

**33**

# MICHAEL GRIFFIN

**SAFETY • 6'0" • 202 lbs • COLLEGE: TEXAS**  
**ACQUIRED: 1ST ROUND - 2007 • NFL EXP. (NFL/TITANS): 5/5**  
**HOMETOWN: AUSTIN, TEXAS**  
**GAMES PLAYED/GAMES STARTED: 80/73 (PLAYOFFS: 2/2)**

**PRO BOWLS**

**PRO:** Safety Michael Griffin, a two-time Pro Bowl selection, displays great range and playmaking ability in the secondary. The Titans' 2007 first-round pick possesses the ball-hawking skills of a safety and the speed and agility of a cornerback. Throughout his career, he has shown an uncanny knack for always being around the football and making big plays on defense and special teams. He has also been durable, having never missed a game in his first four seasons.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- In 2010, Griffin was named to his second Pro Bowl after leading the team with four interceptions and finishing second on the squad with a career-high 153 tackles.
- Griffin's streak of four consecutive games in 2010 with an interception tied for the second-longest streak in franchise history, trailing only Pete Jaquess' record of five games. The streak earned Griffin the October AFC Defensive Player of the Month Award.
- Griffin was named to his first Pro Bowl in 2008 after finishing tied for second in the NFL with a team-high seven interceptions.
- In 2007, Griffin began his rookie campaign as a cornerback before shifting back to his collegiate position of safety midway through the season. His three interceptions were the most by a Titans/Oilers rookie safety since Bubba McDowell recorded four in 1989.

### TITANS TIDBITS:

- Griffin grew up playing football with his fraternal twin brother, Marcus, as a teammate. Both attended the University of Texas with Marcus redshirting his first season while Michael played immediately.
- Griffin returned to the University of Texas during the 2008 offseason to pursue his college degree in youth and community studies.
- Griffin is the product of two military parents. His father, Ronald, served more than 20 years with the U.S. Air Force, while his mother, Mae, was in the U.S. Navy for more than two decades. The couple met while serving in Korea and were later married and had twin sons, Michael and Marcus.

### CAREER TRANSACTIONS:

- The Austin, Texas, native was selected by the Titans in the first round (19th overall) of the 2007 NFL Draft.

### SEASON RECAPS:

**2011 (16/16):** Started all 16 games at safety and tied for the team lead with two interceptions. Ranked third on the squad with 96 tackles and added one quarterback pressure, two tackles for loss, six passes defended and one forced fumble. Led or tied for the team lead in tackles twice in 2011 (vs. BAL, at HST). Tied for the team lead in passes defended once in 2011 (vs. IND).

- At Jacksonville (9/11), started at safety and posted six tackles. Stuffed Mike Thomas for a one-yard loss on a third-and-two play in the fourth quarter.
- Against Baltimore (9/18), started at safety and tied for the team lead with five tackles, including a stop for loss and a pass defended. Stuffed Ray Rice for a two-yard loss on a rush up the middle in the first quarter. Broke up a deep pass over the middle intended for Anquan Boldin in the fourth quarter.
- Against Denver (9/25), started at safety and notched five tackles and a quarterback pressure.
- At Cleveland (10/2), started at safety and collected six tackles. Ended a Browns' drive by stopping Armond Smith for no gain on a fourth-and-one flip play in the second quarter.
- At Pittsburgh (10/9), started at safety and registered five tackles.

- Against Houston (10/23), started at safety and recorded 11 tackles. Teamed with Sen'Derrick Marks to stuff Derrick Ward for a three-yard loss on a rush off right tackle late in the fourth quarter.
- Against Indianapolis (10/30), started at safety and posted four tackles, an interception and two passes defended. Hauled in a tipped pass by Jason McCourty for an interception along the sideline in the second quarter. Ended a Colts' drive by knocking down a fourth-and-three pass intended for Dallas Clark late in the fourth quarter.
- Against Cincinnati (11/6), started at safety and notched eight tackles.
- At Carolina (11/13), started at safety and tallied three tackles and a pass defended. Broke up a pass intended for Greg Olsen in the fourth quarter.
- At Atlanta (11/20), started at safety and collected five tackles.
- Against Tampa Bay (11/27), started at safety and posted eight tackles and a pass defended. Broke up a pass intended for Mike Williams early in the third quarter.
- At Buffalo (12/4), started at safety and tallied five tackles and a forced fumble. Forced a C.J. Spiller fumble but the loose ball was recovered by Spiller in the end zone for a touchdown.
- Against New Orleans (12/11), started at safety and recorded eight tackles, including a stop for loss. Shot through potential blockers and stuffed Pierre Thomas for a three-yard loss on a short pass in the left flat in the third quarter.
- At Indianapolis (12/18), started at safety and tallied two tackles.
- Against Jacksonville (12/24), started at safety and totaled four tackles and interception. Ended a Jaguars' scoring chance by intercepting a pass in the end zone that was tipped by Jason McCourty in the fourth quarter.
- At Houston (1/1), started at safety and led the team with 11 tackles.

**2010 (16/16):** Named to the Pro Bowl and selected Associated Press second team All-Pro. Started all 16 games at safety and tied for sixth in the AFC with a team-high four interceptions. Finished second on the team with 153 tackles and 14 passes defended. Led or tied for the team lead in tackles six times (vs. OAK, at NYG, at SD, at MIA, vs. WAS, vs. PIT). Led or tied for the team lead in passes defended four times (vs. HST, vs. PHI, vs. JAX, vs. HST). Named AFC Defensive Player of the Month for October after leading the AFC and ranking second in the NFL with four interceptions.

- Against Oakland (9/12), led the team with 11 tackles. Recovered a fumble that was caused by a Jacob Ford strip-sack in the first quarter. Broke up a potential touchdown pass to Louis Murphy in the end zone late in the second quarter.
- At N.Y. Giants (9/26), led the team with 15 tackles and a forced fumble. Caught and downed a Brett Kern 37-yard punt at the Giants' one-yard line, which led to a Titans' safety in the third quarter. Halted a potential Giants' scoring drive by forcing an Ahmad Bradshaw fumble that was recovered by Alterraun Verner at the Titans' five-yard line in the third stanza. Collected a special teams tackle on coverage units.
- Against Denver (10/3), picked off a Kyle Orton pass that was tipped by Will Witherspoon in the fourth quarter.
- At Dallas (10/10), tied for second on the team with 10 tackles. Halted a potential Cowboys' scoring chance with an acrobatic interception of a pass intended for Martellus Bennett in the end zone late in the third quarter.
- At Jacksonville (10/18), picked off a David Garrard pass intended for Tiquan Underwood in the first quarter and returned it 13 yards to the Jaguars' 37-yard line.
- Against Philadelphia (10/24), tallied five tackles and three passes defended, including an interception in his fourth consecutive game. Intercepted a Kevin Kolb pass intended for Jeremy Maclin and returned it 28 yards to the Eagles' 45-yard line in the second quarter. Became the

seventh player in franchise history with an interception in four consecutive games. He also moved into a tie for 19th on the franchise's all-time career interceptions list.

- At San Diego (10/31), led the team with 11 tackles and teamed with Stephen Tulloch to stuff Ryan Mathews for a one-yard loss in the third quarter.
- Against Washington (11/21), led the team with 11 tackles.
- Against Jacksonville (12/5), started at safety and tallied 14 tackles and a pass defended.
- Against Indianapolis (12/9), started at safety and notched 11 tackles, including a stop for loss. Teamed with Chris Hope to stonewall Donald Brown for a three-yard loss on a rush off right guard in the second quarter.
- Against Houston (12/19), tied for the team lead with nine tackles, including a forced fumble and two passes defended. Forced an Andre Johnson fumble that was recovered by Johnson along the sideline in the third quarter. Broke up a pass intended for Owen Daniels along the sideline in the fourth quarter. Batted down a pass intended for Jacoby Jones late in the final stanza.
- At Indianapolis (1/2), totaled nine tackles, a pass defended and a fumble recovery. Broke up a pass intended for Pierre Garcon in the fourth quarter. Recovered a Dominic Rhodes fumble that was forced by Sen'Derrick Marks and returned it 20 yards to the Colts' 37-yard line late in the fourth quarter.

**2009 (16/15):** Played in all 16 games with 15 starts at safety and finished third on the team with 108 tackles. Posted seven passes defended, a sack, an interception, two forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and nine special teams tackles on coverage units. Led or tied for the team lead in tackles four times in 2009, including a career-best 12 stops at Jacksonville (10/4/09). Led or tied for the team lead in special teams tackles twice in 2009. Led or tied for the team lead in passes defended four times in 2009.

- At Pittsburgh (9/10), posted six solo tackles, a forced fumble and a pass defended. Led the team with three special teams tackles. With the game tied at 10-10, halted a potential Steelers' scoring opportunity by forcing a Hines Ward fumble that was recovered by Stephen Tulloch at the Titans four-yard line with less than a minute remaining in regulation.
- At Jacksonville (10/4), led the team with a career-high 12 tackles and a fumble recovery. Recovered a David Garrard fumbled snap at the Titans' 12-yard line in the third quarter.
- Against Jacksonville (11/1), collected three tackles and a forced fumble in the Titans' 30-13 victory. Blocked Josh Scobee's extra point attempt following the Jaguars' touchdown in the third quarter. Forced a Mercedes Lewis fumble that was recovered by the Jaguars in the third quarter.
- Against Miami (12/20), posted 11 tackles, an interception, a fumble recovery and two passes defended in the Titans' 27-24 overtime win. Ended a potential Dolphins' scoring drive by recovering a Ricky Williams' fumble that was caused by Tony Brown at the Titans' 20-yard line early in the second quarter. Helped set up the Titans' winning field goal by intercepting a pass intended for Davone Bess in overtime.

**2008 (16/16, 1/1):** Named to the 2008 Pro Bowl after starting all 16 games at free safety and finishing tied for second in the NFL with a team-high seven interceptions. Registered 81 tackles, two tackles for loss, a forced fumble and finished third on the team with 12 passes defended. Continued to excel on special teams finishing second on the squad with 17 special teams stops. Notched a career-high two interceptions against Houston (9/21/08) and against Pittsburgh (12/21/08). Matched a career-best with eight tackles against Jacksonville (9/7/08). Posted 115 interception return yards against Pittsburgh (12/21/08) which ranks second in franchise history for a single-game total (Miller Farr, 128 yards, at N.Y. Jets, 10/15/67).

- Against Jacksonville (9/7), tied for the team lead with eight tackles in the Titans' 17-10 victory on opening day. Registered his first career sack when he dropped David Garrard for a four-yard loss in the third quarter.
- At Cincinnati (9/14), collected six tackles and an interception in the 24-7 road victory. Intercepted a Carson Palmer pass intended for Reggie Kelly and returned it 15 yards in the fourth quarter.
- Against Houston (9/21), registered three solo tackles, a career-high three passes defended, two interceptions and a tackle for loss in the Titans' 31-12 victory. Made an acrobatic interception of a pass intended for Joel Dreessen along the left sideline in the first quarter. Picked off a fourth-and-10 pass intended for Andre Johnson in the fourth quarter.
- At Baltimore (10/5), registered two tackles and an interception in the Titans' 13-10 comeback victory over the Ravens. Stepped in front of Demetrius Williams, picked off a Joe Flacco pass and returned it six yards to the Ravens' 32-yard line in the second quarter.

- Against Cleveland (12/7), notched five tackles, an interception and two passes defended in the Titans' division-clinching 28-9 victory. Knocked down a deep pass intended for Braylon Edwards in the second quarter. Intercepted a pass intended for Edwards and raced 36 yards to the Cleveland 22-yard line, setting up the Titans' third touchdown of the afternoon in the third quarter.
- Against Pittsburgh (12/21), registered five tackles, two interceptions, including one that was returned for a touchdown, and three passes defended in the Titans' 31-14 victory. Halted a Steelers' drive by knocking away a deep pass intended for Nate Washington on third-and-10 late in the first quarter. Intercepted a pass intended for Nate Washington on third-and-two late in the third quarter. Sealed the victory by intercepting Roethlisberger and returning the pick 83 yards for a touchdown with 16 seconds remaining in the game.

**2007 (16/10, 1/1):** Saw action in all 16 games, starting the final 10 contests at free safety. Registered 49 tackles, three interceptions, eight passes defended, a forced fumble and a tackle for loss. Led the team with 16 special teams tackles. Made his first career NFL start at safety against Oakland (10/28). Collected his first career interception by picking off Sage Rosenfels against Houston (12/2). Saw action in his first career NFL game against Jacksonville (9/9). Tied for the team lead in passes defended three times in 2007 (vs. CAR, at CIN, at IND). Led or tied for the team lead in special teams tackles three times in 2007 (at NO, at HST, vs. SD).

- At Houston (10/21), led the team with six special teams tackles in the Titans' thrilling 38-36 victory over the Texans. Downed a Craig Hentrich 47-yard punt at the Houston 2-yard line in the fourth quarter and returned two kickoffs for 55 yards.
- Against Oakland (10/28), made his first career NFL start at safety and registered five tackles in the Titans' 13-9 win.
- Against Houston (12/2), recorded four tackles and an interception in the Titans' 28-20 victory. Collected his first career NFL interception by picking off a Sage Rosenfels pass intended for Kevin Walter in the fourth quarter.
- In AFC Wild Card Game at San Diego (1/6), registered seven tackles, including a tackle for loss and a pass defended. Batted down a deep pass intended for Chris Chambers in the end zone on a third-and-11 play in the second quarter.

#### COLLEGE:

- The 19th overall selection in the 2007 NFL Draft developed into one of the top safeties in college football during his four years at Texas. He started 28 times in 50 career games at Texas and totaled 364 tackles, 15 tackles for loss, four sacks, eight interceptions, 23 passes defended, nine forced fumbles and seven fumble recoveries. As one of the country's top special teams players, he set a Big 12 Conference record and ranked second in NCAA Division I-A history with eight career blocked punts.
- Led Texas in special teams tackles in each of his first two seasons and led the defense in tackles in his junior (124 tackles) and senior seasons (126). He was only the eighth player in Longhorns history to lead the team in tackles more than once in his career. His 364 career tackles on defense ranked eighth on the school's all-time list.
- As a senior, started all 13 games at free safety. Named second-team All-American by Associated Press and Walter Camp Football Foundation, first-team All-Big 12 by Associated Press and league's coaches and was semifinalist for Lott Trophy. Led team with 126 tackles and added four interceptions, 10 passes defended, one sack, four tackles for loss, four forced fumbles, two fumble recoveries and two blocked punts. Set season high with 16 tackles and added two passes defended at Texas Tech (10/28).
- As a junior, played 13 games with 12 starts at strong safety. Named second-team All-Big 12 after leading team with 124 tackles and adding three interceptions, eight passes defended, four tackles for loss, three fumble recoveries, one forced fumble and school-record four blocked punts. Matched school's highest single-game total since 1992 with career-high 23 tackles and blocked punt that was returned for touchdown at Texas A&M (11/25). Posted eight tackles and made crucial interception off Matt Leinart in Texas end zone to halt USC drive in 41-38 victory in Rose Bowl National Championship Game against USC (1/4).
- As a sophomore, played 12 games with one start and recorded 49 tackles, one sack, one interception, one forced fumble, one fumble recovery and two blocked punts. Also led team with 11 special teams tackles.
- As a freshman, played in 12 games with two starts and totaled 51 tackles, two sacks, three forced fumbles and one fumble recovery. Named team's Outstanding Defensive Newcomer. Also led squad with 21 special teams



## MICHAEL GRIFFIN'S NFL STATISTICS

REGULAR SEASON				TACKLES							INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			
Year	Team	GP	GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	QBP	TFL	No	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	SpT
2007	Tennessee	16	10	49	34	15	0.0	0.0	0	1	3	3	3	0	8	1	0	0	16
2008	Tennessee	16	16	81	49	32	1.0	4.0	2	2	7	172	83t	1	12	1	0	0	17
2009	Tennessee	16	15	108	62	46	1.0	10.0	1	2	1	3	3	0	7	2	2	0	9
2010	Tennessee	16	16	153	99	54	0.0	0.0	2	1	4	50	28	0	14	2	2	20	2
2011	Tennessee	16	16	96	70	26	0.0	0.0	1	2	2	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0
<b>NFL Totals</b>		<b>80</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>83t</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>44</b>

REGULAR SEASON			KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS				
Year	Team	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2007	Tennessee	18	422	23.4	48	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008	Tennessee	2	32	16.0	28	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2009	Tennessee	6	143	23.8	31	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2010	Tennessee	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>NFL Totals</b>		<b>26</b>	<b>597</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

PLAYOFFS				TACKLES							INTERCEPTIONS					FUMBLES			
Year	Team	GP	GS	Tot	Solo	Asst	Sk	Yds	QBP	TFL	No	Yds	Lg	TD	PD	FF	FR	Yds	SpT
2007	Tennessee	1	1	7	6	1	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
2008	Tennessee	1	1	4	4	0	0.0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Playoff Totals</b>		<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

PLAYOFFS			KICKOFF RETURNS					PUNT RETURNS				
Year	Team	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD	No	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	TD
2007	Tennessee	0	0	0.0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
2008	Tennessee	1	25	25.0	25	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0
<b>Playoff Totals</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

### Single-Game Highs

Tackles - 15 at N.Y. Giants (9/26/10)  
 Sacks - 1.0 (Twice, last at Seattle 1/3/09)  
 Interceptions - 2 (Twice, last vs. Pittsburgh 12/21/08)  
 Interception Long - 83t vs. Pittsburgh (12/21/08)  
 Passes Defensed - 3 (Three times, last vs. Philadelphia 10/24/10)  
 Forced Fumble - 1 (Seven times, last at Buffalo 12/4/11)  
 Fumble Recovery - 1 (Four times, last at Indianapolis 1/2/11)  
 Kickoff Returns - 5 vs. Indianapolis (9/16/07)  
 Kickoff Return Yards - 126 vs. Indianapolis (9/16/07)  
 Kickoff Return Long - 48 at New Orleans (9/24/07)  
 Special Teams Tackles - 6 at Houston (10/21/07)

### Playoff Single-Game Highs

Tackles - 7 at San Diego (1/6/08)  
 Passes Defensed - 1 at San Diego (1/6/08)

### Additional Statistics

Touchdowns - 1 (83-yard interception return vs. Pittsburgh 12/21/08)