

# The Cleveland Browns

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The Browns have been a surprising team this year, with a record of 10 -6 to finish the season. They did not make the playoffs, but they were the only team to win ten games and not make the playoffs. They have still exceeded expectations because they were only expected to win four or five games in the whole season. Even though they didn't make the playoffs, we have high hopes for the future teams.

## The Browns Keys to Success

One key thing that has kept the Browns going, is avoiding injuries. Injuries can ruin any team know matter how good (or bad) it really is. In the past, the Browns have been one of the most injured teams. This year the only injuries have been minor ones. Although missing a wide receiver like Braylon Edwards for a game can hurt a team, missing an offensive lineman for three games can hurt even worse.

Transactions have also played a big part in the Browns season this year. Picking up running back Jamaal Lewis from the Baltimore Ravens after his contract expired has helped them out immensely. Lewis could win Come Back Player of the Year Award this season. The Browns also signed Eric Steinbach, an offensive lineman from Cincinnati. Although many people thought trading quarterback Charlie Frye to Seattle for a sixth round draft pick was an insane idea at the time. But Derek Anderson proved everyone wrong.

## Team Stars

Derek Anderson, the Browns second string quarterback has been arguably the best young quarterback in the game right now with twenty nine touchdowns, 3787 passing yards and 56.5% completion percentage. The 24 year old still hasn't reached his prime.

Anderson can't do it all alone though. Wide receiver Braylon Edwards has provided record breaking stats for the Browns this year with 80 receptions for 1289 yards and sixteen touchdowns so far. If you combine him and Anderson you've got a great combination. Kellen Winslow deserves a lot of credit also, as he has been a stud for the team. Winslow has 82 receptions for 1106 yards and five touchdowns. This is amazing because Winslow is a tight end and doesn't normally run long routes. Joe Jerevicius, another Browns' receiver, has 50 receptions for 614 yards. Jamaal Lewis, the Browns key to victory in week fifteen against Buffalo rushing for 162 yards that game has a total of 1304 yards and eighteen touchdowns on the year. He averages 4.4 yards per carry. Joshua Cribbs, the teams punt and kick returner has three

touchdowns and a total of 1809 yards. He is truly one of the best returners in the league. His three touchdowns have been 100, 76, and 90 yards.

## Remembering and Achieving

The Cleveland Browns have so much young talent and a bright future if their stars stay healthy and focused. Any fan of this team has been through its good and bad seasons. A Super Bowl win could be obtained very soon if they follow this pattern. If they continue on this road to victory they could possibly be as good as some of their past teams with Jim Brown, Bernie Kosar, and Otto Graham. Romeo Crennel, the Browns coach, has been absolutely outstanding this year, and is a great coach for this team. Crennel deserves a lot of thanks from the fans because without him, the Browns would never be where they are now.

**“We are disappointed that we didn't reach the playoffs, however we had a good year. We've learned a lot, grown a lot and look forward to continuing to build on what we've accomplished this season.”** Commented Crennel on the Browns missing the playoffs.

### Weeks:

1. Pit 34 – Cle 7
2. Cin 45 – Cle 51
3. Cle 24 – Oak 26
4. Bal 13 – Cle 27
5. Cle 17 – NE 34
6. Mia 31 – Cle 41
7. BYE
8. Cle 27 – STL 20
9. Sea 30 – Cle 33
10. Cle 28 – Pit 31
11. Cle 33 – Bal 30
12. Hou 17 – Cle 27
13. Cle 21 – Ari
14. Cle 24 – NYJ 18
15. Buf 0 – Cle 8
16. Cin 19 – Cle 14
17. Cle 20 – SF 7



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