

TOP 17 KICKERS FOR 2007

A kicker's worth is determined year to year based on the offense that he is on & whether he is in any sort of slump. Usually there is a run on kickers in the mid-rounds but unless an owner can snag one of the top kickers, they are better off focusing on the remaining starting RB's or a WR prospect.

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV				
1. Adam Vinatieri	IND	6-0	202	34	12	6	10%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	IND	13	25	28	1-1	4-4	12-13	9-10	0-1	38	113
2005	NE	16	20	25	1-0	7-7	9-10	4-6	0-2	40	100
2004	NE	16	31	33	0-0	13-13	7-7	11-12	0-1	48	147
L3Y AVG		25	29	1-0	8-8	9-10	8-9	0-1	42	120	

One of the elite kickers in the league and is a valuable weapon in this high powered offense, and finished #1 in scoring last year. Coming into 2007 Vinatieri has eleven consecutive season with 100 plus points ranking him behind Jason Elam's fourteen. Fantasy owners should expect another big year from this kicker.

2. Nate Kaeding	SD	6-0	187	25	4	7	10%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	SD	16	26	29	0-0	7-7	11-12	7-9	1-1	58	136
2005	SD	16	21	24	1-1	3-3	9-9	8-11	0-0	49	112
2004	SD	16	20	25	1-1	9-11	2-2	5-6	3-5	54	114
L3Y AVG		22	26	1-1	6-7	7-8	7-9	1-2	54	121	

Kaeding has moved into the elite category for NFL kickers and his accuracy has improved each year to 89.7% in 2006. He'll again have another 100+ points in 2007 and for yardage scoring leagues, he's 4 for 6 from 50+ the last three years.

3. Jeff Wilkins	STL	6-2	205	35	14	9	9%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	STL	16	32	37	1-1	11-11	6-6	11-16	3-3	35	131
2005	STL	15	27	31	0-0	6-7	8-8	9-11	4-5	36	117
2004	STL	16	19	24	0-0	7-7	5-6	3-6	4-5	32	89
L3Y AVG		26	31	0-0	8-8	6-7	8-11	4-4	34	112	

Wilkins enters his 14th year, but remains one of the best kickers in the NFL. His accuracy has been inconsistent from year to year, but last year he put up top ten numbers in scoring hitting 86.5% and was 14 of 19 from 40+. His 345 consecutive XP's are 2nd in the NFL behind Jason Elam's 371.

4. Shayne Graham	CIN	6-0	197	29	7	5	8%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	CIN	16	25	30	0-0	9-9	8-9	6-8	2-4	40	115
2005	CIN	16	28	32	0-0	11-11	10-11	7-9	0-1	47	131
2004	CIN	16	27	31	0-0	7-7	10-12	7-8	3-4	41	122
L3Y AVG		27	31	0-0	9-9	9-11	7-8	2-3	43	123	

Over the last 4 years Graham has been one of the most accurate kickers in the NFL. Last year qualified him for the all-time accuracy rankings landing him 2nd (84%) behind Mike Vanderjagt. The Bengals will give Graham the opportunity to top last years numbers.

5. Neil Rackers	ARI	6-1	206	31	8	8	7%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	ARI	16	28	37	0-0	11-11	9-9	7-10	1-7	32	116
2005	ARI	15	40	42	0-0	11-11	10-10	13-14	6-7	20	140
2004	ARI	16	22	29	0-0	6-6	5-7	6-7	5-9	28	94
L3Y AVG		30	36	0-0	9-9	8-9	9-10	4-8	27	117	

Rackers had by far his best season in 2005 hitting 95.2% and six of seven from 50+ for 140 points. Last year he was average with only 116 points and was an abysmal 1 of 7 from 50+. This year HC Whisenhunt brings in ST Coordinator Spencer from Pitt and Rackers should return to Top 5 form.

6. Robbie Gould	CHI	6-1	181	24	3	9	7%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	CHI	16	32	36	0-0	6-6	14-16	12-14	0-0	47	143
2005	CHI	13	21	27	0-0	9-9	9-10	3-8	0-0	19	82
L2Y AVG		27	32	0-0	8-8	12-13	8-11	0-0	33	113	

Gould had a big year finishing #1 in kicker scoring with 143 points. Fantasy owners have a solid pick here, but kickers rarely match these numbers year to year and he has yet to attempt a kick over 50 yards. We'll rank him down a notch this year.

7. Matt Stover	BAL	5-11	178	39	18	8	6%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	BAL	16	28	30	0-0	12-13	9-9	6-7	1-1	37	121
2005	BAL	16	30	34	1-1	8-8	10-11	11-14	0-0	23	113
2004	BAL	16	29	32	2-2	9-9	7-8	9-10	2-3	30	117
L3Y AVG		29	32	1-1	10-10	9-9	9-10	1-1	30	117	

Stover is a reliable Fantasy pick, entering his 18th year he still delivers with his strong accurate leg. He has consistently finished in the top ten in kicker scoring the last 7 years & with an offense opening up this year should have another solid year.

8. Josh Brown	SEA	6-0	202	28	5	8	6%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	SEA	16	25	31	0-0	10-10	5-7	7-9	3-5	36	111
2005	SEA	16	18	25	0-0	5-5	4-5	4-7	5-8	56	110
2004	SEA	16	23	25	1-1	7-7	8-9	6-7	1-1	40	109
L3Y AVG		22	27	0-0	7-7	6-7	6-8	3-5	44	110	

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Brown has scored 100+ points in each of his four years here and the Seahawks rewarded him slapping on the Franchise tag. A very strong leg that can hit from long distances, but he has had accuracy issues from year to year which lands him here at eight.

9. Jason Elam	DEN	5-11	200	37	15	6	5%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	DEN	16	27	29	0-0	10-10	10-10	6-8	1-1	34	115
2005	DEN	16	24	32	0-0	9-10	5-5	9-13	1-4	43	115
2004	DEN	16	29	34	0-0	10-10	7-8	9-12	3-4	42	129
L3Y AVG		27	32	0-0	10-10	7-8	8-11	2-3	40	120	

Elam remains to be one of most consistent NFL kickers (93.1% FG's LY) and has finished in the Top 10 in kicker scoring in 13 of his 14 seasons. He also continues to add to his NFL record 371 consecutive extra point total. With the altitude in Denver he will once again be a valuable fantasy pick.

10. Olindo Mare	NO	5-10	195	34	11	4	4%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	MIA	16	26	36	0-0	10-10	6-8	9-12	1-6	22	100
2005	MIA	16	25	30	0-0	9-10	9-12	6-6	1-2	33	108
2004	MIA	11	12	16	0-0	1-2	6-7	3-4	2-3	18	54
L3Y AVG		21	27	0-0	7-7	7-9	6-7	1-4	24	87	

The Saints traded for Mare in the offseason, even after a subpar year with MIA. He still has a strong leg but his accuracy has been in question, which may have resulted in his unhappiness in MIA and their poor offense. This could be an ideal position for Mare in this high powered offense and a bargain for fantasy owners.

11. Mike Nugent	NYJ	5-10	182	25	3	10	4%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	NYJ	16	24	27	1-1	7-7	10-12	4-4	2-3	34	106
2005	NYJ	16	22	28	0-0	8-9	7-7	7-10	0-2	24	90
L2Y AVG		23	28	1-1	8-8	9-10	6-7	1-3	29	98	

The 2nd RD pick from Ohio State had a below average rookie year & it rolled over into the 1st game of 2006 missing 2 FG & a XP. He finished the year strong making 24 of 27 and had 106 points. If Nugent shows what he's capable of and the Jet offense improves, he'll have a productive 2007.

12. David Akers	PHI	5-10	200	32	10	5	4%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	PHI	16	18	23	0-0	9-10	3-5	6-8	0-0	48	102
2005	PHI	12	16	22	0-0	3-3	7-8	5-9	1-2	23	71
2004	PHI	16	27	32	0-0	4-4	6-7	15-18	2-3	41	122
L3Y AVG		20	26	0-0	5-6	5-7	9-12	1-2	37	98	

Coming off an injury from 2005, Akers had his worst full year in the NFL with 102 points. If he can stay healthy and the Eagles offense can provide opportunities, his numbers should improve.

13. Stephen Gostkowski	NE	6-2	200	23	2	10	4%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	NE	16	20	26	0-0	10-11	7-10	2-4	1-1	43	103

In his first year in the shadow of Vinatieri, Gostkowski put up solid numbers and showed that he had a strong leg. New England added more offensive weapons and now in his sophomore year the scoring opportunities should increase. A solid choice for fantasy owners as he could be a bargain pick late.

14. Joe Nedney	SF	6-5	225	34	12	6	4%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	SF	16	29	35	2-2	11-12	8-10	7-9	1-2	29	116
2005	SF	16	26	28	0-0	4-4	10-11	10-10	2-3	19	97
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L2Y AVG		28	32	1-1	8-8	9-10	9-10	2-3	24	107	

Nedney has shown to have an accurate leg as seen by his 2005 numbers. SF continues to improve on offense, which will provide more XP's but possibly less FG's. He has been injury prone throughout his career and is now entering his 12th year, will he hold up is what fantasy owners need to keep in mind.

15. Jason Hanson	DET	5-11	190	37	16	6	3%				
	TM	GMS	MADE	ATT	1-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50+	XP	TTL
2006	DET	16	29	33	1-1	12-12	6-6	7-8	3-6	30	117
2005	DET	16	19	24	1-1	9-9	3-3	4-7	2-4	27	84
2004	DET	16	24	28	0-0	9-9	10-11	5-8	0-0	28	100
L3Y AVG		24	28	1-1	10-10	6-7	5-8	2-3	28	100	

Hanson has been a staple of accuracy in his 15 years in the NFL, and even at his age still shows he can kick the long ball. Martz is in his 2nd year as OC and will provide many scoring opportunities for the kicker. Fantasy owners should benefit from a solid year given the fact Detroit's offense will be more potent in 2007.

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