

HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

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1995

January 5 – Oilers announce that Jeff Fisher will remain as head coach, officially becoming the 15th head coach in franchise history.

January 17 – As his first hire, Fisher brings in Jerry Rhome under the title of Offensive Coordinator.

March 3 – The Oilers jump into the free-agent pool and sign the NFL's all-time leading kickoff returner, Mel Gray. Gray joins the Oilers after successful stints with the Detroit Lions and New Orleans Saints.

March 7 – The team announces five-year contract with KHTV/Channel 39 to broadcast Oilers' preseason games. The pact reunites the team and KHTV, which carried Oilers preseason action in '89.

March 23 – Houston lures in one of the most coveted unrestricted free agents by signing C Mark Stepnoski from the Dallas Cowboys.

March 28 – The Oilers sign veteran QB Chris Chandler from the Rams.

April 22 – With the third overall choice in the draft, Houston selects Alcorn State QB Steve McNair.

July 25 – QB Steve McNair signs contract at press conference held at Oilers' training camp.

August 11 – Tennessee newspaper reports that Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen is meeting with Oiler officials. Nashville is willing to build new stadium if it will attract a professional team. K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and Bredesen execute an agreement that gives the City of Nashville a 70-day exclusive negotiating period with the Houston Oilers to build a stadium and relocate the team.

August 19 – Oilers-Chargers preseason game is canceled by NFL after field is deemed unplayable for safety reasons.

September 3 – The Oilers travel to Jacksonville and defeat the Jaguars 10-3 in the expansion team's inaugural game.

September 24 – QB Chris Chandler connects on 23 of 26 passes for 352 yards and four touchdowns, leading Oilers to a 38-28 win over the Bengals at Riverfront Stadium. Chandler's 88.46 completion percentage misses the NFL record by one completion. Chandler, who hooked up with rookie WR Chris Sanders on touchdown passes of 58 and 46 yards, is named AFC Offensive Player of the Week.

November 2 – Oilers' long-time equipment assistant Bill "Mojo" Lackey passes away after a massive stroke.

November 5 – Oilers win 37-10 over Browns and dedicate game to "Mojo" and his family. The win marks the Oilers' largest margin of victory at Cleveland since a 40-10 decision on Oct. 12, 1975.

November 12 – K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and the Oilers announce the establishment of the Bill "Mojo" Lackey Memorial Award, which would be given to the player, coach or front office staff member that best exemplifies the qualities of the former equipment assistant. A \$10,000 check is given to the winner to be awarded to charity in his or her name.

November 16 – K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and Nashville Mayor Phil Bredesen sign a relocation agreement to move the Oilers to Tennessee.

December 14 – G Bruce Matthews, S Blaine Bishop, CB Darryll Lewis and C Mark Stepnoski are selected to the Pro Bowl. Matthews sets the Oiler mark for consecutive selections with his eighth consecutive Pro Bowl honor.

December 17 – Paul "Hoss" Noska, equipment assistant, is honored with the first Bill "Mojo" Lackey Memorial Award.

1996

March 26 – Oilers sign veteran WR Willie Davis from the Kansas City Chiefs.

April 20 – After trading down in the first round (from 9th to 17th) to acquire extra picks from Oakland, General Manager Floyd Reese and Head Coach Jeff Fisher execute a trade with the Seattle Seahawks to move back up to the 14th spot in the 1996 draft to select Heisman Trophy winner



The Oilers draft McNair in 1995

Eddie George from Ohio State. Sent to the Seahawks in the trade was DT Glenn Montgomery.

April 30 – The National Football League approves the team's relocation to Nashville in a special owners' meeting held in Atlanta, Ga.

May 3 – Adding more weapons to the offense, the Oilers agree to terms with RB Ronnie Harmon from the San Diego Chargers.

May 7 – Voters of Davidson County in Nashville, Tenn., overwhelmingly approve a referendum held to decide on the use of public funding for a new downtown stadium.

October 20 – With a 22-yard field goal, K Al Del Greco sets the club record for most career field goals, surpassing K Tony Zendejas (117).

October 27 – Del Greco kicks the longest field goal in team history with a 56-yarder at the end of the first half versus the 49ers.

November 17 – In a clash with the Miami Dolphins, G Bruce Matthews becomes the Oilers' all-time leader in games played with his 211th contest, breaking Elvin Bethea's mark of 210. Matthews would go on to also set the team marks for most consecutive games played and started.

December 12 – G Bruce Matthews, S Blaine Bishop, C Mark Stepnoski and ST player John Henry Mills are selected to the Pro Bowl. Matthews extends the Oiler mark for consecutive selections (9) and ties G Mike Munchak for most overall selections (9).

December 15 – Oilers play their final game in Houston with a 21-13 loss to the Cincinnati Bengals in the Astrodome.

December 22 – RB Eddie George finishes the 1996 season with 1,368 yards rushing en route to Rookie of the Year accolades. In addition, George's ground totals were only 82 yards shy of RB Earl Campbell's rookie record of 1,450. On this day, George would also help the Oilers to a 24-21 win over the Baltimore Ravens for a franchise-best 6-2 road record.

1997

January 1 – The team promotes linebackers coach Gregg Williams to defensive coordinator.

January 3 – After relieving Jerry Rhome of his duties, the Oilers make wide receivers coach Les Steckel the team's offensive coordinator/quarterbacks coach.



George speaks with the media after being drafted 14th overall in 1996

McNAIR AND GEORGE

First round draft picks in consecutive years, QB Steve McNair (drafted in 1995) and RB Eddie George (drafted in 1996) became the centerpieces of a team that advanced to the playoffs in four of five years (1999, 2000, 2002, 2003). From 1997, McNair's first season as a starter, until Eddie George's final season as a Titan in 2003, the two combined to pull the franchise to new heights, including the team's first Super Bowl appearance (XXXIV). The duo started in the same backfield 107 times during their seven seasons together and posted a 67-40 record (.626 winning percentage) in those games, and 5-4 in postseason. The 2003 season would be memorable for both as McNair was named Co-MVP of the NFL, becoming only the franchise's second player to garner the honor (Campbell in 1979) and George became the franchise's all-time leading rusher, passing Earl Campbell and becoming only the 17th running back to reach 10,000 career rushing yards. Each player personified toughness with legendary stories told of McNair returning from injuries to lead his team to victory and George never missing a start in his eight year franchise career - 128 games - which represented the most consecutive starts in NFL history for a running back to start a career.

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February 24 – Oilers trade QB Chris Chandler to the Atlanta Falcons for two 1997 draft choices (4th and 6th).

May 3 – City of Nashville holds ground-breaking ceremonies for the team's downtown stadium.

May 8 – After formulating an agreement earlier with Harris County (Houston), K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and Astrodome USA owner Drayton McLane, Jr. reach a settlement for the final year of Oilers' lease at the Astrodome. Under appointed mediator Alice Oliver Parrott, the two sides clear the biggest step in the team's ability to play games in Tennessee for the 1997 season.

June 5 – Oilers reach agreement with Memphis Sports Authority, clearing the way for the team to play its games in the Liberty Bowl.

June 12 – Oilers hold press conference in Nashville to formally announce the club's intention to play the 1997 season in Tennessee, and introduce an inaugural patch and logo which merges the Oilers traditional "Oil derrick" with the Tennessee state flag.

July 18 – Oilers players report to Tennessee State University for their first training camp in the state of Tennessee. Also, Oilers sign DE Kenny Holmes, 1997 first-round selection, to a four-year contract.

July 19 – Oilers sign GM Floyd Reese to a four-year extension running through 2001 season.

August 2 – Oilers play first preseason game of 1997 season at Liberty Bowl in Memphis, falling to the New Orleans Saints 21-12.

August 9 – Oilers play their first ever game at Vanderbilt Stadium, an 18-12 preseason loss to the Washington Redskins.

August 15 – Oilers move into their temporary training facility in Bellevue.

August 23 – Oilers promote Don MacLachlan to Executive Vice President of Marketing, Broadcasting, and Ticketing.

August 27 – Oilers sign free agent SS Blaine Bishop.

August 31 – Oilers open their inaugural season in the state of Tennessee with a 24-21 overtime win over the Oakland Raiders at Liberty Bowl. RB Eddie George ties Billy Cannon's franchise record for rushing yards in a game with 216 yards on 35 carries. With the game-winning field goal in overtime, K Al Del Greco becomes the Oilers all-time points leader, surpassing George Blanda's total of 596 points.



George posts a record game against Oakland in the 1997 regular season opener

October 27 – In their first-ever trip to Arizona, the Oilers defeat the Cardinals 41-14.

November 27 – Oilers defeat Dallas 27-14 on Thanksgiving Day in front of a national-television audience. It marked the first regular season game in Texas for the Oilers since their move to Tennessee.

December 11 – G Bruce Matthews, RB Eddie George, and SS Blaine Bishop are selected to the Pro Bowl. Matthews extends the mark for consecutive selections (10) and surpasses G Mike Munchak for most overall selections (9).

December 14 – Oilers fall to the Baltimore Ravens 21-19 in the final game at Baltimore's Memorial Stadium. It marked the second time the Oilers closed the stadium, because on Dec. 18, 1983, the Oilers played at the Baltimore Colts in what would be their final game in Baltimore.

December 21 – Oilers close their inaugural season in Tennessee with an 8-8 record after a 16-6 win over Pittsburgh in Memphis.

HOUSTON OILERS TO TENNESSEE TITANS

After trying unsuccessfully for many years to construct a deal with the city of Houston for a new football or multi-use stadium, Oilers owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. decided that moving his franchise to another city might be the only solution left to keep the team financially competitive. In the spring of 1995, research was completed and several cities were identified as desirable for relocation and at the top of the list was Nashville, Tenn. In the summer of 1995, Adams contacted Nashville's mayor, Phil Bredesen, to see if the city would be interested in having the team relocate to the region. A 70-day exclusive negotiating period was agreed to and in November the two had signed a relocation agreement that would bring the Oilers to Nashville. In April of 1996, the NFL approved the team's relocation and on May 7th, the voters of Davidson County approved a referendum on using public funding for the new downtown stadium. Dec. 15, 1996 would mark the Oilers final home game at the Astrodome in Houston – a 21-13 loss to Cincinnati in front of 15,131 fans. In May of 1997, the team reached a settlement with the Astrodome that let them escape the final year of the contract and allowing the team to play the 1997 season in Tennessee. With the new stadium in Nashville still two years from completion, the team decided to play at Memphis' Liberty Bowl until the stadium was complete. The Tennessee Oilers opened their inaugural season in the state of Tennessee with a 24-21 overtime win over the Oakland Raiders at the Liberty Bowl in front only 30,000 fans. The Oilers struggled with low attendance throughout the 1997 season and by March of 1998, the Oilers reached an agreement to play the 1998 season at Vanderbilt Stadium in Nashville. Crowds at Vanderbilt Stadium were an improvement from the previous year, but the team could only muster a 3-5 home mark. During the 1998 season, Adams announced the Oilers name would be retired and the team would be renamed the Titans as they entered their new stadium for the 1999 season. In April of 1999, the team unveiled their new Titans uniforms and in August the team played its first game at the new Adelphia Coliseum (in 2002 Adelphia's name is removed and in 2006 it is named LP Field). The 1999 season ends with the franchise's first Super Bowl berth in the team's 40-year history. A total of 20 players endured the entire odyssey of playing in Houston in 1996, Memphis in 1997, Vanderbilt in 1998 and LP Field in 1999.



Adams presents Mayor Bredesen with an official team jersey

1998

February 14 – Oilers agree to terms with free agent WR Yancey Thigpen from Pittsburgh.

February 19 – Oilers agree to terms with free agent P/K Craig Hentrich from Green Bay.

February 24 – Oilers reach agreement with Shelby County Sports Authority and Memphis Park Commission to be released from the final year of their lease at the Liberty Bowl.

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March 4 – Oilers and Vanderbilt University reach tentative agreement for the Oilers to play at Vanderbilt Stadium for the 1998 season.

March 11 – Oilers agree to terms with free agent TE Jackie Harris from Tampa Bay.

April 16 – A tornado rips through Nashville, damaging three cranes and 10 portable trailers at the Oilers East Bank Stadium construction site.

April 18 – In the franchise's first draft as the Tennessee Oilers, the club selects WR Kevin Dyson from Utah with its first-round selection (16th overall) in the NFL Draft.

April 23 – Oilers finalize deal to play at Vanderbilt Stadium for the 1998 season.

May 15 – Oilers finalize deal to acquire land in MetroCenter for a permanent practice facility to be finished in the summer of 1999.

May 28 – Oilers reach agreement with Tennessee State University to hold the Oilers 1998 Training Camp on TSU's campus. It marks the first time in club history that the Oilers have had consecutive training camps outside the state of Texas.

July 29 – Owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., listens to the Tennessee fans and announces that he will change the name of the team. An advisory council is later formed to research names and a "Guess the Name" contest is introduced to fans to gain additional feedback.

Oct. 18 – Oilers win first home game in Nashville, a 44-14 victory over Cincinnati.

Oct. 29 – Former Oiler and nine-time Pro Bowl Guard Mike Munchak is announced among 76 nominees for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Sept. 12 – Oilers play first regular season home game in Nashville vs. San Diego Chargers.

Nov. 4 – First Oilers coach, Lou Rymkus, passes away at 78.

Nov. 14 – Oilers owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., announces that the Oilers will become the "Tennessee Titans" beginning in 1999. "We wanted a new nickname to reflect strength, leadership and other heroic qualities," Adams said.

Dec. 22 – Oilers owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., unveils new Tennessee Titans logo and colors, featuring the fire of the Titans and exemplifying power, strength, knowledge and excellence. "I feel we have developed a logo that fans throughout the state of Tennessee and around the country will embrace for years to come," Adams said.

Dec. 26 – Oilers era comes to end against Minnesota Vikings.



Adams announces team name change to the Titans

1999

January 1 – G Bruce Matthews and P Craig Hentrich earn All-Pro honors.

February 8 – G Bruce Matthews, P Craig Hentrich, RB Eddie George & TE Frank Wycheck represent AFC in Pro Bowl.

February 26 – Steve Walters (WR's) and Jim Washburn (DL) added to coaching staff.

April 13 – Titans unveil new uniforms and helmets before packed crowd at the new stadium.



George, Wycheck, Hentrich and Bishop model the Titans new uniforms

April 17 – Titans make Florida DE Jevon Kearse their first selection in the 1999 NFL Draft.

May 3 – Veteran players tour stadium and practice facility. Mr. Adams presents pair of tickets to each stadium worker in appreciation of their hard work.

May 3 – George Henshaw promoted to Assistant Head Coach/Running game. Jim Schwartz added to staff as Defensive Assistant/Quality Control Coach.

May 8 – Final auditions determine first ever Titans cheerleading squad.

May 13 – 11-time Pro Bowl offensive lineman Bruce Matthews re-signs with team.

May 14 – Stadium lights turned on for 100-hour test.

May 17 – Titans announce that 1999 training camp will be held at Baptist Sports Park in Bellevue.

May 18 – Stadium sod is laid down.

July 8 – Adelphia Coliseum name and logo are unveiled at a downtown ceremony.

July 23 – Titans name former Minnesota Senior Vice President Jeff Diamond President and Chief Operating Officer, and agree to terms with former Pittsburgh Pro Bowl quarterback Neil O'Donnell.

July 27 – The Titans sign their first-round draft selection, Florida DE Jevon Kearse, to a multi-year contract.

August 15 – The Tennessee franchise plays its first preseason game under the name Titans, a 22-20 loss at Kansas City. The game is the first in franchise history played in a uniform other than the Oilers.

August 27 – Titans defeat Atlanta, 17-3, in the first preseason game at Adelphia Coliseum.

September 2 – Owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. and his wife, Nancy, announce the creation of the Tennessee Titans Foundation, an organization established to serve the charitable interests of the state of Tennessee by providing financial support and other resources to non-profit organizations, enriching and strengthening communities throughout the state. Adams donates \$500,000 to start the foundation.

September 5 – Cornerback Darryll Lewis, the team leader in interceptions in each of the past five seasons, is released.

September 12 – Al Del Greco kicks a 33-yard field goal to lift the Titans to a 36-35 win over Cincinnati in the first regular season game and victory at Adelphia Coliseum. The win, in front of 65,272 fans, is the team's first as the Titans, and quarterback Steve McNair passes for a career-high 341 yards in the victory.

September 26 – The team wins its first road contest as the Titans, a 20-19 victory at Jacksonville sealed by a Samari Rolle interception in the end zone with under a minute remaining.

October 31 – Steve McNair returns after missing five games because of a back injury to lead the Titans to defeat the previously-unbeaten St. Louis Rams, 24-21 at Adelphia Coliseum. McNair is named Miller Lite NFL Player of the Week for his performance in the victory.

December 19 - Tennessee clinches the franchise's first playoff berth since 1993 with a 30-17 win over Atlanta at Adelphia Coliseum.

December 22 – G Bruce Matthews, RB Eddie George, DE Jevon Kearse and TE Frank Wycheck are named to the AFC team for the Pro Bowl. Matthews extends his franchise records for consecutive and overall selections (12), and Kearse becomes the first rookie defensive end selected to the Pro Bowl in AFC history and the first in the NFL since 1978.

December 26 – Tennessee defeats Jacksonville for the fourth consecutive time, a 41-14 victory in which Steve McNair throws five touchdown passes. McNair earns his first AFC Offensive Player of the Week and his second Miller Lite NFL Player of the Week honor this season for his efforts. The win completes the first unbeaten home regular season in club history.



Faith Hill sings at inaugural game of the new stadium

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2000

January 8 – In a play known as the “Music City Miracle,” Kevin Dyson returns a Frank Wycheck lateral on a kickoff return 75 yards for a touchdown, lifting the Titans to a 22-16 victory in the AFC Wild Card playoff game over the Buffalo Bills. The improbable play, which occurred with just 16 seconds remaining in the game, gives the franchise its first playoff win in Tennessee in addition to its first since 1993.

January 16 – Eddie George rushes for 162 yards, including a 68-yard touchdown run, as the Titans defeat the Indianapolis Colts, 19-16, in an AFC Divisional Playoff game at the RCA Dome.

January 23 – The Titans beat Jacksonville for the third time of the season and fifth consecutive time, using 23 second-half points en route to a 33-14 win at Alltel Stadium in Jacksonville. Steve McNair runs for two touchdowns and Derrick Mason returns a kickoff 80 yards in the win. The win sends Tennessee to its first Super Bowl in franchise history and its first AFC/AFL Championship since 1961.



Dyson races down the sideline in the Music City Miracle



Del Greco, Wycheck and Hentrich pose with the AFC Championship trophy

January 30 – The Titans fall short in their quest to win Super Bowl XXXIV, as Kevin Dyson is stopped one yard short of the end zone on the final play of the game in a 23-16 St. Louis Rams victory.



The Titans battle the Rams at Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta

February 16 – The Titans sign unrestricted free agents LB Randall Godfrey (Dallas) and T Fred Miller (St. Louis).

March 7 – Mike Heimerdinger is named offensive coordinator, replacing Les Steckel.

March 13 – Craig Johnson (quality control/offense) and Ronnie Vinklarek (quality control/defense) are added to the coaching staff, while Jim Schwartz is promoted to linebackers coach.

June 15 – The Titans extend the contract of Head Coach Jeff Fisher and

HOME SWEET HOME

The newly-named Tennessee Titans opened their new stadium, Adelphia Coliseum (later to be named LP Field) with the regular season opener on Sept. 12, 1999 against the Cincinnati Bengals. The back and forth game would end with the Titans hanging on for a 36-35 win. The win would start a historic streak of 12 consecutive wins to open the new stadium. The 12 consecutive wins were the most in the modern era for a new stadium (Texas Stadium, 9 wins in 1971) and one short of the all-time record by the Buffalo Americans in 1920. The Titans first loss in their new home would come against the Baltimore Ravens on Nov. 12, 2000. The winning streak actually began in the spring of 1998, when a devastating tornado ripped through Nashville, but only gave a glancing blow to the under construction stadium and sparing it from destruction.

expand his title to Executive Vice President.

July 19 – The Titans extend the contract of RB Eddie George.

August 14 – The Titans host Monday Night Football for the first time since moving to Tennessee. A sell-out crowd of 68,072 at Adelphia Coliseum watch the Titans defeat St. Louis, 30-3, in a preseason Super Bowl XXXIV rematch.

October 16 – The Titans host their first regular season Monday Night Football game at Adelphia Coliseum, a 27-13 victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars.

November 12 – Tennessee’s NFL record of 12 consecutive victories to open a new stadium ends in a 24-23 loss to the Baltimore Ravens.

December 14 – S Blaine Bishop, RB Eddie George, T Brad Hopkins, DE Jevon Kearse, KR Derrick Mason, G Bruce Matthews, CB Samari Rolle and TE Frank Wycheck are named to the AFC team for the Pro Bowl. QB Steve McNair is added as an alternate, giving the Titans nine players on the Pro Bowl roster, the most for the franchise since nine players were selected in 1992.

December 17 – At Cleveland, Bruce Matthews passes brother Clay on NFL games played list at 279 games. Both are honored in pre-game ceremony.

December 25 – The Titans clinch the AFC Central Division Championship with a 31-0 victory against the Dallas Cowboys, earning a 13-3 record for the second-consecutive season and home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. The defensive unit finishes the season ranked first overall in the NFL.

2001

January 7 – Baltimore defeats the Titans, 24-10, in an AFC Divisional Playoff game at Adelphia Coliseum.

February 1 – Defensive coordinator Gregg Williams is hired as head coach of the Buffalo Bills.

February 2 – Jim Schwartz is promoted to defensive coordinator.

February 6 – Gunther Cunningham, former Kansas City Chiefs head coach, is named assistant head coach defense/linebackers.

February 22 – Everett Withers is named defensive backs coach.

March 2 – The Titans re-sign unrestricted free agent WR/KR Derrick Mason, who set an NFL record in 2000 with 2,690 all-purpose yards.

March 7 – The Titans agree to terms with unrestricted free agent K Joe Nedney from the Carolina Panthers.

March 8 – Former Pro Bowl safety Chuck Cecil is hired as defensive quality control coach.

March 28 – The Titans agree to trade their first pick (29th overall) in the 2001 NFL Draft to the St. Louis Rams for defensive end Kevin Carter.

April 21 – The Titans select DB Andre Dyson with their first selection (2nd round/60th overall) in the 2001 NFL Draft.

May 22 – The NFL announces its plans to realign divisions beginning in 2002, placing the Titans in the new AFC South with the Jacksonville Jaguars, Indianapolis Colts and expansion Houston Texans.

August 4 – Mike Munchak, Titans offensive line coach and former Houston Oilers guard, is inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame after being selected for enshrinement on Jan. 27.

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September 25 – Former Nashville Kats (Arena Football League) Head Coach Pat Sperduto is hired as director of arena football league operations.

October 7 – Starting at center in Baltimore, Bruce Matthews plays in his 283rd NFL game and surpasses Jim Marshall for first place on league's all-time list for games played among non-kickers.

December 30 – Eddie George records a season-high 130 yards rushing against Cleveland, marking the 30th 100-yard game of his career. Additionally, George becomes the first RB in franchise history to post 200 career pass receptions.

2002

January 2 – Bruce Matthews is named to his 14th consecutive Pro Bowl, tying him with Merlin Olsen for the most Pro Bowl selections in league history. Jevon Kearse also is selected for the third consecutive year.

April 5 – The team begins its fifth annual Tennessee Titans Caravan. With 16 players plus staff participating, Titans Caravan V goes on to make 64 stops, including 27 schools, in Tennessee, Kentucky and Alabama over a two-week period.

April 20 – The Titans select DT Albert Haynesworth with their first pick (15th overall) in the 2002 NFL Draft.

April 30 – Titans owner K.S. "Bud" Adams announces that he has purchased an expansion Arena Football League team that will begin play in Nashville in 2004. The team will keep the name of the previous AFL team that played in Nashville, the Nashville Kats.

May 15 – The Titans reach an agreement with Citadel Communications to move the Titans' flagship radio station to Nashville's 103 WKDF (103.3 FM).

May 30 – Craig Johnson is promoted to quarterbacks coach. Ned James is hired as offensive assistant.

June 4 – The Titans reach a tentative agreement with Adelphia Business Solutions to have Adelphia's name removed from the coliseum, pending court approval.

July 15 – Offensive lineman Bruce Matthews officially announces his NFL retirement from the offices of Titans owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., in Houston, Tex.

September 7 – Titans owner Bud Adams unveils his team's PSL Founder's Club display at Coliseum.

December 1 – RB Eddie George becomes franchise's all-time leading rusher, passing Earl Campbell, in victory at New York Giants.

December 8 – Former Titans/Oilers offensive lineman Bruce Matthews is inducted into Titans' Hall of Fame and has his jersey retired during special halftime ceremony during Colts game.

December 22 – Titans clinch inaugural AFC South Division with 28-10 victory at Jacksonville.

December 29 – Titans go undefeated in inaugural AFC South division with 13-3 victory at Houston, securing a first-round bye in playoffs. The Titans become NFL's third team to advance to playoffs after starting their season 1-4.

2003

January 1 – QB Steve McNair finishes third in league MVP voting behind Rich Gannon and Brett Favre.

January 11 – Titans defeat Steelers 34-31 in bruising AFC Divisional Playoff Game.

January 19 – Titans play in franchise's fourth AFC Championship Game, but fall short at Oakland, 41-24.

January 25 – Former Houston Oilers DE Elvin Bethea named to the Pro Football Hall of Fame's 2003 class.

February 3 – Head coach Jeff Fisher coaches the AFC to a 45-20 victory in Pro Bowl.

February 7 – Titans president Jeff Diamond signs a new one-year contract.

April 26 – Titans select CB Andre Woolfolk with their first pick (28th overall) in the 2003 NFL Draft.



Nedney's field goal beats Steelers

June 25 – Head coach Jeff Fisher agrees to terms on a long-term contract extension.

December 7 – Frank Wycheck becomes the fourth tight end in NFL history to record 500 career receptions in Tennessee's 29-27 loss at home to Indianapolis.

December 7 – WR Derrick Mason catches six passes for 64 yards at home vs. Indianapolis to record his third consecutive 1,000-yard receiving season.

December 18 – The NFL announces that four Titans are going to the 2004 Pro Bowl – QB Steve McNair (named the starter), along with LB Keith Bulluck, WR Derrick Mason, and P Craig Hentrich. OT Brad Hopkins would later be named to the Pro Bowl as a reserve.

December 21 – QB Steve McNair leads a miraculous comeback at Houston, throwing the game-winning touchdown to Drew Bennett with 17 seconds left in Tennessee's 27-24 victory on the road. In the process, McNair surpasses 3,000 passing yards for the season, joining Warren Moon as only the second QB in franchise history to do so four times.

December 28 – Recently re-signed QB Neil O'Donnell starts following injuries to Steve McNair and Billy Volek. He threw for 232 yards and a pair of touchdowns in Tennessee's season-ending 33-13 victory over the defending Super Bowl Champion Tampa Bay Buccaneers. It marked O'Donnell's last NFL game as he would announce his retirement following the season. Eddie George becomes the 17th running back in NFL history to record 10,000 rushing yards in the team's victory over the Bucs. George rushes for 87 yards to push him over the 1,000-yard rushing mark for the seventh time in his eight NFL seasons. It marked the final regular season game and the final home game for George as a Titan.



George salutes the fans following his final home game as a Titan

2004

January 2 – QB Steve McNair named NFL's co-MVP along with Colts QB Peyton Manning. Each player receives 16 votes from a national panel of 50 journalists.

January 3 – Titans defeat Ravens 20-17 in AFC Wild Card Playoff Game in Baltimore.

January 10 – Titans fall at New England in AFC Divisional Playoff Game, the coldest playoff game in franchise history (four degrees, minus 10 wind chill).

January 11 – K Gary Anderson, the NFL's all-time leading scorer (2,346 points), announces his retirement after 22 seasons.

January 20 – Titans owner K.S. "Bud" Adams re-assumes team president role after Jeff Diamond's contract expires.

January 23 – TE Frank Wycheck announces his retirement from the NFL after 11 seasons in the league.



McNair is named NFL co-MVP in 2003

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Wycheck, the fourth tight end in NFL history to record 500 receptions, announces his retirement

April 24 – Titans select a league-high 13 players in the 2004 NFL Draft, including three players in the second round (the team traded its first-round pick) – TE Ben Troupe, DE Travis LaBoy and DE Antwan Odom.

July 22 – Titans release RB Eddie George.

September 11 – The Titans season opener at Miami is played on Saturday instead of Sunday due to impending Hurricane Ivan. Titans running back Chris Brown rushes for 100 yards in his first NFL start en route to the team's 17-7 victory.

October 11 – On Monday Night Football, Steve McNair quarterbacks the Titans to a 48-27 victory over Green Bay to give him 71 career wins as a starter, surpassing Warren Moon's previous franchise record of 70 victories. The 48 points set a Lambeau Field record for a visiting team. Also in the game, running back Chris Brown carries 27 times for 148 yards and two touchdowns, joining Stump Mitchell (St. Louis Cardinals) and Don Calhoun (New England Patriots) to become the third player in NFL history to gain 100 or more rushing yards in four of his first five NFL starts.

December 13 – Running back Chris Brown totals 91 yards against Kansas City to become the franchise's eighth player to eclipse 1,000 season rushing yards. He finishes the season with 1,067 yards on 220 carries.

December 19 – Titans quarterback Billy Volek becomes fourth quarterback in NFL history to pass for 400 or more yards in two consecutive games after passing for 426 yards against Kansas City (12/13) and 492 yards at Oakland (12/19). The 918-yard total is the second-best two-game total in NFL history behind Phil Simms' record of 945 yards (1985).

2005

January 28 – The Arena Football League's Nashville Kats begin play under owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., winning 47-38 at the Columbus Destroyers.

February 9 – University of Southern California assistant Norm Chow is hired as Titans offensive coordinator after a 32-year career in college football.

February 21 – Titans part ways with six veterans – K Joe Nedney, DE Kevin Carter, CB Samari Rolle, RB/FB Robert Holcombe, T Fred Miller and WR Derrick Mason – due to salary cap concerns.

April 23 – Titans select West Virginia cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones with the sixth overall pick in the 2005 NFL Draft.

May 6 – Titans owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. pledges \$600,000 over three years for scholarship program that provides money for college for one student-athlete from every high school in Tennessee.

September 6 – Through his foundation, quarterback Steve McNair organizes a relief drive for victims of Hurricane Katrina. Titans fans respond in droves, arriving at LP Field to fill over 20 tractor trailers worth of goods to be sent to the Gulf Coast region.

September 18 – Titans General Manager Floyd Reese becomes the first GM in team history to record 100 wins as the Titans defeat the Ravens by a score of 25-10.

October 9 – Head Coach Jeff Fisher becomes the 34th coach in NFL history and the first in franchise history to notch 100 wins as the Titans win at Houston by a score of 34-20. Also in the game, quarterback Steve McNair became the 49th player in NFL history and second player in franchise history to reach 25,000 career passing yards.

2006

February 12 – Titans defensive end Kyle Vanden Bosch plays in his first career Pro Bowl. In his first season with the Titans, Vanden Bosch finished fourth in the NFL with 12.5 sacks, the most by a team member since 1999.

February 24 – K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. is inducted into the Tennessee Sports Hall of Fame.

March 13-15 – After a delay to the start of the NFL year due to collective bargaining talks between the league and the NFL Players Association, the Titans strike quickly in the initial days of free agency. They agree to terms with four veteran unrestricted free agents – linebacker David Thornton (Indianapolis), wide receiver David Givens (New England), center Kevin Mawae (N.Y. Jets) and safety Chris Hope (Pittsburgh) – within a three day span.

April 29 – Titans select quarterback Vince Young out of the University of Texas with the third overall pick in the 2006 NFL Draft.

June 6 – Titans and Louisiana Pacific Corporation reach an agreement on a new naming rights sponsorship that calls for the team's home stadium to be named LP Field. LP obtains the naming rights for 10 years.

June 9 – Titans trade quarterback Steve McNair to the Baltimore Ravens in exchange for a fourth-round draft choice in 2007.

June 14 – Offensive tackle Brad Hopkins announces his retirement from the NFL. Hopkins retires after playing in 194 games, the third-most in franchise history at the time (Matthews, Bethea). His 188 starts were the second-most in team history for an offensive lineman (Matthews).

July 29 – Titans sign first-round pick, QB Vince Young.

August 26 – Steve Underwood promoted to Senior Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer.

September 3 – Titans bring back Robaire Smith after the defensive tackle was waived by Houston.

September 20 – Titans trade QB Billy Volek to the San Diego Chargers for a 2007 draft selection.

August 5 – Former Houston Oilers QB Warren Moon is inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

November 26 – Trailing 21-0 entering the fourth quarter, Vince Young leads the Titans to 24 unanswered points, posting the largest comeback by a rookie QB in NFL history. Rob Bironas' 49-yard field goal caps the stunning victory over the Giants at LP Field.

December 3 – Rob Bironas kicks franchise-long 60-yard field goal to beat the Colts, 20-17, at LP Field. The 60-yarder tied Steve Cox and Morten Andersen for the fourth-longest field goal in NFL history.

December 10 – Vince Young returns to his hometown and runs for a 39-yard touchdown in overtime to defeat the Texans, 26-20, at Reliant Stadium.

December 31 – Titans exercise 2007 option on head coach Jeff Fisher's contract.

2007

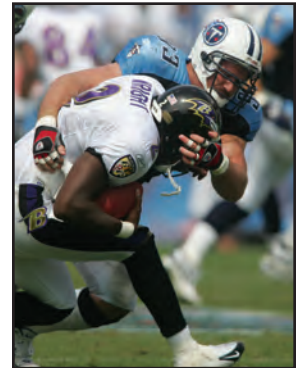
January 3 – Vince Young named the Associated Press Offensive Rookie of the Year.

January 5 – After 13 seasons at the helm, Floyd Reese resigns as general manager of the Titans.

February 1 – Vince Young named Diet Pepsi NFL Rookie of the Year.

February 3 – Former offensive lineman Bruce Matthews becomes the first franchise player that wore the Titans uniform to be voted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

February 10 – Vince Young becomes the first rookie quarterback in NFL



Vanden Bosch posts one of his 12.5 sacks in 2005



Bironas celebrates following his 60-yard goal against the Colts

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history to play in the Pro Bowl.

February 12 – Titans name former Oilers safety Mike Reinfeldt the team's new General Manager.

February 28 – Vincent Marino hired from NFL office as Senior Director of Football Administration.

March 9 – Chuck Cecil is promoted to Secondary Coach; Marcus Robertson named Assistant Secondary Coach.

March 12 – Titans agree to terms with Cowboys linebacker Ryan Fowler.

March 13 – Titans agree to terms with Colts cornerback Nick Harper.

March 16 – Titans agree to terms with Bears wide receiver Justin Gage.

March 19 – Titans name Fred Graves Wide Receivers Coach.

April 10 – NFL suspends Adam "Pacman" Jones for 2007 season.

April 23 – Titans hire Lake Dawson as Director of Pro Personnel.

April 28 – Titans select Texas DB Michael Griffin with the 19th overall pick in the NFL Draft.

May 3 – Titans announce they will conduct 2007 training camp at Baptist Sports Park.

August 4 – Bruce Matthews inducted into Pro Football Hall of Fame.

August 4 – NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell visits Titans training camp.

September 11 – Acquired DE Bryce Fisher from the Seattle Seahawks for a 2008 sixth-round draft pick.

September 24 – Keith Bulluck intercepts a career-high three passes as the Titans cruise to a 31-14 victory at New Orleans on Monday Night Football.



Bulluck intercepts three passes against the Saints on Monday Night Football

October 21 – Rob Bironas kicks an NFL-record eight field goals, including a game-winning 29-yarder, as the Titans defeat the Houston Texans 38-36 at Reliant Stadium.

December 30 – Titans win last three regular season games, including a 16-10 victory at Indianapolis in the season finale to clinch the AFC's final playoff spot and the team's first postseason berth since 2003.

2008

January 6 – Vince Young becomes the youngest quarterback in franchise history to start in playoffs as the Titans fall 17-6 at San Diego in an AFC Wild Card game.

January 15 – Titans release offensive coordinator Norm Chow of his duties.

January 17 – Titans hire Mike Heimerdinger as offensive coordinator.

February 10 – Albert Haynesworth, Kyle Vanden Bosch and Rob Bironas play in Pro Bowl.

February 15 – Sherman Smith accepts job as offensive coordinator with Washington Redskins.

February 20 – Titans use franchise tag on DT Albert Haynesworth.

February 27 – Titans agree to terms with WR Justin Gage to long-term contract.

March 3 – Titans sign former Falcons TE Alge Crumpler as an unrestricted free agent.

March 6 – Titans sign former Eagles DE Jevon Kearse as unrestricted free agent.

March 10 – Titans name Earnest Byner running backs coach.

March 10 – Titans sign former Colts G Jake Scott as an unrestricted free

agent.

March 12 – Titans sign former Jets WR Justin McCareins as an unrestricted free agent.

March 18 – Titans sign former Falcons TE Dwayne Blakley as an unrestricted free agent.

March 27 – Veteran guard Benji Olson announces retirement after 10 NFL seasons.

April 5 – Titans unveil new logo to celebrate team's 10th anniversary.

April 5 – Titans sign former Raiders CB/KR Chris Carr as a restricted free agent.

April 17 – Titans hold press conference honoring retirement of former franchise QB Steve McNair.

April 26 – Titans select East Carolina RB Chris Johnson with first pick (24th overall) in NFL Draft.

April 26 – Titans trade CB Pacman Jones to Dallas Cowboys for fourth-round draft pick and additional considerations (resulted in 4th-round pick in 2009 from Titans to Cowboys).

July 25 – The Titans reach a one-year contract agreement with franchised free agent defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth.

September 7 – On the same day Titans owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. is added to the Titans/Oilers Hall of Fame, he unveils a Titans/Oilers Ring of Honor at LP Field during the season opener against Jacksonville. The initial members of the Ring of Honor include Adams, Elvin Bethea, George Blanda, Earl Campbell, Mike Holovak, Ken Houston, Mike Munchak, Jim Norton, Warren Moon and Bruce Matthews.

September 21 – Cornerback Cortland Finnegan sets a club record with a 99-yard INT return for a TD in a win against the Houston Texans.

September 28 – A 30-17 victory over the Minnesota Vikings at LP Field gives the Titans four consecutive wins to open the season for the first time in franchise history.

October 19 – In a 34-10 victory at Kansas City, the Titans set a franchise rushing record with 332 rushing yards, including 168 yards by Chris Johnson and 149 yards by LenDale White.

October 27 – At halftime of a Monday night game against the Colts at LP Field, the Titans induct Steve McNair, Eddie George and Frank Wycheck to the Titans/Oilers Hall of Fame and the Ring of Honor.

November 2 – On a day in which the Titans win in overtime against the Green Bay Packers, the club celebrates its 100th consecutive sellout at LP Field, including every preseason, regular season and playoff game from the time the stadium opened in 1999.

November 16 – With a 24-14 win at Jacksonville, the Titans win their 10th consecutive game to open the 2008 season and their 13th consecutive regular season game dating back to the last three regular season games of 2007.

November 27 – At Detroit on Thanksgiving, the Titans defeat the Lions 47-10, the team's seventh-highest margin of victory of all-time and Detroit's highest margin of defeat on Thanksgiving.

December 7 – The Titans clinch the AFC South title with a 28-9 victory over the Cleveland Browns at LP Field. It is the ninth division crown in club history.

December 16 – Six Titans are selected to the Pro Bowl – center Kevin Mawae, left tackle Michael Roos, running back Chris Johnson, defensive tackle Albert Haynesworth, safety Chris Hope and cornerback Cortland Finnegan. Additionally, quarterback Kerry Collins and safety Michael Griffin are named to the roster at a later date as alternates.

December 31 – The Titans defeat the Pittsburgh Steelers 31-14 to secure home-field advantage throughout the AFC Playoffs and tie the franchise record for most regular season wins (13).

2009

February 1 – Nancy Adams, co-owner, vice chairman of the board and wife of K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr., passes away in Houston at the age of 84.



Kearse celebrates the Titans' 100 start after defeating the Jaguars

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February 12 – Chuck Cecil is elevated from secondary coach to defensive coordinator, replacing Jim Schwartz, who was hired as head coach by the Detroit Lions.

February 27 – The Titans re-sign unrestricted free agent quarterback Kerry Collins.

April 1 – The Titans unveil a new logo to celebrate the club's 50th season, incorporating the Oilers' oil derrick logo with the fireball logo and the number 50.

March 2 – The Titans sign unrestricted free agent defensive tackle Jovan Haye from the Tampa Bay Buccaneers and unrestricted free agent wide receiver Nate Washington from the Pittsburgh Steelers.

April 25 – The Titans select Rutgers WR Kenny Britt with the 24th overall selection in the 2009 NFL Draft, the first of 11 Titans draft choices.

July 4 – Former Titans quarterback Steve McNair is shot and killed in Nashville.

July 8-9 – The Titans open LP Field to the public for fans to pay their respects to Steve McNair. On July 9, a memorial service is held at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Whites Creek, Tenn.

July 11 – After a funeral service at Reed Green Coliseum in Hattiesburg, Miss., Steve McNair's body is laid to rest at Griffith Cemetery, approximately 20 miles from his home in Mt. Olive, Miss.

August 3 – The Titans celebrate the 50th anniversary (Aug. 3, 1959) of K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr.'s announcement of Houston's entry in the American Football League.

August 6 – The Titans announce that they will wear a "9" helmet sticker during the season to honor the late Steve McNair. The sticker appears on the back of the helmet and remains in place throughout the entire 2009 season.

August 9 – In a 21-18 Hall of Fame Game victory over the Buffalo Bills in Canton, Ohio, the Titans debut their 50th anniversary "legacy" uniforms. They wear the uniforms a total of four times in 2009.

September 10 – The Titans open the season with a 13-10 overtime loss at Pittsburgh in the NFL's Thursday night season opener.

October 18 – The Titans suffer the worst loss in franchise history at New England, losing 59-0 in their sixth consecutive loss to open the season. After a bye the next week, they win five consecutive games and finish at 8-8, becoming the only team in NFL history to win more than six games after starting the season at 0-6.

November 1 – At LP Field, Chris Johnson rushes for 228 yards in a victory over the Jacksonville Jaguars to set a new franchise single-game rushing record.



Johnson rushes for a franchise single-game rushing mark of 228 yards

November 29 – Quarterback Vince Young leads a 99-yard drive in the final minutes of a game against the Arizona Cardinals to give the Titans a 20-17 win at LP Field. Young connects with rookie wide receiver Kenny Britt on a 10-yard touchdown pass as time expires.

2010

January 3 – With a 134-yard rushing performance in the season finale at Seattle, running back Chris Johnson becomes the sixth player in NFL history to reach 2,000 rushing yards in a season. Totaling 2,006 yards on 358 carries, he joined Eric Dickerson, Jamal Lewis, Barry Sanders, Terrell

Davis and O.J. Simpson as the only players to accomplish the feat. He also set a new team single-season rushing record (Earl Campbell), and he became the NFL's new single-season leader in total yards from scrimmage (2,509), surpassing Marshall Faulk's former record. The Titans defeat the Seahawks 17-13.



Johnson poses with offensive players and coaches after becoming just the sixth player in NFL history to reach 2,000 yards rushing in a season

January 13 – Running back Chris Johnson is named Associated Press NFL Offensive Player of the Year.

February 18 – The Titans' all-time leading punter, Craig Hentrich, announces his NFL retirement.

March 10 – The Titans sign free agent linebacker Will Witherspoon.

March 18 – The Titans sign unrestricted free agent defensive end Jason Babin from the Philadelphia Eagles.

April 22 – The Titans select Georgia Tech defensive end Derrick Morgan with the 16th overall pick in the NFL Draft.

October 24 – The Titans open the season with a 5-2 start after defeating the Philadelphia Eagles 37-19. Wide receiver Kenny Britt amasses the fifth-most receiving yards in franchise history with 225 yards on a career-high seven receptions with three touchdowns.



Britt hauls in one of his three touchdown catches against the Eagles

November 21 – Marc Mariani returns a punt 87 yards for a touchdown against the Washington Redskins becoming just the second Titans/Oilers player to record a punt return and a kickoff return for touchdowns in the same regular season.

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2011

January 21 – The Titans release defensive coordinator Chuck Cecil of his duties.

January 28 – The Titans and head coach Jeff Fisher agree to part ways.

February 7 – The Titans name Mike Munchak the 16th head coach in franchise history.



Underwood, Munchak and Reinfeldt pose for a photo following the introductory press conference naming Munchak the 16th head coach in franchise history

February 8 – The Titans release offensive coordinator Mike Heimerdinger of his duties.

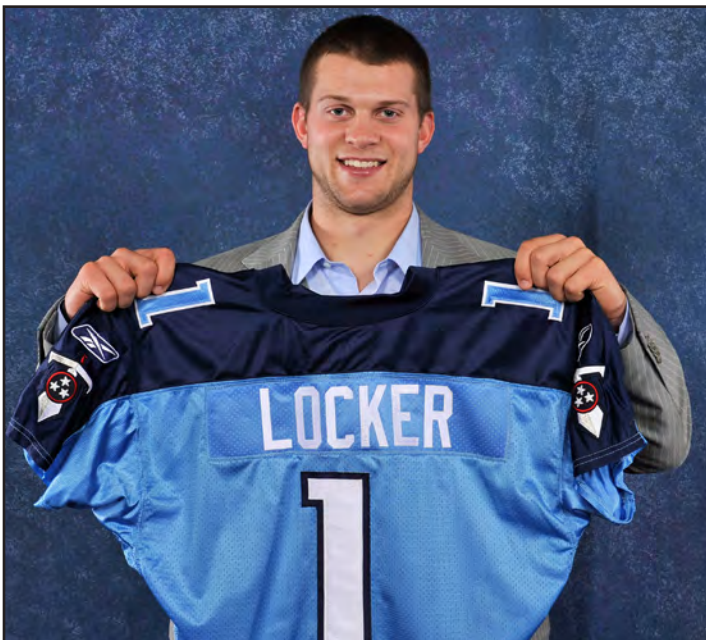
February 12 – The Titans hire Jerry Gray as defensive coordinator.

February 15 – The Titans hire Chris Palmer as offensive coordinator.

March 4 – The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the NFL and the Players Association expires.

March 11 – NFL players are locked out of team facilities due to the collective bargaining stalemate between the clubs and NFL Players Association.

April 28 – The Titans select Washington quarterback Jake Locker with the eighth overall pick in the NFL Draft.



Locker became the fifth quarterback in franchise history to be drafted in the first round

July 25 – The lockout ends after a new CBA is reached.

July 28 – The Titans terminate quarterback Vince Young's contract.

July 29 – On the day players report to training camp, the Titans sign unrestricted free agent quarterback Matt Hasselbeck. In total, within a week of the lockout ending, the Titans sign contracts with nine draft choices, 14 rookie free agents, three restricted free agents and eight unrestricted free

agents.

September 1 – The Titans and Chris Johnson agree to terms on a new, multi-year contract, ending the running back's holdout.

September 18 – Mike Munchak notches his first victory as a head coach as the Titans defeat the Baltimore Ravens 26-13 at LP Field.

October 19 – The Titans and Nashville Mayor Karl Dean announce proposed renovation plans for LP Field, including much larger and sharper video screens, a greatly enhanced sound system, elevators to provide service for upper deck seat holders, and general improvements to LP Field infrastructure. The team announces that the improvements would not require new revenues, but instead will be covered by user fees already being collected.

December 7 – Metro Council approves a bond issuance of up to \$28 million to finance renovations at LP Field.

2012

January 1 – With a 23-22 victory in the season finale at Houston, the franchise records its 400th all-time win in the regular season and playoffs, all under the ownership of K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. In the victory, Matt Hasselbeck eclipses 3,500 passing yards on the season and Nate Washington reaches the 1,000-yard receiving mark. Additionally, Chris Johnson records 1,000 rushing yards for the fourth consecutive season.

January 18 – The Titans elevate Mike Reinfeldt to senior executive vice president/chief operating officer and Ruston Webster to executive vice president/general manager. Lake Dawson is promoted to vice president of player personnel.

February 4 – Titans Owner K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. is named the first winner of the NFL's Salute To Service Award. Adams is recognized at the NFL Honors event for his outstanding efforts in supporting U.S. service members and veterans.

March 5 – The Titans use the franchise tag on safety Michael Griffin, who was scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent on March 13.

March 19 – The Titans sign free agent guard Steve Hutchinson.

March 20 – The Titans sign free agent defensive end Kamerion Wimbley.

April 26 – The Titans select Baylor wide receiver Kendall Wright with the 20th overall pick in the 2012 NFL Draft.

June 19 – The Titans reach an agreement with franchise player Michael Griffin on a long-term contract.

July 30 – Wide receiver O.J. Murdock is found dead in Tampa, Fla., of a self-inflicted wound.

August 3 – Former Titans linebacker Keith Bulluck announces his retirement from the NFL during a press conference at Baptist Sports Park.



Keith Bulluck announced his retirement on Aug. 3, 2012.

September 9 – Quarterback Jake Locker records his first career NFL start, as the Titans fall to the Patriots 34-13 in the season opener.

September 23 – In a 44-41 overtime victory over the Detroit Lions, the

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Nate Washington's athletic reception against the Lions in 2012 resulted in a touchdown.

Titans become the first team in NFL history to score five touchdowns of 60 yards or longer in a game, reaching the end zone on a punt return by Tommie Campbell, a kickoff return by Darius Reynaud, a fumble return by Alterraun Verner and touchdown receptions by Jared Cook and Nate Washington. Locker passes for 378 yards in his first career win as a starter.

October 21 – Matt Hasselbeck leads a late game-winning drive for the second consecutive week, connecting with Nate Washington on a touchdown pass with 1:03 remaining in the fourth quarter. In the 35-34 win, Chris Johnson also rushes for 195 yards.

November 26 – The Titans dismiss offensive coordinator Chris Palmer and name quarterbacks coach Dowell Loggains as the new offensive coordinator.

December 17 – In a 14-10 victory over the New York Jets on *Monday Night Football*, Chris Johnson sets a franchise record with a 94-yard touchdown run.



Chris Johnson's 94-yard touchdown run against the Jets in 2012 set a franchise record.

December 30 – The Titans defeat the Jacksonville Jaguars 38-20 and become the first team in NFL history with two punt return touchdowns (both by Darius Reynaud) and two interception return touchdowns (both by Zach Brown) in the same game. They also become only the second team in NFL history with four total return touchdowns in a game.

December 31 – Mike Reinfeldt is dismissed as senior executive vice president/chief operating officer.

2013

February 2 – Former Oilers defensive tackle Curley Culp is selected for enshrinement in the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

February 7 – The Titans add Gregg Williams to the coaching staff as senior assistant/defense.

April 1 – Former Oilers head coach Jack Pardee passes away.

April 25 – The Titans select Alabama guard Chance Warmack with the 10th overall pick in the 2013 NFL Draft.

July 11 – Titans team headquarters is renamed Saint Thomas Sports Park after Saint Thomas Hospital announces it is renaming its Baptist Hospital properties.

October 18 – Former Oilers head coach Bum Phillips passes away.

October 21 – At his home in Houston, Titans Founder, Owner, Chairman of the Board, President and CEO K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. passes away from natural causes at the age of 90. Called a "pioneer and innovator" by NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell upon his death, Adams was in his 54th year leading the organization.

October 28 – K.S. "Bud" Adams, Jr. is entombed at Forest Park Westheimer Cemetery in Houston.

October 29 – The Titans announce Tommy Smith will be team president and chief executive officer; Susie Adams Smith and Amy Adams Hunt will serve as co-chairpersons; and Kenneth Adams IV will join the Titans board as a director.

2014

January 4 – The Titans and head coach Mike Munchak agree to part ways.

January 13 – San Diego Chargers offensive coordinator and former Arizona Cardinals head coach Ken Whisenunt is hired as the 17th head coach in Titans/Oilers history.

April 4 – The Titans release running back Chris Johnson.

May 8 – The Titans select Michigan tackle Taylor Lewan with the 11th overall pick in the 2014 NFL Draft.



(Left to Right) Ruston Webster, Ken Whisenhunt and Tommy Smith