WR/LB **Calvin Schexnayder** were teammates with the XFL's San Francisco Demons in 2001 and was a college teammates of San Jose WR/DB **Rashied Davis** and DS **Omarr Smith**...New Orleans DS **Denario Smalls** went to training camp with San Jose in 2002...VooDoo QB **Andy Kelly** and San Jose OL/DL **Joe Jacobs** were teammates in with the Charlotte Rage in 1995...Neu coached San Jose FB/LB **Matt Kinsinger** with the af2 Augusta Stallions in 2000. VooDoo WR/DB **Lamont Moore** and Kinsinger were teammates in Augusta...New Orleans OL/DL **Tim Martin** and San Jose OL/DL **Chuck Reed** were teammates with the Oklahoma Wranglers from 2000-01...VooDoo WR/LB **Thabiti Davis** and San Jose FB/LB **George Williams** were teammates with the New York Giants in 2000...New Orleans OL/DL **Hans Olsen** and San Jose OL/DL **Jason Andersen** were college teammates at Brigham Young...New Orleans WR/DB **Carl Bond** and San Jose WR/DB **Jordan Younger** were college teammates at the University of Connecticut.

## AFL DIVISION STANDINGS

### NATIONAL CONFERENCE

#### Southern Division

<i>Team</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Division</i>
Orlando Predators	2-0	0-0
Tampa Bay Storm	1-0	0-0
<b>New Orleans VooDoo</b>	<b>1-1</b>	<b>0-1</b>
Georgia Force	1-1	1-0
Austin Wranglers	0-1	0-1

#### Eastern Division

<i>Team</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Division</i>
New York Dragons	1-0	1-0
Dallas Desperados	1-0	0-0
Philadelphia Soul	1-1	0-0
Columbus Destroyers	0-1	0-0

### AMERICAN CONFERENCE

#### Central Division

<i>Team</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Division</i>
Nashville Kats	1-1	0-0
Chicago Rush	0-1	0-0
Colorado Crush	1-1	1-0
Grand Rapids Rampage	0-2	0-1

#### Western Division

<i>Team</i>	<i>Overall</i>	<i>Division</i>
Arizona Rattlers	1-1	0-0
Las Vegas Gladiators	1-1	1-1
Los Angeles Avengers	1-1	0-1
San Jose SaberCats	1-1	1-0

## THIS WEEK IN THE AFL

#### Friday, February 11

Tampa Bay at Orlando, 6:30 pm  
 Los Angeles at Austin, 7:30 pm  
 New York at Las Vegas, 9:00 p.m.

#### Saturday, February 12

Arizona at Georgia, 7:00 pm

#### Sunday, February 13

**San Jose at New Orleans, 2:00 p.m.**  
 Columbus at Dallas, 2:00 pm  
 Nashville at Philadelphia, 2:00 pm  
 Chicago at Colorado, 2:00 pm

## VooDoo WEEKLY RANKINGS

	Total Offense	Total Defense
Week 1:	3	10
Week 2:	2	1
Week 3:	-	-
Week 4:	-	-
Week 5:	-	-
Week 6:	-	-
Week 7:	-	-
Week 8:	-	-
Week 9:	-	-
Week 10:	-	-
Week 11:	-	-
Week 12:	-	-
Week 13:	-	-
Week 14:	-	-
Week 15:	-	-
Week 16:	-	-
Week 17:	-	-

## 2005 VooDoo Individual Game Highs

**Scoring** - 18, Thabiti Davis @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Passing Yards** - 356, Andy Kelly, @ Georgia, 1/30/05

**Passing Touchdowns** - 6 (2 Times), Andy Kelly, @ Georgia, 1/30/05 & @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Receptions** - 9, Jacques Rumph, @ Georgia, 1/30/05

**Receiving Yards** - 120, Aaron Bailey, @ Georgia, 1/30/05

**Rec. TDs** - 3, Thabiti Davis, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Rushes** - 4 (2 Times), Jason Bratton, @ Georgia, 1/30/05 & @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Rushing Yards** - 4, Jason Bratton, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Rushing Touchdowns** - 1, Jason Bratton & Calvin Spears, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**KO Return Yards** - 44, Aaron Bailey, @ Georgia, 1/30/05

**All-Purpose Yards** - 166, Aaron Bailey, @ Georgia, 1/30/05

**Tackles** - 8.5, Denario Smalls, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Fumble Recoveries** - None

**Sacks** - 2, B.J. Cohen, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Tackles For Loss** - None

**Interceptions** - 1, Three Players.

**Passes Defensed** - 2, Denario Smalls, @ Georgia, 1/30/05

## THE LAST TIME THE VooDoo...

### Team

**Scored 50+ Points** - 59, at Nashville, 2/4/05

**Scored 50+ Points (Opponent)** - 59, at Tampa Bay, 5/23/04

**Scored 60+ Points** - 63, at Austin, 4/35/04

**Scored 60+ Points (Opponent)** - 68, at San Jose, 5/1/04

**Held to Less Than 40 Points** - 34, at San Jose, 5/1/04

**Held to Less Than 40 Points (Opponent)** - 34, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Held to Less Than 30 Points** - 24, at Orlando, 4/9/04

**Held to Less Than 30 Points (Opponent)** - 21, vs. Austin, 5/30/04

**Won by 1 Point** - 41-40, vs. Indiana, 2/14/04

**Had 30+ Yards Rushing** - 37, at Tampa Bay, 5/23/04

**Had 30+ Yards Rushing (Opponent)** - 41, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had 50+ Yards Rushing** - 58, vs. Tampa Bay, 3/7/04

**Had 50+ Yards Rushing (Opponent)** - 57, vs. Orlando, 5/9/04

**Had 300+ Yards Total Offense** - 354, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had 300+ Yards Total Offense (Opponent)** - 317, at San Jose, 5/1/04

**Had 300+ Passing Yards** - 352, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had 300+ Passing Yards (Opponent)** - 305, vs. Detroit, 3/12/04

**Turned Ball Over 3+ Times** - 4, vs. Orlando, 5/9/04

**Turned Ball Over 3+ Times (Opponent)** - 3, @ Nashville, 2/4/05

**Turned Ball Over 5+ Times** - 5, at San Jose, 5/1/04

**Turned Ball Over 5+ Times (Opponent)** - Never

**Won on Last Play of Game** - vs. Indiana, 2/14/04

**Won on Last Play of Game (Opponent)** - Never

### Individual

**Had Player Rush for 30+ Yards** - 37, Dan Curran, vs. Columbus, 4/18/04

**Had Player Rush for 30+ Yards (Opponent)** - 39, Robert Thomas, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player Rush for 3 TDs** - 3, Dan Curran, vs. Georgia, 5/15/04

**Had Player Rush for 3 TDs (Opponent)** - Never

**Had Player Pass for 300+ Yards** - 356, Andy Kelly, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player Pass for 300+ Yards (Opponent)** - 312, Andy Kelly, vs. Detroit, 3/12/04

**Had Player Pass for 8+ TDs** - Never

**Had Player Pass for 8+ TDs (Opponent)** - Never

**Had Player Throw 40+ Passes** - 51, Andy Kelly, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player Throw 40+ Passes (Opponent)** - Matt Nagy, vs. Carolina, 3/27/04

**Had Player Throw 50+ Passes** - 51, Andy Kelly, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player Throw 50+ Passes (Opponent)** - Never

**Had Player Complete 25+ Passes** - 29, Andy Kelly, at Nashville, 2/4/05

**Had Player Complete 25+ Passes (Opponent)** - 26, Sherdrick Bonner, at Arizona, 3/18/04

**Had Player Complete 30+ Passes** - 33, Andy Kelly, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player Complete 30+ Passes (Opponent)** - Never

**Had Player with 100+ Receiving Yards** - 120, Aaron Bailey, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player with 100+ Receiving Yards (Opponent)** - 116, Troy Bergeron, at Georgia, 1/30/05

**Had Player with 150+ Receiving Yards** - Never

**Had Player with 150+ Receiving Yards (Opponent)** - 164, Sedrick Robinson, vs. Columbus, 4/18/04

**Had Player with 200+ Receiving Yards** - Never

## **THE LAST TIME THE VooDoo...**

- Had Player with 200 + Receiving Yards (Opponent) - Never** Returned 2 Kickoffs for TD - Never
- Had 2 Players with 100+ Receiving Yards - Never** Returned 2 Kickoffs for TD (Opponent) - Never
- Had 2 Players with 100+ Receiving Yards (Opponent) - Jeff Russell (123) and Thabiti Davis (109), vs. Detroit, 3/12/04** Had 150+ Kickoff Return Yards - Never
- Had Player with 5+ Receiving TDs - Never** Had 150+ Kickoff Return Yards (Opponent) - Never
- Had Player with 5+ Receiving TDs (Opponent) - Never** Returned FG for TD - Never
- Had Player with 8+ Tackles - 8.5, Denario Smalls, at Nashville, 2/4/05** Returned FG for TD (Opponent) - Never
- Had Player with 8+ Tackles (Opponent) - 9, Deron Jenkins, at Nashville, 2/4/05** Made 50+ Yard FG - Never
- Had Player with 10+ Tackles - 12.5, Monty Montgomery, vs. Columbus, 4/18/04** Made 50+ Yard FG (Opponent) - Never
- Had Player with 10+ Tackles (Opponent) - 11, Kevin Gaines, at Georgia, 1/30/05**
- Had Player with 2+ Sacks - 2, Three Times, Aaron Hamilton, vs. Carolina, 3/27/04, vs. Columbus, 4/18/04 & B.J. Cohen, at Nashville, 2/4/05**
- Had Player with 2+ Sacks (Opponent) - Never**
- Had Player with 2+ Interceptions - 2, Two Times, Lamont Moore, vs. Tampa Bay, 3/7/04; Monty Montgomery, vs. Georgia, 5/15/04**
- Recorded a Safety - Never**
- Recorded a Safety (Opponent) - Robert Thomas, at Georgia, 1/30/05**
- Returned a Fumble for a TD - B.J. Cohen, vs. Orlando, 5/9/04**
- Returned a Fumble for a TD (Opponent) - Greg Krause, at Orlando, 4/9/04**
- Returned an Interception for a TD - Lamont Moore, vs. Tampa Bay, 3/7/04**
- Returned an Interception for a TD - Kenny McEntyre, vs. Orlando, 5/9/04**
- Returned Kickoff for TD - Aaron Bailey, at Orlando, 4/9/04**
- Returned Kickoff for TD (Opponent) - Fred Coleman, at Nashville, 2/4/05**

## **Coach Neu Says**

**Excerpts from VooDoo coach Mike Neu's postgame comments about the team's win over the Nashville Kats and Sunday's home opener vs. the San Jose SaberCats**

**(on if he was more satisfied with the team's intensity on Friday)** *"Those guys responded to the challenge that was presented to them last week about coming out and playing. Last week we felt like we didn't have enough effort down the stretch, but I was proud of the guys. They responded this week, played hard for four quarters. You saw guys flying around, making that extra block downfield. From the defensive side of the ball, guys were gang tackling, people were running to the football once it's thrown and that's what I want to see as a coach, defensive intensity."*

**(on if Nashville was very frustrated by New Orleans' defensive performance)** *"No question, our guys did a great job from a defensive standpoint. To have three interceptions is great and especially to have them, two of them early in the football game like we did, certainly is a great job by our defense, given an extra possession for the offense. It would have been nice for us to capitalize on that second drive instead of the fumble on the one yard line going in. We need to find a way to finish that so it doesn't come back to haunt us in the long run."*

**(on if Andy Kelly's performance was extra special for him due to his ties to the Kats and the state of Tennessee)** *"I was happy for Andy. This was his former stomping grounds and an arena and a team that he's played a lot of games with in his career. For him to have a career night like he did and complete 29-of-33 passes. Andy does a great job every single week. He just takes what the defense gives him. He's not greedy. He's willing to take the short stuff if they're going to play loose in the secondary."*

**(on the matchup with San Jose in terms of it being the home opener and a championship caliber team)** *"You give them credit. They responded from a week 1 where they didn't play very well. They got beat by 30 points against Tampa and they responded by blowing Las Vegas out yesterday by 34 points. San Jose will be ready coming in here. We're excited because it's our home opener and we want to excite the fans again like we did a year ago and want them to be excited about the VooDoo and the season ahead."*

**(on if it's going to be hard to top last year's 7-1 home record)** *"We used the crowd to our advantage at home. We fed off the crowd. They created such an environment that was full of energy and we fed off of them every single week. We know it's going to be tough to top that 7-1 record. We're excited about that. We're excited to get out in front of our home fans and hopefully we got some of the kinks worked out before take the field on Sunday."*

**(on how he stressed to the players to keep the feeling**

**of week 2 and to remember what it feels like to win)** *"It's a great point. What I said to the team in the locker room is that this is how it's supposed to be done. You're supposed to fly around for four quarters. You're supposed to capitalize on some miscues by the other team and our defense put ourselves in position to get an early lead and this is how it's supposed to be. You want to finish a team off when you have a chance to and that's what we were able to do."*

**(on if it was safe to say that the performance in the Georgia game made him a little grumpy)** *"Yes, that's fair and a safe assessment since I was a little disappointed with our effort after last weekend."*

**(on if the team did anything different at practice last week)** *"Our meeting the day after the game last week is what really set the tone for the week. I told them I wasn't real happy with the effort and touched on what was wrong with what they did. I was proud of the guys. They responded to the challenge I presented to them. They had a good week of practice and they played for four quarters, which is what I really wanted to see. The effort really stood out on film. You see receivers downfield really trying to get an extra block to spring a guy. You see defensive players running all over the field, gang tackling and that's what I want to see. That's the kind of thing I want to see jump out on film. That's what gets me excited on film. That's what gets the other coaches excited on film."*

**(on if the lack of scrimmages or practices with other teams hurt them in week one)** *"It may have. I don't want to lean on that as an excuse by any means, but I think certainly that we played last weekend's game at a training camp intensity level instead of that game notch and it does. When you go against each other every day in practice and it gets old, you get tired of seeing the same faces. It probably does have somewhat of an effect on how we started last week's game, but again, you don't want to make any excuses. We came back this week after we had a game under our belt. Guys now understand what game speed is all about and they played that way."*

**(on if he gave a fiery speech at last week's team meeting)** *"I didn't toss anything, but let's just say I wasn't happy. The doors were closed and the trainer was in his office with his door closed and he could hear the whole speech between three sets of walls. I'm sure that will tell you in a nutshell of the volume of my voice the other day."*

**(on if Kelly's TD to interception ratio is what he's looking for)** *"Andy's seen every defense there is known to man. He did a great job the other night of taking what the Nashville defense gave him. We did not get greedy. They were playing very loose in the secondary and gave us a bunch of underneath stuff and we'll be happy to take that, because I know that I feel and he feels that we have a great corps of receivers that are dangerous after the catch and those guys did a heck of a job the other night making plays and Andy did a great job in taking what the defense gave him."*

## **NEW ORLEANS VooDoo ALPHABETICAL ROSTER (2/2/05)**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Born	Exp.	College	H.S. Hometown
7	BAILEY, Aaron	OS	6-1	185	10/24/71	5	Louisville	Ann Arbor, Mich.
4	BOND, Carl	WR/DB	6-0	195	5/4/76	5	Connecticut	New Haven, Conn.
44	BRATTON, Jason	FB/LB	6-2	250	10/19/72	8	Grambling	Longview, Texas
5	COHEN, B.J.	OL/DL	6-2	280	6/10/75	7	Marshall	Conley, Ga.
24	COLEMAN, Calvin	DS	5-10	181	12/16/78	2	Montana	Niceville, Fla.
82	DAVIS, Thabiti	WR/LB	6-3	215	3/24/75	3	Wake Forest	Charlotte, N.C.
12	DICKEN, Billy	QB	6-2	205	12/28/74	5	Purdue	Bloomington, Ind.
95	HAMILTON, Aaron	OL/DL	6-5	280	12/9/73	6	Tarleton State	Austin, Texas
8	KELLY, Andy	QB	6-3	220	5/6/68	12	Tennessee	Dayton, Tenn.
93	LANDRY, Mike	OL/DL	6-3	308	12/12/78	R	Southern	Donaldsonville, La.
96	MARTIN, Tim	OL/DL	6-5	270	4/12/76	5	Tulsa	Claremore, Okla.
73	McCLURE, Bruce	OL/DL	6-5	305	4/10/74	7	Oklahoma	Talequah, Okla.
99	MILLER, Brook	OL/DL	6-4	295	8/11/81	R	San Diego State	San Diego, Calif.
25	MONTGOMERY, Monty	DS	6-0	195	12/8/73	1	Houston	Gladewater, Texas
19	MOORE, Lamont	WR/DB	6-0	195	4/4/75	5	Baylor	Waxahachie, Texas
77	NOAH, Abdul-Salam	OL/DL	6-2	280	9/19/78	2	San Jose State	Los Angeles, Calif.
72	OLSEN, Hans	OL/DL	6-4	298	7/31/77	2	Brigham Young	Weiser, Idaho
3	POINTER, Chris	DS	5-11	187	2/2/76	3	Kentucky State	Louisville, Ky.
21	PORTER, Alvin	DS	5-11	175	5/10/77	R	Oklahoma	Dallas, Texas
2	RUMPH, Jacques	WR/DB	5-8	180	7/12/78	2	Carson-Newman	Fort Valley, Ga.
40	RUSUNUNGUKO, Sunungura	FB/LB	6-3	270	4/12/78	5	Ball State	Indianapolis, Ind.
9	SCHMITZ, Brian	K	6-1	170	6/12/78	5	North Carolina	Maine, Ill.
22	SMALLS, Denario	DS	5-10	190	8/7/79	2	East Tennessee State	Moncks Corner, S.C.
11	SPEARS, Calvin	WR/DB	6-0	195	8/18/80	2	Grambling	Istrouma, La.

### INJURED RESERVE

35	BROWNING, Chris	FB/LB	6-2	255	5/12/80	2	Western Michigan	Batavia, Ill.
94	HILLIARD, John	OL/DL	6-3	298	4/16/76	R	Mississippi State	Houston, Texas
33	THOMPSON, Leroy	FB/LB	6-2	270	1/23/71	10	Delaware State	Camden, N.J.

### PRACTICE SQUAD

15	COLLINS, Anthony	WR/LB	6-2	205	9/3/78	2	Morgan State	Baton Rouge, La.
6	NEAL, Tremaine	WR/LB	6-3	215	6/10/76	2	Valdosta State	Baltimore, Md.

### REFUSED TO REPORT

34	CURRAN, Dan	FB/LB	6-0	230	10/28/76	4	New Hampshire	Chelmsford, Mass.
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### EXEMPT/OTHER LEAGUE

6	JORDAN, James	WR/LB	6-2	225	6/11/78	R	Louisiana Tech	New Orleans, La.
82	POLI-DIXON, Brian	WR/LB	6-5	218	4/21/79	R	UCLA	Tucson, Ariz.
26	SANCHEZ, Jeff	DS	5-9	175	1/21/81	R	Tulane	Meraux, La.

24 Players on Active Roster

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## **NEW ORLEANS VooDoo NUMERICAL ROSTER (2/2/05)**

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Age	Exp.	College	How Acquired
2	RUMPH, Jacques	WR/DB	5-8	180	26	2	Carson-Newman	FA-03
3	POINTER, Chris	DS	5-11	187	29	3	Kentucky State	FA-03
4	BOND, Carl	WR/DB	6-0	195	28	5	Connecticut	FA-04 (Det)
5	COHEN, B.J.	OL/DL	6-2	280	29	7	Marshall	FA-03 (TB)
7	BAILEY, Aaron	OS	6-1	185	33	5	Louisville	FA-03 (SJ)
8	KELLY, Andy	QB	6-3	220	36	12	Tennessee	FA-04 (Det)
9	SCHMITZ, Brian	K	6-1	170	26	5	North Carolina	FA-03 (Orl)
11	SPEARS, Calvin	WR/DB	6-0	195	24	2	Grambling	FA-03
12	DICKEN, Billy	QB	6-2	205	30	5	Purdue	FA-04 (Det)
19	MOORE, Lamont	WR/DB	6-0	195	29	5	Baylor	FA-03 (Orl)
21	PORTER, Alvin	DS	5-11	175	27	R	Oklahoma State	FA-04
22	SMALLS, Denario	DS	5-10	190	25	2	East Tennessee State	FA-04
24	COLEMAN, Calvin	DS	5-10	181	26	2	Montana	FA-03
25	MONTGOMERY, Monty	DS	6-0	195	31	1	Houston	FA-03
40	RUSUNUNGUKO, Sunungura	FB/LB	6-3	270	26	5	Ball State	FA-05
44	BRATTON, Jason	FB/LB	6-2	250	32	8	Grambling	FA-04
72	OLSEN, Hans	OL/DL	6-4	298	27	2	Brigham Young	DISP-04 (Ind)
73	McCLURE, Bruce	OL/DL	6-5	305	30	7	Oklahoma	FA-03 (Ga)
77	NOAH, Abdul-Salam	OL/DL	6-2	280	26	2	San Jose State	EXP-03 (SJ)
82	DAVIS, Thabiti	WR/LB	6-3	215	29	3	Wake Forest	FA-04 (Det)
93	LANDRY, Mike	OL/DL	6-3	308	26	R	Southern	FA-04
95	HAMILTON, Aaron	OL/DL	6-5	280	31	6	Tarleton State	FA-04
96	MARTIN, Tim	OL/DL	6-5	270	28	5	Tulsa	FA-03 (Dal)
99	MILLER, Brook	OL/DL	6-4	295	23	R	San Diego State	FA-04

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94	HILLIARD, John	OL/DL	6-3	298	28	R	Mississippi State	FA-04

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6	NEAL, Tremaine	WR/LB	6-3	215	28	1	Valdosta State	FA-05
15	COLLINS, Anthony	WR/LB	6-2	205	26	1	Morgan State	FA-05

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## 2004 NEW ORLEANS VooDoo DEPTH CHART

### OFFENSE

<b>QB</b>	--	8	Andy Kelly	12	Billy Dicken	
<b>OS</b>	--	7	Aaron Bailey	4	Carl Bond	
<b>WR</b>	--	2	Jacques Rumph	11	Calvin Spears	
<b>WR</b>	--	82	Thabiti Davis	19	Lamont Moore	
<b>FB</b>	--	44	Jason Bratton	40	Sunungura Rusungunuko	
<b>TE</b>	--	5	B.J. Cohen	95	Aaron Hamilton	93 Mike Landry
<b>C</b>	--	73	Bruce McClure	72	Hans Olsen	
<b>G</b>	--	96	Tim Martin	77	Abdul-Salam Noah	99 Brook Miller

### DEFENSE

<b>DS</b>	--	3	Chris Pointer	22	Denario Smalls	
<b>DS</b>	--	24	Calvin Coleman	25	Monty Montgomery	21 Alvin Porter
<b>DB</b>	--	11	Calvin Spears	2	Jacques Rumph	4 Carl Bond
<b>LB</b>	--	82	Thabiti Davis	19	Lamont Moore	
<b>LB</b>	--	44	Jason Bratton	40	Sunungura Rusungunuko	
<b>DE</b>	--	5	B.J. Cohen	95	Aaron Hamilton	72 Hans Olsen
<b>NT</b>	--	93	Mike Landry	99	Brook Miller	
<b>DE</b>	--	96	Tim Martin	77	Abdul-Salam Noah	73 Bruce McClure

### SPECIALISTS

<b>K</b>	--	9	Brian Schmitz			
<b>H</b>	--	12	Billy Dicken	2	Jacques Rumph	
<b>LS</b>	--	73	Bruce McClure	96	Tim Martin	
<b>KR</b>	--	7	Aaron Bailey	2	Jacques Rumph	

**NEW ORLEANS VOODOO / WEEK 2 / THROUGH SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2005**

WON 1, LOST 1				* RUSHING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
01/30 L 44-46	at Georgia	11,328	Bratton		8	6	0.8	3t	1
02/04 W 59-34	at Nashville	16,537	Spears		2	3	1.5	2	1
02/13	San Jose		Rumph		2	1	0.5	1	0
02/20	Philadelphia		Rusununguko		2	1	0.5	1	0
02/25	Tampa Bay		TEAM		14	11	0.8	3t	2
03/05	at Dallas		OPPONENTS		20	56	2.8	23	4
03/13	Orlando		* RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
03/20	at Chicago		Davis	16	136	8.5	19	4	
03/26	Georgia		Rumph	15	172	11.5	41	4	
04/01	at Austin		Bailey	13	185	14.2	34t	2	
04/16	Columbus		Moore	13	101	7.8	19t	2	
04/23	at Grand Rapids		Spears	3	20	6.7	9	0	
04/30	at Tampa Bay		Bratton	1	14	14.0	14	0	
05/08	Colorado		Cohen	1	5	5.0	5	0	
05/14	Austin		TEAM	62	633	10.2	41	12	
05/20	at Orlando		OPPONENTS	33	408	12.4	36	6	
	NOVD	Opp.		* INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
TOTAL FIRST DOWNS	47	32	Coleman	2	15	7.5	15	0	
Rushing	4	6	Cohen	1	9	9.0	9	0	
Passing	38	24	Spears	1	3	3.0	3	0	
Penalty	5	2	TEAM	4	27	6.8	15	0	
3rd Down: Made/Att	8/11	9/15	OPPONENTS	1	10	10.0	10	0	
3rd Down Pct.	72.7	60.0	* KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	TD	
4th Down: Made/Att	0/0	1/4	Bailey	7	86	12.3	20	0	
4th Down Pct.	0.0	25.0	Moore	1	6	6.0	6	0	
POSSESSION AVG.	31:17	28:43	TEAM	9	92	10.2	20	0	
TOTAL NET YARDS	633	455	OPPONENTS	11	276	25.1	56t	1	
Avg. Per Game	316.5	227.5	* COMBINED RETURNS	Ret	Yds	Avg	TD		
Total Plays	100	87	Bailey	7	86	12.3	0		
Avg. Per Play	6.3	5.2	Moore	1	6	6.0	0		
NET YARDS RUSHING	11	56	NONINDIVIDUAL	1	0	0.0	0		
Avg. Per Game	5.5	28.0	TEAM	9	92	10.2	0		
Total Rushes	14	20	OPPONENTS	12	291	24.3	1		
NET YARDS PASSING	622	399	* FIELD GOALS	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	
Avg. Per Game	311.0	199.5	Schmitz	0/ 0	1/ 2	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/1	
Sacked/Yards Lost	2/11	3/9	TEAM	0/ 0	1/ 2	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/1	
Gross Yards	633	408	OPPONENTS	0/ 0	0/ 0	1/ 1	0/ 0	0/0	
Att./Completions	84/62	64/33	Schmitz: (23N,34G) (26G,53N)						
Completion Pct.	73.8	51.6	OPPONENTS: (33G) ()						
Had Intercepted	1	4							
PENALTIES/YARDS	15/73	14/73							
FUMBLES/BALL LOST	2/1	2/0							
TOUCHDOWNS	14	11							
Rushing	2	4							
Passing	12	6							
Returns	0	1							
* SCORE BY PERIODS	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	OT	PTS			
TEAM	17	30	21	35	0	103			
OPPONENTS	0	40	20	20	0	80			
* SCORING	TD-Ru-Pa-Rt	K-PAT	FG	S	PTS				
Davis	4 0 4 0		0		24				
Rumph	4 0 4 0		0		24				
Schmitz	0 0 0 0	13/14	2/ 4	0	19				
Bailey	2 0 2 0				12				
Moore	2 0 2 0				12				
Bratton	1 1 0 0				6				
Spears	1 1 0 0				6				
TEAM	14 2 12 0	13/14	2/ 4	0	103				
OPPONENTS	11 4 6 1	9/11	1/ 1	1	80				
2-Pt. Conversions:	TEAM 0-0,	OPPONENTS 0-0							
SACKS:	Cohen 2.0,	Landry 1.0,	TEAM 3.0,						
OPPONENTS	2.0								

* PASSING	Att	Cmp	Yds	Cmp%	Yds/Att	TD	TD%	Int	Int%	Long	Sack/Lost	Rating
Kelly	84	62	633	73.8	7.54	12	14.3	1	1.2	41	2/ 11	125.7
TEAM	84	62	633	73.8	7.54	12	14.3	1	1.2	41	2/ 11	125.7
OPPONENTS	64	33	408	51.6	6.38	6	9.4	4	6.3	36	3/ 9	69.0

## New Orleans VooDoo 2005 Defensive Stats

### Regular Defensive Plays

Name	TKL	AST	TOT	SACK/YDS	TFL/YDS	INT/YDS	PD	FF	FR/YDS	BL
Smalls, Denario	10	1	10.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pointer, Chris	9	2	10	0	0	0	0	1	1	0
Moore, Lamont	5	1	5.5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Cohen, B.J.	4	1	4.5	2	6	2	6	1	9	2
Rumph, Jacques	2	3	3.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Martin, Tim	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hamilton, Aaron	1	3	2.5	0	0	0.5	1	0	0	0
Spears, Calvin	2	1	2.5	0	0	0	0	1	3	1
Rusununguko, Sunungura	2	1	2.5	0	0	0.5	0	0	0	0
Coleman, Calvin	2	1	2.5	0	0	0	0	2	15	2
Davis, Thabiti	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Landry, Mike	2	0	2	1	3	1	3	0	0	0
Olsen, Hans	1	1	1.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Schmitz, Brian	0	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Noah, Abdul-Salam	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Bratton, Jason	0	1	0.5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>9</b>

Defense: **TKL**: tackle, **AST**: assist, **TOT**: total, **INT**: interception, **PD**: pass defense, **FF**: forced fumble, **FR**: fumble recovery, **BL**: kicks blocked..

# 2005 New Orleans VooDoo Game Participation

Name	1/30 @Geo	2/4 @Nas	2/13 SJ	2/20 PHI	2/25 TB	3/5 @ Dal	3/13 ORL	3/20 @Chi	3/26 GEO	4/1 @Aus	4/16 CLB	4/23 @GR	4/30 @TB	5/8 COL	5/14 AUS	5/20 @Orl	GP-GS-DNP-IA-IR
BAILEY, Aaron	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
BOND, Carl	IA	IA															0-0-0-2-0
BRATTON, Jason	PL	ST															2-1-0-0-0
BROWNING, Chris	IR	IR															0-0-0-0-2
COHEN, B.J.	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
COLEMAN, Calvin	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
COLLINS, Anthony	PS	PS															0-0-0-0-0
DAVIS, Thabiti	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
DICKEN, Billy	PL	PL															2-0-0-0-0
HAMILTON, Aaron	PL	ST															2-1-0-0-0
HILLIARD, John	IR	IR															0-0-0-0-2
KELLY, Andy	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
LANDRY, Mike	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
MARTIN, Tim	ST	IA															1-1-0-1-0
McCLURE, Bruce	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
MILLER, Brook	IA	PL															1-0-0-1-0
MONTGOMERY, Monty	IA	IA															0-0-0-2-0
MOORE, Lamont	PL	PL															2-0-0-0-0
NEAL, Tremaine	PS	PS															0-0-0-0-0
NOAH, Abdul-Salam	PL	PL															2-0-0-0-0
OLSEN, Hans	PL	PL															2-0-0-0-0
POINTER, Chris	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
PORTER, Alvin	IA	IA															0-0-0-2-0
RUMPH, Jacques	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
RUSUNUNGUO, Sunungura	PS	ST															1-1-0-0-0
SCHMITZ, Brian	PL	PL															2-0-0-0-0
SMALLS, Denario	ST	ST															2-2-0-0-0
SPEARS, Calvin	PL	PL															2-0-0-0-0
THOMPSON, Leroy	ST	IR															1-1-0-0-1

## LEGEND

DNP=Did Not Play	ST=Started
IA=Inactive	SUSP=Suspension
IR=Injured Reserve	
PL=Played	
PS=Practice Squad	

**7 Aaron Bailey, OS**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 40/4 Season - 2

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	6	65	10.8	27	0
Season	13	185	14.2	34t	2
Career	270	3799	14.1	47	73

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	0	0	0.0	0	0
Season	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	10	16	1.6	2	5

KO Returns	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	3	42	14.0	18	0
Season	7	86	12.3	18	0
Career	69	1270	18.4	55t	3

**@ Georgia (1/30)** - Started at OS. Seven receptions for 120 yards with two touchdowns. Four kickoff returns for 44 yards. **@ Nashville (2/4)** - Started at OS. Six receptions for 65 yards and three kickoff returns for 42 yards. Tied for 19th in the AFL in receptions (13), ranked ninth in receiving yards (185), tied for ninth in total yards from scrimmage (185), ranked eighth in all-purpose yards (271), tied for seventh in first downs (11) and 11th in third down receptions (2).

**4 Carl Bond WR/DB**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 36/3 Season - 0

**@ Georgia (1/30)** - Declared inactive.  
**@ Nashville (2/4)** - Declared inactive.

**44 Jason Bratton, FB/LB**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 82/7 Season - 2

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	4	4	1.0	3t	1
Season	8	6	0.8	3t	1
Career	208	602	2.9	27	30

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	1	14	14.0	14	0
Season	1	14	14.0	14	0
Career	14	110	7.9	18	1

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	0.5	0	0	0	0
Season	0.5	0	0	0	0
Career	65.5	3.5	2	0	3

**@ Georgia (1/30)** - Saw action at FB/LB. Four rushes for two yards.  
**@ Nashville (2/4)** - Started at FB/LB. Four rushes for yards with one TD, one 14-yard reception and one assisted tackle. Tied for 14th in third and one rushing (1-2).

**33 Chris Browning, FB/LB**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 4/0 Season - 0

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	3	16	5.3	7	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	1	12	12.0	12	0

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	4.5	0	0	0	0

**@ Georgia (1/30)** - Placed on injured reserve, 1/26.

**5 B.J. Cohen OL/DL**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 84/15 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	3.5	2	2	1	1
Season	4.5	2	2	1	2
Career	119	25.5	14	6	14

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	0	0	0.0	0	0
Season	1	5	5.0	5	0
Career	36	433	12.0	35t	10

**@ Georgia (1/30)** - Started at OL/DL. One solo tackle, one pass defense and one five-yard reception.  
**@ Nashville (2/4)** - Started at OL/DL. 3.5 tackles, two tackles for -6 yards, one nine-yard interception return, one pass defense and two sacks for -6 yards. Tied for eighth in the AFL in interceptions (1), first in sacks (2), first in tackles for a loss (2) and 15th in passes defended (2).

**24 Calvin Coleman DS**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 17/1 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	0.5	0	0	2	2
Season	2.5	0	0	2	2
Career	57	0	1.5	6	8

**@ Georgia (1/30)** - Started at DS. Two solo tackles, one interception and one pass defense. Tied for fourth in the AFL in interceptions (1) and 12th in passes defended (1).  
**@ Nashville (2/4)** - Started at DS. 0.5 tackle, one 15-yard interception return and one pass defense. Tied for first in the AFL in interceptions (2) and 15th in passes defended (2).

**15 Anthony Collins WR/LB**

**Games Played (reg/playoffs):** Career - 9/0 Season - 0

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	14	0	0	0	1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	12	158	13.2	44t	2

@ Georgia (1/30) - Waived, 1/24. Signed to practice squad, 1/26.

#### 82 Thabiti Davis WR/LB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 33/2 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	1	0	0	0	0
Season	2	0	0	0	0
Career	33.5	0	0	0	1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	8	58	7.3	13	3
Season	16	136	8.5	19	4
Career	212	2523	11.9	N/A	44

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at WR/LB. Eight receptions for 78 yards with one touchdown and one solo tackle.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Started at WR/LB. Eight receptions for 58 yards with three touchdowns and one solo tackle. Tied for 10th in the AFL in scoring among nonkickers (24), fifth in receptions (16), seventh in receiving touchdowns (4), 12th in first downs (10) and 11th in third down receptions (2).

#### 12 Billy Dicken QB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 53/4 Season - 2

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Int	TD
Last Week	0	0	0	0	0
Season	0	0	0	0	0
Career	1226	750	9360	35	188

@ Georgia (1/30) - Held for FG & XP attempts.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Held for FG & XP attempts

#### 95 Aaron Hamilton OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 53/5 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	2.5	0	0.5	0	0
Season	2.5	0	0.5	0	0
Career	45	15	4.5	0	3

@ Georgia (1/30) - Saw action at OL/DL.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Started at OL/DL. One solo tackle, three assisted tackles, 0.5 tackle for a one-yard loss.

#### 94 John Hilliard OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 0/0 Season - 0

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	0	0	0	0	0

@ Georgia (1/30) - Placed on injured reserve, 1/24.

#### 8 Andy Kelly QB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 138/15 Season - 2

Passing	Att.	Comp.	Yds.	Int	TD
Last Week	33	29	277	0	6
Season	84	62	633	1	12
Career	4755	2925	32,666	128	633

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at QB. 33-of-51 for 356 yards with six touchdown passes and one interception.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Started at QB. 29-of-33 for 277 yards with six touchdown passes. Set a career-high in completion percentage (87.9%). Ranked second in the AFL in QB rating (125.7), first in passing attempts (84), completions (62), first in passing yardage (633), third in touchdown passes (12) and sixth in fourth quarter passer rating (107.9).

#### 93 Mike Landry OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 2/0 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	1	1	1	0	0
Season	2	1	1	0	0
Career	2	1	1	0	0

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at OL/DL. One solo tackle.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Started at OL/DL. One solo tackle, one tackle for -3 yards and one sack for -3 yards. Tied for fifth in the AFL in sacks (1).

#### 96 Tim Martin OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 50/5 Season - 1

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week				Inactive	
Season	3	0	0	0	0
Career	61	13.5	9	0	1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week					
Season	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	10	96	9.6	22t	4

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at OL/DL. Three solo tackles.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Declared inactive.

#### 73 Bruce McClure OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 75/5 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	0	0	0	0	0
Season	0	0	0	0	0
Career	25	0	0	1	2

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at OL/DL.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Started at OL/DL.

#### 99 Brook Miller OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 1/0 Season - 1

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	0	0	0	0	0
Season	0	0	0	0	0
Career	0	0	0	0	0

@ Georgia (1/30) - Declared inactive.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Saw action at OL/DL.

### 25 Monty Montgomery DS

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 16/1 Season - 0

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week			Inactive		
Season	0	0	0	0	0
Career	85	1	1	5	25

@ Georgia (1/30) - Activated from exempt/other league, 1/26.  
 Declared inactive.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Declared inactive.

### 19 Lamont Moore WR/LB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 44/7 Season - 1

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	1.5	0	0	0	0
Season	5.5	0	0	0	0
Career	94.5	0	5	3	10

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	6	39	6.5	13	1
Season	13	101	7.8	19t	2
Career	114	1226	10.8	37t	16

@ Georgia (1/30) - Saw action at WR/DB. Seven receptions for 62 yards with one TD, four solo tackles and one forced fumble.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Saw action at WR/DB. Six receptions for 39 yards with one TD, one solo tackle & one assisted tackle. Tied for 19th in the AFL in receptions (13).

### 6 Tremaine Neal WR/LB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 5/0 Season - 0

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	12	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week					
Season					
Career	10	85	8.5	23	1

@ Georgia (1/30) - Waived 1/24. Signed to practice squad, 1/26.

### 77 Abdul-Salam Noah OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 18/0 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	1	0	0	0	0
Season	1	0	0	0	0
Career	17	1	1	0	1

@ Georgia (1/30) - Saw action at OL/DL.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Saw action at OL/DL. One solo tackle.

### 72 Hans Olsen OL/DL

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 18/0 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	1.5	0	0	0	0
Season	1.5	0	0	0	0
Career	6.5	1	1	0	0

@ Georgia (1/30) - Saw action at OL/DL.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Saw action at OL/DL. One solo tackle & one assisted tackle.

### 3 Chris Pointer DS

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 18/1 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	7	0	0	0	1
Season	10	0	0	0	1
Career	74.5	0	0	0	19

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at DS. Three solo tackles & one forced fumble.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Started at DS. Six solo tackles, two assisted tackles and one pass defense. Tied for 20th in the AFL in tackles (10) and 19th in solo tackles (9).

### 21 Alvin Porter DS

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 0/0 Season - 0

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	0	0	0	0	0
Season	0	0	0	0	0

@ Georgia (1/30) - Declared inactive.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Declared inactive.

### 2 Jacques Rumph WR/DB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 6/1 Season - 2

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	6	87	14.5	41	2
Season	15	172	11.5	19t	4
Career	29	316	10.9	48	5

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	1.5	0	0	0	0
Season	3.5	0	0	0	0
Career	8.5	1	0	0	0

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at WR/DB. Nine receptions for 85 yards with two touchdowns, two solo tackles and one rush for 0 yards.  
 @ Nashville (2/4) - Started at WR/DB. Six receptions for 87 yards with two touchdowns, one rush for one yard and three assisted tackles. Tied for 10th in the AFL in scoring among non-kickers (24), 11th in receptions (15), 15th in receiving yards (172), ranked 15th in total yards from scrimmage (173) and tied for seventh in first downs (11).

### 40 Sunungura Rusununguko FB/LB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 19/0 Season - 1

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	2.5	0	0.5	0	0
Season	2.5	0	0.5	0	0
Career	17.5	2	0.5	0	1

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	2	1	0.5	1	0
Season	2	1	0.5	1	0
Career	2	1	0.5	1	0

@ Nashville (2/4) - Signed from practice squad, 2/1. Started at FB/LB. Two solo tackles, one assisted tackle, 0.5 tackle for a loss and two rushes for one yard.

### 9 Brian Schmitz K

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 53/6 Season - 2

Kicking	FGM	FGA	XPM	XPA	Points
Last Week	1	2	8	8	11
Season	2	4	13	14	19
Career	45	104	252	300	3388

@ Georgia (1/30) - Made 1-of-2 FG attempts & 5-of-6 on XP attempts.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Made 1-of-2 FG attempts & 8-of-8 on XP attempts. Tied for fourth in the AFL in scoring among kickers ( 9) and ranked fourth in touchbacks on kickoffs (5).

### 22 Denario Smalls DS

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 5/0 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	8.5	0	0	0	1
Season	10.5	0	0	0	3
Career	18.5	0	0	1	4

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at DB. Two solo tackles and two passes defended.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Started at DB. Eight solo tackles, one assisted tackle and one pass defense. Tied for 16th in the AFL in tackles (10.5) and 13th in solo tackles (10).

### 11 Calvin Spears WR/DB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 14/0 Season - 2

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week	0.5	0	0	1	1
Season	2.5	0	0	1	1
Career	31	0	0	1	1

Receiving	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week	2	14	7.0	9	0
Season	3	20	6.7	6	0
Career	34	339	10.0	40	5

@ Georgia (1/30) - Saw action at WR/DB. Two solo tackles & one six-yard reception.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Saw action at WR/DB. Two rushes for three yards with one TD, two receptions for 14 yards, one assisted tackle, one three yard interception return and one pass defense. Tied for eighth in the AFL in interceptions (1).

### 33 Leroy Thompson FB/LB

Games Played (reg/playoffs): Career - 86/6 Season - 1

Defense	Tkl	Sack	TFL	INT	PD
Last Week					
Season	0	0	0	0	0
Career	112	12	13	0	13

Rushing	No.	Yds.	Avg.	Long	TD
Last Week					
Season	0	0	0.0	0	0
Career	298	913	2.7	19	54

@ Georgia (1/30) - Started at WR/LB. Left game in first quarter with concussion and returned. Left game at halftime with shoulder injury.

@ Nashville (2/4) - Placed on injured reserve, 2/1.

## **NEW ORLEANS VooDoo 2005 TRANSACTION LOG**

- January 4, 2005** -- Placed FB/LB Dan Curran on Refused to Report list.
- January 7, 2005** -- Signed WR/LB Tamarick Vanover
- January 13, 2005** -- Signed WR/DB B.J. Barre and FB/LB Ahmad Willis. Waived/Injured FB/LB Jermaine Fazande.
- January 15, 2005** -- Waived WR/LB DeVeren Johnson
- January 18, 2005** -- Acquired WR/LB Tremaine Neal from Philadelphia Soul for future considerations. Sent DS Richard Newsome to the Philadelphia Soul, as future consideration for trade with Philadelphia. Waived WR/DB B.J. Barre, OL/DL Jason Gamble, WR/LB Preston Hartfield and WR/LB Tamarick Vanover. Released OL/DL Furnell Hankton.
- January 22, 2005** -- Waived OS Jerel Myers, OL/DL Ahmad Willis and QB Tory Woodbury.
- January 24, 2005** -- Waived WR/LB Anthony Collins and WR/LB Tremaine Neal and placed OL/DL John Hilliard on injured reserve.
- January 26, 2005** -- Signed WR/LB Anthony Collins and WR/LB Tremaine Neal to the practice squad and placed FB/LB Chris Browning on injured reserve.
- January 27, 2005** -- Activated DS Monty Montgomery from other league/exempt and signed FB/LB Sunungura Rusununguko to the practice squad.
- February 1, 2005** -- Placed FB/LB Leroy Thompson on injured reserve and signed FB/LB Sunungura Rusununguko to the practice squad.

## NEW ORLEANS VooDoo 2005 CLIPS

N.O. Times Picayune, Saturday, February 5, 2005

**Kelly passes VooDoo past Kats 59-34**

**N.O. quarterback throws for six TDs against former team**

**Saturday, February 05, 2005**

**By Maurice Patton**

**Contributing writer**

**NASHVILLE, TENN.** -- There have been conflicting reports over whether the Nashville Kats tried to bring quarterback Andy Kelly back for a second stint following the franchise's re-start after a three-year layoff.

Judging by his performance Friday night, if the team didn't make an effort to re-sign Kelly, it should have.

The former University of Tennessee standout, who was the starting quarterback for every Nashville Kats game during that team's previous five-year existence and led it to back-to-back ArenaBowl appearances, picked up right where he left off and guided the VooDoo to a 59-34 win before a record crowd of 16,517 at the Gaylord Entertainment Center.

"I knew it would be a good crowd," Kelly said after completing 29 of 33 passes -- a career-high completion rate of 87.9 percent -- for 277 yards and six touchdowns in his Arena Football League-record 122nd consecutive start.

"We didn't get greedy. We were patient, content to take the short stuff. The receivers got what they could get. Our (offensive) timing was good. The defense came up with some big turnovers, and we were able to get a lead and hang on to it."

New Orleans (1-1) scored on three of its first four possessions -- on Jason Bratton's 3-yard run, Brian Schmitz's 28-yard field goal, and Kelly's 13-yard pass to Thabiti Davis -- for a 17-0 lead less than two minutes into the second quarter.

"We knew their philosophy was to slow the pace down -- run the ball, win the time-of-possession battle," said VooDoo coach Mike Neu, a former quarterback, assistant and offensive coordinator for the Kats. "We knew one way to take them out of that was to get a lead. The defense did a good job creating plays. We had one opportunity to get in the end zone, and we fumbled the ball. But we got the lead, got some turnovers and got some pressure on the quarterback."

Nashville finally scored on Dan Alexander's 1-yard run, but Kelly and Davis hooked up again from four yards for another touchdown. Fred Coleman returned the ensuing kickoff 56 yards to make the score 24-14 with 4:28 remaining in the half, but the hosts never got closer than 10 points the rest of the night.

While Kelly was completing all but one of his first 13 passes on the way to a 24-7 lead and hitting 19-of-21 for 195 yards and three touchdowns and a 31-21 halftime lead, his successor with the Kats was hardly keeping pace.

Leon Murray, a 2003 AFL All-Rookie performer with the Georgia Force, completed eight of 15 first-half passes for 77 yards and was intercepted twice.

"I'm sure Andy's emotions were running high," Neu said. "But he settled down and played within himself. It was fitting that he had a career-best completions game here."

Kelly's previous best completion rate was a 35-of-42 (83.3 percent) performance during the 1999 season for the Kats against Houston.

"He was doing what he does," Nashville lineman James Baron said. "He was good with the ball, getting it out of his hands fast. He played good football and he got them a victory."

**MORE HOMECOMINGS:** In addition to Kelly and Neu, Bratton and VooDoo linemen Aaron Hamilton and Bruce McClure also played for the first edition of the Kats.

VooDoo line coach Junior Ili also played for Nashville, and receiver/defensive back Lamont Moore was in the team's 2000 training camp.

Receiver/defensive back Jacques Rumph played collegiately at Carson-Newman in Jefferson City, Tenn., and defensive specialist Denario Smalls played at East Tennessee State in Johnson City.

**INACTIVES:** Receiver/defensive back Carl Bond, defensive specialists Alvin Porter and Monty Montgomery and lineman Tim Martin were declared inactive. Bond, Porter and Montgomery also were inactive for last week's opener against Georgia. Martin started last week and had three solo tackles, but currently is nursing a knee injury.

## **N.O. Times Picayune, Friday, February 4, 2005**

### **Neu seeking better effort**

### **Coach hoping team rebounds from opener**

**Friday, February 04, 2005**

**By Nakia Hogan**

**Contributing writer**

Mike Neu prefers not to conjure up the memories of last season.

Doing so likely won't help the VooDoo this year. And the coach let his team know that Monday following Sunday's lackadaisical 46-44 opening loss at Georgia, a game in which the VooDoo failed to display the type of energy and effort Neu was expecting.

"If that was something that had been in the back of their minds, I can promise after (Monday) morning's meeting that it's out of their minds, because it wasn't a real pleasant meeting behind closed doors," Neu said. "But our guys know that last year's over. You can forget about that all you want. We've got a red 'X' on our back now."

Next up for the VooDoo is Nashville, which opened with a 47-38 victory over Columbus.

The VooDoo opened last year's inaugural season 7-1 and won the Southern Division title. They were hoping for a similar fast start this season. But first the kinks from the loss to Georgia must be worked out.

Neu was upset with his team's effort down the stretch Sunday, when the players committed mental errors. And he said the team stopped hustling.

"Everyone is expecting us to do well. We are expecting to do well this season," receiver Aaron Bailey said. "We expect to go to the Arena championship. But we just had some misfortunes last week. That fast start we had last year kind of carried us through, carried us over the hump. Hopefully this year we can pick up from where we started off last year and get some wins under our belt."

Some of Neu's concerns could be eased with the return of the team's leader, Monty Montgomery.

Montgomery, who played for the Saints this past season, was activated from the other league/exempt list.

"Monty's passion and how he plays the game is so contagious," Neu said. "Monty plays every play at the most intense level that you can play at. That's the thing that's so contagious about watching him. His effort just spreads to the other guys. He forces everybody to pick up their game a notch."

The VooDoo will have to contain Nashville quarterback Leon Murray, a Shreveport native. In the Kats' opener, Murray completed 25 of 35 passes for 232 yards and three touchdowns without an interception.

Quarterback Andy Kelly, in his first year with the VooDoo, will make his return to Nashville, where he helped the Kats reach the playoffs from 1997 to 2001.

**TRANSACTIONS:** The VooDoo placed fullback/linebacker Leroy Thompson on injured reserve with a shoulder injury. Thompson must remain on the injured reserve list for at least two games. Fullback/linebacker Sunungura Rusununguko was signed from the practice squad.

**Nashville Tennessean, Wednesday, February 02, 2005**

**Kelly in Kat fight**  
**By JOHN GLENNON**  
**Staff Writer**

The marquee member of the original Nashville Kats, a former University of Tennessee standout and a current Nashville resident, quarterback Andy Kelly would have been a popular choice to lead the Kats' second coming.

And, said Kelly, he would have loved to do it.

But because of a lack of interest from the Kats or Kelly — it depends on which side is telling the story — he will be on the opposite sideline Friday when Nashville plays its first home Arena Football League game since 2001.

The man who holds every Kats passing record is now guiding the New Orleans VooDoo, who'll battle Nashville in Gaylord Entertainment Center at 7:30 p.m.

"I would have loved to have been back in Tennessee because that's where my home is and where I started playing this game," Kelly said. "When I was a free agent, I was contacted by several teams, but Nashville wasn't one of them — not about playing.

"As it turns out, I'm enjoying myself in New Orleans and I'm very comfortable with the team. But it would have been interesting to see what would have happened if they gave me a chance."

Hold on there, said Kats Coach Pat Sperduto.

Sperduto, who's in charge of the team's personnel decisions, said he did indeed talk to Kelly about a return to Nashville, but that the quarterback indicated he'd rather not play for an expansion team.

"We would have loved to have Andy, but Andy believed in his mind there was a better chance for him to win a championship in New Orleans, and I have no complaints about that," Sperduto said. "That's his prerogative to feel that way. I love Andy. He's my friend and I'll hang out with him any time. He knows that."

Sperduto added that the cost of signing Kelly, who holds AFL career marks for completions, attempts and yards, might have thrown the Kats' salary structure out of whack.

"When I talked to him in the offseason, I said 'What are you thinking about doing (next year)?' and he said, 'I'm thinking about playing,'" Sperduto said. "I said, 'The reality is, how much is it going to take?' His price tag is high."

So it is that Kelly, a Dayton native, will make his league-record 120th quarterback start while wearing a VooDoo uniform on Friday.

The 37-year-old Kelly, playing in his ninth AFL season, doesn't seem to be showing any signs of age. In New Orleans' season-opening loss last weekend, he threw 33 completions for 356 yards and six touchdowns.

Those kinds of numbers come as no surprise to Sperduto or Kelly's former Kats' teammates, who saw Kelly average more than 60 touchdown passes during his five seasons here, while leading Nashville to two Arena-Bowl berths.

"He's a very smart quarterback with a very quick release," veteran Kats linebacker/wide receiver Darryl Hammond said. "He can read defenses well. He's as good as they come, one of the all-time great quarterbacks in this league."

Said Kelly: "I'm not crazy. I don't want to sit back there and get pounded. My philosophy is the quicker I get the ball out of my hands and into the wide receiver's, the better off we are."

Kelly also said he realizes his first return to the GEC since the original Kats left town in 2001 might be a little unsettling.

He created plenty of memories here, starting in 1997 when the first Kats team won 10 of its 14 games and drew more than 16,000 fans in its season finale.

"In that first year, I don't think anyone knew what to expect," Kelly said.

"We didn't know if the city would accept it, but Nashville really embraced the game. It was really exciting."

There were also the many times he hooked up with another former Volunteer, wide receiver Cory Fleming, to the strains of Rocky Top on the public address system.

"That was pretty cool," Kelly said. "We had several guys from Tennessee that year, and it was a nice little touch to play that song."

Since Kelly lives here in the offseason, he knows he'll have at least a couple dozen friends and family members in his corner Friday night.

There are times, of course, when he wonders what it might have been like to feel all of Nashville's support once again.

"I think in the end, you go where you're most wanted," Kelly said.

"So I'm happy with my decision."

### **Nashville City Paper, Wednesday, February 02, 2005**

#### **Ex-Kat Kelly works magic for VooDoo By Mark McGee, Sports Correspondent February 02, 2005**

Wearing the purple, black and red colors of the New Orleans VooDoo, quarterback Andy Kelly is going to stand out in a crowd.

Returning to the state where he became a high school (Rhea County) and collegiate football (University of Tennessee) star, and an arena where he directed his team to back-to-back trips to the ArenaBowl, more than a few eyes are going to be glued to what Kelly does this weekend. He admits it will be a little unusual to walk into the Gaylord Entertainment Center Friday night wearing colors other than those of the Nashville Kats, a team he quarterbacked for five seasons.

"It's going to seem weird sitting on the opposite sideline, but once the game starts it is going to be football," Kelly said. "I'll be concentrating on their defense and what we need to do to score points and win the game. I'm excited about it to come home and see a lot of family and friends."

Kelly was a free agent after playing for Dallas and Detroit the past two seasons. He got calls from several teams, but the Kats were not one of them. Kats coach Pat Sperduto didn't think he could afford Kelly this time around.

"If he is not the best, Andy is one of the top three or four to ever play quarterback in the Arena Football League," Sperduto said. "Andy is still good. He is still effective."

New Orleans head coach Mike Neu, who was both a teammate and offensive coordinator with the Kats while Kelly was quarterback, gives a level of comfort and familiarity.

"Our philosophy of the game and our background on how we learned the game are very similar," Kelly said. "He is thinking the same thing I am, and I am thinking the same thing he is. I don't know if there is any magic thing we do. We just get along great."

Kelly holds AFL career passing records for completions, attempts and passing yards and is second in touchdown passes. He is more concerned with the present as the VooDoo tries to bounce back from a 46-44 loss to the Georgia Force.

"They took it to us more than we took it to them," Kelly said. "That was the most disappointing part of it. We were not the aggressor. ... We know Nashville is going to be aggressive. We are going to have to turn it up a notch."

**New Orleans Times-Picayune, Monday, January 31, 2005**

**VooDoo day late, 2 points short  
N.O. drops opener against Georgia  
Monday, January 31, 2005  
By Chris Martz  
Contributing writer**

**ATLANTA** -- History didn't repeat itself for the VooDoo as it began its second season in the Arena Football League.

New Orleans' two victories over the Georgia Force in 2004 came by a combined seven points, but at Philips Arena on Sunday, it was Georgia that emerged with a close victory, winning 46-44 in the opener for both teams. The game was postponed from Saturday evening after an ice storm Friday night left much of north Georgia paralyzed.

For the VooDoo, however, it was the Force's final drive in the fourth quarter that helped put the game on ice.

Trailing 39-30 late in the fourth quarter, New Orleans drove from its five-yard line to the Force's eight courtesy of three quick passes from quarterback Andy Kelly. It would take another 11 plays for the VooDoo to finally punch the ball into the end zone, thanks to three Georgia penalties that kept New Orleans' drive alive.

Kelly capped the drive with a one-yard touchdown pass to Thabiti Davis with 3:39 remaining that pulled New Orleans to within 39-37.

However, the Force quickly struck back as Jim Kubiak found Troy Bergeron on a 34-yard touchdown pass with 54 seconds remaining to put Georgia in front 46-37. The VooDoo responded with a touchdown pass from Kelly to Aaron Bailey with 20 seconds remaining to close the gap to 46-44.

New Orleans' onside kick attempt fell into the hands of the Force's Dialleo Burks, and Georgia coach Doug Plank picked up his first career victory.

Kelly threw for six touchdowns but his one interception, New Orleans' only turnover, proved costly.

With the VooDoo trailing 32-30 early in the fourth quarter, Burks intercepted Kelly. To make matters worse for the VooDoo, an unsportsmanlike conduct penalty on Kelly following the play placed the ball at New Orleans' 15-yard line.

Kubiak, who threw five touchdown passes, found Luke Levenson for seven yards and a 39-30 Force lead.

"I was surprised we were able to get some turnovers on them," Plank said.

VooDoo coach Mike Neu said the almost nine-minute drive in the fourth quarter was the team's undoing.

"We were our own worst enemy on that drive," he said, referring to his team's plethora of missed opportunities before finally scoring.

Kelly complete 33 of 51 attempts for 356 yards. Bailey had 120 yards receiving. Bergeron, who didn't enter the game until the second quarter, led Georgia with 116 yards receiving and three touchdowns.

The VooDoo, which opened last season with three consecutive wins, will look to regain the form that earned it the Southern Division title when the team travels to Nashville to take on the Kats on Friday night.

**New Orleans Times-Picayune, Thursday, January 27, 2005**

**RING LEADER?**

**QB Andy Kelly believes he can win an AFL title with VooDoo**

**Thursday, January 27, 2005**

**By Jim Derry**

**Staff writer**

When the Detroit Fury folded after last season, quarterback Andy Kelly became a free agent. At age 36, it was more important than ever for him to go somewhere he was wanted.

It didn't take him long to find New Orleans.

Ranking near the bottom in many offensive categories last season, the VooDoo and Coach Mike Neu certainly had a need to fill. Kelly, an 11-year veteran from Tennessee who holds five AFL records, toured the facilities on Airline Drive and decided not to visit anywhere else. It didn't hurt that Kelly and Neu already knew each other.

Kelly was the quarterback for the Nashville Kats from 1997 to 2001. Neu was a backup quarterback for Nashville in 1997, quarterbacks coach in 1998 and offensive coordinator in 1999. Kelly also had worked with line coach Junior Ili, who was a teammate in Nashville as well.

"Even if I wasn't friends with them, I'd still be here," he said, "because this is the best place for me, and it gives me the best opportunity to get that championship that I need to get."

Looking for a ring

He's done just about everything one can do in the Arena Football League but win an the ArenaBowl. Kelly has been there a couple of times, but he has never won a ring.

In 2000 against Orlando, his Nashville Kats took their only lead with a long Kelly pass to James Baron in the third quarter. After falling behind again, the Kats tied the score at 38 midway through the final quarter.

But as time expired, the Predators kicked a 19-yard field goal to win 41-38.

The next season the Kats had another chance, against Grand Rapids. But after a terrible second quarter, they fell behind 37-21 and didn't recover.

Kelly won't forget the experiences, both good and bad.

"Maybe it sounds weird, but the highlights and the lowlights are kind of the same thing," he said. "The two highlights of my career are getting to the ArenaBowls. That was exciting. But on the same token, we lost them both. That was two of the most disappointing times of my career, too. . . . There were a lot of ups, but more than anything else, I've made a lot of good friends along the way, and I know they will be lifelong friends."

Maybe Kelly will get another shot at the ArenaBowl as quarterback of the VooDoo, but it's not something he thinks about all the time. "That's a long way away," he said.

Right now, he said, the team is concentrating on its opening game at 7 p.m. Saturday against the Georgia Force.

"We're in a tough division, and we have a lot of tough games. But heck, that's our ultimate goal. Nobody's hiding it, we want to win a championship. We don't talk about it every day, and it's not something where we say, 'We need to do this to make it to the ArenaBowl,' or 'We need to do that.' What we need to do is to take care of business and take care of ourselves right now."

That's why Neu brought Kelly in. The coach loves Kelly's attitude, whether it's a big game or a training-camp practice. It doesn't matter, because he works just as hard either way.

"Andy's still Andy," Neu said. "He takes every rep in practice with the same approach, and he plays each one like it's a real game. You can see him get frustrated if he throws an incomplete pass. He wants to be perfect in practice, and you see his attitude and his leadership carrying over to the other guys. In the huddle, when he tells them something to try to point something out to him about a route or an angle, they certainly listen."

Being the AFL record holder in five categories (consecutive games played, pass attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns) adds to the respect Kelly's teammates have for him.

Veteran Aaron Bailey praises Kelly's decision-making, and Bailey has played with many quarterbacks over his four-year AFL career and a five-year NFL stint with Indianapolis.

"He obviously ranks among the top," Bailey said. "He's a veteran, and there's not a defense in this league that he hasn't seen. There isn't a defensive coordinator who can fool him. He can get the ball to the receivers once we break out of our routes, and he gives us a chance to run after the catch. So he's a great quarterback and a great asset to our team."

Kelly said it's important that he stays healthy. He's done that better than anyone else in the history of the league. His consecutive games streak of 120 is twice as many as the second name on the list (quarterback Clint Dolezel).

"It shows that I've been playing a long time," Kelly said. "And I think it shows, too, that I've been on good teams, and I've been around a lot of good players. I've been lucky. . . . Any quarterback in this league, if you've played as long as I have, you should be near the top with a lot of the records. You probably should be a lot better than I am right now, but I feel very lucky to be where I'm at."

Fitting in

Kelly moved to the Crescent City two months before the start of training camp. Since his arrival, he's been working to settle in and get a feel for the city.

And not just in his River Ridge apartment. He started finding the best places to get oysters. And seafood platters. And steaks. "I came down a little early, hitting all these restaurants going, 'Man, I gotta slow down. These places are so good, it's gonna kill me.' "

But Kelly has slipped into the football routine again. The VooDoo players mostly eat at Saints camp during the season, and the team makes sure they're eating right.

Now it's time to play football, and Kelly wants to win over the fans of New Orleans. He'll go the extra yard to be accepted.

"I want people to like me, whether it's the fans or people in the street. I like to think I'm a nice guy, and I want people to like me, and I generally like most people, too," he said. "I know that it comes with winning and being good sports and being good guys in the community. . . . If you win football games people are going to like you, and that's what we need to do: win football games."

Neu agreed.

"If we win, Andy comes in and is able to move this team into the playoffs and then ultimately to a championship, obviously there's some recognition that comes along with that," Neu said. "But that's not something that I've given much thought to, and I know that Andy hasn't."

Is New Orleans the last stop of his career?

"Don't know," he said. "I just take it one year at a time. And I look at it this way -- as long as I still enjoy it, as long as I'm still healthy, as long as I'm still productive and as long as somebody still wants me, I don't see why not. If I get to the point where I don't enjoy it any more, I'll quit."



## NEW ORLEANS VooDoo PLAYER BIOS NOT IN MEDIA GUIDE

### Sunungura Rusununguko #40

FB/LB

6-3, 270, 4/12/78

Ball State

AFL Exp.: 5th Year

Acquired: FA-05

**AFL GAMES PLAYED: (Regular Season, Playoffs):** 2004 (12, 0); 2003 (4, 0); 2002 (1, 0); 2001 (1, 0) Totals (18, 0)

**AFL NOTES:** Entering his fifth season in the AFL and first with the VooDoo. After being waived by the Crush at the end of 2005 training camp, was signed to the VooDoo practice squad and then signed to active roster, 2/2. Signed with the Crush as a free agent on 11/17/03. Played with VooDoo FB Leroy Thompson for the Indiana Firebirds from 2001-03, serving as his backup. Used primarily on defensive side of ball and can also play OL/DL.

**AFL 2004:** Saw action in a career-high 12 games, posting a career-high nine tackles, one sack and a fumble recovery. Inactive for the final two games, vs. Chicago on 5/30 and at Detroit on 5/23. Placed on injured reserve with a sprained left shoulder on 4/8 and missed two games. Had an assisted tackle and made first career fumble recovery vs. Detroit on 3/4. Totaled 1.5 tackles vs. Austin on 2/27. Tied a career-high with 2.5 tackles, including an assisted tackle for a loss at Chicago on 2/22. Registered a sack and tied a career-high with two solo tackles (2.0 total) at Grand Rapids on 2/14. Inactive for Quarterfinal playoff win at New Orleans on 6/6/04 and Semifinal loss at Arizona on 6/13/04

**AFL 2003:** Appeared in four games for Indianapolis Firebirds, totaling 3.5 tackles (3 U, 1 A) and one sack. Tied career-high with 2.5 tackles and one sack (8 yds) in season finale at Chicago on 5/18/03. Had one solo tackle at Buffalo on 4/26/03.

**AFL 2002:** Appeared in just one game for Indianapolis Firebirds, spending eight games on injured reserve, and inactive in five others. Started and made a career-high 2.5 tackles (five assisted) and registered first career pass breakup in only action of season, at Toronto on 5/9/02. Inactive for First Round playoff loss at Dallas on 7/27/02

**AFL 2001:** Played in only one game for Indianapolis Firebirds, vs. New York on 5/5/01, but did not record a stat. Was inactive for all other games. Inactive for First Round playoff win over Carolina on 7/29/01, Quarterfinal win at Tampa Bay on 8/5/01, and Semifinal loss at Grand Rapids 8/12/01.

**COLLEGE CAREER:** A four-year letterman defensive end and tackle at Ball State. Finished career with 159 total tackles (90 / 69), 24 tackles for a loss, and six sacks. Selected as co-captain as fifth-year senior defensive tackle. Played in all 11 games as senior in 2000, totaling 43 tackles (26 U, 17 A), 11 tackles for loss (41), two sacks (15 yds), a forced fumble, fumble recovery and blocked kick. Was a 2000 All Mid-American Conference Second Team selection. Also Ball State's Vern Smith nominee for MAC MVP his senior season. Anchored a defense that led the MAC in rush defense in 1997. Named Ball State's Freshman of the Year in 1996. Cardinals played John Dutton's Nevada team in 1996 Las Vegas Bowl following freshman season. Nevada won 18-15.

**PERSONAL:** Name is pronounced (Soon-n-gur-a Roo-sun-un-goo-ko). Born April 12, 1978 in Marion, Ind. Full name is Sunungura Chesley Rusununguko. First name, Sunungura, is from the Shona tribal language of Zimbabwe, and means "act of liberty". Last name, Rusununguko, means "freedom in release from bondage". His father, born William Chesley, legally added the African last name after befriending a native of Zimbabwe in college. Given his nickname, "GoGo," by a cousin due to his energy as a kid. Competed in track, football and wrestled at Franklin Central H.S. Undefeated state wrestling champion in heavyweight division as a senior, going 41-0. Earned bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in social work. Grew up an Indianapolis Colts and Eric Dickerson fan. Wears No. 40 to represent his best friend's old number and because he grew up on 40th Street in Indianapolis. Favorite movie is "Scarface". Favorite CD is anything by Trick Daddy. Favorite foods are shrimp and cream of wheat. Would like to own a club or coach college football following his playing career. Cites "the indoor atmosphere" as best thing about the AFL ... Jackie Robinson is person throughout history he'd most like to meet. Served as defensive line coach for University of Indianapolis football team in previous offseasons. Instead. Has had ten surgeries; five on his right knee. As a hobby, raises pit bulls with the intent to breed. Currently has two, TG and Aires. Lists Chicago QB Raymond Philyaw as his closest friend in the league. Cites his father as his biggest influence for raising he and his sister, Masimba, as a single parent. Has two daughters - Tahirah Marie, 7, and Jae, 5. Single and resides in Indianapolis in the offseason.