

TOP 24 QUARTERBACKS FOR 2007

Usually an owner's draft position determines how fast he goes for a QB. Those drafting early will go for one of the high profile players while others look for value early. It's important to have a backup ready & not be afraid to check the waiver wire for those outperforming their preseason rankings.

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV
1. Peyton Manning	IND	6-5	230	31	10	6	18%

	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	557	362	65	4397	7.9	31	9	104.1	6	23	36	1.6	4
2005	453	305	67	3747	8.3	28	10	104.1	4	33	45	1.4	0
2004	497	336	68	4557	9.2	49	10	121.1	6	25	38	1.5	0
L3Y AVG	502	334	67	4234	8.5	36	10	108.5	5	27	40	1.5	1

Manning didn't have as many statistically dominating games as he did previously but delivered at a consistent level all year. There may be some dropoff this year but Manning's fully matured as a QB & he'll still be the top QB in virtually all leagues.

2. Carson Palmer	CIN	6-5	230	27	5	5	17%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	520	324	62	4035	7.8	28	13	93.9	2	26	37	1.4	0
2005	509	345	68	3836	7.5	32	12	101.1	3	34	41	1.2	1
2004	432	263	61	2897	6.7	18	18	77.3	2	18	47	2.6	1
L3Y AVG	487	311	64	3589	7.4	26	14	91.5	2	26	42	1.7	1

It took Palmer a while to get his mechanics back in '06 after recovering from a knee injury & he wasn't helped by the OL struggles. He should fare much better this year with a complete offseason of improvement rather than rehab. Palmer should easily be an elite QB & has a solid set of skill players that have started the L3Y with him.

3. Drew Brees	NO	6-0	209	28	7	4	16%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	544	356	64	4418	8.0	26	11	96.3	8	42	32	0.7	0
2005	500	323	65	3576	7.2	24	15	89.2	2	21	49	2.3	1
2004	400	262	66	3159	7.9	27	7	104.8	1	53	85	1.6	2
L3Y AVG	481	314	65	3718	7.7	26	11	96.8	4	39	55	1.5	1

Brees blew away any questions about his health or productivity after being dumped by the Chargers & signing with the Saints. He had an outstanding season for yardage owners & thrived in the balanced offense with the Saints. Ideally, he'll be the starting QB for owners who go after high profile RB's first in the draft as foes now will have a much better idea of how he operates under Payton & how to limit him.

4. Tom Brady	NE	6-4	225	30	8	10	15%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	516	319	62	3529	6.8	24	12	87.9	3	49	102	2.1	0
2005	530	334	63	4110	7.8	26	14	92.3	4	27	89	3.3	1
2004	474	288	61	3692	7.8	28	14	92.6	2	43	28	0.7	0
L3Y AVG	506	314	62	3777	7.5	26	13	90.9	3	40	73	2.0	0

Brady did fairly well for fantasy owners despite the fact he was working with a patchwork WR corps. NE was very aggressive in upgrading the talent for him to work with for 2007 & he should have a mini-rebound season. He may have to shoulder more of the offense if the running game struggles due to Maroney's shoulder issues.

5. Marc Bulger	STL	6-3	215	30	7	7	14%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	588	370	63	4301	7.3	24	8	92.9	8	18	44	2.4	0
2005	287	192	67	2297	8.0	14	9	94.4	4	9	29	3.2	0
2004	485	321	66	3964	8.2	21	14	93.7	4	19	89	4.7	3
L3Y AVG	453	294	65	3521	7.8	20	10	93.5	5	15	54	3.5	1

Bulger came into 2006 a bit underrated as he was working with a brand new scheme & more conservative coach in Linehan. Bulger had a very strong season despite a poor OL but could be outstanding in 2007 thanks to Steven Jackson & the addition of McMichaels. Bulger is a solid starter who could be a big surprise for 2007.

6. Donovan McNabb	PHI	6-2	240	30	10	5	14%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	316	180	57	2647	8.4	18	6	95.5	4	32	212	6.6	3
2005	357	211	59	2507	7.0	16	9	85.0	4	25	55	2.2	1
2004	469	300	64	3875	8.3	31	8	104.7	5	41	220	5.4	3
L3Y AVG	381	230	60	3010	7.9	22	8	96.0	4	33	162	4.7	2

McNabb was playing at a Pro Bowl level before he tore his right ACL & his injury was a major setback to many fantasy owners. He is slated to start the opener but after seeing Carson Palmer's slow start in 2006, owners should have a quality backup on board as insurance or, hopefully, as trade bait when McNabb proves himself.

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV
7. Matt Hasselbeck	SEA	6-4	223	32	10	8	14%

	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	371	210	57	2442	6.6	18	15	76.0	0	18	110	6.1	1
2005	449	294	66	3459	7.7	24	9	98.2	1	36	124	3.4	1
2004	474	279	59	3382	7.1	22	15	83.1	3	27	90	3.3	1
L3Y AVG	431	261	61	3094	7.2	21	13	86.3	1	27	108	4.3	1

Hasselbeck struggled with several injuries to himself & other key players around him & the OL never settled in. He had surgery on his non-throwing shoulder in the offseason & should return to being a top notch fantasy starter with a healthy supporting cast.

8. Phillip Rivers	SD	6-5	228	25	4	7	13%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	460	284	62	3388	7.4	22	9	92.0	2	48	49	1.0	0
2005	22	12	55	115	5.2	0	1	50.4	0	1	-1	-1.0	0
2004	8	5	63	33	4.1	1	0	110.9	0	4	-5	-1.3	0
L3Y AVG	163	100	61	1179	7.2	8	3	90.5	1	18	14	0.8	0

Protected by one of the best OL's in the game & working with Gates & Tomlinson, Rivers transitioned into the NFL easily. Norv Turner installed the offense when he was the OC here the 1st time & should be able to refine Rivers' development into an upper tier fantasy QB.

9. Tony Romo	DAL	6-2	230	27	5	8	13%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	337	220	65	2903	8.3	19	13	95.1	3	34	102	3.0	0
2005	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	00.0	0	0	0	0.0	0
2004	0	0	0	0	0.0	0	0	00.0	0	0	0	0.0	0
LY AVG	337	220	65	2903	8.3	19	13	95.1	1	34	102	3.0	0

Romo became the feel good story for 2006, leading the Cowboys to the playoffs & was a good mid-season pickup for owners. The key is how will he respond now that DC's have had an offseason to see what he likes & dislikes, not to mention working with a new coaching staff. He should be viewed as a decent starting option as long as Owens & Glenn are healthy but don't build a roster around him.

10. Jon Kitna	DET	6-2	217	34	11	6	12%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	596	372	62	4208	7.1	21	22	79.9	4	34	156	4.6	2
2005	29	17	59	99	3.4	0	2	36.4	0	2	14	7.0	0
2004	104	61	59	623	6.0	5	4	75.9	0	10	42	4.2	0
L3Y AVG	243	150	62	1643	6.8	9	9	77.6	1	15	71	4.6	1

Kitna had a standout year, especially for owners in yardage leagues, and took all the snaps for the injury-devastated Lions. He has a very good understanding of Martz's offense & can make all the throws & exotic calls that are required. Still Kitna makes too many mistakes & is best utilized in a situational role for teams with a good platoon system.

11. Matt Leinart	ARI	6-5	224	23	2	8	12%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	377	214	57	2547	6.8	11	12	74.0	1	22	49	2.2	2

Leinart had a good year for a rookie QB, despite playing behind a horrible OL & with virtually no running game after holding out until the 3rd preseason game. He could be the most improved QB as HC Whisenhunt upgrades the OL & he gets a full offseason to work with WR's Boldin & Fitzgerald.

12. Ben Roethlisberger	PIT	6-4	241	25	4	6	12%
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	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD
2006	469	280	60	3513	7.5	18	23	75.4	2	32	98	3.1	2
2005	268	168	63	2385	8.9	17	9	98.6	1	31	69	2.2	3
2004	295	196	66	2621	8.9	17	11	98.1	1	56	144	2.6	1
L3Y AVG	344	215	62	2840	8.3	17	14	87.9	1	40	104	2.6	2

Roethlisberger took it on the chin in 2006 dealing with a SB hangover, motorcycle accident & his appendectomy. He didn't really get into the flow until November but owners realistically didn't expect too much out of him LY. He's been in the offseason program since Day 1 under new HC Tomlin & should have a much better 2007.

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
13. Brett Favre	GB	6-2	224	38	17	7	12%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	613	343	56	3885	6.3	18	18	72.7	3	23	29	1.3	1		
2005	607	372	61	3881	6.4	20	29	70.9	4	18	62	3.4	0		
2004	540	346	64	4088	7.6	30	17	92.4	5	16	36	2.3	0		
L3Y AVG	586	354	60	3951	6.7	23	21	78.1	4	19	42	2.2	0		

Favre had his lowest completion % in his career but dropped his INT total overall from 2005. He worked behind an OL that featured 3 rookies LY & used 7-man protection schemes at times. The lack of a proven rush attack will hurt Favre as he tries to do too much at times but he's still a fantasy starter until whenever he retires.

14. Jay Cutler **DEN** **6-3** **225** **24** **2** **6** **11%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
14. Jay Cutler	DEN	6-3	225	24	2	6	11%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	137	81	59	1001	7.3	9	5	88.5	0	12	18	1.5	0		

It will be a risk to draft Cutler, who takes over as the #1 man in Denver, but he did toss 9 TD passes in his 5 starts, although 3 were vs #26, #30 & #32 pass defenses. The competition will be better, but he is definitely a solid #2 fantasy QB and if continues his 2006 pace, will be a nice starter for owners who have high profile RB's and Keeper leagues.

15. Michael Vick **ATL** **6-0** **215** **27** **7** **8** **11%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
15. Michael Vick	ATL	6-0	215	27	7	8	11%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	388	204	53	2474	6.4	20	13	75.7	1	123	1039	8.4	2		
2005	387	214	55	2412	6.2	15	13	73.1	0	102	597	5.9	6		
2004	321	181	56	2313	7.2	14	12	78.1	0	120	902	7.5	3		
L3Y AVG	365	200	55	2400	6.6	16.3	13	75.5	0	115	846	7.4	4		

Vick is one of the biggest fantasy question marks for 2006 as no one knows how he'll fare in the new Petrino offense. The Falcons are clearly putting the offense on his shoulders & demanding that he step up & be a leader on the field by giving him the ability to change plays on the line. Maverick owners wanting to take a gamble on a player with a huge risk vs reward line will take a chance here but Vick is ideally suited to a platoon system for now.

16. Eli Manning **NYG** **6-4** **218** **26** **4** **9** **10%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
16. Eli Manning	NYG	6-4	218	26	4	9	10%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	522	301	58	3244	6.2	24	18	77.0	1	25	21	0.8	0		
2005	557	294	53	3762	6.8	24	17	75.9	3	29	80	2.8	1		
2004	197	95	48	1043	5.3	6	9	55.4	0	6	35	5.8	0		
L3Y AVG	425	230	54	2683	6.3	18	15	73.2	1	20	45	2.3	0		

This is really the make-or-break year for Eli Manning as he enters his 3rd full season of being a starter but he hasn't been exactly helped out by Shockey & Burrell, who continue to train elsewhere in the offseason. Manning has started the last 2 seasons strong & declined late, so owners may want a sleeper backup to cover themselves if he struggles.

17. Jake Delhomme **CAR** **6-2** **215** **32** **10** **7** **10%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
17. Jake Delhomme	CAR	6-2	215	32	10	7	10%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	431	263	61	2805	6.5	17	11	82.6	1	18	12	0.7	0		
2005	435	262	60	3421	7.9	24	16	88.1	1	24	31	1.3	1		
2004	533	310	58	3886	7.3	29	15	87.3	4	25	71	2.8	1		
L3Y AVG	466	278	60	3371	7.2	23	14	86.1	2	22	38	1.7	1		

Delhomme struggled LY due to an OL that was hit by injuries early on & a running game that failed to develop. As long as he has a healthy Steve Smith to throw to downfield, Delhomme will remain a solid #2 option for fantasy owners or the top QB in a platoon system with good fantasy upside.

18. Vince Young **TEN** **6-5** **228** **23** **2** **4** **10%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
18. Vince Young	TEN	6-5	228	23	2	4	10%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	357	184	52	2199	6.2	12	13	66.7	0	83	552	6.7	7		

While Young guided the Titans to 8-8 & won the Offensive Rookie of the Year award, he really didn't deliver as a passing QB for fantasy owners. Tennessee took a step back in the offseason & it'll be interesting to see how Young reacts to defenses that are prepared for him, so he's a platoon QB for 2007.



NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
19. JP Losman	BUF	6-2	217	26	4	6	10%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	429	268	63	3051	7.1	19	14	85.0	2	38	140	3.7	1		
2005	228	113	50	1340	5.9	8	8	64.9	0	31	154	5.0	0		
2004	5	3	60	32	6.4	0	1	39.2	0	2	15	7.5	0		
L3Y AVG	221	128	58	1474	6.7	9	8	77.4	1	24	103	4.4	0		

Losman finished with a good fantasy season & delivered as a backup for owners in several games. He could have had an even better season if the Bills had fixed their OL earlier in the year. The addition of Marshawn Lynch makes him a fantasy sleeper as a backup QB for 2007 that should go mid-to-late rounds for owners looking for a Wildcard.

20. Alex Smith **SF** **6-4** **212** **22** **3** **6** **9%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
20. Alex Smith	SF	6-4	212	22	3	6	9%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	442	257	58	2890	6.5	16	16	74.8	0	44	147	3.3	2		
2005	165	84	51	875	5.3	1	11	40.8	0	30	103	3.4	0		
L2Y AVG	304	171	56	1883	6.2	9	14	65.5	0	37	125	3.4	1		

Smith is on his 3rd OC in as many years & he looked to have finally arrived after his breakout game vs SEA. SF really lacks a proven weapon at WR & it may be another year before Smith is taken seriously as a fantasy starter, though he has longterm potential.

21. Steve McNair **BAL** **6-2** **235** **33** **13** **8** **9%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
21. Steve McNair	BAL	6-2	235	33	13	8	9%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	468	295	63	3050	6.5	16	12	82.5	1	45	119	2.6	1		
2005	476	292	61	3161	6.6	16	11	82.4	2	32	139	4.3	1		
2004	215	129	60	1343	6.3	8	9	73.1	0	23	128	5.6	1		
L3Y AVG	386	239	62	2518	6.5	13	11	80.7	1	33	129	3.9	1		

McNair had a good but not great fantasy season for owners but seemed to wear down as the year went on. The addition of McGahee means less of the offense will rest on his shoulders & he'll be fresher down the stretch. He won't put up '03 numbers (230 ypg, 24-7 ratio) but could have a slightly better season than LY & be a good #2 for owners.

22. Chad Pennington **NYJ** **6-3** **225** **31** **9** **10** **9%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
22. Chad Pennington	NYJ	6-3	225	31	9	10	9%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	485	313	65	3352	6.9	17	16	82.6	3	35	109	3.1	0		
2005	83	49	59	530	6.4	2	3	70.9	0	6	27	4.5	0		
2004	370	242	65	2673	7.2	16	9	91.0	1	34	126	3.7	1		
L3Y AVG	313	201	64	2185	7.0	12	9	84.9	1	25	87	3.5	0		

Pennington won the Comeback Player of the Year award by taking the Jets to the playoffs with a rookie HC. However, his fantasy stats weren't all that impressive as he only had a 17-16 ratio. The addition of RB Jones will help open things up for him & improve his stats but for now he's an ideal starter in a platoon system or solid backup.

23. Byron Leftwich **JAC** **6-5** **245** **27** **5** **4** **8%**

NAME	TM	HT	WT	AGE	YR	BYE	AV								
23. Byron Leftwich	JAC	6-5	245	27	5	4	8%								
	ATT	COMP	%	YDS	YPA	TD	INT	QBR	300YD	ATT	YDS	YPC	TD		
2006	183	108	59	1159	6.3	7	5	79.0	0	25	41	1.6	2		
2005	302	175	58	2123	7.0	15	5	89.3	0	31	67	2.2	2		
2004	441	267	61	2941	6.7	15	10	82.2	3	39	148	3.8	2		
L3Y AVG	309	183	59	2074	6.7	12	7	83.9	1	32	85	2.7	2		

Leftwich hasn't logged more than 14 starts in a season & saw the starting job taken away from him after poor play LY. He has refused to talk to the media & spent the offseason away from the team working out. His unproven record & uncertain future in a new offense make him a backup option on teams with a solid starter.

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