

The Best Browns Running Backs of the Expansion Era

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With the news that [yet another](#) battle-hardened Browns veteran has fallen victim to [the ravages of time](#)

, the opportunity has come once again to consult the Book of Legacies: NFL Oracle Edition and figure out what we've now lost. After all, in our society of instant rankings, a player's worth in an NFL afterlife is directly determined by the on-field legacy left behind.

As for Jamal Lewis...

2007. There you go.

If this was it, then 2007 was a very good year indeed. While it's hard to remember a rejuvenated Lewis breaking off monster runs and dominating the fourth quarters of games just two seasons ago - at least based on the painful images of the past season and a half - his tenure as a Brown was nothing but remarkable, however brief it was.

Yet, what could be even more fascinating regarding Lewis - at least to long-suffering members of Browns Nation, is trying to determine his place in team history...or at least the concept we commonly refer to as the "expansion era."

In fact, despite Lewis' struggles since his record-breaking 2007 campaign, which includes the ugliest 1,000 yard rushing season in the history of the league and an injury-shortened 2009, he may just be the greatest Browns running back of the new era.

Once again - remember 2007?

We could just call it a day here and concede the title to Lewis, but then again it just wouldn't feel right.

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