

GIVE ME A BRATWURST WITH THAT TD!

Brett and a brat – two Lambeau Field favorites.

With three more touchdown passes at Lambeau Field, Green Bay Packers quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** will have thrown the most touchdowns (181) at one home stadium of any quarterback in NFL history. Realizing the significance of the accomplishment, Favre attributes his success to the atmosphere of his comfy home.

“Historically it has been an ace in the hole for us,” says Favre. “I think it's due in part to our fans, but also to the mystique and tradition that comes along with playing in Lambeau.”

Favre hopes Lambeau Field is never replaced.

“When they voted to build a new stadium or renovate the stadium, the vote was made to renovate,” he says. “Packers’ fans don’t want to relocate. We want to keep Lambeau Field as Lambeau Field. It is a special place. There is a lot of history here. Even opposing players are aware of that. It means something to play here.” The top 10 quarterbacks with the most TDs at one home stadium in history:

PLAYER	STADIUM	TDs
John Elway	Mile High Stadium	180
<b>Brett Favre</b>	<b>Lambeau Field</b>	<b>178</b>
Dan Marino	Pro Player Stadium	155
Dan Fouts	Jack Murphy Stadium	137
Jim Kelly	Rich Stadium	127

CULPEPPER: BIGGER THAN MOST HALL OF FAME LINEMEN

In the case of Minnesota Vikings quarterback **DAUNTE CULPEPPER**, bigger really is better!

At 264 pounds, Culpepper is the quintessential example of the “big quarterback,” bigger in fact than all but six of the 69 offensive and defensive linemen enshrined in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. And as he enters his seventh season, the former Central Florida standout has used that size to his advantage, emerging as one of the premier passing threats in the NFL while earning his third Pro Bowl berth in February.

While passing for franchise single-season records of 39 touchdowns and 4,717 yards in 2004, Culpepper also proved his tenacity on the ground. He rushed for 406 yards last season, second-most in the NFL among quarterbacks (Michael Vick, 902). His 174 first downs rushing since 1999 is tops among quarterbacks.

“I know everybody always talks about my size, but I honestly don’t think about it,” says Culpepper. “Those defensive linemen are still a lot bigger than me. I work hard year-round to be in the best shape I can. Because I am bigger than most quarterbacks, it helps me when it comes to breaking a tackle or getting away from a sack. It’s going to be hard to bring me down with an arm tackle. I feel like my speed is just as important as my size. Together, I’m just built differently from most people who play my position.” A look at the biggest quarterbacks in 2005, by weight, compared to 1995:

2005				1995			
QB	Team	Height	Weight	QB	Team	Height	Weight
Jared Lorenzen	NY Giants	6-4	275	Kerry Collins	Carolina	6-5	240
Daunte Culpepper	Minnesota	6-4	264	Dan McGwire	Miami	6-8	239
John Navarre	Arizona	6-6	251	Kent Graham	NY Giants	6-5	236
Quinn Gray	Jacksonville	6-3	246	Mark Rypien	St. Louis	6-4	234
Many tied			245	Many Tied			233

THE QB RBs

In 2004, Atlanta Falcons quarterback **MICHAEL VICK** set the NFL’s record for most career 100-yard rushing games by a quarterback (5) with three such efforts.

Go back over 85 years of NFL action, and only five quarterbacks have rushed for at least three 100-yard games. Vick and Eagles’ **DONOVAN MCNABB** – who faced off in the 2004 NFC Championship game -- are on the list. Are we in a “golden age” of rushing quarterbacks? New York Giants defensive end **MICHAEL STRAHAN** sure thinks so.

“These are two of the most elusive quarterbacks the NFL has ever seen,” says Strahan, who faces McNabb twice a year in the NFC East.

“Donovan has great vision, which is important because he sees you coming. He’s also a lot bigger and has more strength than Vick. He can break a tackle, juke you out or just run you over – he’s a triple threat. When you go after Donovan, you better get low, hit him hard and hope your teammates are there to help bring him to the ground.

“Vick, on the other hand, isn’t that big, but he’s quicker than just about anyone we’ve ever seen on the field.” One of Vick’s 100-yard rush games last season was against the Giants. “With him, it’s all about containment. He has incredible body control, which makes it very hard to get close to him. Vick is a quarterback, running back and wide receiver all mixed into one. You can’t match his moves. Once he’s in the open field there’s no way you’ll catch him.”

Okay, so Strahan obviously values the skills of Vick and McNabb, but if he had to choose one of them for his fantasy football team, who would he pick and why? “I’d pick Donovan because of his passing skills, but Vick is a better overall athlete” says Strahan. The top five quarterbacks in history with the most 100-yard rushing games:

QUARTERBACK	100-YARD RUSHING GAMES
<b>Michael Vick</b>	<b>5</b>
Billy Kilmer	4
Randall Cunningham	3
Bobby Douglass	3
<b>Donovan McNabb</b>	<b>3</b>

