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*JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA - SEPTEMBER 13: Jonathan Taylor #28 of the Indianapolis Colts runs with the ball during the fourth quarter against the Jacksonville Jaguars at TIAA Bank Field on September 13, 2020 in Jacksonville, Florida. (Photo by Julio Aguilar/Getty Images)*

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The AFC South has been one of the weaker conferences in the NFL. Over the last two seasons, the combined records in the AFC South are 55-77. Teams like the Jacksonville Jaguars and Houston Texans haven't been competitive and the division has been dominated by the Tennessee Titans. However, the Indianapolis Colts can win their first since 2014.

In this article, I list three reasons why Indy can win the AFC South this upcoming season. Read and enjoy!!

## **Matt Ryan(Matty Ice)**

Since Andrew Luck shockingly retired in 2018, Indianapolis has been searching for a quarterback. This season Matt Ryan can help Indianapolis win the AFC South. Matt Ryan brings a decade of experience with him and multiple playoff appearances.

Teams win with good quarterback play and Ryan has proven to be a good NFL quarterback. Throughout his career, Ryan has been an accurate passer and knows how to win. Ryan also brings leadership to Indy's locker room. Colts skill players have embraced Ryan's no-nonsense attitude and respect his leadership. If Ryan can get his offense ready to play each week and help keep his offense engaged the Colts can win the AFC South.

## **Defense, defense, and defense.**

The Colts have one of the best defenses in the NFL. In 2021, Indy finished with the 10th best defense and recorded 33 takeaways. As general manager Chris Ballard has assembled a talented defense. Shaquille Leonard, Kenny Moore, and Deforest Buckner have led a strong defense that always strives to take the ball away and create turnovers. Leonard has forced 17 fumbles since entering the league in 2018. Additionally, in 2021 the Colts produced seven takeaways against their AFC South foes.

Over the offseason, the colts upgraded their defense. Indianapolis signed defensive end Yanick Ngakoue and cornerback Stephon Gilmore. The Colts can continue to produce takeaways and attack the quarterback in 2022. With an improved defense Indianapolis can stop their opponents and win the AFC South.

## **Tennessee's offense will look different**

The Titans won the AFC South in 2020 and 2021. Tennessee was also the number one seed in the AFC last season. Things are different this season for the Titans because they don't have AJ Brown. Last season Tennessee's defense has improved, but the Titans are built on offense. Losing AJ Brown is significant because of the toughness he provided. Brown was also the Titan's number one receiver and Tennessee will have to rely on their new acquisitions. Acquisitions including Austin Hooper, Robert Woods, and rookie wide receiver Treyton Burks. Derrick Henry is a great running back, but he was injured last season. Henry could get hurt again this season as Tennessee features him more in the run game. If Tennessee can't gel as an offense during the season, the Colts can win the AFC South.

