

THE PLAYERS

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN 2007

BRETT FAVRE, Green Bay, needs seven touchdown passes to pass Dan Marino (420) for the most touchdown passes in NFL history. In his 16-year career, Favre has 414 touchdown passes.

Favre needs 3,862 passing yards to pass Dan Marino (61,361) for the most passing yards in NFL history. In 16 seasons, Favre has passed for 57,500 yards.

Favre needs two wins to pass John Elway (148) for the most wins by a quarterback. In 16 seasons, Favre has won 147 games.

Favre has led the league in touchdown passes four times in his 15-year career and can pass Johnny Unitas, Len Dawson and Steve Young (4) for the most seasons leading the league in touchdown passes.

In his 16-year career, Favre has passed for four touchdowns in a game 19 times. Favre needs three more four-touchdown games to pass Dan Marino (21) for the most games with four touchdown passes in NFL history.

PEYTON MANNING, Indianapolis, needs 4,000 passing yards to become the first quarterback in NFL history with eight 4,000-yard seasons. Manning is the only quarterback to accomplish the feat in seven seasons.

Manning has led the league in touchdown passes three times in his nine-year career and can tie Brett Favre, Johnny Unitas, Len Dawson and Steve Young (4) for the most seasons leading the league in touchdown passes (see Favre note).

Manning has passed for 400 yards in a game seven times in his nine-year NFL career. Manning needs one 400-yard passing game to surpass Joe Montana and Warren Moon (7) for the second-most games with 400 yards passing in NFL history.

Manning needs 26 touchdown passes to surpass Johnny Unitas (290), Warren Moon (291) and John Elway (300) to move into fourth place all-time. In nine seasons, Manning has thrown 275 touchdown passes.

Manning needs 2,966 passing yards to surpass Boomer Esiason (37,920), Dave Krieg (38,147), John Unitas (40,239) and Joe Montana (40,551) to move into eighth place all-time. In nine seasons, Manning has passed for 37,586 yards.

LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON, San Diego, needs 16 touchdowns to pass Lenny Moore (111), Terrell Owens (116), John Riggins (116), Marvin Harrison (122), Walter Payton (125), Jim Brown (126) and Cris Carter (130) to move into sixth place all-time (see M. Harrison and Owens notes). In six seasons, Tomlinson has scored 111 touchdowns.

EDGERRIN JAMES, Arizona, has gained 2,000 scrimmage yards three times in his eight-year career. With one more 2,000-scrimmage yard season, James will tie Eric Dickerson, Marshall Faulk and Walter Payton (4) for the most all-time.

James needs one more season with 2,000 combined yards to tie Eric Dickerson, Marshall Faulk, Dante Hall, Brian Mitchell and Walter Payton (4) for the most all-time (see Hall note). James has gained 2,000 combined yards three times in his career.

SHAUN ALEXANDER, Seattle, needs four rushing touchdowns to become the eighth player in NFL history to rush for 100 touchdowns. In seven seasons, Alexander has rushed for 96 touchdowns.

MARVIN HARRISON, Indianapolis, needs 100 receptions to pass Jerry Rice (4) to become the first player in NFL history with five 100-catch seasons. In 11 seasons, Harrison has four seasons with 100 receptions.

Harrison needs 81 receptions to surpass Tim Brown (1,094) and Cris Carter (1,101) to move into second place all-time. In 11 seasons, Harrison has 1,021 receptions.

Harrison needs 1,238 receiving yards to surpass Henry Ellard (13,777), Cris Carter (13,899), James Lofton (14,004) and Tim Brown (14,934) to move into second place all-time (see Bruce note). In 11 seasons, Harrison has 13,697 receiving yards.

Harrison has three 1,500-receiving yard seasons in his 11-year career and needs 1,500 receiving yards to tie Jerry Rice (4) for the most 1,500-receiving yard seasons.

Harrison needs 1,000 receiving yards to pass Cris Carter, Steve Largent and Rod Smith (8) to move into a second place tie with Tim Brown and Jimmy Smith in 1,000-yard receiving seasons. In 11 seasons, Harrison has eight 1,000-yard seasons (see Smith note).