



## QB and Punt Returner Ball Control

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The QB and Punt Returner Fumble Probability is at x286E7 and is equal to 0C (both use this number).

On the original, Ball Control is on the hex scale of 12 to 03 where 12 is the Ball Control for a 6 skill and 03 is for a 100 skill. This places the QBs and Punt Returner equal to a 44 Ball Control player.

To determine fumbles the game loads a random number (\$3D) and compares it with the player's ball control and if the random number is less than the player's ball control a fumble occurs. Thus, changing the 0C to 00 would cause them to never fumble and FF to always fumble.


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**malferds**

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once again validating how dead on balls accurate I typically am.....

2 movies by me currently live on google video, just search for malferds i guess.

## amrush

Promising Rookie



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97 posts

**Location:** tecmo hell

Posted June 18, 2006

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So you're saying that this single code address controls the BC attribute for every team's QB & PR positions? There aren't 28 distinct settings (I'm assuming this is for TSB I).

Please be more specific, both about the game version and whether you're talking about one team's setting or all 28.

Thanx.

AM Rush



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Even though I hold the TSB Hall Of Fame Helmet, I am NOT a Panthers fan, dammit!



After 8 f\*cking years I actually have an all-time rom I can play... Yay

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Yes, one single hex address controls all 28 team's QB and Punt Returners Ball Control to determine their chance at fumbling.

Yeah, it is generally always TSB for NES unless stated otherwise.



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## EdibleAntiPerspira

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Veteran



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This is one of the greatest fucking discoveries yet. jstout, you can bang my girlfriend any time, plus bruddog will apparently give you 20 bucks.



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"The government, as I found out, lies. You can tell they're lying by when their lips are moving." --

Tommy Chong

## bruddog

Down with button mashing



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11,466 posts

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Posted June 18, 2006

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JSTOUT= THE MAN! Ya dude I think i did say \$20. I'd definitely send it. Fucking tight.



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*Live Long and Prosper*

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Madison Tecmo IV 2nd Place

Madison Tecmo VII 3rd Place



## Knobbe

Tecmo Godfather



Founder



+ 3,242

17,586 posts

**Tecmo Titles:** 1

*Founder of T-Borg*

Posted June 19, 2006

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Uh, don't you already know approximately how BC works?

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"You fail all of the time. But you aren't a failure until you start blaming someone else" - Bum Phillips

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## sois

Tecmo Legend



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Posted June 19, 2006

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## ImFlo

Tecmo Legend



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1,594 posts

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Posted June 19, 2006

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 **sois said:**

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You can't blame the Bears' quarterbacks for Bobby Wade's greased hands.  
And totally off-topic, but I just got serious deja vu after reading bruddog and sois' last two posts. And there is no way I was awake after they posted. I think I might be reading the boards too much, to an extent that I can now read posts before they happen.



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So you would make QBs and PRs fumble even more than they already do?



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Definitely QB's that way you can make them faster but with consequences.

It's too bad that QB's and PR's are linked together.

Average fumble rates nfl (over many seasons)

RB's ~ 1.3% per touch (fumbles)/(rec+rushes)

PR's ~ 5% this one is pretty tough because a lot of PR's are also WR's. But somewhere between 5-10% is

QB's ~ 12.3% per touch (fumbles/(sacks+rushes))



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That would probably work.

**jstout said:**

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Randy Moss

Starter



Posted June 20, 2006

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Wow, nice find Jstout. 😊

If someone comes up with a good fumble rating let me know. Should be interesting to play around with.



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Posted June 23, 2006

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Somewhere between 1A as a pretty reasonable number.

Here is the reasoning:

RB's fumble at about a 1.5% clip per touch in the NFL. Tecmo roughly tripled this rate since TD's and INT INT's also happen at a much greater rate to give realistic final scores. QB's fumble about 11% per rush+sack. Tecmoizing that number would make it about 33%. However QB's recover a very high percentage (~75%) of the fumbles they lose. But on QB sacks in tecmo your chance of recovering a fumble is pretty close to zero. 1A would give you a fumbling rate of about 10% for QB's.



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Well this would shift the incentive slightly towards throwing the ball rather than taking the sack.

**sois said:**

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The only flaw in this is that the random number generated may be more likely to produce a fumble on picked plays.



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**malferrs**

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<-----HINT HINT

bruddogs last post was actually a humble prayer.



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**quince3800**

Starter



Members

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151 posts

Posted June 14, 2013

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**bgboud2**

Tecmo Legend



Posted June 14, 2013

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On 6/14/2013 at 9:09 AM, bgboud2 said:

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buck reacted to this

## bgboud2

Tecmo Legend

Posted June 14, 2013

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whoops my half-ass reading 😭



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I've learned more about the code since then. The original code is below:

```
x2869E: LDY #$08 ; PLAYER ID INDEX LDA ($AE),Y
```

The hack posted here uses the first lines LDY #\$08 as the PRs skill index (which was 56 skill) for the CMP BALL\_CONTROL\_VALUES,Y line. The QB kept the branch listed above for the skill value.

It's quite possible to hack this using tables for a team's QB and PR ball control value. Or even to have the PR use their own ball control skill.


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## quince3800

Posted June 15, 2013

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## quince3800

Posted September 19, 2013 (edited)

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Greetings,

I want to get some clarification on this. Is the new PR value here really 69 (08 @2869e)? I changed the 0a @286c5 to ff and nothing happened. If the rebranched value was supposed to be 56 (skill 0a, after changing @286c7 to 12), where was this?

Also, I looked back at this because PRs were fumbling on the rom I'm playing with, but the value @2869e was already 00. Is this not then an absolute anti-fumbling value? (03 is 100 BC attribute, but still has a percentage and 00 isn't that far away).

Edit: It's clear that ff @2869e makes the PR always fumbled, while the same value @286e7 does the same for the QB (xx/256, where xx is a hex value).

Edited September 19, 2013 by quince3800



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