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DALLAS DESPERADOS 2008 SEASON-IN-REVIEW

2008 SEASON

The Dallas Desperados finished the 2008 season with a 12-4 record to become the only team in AFL history to record three consecutive seasons with 12-or-more wins. Dallas also advanced to the playoffs for the third consecutive season - fifth overall - as the third seed in the National Conference before falling to the New York Dragons in the Wild Card round.

The Desperados offense was highlighted by three wide receivers with over 1,000 yards for only the third time in team history, while also becoming one of only six teams in the league to accomplish that feat in 2008. Wide receiver Marcus Nash led the receiving corps with the third-best performance by a Dallas receiver in a single season with 109 receptions for 1,318 yards and 33 touchdowns. Nash also extended his streak of 1,000-yard seasons to five - fourth-longest in AFL history - and had over 100 receptions for the fourth time in his six-year career. All-purpose athlete Will Pettis wrapped up his sixth season with 95 receptions for 1,035 yards and 25 touchdowns as he was named Ironman of the Year for the second consecutive season while also earning his fifth consecutive All-Ironman Team selection. He also notched his third consecutive 1,000-yard season - fourth overall - of his career. Pettis also posted career-highs in rushing yards (37) and rushing touchdowns (five) while finishing third on the team in rushing and notched four games with 200 all-purpose yards. In only his second season, wide receiver Anthony Armstrong recorded the first 1,000-yard receiving season of his career with 85 receptions for 1,148 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Quarterback Clint Dolezel continued to leave his mark on the AFL's record books in 2008, becoming the league's all-time leader in passing yards (44,559) while also extending his hold on the AFL's all-time passing touchdowns list (931). Despite missing four games due to a shoulder injury early in the season, Dolezel still managed to complete 257-of-387 passes for 3,031 yards with 66 touchdowns and 10 interceptions. He also extended his league record of consecutive 3,000-yard passing seasons to eight and became the first quarterback in franchise history to top 10,000 passing yards (12,129) in a career.

Fullback Josh White, who in 2007 recorded the finest season by a Desperados rusher, followed up in 2008 with the second-best performance in team history with 88 attempts for 258 yards and eight touchdowns.

Defensively, defensive end Colston Weatherington posted a career-best 10.5 sacks to lead the league while also tying a franchise record (Tom Briggs) for most sacks in a single season. He was named AFL Lineman of the Year for the second time in his career along with his third consecutive All-Arena First Team selection. Linebacker Bobby Perry paced the defense with a career-high 72.0 tackles, 17 pass breakups and six interceptions while linebacker Duke Pettijohn earned All-Arena Second Team honors after posting 41.0 tackles, six tackles for loss and four sacks.

Special teams were highlighted by a pair of first-year Desperados with kickoff returner Josh Bush who finished second in the league with four kickoffs returned for touchdowns along with 939 yards and a 21.3 average, and kicker Remy Hamilton who earned All-Arena Second Team honors after connecting on eight-of-16 field goals and 101 PATs while also leading the league with six inside kicks recovered in 2008.

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2008 HIGHLIGHTS

OFFENSIVE NOTES

- * **Marcus Nash** finished the season with 109 receptions for 1,318 yards and 33 touchdowns, marking the third-best performance by a Desperados receiver in a single season in team history. His touchdown totals were the second-highest in his career, while his yardage tally was the third-best in his career.
- * **Josh White** finished second in the AFL in rushing yards (258) and third in the league in attempts (88) as his totals mounted as the second-best rushing performance in a single season by a Dallas player in team history.
- * **Clint Dolezel** became the AFL's all-time passing yards leader (44,559) and became the first quarterback in pro football history to pass for 900 touchdowns (931). He also became the first player in team history to surpass 10,000 passing yards (12,129) and finished the season with 3,031 passing yards and 66 touchdowns to extend his league record of consecutive 3,000-yard seasons to eight.

DEFENSIVE NOTES

- * **Colston Weatherington** led the AFL with a career-high 10.5 sacks, also tying a single-season franchise record (Tom Briggs), was named the AFL Lineman of the Year for the second time in his career and earned All-Arena First Team honors for the third consecutive season.
- * **Bobby Perry** led the defense with 72.0 tackles, 17 pass breakups and six interceptions - all career-highs. His six interceptions tied for 10th in the AFL, while **Jermaine Jones** and **Will Pettis** recorded three and two interceptions each, respectively.
- * **Duke Pettijohn** was named to the All-Arena Second Team, joining Pettis and Weatherington for the most All-Arena selections in team history with three after posting 41.0 tackles, six tackles for loss and four sacks.

SPECIAL TEAMS NOTES

- * **Remy Hamilton**, who became the AFL's all-time leader in field goals made (184) and attempted (376) during the 2008 season, led the AFL in successful onside kick recoveries with six, while also tying for fifth in field goals made and seventh in total points with 125 while earning All-Arena Second Team honors.
- * **Josh Bush** took over return duties by midseason and finished the year with the second-most kickoffs returned for touchdowns (four) and the second-highest return average (21.3) in the AFL.
- * **Duke Pettijohn** led the special teams unit with 19.5 special teams tackles and a blocked PAT attempt.

HEAD COACH

WILL McCLAY (56-29-1, 5th Year)

Will McClay finished his fifth season at the helm of the Dallas Desperados, leading the 2008 team to its third consecutive post-season appearance and a 12-4 record. His 2007 squad established a league record 15-1 season and its second consecutive Eastern Division title. McClay earned the 50th win of his career with a 58-51 victory against Cleveland (4/5/08) and ranks 13th all-time in wins in the AFL. He guided his 2006 squad to 13 wins and the club's second division title while also earning AFL Coach of the Year honors. McClay was originally named the second coach in team history on Feb. 5, 2004, just three days prior to kickoff of the 2004 AFL season. In his first role as head coach, McClay's Dallas team posted a 6-10 record. He improved his second year, leading the team to an 8-7-1, then improved the club's record to 13-3 in 2006. Prior to taking on the role of head coach, McClay was the Desperados defensive coordinator for the club's first two seasons (2002-03). Before coming to Dallas, McClay was the Assistant Director of Pro Scouting for the Jacksonville Jaguars (2001) and the Player Personnel Director for the XFL's Orlando Rage (spring - 2001). McClay spent 11 seasons in the AFL as a player and coach. He was the defensive coordinator and Director of Player Personnel for the Grand Rapids Rampage (1998-99), defensive coordinator and Director of Player Personnel for the Anaheim Piranhas (1997), defensive coordinator for Florida Bobcats (1996) and Milwaukee Mustangs (1995) and secondary and special teams coach for the Detroit Drive (1993). McClay was a WR/DB for the Drive (1989-92), helping lead the team to three ArenaBowl titles in four appearances. In the AFL offseason, McClay serves as a scout for the Dallas Cowboys.

DALLAS IN THE RANKINGS

(#) indicates league ranking

| | 2008 | 2007 |
|---------------------|------------|-----------|
| Record | 12-4 | 15-1 |
| Scoring Off. | 53.8 (11) | 63.5 (1) |
| Opp. Scoring. | 49.9 (2) | 50.4 (6) |
| Yards/Game | 282.3 (12) | 311.3 (5) |
| Pass Yds/Game | 259.8 (14) | 290.8 (4) |
| Rush Yds/Game | 22.6 (6) | 20.4 (9) |
| Def Yards/Game | 284.6 (6) | 280.3 (4) |
| Def Pass Yds/Gm | 262.6 (6) | 267.0 (6) |
| Def Rush Yds/Gm | 21.9 (14) | 13.3 (4) |
| Kickoff Return Avg. | 17.7 (7) | 19.4 (5) |
| Turnover Margin | +1 (8) | +16 (3t) |
| Penalties | 158 | 125 |
| Penalty Yards | 919 | 763 |
| Opp. Penalties | 142 | 114 |
| Opp. Pen. Yards | 819 | 646 |

2008 AWARD WINNERS

The following are the Desperados players that achieved postseason honors from the Arena Football League following the conclusion of the 2008 season:

WR/DB Will PettisAFL Ironman of the Year
OL/DL Colston WeatheringtonAFL Lineman of the Year

OL/DL Colston WeatheringtonAll-Arena First-Team

WR/DB Will PettisAll-Ironman Team

K Remy HamiltonAll-Arena Second-Team
FB/LB Duke PettijohnAll-Arena Second-Team

THE BEST RECORD IN YEARS

After tying a league-record with a 13-3 regular season finish in 2006 and then topping that with the best record in AFL history in 2007 with a 15-1 mark - the highest winning percentage (.928) in league history - followed by a 12-4 finish in 2008, Dallas has extended its record to 40-8 over the past three seasons to mark the best record by a team during that time span.

2006-08

| Team | Record |
|-----------------------|--------------|
| 1. Dallas Desperados | 40-8 (.833) |
| 2. San Jose SaberCats | 34-14 (.708) |
| 3. Georgia Force | 32-16 (.667) |
| 4. Chicago Rush | 30-18 (.625) |
| 5. Colorado Crush | 25-23 (.521) |

US AGAINST THEM

Since entering the AFL in 2002, the Desperados have boasted a successful record against their league opponents. Dallas is 25-14 the American Conference and 39-22 against the National Conference.

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

| 25-14 | |
|------------------|------------------|
| Western Division | Central Division |
| 11-8 | 14-6 |
| Ari - 3-3 | Chi - 5-4 |
| LA - 3-2 | Col - 3-1 |
| SJ - 3-3 | GR - 4-1 |
| UTA - 2-0 | KC - 2-0 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

| 39-22 | |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Eastern Division | Southern Division |
| 26-12 | 13-10 |
| Cle - 3-2 | GA - 4-3 |
| Clb - 9-2 | NO - 2-1 |
| NY - 9-3 | Orl - 4-4 |
| Phi - 5-5 | TB - 3-2 |

FINDERS KEEPERS

With 142 takeaways since 2005, Dallas's defense has recorded the second-most in the league during that time span. Collectively, the defense has the second-most fumble recoveries (61) and interceptions (81) in the AFL during the past four seasons. The team finished the 2008 season with 24 takeaways (15 interceptions; nine fumble recoveries) to rank 13th in the AFL.

2005-08

| Team | Takeaways |
|-----------------|-----------|
| 1. San Jose | 147 |
| 2. Dallas | 142 |
| 3. Philadelphia | 135 |
| 4. Chicago | 128 |
| 5. Orlando | 123 |

2005-08

| Team | Fumble Recoveries |
|-------------|-------------------|
| 1. San Jose | 66 |
| 2. Dallas | 61 |
| 3. Orlando | 59 |
| 4. Chicago | 54 |
| 5. Columbus | 51 |

2005-08

| Team | Interceptions |
|-----------------|---------------|
| 1. New York | 93 |
| 2. Dallas | 81 |
| 3. San Jose | 78 |
| 4. Philadelphia | 77 |
| 5. Colorado | 69 |

OWNING THE DIVISION

The 2008 season marked the fifth season that the Desperados played in the Eastern Division.

Overall, Dallas is 29-17 in division play. Since joining the Eastern Division in 2004, the Desperados have posted a 24-10 record, including going a perfect 6-0 in divisional play in 2007 and finishing with a 6-2 record in 2008. Below is a look at how the Desperados have fared against division rivals:

2002 - West

2-4

SJ - Loss, at SJ, 54-77 (5/25) Loss, vs. SJ, 41-58 (6/29)
Ari - Loss, vs. Ari, 30-53 (5/18) Win, at Ari, 36-33 (6/16)
LA - Loss, vs. LA, 51-52 (5/4) Win, at LA, 62-55 (6/1)

2003 - Central

3-3

GR - Loss, vs. GR, 42-45 (3/16) Win, at GR, 62-51 (5/18)
Chi - Win, vs. Chi, 48-36 (2/9) Win, at Chi, 60-54 OT (4/20)
Ind - Loss, vs. Ind, 55-62 (3/29) Loss, at Ind, 57-61 (4/13)

***Central Division Champions**

2004 - Eastern

4-4

NY - Win, at NY, 56-44 (2/22) Loss, vs. NY, 20-44 (5/1)
Car - Loss, vs. Car, 41-67 (2/8) Win, at Car, 77-52 (3/17)
Clb - Win, at Clb, 51-35 (2/29) Loss, vs. Clb, 56-68 (5/22)
Phi - Win, vs. Phi, 51-47 (2/15) Loss, at Phi, 31-47 (4/4)

2005 - Eastern

4-2

NY - Loss, at NY, 55-65 (2/6) Loss vs. NY, 57-65 (4/29)
Clb - Win, vs. Clb, 35-31 (2/13) Win, at Clb, 55-33 (4/22)
Phi - Win, at Phi, 72-43 (2/27) Win, vs. Phi, 77-63 (5/22)

2006 - Eastern

4-2

Clb - Win, at Clb, 52-38 (2/11) Win, vs. Clb, 51-30 (4/1)
Phi - Loss, vs. Phi 51-55 (3/25) Loss, at Phi, 48-51 (5/6)
NY - Win, at NY 46-28, (4/9) Win, vs. NY, 82-38 (5/13)

***Eastern Division Champions**

2007 - Eastern

6-0

Clb - Win, vs. Clb 53-51 (4/5) Win, at Clb 56-47 (5/26)
Phi - Win, vs. Phi 51-41 (4/16) Win, at Phi 59-56 (6/1)
NY - Win, at NY 60-7 (3/4) Win, vs. NY 67-13 (6/16)

***Eastern Division Champions**

2008 - Eastern

6-2

Cle - Win, vs. Cle (4/5), 58-51 Win, at Cle (5/31), 68-52
Clb - Win, vs. Clb (3/7), 46-36 Win, at Clb (5/3), 48-45
Phi - Loss, at Phi (4/28), 28-57 Loss, vs. Phi (6/7), 64-71
NY - Win, at NY (3/30), 33-31 Win, vs. NY (6/14), 51-49

DEFENSE ON TOP

Since 2005, the Desperados defense has consistently ranked as one of the top defenses in the AFL, and the 2008 team continued that trend.

The following is a defensive breakdown and ranking over the past four seasons:

| Year | Total Defense | Points/ Game | Rush YPG | Pass YPG |
|-------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|
| 2005 | 261.8 (3) | 51.6 (12) | 23.5 (12) | 238.3 (2) |
| 2006 | 283.4 (6) | 44.0 (1) | 9.3 (1) | 274.1 (14) |
| 2007 | 279.7 (4) | 50.4 (6) | 13.2 (4) | 266.5 (6) |
| 2008 | 284.6 (6) | 49.9 (2) | 21.9 (14) | 262.6 (6) |

2008 SINGLE-GAME BESTS

Passing Yards

321 Clint Dolezel, vs. Grand Rapids (5/10)

Passing Touchdowns

8 Clint Dolezel, twice, last @ Cleveland (5/31)

Receptions

13 Will Pettis, @ Cleveland (5/31)

Receiving Yards

145 Marcus Nash, vs. Grand Rapids (5/10)

Receiving Touchdowns

6 Marcus Nash, vs. Grand Rapids (5/10)

Rushing Attempts

11 Josh White, @ Orlando (5/23)

Rushing Yards

41 Josh White, @ Orlando (5/23)

Rushing Touchdowns

3 Josh White, vs. Philadelphia (6/7)

Kickoff Return Yards

185 Josh Bush, vs. Philadelphia (6/7)

Missed Field Goal Return Yards

37 Will Pettis, vs. Columbus (3/7)

All-Purpose Yards

256 twice, last by Will Pettis, @ Columbus (5/3)

Tackles

9.5 Pete Hunter, @ Columbus (5/3)

Sacks

3.0 Colston Weatherington, vs. Arizona (5/17)&

& ties franchise record

DENYING 60

Rounding out the 2008 AFL regular season, the Dallas Desperados allowed only two teams (Philadelphia and Chicago) to score 60 points-or-more in a game, tying for the fewest allowed in the league. Collectively, Dallas allowed the second-fewest points in the league, holding opponents to a 49.9 average.

2008 Fewest Games of 60+ points allowed

| Team | Games |
|-----------------------|----------|
| 1. Chicago | 2 |
| Dallas | 2 |
| 3. New Orleans | 3 |
| 4. Philadelphia | 4 |
| 5. Columbus | 5 |
| Tampa Bay..... | 5 |

The Desperados allowed opponents to score 50 points in a game only eight times, tying Chicago and New York for the fewest in the AFL. The most points allowed in 2008 was the 75 scored by the Rush (6/22).

2008 Fewest Games of 50+ points allowed

| Team | Games |
|------------------------|----------|
| 1. Dallas | 8 |
| Chicago | 8 |
| New York | 8 |
| 4. Columbus | 9 |

THE G.O.A.T.

Quarterback Clint Dolezel, dubbed "Greatest Of All Time" (G.O.A.T.) by his teammates, has taken assault on the AFL record books over the past two seasons to become the league's all-time leading passer in the categories of touchdowns (931) and passing yards (44,559).

Since becoming a starter with the Texas Terror in 1997 - his third season in the AFL - Dolezel has passed for at least 3,000 yards each season, and taking into account his one-year hiatus away from the AFL while spending the 2000 season in the NFL with the Chicago Bears, he has extended his league record to eight consecutive seasons with 3,000 passing yards by finishing with 3,031 yards in 2008.

| Quarterback | Consecutive 3,000-yard seasons |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Clint Dolezel | 8 (2001-07) |
| Mark Grieb | 7 (2002-08) |
| Andy Kelly | 5 (2002-06) |
| John Dutton..... | 6 (2003-08) |

He also is tied for the league record for consecutive seasons with at least 70 touchdowns, though he fell four touchdowns short (66) this season of extending that record to eight.

| Quarterback | Consecutive 70-plus touchdown seasons |
|----------------------------|--|
| Clint Dolezel | 7 (2001-07) |
| Mark Grieb | 7 (2002-08) |
| John Dutton..... | 6 (2003-08) |
| Andy Kelly | 4 (2002-05) |

TEXAS 3 STEP

For only the third time in franchise history, the Dallas Desperados had three 1,000-yard receivers on the season, becoming the sixth team in the AFL in 2008 to accomplish that feat.

Joining Marcus Nash (1,318) and Will Pettis (1,035) - who both posted 1,000-yard seasons in 2007 - was second-year receiver Anthony Armstrong (1,148) who recorded his first career 1,000-yard season in 2008.

1,000-Yard Receiver Trios

| | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Dallas | Chicago |
| Nash (1,318) | Morgan (1,300) |
| Armstrong (1,148) | Harrell (1,165) |
| Pettis (1,035) | LaTendresse (1,105) |
| Georgia | San Jose |
| Morris (1,503) | Saintil (1,503) |
| Bergeron (1,247) | Wright (1,457) |
| Jones (1,217) | Roe (1,076) |
| New York | Utah |
| Willis (1,544) | Whittaker (1,541) |
| Swayne (1,242) | McKelvey (1,529) |
| Anthony (1,143) | Boone (1,527) |

"ZEUS" IS LOOSE

Fullback Josh "Zeus" White has consistently provided the Desperados with a proven rushing threat since the team acquired him in a trade with Utah in 2006. He has since compiled 670 rushing yards on 218 attempts to become the franchise's all-time leading rusher after two seasons while also adding 21 touchdowns - placing him second overall in team history.

White ranks ninth all-time in the AFL with 925 career rushing yards and is one of only nine players in AFL history to rush for 900 career yards.

AFL All-Time Leading Rushers

| Player | Yards |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| 1. Bo Kelly..... | 1,571 |
| 2. Bob McMillen..... | 1,508 |
| 3. Les Barley..... | 1,382 |
| 4. Chad Dukes | 1,271 |
| 5. Andre Bowden | 1,241 |
| 6. Leroy Thompson, Clb.* | 1,114 |
| 7. Dan Alexander, Chi.* | 946 |
| 8. Chris Ryan, GR * | 941 |
| 9. Josh White, Dal.* | 925 |
| 10. Barry Wagner..... | 858 |

**indicates active player*

White concluded 2008 tied for the second-most games with 15+ rushing yards with seven, while his four games of 20+ rushing yards tied for the third-most in the league. For his career, White also has 13 career 20+ yard rushing games - 10 with Dallas - and 18 career 15+ yard rushing games - 12 with Dallas.

Most Games with 15-or-more rushing yards in 2008

| Player | Games |
|---------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Marlion Jackson, Cle. | 8 |
| 2. Josh White, Dal. | 7 |
| Dan Alexander, Chi. | 7 |
| 4. James Lynch, NO | 4 |
| Harold Wells, Clb. | 4 |

Most Games with 20-or-more rushing yards in 2008

| Player | Games |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| 1. Marlion Jackson, Cle. | 7 |
| 2. Dan Alexander, Chi..... | 6 |
| 3. James Lynch, NO | 4 |
| Josh White, Dal..... | 4 |
| 5. Adrian McPherson (QB), GR..... | 3 |

DYNAMIC DUO

Shortly after arriving in Dallas in 2006, Desperados quarterback Clint Dolezel quickly found out who his top target would be. He has now connected with wide receiver Will Pettis for 85 touchdowns over the past three seasons, good for the third-most during that time and the second-most amongst active duos still on the same team.

In 2008 the Dolezel-to-Pettis connection occurred 19 times.

Highest QB-to-WR duo since 2006

| QB/WR | TDs |
|---------------------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Dutton/Harrell, Col. | 106 |
| Grieb/Roe, SJ* | 102 |
| 3. Dolezel/Pettis, Dal.* | 85 |
| 4. Germaine/Burley, Ari./Utah | 71 |
| 5. D'Orazio/Sippio, Chi. | 65 |

**indicates still on same team together*

LAST O-LINE STANDING

The Desperados offensive line has quietly formed one of the best lines in the trenches over the past few seasons. The unit has not only ranked amongst top teams in fewest sacks allowed, but also by staying consistent as Dallas was the only team in 2008 to have started its same three offensive linemen since Week One.

Offensive Line Starters Since Week One

| Team | TE | C | OL |
|------|-------|-------|---------|
| Dal. | Dotsy | Chase | Calahan |

Collectively, the Desperados offensive line has allowed the fewest sacks (16) since 2006. They yielded only four during the 2007 season and tied with Austin in 2006 for the fewest allowed with two. The Dallas line gave up 10 sacks in 2008 for the fourth-fewest allowed in the AFL.

Fewest Sacks Allowed Since 2006

| Team | Sacks |
|------------------------|-------|
| 1. Dallas Desperados | 16 |
| 2. Georgia Force | 23 |
| 3. Colorado Crush | 24 |
| 4. Philadelphia Soul | 34 |
| 5. Kansas City Brigade | 39 |

DESPERADOS IN THE PLAYOFFS

The Dallas Desperados assured themselves of their third consecutive postseason appearance in 2008 - fifth overall and third consecutive time under head coach Will McClay - after a 12-4 regular season finish. Overall, Dallas is 2-5 in the postseason.

The Desperados earned the third seed by finishing with a 12-4 record and hosted one home game during the playoffs, marking their first opening round playoff game since 2003.

Below is a look at Dallas's all-time playoff games:

| Date | Game | Opponent | Result | Score |
|---------|--------------|-------------------------|--------|-------|
| 7/27/02 | First Round | vs. Indiana Fire Birds | W | 47-46 |
| 8/5/02 | Divisional | at Chicago Rush | L | 45-49 |
| 5/24/03 | First Round | vs. Georgia Force | L | 45-49 |
| 5/27/06 | Divisional | vs. Georgia Force | W | 62-27 |
| 6/4/06 | Conf. Champ. | vs. Orlando Predators | L | 45-28 |
| 7/7/07 | Divisional | vs. Columbus Destroyers | L | 59-66 |
| 6/27/08 | Wild Card | vs. New York Dragons | L | 63-77 |

DALLAS VS. 2008 PLAYOFF TEAMS

Of the 11 other teams that qualified for the 2008 postseason, the Dallas Desperados played 13 regular season games against 10 of the playoff teams. Dallas posted a 9-4 regular season record against the teams that qualified for the 2008 playoffs, including a 3-2 record against the American Conference teams, and a 6-2 record against the National Conference teams:

| Date | Team | Score | W/L |
|------|------------------|-------|-----|
| 3/1 | at Georgia | 51-41 | W |
| 3/17 | vs. Colorado | 51-40 | W |
| 3/22 | at San Jose | 59-56 | W |
| 3/30 | at New York | 33-31 | W |
| 4/5 | vs. Cleveland | 58-51 | W |
| 4/28 | at Philadelphia | 28-57 | L |
| 5/10 | vs. Grand Rapids | 65-54 | W |
| 5/17 | vs. Arizona | 54-44 | L |
| 5/23 | at Orlando | 67-41 | W |
| 5/31 | at Cleveland | 68-52 | W |
| 6/7 | vs. Philadelphia | 64-71 | L |
| 6/14 | vs. New York | 51-49 | W |
| 6/22 | at Chicago | 63-75 | L |
| | | | 9-4 |

THE 'WEATHER' MAN

With 10.5 sacks on the 2008 season, Desperados DE Colston Weatherington continued to leave his mark as one of the top pass rushers in the league as he was named the AFL's Lineman of the Year. With 37.0 career sacks, he also matched Tom Briggs' single-season franchise record of 10.5 sacks (2003).

Against Arizona (5/17) Weatherington tied a franchise and career-high with three sacks on Rattlers QB Jeff Smoker. He tied New York DL Henry Taylor for the most multi-sack games in 2008 with three, and has posted the most sacks since 2006 with 28.0.

Most Sacks Since 2006

| Player | Sacks |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| 1. Colston Weatherington, Dal. | 28.0 |
| 2. Henry Taylor, N.Y. | 25.0 |
| 3. Greg White, Orl. | 16.5 |
| 4. Ken Jones, LA | 16.0 |
| 5. Wendall Gaines, Ari. | 14.0 |

PACKING A 'SACK' LUNCH

Dallas's defense was successful at getting to opposing quarterbacks last season, as they tied for the third-most sacks (21.0) in the AFL in 2008.

2008 Team Sack Leaders

| Team | Sacks |
|-------------------------|-------|
| 1. San Jose SaberCats | 30.0 |
| 2. Philadelphia Soul | 24.0 |
| 3. Dallas Desperados | 21.0 |
| 4. Los Angeles Avengers | 21.0 |
| 5. New York Dragons | 21.0 |

ONSIDE MANEUVERS

Desperados kicker Remy Hamilton added a weapon to Dallas's arsenal on special teams in 2008: onside kicks. In league rankings, Dallas led all AFL teams in onside kickoff recoveries with Hamilton successful on six-of-18 attempts (33.3%).

Only nine teams in the AFL successfully converted an onside kick in 2008: Dallas (6), Los Angeles (3), Orlando (3), Utah (3), Georgia (2), Arizona (1), New Orleans (1), Philadelphia (1) and Tampa Bay (1).

2008 Onside Kicks

| Player | KO Rec. | Onside KO | Pct. |
|--------------------------|---------|-----------|-------|
| 1. Tyler Fredrickson, LA | 3 | 8 | 37.5% |
| John Vaughn, Orl. | 3 | 8 | 37.5% |
| 3. Remy Hamilton, Dal. | 6 | 18 | 33.3% |
| 4. Dan Frantz, Chi.,Orl. | 2 | 7 | 28.6% |
| 5. Jonathan Ruffin, N.O. | 1 | 4 | 25.0% |
| 6. Connor Hughes, Phi. | 1 | 5 | 20.0% |
| 7. Steve Videtich, Utah | 1 | 6 | 16.7% |
| 8. Carlos Martinez, Geo. | 2 | 15 | 13.3% |
| 9. Steve Azar, Utah/N.Y. | 2 | 17 | 11.8% |
| 10. Eric Houle, Ari. | 1 | 10 | 10.0% |
| 11. Seth Marler, Tam. | 1 | 20 | 5.0% |

2008 FINAL LEAGUE STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

| | Overall | | | Division | | |
|------------------------|---------|----|------|----------|---|-------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| c-Chicago Rush | 11 | 5 | .688 | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| p-Colorado Crush | 6 | 10 | .375 | 2 | 4 | .333 |
| p-Grand Rapids Rampage | 6 | 10 | .375 | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| Kansas City Brigade | 3 | 13 | .188 | 1 | 5 | .167 |

WESTERN DIVISION

| | Overall | | | Division | | |
|----------------------|---------|----|------|----------|---|-------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| d-San Jose SaberCats | 11 | 5 | .688 | 6 | 0 | 1.000 |
| p-Arizona Rattlers | 8 | 8 | .500 | 1 | 5 | .167 |
| p-Utah Blaze | 6 | 10 | .375 | 2 | 4 | .333 |
| Los Angeles Avengers | 5 | 11 | .313 | 3 | 3 | .500 |

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EASTERN DIVISION

| | Overall | | | Division | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|----------|-------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| c-Philadelphia Soul | 13 | 3 | .813 | 7 | 1 | .875 |
| p-Dallas Desperados | 12 | 4 | .750 | 6 | 2 | .750 |
| p-Cleveland Gladiators | 9 | 7 | .563 | 4 | 4 | .500 |
| p-New York Dragons | 8 | 8 | .500 | 2 | 6 | .250 |
| Columbus Destroyers | 3 | 13 | .188 | 1 | 7 | .125 |

SOUTHERN DIVISION

| | Overall | | | Division | | |
|---------------------|---------|---|------|----------|---|------|
| | W | L | Pct. | W | L | Pct. |
| d-Georgia Force | 10 | 6 | .625 | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| p-Orlando Predators | 9 | 7 | .563 | 3 | 3 | .500 |
| New Orleans VooDoo | 8 | 8 | .500 | 2 | 4 | .333 |
| Tampa Bay Storm | 8 | 8 | .500 | 4 | 2 | .667 |

d - clinched division title

c - clinched best record in conference

p - clinched a playoff spot

Final 2008 Playoff Seeding

| American Conference | National Conference |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. Chicago (11-5) | 1. Philadelphia (13-3) |
| 2. San Jose (11-5) | 2. Georgia (10-6) |
| 3. Arizona (8-8) | 3. Dallas (12-4) |
| 4. Utah (6-10) | 4. Cleveland (9-7) |
| 5. Colorado (6-10) | 5. Orlando (9-7) |
| 6. Grand Rapids (6-10) | 6. New York (8-8) |

2008 AFL PLAYOFFS

Wild Card Round

#6 New York 77, at #3 Dallas, 63

#5 Colorado 49, at #4 Utah, 44

at #4 Cleveland 69, #5 Orlando 66

#6 Grand Rapids 48, at #3 Arizona 41

Divisional Playoffs

at #2 San Jose 64, #5 Colorado 51

at #1 Philadelphia 49, #6 New York 48

#6 Grand Rapids 58, at #1 Chicago 41

#4 Cleveland 73, at #2 Georgia 70

Conference Championships

at #1 Philadelphia 70, #4 Cleveland 35

at #2 San Jose 81, #6 Grand Rapids 55

ArenaBowl XXII in New Orleans

#1 Philadelphia 59, vs. #2 San Jose, 56

AWARD-WINNING PERFORMANCE

OFFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

| | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| at Georgia Force | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| COLUMBUS DESTROYERS | QB Chris Sanders (Dal) |
| COLORADO CRUSH | QB Chris Sanders (Dal) |
| at San Jose SaberCats | WR Cleannord Saintil (SJ) |
| at New York Dragons | WR Marcus Nash (Dal) |
| CLEVELAND GLADIATORS | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| NEW ORLEANS VOODOO | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| at Philadelphia Soul | QB Matt D'Orazio (Phi) |
| at Columbus Destroyers | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| ARIZONA RATTTLERS | WR Trandon Harvey (Ari) |
| at Orlando Predators | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| at Cleveland Gladiators | WR Otis Amey (Cle) |
| PHILADELPHIA SOUL | WR Chris Jackson (Phi) |
| NEW YORK DRAGONS | QB Clint Dolezel (Dal) |
| at Chicago Rush | WR Donovan Morgan (Chi) |

DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE GAME

| | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|
| at Georgia Force | DB David Crocker (Geo) |
| COLUMBUS DESTROYERS | LB Bobby Perry (Dal) |
| COLORADO CRUSH | LB Bobby Perry (Dal) |
| at San Jose SaberCats | DB Johnnie Harris (Dal) |
| at New York Dragons | DE Henry Taylor (NY) |
| CLEVELAND GLADIATORS | LB Bobby Perry (Dal) |
| NEW ORLEANS VOODOO | DE C. Weatherington (Dal) |
| at Philadelphia Soul | DB Eddie Moten (Phi) |
| at Columbus Destroyers | DB Pete Hunter (Dal) |
| GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE | DE Daleroy Stewart (Dal) |
| ARIZONA RATTTLERS | DE Colston Weatherington (Dal) |
| at Orlando Predators | LB Bobby Perry (Dal) |
| at Cleveland Gladiators | DB Brandon Hefflin (Cle) |
| PHILADELPHIA SOUL | LB Bobby Perry (Dal) |
| NEW YORK DRAGONS | DB Donvetis Franklin (Dal) |
| at Chicago Rush | LB Liam Ezekial (Chi) |

IRONMAN OF THE GAME

| | |
|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| at Georgia Force | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| COLUMBUS DESTROYERS | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| COLORADO CRUSH | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| at San Jose SaberCats | FB/LB Josh White (Dal) |
| at New York Dragons | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| CLEVELAND GLADIATORS | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| NEW ORLEANS VOODOO | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| at Philadelphia Soul | DB/KR Mike Brown (Phi) |
| at Columbus Destroyers | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| ARIZONA RATTTLERS | WR/KR Trandon Harvey (Ari) |
| at Orlando Predators | WR/DB/KR Will Pettis (Dal) |
| at Cleveland Gladiators | WR/DB Will Pettis (Dal) |
| PHILADELPHIA SOUL | FB/LB Josh White (Dal) |
| NEW YORK DRAGONS | FB/LB Josh White (Dal) |
| at Chicago Rush | FB/LB Dan Alexander (Chi) |

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- OFFENSE

* The Desperados offense finished the regular season 12th in the AFL (seventh in the National Conference) in total offense with 282.3 yards-per-game.

* In passing offense, the team ranked 14th in the league (ninth in the conference) with 259.8 yards-per-game.

* Dallas's rushing attack ranked sixth in the AFL (third in the conference) with 22.6 yards-per-game. The team ranked 10th in the league (fifth in the conference) with a 2.6 yard-per-attempt average.

* The Desperados were seventh in the AFL (third in the conference) in third down offense with a 50.5% (51-of-101) conversion rate. On fourth downs, Dallas was 13th in the AFL (eighth in the conference) with a 48.1% (13-of-27) conversion rate.

* The Desperados totaled 335 first downs to rank 10th in the league (sixth in the conference).

* The Desperados ranked 11th in the league (seventh in the conference) in points-per-game, amassing 53.8 ppg, while the team totaled 861 points on the season.

* Dallas scored 121 total touchdowns on the season to rank 11th in the AFL (seventh in the conference).

* The Desperados 88 passing touchdowns tied for ninth in the league (tied for fifth in the conference).

* Dallas's 25 rushing touchdowns tied for the seventh-most in the AFL (fourth in the conference).

* In the AFL, the Desperados ranked seventh (fourth in the conference) in points scored in the red zone with 459.

* Dallas scored on 69-of-84 possessions (65 touchdowns; four field goals) inside its opponents' 10-yard line for a 82.1 scoring percentage, good for 13th in the league (eighth in the conference).

* The Desperados 84 red zone penetrations ranked sixth in the league (fourth in the conference).

* Dallas's 22 giveaways (13 interceptions; 10 fumbles) tied for the fifth-fewest (tied for fourth in the conference) in the AFL.

2008 OFFENSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- * **QB Clint Dolezel** was named Offensive Player of the Game at **Georgia (3/1)** despite suffering a shoulder injury in the fourth quarter, staying in the game to complete 27-of-38 passes (71.0%) for 283 yards with seven touchdowns and one interception.
- * Dolezel tossed seven touchdown passes against **New Orleans (4/12)** and again at **Columbus (5/3)**.
- * Dolezel surpassed Andy Kelly as the AFL's all-time leader in passing yards in the first quarter at **Columbus (5/3)** and finished the day with 291 yards.
- * Dolezel produced season-highs in yards (321) and touchdowns (eight) against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** while also becoming the first quarterback in professional football to pass for 900 career touchdowns. He tied his season-high for touchdown passes with eight at **Cleveland (5/31)**.
- * Pettis picked up his first AFL Ironman of the Week honor for Week Three after posting 188 total purpose yards, including a then career-high 12 receptions for 138 yards and four touchdowns against **Colorado (3/17)**.
- * Pettis posted a season-best six total touchdowns (five receiving; one rush) against **New Orleans (4/12)** while also adding 129 receiving yards.
- * Pettis completed his first career pass for a three-yard touchdown to Anthony Armstrong at **Orlando (5/23)** while also scoring a rushing and receiving touchdown in the contest. He followed that up with a career-high 13 receptions for 118 yards and four touchdowns at **Cleveland (5/31)** while also rushing for a touchdown and tossing his second consecutive touchdown.
- * **WR Anthony Armstrong** led all receivers with 11 receptions for 135 yards - both career highs - and two touchdowns - also a career high - while making his first career start at **Georgia (3/1)**.
- * With 132 yards at **San Jose (3/22)**, Armstrong logged his second 100-yard game of the season and finished with three touchdowns on the day including a career-long catch of 47-yards for a touchdown. He posted his third 100-yard game at **Orlando (5/23)** to lead all receivers with eight receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns. He led all receivers with 132 yards against Philadelphia (6/7) on seven receptions while also catching three touchdowns.
- * **WR Marcus Nash** posted his first 100-yard receiving game of the season - 28th of his career - against **Columbus (3/7)** with a team-best eight receptions for 112 yards. His second 100-yard receiving game of the season - 29th of his career - was for 118 yards on eight receptions against **Cleveland (4/5)** along with five touchdowns. He added his third 100-yard performance - and 30th of his career - came at **Columbus (5/3)** when he turned in a 130-yard outing. Nash's fourth 100-yard game of the season - and 31st of his career - was a season-high 145 yards against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**.
- * Nash posted his first five-touchdown game of the season against **Cleveland (4/5)** and topped that with a six-touchdown effort against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**, including catching Dolezel's 900th career passing touchdown.
- * **WR/DB Bobby Perry** caught a career-long 45-yard pass against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**.
- * **OL Jeremy Calahan** caught his first career touchdown pass - a three-yarder - to mark Dolezel's 901st career touchdown pass against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**.
- * **FB/LB David Dixon** scored the first rushing touchdown of his career on a three-yard scamper against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**.
- * **QB Chris Sanders** made his first start at quarterback as a Desperado against **Columbus (3/7)** for an injured Clint Dolezel and completed 21-of-34 passes for 256 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions while also adding a rushing touchdown to secure Offensive Player of the Game honors. He earned his second consecutive Offensive Player of the Game honor against **Colorado (3/17)** after throwing for 273 yards and four touchdowns while also rushing for two touchdowns. He then had a season-best 276 passing yards at **San Jose (3/22)** including connecting with Armstrong for a career-long pass when it went for a 47-yard score at **San Jose (3/22)**.
- * **FB Josh White** rushed for 36 yards on seven carries with a season-long run of 19 yards along with a rushing touchdown at **San Jose (3/22)**. He followed that up with a 23-yard performance on the ground at **New York (3/30)** along with one touchdown on five carries.
- * White caught his first receiving touchdown of the season - a 17-yarder - against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**.
- * White tallied season-highs in rushing attempts (11) and rushing yards (41) at **Orlando (5/23)** while also adding a rushing touchdown in the contest.
- * White tallied a season-high three rushing touchdowns against Philadelphia (6/7).
- * The Dallas offense held onto the ball for 34:27, including 10:14 in the fourth quarter at **Georgia (3/1)**.
- * The Desperados offense produced season-highs in total yards (337), and passing yards (321) while also scoring over 60 points (65) for the first time this season against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**.
- * Dallas scored 67 points and rushed for a season-high 55 yards at **Orlando (5/23)**.
- * The Desperados offense notched season-highs in points (68), first downs (27), first downs by passing (20) and passing completions (29) at **Cleveland (5/31)**.

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- OFFENSE (cont.)

QUARTERBACK

Clint Dolezel entered his third season with the squad - 13th overall - already owning the league's passing touchdown record (931), and on May 3, 2008 at Columbus, became the all-time leader in passing yards (44,559). On May 10 against Grand Rapids, he surpassed 900 career passing touchdowns and is now shy for the records only for completions (3,885 - Andy Kelly) and attempts (6,224 - Andy Kelly). He ranks second all-time in completions (3,751) and attempts (5,693). His race to the top of the charts was slowed after he suffered a shoulder injury in the season opener at Georgia (3/1). He spent the next four weeks on Reserve/Injured before returning against Cleveland (4/5).

The 2008 season featured two milestones for Dolezel as he became the AFL's all-time leading passer at Columbus (5/3) and surpassed 900 career touchdowns against Grand Rapids (5/10). In 2007 **Dolezel** became the first quarterback in professional football history to surpass 800 career touchdowns and notch two consecutive 100-touchdown seasons as he threw a career-high 107 touchdown tosses and the second-most passing yards in his career (4,475). His first season in Dallas (2006) saw him become just the second quarterback in league history to top 37,000 career passing yards and 700 career touchdown tosses, while throwing for a single-season career-best 4,623 yards. Dolezel, a 12-year AFL veteran with a championship ring to prove his skills, was signed prior to the 2006 season.

Dolezel wrapped up the regular season eighth in the AFL with a 118.9 quarterback rating. He passed for 3,031 yards to extend his AFL record of consec-

| Career Passing Touchdown Leaders | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Player | TDs |
| 1. Clint Dolezel | 931 |
| 2. Aaron Garcia | 880 |
| 3. Sherdrick Bonner | 855 |
| 4. Andy Kelly | 809 |
| 5. Mark Grieb..... | 715 |

| Career Passing Yardage Leaders | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| Player | Yards |
| 1. Clint Dolezel | 44,559 |
| 2. Andy Kelly | 42,528 |
| 3. Sherdrick Bonner | 42,295 |
| 4. Aaron Garcia | 41,376 |
| 5. Mark Grieb | 36,846 |

| Career Pass Completions Leaders | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| Player | Yards |
| 1. Andy Kelly | 3,885 |
| 2. Clint Dolezel | 3,751 |
| 3. Sherdrick Bonner | 3,361 |
| 4. Aaron Garcia | 3,317 |
| 5. John Kaleo | 2,939 |

| Career Pass Attempts Leaders | |
|-------------------------------|--------------|
| Player | Yards |
| 1. Andy Kelly | 6,224 |
| 2. Clint Dolezel | 5,693 |
| 3. Sherdrick Bonner | 5,435 |
| 4. Aaron Garcia | 5,187 |
| 5. John Kaleo | 4,878 |

utive 3,000-yard passing seasons to eight, and completed 257-of-387 passes (66.4%) with 66 touchdowns and 10 interceptions.

He opened the season at **Georgia (3/1)** by completing 27-of-38 passes for 283 yards and seven touchdowns with one interception to earn Offensive Player of the Game honors despite suffering a shoulder injury early in the fourth quarter, but stayed in the game.

Dolezel was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on March 6 and missed games against **Columbus (3/7)**, against **Colorado (3/17)**, at **San Jose (3/22)** and at **New York (3/30)**. He was activated off the Reserve/Injured list against **Cleveland (4/5)** and proceeded to complete 18-of-27 passes for 220 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions in his first game back. Dolezel also ran for a two-yard touchdown as well to earn Offensive Player of the Game honors against the Gladiators. Dolezel tied his then season-high with seven touchdown tosses against **New Orleans (4/12)** as he threw for 278 yards and one interception on 25-of-41 passes to earn Offensive Player of the Game honors. He completed 17-of-36 passes for 206 yards with two touchdowns and four interceptions along with two rushing touchdowns at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. Also against the Soul, he eclipsed the 10,000 passing yard mark as a

Desperados quarterback, becoming the first player in team history to accomplish the feat. Dolezel continued his run at history at **Columbus (5/3)** as he became the AFL's all-time leading passer in the first quarter with a seven-yard pass to Marcus Nash to surpass Andy Kelly's previous mark of 42,528. He finished the day with 291 yards on 24-of-37 passes and seven touchdowns and two interceptions. For the second consecutive week, Dolezel made history, this time becoming the first player in professional football history to pass for 900 career touchdowns when he hit Marcus Nash early in the fourth quarter for a six-yard touchdown against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. He earned Offensive Player of the Game and Week honors after completing 25-of-35 passes for a season-high 321 yards and a season-high eight touchdowns against the Rampage. Dolezel threw for 256 yards on 14-of-25 passing with five touchdowns including, a season-long pass of 47 yards to Anthony Armstrong, and no interceptions against **Arizona (5/17)**. He completed a pass to seven different receivers at **Orlando (5/23)** to accumulate 240 yards on 20-of-29 passes for four touchdowns and no interceptions while also scoring on an eight-yard touchdown rush. At **Cleveland (5/31)** Dolezel completed a season-high 28 passes on 38 attempts while throwing for 252 yards and a season-high tying eight touchdowns with one interception. He threw for 277 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions on 21-of-28 passes against **Philadelphia (6/7)** to surpass 44,000 career passing yards. Dolezel completed 21-of-33 passes for 257 yards with five touchdowns and one interception against **New York (6/14)**. Playing only the first half due to playoff implications at **Chicago (6/22)**, Dolezel completed 17-of-21 passes for 165 yards with four touchdowns and no interceptions to boost his AFL record of consecutive 3,000-yard passing seasons to eight. He completed 35-of-47 passes for 325 yards with seven touchdowns and one interception in the Wild Card playoff game loss against **New York (6/27)**.

Backing up Dolezel in 2008 was **Chris Sanders**. Sanders - a five-year AFL veteran - has completed 454-of-780 passes in his career (58.2%) for 5,268 yards with 91 touchdowns and 24 interceptions. Sanders filled in admirably for Dolezel from Weeks 2-5 while he was on the Reserve/Injured list, leading Dallas to a 4-0 record. He finished the regular season with 1,183 passing yards on 99-of-171 passes with 20 touchdowns and three interceptions. He also finished as the team's second leading rusher with 38 yards and five touchdowns on 21 carries.

Sanders worked under center for the final play of the game at **Georgia (3/1)** and rushed for one yard to run out the clock in the win. With Dolezel on the Reserve/Injured list (shoulder), Sanders made his first start as a Desperado against **Columbus (3/7)** and completed 21-of-34 passes for 256 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions to lead the team to a 46-36 victory and earn Offensive Player of the Game Honors. He also rushed four times for nine yards and one touchdown which he scored on a naked bootleg for a four-yard gain. On the run, he leapt into the air to push the ball over the pylon and successfully cross the plane before being hit over the boards for the first score of the game. Against **Colorado (3/17)** Sanders made his second start of the season and completed 24-of-44 passes for 273 yards with four touchdowns and one interception while also running in two scores to earn his second consecutive Offensive Player of the Game honor. He connected on 20-of-28 passes for 276 yards with six touchdowns and no interceptions in his third start to earn his third consecutive win of the season at **San Jose (3/22)**. Sanders won his fourth straight start at quarterback at **New York (3/30)** while he completed 22-of-39 passes for 222 yards with three touchdowns and two interceptions. He returned to a backup role against **Cleveland (4/5)** and ran the offense's final series of the game with a one-yard rush to run out the clock. Sanders saw action in the fourth quarter with the game in hand for the Desperados to attempt one pass and rush for one yard at **Orlando (5/23)**. Along with holding on all PAT attempts, he also lined up on two kickoffs

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- OFFENSE (cont.)

quarterback, cont.

on the kickoff coverage units **at Cleveland (5/31)**. Sanders saw extensive action **at Chicago (6/22)**, playing the complete second half due to playoff implications. He completed 12-of-25 passes for 156 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions while also leading the team in rushing with three attempts for 13 yards and two touchdowns. He also held for all PATs. Sanders held on all PATs against **New York (6/27)** in the Wild Card playoff game.

FULLBACK

Josh White finished his second season as the Desperados starting fullback, and in three seasons in Dallas, has quickly established himself in team record books as he already ranks first in attempts (218) and yards (670) and is second in touchdowns (21).

In 2007 he had the the best rushing season in Desperados history with franchise and personal bests in attempts (93) and yards (278). He also established the most rushing touchdowns in a single-game in team history with five **at Kansas City (3/16/07)**.

White finished the 2008 regular season second in the league (second in the conference) in yards (258) third in attempts (third in the conference) (88) while churning out a team-high eight touchdowns. He was also sixth on the team in receiving with a career-high 12 receptions for 101 yards and a touchdown.

White carried the ball nine times for 18 yards with a long rush of six yards **at Georgia (3/1)**. He led all rushers against **Columbus (3/7)** with seven attempts for 25 yards. He also caught one pass for nine yards. White scored his first rushing touchdown of the season against **Colorado (3/17)** as he added 11 yards on five carries. He led all rushers **at San Jose (3/22)** with seven rushes for a then season-high 36 yards - including a season-long run of 19 yards - and one touchdown. White attempted five rushes for 23 yards with one touchdown **at New York (3/30)**. He had four rushing yards and caught one pass for three yards against **Cleveland (4/5)**. White crossed the 800 career rushing yards barrier when he carried the ball four times for 16 yards and also caught one pass for three yards against **New Orleans (4/12)**. He tallied 17 rushing yards on four carries (4.3 avg.) including a long rush of 11 yards **at Philadelphia (4/28)**. White averaged 4.7 yards-per-carry on three rushes for 14 yards **at Columbus (5/3)**. He caught his first receiving touchdown of the season - a 17-yarder - against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** while also adding 13 rushing yards on five attempts. White carried the ball four times for 10 yards against **Arizona (5/17)** while also scampering for a 12-yard touchdown and catching a six-yard pass. He totaled season-highs in rushing attempts (11) and rushing yards (41) while also averaging 3.7 yards-per-carry and rushing for a touchdown **at Orlando (5/23)**. White carried the ball six times for 12 yards **at Cleveland (5/31)**. He tallied a season-high three rushing touchdowns against **Philadelphia (6/7)** on six attempts for 11 yards while also hauling in a 23-yard pass to earn Ironman of the Game honors. White caught two passes for 20 yards and rushed three times for three yards against **New York (6/14)** to earn Ironman of the Game honors for the second consecutive game. **At Chicago (6/22)** he rushed three times for five yards. White scored a rushing touchdown along with four yards on four carries while also catching a 14-yard pass in the Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)**.

Duke Pettijohn was the backup fullback in 2008 after spending his first two seasons as Dallas' starting fullback. Pettijohn was named to the AFL's All-Arena and All-Ironman Team following his performance in 2006. He will serve in a backup role in 2008 as he concentrates more on the defensive side of the ball with the new substitution rules in place.

Rookie **David Dixon**'s speed at not only the linebacker position and on special teams also gave him some looks on the offense where he brought added depth at the fullback position.

Dixon scored his first career rushing touchdown with a three-yard scamper against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** on his first rush.

WIDE RECEIVER

The 2007 season saw the rise of the dominant duo of **Marcus Nash** and **Will Pettis** as both receivers went over the 1,000-yard barrier. Pettis led the team with 130 receptions for 1,471 yards and 40 touchdowns and Nash was the second leading receiver with 77 receptions for 1,080 yards and 20 touchdowns. The 2008 season proved to be a sequel performance as both receivers went over 1,000 yards along with first-year starter **Anthony Armstrong** to become one of only six teams in the league to boast three 1,000-yard receivers in 2008. Nash led the team with 109 receptions for 1,318 yards and 33 touchdowns while Pettis finished second with 95 receptions for 1,035 yards and 25 touchdowns to mark his third consecutive season - fourth overall - 1,000 yards. Armstrong finished a close third with 85 receptions for 1,148 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Pettis is the team's longest tenured player and is quite possibly the league's best two-way player. In 2008, Pettis was once again named the league's Ironman of the Year for the second consecutive season while also earning All-Ironman honors for the fifth consecutive season after tallying 1,960 all-purpose yards and 31 touchdowns, including finishing second on the team with 95 receptions for 1,035 yards - marking his third consecutive 1,000-yard receiving season - with 25 touchdowns. He also added 38 rushing yards and five touchdowns on nine attempts and was a perfect two-of-two on his first career passing attempts for six yards with two touchdowns. In 2007 Pettis logged his second consecutive 1,000-yard season - and his third overall - as he was named Ironman of the Year for the first time and a member of the All-Ironman Team for the fourth straight season. He is the team's all-time leading receiver with 571 receptions for 6,624 yards and 142 touchdowns.

Pettis ended the 2008 regular season tied for 13th in total points scored amongst non-kickers with 186 (31 touchdowns: 25 receiving; five rushing; one INT return). He also ranked eighth in the AFL with 1,960 all-purpose yards (37 rush; 1,035 receiving; 817 kickoff; 71 int. return). His work enabled him to once again become the league's Ironman of the Year, becoming only the third player in AFL history to win the award in consecutive seasons.

Pettis earned Ironman of the Game honors **at Georgia (3/1)** after finishing second on the team with seven receptions for 67 yards and a team-high three touchdowns. He earned Ironman of the Game honors for the second consecutive game against **Columbus (3/7)** after collecting three receptions for 25 yards with one touchdown and took a one-yard lateral into the end-zone for his second score of the game. Pettis was named Ironman of the Week for Week Three after a career-high tying 12 receptions for 138 yards with four touchdowns to lead all receivers against **Colorado (3/17)**. He had two receptions for 44 yards to tally 500 career receptions along with a rushing touchdown before leaving the game in the second quarter with a concussion **at San Jose (3/22)**. **At New York (3/30)** Pettis led all receivers with nine receptions for 102 yards - his second 100-yard game of the season - and one touchdown. He had three receptions for 29 yards against **Cleveland (4/5)** but failed to score a single point, snapping a 29-game scoring streak. Pettis crossed the 6,000-yard career receiving barrier against **New Orleans (4/12)** with a game-high 10 receptions for 129 yards and a season-high five touchdowns while also adding a rushing touchdown to earn his second Ironman of the Week honors. **At Philadelphia (4/28)** he led all receivers with 10 receptions for 133 yards - his third 100-yard game of the season - and caught two touchdowns while also leading the team in rushing with a season-high 24 yards on two carries with a long rush of 20 yards. Pettis was the second-leading receiver **at Columbus (5/3)**, hauling in eight passes for 98 yards and three touchdowns, including the game-winning nine-yard scoring grab to put Dallas up 48-45 with 0:15 seconds remaining in the

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- OFFENSE (cont.)

wide receiver, cont.

game. He tied for the team lead in receptions with nine against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** while adding 81 yards. Pettis was inactive (hip flexor) against **Arizona (5/17)**. He returned from a one-game hiatus to become the first player in AFL history to score a receiving touchdown, rushing touchown, throw for a touchdown (first of his career) and return an interception for a touchdown (first of his career) all in the same game at **Orlando (5/23)**. Pettis's day included five receptions for 41 yards, two rushes for three yards and one-of-one passing for a three-yard touchdown on his first career pass to Anthony Armstrong to earn Ironman of the Game and Ironman of the Week honors. At **Cleveland (5/31)** Pettis earned Ironman of the Game and Ironman of the Week honors after finishing the game with a career-high 13 receptions for 118 yards and four touchdowns, a two-yard rushing touchdown and completed his second career pass for a three-yard touchdown to Armstrong for the second consecutive week. He caught four passes for 43 yards and one touchdown to surpass the 1,000-yard receiving barrier on the season and added one rush for three yards against **Philadelphia (6/7)** before leaving the game in the third quarter with a concussion. Pettis was inactive against **New York (6/14)** and at **Chicago (6/22)** as a precaution after the concussion he suffered against the Soul. He returned to the lineup against **New York (6/27)** in the Wild Card playoff game to lead the team with 12 receptions for 89 yards and three touchdowns.

Nash was reunited with Dolezel in Dallas in 2007 after the two played together with the Las Vegas Gladiators (2004-05). Nash, a former first round (30th overall) selection by the Denver Broncos in the 1998 NFL Draft, was the AFL's Offensive Player of the Year in 2004 after setting a league record with 154 catches. He has logged five consecutive 1,000-plus receiving yard seasons and over 100 receptions in four of the past six seasons.

Nash ended the regular season 10th in the AFL in total points scored amongst non-kickers with 200. He led all Dallas receivers with 109 receptions for 1,318 yards and 33 touchdowns - the third best performance by a Desperados receiver in team history - and extended his streak of consecutive 1,000-yard seasons to five, marking the fourth-longest streak in AFL history.

At **Georgia (3/1)** Nash finished third in receiving with seven receptions for 65 yards and two touchdowns. He led the team with eight

| Top Leading Receivers 2004-08 | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Receptions | |
| Siaha Burley, Ari..... | 636 |
| Chris Jackson, Phi..... | 636 |
| Damian Harrell, Chi..... | 614 |
| Marcus Nash, Dal..... | 594 |
| Lawrence Samuels, T.B..... | 562 |

| Top Leading Receivers 2004-08 | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|
| Yards | |
| Chris Jackson, Phi..... | 8,241 |
| Siaha Burley, Ari..... | 8,150 |
| Damian Harrell, Chi..... | 7,833 |
| Marcus Nash, Dal..... | 7,255 |
| James Roe, SJ..... | 6,270 |

| Top Leading Receivers 2004-08 | |
|----------------------------------|------------|
| Touchdowns | |
| Damian Harrell, Chi..... | 216 |
| Chris Jackson, Phi..... | 205 |
| Siaha Burley, Ari..... | 195 |
| Marcus Nash, Dal..... | 168 |
| Bobby Sippio, Chi..... | 142 |

receptions for 112 yards and three touchdowns against **Columbus (3/7)**. Nash finished second on the team against **Colorado (3/17)** with six receptions for 62 yards. Nash finished second on the team at **San Jose (3/22)** with five receptions for 54 yards and two touchdowns. He was second on the team at **New York (3/30)** with eight receptions for 98 yards and two touchdowns. Nash posted his second 100-yard receiving game of the season with a team-leading 118 yards on eight catches with five touchdowns against **Cleveland (4/5)**. He finished second on the team against **New Orleans (4/12)** with seven receptions for 73 yards and one touchdown. Nash collected two receptions for 21 yards at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. He tallied his third 100-yard receiving game of the season - and 30th of his career - at **Columbus (5/3)** with a season-high 10 receptions for 130 yards and four touchdowns. Nash turned in another highlight performance against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**, posting season-highs in receiving yards (145) and touchdowns (six)

including catching Dolezel's 900th career touchdown pass which also marked the duo's sixth touchdown connection of the game. His 145 yards marked the fourth 100-yard game of the season and 31st of his career. Nash caught three passes for 41 yards against **Arizona (5/17)**. He made four receptions for 64 yards and two touchdowns at **Orlando (5/23)**. Nash caught eight passes for 86 yards and two touchdowns at **Cleveland (5/31)** to surpass the 1,000-yard receiving barrier for the fifth consecutive season. He made eight receptions for 65 yards against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. Nash finished second on the team with six receptions for 70 yards and a touchdown against **New York (6/14)**. He led the team in the regular season finale at **Chicago (6/22)** with a season-high tying 10 receptions for 114 yards and three touchdowns. Nash caught seven passes for 77 yards in the Wild Card playoff game against **New York (6/27)** before leaving the game with a neck injury in the fourth quarter.

After spending time on Dallas's practice squad at the beginning of the 2007 season, **Anthony Armstrong** added 10 receptions for 126 yards and two touchdowns in four games as a rookie in 2007. He posted a strong training camp leading up to the 2008 season opener, earning the nod as the team's third starting receiver and went on to finish 2008 third in receiving with 85 receptions for 1,148 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Armstrong led all receivers at **Georgia (3/1)** with a 11 receptions for 135 yards - both career bests - while also hauling in two touchdowns and a long-catch of 35 yards. He caught two balls for 32 yards against **Columbus (3/7)**. Armstrong finished with four receptions for 65 yards against **Colorado (3/17)**. He led the team at **San Jose (3/22)** with six receptions for 133 yards with a career-best three touchdowns, including a career-long catch of 47 yards that went for a score. Armstrong caught four passes for 23 yards at **New York (3/30)**. He finished second amongst Dallas receivers with six receptions for 70 yards against **Cleveland (4/5)**. Armstrong caught six passes for 58 yards and a touchdown against **New Orleans (4/12)**. He had two receptions for 31 yards at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. Armstrong rounded out the receiving corps at **Columbus (5/3)**, finishing third on the team with five receptions for 57 yards including a long reception of 36 yards. He caught four passes for 30 yards against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. Armstrong caught two touchdowns on two passes - both in the fourth quarter - including a career-long tying 47-yard pass to as part of a 89-yard day against **Arizona (5/17)**. He led all receivers at **Orlando (5/23)** with eight receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns to mark his third 100-yard receiving game of the season. At **Cleveland (5/31)** Armstrong finished third on the team with six receptions for 42 yards and three touchdowns. He had seven receptions for a game-high 132 yards and three touchdowns against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. Armstrong logged his first 1,000-yard season against **New York (6/14)** after a four catch, 74-yard performance. At **Chicago (6/22)** he hauled in eight receptions for 79 yards and a touchdown. Armstrong made 10 receptions for 100 yards and two touchdowns against **New York (6/27)** in the team's Wild Card playoff game loss.

The receiving corps was rounded out by second-year man **Andrae Thurman**, Desperados newcomer **Josh Bush** and starting "Jack" linebacker **Bobby Perry** to provide depth.

Thurman started 14 games as a rookie in 2007 and finished his inaugural campaign with 65 catches for 839 yards and 19 touchdowns. He followed that up with 25 receptions for 290 yards and seven touchdowns in eight games in 2008.

Thurman saw time as a reserve receiver at **Georgia (3/1)** but did not record a catch. He suffered a broken hand in the game and was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on March 5 and missed the next six games. Thurman was activated off the Reserve/Injured list on April 27 and returned to the lineup as a reserve receiver at **Philadelphia (4/28)** and caught two passes for 12 yards. He made one catch for six yards at **Columbus (5/3)**. Thurman was inactive against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. He led the team against **Arizona (5/17)** with four receptions for 74

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wide receiver, cont.

yards in his first start of the season at wide receiver with Pettis (hip flexor) out with an injury. Thurman also saw time in the defensive secondary and at the "Jack" linebacker position against the Rattlers and made his first career interception and returned it 17 yards while also posting 3.5 tackles in the contest to mark the first tackles of his career. **At Orlando (5/23)** he caught one pass for 13 yards while also making a net recovery on a kickoff in the third quarter that led to a Dallas touchdown. **At Cleveland (5/31)** Thurman saw time at receiver but did not record any stats. He was inactive against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. Thurman led the team with a season-high eight receptions for 88 yards and three touchdowns against **New York (6/14)**. He had nine receptions for 99 yards and two touchdowns **at Chicago (6/22)**. Thurman caught three passes for 18 yards and two touchdowns in the team's Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)**.

Bush finished the 2008 season with 17 receptions for 171 yards and two touchdowns.

Bush was inactive **at Georgia (3/1)**. He saw his first action as a Desperado against **Columbus (3/7)**, finishing second on the team with six receptions for 56 yards and one touchdown. Bush played against **Colorado (3/17)**, but suffered an ankle injury during the game and did not make a reception. He finished third on the team with five receptions for 36 yards **at San Jose (3/22)** stepping in for Pettis. Bush was inactive with a hamstring injury **at New York (3/30)**. He was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on April 4 with a hamstring injury and missed the next five games. Bush returned to action against **Arizona (5/17)** and caught two passes for 31 yards and a touchdown. He caught one pass for five yards **at Orlando (5/23)**. Bush played **at Cleveland (5/31)** but did not record any stats at receiver. He caught one pass for 14 yards against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. Bush was active against **New York (6/14)** but did not record a catch. He made two receptions for 29 yards **at Chicago (6/22)** before leaving the game with an ankle injury. Bush was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on June 24 and missed the postseason.

Perry, the team's starting "Jack" linebacker, has seen time at receiver when the team has needed him and has come through, catching 22 passes for 243 yards and four touchdowns during his career. He recorded two receptions for 49 yards, including a career-long reception of 44 yards, in 2008.

Perry saw time at receiver **at San Jose (3/22)** after Pettis left the game in the first half with a concussion and caught one pass for five yards. He hauled in a career-long catch of 44 yards against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** subbing for Pettis (back).

OFFENSIVE LINE

The Desperados finished 2008 with the fourth-fewest sacks allowed with 10. Dallas's offensive line sported a different look in 2008 after the team traded Devin Wyman in the offseason to Utah, but was still be anchored by **Jeff Chase** at center and **Terrance Dotsy** at lineman/tight end. Chase finished his fifth season in Dallas where he has started 75 of a possible 77 games at the position since his arrival on Dec. 12, 2003 following a trade with Philadelphia. Fourth-year lineman **Terrance Dotsy** returned as the team's starting tight end after earning All-Arena Second-Team honors in 2007 for the first time in his career. The third starting offensive lineman featured second-year player **Jeremy Calahan** - who made five starts last season. **Van Nelson**, who was signed on May 20 from Philadelphia's practice squad, and **Cody Douglas**, who was signed on June 6, provided depth as the season closed out. **Troy Reddick** provided Dallas with depth on the line before he suffered an ankle injury against **Arizona (5/17)** and was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on May 20.

The Desperados offensive line starters - Calahan, Chase and Dotsy - started all 16 games during the regular season to become the only starting offensive line trio in the AFL to start

each game.

at Georgia (3/1): The Desperados offensive line allowed quarterback Clint Dolezel to pass for 283 yards and seven touchdowns while allowing only one sack on 38 attempts. They also helped fullback Josh White gain 18 yards on the ground. Tight end Terrance Dotsy caught one pass for eight yards.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. Columbus (3/7): Dallas's offensive line helped quarterback Chris Sanders pass for 256 yards and five touchdowns while allowing only one sack on 34 attempts. They also paved the way for the ground game to gather 35 total yards and two touchdowns, including 25 yards from fullback White.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. Colorado (3/17): The Desperados offensive line paved the way for three rushing touchdowns, including two by quarterback Sanders and one by fullback White who scampered in for his first rushing touchdown of the season. The offensive line also held off the Crush defense long enough to allow Sanders to pass for 273 yards and four touchdowns and surrender only one sack during the game on 44 attempts.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

at San Jose (3/22): Dallas's offensive line set the tone for the team's rushing game, allowing fullback White to rush for a season-high 36 yards including a season-long run of 19 yards and one touchdown. The offensive line also did not give up a sack and provided enough protection to help quarterback Sanders pass for 276 yards and six touchdowns on 28 attempts.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

at New York (3/30): The Desperados offensive line made way for fullback White to rush for 23 yards and one touchdown on five carries as the offense tallied 31 yards on nine total attempts on the day. The offensive line allowed quarterback Sanders to pass for 222 yards and three touchdowns, but gave up a season-high four sacks in the game.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. Cleveland (4/5): Dallas's offensive line was forced to re-align after starting center Jeff Chase suffered an ankle sprain in the second quarter and did not return, causing Dotsy to slide over to center and bring Reddick off the bench to fill in at tight end. Despite the position changes, the line still did not allow a sack of quarterback Dolezel in 27 passing attempts in his first game back since a four-game IR stint, allowing Dolezel to pass for 220 yards and five touchdowns.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. New Orleans (4/12): The offensive line of the Desperados again had to shift due to a hand injury that Chase suffered and caused Dotsy to again move to center, Calahan to tight end and Reddick to guard. With the changes, the line still allowed Dolezel to pass for 278 yards and seven touchdowns on 41 attempts while giving up a sack along with Calahan making his first career catch for 15 yards.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

at Philadelphia (4/28): Dallas's offensive line established a solid ground attack against the Soul by allowing Desperados rushers to combine for 42 total yards on the ground along with two rushing touchdowns. The line allowed only one sack of Dolezel in 36 attempts as he passed for 206 yards and two touchdowns.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

offensive line, cont.

at Columbus (5/3): The offensive line of the Desperados helped fullback White average 4.7 yards-per-carry en route to him picking up 14 yards on three carries while also not allowing a sack on Dolezel in 37 pass attempts to allow him to throw for 291 yards and seven touchdowns.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. Grand Rapids (5/10): Dallas's offensive line assisted the offense in attaining a season-high output in total yards (337) while also scoring 65 points and not allowing a sack on Dolezel as he passed for a season-high 321 yards with a season-high eight touchdowns and no interceptions in 35 passing attempts. Dolezel's seventh touchdown proved to be the 900th of his career, making him the only player in professional football reach that mark.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. Arizona (5/17): The Desperados depth on the offensive line was tested early when reserve lineman Reddick suffered an ankle injury in the second quarter and did not return. Starters Dotsy, Chase and Calahan remained in the game as the only three offensive linemen left on the roster and did not allow a sack for the third straight game and helped Dolezel throw for 256 yards, five touchdowns and no interceptions in 25 attempts. The line also paved the way for two rushing touchdowns including a 12-yard burst by White.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

at Orlando (5/23): The Desperados rushing game posted a season-high 55 rushing yards and three rushing touchdowns as the offensive line paved the way, allowing White to average 3.7 yards-per-rush as he gained a season-high 41 yards on a season-high 11 carries. The line also helped Dolezel pass for 240 yards and four touchdowns with no interceptions in 29 attempts with only one sack allowed.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

at Cleveland (5/31): The offensive line held their ground long enough against the Gladiators to allow the offense to post season-highs in points (68), pass completions (28), first downs (27) and first downs passing (20). The line, welcomed by newly acquired Van Nelson making his first appearance as a Desperado, who helped assist Dolezel in completing a season-high 28 completions while not giving up a sack.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. Philadelphia (6/7): Dallas's offensive line kept Philadelphia's pass rush away from Dolezel, not allowing a sack of the quarterback for the second consecutive game while also allowing him to pass for 277 yards and four touchdowns on 28 attempts. The line also helped White rush for a season-high three touchdowns in the contest.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

vs. New York (6/14): The Desperados offensive line gave up a single sack, but still gave Dolezel time to pass for 257 yards and five touchdowns on 33 attempts.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

at Chicago (6/22): The Dallas offensive line became the only offensive line to start every game with the same three starters as Dotsy, Chase and Calahan started their 16th game of the season together. They were helped by Nelson who saw extended time in the second half. The line allowed Dolezel and Sanders pass for 321 yards and six combined touchdowns while not allowing a sack of either quarterback in 46 attempts.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

Wild Card Playoff Game vs. New York (6/27): The Desperados offensive line did not allow a sack of Dolezel in 47 passing attempts as he passed for 325 yards and seven touchdowns. Cyron Brown also saw his first action on the offensive line since playing at Columbus (5/3), catching two passes for 27 yards in the contest.

Starters: TE Dotsy/ C Chase/ G Calahan

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- DEFENSE

* The Desperados defense finished sixth in the AFL (fourth in the conference) in total yards-per-game, holding opponents to 284.6 yards-per-game. Dallas ranked fourth in the league (third in the conference) with 6.3 yards-per-play allowed.

* Against the pass, Dallas ranked sixth in the AFL (fourth in the conference), allowing 262.6 yards-per-game. The defense gave up 6.9 yards-per-pass play, ranking them fourth in the league (second in the conference).

* On the ground, the Desperados yielded 21.9 yards-per-game to rank 14th in the league (seventh in the conference). Dallas was 14th in the league (eighth in the conference) by allowing a 3.0 yard-per-rush average.

* The Desperados held opponents to the second-fewest points in the league (first in the conference) at 49.9 points-per-game.

* Dallas's defense allowed only 112 touchdowns, marking the second-fewest in the league (fewest in the conference).

* The Desperados were seventh in holding their opponents to the second-fewest rushing touchdowns in the league (sixth in the conference) with 22. They tied for the fourth-fewest passing touchdowns in the AFL with 83 (third in the conference).

* Dallas allowed 342 first downs to tie for the 11th-fewest allowed in the league (tied for fifth in the conference).

* On third downs, the defense allowed only 44 successful attempts in 96 tries by opposing offenses, good for the league's fifth-lowest (second in the conference) third down completion rate at 45.8%.

* On fourth downs, Dallas allowed a 56.7% (17-of-30) conversion rate to rank 11th in the league (fifth in the conference).

* The Desperados ranked 14th in red zone defense (seventh in the conference), allowing opponents to score on 69-of-80 (86.3%) of their chances.

* Dallas held its opponents to the 10th-fewest points allowed in the red zone in the AFL (fifth in the conference) with 460, and owned the seventh-fewest appearances in the red zone in the league by allowing opponents inside the Dallas red zone only 80 times.

* The Desperados finished 13th in the league (seventh in the conference) with 24 takeaways (15 interceptions; nine fumble recoveries). Their 15 interceptions were 13th in the league (seventh in the conference), and their nine fumble recoveries tied for 13th in the AFL (tied for seventh in the conference).

2008 DEFENSIVE HIGHLIGHTS

- * **DB Jermaine Jones** made the first interception of the season for the defense at **Georgia (3/1)**. He made his second pick at **Philadelphia (4/28)** for a 20-yard return.
- * Jones led the defense with a team-high nine tackles at **San Jose (3/22)**.
- * Jones posted a season-high and career-high-tying four pass breakups at **New York (3/30)**.
- * **DB Donvetis Franklin** made his first interception of the season against **New York (6/14)** while also posting a season-high eight tackles to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors.
- * **LB Duke Pettijohn** notched his first sack of the year on a six-yard takedown of Matt Nagy against **Columbus (3/7)**.
- * **LB Bobby Perry** gathered the first takeaway of the season for the Desperados defense when he recovered a fumble forced by Johnnie Harris at **Georgia (3/1)** on the Force's first offensive drive.
- * Perry earned Defensive Player of the Game honors against **Columbus (3/7)** with a team-high seven tackles and an interception and followed that performance up with a single-game career-high two interceptions and two tackles against **Colorado (3/17)** to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors for the second consecutive week.
- * Perry returned his first career interception for a touchdown with a 33-yard pick against **Cleveland (4/5)** while also breaking up a career-high four passes and adding four tackles to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors. He returned his second career interception for a touchdown 19 yards against **Philadelphia (6/7)** while also posting a game-high 8.5 tackles to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors.
- * **LB Duke Pettijohn** tackled Predators receiver Kevin Nickerson in the endzone on a rush that resulted in a safety at **Orlando (5/23)**.
- * **WR/DB Will Pettis** made the his first interception of the season against **Colorado (3/17)**.
- * Pettis returned an interception 42 yards for a touchdown at **Orlando (5/23)** to mark the first of his career while also pacing the defense with a team-high five tackles.
- * **DE Robert Pollard** made his first career sack in his first career start against **New York (6/14)**.
- * **DE Rickie Simpkins** recorded his second career interception - first of the season - at **New York (3/30)**.
- * Simpkins sacked Predators quarterback Shane Stafford in the endzone for a safety at **Orlando (5/23)**.
- * **DL Daleroy Stewart** earned Defensive Player of the Game honors against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** after sacking Rampage QB James MacPherson in the endzone in the first quarter, resulting in a safety.
- * **WR/LB Andrae Thurman** made his first career interception against **Arizona (5/17)**.
- * **DE Colston Weatherington** notched the first sack of the season at **Georgia (3/1)** when he sacked Chris Greisen in the third quarter.
- * Weatherington gathered his first multi-sack game of the season with two against **Colorado (3/17)**. He added his second multi-sack game of the season - eighth of his career - against **New Orleans (4/12)** with two against VooDoo quarterback Danny Wimprine.
- * Weatherington tied a career and franchise-high with three sacks against **Arizona (5/17)**.
- * Weatherington notched a new personal-high, and tied a franchise single-season record at **Chicago (6/22)** with a sack against Rush quarterback Russ Michna to notch his league-leading 10.5 sack of the season to tie Tom Briggs for the franchise record.
- * The defense gathered three turnovers (two fumble recoveries; one interception) in the season opener at **Georgia (3/1)**.
- * The Desperados defense held the Force offense to 0-for-six on third downs at **Georgia (3/1)**. They then yielded just one conversion on seven attempts against **Columbus (3/7)** and held the Dragons on all five attempts at **New York (3/30)**.
- * At **Georgia (3/1)** the Desperados defense shut out the Force offense in the third quarter.
- * The Dallas run defense limited Georgia's rushing offense to -3 yards.
- * Against **Columbus (3/7)**, Dallas's defense held the Destroyers offense to 214 total yards and a season-low 13 total first downs.
- * The defense tallied a season-high three interceptions against Colorado quarterback John Dutton, with Perry leading with two and Pettis making his first pick of the season.
- * Dallas's defense held the Dragons to a season-low 31 points and a season-low 156 total yards and a season-low 156 passing yards at **New York (3/30)** while also limiting the Dragons offense to zero rushing yards.
- * The Desperados defense held the Predators offense to only 13 points in the second half at **Orlando (5/23)** while also notching two consecutive safeties and two interceptions.

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- DEFENSE (cont.)

DEFENSIVE LINE

The Desperados defensive line provided a consistent pass rush with talented defensive ends and run-stopping nose guards in 2008. **Colston Weatherington** - the franchise's all-time sack leader (37.0) - headlined the group and was named the AFL Lineman of The Year for the second time in his career, also collecting All-Arena First Team honors for the third consecutive season after posting a career-best 10.5 sacks in 2008 to lead the AFL.

Weatherington closed out the AFL regular season with a career-high 10.5 sacks to lead the league while he was second in the league (second in the conference) with 11.0 tackles for loss.

Weatherington opened up the season at **Georgia (3/1)** with the first sack of the season on Chris Greisen while also leading the Dallas defensive line with two tackles, one tackle for loss and a forced fumble. He led the defensive line with two tackles, one pass breakup and a quarterback hurry against **Columbus (3/7)**. **Weatherington** posted his first multi-sack game of the season - seventh of his career - with two sacks against **Colorado (3/17)** along with two tackles and two tackles for loss. **At San Jose (3/22)** he helped limit the SaberCats' rushing game to 12 yards. **At New York (3/30)** **Weatherington** blocked a crucial field goal attempt on the Dragons last offensive drive of the fourth quarter that helped seal the Desperados win. He also posted one tackle, a half sack - which marked the 30th of his career - and a half tackle for loss. He contributed a tackle, two quarterback hurries and two pass breakups against **Cleveland (4/5)**. **Weatherington** posted his second multi-sack game of the year - eighth of his career - with two sacks against **New Orleans (4/12)** as he also logged two tackles, two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors. **At Philadelphia (4/28)** he had three tackles and a pass breakup. **Weatherington** sacked Destroyers quarterback Matt Nagy at **Columbus (5/3)** while also adding 1.5 tackles. **Weatherington** started against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** but did not post any stats. He tied a franchise and career-high with three sacks against **Arizona (5/17)** on Rattlers quarterback Jeff Smoker to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors while also posting 5.5 tackles, two forced fumbles, a fumble recovery and a quarterback hurry. The multi-sack game was his third of the season, and ninth of his career. **At Orlando (5/23)** **Weatherington** started but did not record any stats. He made two tackles and a half tackle for a loss at **Cleveland (5/31)**. **Weatherington** had one tackle against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. He provided three quarterback pressures and a pass breakup against **New York (6/14)**. **Weatherington** tied a franchise high (Tom Briggs), while setting a new personal high, with a sack of Russ Michna at **Chicago (6/22)** to tally 10.5 sacks on the season. He made three tackles, a sack, a pass breakup and a quarterback hurry in the Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)**.

Rickie Simpkins provided the defensive line another capable rusher and run-stopper at the defensive end and nose tackle positions where he posted a 13.0 tackles, 2.5 tackles for loss, two sacks, a quarterback hurry, an interception and a pass breakup in 2008.

Simpkins was inactive at **Georgia (3/1)**. He made his 2008 debut against **Columbus (3/7)** but did not record any stats. **Simpkins** was inactive against **Colorado (3/17)** and at **San Jose (3/22)**. **Simpkins** started and played in his second game of the year at **New York (3/30)** and made his second career interception along with 2.5 tackles, one sack and a tackle for loss. He posted a tackle and a quarterback hurry against **Cleveland (4/5)**. **Simpkins** made one tackle against **New Orleans (4/12)**. **At Philadelphia (4/28)** he posted 4.5 tackles to lead all Desperados defensive linemen. **Simpkins** was inactive at **Columbus (5/3)**, against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** and against

Arizona (5/17). He returned to the starting lineup at **Orlando (5/23)** and sacked Predators quarterback Shane Stafford in the endzone for a safety. **Simpkins** made a tackle and a half tackle for a loss at **Cleveland (5/31)**. He had 1.5 tackles against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. **Simpkins** started at nose tackle against **New York (6/14)** but did not record any statistics. He started at nose tackle at **Chicago (6/22)** and made a half tackle. **Simpkins** started at nose tackle in the Wild Card playoff game against **New York (6/27)** but did not record any statistics.

Daleroy Stewart alternated along the defensive line at nose tackle and defensive end where he posted 3.5 tackles and a sack in 2008.

Stewart was attending a family funeral and did not play at **Georgia (3/1)**. He was inactive against **Columbus (3/7)**. **Stewart** made his first appearance of the season against **Colorado (3/17)** with a start at defensive end but did not record any stats. He started his second game at defensive end at **San Jose (3/22)** and made 1.5 tackles and a pass breakup before leaving the game with an ankle injury. **Stewart** was inactive at **New York (3/30)** with an ankle injury. He was inactive the next four games. **Stewart** made his return against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** and earned Defensive Player of the Game honors after sacking Rampage quarterback James MacPherson in the endzone during the first quarter for a safety. He started against **Arizona (5/17)** but left the game with a hamstring injury without recording any stats. **Stewart** was inactive (hamstring) at **Orlando (5/23)**. He returned to the lineup at **Cleveland (5/31)** where he started at nose tackle but did not record any stats. **Stewart** made a tackle against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. He was inactive against **New York (6/14)** and at **Chicago (6/22)**. **Stewart** returned to the starting lineup at defensive end in the Wild Card playoff game against **New York (6/27)** and posted a tackle for loss in the contest.

Training camp additions **Winfield Garnett**, a five-year veteran, and **Cyron Brown**, a six-year veteran, were both brought in to bring consistency on the defensive line in 2008. **Garnett's** season came to an abrupt end at Orlando (5/23) after he suffered an Achilles injury in the second quarter.

Garnett was a key cog in the trenches and started every game since his arrival via trade with Columbus for FB/LB Peter Lazare on February 24. His season came to an abrupt end when he left the game at Orlando (5/23) with an Achilles injury. he was placed on Reserve/Injured but still made 14.5 tackles, a sack and four quarterback hurries in 12 games in 2008.

Garnett made his first start of his Desperados career at **Georgia (3/1)** at nose tackle but did not record any stats. Against **Columbus (3/7)** he had one quarterback hurry and helped the Dallas defense limit the Destroyers offense to 214 total yards. **Garnett** registered a half tackle and a quarterback hurry against **Colorado (3/17)** and at **San Jose (3/22)**. He had a quarterback hurry at **New York (3/30)**. Against **Cleveland (4/5)** **Garnett** helped the defense limit the Gladiators to nine rushing yards. He assisted on two tackles against **New Orleans (4/12)**. **Garnett** tallied a then-season-high three tackles at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. He upped his single-game career-high tackles total to five at **Columbus (5/3)**. **Garnett** gathered his first sack of the season against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. He totaled 1.5 tackles and a quarterback hurry against **Arizona (5/17)**. **Garnett** totaled two tackles at **Orlando (5/23)** before leaving the game with an Achilles injury. He was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on May 28.

Brown looked to bring solid leadership and versatility on both the defensive and offensive lines, but spent the majority of the season on Reserve/Injured. He is a five-year NFL veteran who won a Super Bowl Championship with the Denver Broncos during the 1998 season.

After spending the first half of the season on Dallas' Reserve/Injured list, **Brown** was finally activated on May 2. He made his first start as

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a Desperado at **Columbus (5/3)** to the tune of two tackles, a sack, a tackle for loss and a blocked PAT attempt though he suffered an ankle injury at the end of the game. Brown was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on May 9 and missed the remainder of the regular season. He was activated from the Reserve/Injured list on June 25 and saw action on the defensive line against **New York (6/27)** in the Wild Card playoff game but did not record any defensive statistics.

LINEBACKER

Duke Pettijohn returned for his fifth year in Dallas in 2008 where he led the defense from the "Mack" linebacker position, posting 41.0 tackles and four sacks during the season to earn AFL All-Arena Second Team honors.

Pettijohn opened the season at **Georgia (3/1)** with 2.5 tackles. He notched his first sack of the season against **Columbus (3/7)** and added three tackles, a tackle for a loss and one pass breakup. Pettijohn contributed three special teams tackles against **Colorado (3/17)**. He had three tackles and a fumble recovery at **San Jose (3/22)**. Pettijohn made 2.5 tackles, a half sack and a half tackle for loss at **New York (3/30)**. He contributed one tackle against **Cleveland (4/5)**. At **Philadelphia (4/28)** finished with 3.5 tackles and a sack of Soul quarterback Matt D'Orazio. Pettijohn contributed 3.5 tackles at **Columbus (5/3)**. He had three tackles and a half sack against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. Pettijohn made 1.5 tackles and a quarterback hurry against **Arizona (5/17)**. He tackled Predators receiver Kevin Nickerson in the endzone for a safety at **Orlando (5/23)** while also making 1.5 tackles and two quarterback hurries. At **Cleveland (5/31)** Pettijohn picked up a sack along with three tackles. He finished with four tackles and a quarterback hurry against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. Pettijohn tallied three tackles, a tackle for loss, a fumble recovery and a pass breakup against **New York (6/14)**. He totaled a tackle, quarterback hurry and a blocked PAT attempt at **Chicago (6/22)**. Pettijohn finished with two tackles in the Wild Card playoff game against **New York (6/27)**.

With the new rule change for the "Jack" linebacker in 2008, four-year veteran **Bobby Perry** capitalized on the league-wide rule change by putting his coverage skills as a college safety to use now that the position has more freedom to roam outside of the "box." He turned in a career-year in 2008, leading the team in tackles (72.0) and interceptions (six) - returning two for a touchdown - and 17 pass breakups while also adding two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Perry tied for 10th in the AFL with a career-high six interceptions.

At **Georgia (3/1)** Perry finished third on the team with three tackles and one fumble recovery. He made his first interception of the season against **Columbus (3/7)** while also leading the team in tackles with seven and adding one tackle for loss and two pass breakups to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors. He earned his second consecutive Defensive Player of the Game honor against **Colorado (3/17)** with two tackles and his first multiple interception game of his career with two. At **San Jose (3/22)** Perry recovered a crucial fumble forced by Johnnie Harris late in the fourth-quarter to give Dallas's offense the opportunity to score a field goal on the ensuing drive to extend its lead to a 10-point cushion and seal the eventual win. He also posted four tackles, one tackle for loss and a fumble recovery against the SaberCats. Perry tied for the team-lead with 4.5 tackles at **New York (3/30)** while also adding a pass breakup. He returned his first career interception for a touchdown 33 yards for the first score of the game against **Cleveland (4/5)** while also posting a career-high four pass breakups along with four tackles to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors. Perry had a game-high six tackles against **New Orleans (4/12)**. He led the team with seven tackles at **Philadelphia (4/28)**.

Perry made three stops and a pass breakup at **Columbus (5/3)**. He tallied 4.5 tackles and a pass breakup against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. Perry posted five tackles and two pass breakups against **Arizona (5/17)** while making his first start of the season in the defensive secondary. At **Orlando (5/23)** he finished second on the team with 4.5 tackles, an interception and a pass breakup. Perry posted two stops at **Cleveland (5/31)**. He returned his second career interception for a touchdown 19 yards against **Philadelphia (6/7)** while also leading the team with a game-high 8.5 tackles to earn Defensive Player of the Game honors. Perry made two tackles against **New York (6/14)**. He had three tackles and two pass breakups at **Chicago (6/22)**. Perry posted four tackles in the Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)**.

Rookie **David Dixon** along with **Josh White** added depth at the linebacker position.

Dixon was inactive the first four games of the season before making his AFL debut at **New York (3/30)** to tally a special teams tackle. Dixon scored his first career touchdown against **Cleveland (4/5)** on a net recovery on special teams while also logging his first career tackle on defense. He had 1.5 special teams tackles against **New Orleans (4/12)**. Dixon was inactive at **Philadelphia (4/28)** and at **Columbus (5/3)**. He returned to the lineup against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** and garnered a half sack - the first of his career - against Rampage quarterback James MacPherson while also contributing three tackles. Dixon made the first start of his career at the "Jack" linebacker position against **Arizona (5/17)** and tallied 3.5 tackles. He was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on May 21 with a knee injury and missed the remainder of the season.

White notched a half tackle at **San Jose (3/22)** and at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. He posted three tackles at **Columbus (5/3)**. White made a tackle at **Cleveland (5/31)**. He had a tackle against **Philadelphia (6/7)** to earn Ironman of the Game honors.

SECONDARY

Considered to be one of the deepest positions on the team heading into the 2008 season, the Desperados defensive secondary added to their already talented arsenal. **Jermaine Jones** - the club's all-time interception (29) and tackle leader (462.5) - was the staple of the secondary after leading the team in tackles for the fifth consecutive season (87.5) in 2007. He finished second on the team in 2008 with 58.0 tackles, three interceptions and 15 pass breakups.

Jones made the first interception of the season at **Georgia (3/1)** along with three tackles and two pass breakups. He tallied four tackles against **Columbus (3/7)**. Jones finished second on the team with six tackles and one pass breakup against **Colorado (3/17)**. Jones led the team at **San Jose (3/22)** with a team and season-high nine tackles and two pass breakups. He tied a career-high in pass breakups (four) at **New York (3/30)** while also adding 1.5 tackles. Jones tied for the team-lead in tackles with five against **Cleveland (4/5)** while also posting a pass breakup. He contributed two tackles against **New Orleans (4/12)**. Jones picked off a D'Orazio pass for a 20-yard return in the third quarter that set up an immediate Dallas offensive score on the very next play, while also adding three tackles at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. He posted three tackles at **Columbus (5/3)**. Jones tied for second in tackles against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** with 4.5. He led the team with 6.5 stops against **Arizona (5/17)** despite being forced to leave the game with a foot injury. Jones was inactive at **Orlando (5/23)** due to a foot injury, ending a streak of 45 consecutive regular season games he played and started in. He also missed the game at **Cleveland (5/31)** due to the injury. Jones returned from a two-game hiatus due to a foot injury against **Philadelphia (6/7)** to finish second on the team with six tackles. He recorded an interception, three pass breakups and six tackles against **New York (6/14)**. Jones tallied

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1.5 tackles at **Chicago (6/22)**. He tied for the team lead with four tackles against **New York (6/27)** while also making an interception and a team-high three pass breakups in the contest.

Will Pettis - the 2007 and 2008 Ironman of the Year - again contributed his skills on the defensive side of the ball when called upon as a reserve defensive back after earning his fifth consecutive selection to the league's All-Ironman Team in 2008. As one of the most dynamic two-way players in the league, Pettis spent more time on offense last season, but still saw enough action on defense to post 22.5 tackles, two interceptions - including his first career interception return for a touchdown - and four pass breakups.

Pettis did not play on defense at **Georgia (3/1)** or against **Columbus (3/7)**. He saw his first action of the season on defense in the second half against **Colorado (3/17)**, replacing DaShane Dennis in the lineup after he suffered a foot injury. Pettis promptly made his first interception of the season for a career-long return of 29 yards while also contributing a tackle. Pettis did not play on defense at **San Jose (3/22)** after leaving the game in the second quarter with a concussion and did not return. He started the game at **New York (3/30)** and made one tackle. Pettis made two tackles and a pass breakup against **Cleveland (4/20)**. He had 1.5 tackles at **Philadelphia (4/28)**. Pettis started in the defensive backfield at **Columbus (5/3)** and contributed two tackles. Pettis again got the starting nod against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** and contributed two tackles. He was inactive against **Arizona (5/17)** with an injury (hip flexor). Pettis returned from a one-game hiatus at **Orlando (5/23)** and returned an interception 42 yards for his first career interception return for a touchdown while also pacing the defense with a season-high five tackles and two pass breakups to earn Ironman of the Game and Ironman of the Week honors. At **Cleveland (5/31)** he tied for the team lead in tackles with six to earn Ironman of the Game and Ironman of the Week honors. Pettis did not play on defense against **Philadelphia (6/7)** after leaving the game in the third quarter with a concussion. He was inactive (concussion) against **New York (6/14)** and at **Chicago (6/22)** as a precaution. Pettis returned to action against **New York (6/27)** in the Wild Card playoff game, making the start in the defensive backfield to post three tackles and a pass breakup in the contest.

Donvetis Franklin, a six-year AFL veteran, was signed to the Desperados practice squad on May 2 and was activated on May 9. Though he missed the 2007 season re-habbing a back injury, Franklin posted 91.5 tackles, 17 pass breakups, two forced fumbles, one interception and a 36-yard fumble return for a touchdown during the 2006 season while starting for the Austin Wranglers. In his first season with Dallas, he finished fifth on the team with 28.0 tackles, 10 pass breakups and an interception.

Franklin made his first appearance as a Desperado against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** to the tune of 5.5 tackles and two

pass breakups to lead all Dallas defenders. He made his first start for Dallas against **Arizona (5/17)** and finished the night with five tackles and a pass breakup. At **Orlando (5/23)** Franklin made a tackle. He finished with five tackles and a career-high tying four pass breakups at **Cleveland (5/31)**. Franklin posted three tackles and two pass breakups against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. He earned Defensive Player of the Game honors against **New York (6/14)** after leading the team with a game-high eight tackles along with an interception. Franklin made a half tackle at **Chicago (6/22)**. He posted four tackles and a pass breakup in the Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)**.

Five-year veteran **DaShane Dennis**, who was acquired in the offseason after previously spending most of his career with division rival New York, finished his first season in Dallas with 27.0 tackles and three pass breakups.

Dennis made his Desperados debut at **Georgia (3/1)** to the tune of four tackles and added a special teams tackle. He made three tackles against **Columbus (3/7)**. Dennis made two tackles before suffering a foot injury against **Colorado (3/17)** in the second half and did not return. He was placed on the Reserve/Injured list with a foot injury on March 20 and missed the next eight games. Dennis was activated from the Reserve/Injured list on May 21 and returned to action with a start at **Orlando (5/23)** where he posted two tackles. He tied for the team-lead in tackles with six at **Cleveland (5/31)** while also making a pass breakup. Dennis was inactive against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. He returned to the starting lineup against **New York (6/14)** to the tune of 4.5 tackles and two pass breakups. Dennis led the team at **Chicago (6/22)** with 5.5 tackles. He was inactive in the Wild Card playoff game against **New York (6/27)**.

After being named to the league's All-Rookie Team, leading all AFL rookies with six interceptions in 2007, **Bobby Keyes** brought added depth to the position in his second season with the team by recording eight tackles, a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.

Keyes was inactive at **Georgia (3/1)**, against **Columbus (3/7)** and against **Colorado (3/17)**. He made his first appearance of the season in a start in the defensive backfield at **San Jose (3/22)** and turned in a performance that consisted of seven tackles - good for second on the team - one tackle for loss - the first of his career - and a pass breakup. Keyes was inactive at **New York (3/30)**, against **Cleveland (4/5)** and against **New Orleans (4/12)**. He was active and started at **Philadelphia (4/28)** and posted a tackle. Keyes made a special teams tackle at **Columbus (5/3)**. He was inactive against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** and against **Arizona (5/17)**. Keyes was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on May 21 with a hamstring injury and missed the remainder of the regular season. He was activated from the Reserve/Injured list on June 25 and saw time during the Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)** to make a special teams tackle in the contest.

PERSONNEL BREAKDOWN -- SPECIAL TEAMS

* The Desperados concluded the 2008 regular season seventh in the league (second in the conference) with a 17.7 kickoff return average. Dallas ranked second in the league (first in the conference) with an average start at the 14.2-yard line.

* Dallas owned the second-fewest drives in the AFL (first in the conference) started inside its own 10-yard line with 55.

* The Desperados kick coverage team held opponents to a league-low 15.1 yard-per-kickoff return average.

* Dallas led the league in forcing its opponents to start on an average at their own 10.2-yard line.

* Dallas forced its opponents to start inside their own 10-yard line 77 times to rank fourth in the league (third in the conference).

* Dallas ranked first in the AFL in onside kicks recoveries with six, was second in onside kickoff attempts (18) and third in onside kickoff recovery percentage (33.3%).

2008 SPECIAL TEAMS HIGHLIGHTS

- * **WR/KR Josh Bush** made his Desperados debut against **Columbus (3/7)** and returned two kickoffs for a team-high 51 yards.
- * Bush returned the opening kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown against **Arizona (5/17)** to mark the first kickoff return for a touchdown of the season.
- * Bush returned a season-high eight kickoffs for 185 yards with a 56-yard return for a touchdown - his second of the year - against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. He returned his third kickoff of the season for a touchdown with a 56-yard return against **New York (6/14)**.
- * Bush notched his fourth kickoff return for a touchdown - a 56-yarder - **at Chicago (6/22)** as part of an eight return, 171-yard performance to tally 200 all-purpose yards in the contest.
- * **K Remy Hamilton** made his Desperados debut **at Georgia (3/1)** by converting one-of-two kicks, including a 20-yard field goal that tied him with Mike Black and Steve Videtich - 177 each - for most field goals made in AFL history - while also adding six PATs.
- * Hamilton made AFL history against **Colorado (3/17)** as he booted his 178th career field goal and attempted three kicks to bring his career attempts total to 365 to become the league's all-time leader in field goals made and field goals attempted.
- * Hamilton connected on two field goals **at San Jose (3/22)**, including a season-long 45-yarder.
- * Hamilton was successful in converting on his league-leading fourth onside kick **at Columbus (5/3)** that was recovered by **WR Anthony Armstrong** in the first quarter.
- * Hamilton was a perfect nine-of-nine on PATs against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** for a season-high and tied that **at Orlando (5/23)** and **at Chicago (6/22)**.
- * **KR Will Pettis** opened up the season **at Georgia (3/1)** with four kickoff returns for 49 yards.
- * Pettis returned two missed field goals against **Columbus (3/7)** for 37 yards.
- * Pettis turned in his first 200-yard all-purpose game of the season - and 24th of his career - **at New York (3/30)** when he contributed 202 yards consisting of 85 kickoff return yards, 15 missed field goal return yards and 102 receiving yards.
- * Pettis recorded his second 200-yard all-purpose game of the season - and 25th of his career - against **New Orleans (4/12)** with 227 yards (86 ko, 11 mfg, 129 rec.). His third 200-yard-all-purpose game - and 26th of his career - came **at Philadelphia (4/28)** with a 256-yard effort (133 rec., 99 ko, 24 rush) against the Soul. Pettis's fourth game of the season - and 27th of his career - was a 256-yard performance (89 rec., 152 ko, 15 mfg) **at Columbus (5/3)**.
- * Pettis registered his first 100-yard kickoff return game with 105 yards on five kickoffs against **Cleveland (4/5)**. His second game with 100 kickoff yards came via 152 yards **at Columbus (5/3)**.
- * **FB/LB Josh White** led the special teams coverage unit with two special teams tackles **at Georgia (3/1)**.
- * **DE Colston Weatherington** blocked a field goal attempt **at New York (3/30)** that resulted in a safety to give Dallas the victory, 33-31.
- * **LB David Dixon** recorded his first touchdown of his career on a kickoff net recovery in the endzone against **Cleveland (4/5)**.
- * The Dallas kickoff team attempted a season-high three onside kicks **at Orlando (5/23)**, recovering one kick (Anthony Armstrong) along with a net recovery (Andrae Thurman) on another kickoff against the Predators.

KICKING GAME

Looking for consistency in the kicking game in 2008, the Desperados signed one of the most prolific kickers in the AFL in **Remy Hamilton**. Hamilton is the AFL's all-time leader in field goals made (184) and field goals attempted (376) and is second all-time in league record books in kicking points (1,510), PATs made (958) and PATs attempted (1,077). An 11-year veteran, Hamilton was the first kicker in league history to win the AFL's Kicker of the Year award in back-to-back seasons (2005 and 2006). He has also made 120.0 career special teams tackles.

In league rankings, **Hamilton** tied for fifth in the AFL (tied for third in the conference) with eight field goals made and ranked seventh in the league (fifth in the conference) among kickers with 125 total points. He also led the league in onside kicks recovered, converting on six-of-18 attempts (33.3%). His totals allowed him to earn All-Arena Second Team honors for the 2008 season.

Hamilton tied the AFL record for career field goals made with his 177th career field goal coming via a 20-yarder **at Georgia (3/1)** as he was one-of-two for the day while adding six PATs along with a special teams tackle. He contributed four PATs against **Columbus (3/7)**. Hamilton made AFL history against **Colorado (3/17)**, converting his league-record 178th career field goal while also capturing his 365th career field goal attempt - also a league record - as part of a one-for-three field

goal performance. He also added six PATs and performed a successful onside kick. **At San Jose (3/22)** he hit two field goals - including a season-long from 45 yards - and added five PATs and a 0.5 special teams tackles. Hamilton was one-of-two on field goals - a 24-yarder - **at New York (3/30)** - while also hitting all four PATs and converted a successful onside kick in the second quarter. He converted on a 20-yard field goal and seven PATs against **Cleveland (4/5)** while also contributing a special teams tackle. Hamilton contributed six PATs and a special teams tackle along with a successful onside kick against **New Orleans (4/12)**. He had two PATs **at Philadelphia (4/28)**. Hamilton converted his fourth onside kick of the season **at Columbus (5/3)** during the first quarter when Anthony Armstrong recovered the ball at the Dallas 13-yard line. He also made six PATs. Hamilton converted on a season-best nine-of-nine PATs against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. He tallied six PATs against **Arizona (5/17)**. Hamilton was a perfect nine-of-nine on PATs **at Orlando (5/23)** to tie his season-high while also attempting a season-high three onside kicks in a row and was successful on one of them. **At Cleveland (5/31)** he tallied eight PATs and was successful on one-of-two onside kick attempts. Hamilton booted a 36-yard field goal along with seven PATs against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. He was good on a 17-yard field goal and six PATs against **New York (6/14)**. Hamilton closed out the regular season **at Chicago (6/22)** with a perfect nine-of-nine on PATs. He was again a perfect nine-of-nine on PATs

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while also successfully converting an onside kick in the Wild Card playoff loss against **New York (6/27)**.

RETURN GAME

The Desperados return game featured a triple threat in 2008, boasting three players with plenty of experience. Two-time Ironman of the Year (2007-08) **Will Pettis** spearheaded the group as one of the league's most feared return men. He logged four consecutive 1,000 kickoff return yard seasons (2004-07) and has returned 14 kickoffs for touchdowns through his career.

Pettis led the league with six missed field goal returns last season and ranked third in the AFL (third in the conference) in missed field goal yardage with 76 yards. He finished second on the team with 43 kickoffs returned for 741 yards (17.2 avg.).

Pettis returned four kickoffs for 49 yards at **Georgia (3/1)** to help his cause in being named Ironman of the Game. He compiled four returns for 68 yards (two kickoffs for 31 yards; two missed field goals for 37 yards) as he earned Ironman of the Game honors for the second consecutive game against **Columbus (3/7)**. **Pettis** earned Ironman of the Game and Ironman of the Week honors for Week Three against **Colorado (3/17)** after posting 188 all-purpose yards, including 21 kickoff return yards. At **San Jose (3/22)** he returned two kicks for 44 yards before being forced to leave the game in the second quarter with a concussion. **Pettis** tallied his first 200-yard all-purpose game of the season at **New York (3/30)** with a 202-yard effort including 100 total return yards (85 ko; 15 mfg). He posted his first 100-yard return game of the season against **Cleveland (4/5)**, notching 105 yards on five returns. **Pettis** recorded his second 200-yard all-purpose game - 25th of his career - with 227 yards (86 ko; 11 mfg; 129 rec.) against **New Orleans (4/12)**. He notched his third 200-yard all-purpose game - and 26th of his career - at **Philadelphia (4/28)** with a 256-yard effort (133 rec.; 99 ko; 24 rush) against the Soul. For the third consecutive game, **Pettis** notched over 200 all-purpose yards, this time with 256 yards (89 rec., 152 ko; 15 mfg) at **Columbus (5/3)** along with his second 100-yard kickoff return game with 152 yards against the Destroyers. He returned five kickoffs for 70 yards against **Grand Rapids (5/10)**. **Pettis** was inactive against **Arizona (5/17)** due to injury (hip flexor). He did not return any kickoffs at **Orlando (5/23)** or at **Cleveland (5/31)**. **Pettis** was one of two kick returners against **Philadelphia (6/7)** but did not return any kicks. He was inactive (concussion) against **New York (6/14)** and at **Chicago (6/22)**.

Two other players took over kickoff return duties late in the year in veterans **Josh Bush** - who has 2,884 career kickoff return yards and eight touchdowns - and **Andrae Thurman** - who returned punts and kickoffs in a brief stint while in the NFL.

Bush wrapped up the year second in the league (second in the conference) with a 21.3-yard kickoff return average and returned the second-most (first in the conference) kickoffs for touchdowns with four and his 939 yards placed him 14th in the league. He notched career highs in 2008 in kickoff returns (44), yards (939), average (21.3) and touchdowns (four).

Bush returned two kickoffs for 51 yards against **Columbus (3/7)**. He had three returns for 48 yards against **Colorado (3/17)**. **Bush** led the team at **San Jose (3/22)** with three returns for 57 yards. He was inactive at **New York (3/30)** with a hamstring injury. **Bush** was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on April 4 and missed the game against the next five games. He returned to action against **Arizona (5/17)** and took the opening kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown to mark the Desperados first kickoff return for a touchdown of the season. **Bush** finished the day with five kickoffs for 123 yards and a touchdown. At **Orlando (5/23)** he returned four kickoffs for 63 yards with a long return of 31 yards. **Bush** returned six kickoffs for 110 yards at **Cleveland (5/31)**. He tallied career-highs in kickoff returns (eight) and kickoff return yards (185) while also returning a kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. **Bush**

returned a kickoff 56 yards for a touchdown for the second consecutive game against **New York (6/14)** while totaling 131 yards on five returns and 25 yards on a missed field goal return. At **Chicago (6/22)** he returned eight kickoffs for 171 yards and a touchdown before leaving the game in the fourth quarter with an ankle injury. **Bush** was placed on the Reserve/Injured list on June 24 and missed the postseason.

Thurman saw extensive action in the Wildcard Playoff game against **New York (6/27)**, returning five kickoffs for 110 yards.

COVERAGE UNITS

The Desperados special teams coverage units continued to provide solid coverage in 2008, including top tacklers **Duke Pettijohn** (19.5) and **Josh White** (13.5).

In the season opener at **Georgia (3/1)**, Dallas's kick coverage team held the Force inside their own 10-yard line in six-of-nine kickoffs and limited Georgia's return game to a 12.7 average. Against **Columbus (3/7)** they limited the Destroyers return game to a 12.7 average and forced them to start within their own 10-yard-line on four-of-seven kickoffs. The coverage unit allowed a 16.5 kickoff return average against **Colorado (3/17)**, but held the Crush offense inside their own 10-yard line on four-of-eight kickoffs and recovered an onside kick. At **San Jose (3/22)** the coverage unit held the SaberCats to an 11.9 average-per-return while forcing them to start within their own 10-yard line on seven-of-10 kickoffs. The kickoff coverage unit forced the Dragons offense to start inside their own 10-yard line on three-of-four kickoffs at **New York (3/30)** while also limiting them to a 7.5-yard kickoff return average. Against **Cleveland (4/5)** the kickoff coverage team came up with a net recovery for a touchdown when David Dixon recovered the ball in the end-zone. They also pinned the Gladiators offense inside their own 10-yard line on five-of-eight kickoffs. Against **New Orleans (4/12)** the coverage unit allowed the first kickoff return touchdown of the season. At **Philadelphia (4/28)** the Desperados coverage unit held the Soul to a 6.8 return average on four returns while also forcing the Soul to start inside their own 10-yard line on two-of-four kickoffs. At **Columbus (5/3)** they came up with an onside kick recovery when Armstrong grabbed a high bounce from Hamilton to give the Desperados offense the ball back at the Dallas 13-yard line early in the first quarter. The unit also limited the Destroyers returners to an 18.0 return average while also forcing Columbus's offense to start inside its own 10-yard line on four-of-seven kickoffs. Against **Grand Rapids (5/10)** the coverage unit held the Rampage to a 10.2 return average while forcing them to start inside its own 10-yard line on five-of-eight drives. The Desperados forced the Rattlers to start inside their own 10-yard line on three-of-eight kickoffs and limited their return game to a 12.2 average against **Arizona (5/17)**. Dallas's kick coverage unit held the Predators return game to a 10.4 average at **Orlando (5/23)**, recovered one-of-three onside kicks, recovered a net recovery that set up a Desperados touchdown on offense and forced the Predators offense to start inside their own 10-yard line on two-of-10 kickoffs. At **Cleveland (5/31)** the unit held the Gladiators return game to a 8.7 average and forced their offense to start inside their own 10-yard line on three-of-eight kickoffs. The kickoff coverage unit limited the Soul's return game to a 14.3 average while also forcing their offense to start inside their own 10-yard line on four-of-nine kickoffs against **Philadelphia (6/7)**. Against **New York (6/14)** the Desperados kickoff coverage unit forced the Dragons offense to start inside their own 10-yard line on four-of-nine kickoffs while holding their return game to a 17.6 average. In the regular season finale at **Chicago (6/22)** Dallas's kickoff coverage unit allowed the Rush an 18.4 return average, including a 57-yard touchdown return, but forced Chicago's offense to start inside its own 10-yard line on three-of-eight kickoffs.

FINAL 2008 DALLAS DESPERADOS SEASON STATISTICS

| RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (12-4) | | |
|-------------------------------|-------|----------------|
| W | 51-41 | @ Georgia |
| W | 46-36 | COLUMBUS |
| W | 41-40 | COLORADO |
| W | 39-36 | @ San Jose |
| W | 33-36 | @ New York |
| W | 26-51 | CLEVELAND |
| W | 55-44 | NEW ORLEANS |
| L | 28-57 | BYE |
| W | 48-45 | @ Philadelphia |
| W | 48-45 | Columbus |
| W | 65-54 | GRAND RAPIDS |
| L | 54-54 | ARIZONA |
| W | 67-41 | @ Orlando |
| W | 68-52 | @ Cleveland |
| L | 64-71 | PHILADELPHIA |
| W | 51-49 | NEW YORK |
| L | 63-75 | @ Chicago |

| TEAM STATISTICS | | DALLAS | OPP |
|-----------------------|--|----------|---------|
| FIRST DOWNS | | 335 | 342 |
| Rushing | | 39 | 42 |
| Passing | | 241 | 247 |
| Penalty | | 55 | 53 |
| Third Down-Made/Att | | 51/101 | 44/96 |
| Third Down Efficiency | | 50.5 | 45.8 |
| Fourth Down-Made/Att | | 13/27 | 17/30 |
| TOTAL NET YARDS | | 4,517 | 4,553 |
| Avg. Per Game | | 282.3 | 284.6 |
| Total Plays | | 709 | 723 |
| Avg. Per Play | | 6.4 | 6.3 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | | 361 | 351 |
| Avg. Per Game | | 22.6 | 21.9 |
| Total Rushes | | 139 | 116 |
| Avg. Per Rush | | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| NET YARDS PASSING | | 4,156 | 4,202 |
| Avg. Per Game | | 259.8 | 262.6 |
| Sacked/Yards Lost | | 10/64 | 21/128 |
| Gross Yards | | 4,220 | 4,330 |
| Attempts/Completions | | 560/358 | 586/384 |
| Pct. of Completions | | 63.9 | 65.5 |
| Had Intercepted | | 13 | 15 |
| KICKOFF RET./AVG. | | 100/17.7 | 95/15.1 |
| MISS FG RET./AVG. | | 7/14.4 | 6/21.5 |
| INT./AVG. RET. | | 15/15.7 | 13/12.7 |
| PENALTIES/YARDS | | 158/919 | 142/819 |
| FUMBLES/BALL LOST | | 16/10 | 17/9 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | | 121 | 112 |
| Rushing | | 25 | 22 |
| Passing | | 88 | 83 |
| Returns | | 8 | 7 |
| EXTRA POINTS/ATTEMPTS | | 101/119 | 91/105 |
| TWO POINT CONV./ATTS | | 1/2 | 4/8 |
| FIELD GOALS/ATTEMPTS | | 8/16 | 9/21 |
| AVG. TIME OF POSS. | | 29:56 | 30:04 |

| SCORING | TDR | TDP | TDRt | 2-Pt | FG | PAT | S | TP |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------|------|---------|----|-----|
| Nash | 0 | 33 | 0 | 1 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 200 |
| Pettis | 5 | 25 | 1e | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 186 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8/16 | 101/119 | 0 | 125 |
| Armstrong | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 108 |
| White | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 54 |
| Thurman | 0 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 42 |
| Bush | 0 | 2 | 4d | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 36 |
| Dolezel | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 36 |
| Sanders | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 30 |
| Dixon | 1 | 0 | 1b | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12 |
| Perry | 0 | 0 | 2c | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12 |
| Calahan | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6 |
| Dotsy | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6 |
| Pettijohn | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 2 |
| Simpkins | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 2 |
| Stewart | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 2 |
| Weatherington | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 1 | 2 |
| DESPERADOS TOT. | 25 | 88 | 8 | 1 | 8/16 | 101/119 | 4^ | 861 |
| Opp. Totals | 22 | 83 | 7* | 4 | 9/21 | 91/105 | 0 | 798 |

- 2-Pt. Conversions: Team 1-2, Opponents 4-8
 b- D. Dixon net recovery in endzone vs. Cleveland (4/5)
 c- B. Perry interception return 33 yards vs. Cleveland (4/5)
 B. Perry interception return 18 yards vs. Philadelphia (6/7)
 d- J. Bush kickoff return 56 yards vs. Arizona (5/17)
 J. Bush kickoff return 56 yards vs. Philadelphia (6/7)
 J. Bush kickoff return 56 yards vs. New York (6/14)
 J. Bush kickoff return 56 yards at Chicago (6/22)
 e- W. Pettis interception return 42 yards at Orlando (5/23)
 C. Weatherington blocked field goal into endzone at New York (3/30)
 D. Stewart sack in the endzone vs. Philadelphia (5/10)
 D. Pettijohn tackle in endzone at Orlando (5/23)
 R. Simpkins sack in the endzone at Orlando (5/23)
 * F. Coleman fumble recovery in endzone at Georgia (3/1)
 A. Estrada interception return 43 yards at New York (3/30)
 W. Williams kickoff return 56 yards vs. New Orleans (4/12)
 N. LeJeune interception return 18 yards vs. New Orleans (4/12)
 T. Harvey missed field goal return 54 yards vs. Arizona (5/17)
 D. Alexander fumble recovery in endzone at Chicago (6/22)
 J. Ordway kickoff return 57 yards at Chicago (6/22)
 & M. Brown returned a blocked PAT at Philadelphia (4/28)

| RUSHING | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|----|
| White | 88 | 258 | 2.9 | 19 | 8 |
| Sanders | 21 | 38 | 1.8 | 8t | 3 |
| Pettis | 9 | 37 | 4.1 | 20 | 5 |
| Dolezel | 12 | 15 | 1.3 | 8t | 6 |
| Nash | 5 | 8 | 1.6 | 6 | 0 |
| Dixon | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 3t | 1 |
| Armstrong | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 |
| Thurman | 2 | 1 | 0.5 | 1 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 139 | 361 | 2.6 | 20 | 25 |
| Opp. Totals | 116 | 351 | 3.0 | 31 | 22 |

| RECEIVING | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|-----|-------|------|------|----|
| Nash | 109 | 1,318 | 12.1 | 45t | 33 |
| Pettis | 95 | 1,035 | 10.9 | 37t | 25 |
| Armstrong | 85 | 1,148 | 13.5 | 47t | 18 |
| Thurman | 25 | 290 | 11.6 | 27t | 7 |
| Bush | 17 | 171 | 10.1 | 26t | 2 |
| White | 12 | 101 | 8.4 | 23 | 1 |
| Dotsy | 11 | 90 | 8.2 | 22 | 1 |
| Perry | 2 | 49 | 24.5 | 44 | 0 |
| Calahan | 2 | 18 | 9.0 | 15 | 1 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 358 | 4,220 | 11.8 | 47 t | 88 |
| Opp. Totals | 384 | 4,330 | 11.3 | 45 t | 83 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Perry | 6 | 70 | 11.7 | 33t | 2 |
| Jones | 3 | 30 | 10.0 | 20 | 0 |
| Pettis | 2 | 71 | 35.5 | 42t | 1 |
| Franklin | 1 | 24 | 24.0 | 24 | 0 |
| Thurman | 1 | 17 | 17.0 | 17 | 0 |
| Hunter | 1 | 13 | 13.0 | 13 | 0 |
| Simpkins | 1 | 10 | 10.0 | 10 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 15 | 235 | 15.7 | 42t | 3 |
| Opp. Totals | 13 | 165 | 12.7 | 43t | 2 |

| KICKOFF RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|-----|-------|------|-----|----|
| Bush | 44 | 939 | 21.3 | 56t | 4 |
| Pettis | 43 | 741 | 17.2 | 36 | 0 |
| Armstrong | 7 | 31 | 4.4 | 21 | 0 |
| Dennis | 2 | 28 | 14.0 | 14 | 0 |
| Thurman | 2 | 7 | 3.5 | 4 | 0 |
| Pettijohn | 1 | 18 | 18.0 | 18 | 0 |
| Franklin | 1 | 1 | 1.0 | 1 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 100 | 1,765 | 17.7 | 56t | 4 |
| Opp. Totals | 95 | 1,434 | 15.1 | 57t | 2 |

| MISS FG RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Pettis | 6 | 76 | 12.7 | 19 | 0 |
| Bush | 1 | 25 | 25.0 | 25 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 7 | 101 | 14.4 | 25 | 0 |
| Opp. Totals | 6 | 129 | 21.5 | 54t | 1 |

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | T |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 176 | 247 | 205 | 233 | -- | 861 |
| Opp. Totals | 164 | 251 | 164 | 219 | -- | 798 |

| FIELD GOALS | 11-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Hamilton | 1/1 | 5/8 | 1/3 | 1/3 | 0/1 |
| DESPERADOS | 1/1 | 5/8 | 1/3 | 1/3 | 0/1 |
| Opp. Totals | 2/2 | 4/6 | 1/5 | 1/3 | 1/5 |

Hamilton: (38M,20);(25,29M,20M);(25,45);(33M,24);(20);
 (42M);(58M);(45M);(25M);(36);(17);(0)
 Opponents: (36M);(54M,47M,31);(0);(57M,19,50B);(28,22,26);
 (18,32M,31M);(47M,25M);(50,24,31M);(24M);(0);
 (41);(65M);(0)

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | YDS | PCT | AVG ATT | TD | PCT TD | INT | PCT INT | LG | SKS/YDS | RATING |
|-------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|---------|----|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|--------|
| Dolezel | 387 | 257 | 3,031 | 66.4 | 7.8 | 66 | 17.1 | 10 | 2.6 | 47t | 4/27 | 118.9 |
| Sanders | 171 | 99 | 1,183 | 57.9 | 6.9 | 20 | 11.7 | 3 | 1.8 | 47t | 6/37 | 101.1 |
| Pettis | 2 | 2 | 6 | 100.0 | 3.0 | 2 | 100.0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3t | 0/0 | 118.8 |
| DESPERADOS TOTALS | 560 | 358 | 4,220 | 63.9 | 7.5 | 88 | 15.7 | 13 | 2.3 | 47t | 10/64 | 116.4 |
| Opp. Totals | 586 | 384 | 4,330 | 65.5 | 7.4 | 83 | 14.2 | 15 | 2.6 | 45t | 21/128 | 112.2 |

FINAL 2008 DALLAS DESPERADOS DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(not including special teams tackles)

| | Tackles | | | Sacks | Tkl/ Loss | QB Pres. | Int | Pass Def. | Fumbles For.-Rec. | Blk Kick |
|---------------------------|---------|------|---------|-----------|--------------|-------------|-----|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | Solo | Ast. | Total | | | | | | | |
| 1. Perry, Bobby | .64 | - 16 | -- 72.0 | | 2.0(-2) | | 6 | 17 | 1-1 | |
| 2. Jones, Jermaine | .56 | - 4 | -- 58.0 | | | | 3 | 15 | | |
| 3. Harris, Johnnie | .40 | - 5 | -- 42.5 | | | | | 6 | 2-0 | |
| 4. Pettijohn, Duke | .34 | - 14 | -- 41.0 | 4.0(-21) | 6.0(-26) | 8 | | 2 | 0-2 | |
| 5. Franklin, Donvetis | .23 | - 10 | -- 28.0 | | | | 1 | 10 | | |
| 6. Dennis, DaShane | .23 | - 8 | -- 27.0 | | | | | 3 | | |
| 7. Weatherington, Colston | .20 | - 8 | -- 24.0 | 10.5(-64) | 11.0(-67) | 8 | | 5 | 4-2 | |
| 8. Hunter, Pete | .22 | - 3 | -- 23.5 | | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| 9. Pettis, Will | .21 | - 3 | -- 22.5 | | | | 2 | 4 | | |
| 10. Garnett, Winfield | .11 | - 7 | -- 14.5 | 1.0(-8) | 1.0(-8) | 4 | | | | |
| 11. Simpkins, Rickie | .08 | - 10 | -- 13.0 | 2.0(-14) | 2.5(-17) | 1 | 1 | 1 | | |
| 12. Keyes, Bobby | .08 | - 0 | -- 8.0 | | 1.0(-2) | | | 1 | | |
| 13. Dixon, David | .07 | - 2 | -- 8.0 | 0.5(0) | | | | | 0-1 | |
| 14. Pollard, Robert | .05 | - 2 | -- 6.0 | 1.0(-10) | 1.0(-10) | 4 | | | 1-0 | |
| 15. Thurman, Andrae | .04 | - 2 | -- 5.0 | | | | 1 | 1 | 0-1 | |
| 16. White, Josh | .02 | - 4 | -- 4.0 | | | | | | | |
| 17. Stewart, Daleroy | .02 | - 3 | -- 3.5 | 1.0(-7) | 1.0(-7) | | | 1 | 1-0 | |
| 18. Calahan, Jeremy | .02 | - 2 | -- 3.0 | | | | | | | |
| 19. Bush, Josh | .02 | - 0 | -- 2.0 | | | | | | | |
| 20. Brown, Cyron | .01 | - 2 | -- 2.0 | 1.0(-4) | 1.0(-4) | | | | | |
| 21. Sutton, Mike | .01 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | | | | | 0-1 | |

SPECIAL TEAMS

| | Tackles | | | Fumbles For.-Rec. | Block Kick |
|------------------------|---------|------|---------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Solo | Ast. | Total | | |
| 1. Pettijohn, Duke | .18 | - 3 | -- 19.5 | | 1 |
| 2. White, Josh | .12 | - 3 | -- 13.5 | | |
| 3. Armstrong, Anthony | .06 | - 5 | -- 8.5 | | |
| 4. Perry, Bobby | .06 | - 4 | -- 8.0 | | |
| 5. Bush, Josh | .05 | - 2 | -- 6.0 | | |
| 6. Dennis, DaShane | .03 | - 2 | -- 4.0 | | |
| David Dixon | .03 | - 2 | -- 4.0 | | |
| 8. Hamilton, Remy | .03 | - 1 | -- 3.5 | | |
| 9. Franklin, Donvetis | .03 | - 0 | -- 3.0 | | |
| 10. Harris, Johnnie | .02 | - 0 | -- 2.0 | | |
| Thurman, Andrae | .02 | - 0 | -- 2.0 | | |
| 12. Pete Hunter | .01 | - 1 | -- 1.5 | | |
| 13. Calahan, Jeremy | .01 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | |
| Fife, Jason | .01 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | |
| Reddick, Troy | .01 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | |
| 16. Brown, Cyron | | | | | 1 |
| Weatherington, Colston | | | | | 1 |

SACKS

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Weatherington, Colston | ..10.5(-64) |
| 2. Pettijohn, Duke |4.0(-21) |
| 3. Simpkins, Rickie |2.0(-14) |
| 4. Pollard, Robert |1.0(-10) |
| Garnett, Winfield |1.0(-8) |
| Stewart, Daleroy |1.0(-7) |
| Brown, Cyron |1.0(-4) |

TACKLES FOR LOSS

| | |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| 1. Weatherington, Colston | ..11.0(-67) |
| 2. Pettijohn, Duke |6.0(-26) |
| 3. Simpkins, Rickie |2.5(-17) |
| 4. Perry, Bobby |2.0(-2) |

PASSES DEFENSED

| | |
|---------------------------|---------|
| 1. Perry, Bobby |17 |
| 2. Jones, Jermaine |15 |
| 3. Franklin, Donvetis |10 |
| 4. Harris, Johnnie |6 |
| 5. Weatherington, Colston |5 |

INTERCEPTIONS

| | |
|-----------------------|--------|
| 1. Perry, Bobby |6 |
| 2. Jones, Jermaine |3 |
| 3. Pettis, Will |2 |
| 4. Franklin, Donvetis |1 |
| Hunter, Pete |1 |
| Simpkins, Rickie |1 |
| Thurman, Andrae |1 |

FORCED FUMBLES

| | |
|---------------------------|--------|
| 1. Weatherington, Colston |4 |
| 2. Harris, Johnnie |2 |
| 3. Perry, Bobby |1 |
| Pollard, Robert |1 |
| Stewart, Daleroy |1 |

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

| | |
|------------------------|--------|
| 1. Pettijohn, Duke |2 |
| Weatherington, Colston |2 |
| 2. Dixon, David |1 |
| Perry, Bobby |1 |
| Sutton, Mike |1 |
| Thurman, Andrae |1 |

FINAL 2008 DALLAS DESPERADOS POSTSEASON STATISTICS

RESULTS AND ATTENDANCE (0-1)

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| TEAM STATISTICS | | DALLAS | OPP |
|-----------------------|--|--------|--------|
| FIRST DOWNS | | 25 | 23 |
| Rushing | | 3 | 2 |
| Passing | | 20 | 18 |
| Penalty | | 2 | 3 |
| Third Down-Made/Att | | 7/8 | 4/5 |
| Third Down Efficiency | | 87.5 | 80.0 |
| Fourth Down-Made/Att | | 0/0 | 1/1 |
| TOTAL NET YARDS | | 332 | 338 |
| Avg. Per Game | | 332.0 | 338.0 |
| Total Plays | | 52 | 44 |
| Avg. Per Play | | 6.4 | 7.7 |
| NET YARDS RUSHING | | 7 | 18 |
| Avg. Per Game | | 7.0 | 18.0 |
| Total Rushes | | 5 | 4 |
| Avg. Per Rush | | 1.4 | 4.5 |
| NET YARDS PASSING | | 325 | 320 |
| Avg. Per Game | | 325.0 | 320.0 |
| Sacked/Yards Lost | | 0/0 | 1/10 |
| Gross Yards | | 325 | 330 |
| Attempts/Completions | | 47/35 | 39/28 |
| Pct. of Completions | | 74.5 | 71.8 |
| Had Intercepted | | 1 | 1 |
| KICKOFF RET./AVG. | | 5/22.0 | 4/11.0 |
| MISS FG RET./AVG. | | 0/0.0 | 0/0.0 |
| INT./AVG. RET. | | 1/0.0 | 1/43.0 |
| PENALTIES/YARDS | | 5/35 | 12/78 |
| FUMBLES/BALL LOST | | 1/1 | 0/0 |
| TOUCHDOWNS | | 9 | 11 |
| Rushing | | 2 | 2 |
| Passing | | 7 | 9 |
| Returns | | 0 | 0 |
| EXTRA POINTS/ATTEMPTS | | 9/9 | 11/11 |
| TWO POINT CONV./ATTS | | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| FIELD GOALS/ATTEMPTS | | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| AVG. TIME OF POSS. | | 29:54 | 30:06 |

| SCORING | TDR | TDP | TDRt | 2-Pt | FG | PAT | S | TP |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|-------|---|----|
| Pettis | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 24 |
| Armstrong | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12 |
| Thurman | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 12 |
| Hamilton | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 9/9 | 0 | 9 |
| White | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0 | 6 |
| DESPERADOS TOT. | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0/0 | 9/9 | 0 | 63 |
| Opp. Totals | 2 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 0/0 | 11/11 | 0 | 77 |

2-Pt. Conversions: Team 0-0, Opponents 0-0

| RUSHING | ATT | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| White | 4 | 4 | 1.0 | 4 | 1 |
| Pettis | 1 | 3 | 3.0 | 3t | 1 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 5 | 7 | 1.4 | 4 | 2 |
| Opp. Totals | 4 | 18 | 4.5 | 12t | 2 |

| RECEIVING | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|----|-----|------|-----|----|
| Pettis | 12 | 89 | 7.4 | 15 | 3 |
| Armstrong | 10 | 100 | 10.0 | 26t | 2 |
| Nash | 7 | 77 | 11.0 | 23 | 0 |
| Thurman | 3 | 18 | 6.0 | 7t | 2 |
| Cy. Brown | 2 | 27 | 13.5 | 31 | 0 |
| White | 1 | 14 | 14.0 | 14 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 35 | 325 | 9.3 | 31 | 7 |
| Opp. Totals | 28 | 330 | 11.8 | 28t | 9 |

| INTERCEPTIONS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| Jones | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 1 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opp. Totals | 1 | 43 | 43.0 | 43 | 0 |

| KICKOFF RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|----|-----|------|----|----|
| Thurman | 5 | 110 | 22.0 | 34 | 0 |
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 5 | 110 | 22.0 | 34 | 0 |
| Opp. Totals | 4 | 44 | 11.0 | 15 | 0 |

| MISS FG RETURNS | NO | YDS | AVG | LG | TD |
|------------------|----|-----|-----|----|----|
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |
| Opp. Totals | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 |

| SCORE BY QUARTERS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | OT | T |
|-------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| DESPERADO TOTALS | 7 | 21 | 7 | 28 | -- | 63 |
| Opp. Totals | 14 | 21 | 14 | 28 | -- | 77 |

| FIELD GOALS | 11-19 | 20-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50+ |
|-------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| Hamilton | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| DESPERADOS | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |
| Opp. Totals | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 | 0/0 |

Hamilton:()
Opponents:()

| PASSING | ATT | COMP | YDS | PCT | AVG ATT | TD | PCT TD | INT | PCT INT | LG | SKS/YDS | RATING |
|-------------------|-----|------|-----|------|---------|----|--------|-----|---------|-----|---------|--------|
| Dolezel | 47 | 35 | 325 | 74.5 | 6.9 | 7 | 14.9 | 1 | 2.1 | 31 | 0/0 | 121.3 |
| DESPERADOS TOTALS | 47 | 35 | 325 | 74.5 | 6.9 | 7 | 14.9 | 1 | 2.1 | 31 | 0/0 | 121.3 |
| Opp. Totals | 39 | 28 | 330 | 71.8 | 8.5 | 9 | 23.1 | 1 | 2.6 | 28t | 1/10 | 126.1 |

FINAL 2008 DALLAS DESPERADOS POSTSEASON DEFENSIVE STATISTICS

(not including special teams tackles)

| | Tackles | | | Sacks | Tkl/ Loss | QB Pres. | Int | Pass Def. | Fumbles For.-Rec. | Blk Kick |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|----------|----------|--------------|-------------|-----|--------------|----------------------|-------------|
| | Solo | - Ast. | -- Total | | | | | | | |
| 1. Franklin, Donvetis | 4 | - 0 | -- 4.0 | | | | | 1 | | |
| 2. Jones, Jermaine | 4 | - 0 | -- 4.0 | | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| 3. Perry, Bobby | 4 | - 0 | -- 4.0 | | | | | | | |
| 4. Weatherington, Colston | 3 | - 0 | -- 3.0 | 1.0(-10) | 1.0(-10) | 1 | | 1 | | |
| 5. Pettis, Will | 3 | - 0 | -- 3.0 | | | | | 1 | | |
| 6. Pettijohn, Duke | 2 | - 0 | -- 2.0 | | | | | | | |
| 7. Calahan, Jeremy | 1 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | | | | | | |
| Stewart, Daleroy | 1 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | 1.0(-2) | | | | | |
| White, Josh | 1 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | | | | | | |

SPECIAL TEAMS

| | Tackles | | | Fumbles For.-Rec. | Block Kick |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|----------|----------------------|---------------|
| | Solo | - Ast. | -- Total | | |
| 1. White, Josh | 2 | - 0 | -- 2.0 | | |
| 2. Franklin, Donvetis | 1 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | |
| Keyes, Bobby | 1 | - 0 | -- 1.0 | | |

SACKS

1. Weatherington, Colston1.0(-10)

TACKLES FOR LOSS

1. Weatherington, Colston1.0(-10)
2. Stewart, Daleroy1.0(-2)

PASSES DEFENSED

1. Jones, Jermaine3
2. Franklin, Donvetis1
- Pettis, Will1
- Weatherington, Colston1

INTERCEPTIONS

1. Jones, Jermaine1

FORCED FUMBLES

FUMBLE RECOVERIES

2008 UNOFFICIAL DESPERADOS DEPTH CHART

OFFENSE

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
| WR | -- | 3 | Will Pettis | 6 | Bobby Perry | |
| TE | -- | 84 | Terrance Dotsy | <u>42</u> | <u>Cody Douglas</u> | 77 Cyron Brown |
| C | -- | 66 | Jeff Chase | 84 | Terrance Dotsy | |
| G | -- | 96 | Jeremy Calahan | <u>78</u> | <u>Van Nelson</u> | 77 Cyron Brown |
| WR | -- | 82 | Marcus Nash | | | |
| WR | -- | 17 | Anthony Armstrong | 9 | Andrae Thurman | |
| QB | -- | 13 | Clint Dolezel | 5 | Chris Sanders | |
| FB | -- | 40 | Josh White | 45 | Duke Pettijohn | |

DEFENSE

| | | | | | | |
|-----|----|----|-----------------------|----|-----------------------|--|
| DE | -- | 90 | Daleroy Stewart | 94 | <u>Robert Pollard</u> | |
| NT | -- | 99 | Rickie Simpkins | 96 | Jeremy Calahan | |
| DE | -- | 55 | Colston Weatherington | 77 | Cyron Brown | |
| MLB | -- | 45 | Duke Pettijohn | 40 | Josh White | |
| JLB | -- | 6 | Bobby Perry | 9 | Andrae Thurman | |
| DB | -- | 7 | Jermaine Jones | 6 | Bobby Perry | |
| DB | -- | 3 | Will Pettis | 4 | Bobby Keyes | |
| DB | -- | 1 | Donvetis Franklin | 21 | DaShane Dennis | |

SPECIALISTS

| | | | | | | |
|----|----|----|----------------|----|----------------|--|
| K | -- | 19 | Remy Hamilton | | | |
| H | -- | 5 | Chris Sanders | | | |
| LS | -- | 96 | Jeremy Calahan | 45 | Duke Pettijohn | |
| KR | -- | 3 | Will Pettis | 21 | DaShane Dennis | |

Rookies underlines
[injured players]

DESPERADOS PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

Clint DOLEZEL.....dahl-ZELL
DONVETIS Franklin.....don-VEE-duss
Duke PETTIJOHNPETTY-john

DALEROY StewartDALE-ROY
COLSTON WeatheringtonCALL-ston

2008 DALLAS DESPERADOS ALPHABETICAL ROSTER

(June 26, 2008)

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>POS</u> | <u>HGT</u> | <u>WGT</u> | <u>BIRTH- DATE</u> | <u>AFL EXP</u> | <u>COLLEGE</u> | <u>HIGH SCHOOL HOMETOWN</u> |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| 17 | Armstrong, Anthony | WR | 5-11 | 175 | 3/29/1983 | 2 | West Texas A&M | Carrollton, TX |
| 77 | Brown, Cyron | OL/DL | 6-6 | 280 | 6/28/1975 | 6 | Western Illinois | Chicago, IL |
| 96 | Calahan, Jeremy | OL/DL | 6-2 | 298 | 7/7/1983 | 2 | Rice | Pflugerville, TX |
| 66 | Chase, Jeff | C | 6-4 | 303 | 3/23/1976 | 6 | Texas A&M-Kingsville | Rowland Heights, CA |
| 21 | Dennis, DaShane | DB | 5-10 | 175 | 8/24/1979 | 5 | Delaware State | Wilmington, DE |
| 13 | Dolezel, Clint | QB | 6-5 | 205 | 3/25/1970 | 13 | East Texas St | Robinson, TX |
| 84 | Dotsy, Terrance | OL/DL | 6-3 | 300 | 11/24/1981 | 4 | California | Oxnard, CA |
| 42 | Douglas, Cody | OL | 6-4 | 315 | 11/25/1983 | R | Tennessee | La Marque, TX |
| 1 | Franklin, Donvetis | DB | 5-11 | 210 | 1/15/1978 | 6 | Michigan State | Fayetteville, NC |
| 19 | Hamilton, Remy | K | 6-1 | 193 | 8/30/1974 | 11 | Michigan | Boca Raton, FL |
| 7 | Jones, Jermaine | DB | 5-9 | 187 | 7/25/1976 | 6 | Northwestern St (LA) | Morgan City, LA |
| 4 | Keyes, Bobby | DB | 5-11 | 185 | 11/14/1982 | 2 | Alabama-Birmingham | Raleigh, MS |
| 82 | Nash, Marcus | WR | 6-4 | 220 | 2/1/1976 | 6 | Tennessee | Edmond, OK |
| 78 | Nelson, Van | OL | 6-3 | 335 | 9/8/1980 | R | Texas A&M-Kingsville | Amarillo, TX |
| 6 | Perry, Bobby | LB | 6-3 | 210 | 4/4/1980 | 4 | Prairie View A&M | Miami, FL |
| 45 | Pettijohn, Duke | FB/LB | 6-2 | 255 | 6/7/1977 | 7 | Syracuse | Mattapan, MA |
| 3 | Pettis, Will | WR/DB | 6-0 | 200 | 12/11/1977 | 6 | Midwestern St | Hinesville, GA |
| 94 | Pollard, Robert | DL | 6-2 | 285 | 6/28/1981 | R | Texas Christian | Beaumont, TX |
| 5 | Sanders, Chris | QB | 6-1 | 215 | 12/22/1977 | 5 | UT-Chattanooga | Flower Mound, TX |
| 99 | Simpkins, Rickie | OL/DL | 6-3 | 295 | 5/16/1978 | 8 | Syracuse | Queens, NY |
| 90 | Stewart, Daleroy | OL/DL | 6-4 | 327 | 11/1/1978 | 3 | Southern Mississippi | Vero Beach, FL |
| 9 | Thurman, Andrae | WR/LB | 5-11 | 190 | 10/25/1980 | 2 | Southern Oregon | Avondale, AZ |
| 55 | Weatherington, Colston | OL/DL | 6-5 | 275 | 10/29/1977 | 5 | Central Missouri St | Graceville, FL |
| 40 | White, Josh | FB/LB | 6-0 | 255 | 3/8/1977 | 5 | California | Honolulu, HI |
| RESERVE/INJURED | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Brown, Chris | DB | 6-2 | 200 | 12/14/1979 | 4 | Grambling State | Zachary, LA |
| 18 | Bush, Josh | WR | 5-9 | 170 | 7/23/1980 | 5 | Western Michigan | Miami, FL |
| 50 | Dixon, David | FB/LB | 6-1 | 240 | 2/14/1985 | R | Hutchinson JC (KS) | Beaumont, TX |
| 11 | Fife, Jason | QB | 6-4 | 225 | 1/23/1981 | 2 | Oregon | Elsinore, CA |
| 92 | Garnett, Winfield | DL | 6-6 | 320 | 7/24/1976 | 4 | Ohio State | Harvey, IL |
| 65 | Reddick, Troy | OL | 6-3 | 320 | 12/12/1983 | 2 | Auburn | Albany, GA |
| PRACTICE SQUAD | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | Bilbo, Damarius | WR | 6-3 | 220 | 12/3/1982 | R | Georgia Tech | Moss Point, MS |
| 71 | Gonzalez, Adrian | OL | 6-5 | 320 | 12/3/1982 | 2 | Louisiana Tech | Dallas, TX |
| 89 | Mason, Troy | WR | 5-9 | 170 | 3/17/1980 | 2 | UNLV | Bastrop, LA |
| 8 | Smith, Bret | WR | 6-3 | 195 | 1/14/1985 | R | Tennessee | Warren, AR |

2008 DALLAS DESPERADOS NUMERICAL ROSTER

(June 26, 2008)

| <u>NO.</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>POS</u> | <u>HGT</u> | <u>WGT</u> | <u>AGE</u> | <u>AFL</u> <u>EXP</u> | <u>COLLEGE</u> | <u>HOW ACQ</u> | <u>'08 GAMES/ GP-GS-DNP-IA</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|--------------------------|----------------------|----------------|------------------------------------|
| 1 | Donvetis Franklin | DB | 5-11 | 210 | 30 | 6 | Michigan State | FA-'08 | 7 6 0 0 |
| 3 | Will Pettis | WR/DB | 6-0 | 200 | 30 | 6 | Midwestern St | FA-'02 | 1313 0 3 |
| 4 | Bobby Keyes | DB | 5-11 | 185 | 25 | 2 | Alabama-Birmingham | FA-'07 | 4 3 0 8 |
| 5 | Chris Sanders | QB | 6-1 | 215 | 30 | 5 | UT-Chattanooga | FA-'08 | 16 4 0 0 |
| 6 | Bobby Perry | WR/LB | 6-3 | 210 | 28 | 4 | Prairie View A&M | FA-'05 | 1616 0 0 |
| 7 | Jermaine Jones | DB | 5-9 | 187 | 31 | 6 | Northwestern St (LA) | FA-'03 | 1414 0 2 |
| 9 | Andrae Thurman | WR/LB | 5-11 | 190 | 27 | 2 | Southern Oregon | FA-'07 | 8 3 0 2 |
| 13 | Clint Dolezel | QB | 6-5 | 205 | 38 | 13 | East Texas St | FA-'06 | 1212 0 0 |
| 17 | Anthony Armstrong | WR | 5-11 | 175 | 25 | 2 | West Texas A&M | FA-'07 | 1616 0 0 |
| 19 | Remy Hamilton | K | 6-1 | 193 | 33 | 11 | Michigan | FA-'08 | 16 0 0 0 |
| 21 | DaShane Dennis | DB | 5-10 | 175 | 28 | 5 | Delaware State | FA-'08 | 6 6 0 1 |
| 40 | Josh White | FB/LB | 6-0 | 255 | 31 | 5 | California | T(UTAH)-'06 | 1616 0 0 |
| 42 | Cody Douglas | OL | 6-4 | 315 | 24 | R | Tennessee | FA-'08 | 0 0 0 3 |
| 45 | Duke Pettijohn | FB/LB | 6-2 | 255 | 31 | 7 | Syracuse | FA-'04 | 1616 0 0 |
| 55 | Colston Weatherington | OL/DL | 6-5 | 275 | 30 | 5 | Central Missouri St | FA-'04 | 1616 0 0 |
| 66 | Jeff Chase | C | 6-4 | 303 | 32 | 6 | Texas A&M-Kingsville | T(Phi)-'04 | 1616 0 0 |
| 77 | Cyron Brown | OL/DL | 6-6 | 280 | 32 | 6 | Western Illinois | FA-'08 | 1 1 0 0 |
| 78 | Van Nelson | OL | 6-3 | 335 | 27 | R | Texas A&M-Kingsville | PS(Phi)-'08 | 4 0 0 1 |
| 82 | Marcus Nash | WR | 6-4 | 220 | 32 | 6 | Tennessee | FA-'07 | 1616 0 0 |
| 84 | Terrance Dotsy | OL/DL | 6-3 | 300 | 26 | 4 | California | FA-'05 | 1616 0 0 |
| 90 | Daleroy Stewart | OL/DL | 6-4 | 327 | 29 | 3 | Southern Mississippi | FA-'06 | 6 6 0 10 |
| 94 | Robert Pollard | DL | 6-2 | 285 | 26 | R | Texas Christian | FA-'08 | 3 2 0 2 |
| 96 | Jeremy Calahan | OL/DL | 6-2 | 298 | 24 | 2 | Rice | FA-'07 | 1616 0 0 |
| 99 | Rickie Simpkins | OL/DL | 6-3 | 295 | 30 | 8 | Syracuse | FA-'05 | 1010 0 6 |
| RESERVE/INJURED | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | Chris Brown | DB | 6-2 | 200 | 28 | 4 | Grambling State | T(KC)-'06 | |
| 11 | Jason Fife | QB | 6-4 | 225 | 27 | 2 | Oregon | FA-'08 | 3 0 1 1 |
| 18 | Josh Bush | WR | 5-9 | 170 | 27 | 5 | Western Michigan | FA-'08 | 9 0 0 2 |
| 50 | David Dixon | FB/LB | 6-1 | 240 | 23 | R | Hutchinson JC (KS) | FA-'08 | 5 1 0 6 |
| 65 | Troy Reddick | OL | 6-3 | 320 | 24 | 2 | Auburn | W(KC)-'08 | 11 0 0 0 |
| 92 | Winfield Garnett | DL | 6-6 | 320 | 31 | 4 | Ohio State | T(Cib)-'08 | 1212 0 0 |
| PRACTICE SQUAD | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | Bret Smith | WR | 6-3 | 195 | 25 | R | Syracuse | FA-'08 | |
| 10 | Damarius Bilbo | WR | 6-3 | 220 | 25 | R | Georgia Tech | FA-'08 | |
| 71 | Adrian Gonzalez | OL | 6-5 | 320 | 25 | R | Louisiana Tech | FA-'08 | |
| 89 | Troy Mason | WR | 5-9 | 170 | 28 | 1 | UNLV | FA-'08 | |

2008 DESPERADOS TRANSACTIONS

(by date)

Aug. 23, 2007 -- Re-signed QB **Clint Dolezel** and WR/DB **Will Pettis**.
 Aug. 24, 2007 -- Re-signed FB/LB **Josh White**.
 Sept. 5, 2007 -- Placed OL/DL **Terrance Dotsy** on Reserve/Other League Exempt.
 Sept. 28, 2007 -- Activated OL/DL **Terrance Dotsy** from Reserve/Other League Exempt.
 Oct. 12, 2007 -- Traded OL/DL **Devin Wyman** to Utah for OL **Aaron Gibson**.
 Oct. 29, 2007 -- Signed K **Remy Hamilton**, DB **Johnnie Harris** and OL **Brett Rayl**.
 Nov. 1, 2007 -- Re-signed OL **Jeff Chase**. Signed OL **Chris Berg**, DB **DaShane Dennis** and DL **Bryan Henderson**.
 Nov. 2, 2007 -- Re-signed OL **Aaron Gibson**. Signed OL/DL **Cyron Brown** and QB **Chris Sanders**.
 Nov. 7, 2007 -- WR **Dialleo Burks** retired.
 Nov. 13, 2007 -- Signed WR/DB **Josh Bush**.
 Nov. 16, 2007 -- Signed WR **Jeris McIntyre**.
 Nov. 19, 2007 -- Signed WR **Bret Smith**.
 Nov. 26, 2007 -- Released K **Todd Sievers**. Signed DB **Damien Robinson**.
 Dec. 31, 2007 -- Placed DB **Bobby Keyes** on Reserve/Other League Exempt.
 Jan. 15, 2008 -- Released OL/DL **James Cannida**.
 Jan. 16, 2008 -- Re-signed WR/DB **Will Pettis** and DL **Colston Weatherington**.
 Jan. 18, 2008 -- Claimed OL **Troy Reddick** off waivers from Kansas City.
 Jan. 30, 2008 -- Released DL **Jermaine Brooks**.
 Feb. 4, 2008 -- Re-signed OL **Troy Reddick** and DL **Rickie Simpkins**. Signed LB **David Dixon**.
 Feb. 7, 2008 -- Placed DL **Daleroy Stewart** and DL **Mike Williams** on Reserve/Injured. Signed WR **Shawn Piper** and OL **Darnerius Watson**.
 Feb. 9, 2008 -- Placed WR **Jeris McIntyre** on Reserve/Injured. Signed DL **Robert Pollard**.
 Feb. 11, 2008 -- Released WR **Cedric Bonner** and WR **Shawn Piper**. Activated DL **Daleroy Stewart** from Reserve/Injured. Signed WR **George Williams**. Claimed OL **Marques Ogden** off waivers.
 Feb. 13, 2008 -- Activated DB **Bobby Keyes** from Other League Exempt. Placed OL **Marques Ogden** on Reserve/Refused to Report.
 Feb. 15, 2008 -- Placed DB **Chris Brown** on Reserve/Injured
 Feb. 22, 2008 -- Re-signed DB **Jermaine Jones**. Released DB **Ricky Bell**, OL **Chris Berg**, OL **Aaron Gibson**, WR **Jeris McIntyre**, OL **Brett Rayl**, WR **Bret Smith**, WR **George Williams** and DL **Mike Williams**.
 Feb. 24, 2008 -- Released DL **Bryan Henderson** and OL **Reggie Jiles**. Traded FB/LB **Peter Lazare** to Columbus for DL **Winfield Garnett**. Traded future considerations to Kansas City for DL **Mike Sutton**.
 Feb. 25, 2008 -- Released DB **Damien Robinson** and OL **Darnerius Watson**. Placed DL **Robert Pollard** on Reserve/Injured. Placed **Winfield Garnett** on Reserve/Refused to Report. Placed DL **Daleroy Stewart** on Reserve/Left Squad. Re-signed DL **Mike Sutton**. Franchised QB **Clint Dolezel**, FB/LB **Duke Pettijohn** and WR/DB **Will Pettis**.
 Feb. 27, 2008 -- Activated DL **Winfield Garnett** from Reserve/Refused to Report. Placed OL/DL **Cyron Brown** on Reserve/Injured. Signed WR **Troy Mason** and OL **Darnerius Watson** to the practice squad. Re-signed **Garnett**.
 Mar. 3, 2008 -- Signed WR **Tramissian Davis** to the practice squad.
 Mar. 4, 2008 -- Signed QB **Perry Patterson, Jr.** to the practice squad.
 Mar. 5, 2008 -- Placed WR **Andrae Thurman** on Reserve/Injured. Signed QB **Jason Fife**.
 Mar. 6, 2008 -- Placed QB **Clint Dolezel** on Reserve/Injured. Activated DL **Daleroy Stewart** from Reserve/Left Squad.
 Mar. 20, 2008 -- Placed DB **DaShane Dennis** on Reserve/Injured. Signed DB **Pete Hunter**. Released WR **Tramissian Davis** and OL **Darnerius Watson** from the practice squad. Signed OL **Adrian Gonzalez** and WR **Bret Smith** to the practice squad.
 Mar. 27, 2008 -- Released QB **Perry Patterson** from the practice squad.
 Apr. 4, 2008 -- Activated QB **Clint Dolezel** from Reserve/Injured. Placed WR **Josh Bush** on Reserve/Injured.
 Apr. 11, 2008 -- Placed QB **Jason Fife** on Reserve/Injured.
 Apr. 16, 2008 -- Signed DB **Eric Buchanan** to the practice squad.
 Apr. 27, 2008 -- Activated WR **Andrae Thurman** from Reserve/Injured.
 Apr. 30, 2008 -- Released DL **Mike Sutton**.
 May 2, 2008 -- Activated OL/DL **Cyron Brown** from Reserve/Injured. Released DB **Eric Buchanan** from the practice squad. Signed DB **Donvetis Franklin** to the practice squad.
 May 6, 2008 -- Released DB **Johnnie Harris**.
 May 9, 2008 -- Placed OL/DL **Cyron Brown** on Reserve/Injured. Signed DB **Donvetis Franklin** to the active roster from the practice squad.
 May 14, 2008 -- Signed WR **Damarius Bilbo** to the practice squad.
 May 16, 2008 -- Activated WR **Josh Bush** from Reserve/Injured.
 May 20, 2008 -- Placed OL **Troy Reddick** on Reserve/Injured. Signed OL **Van Nelson** from Philadelphia's practice squad.
 May 21, 2008 -- Placed LB **David Dixon** and DB **Bobby Keyes** on Reserve/Injured. Activated DB **DaShane Dennis** and DL **Robert Pollard** from Reserve/Injured.
 May 28, 2008 -- Placed DL **Winfield Garnett** on Reserve/Injured.
 June 6, 2008 -- Signed OL **Cody Douglas**.
 June 11, 2008 -- Placed DB **Pete Hunter** on Left Squad.
 June 24, 2008 -- Placed WR/KR **Josh Bush** on Reserve/Injured. Signed DB **Michael Hawkins**.
 June 25, 2008 -- Placed DB **Michael Hawkins** on Left Squad. Activated OL/DL **Cyron Brown** and DB **Bobby Keyes** from Reserve/Injured.

2008 DESPERADOS TRANSACTIONS

(by player)

BELL, Ricky - DB
2/22/08Released

BERG, Chris - OL
11/1/07Signed
2/22/08Released

BILBO, Damarius - WR
5/14/08Signed to practice squad

BONNER, Cedric - WR
2/11/08Released

BROOKS, Jermaine - DL
1/30/08Released

BROWN, Cyron - OL/DL
11/2/07Signed
2/27/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
5/2/08Activated from Reserve/Injured
5/9/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
6/25/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

BROWN, Chris - DB
2/15/08Placed on Reserve/Injured

BUCHANAN, Eric - DB
4/16/08Signed to practice squad
5/2/08Released

BURKS, Dialleo - WR/LB
11/7/07Retired

BUSH, Josh - WR/DB
11/13/07 ..Signed
4/4/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
4/16/08Activated from Reserve/Injured
6/24/08Placed on Reserve/Injured

CANNIDA, James - OL/DL
1/15/08Released

CHASE, Jeff - C
11/1/07Re-signed

DAVIS, Tramissian - WR
3/3/08Signed to practice squad
3/20/08Released

DENNIS, DaShane - DB
11/1/07Signed
3/20/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
5/21/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

DIXON, David - LB
2/4/08Signed
5/21/08Placed on Reserve/Injured

DOLEZEL, Clint - QB
8/23/07Re-signed
2/25/08Franchised
3/6/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
4/4/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

DOUGLAS, Cody - OL
6/6/07Signed

DOTSY, Terrance - OL/DL
9/5/07Placed on Reserve/Exempt
9/28/07Activated from Reserve/Exempt

FIFE, Jason - QB
3/5/08Signed
4/11/08Placed on Reserve/Injured

FRANKLIN, Donvetis - DB
5/2/08Signed to practice squad
5/9/08Signed to active roster

GARNETT, Winfield - DL
2/24/08Traded from Columbus
2/25/08Placed on Reserve/Refuse to Report
2/27/08Activated from Reserve/Refuse to Report
2/27/08Re-signed
5/28/08Placed on Reserve/Injured

GIBSON, Aaron - OL
10/12/07 ..Traded from Utah
11/2/07Re-signed
2/22/08Released

GONZALEZ, Adrian - OL
3/20/08Signed to practice squad

HAMILTON, Remy - K
10/29/07 ..Signed

HARRIS, Johnnie - DB
10/29/07 ..Signed
5/6/08Released

HAWKINS, Michael - DB
6/24/08Signed
6/25/08Placed on Left Squad

HENDERSON, Bryan - DL
11/1/07Signed
2/24/08Released

HUNTER, Pete - DB
3/20/08Signed
6/11/08Placed on Left Squad

JILES, Reggie - OL
2/24/08Released

JONES, Jermaine - DB
2/22/08Re-signed

KEYES, Bobby - DB
12/31/07 ..Placed on Reserve/Exempt
2/13/08Activated from Reserve/Exempt
5/21/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
6/25/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

LAZARE, Peter - FB/LB
2/24/08Traded to Columbus

MASON, Troy - WR
2/27/08Signed to practice squad

McINTYRE, Jeris - WR
1/16/07Signed
2/9/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
2/22/08Released

NELSON, Van - OL
5/20/08Signed from Philadelphia's practice squad

OGDEN, Marques - OL
2/11/08Claimed off waivers (Clb)
2/13/08Placed on Reserve/Refuse to Report

PATTERSON Jr., Perry - QB
3/4/08Signed to practice squad
3/27/08Released from practice squad

PETTIJOHN, Duke - FB/LB
2/25/08Franchised

PETTIS, Will - WR/DB
8/23/07Re-signed
1/16/08Re-signed
2/25/08Franchised

PIPER, Shawn - WR
2/7/08Signed
2/11/08Released

POLLARD, Robert - DL
2/9/08Signed
2/25/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
5/21/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

RAYL, Brett - OL
10/29/07 ..Signed
2/22/08Released

REDDICK, Troy - OL
1/18/08Claimed off waivers (KC)
2/4/08Re-signed
5/20/08Placed on Reserve/Injured

ROBINSON, Damien - DB
11/26/07 ..Signed
2/25/08Released

SANDERS, Chris - QB
11/2/07Signed

SIEVERS, Todd - K
11/26/07 ..Released

SIMPKINS, Rickie - OL/DL
2/2/08Re-signed

SMITH, Bret - WR
11/19/07 ..Signed
2/22/08Released
3/20/08Signed to practice squad

STEWART, Daleroy - OL/DL
2/7/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
2/11/08Activated from Reserve/Injured
2/25/08Placed on Reserve/Left Squad
3/6/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

SUTTON, Mike - DL
2/24/08Traded from Kansas City
2/25/08Re-signed
4/30/08Released

THURMAN, Andrae - WR
3/5/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
4/27/08Activated from Reserve/Injured

WATSON, Darnerious - OL
2/7/08Signed
2/25/08Released
2/27/08Signed to practice squad
3/20/08Released

WEATHERINGTON, Colston - DL
1/16/08Re-signed

WHITE, Josh - FB/LB
8/24/07Re-signed

WILLIAMS, George - WR
2/11/08Signed
2/22/08Released

WILLIAMS, Mike - DL
10/26/08 ..Selected in Dispersal Draft
2/7/08Placed on Reserve/Injured
2/22/08Released

WYMAN, Devin - OL/DL
10/12/07 ..Traded to Utah