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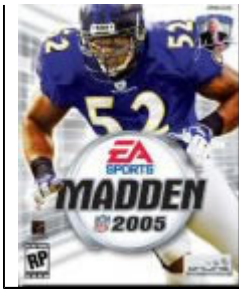
The Road to the SFFL Championship

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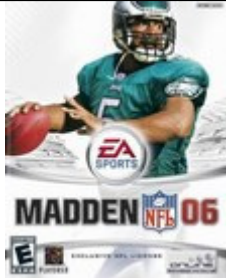
Week 16

SFFL Championship: Knuckle Dusters vs P-cubed SFFL Consolation: CYBORGS vs Buffalo Soldiers

The Madden Curse	
	Barry Sanders shared the cover with John Madden in this release and abruptly retired - ending his career and leaving the Detroit Lions without their star running back of the previous 10 years. Because he willingly retired and shared the cover with John, many say that this may not have been a result of the curse.
	After regularly averaging nearly 4 yards per carry in his first five seasons and rushing for over 1,300 yards in each one, Eddie George averaged only 3 yards per carry and rushed for career lows of 939 yards and 5 touchdowns in the 2001 season, and would also get injured the following season.
	Former Minnesota Vikings star quarterback Daunte Culpepper appeared on the 2002 cover, and the Vikings struggled to a 4-7 record until Culpepper was shelved with a season-ending knee injury.
	Running back Marshall Faulk of the St. Louis Rams, who was on the 2003 box, suffered an ankle injury, missing six games. He never broke through the 1,000 yards rushing mark for the rest of his career.
	Very shortly after Madden 2004 was released featuring Atlanta Falcons quarterback Michael Vick on the cover, Vick was injured during a preseason game, suffering a fractured right fibula.



Madden 2005 featured Ray Lewis of the Baltimore Ravens. He broke his wrist, an injury that kept him out of the last game of the regular season. It was also Lewis' first season without a single interception, after posting a career-high 6 the previous year.



McNabb developed a 'sports hernia' that needed surgery. Refusing to have season-ending surgery, McNabb played in discomfort throughout the season. In week 10, McNabb re-injured his groin. McNabb did play the next series but was ineffective and then decided to pack it in for the rest of the season.



Shaun Alexander suffered an injury from a chipped bone in his left foot which he received during the first game of the season against the Lions. Coach Mike Holmgren said that a bone scan revealed Alexander sustained a "small crack" on a non-weight-bearing bone in his foot. Alexander, who had never missed a game in his career, will go on to miss 7 weeks.



**Look who's on
the 2008 cover!!**