

## J. Smith wants to improve, starting or not

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The Ravens could have an interesting battle at the cornerback position – one side of it. Lardarius Webb seems to be locked in as the starter after a very good year in 2011.

But will Cary Williams and Jimmy Smith do battle for the other starting spot?

Williams jumped in when Smith got hurt in the opening game and grabbed on to the starting spot. He was one of the pleasant surprises of 2011.

But Smith started to get rolling later in the season and played very well. And then Williams had some off-season surgery that could open the door for Smith to try and grab the starting spot.

Or maybe not.

Smith, when talking to the media a few weeks ago, said he's just going to come out and give it a shot. Both players got plenty of time on the field last year with Williams locked in as the starter, so each should have his chance again in 2012 no matter who starts.

"I just think I am going to go out there, compete and do my best," Smith said when talking to the media a few weeks ago. "I am not really worried about who is going to be the starter or not. I know I am going to be playing, so my job right now is just to make sure I can do whatever helps the team."

Coach John Harbaugh said he expects big things from Smith, and the team was happy with the way he came on late in 2011. Smith said he's going to keep coming out and working on all parts of his game and be ready to play—whatever his role becomes.

"I don't think I am perfect at any part, so every day I just go out and work on my technique, my speed, my vision," he said. "Like I said, every part of my game, I think, can be better."

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