

## YOU'RE FROM LOUISIANA? HAVE YOU QUARTERBACKED IN THE SUPER BOWL?

The Carolina Panthers' **JAKE DELHOMME** is only the latest in an amazingly long line of quarterbacks hailing from Louisiana who have played in the Super Bowl. Delhomme became the eighth Louisiana-born quarterback to do so this past season, when Carolina advanced to Super Bowl XXXVIII.

Perhaps the most notable quarterback to hail from Bayou country is Pittsburgh's Pro Football Hall of Famer **TERRY BRADSHAW**, a Shreveport native who won four NFL championships with Pittsburgh in the span of six years in the 1970s.

Carolina offensive coordinator **DAN HENNING** has coached his fair share of Louisiana quarterbacks, including **DOUG WILLIAMS**, who was the MVP of Super Bowl XXII, when he was part of **JOE GIBBS'** staff in Washington in 1987.

"Maybe somebody ought to do a study," says Henning. "I've had a lot of Louisiana quarterbacks and I don't know any of them that I haven't liked. Perhaps it's something in the water down there."

Impressive as the list already is, chances are it will grow again soon. Reigning NFL co-MVP **PEYTON MANNIG** and his younger brother **ELI** – the first pick in this year's NFL draft – were both born in Louisiana, as was Redskins quarterback **PATRICK RAMSEY**, who also played college ball in his home state for Tulane. Following is a chart of all the Louisiana natives to suit up at quarterback in a Super Bowl:

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>SUPER BOWLS</u>	<u>SB MVPs</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>HOMETOWN</u>
*Terry Bradshaw	Pittsburgh Steelers	4: IX, X, XIII, XIV	2	4-0	Shreveport, LA
Bubby Brister	Denver Broncos	2: XXXII, XXXIII	0	2-0	Monroe, LA
<b>*Jake Delhomme</b>	<b>Carolina Panthers</b>	<b>1: XXXVIII</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0-1</b>	<b>Breaux Bridge, LA</b>
*Stan Humphries	San Diego Chargers	1: XXIX	0	0-1	Shreveport, LA
Kordell Stewart	Pittsburgh Steelers	1: XXX	0	0-1	Marrero, LA
Norris Weese	Denver Broncos	1: XII	0	0-1	Chalmette, LA
*Doug Williams	Washington Redskins	1: XXII	1	1-0	Zachary, LA
*David Woodley	Miami Dolphins	1: XVII	0	0-1	Shreveport, LA
*Starter	<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7-5</b>	

Twenty-six states have produced at least one Super Bowl QB, with California sending 18 quarterbacks to the big game. Only one foreign-born QB has ever taken a snap in a Super Bowl: **MARK RYPIEN** (MVP of Super Bowl XXVI for the Redskins), who hails from Canada. Following is a chart of the top five states in terms of producing Super Bowl quarterbacks:

<u>STATE</u>	<u>SUPER BOWL QBs</u>
California	18
Pennsylvania	11
<b>Louisiana</b>	<b>8</b>
Ohio	4
New Jersey	4

## STAUBACH ON HENSON

An interesting quarterback development is taking place this season in Dallas, where **DREW HENSON** – who backed up Tom Brady at Michigan – has returned to football after three years of playing minor league baseball.

"It was my choice," says Henson. "It was more that I love the game of football. I missed it more than I thought I would."

Everybody wants to know: was the layoff too long? No! says a former Cowboys quarterback (and Pro Football Hall of Famer) who ought to know – **ROGER STAUBACH**. Staubach spent four years in the Navy after winning the Heisman Trophy at the U.S. Naval Academy and then produced a Hall of Fame career in the NFL, helping the Cowboys to four NFC titles and two Super Bowl victories (VI, XII).

Why Staubach thinks Henson can be successful in the NFL:

- "Maybe he'll be even better because he's more mature."
- "The psyche that you've got this layoff that's going to affect you, that's crazy. As long as he's still competitive, still working out and still has a strong work ethic, he'll be as good now as he would've been coming out of college."
- "From an ability standpoint, I know I was physically stronger at 27 than when I was coming out of college. I was also wiser and more experienced."
- "Quarterback is a physical position, but it's also a leadership position. He's got the attributes of being a quarterback and that will always stay with him. My skills didn't erode because I was in the service. I don't think you can erode them if you're still young, still competitive."

## QBs' FAVORITE QBs

Everybody has a favorite quarterback – even quarterbacks. They admire the way their peers play the game and compete.

Broncos QB **JAKE PLUMMER**, for instance, is a big fan of Tennessee's **STEVE MCNAIR**: "He's well rounded, he's tough and he makes it look easy," says Plummer of last season's Co-MVP (with Indianapolis Colts QB **PEYTON MANNING**).

Third-year Houston Texans quarterback, **DAVID CARR**, chooses **BRETT FAVRE** as his favorite: "Brett is fun to watch. He's the one guy in the NFL I would pay to watch. He doesn't care; he's got no fear."

Rookie quarterback **ELI MANNING**, of the New York Giants, agrees with Carr. Besides his brother Peyton, Eli's favorite quarterback is Favre. Says Eli: "He's so much fun to watch. He's so competitive, but he still has fun playing." Some favorite QBs of NFL QBs:

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>HIS FAVORITE QUARTERBACK</u>
Rex Grossman, Chicago	Trent Green, Kansas City
Jake Plummer, Denver	Steve McNair, Tennessee
Tim Couch, Green Bay	Brett Favre, Green Bay
David Carr, Houston	Brett Favre, Green Bay
A.J. Feeley, Miami	Donovan McNabb, Philadelphia Brett Favre, Green Bay
Eli Manning, New York Giants	Brett Favre, Green Bay
Shaun Hill, Minnesota	Duante Culpepper, Minnesota
Philip Rivers, San Diego	Brett Favre, Green Bay