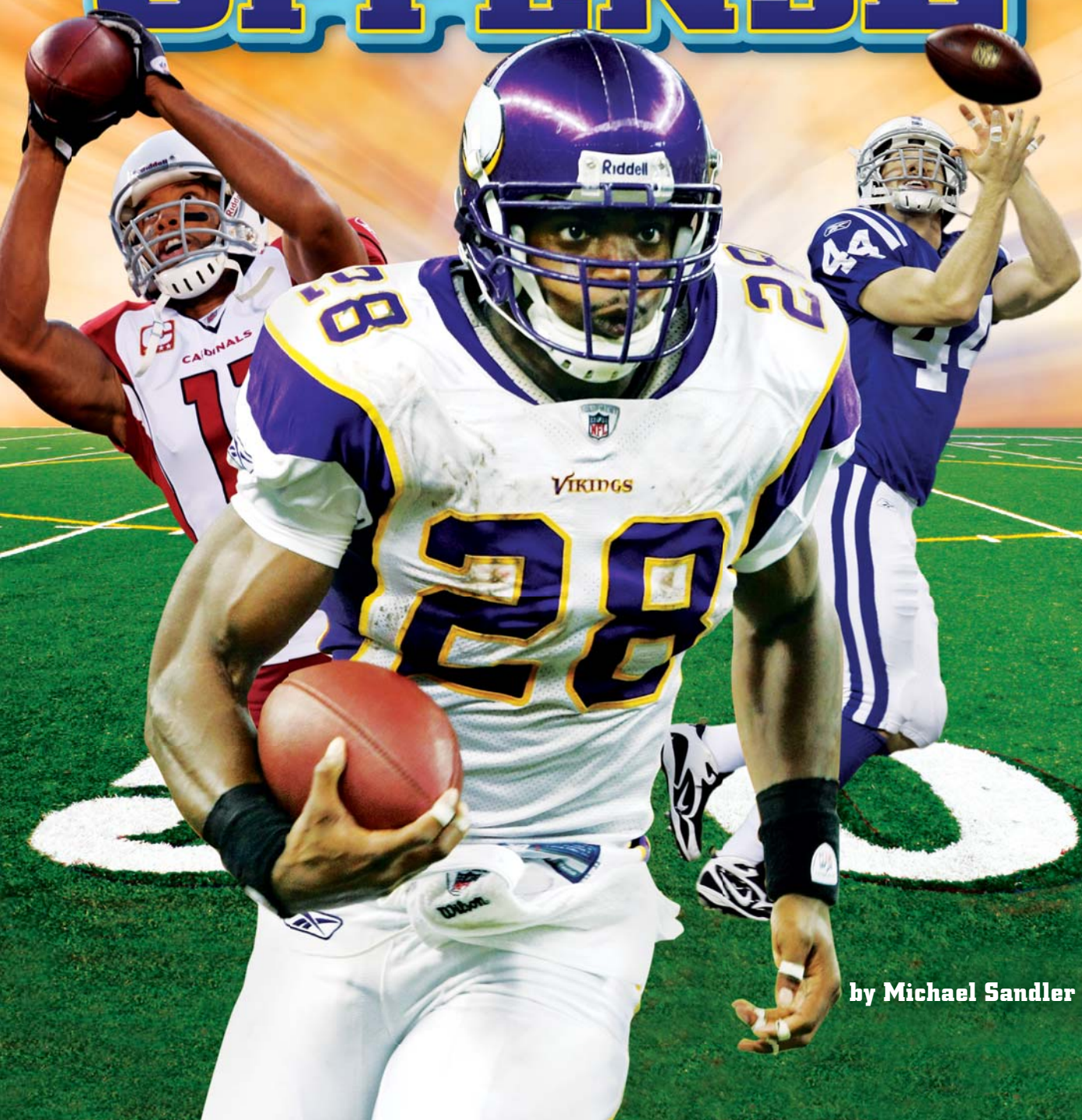




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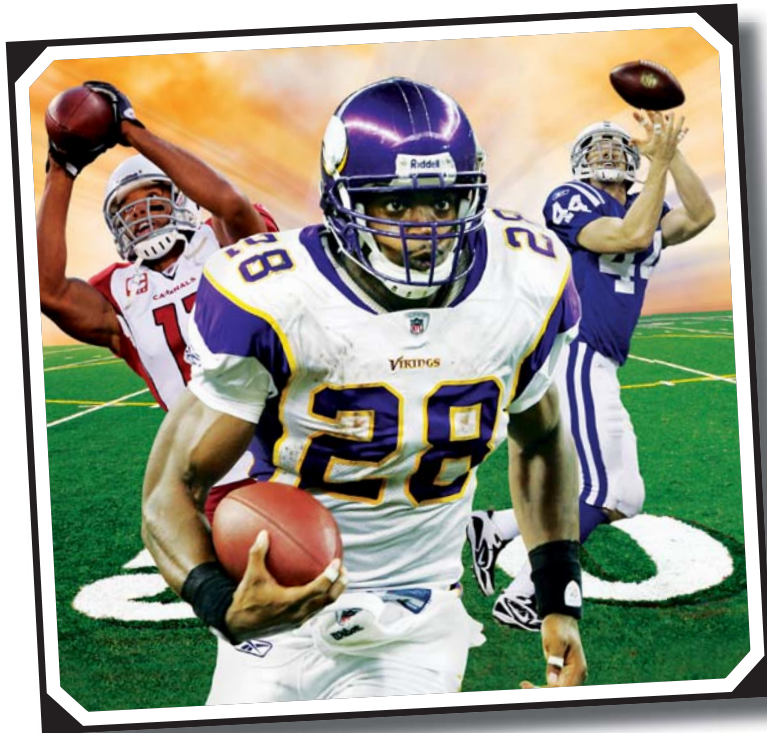


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Minnesota Vikings running back Adrian Peterson carries the ball downfield during a game against the Seattle Seahawks in 2009.

This book features the talented athletes who play at the different offensive positions. You will learn about **running backs**, such as Chris Johnson, Adrian Peterson, and Le’Ron McClain, who carry the ball. You’ll meet Andre Johnson, Larry Fitzgerald, and Dallas Clark, the **receivers** who catch the passes. You will also discover hard-working players on the **offensive line**, such as Ryan Clady and Nick Mangold, who contribute to every play. Each one is a star of the offense!



Arizona Cardinals wide receiver Larry Fitzgerald goes to make a catch in a game against the Green Bay Packers in January 2010.



New York Jets center Nick Mangold (#74) gets ready to snap the ball in a 2009 game against the New England Patriots.



NICK MANGOLD #74

NEW YORK JETS

Position: Center

Born: 1/13/1984 in Centerville, Ohio

College: Ohio State

Pro Bowls: 2

Height: 6' 4" (1.93 m)

Weight: 305 pounds (138 kg)

Offensive linemen form a wall with their huge bodies to give a quarterback time to throw and running backs space to move. With Nick Mangold at the center of this wall, **defenders** can't get over or around it. In 2009, Nick's work keeping defenders away helped the New York Jets lead the entire NFL in **rushing** with 172 yards (157 m) per game.

Equally important, Nick did a great job protecting **rookie** quarterback Mark Sanchez. With rookies, confidence is crucial. A young quarterback can get nervous if he feels he's not protected. With Nick right in front of him, Mark felt safe all season long. So safe that the Jets advanced to the **AFC Championship Game**.

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JANUARY 9, 2010

In the Jets' 24-14 playoff win against the Cincinnati Bengals, Nick held off the Bengals' **pass rushers** the entire game. This allowed Mark Sanchez to complete 12 of 15 passes without being **intercepted** or **sacked**.



Nick (#74) protects quarterback Mark Sanchez (#6) during the playoff game against the Cincinnati Bengals in 2010.

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