

Bad starts for Bears

The Bears get themselves into a hole every game by going nowhere on first down, and letting other teams burn them for big plays on first down. The reason: The Bears are determined to “get off the bus running” and stop the run, while first down is the best down to pass on.

Opponent	BEARS ON FIRST DOWN		:	OPPONENTS ON FIRST DOWN	
	Run-yds	Pass-yds		Run-yds	Pass-yds
Chargers	12-41	10-38	:	18-21	8-53
Chiefs	16-73	13-38	:	11-32	13-102
Cowboys	11-33	17-134	:	11-81	18-150
Lions	11-28	22-86	:	16-76	11-115
Packers	16-43	10-64	:	13-103	15-96
Vikings	13-50	18-114	:	18-121	9-84
Eagles	12-32	13-115	:	12-52	17-103
Lions	9-17	17-63	:	15-83	16-101
Raiders	16-30	12-137	:	14-52	11-47
Seahawks	9-38	15-52	:	8-49	23-214
Broncos	13-46	15-100	:	25-98	8-193
Giants	11-36	17-126	:	18-95	13-68
Redskins	12-28	20-120	:	12-23	13-84
Vikings	5-7	18-113	:	18-59	11-74
Totals	166-502	217-1,300	:	209-945	186-1,484
Averages	3.02 yds	5.99 yds	:	4.52 yds	7.98 yds

FIRST DOWN QUARTERBACK TOTALS

	Comp-Att-Int	Yards	TD	Rating	Sacks
Bears	122-202-12	1,370	5	64.2	12
Opponent	115-170-5	1,573	8	100.4	14

Note: Sacks and quarterback scrambles count as pass plays; spikes to stop the clock weren't counted as first-down passes.