# Contents for BNR Football Forecaster '96

BNR Football Forecaster '96 is projection software used to try and successfully predict the outcomes of American Football games for the 1996 season.

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### Introduction

BNR Football Forecaster '96 is a tool that attempts to accurately predict the outcomes of the 1996 American Football games. The predictions are based on formulas which, in turn, are based on performance indexes, team ratings, home/visitor standings and a compilation of 11 years of statistical data. All trades, drafts and other team information is taken into account, up to the beginning of the 1996 pre-season.

The most important feature of BNR Football Forecaster is entering the weekly scores. The Adjusted Projections are based on the scores that are entered for each week played. The weekly scores are incorporated into the formulas and indexes, and provide Adjusted Projections for the remaining games in the season.

While this tool tries to accurately predict the scores, there are always unforeseen events that may have a bearing on games, and cannot be taken into account by the program such as injuries, particularily bad weather, etc...

In these types of events, the users will have to use their judgement, and decide how much of a bearing these events will have on the game and try to accommodate these events accordingly.

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# **View '96 Projections & Scores**

The '96 Projections page is where the projected and actual scores can be viewed. The projections can be viewed either by week, or by team.

# **Initial Projections**

The Initial Projections are the estimated scores, before any of the weekly scores have been entered and recalculated. These are the projected scores for the beginning of the season and do not change.

#### **Actual Scores**

The Actual Scores are the actual scores for the games.

# **Adjusted Projections**

The Adjusted Projections are the revised projections, based on the actual scores that are entered. These scores are modified with each weeks scores that are entered, and are modified for each week after the week entered.

You can get to the '96 Projections page one of two ways. Either click on the '96 Projections tab at the bottom of the page, or choose '96 Projections from the 'View' Menu.

# **View 1996 Schedules**

The '96 Schedules page is where the schedules for all games in 1996 can be viewed. The schedules can be viewed either by week or by team.

You can get to the '96 Schedules page one of two ways. Either click on the '96 Schedules tab at the bottom of the page, or choose '96 Schedules from the 'View' Menu.

# **View Past Final Standings**

The Final Standings page shows the final standings of all teams, at the end of the year, from 1970 through to 1995.

You can get to the Final Standings page one of two ways. Either click on the Final Standings tab at the bottom of the page, or choose Final Standings from the 'View' Menu.

# **View Past Playoffs**

The Playoffs page shows the 'Playoff Picture' for all years from 1970 through to 1995.

You can get to the Playoffs page one of two ways. Either click on the Playoffs tab at the bottom of the page, or choose Playoffs from the 'View' Menu.

# **Enter Weekly Scores**

There are two important things to remember when entering weekly scores:

- 1. Scores must be entered every week. You cannot start entering scores in the middle of the season. You have to start with Week 1, and then enter each week consecutively.
- 2. Once scores are entered, they cannot be modified. Make sure scores are correct when they are entered, and make sure to enter all the scores for that week.

#### To enter scores:

- 1. Navigate to the 'Weekly Scores' page of BNR Football Forecaster '96. This can be done by clicking the 'Weekly Scores' tab at the bottom of the screen, or by choosing 'Weekly Scores' from the View Menu.
- 2. Click on 'Enter Scores for Week'. (This button only shows for weeks that have not had their scores entered.)
- 3. Enter the scores for all the games for that week.
- 4. Click on 'Accept Scores' when you have entered all the scores. A confirmation screen comes up asking you if you are sure of the scores. Remember that scores can not be modified once you have accepted them.

When the scores have been entered for the week, the program makes all necessary changes to the indexes and formulas used in calculating the projections, and the projected scores are then updated.

# **Printing Reports**

To print reports, choose 'Print' from the File menu.

**Weekly Schedules Report**This report prints the schedule of games for the 1996 season.

**Weekly Projections/Scores Report**This report prints the projections, as well as the scores of games played for the 1996 season.

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# **Resetting/Modifying Weekly Scores**

Because of the way the formulas and indexes are run, and in order to maintain integrity, scores cannot be modified once they have been entered.

If, for some reason, your scores absolutely must be modified or reset, the only way to do so is to re-install BNR Football Forecaster '96 and begin from scratch. You would then start again with Week 1 and re-enter all scores correctly, week by week.

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