


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Two Moves The Redskins Need to Make Right Now

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The Redskins are in a make it or break it season.

In the normal course of events, a head coach would get three seasons to prove his worth. But there are a pair of reasons why Jim Zorn will only get two. The first is Redskins owner Dan Snyder and the second is a quintet of Super Bowl winning head coaches who will be on the market in 2010.

Redskins quarterback Jason Campbell is on the hot seat as well.

This is his second season in Zorn's offense and his fourth as the team's starter. He was drafted in the first round and his initial five-year contract has expired. While he has respectable numbers and a commanding presence in the huddle, the team's overall offensive performance and win total during his tenure has not merited the type of deal a young, up and coming NFL starter deserves.

The team has a deep and solid defense, a young and developing receiver corps and one of the better backfields in the NFL.

There's only one problem: the team's offensive line.

The line has four solid starters, but no sure thing at right tackle and little depth. The team won't be able to weather any sort of injury, even for a quarter or two, let alone losing someone to injured reserve.

If the team wants to make it and not break it in 2009, there are two moves the team can make right now to secure their best chance.

The Redskins need to sign right tackle Jon Runyan and guard Pete Kendall.

As soon as possible.

Runyan has played the last several seasons for the Philadelphia Eagles and has started 192 games throughout his career. He's been known as a ferocious blocker and at 6-foot-7, has been dubbed by John Madden as "Big Ol' Jon Runyan."

He was released by the Eagles during the offseason after having microfracture surgery on his knee, however he is expected to be medically cleared within a week.

While he isn't the player he once was, having Runyan in the mix at the right tackle spot is an instant upgrade over Stephon Heyer, who is the presumed starter. Mike Williams, who is back in the league after three seasons out of the league, once showed the potential to be taken fourth overall, but is a virtual unknown at this point.

Kendall was the starter for the Redskins at the left guard spot, but was not re-signed by the team after the re-acquisition of Derrick Dockery. Like Runyan, Kendall is an aging veteran who has started nearly 200 games in his career. Kendall can play both guard spots and, even though it's not his preference, can snap the ball as well.

Adding Runyan and Kendall would give the team a solid starting five and three experienced veterans coming off the bench. With the addition of 2008 third round pick Chad Rinehart, who has yet to take a regular season snap, the team would instantly have one of the deeper, even if older, offensive lines in the NFL.

Assuming that either Devin Thomas or Malcolm Kelly, the team's two younger over-the-middle receivers can step up and make an impact as a solid starter in 2009, the Redskins won't have any major holes anywhere on the roster.

If the team is serious about making it and serious about Jason Campbell taking his place among the better quarterbacks in the league, the team can not afford to pass on these two key veterans.

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