

TOP 220

Expert Rankings

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Based on the Expert Rankings (pages 49-62), we have constructed an Expert Top 220 List. This list is ordered by our consensus rank. Average Draft Position (ADP) has been added as a reference to indicate when these players will likely be drafted. Difference

(Diff) refers to the difference between our rank and the ADP list. A positive Diff value indicates staff expectations to exceed drafted position (value). A negative Diff value indicates staff expectations to fall short of drafted position (over-valued/reach).

Rank	ADP	Diff	Pos	Player	Comments
1	1	0	RB1	LaDainian Tomlinson, SD (9)	Down year still produced 2,000+ combined yards and 18 TDs
2	2	0	RB2	Adrian Peterson, Min (8)	Exceptional rookie campaign earned him ROY honors
3	4	1	RB3	Steven Jackson, StL (5)	Finished as the 14th best RB despite playing in just 12 games
4	3	-1	RB4	Brian Westbrook, Phi (7)	Career highs in rushing yards, targets, receptions, and TDs
5	5	0	RB5	Joseph Addai, Ind (4)	Improved to 15 combined TDs in 2007
6	7	1	RB6	Clinton Portis, Was (10)	More involvement as a receiver led to bounceback year
7	6	-1	RB7	Frank Gore, SF (7)	Downyear in 2007, but OC Martz promises more involvement
8	8	0	RB8	Marion Barber III, Dal (10)	Has averaged 4.8 yards per rushing attempt over the last 2 years
9	10	1	RB9	Larry Johnson, KC (6)	Looking to rebound from injury plagued season
10	9	-1	RB10	Marshawn Lynch, Buf (6)	He is expected to be more involved in the passing game in 2008
11	12	1	QB1	Tom Brady, NE (4)	Career highs in yards, TDs and fantasy points
12	14	2	WR1	Randy Moss, NE (4)	Scored an NFL record 23 TDs
13	11	-2	RB11	Willis McGahee, Bal (10)	Change of scenery yielded a productive 2007 season
14	18	4	WR2	Reggie Wayne, Ind (4)	Career highs in targets, receptions and yards
15	21	6	WR3	Terrell Owens, Dal (10)	Has scored 28 TDs over the last 2 seasons
16	16	0	RB12	Ryan Grant, GB (8)	Had 1,000 rushing yards and 11 TDs in last 10 games
17	19	2	WR4	Braylon Edwards, Cle (5)	Career highs in targets, receptions, yards/catch and TDs
18	15	-3	RB13	Maurice Jones-Drew, Jac (7)	Scored 24 rushing/receiving TDs over last 2 seasons
19	13	-6	RB14	Reggie Bush, NO (9)	Has 161 receptions in 28 career games
20	20	0	QB2	Peyton Manning, Ind (4)	Is rumored to be in talks to appear in a commercial.
21	22	1	WR5	Larry Fitzgerald, Ari (7)	Scored 9 TDs in last 8 games
22	23	1	WR6	Andre Johnson, Hou (8)	Scored 8 TDs and had 851 yards in just 9 games
23	27	4	RB15	Jamal Lewis, Cle (5)	Revived career in Cleveland and finished as RB6 in 15 games
24	28	4	RB16	Laurence Maroney, NE (4)	Had 293 combined yards and 2 TDs in two AFC playoff wins
25	26	1	WR7	Steve Smith, Car (9)	Should rebound with healthy Delhomme starting
26	24	-2	WR8	T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Cin (8)	Career highs in targets, receptions and TDs in 2007
27	17	-10	RB17	Ronnie Brown, Mia (4)	Was playing great before blowing out his ACL
28	25	-3	WR9	Marques Colston, NO (9)	Career highs in targets, receptions, yards and TDs
29	33	4	RB18	Willie Parker, Pit (6)	Produced good yardage, but saw TDs dip from 16 to 2
30	53	23	RB19	Edgerrin James, Ari (7)	Quietly combined for 1,428 yards and 7 TDs
31	38	7	WR10	Torry Holt, StL (5)	Down year still produced 93 catches, 1,189 yards and 7 TDs
32	37	5	QB3	Drew Brees, NO (9)	Had 2,253 passing yards and 16 TDs in last 8 games
33	34	1	WR11	Plaxico Burress, NYG (4)	Despite nagging injuries, caught 70 passes and 12 TDs
34	35	1	RB20	Earnest Graham, TB (10)	Combined for 819 yards and 8 TDs in last 8 games
35	30	-5	QB4	Tony Romo, Dal (10)	Career highs in attempts, yards, TDs, and fantasy points
36	36	0	WR12	Anquan Boldin, Ari (7)	Had 71 receptions, 853 yards and 9 TDs in just 12 games
37	31	-6	RB21	Brandon Jacobs, NYG (4)	Averaged 5.0 yards per carry, but couldn't stay healthy
38	39	1	WR13	Chad Johnson, Cin (8)	Has been a top 6 WR the last three seasons
39	32	-7	RB22	Michael Turner, Atl (7)	Gets his chance as featured back for Falcons
40	29	-11	WR14	Brandon Marshall, Den (8)	Fell through TV after slipping on McDonald's wrapper in offseason

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41	41	0	RB23	Darren McFadden, Oak (5)	Rookie expected to play big role in offense
42	44	2	TE1	Antonio Gates, SD (9)	Rehabbing toe hopes to be ready for season opener
43	55	12	RB24	Thomas Jones, NYJ (5)	Produced decent yardage, but scored just 2 TDs
44	51	7	TE2	Jason Witten, Dal (10)	Career highs in targets, receptions, yards and TDs
45	42	-3	WR15	Wes Welker, NE (4)	Led all receivers with 112 catches
46	43	-3	QB5	Carson Palmer, Cin (8)	Down year still yielded 4,000+ passing yards and 26 TDs
47	46	-1	WR16	Dwayne Bowe, KC (6)	Made immediate impact on young team
48	49	1	WR17	Roy Williams, Det (4)	Down year produced just 836 receiving yards and 5 TDs in 12 games
49	52	3	TE3	Kellen Winslow Jr, Cle (5)	Career highs in targets, yards and TDs
50	48	-2	WR18	Santonio Holmes, Pit (6)	Big play receiver scored 8 TDs in just 13 games
51	56	5	RB25	Rudi Johnson, Cin (8)	Hopes to rebound after dismal 2007
52	47	-5	WR19	Greg Jennings, GB (8)	Caught an amazing 12 TDs in just 13 games
53	54	1	RB26	LenDale White, Ten (6)	Quietly amassed 1,222 combined yards and 7 TDs
54	50	-4	WR20	Lee Evans, Buf (6)	Down year as team juggled quarterbacks
55	45	-10	QB6	Ben Roethlisberger, Pit (6)	Saw a huge spike in passing TDs (18 to 32) in 2007
56	72	16	RB27	Fred Taylor, Jac (7)	Produced 1,202 yards and 5 TDs in just 15 games
57	60	3	WR21	Laveranues Coles, NYJ (5)	Injured ankle and nagging injuries cut 2007 season short
58	66	8	TE4	Tony Gonzalez, KC (6)	Led all tight ends in targets (154) in 2007
59	40	-19	WR22	Calvin Johnson, Det (4)	Looking to build upon his rookie season
60	69	9	RB28	Travis Henry, Den (8)	Talented back, but injuries and off-the-field issues could derail him
61	62	1	QB7	Donovan McNabb, Phi (7)	Has not played a full season since 2003
62	57	-5	RB29	Julius Jones, Sea (4)	Signed to be the starter replacing Shaun Alexander
63	65	2	WR23	Hines Ward, Pit (6)	Production is tailing off in the twilight of his career
64	63	-1	QB8	Matt Hasselbeck, Sea (4)	Talented QB, but offseason losses could hamper his success
65	58	-7	WR24	Jerricho Cotchery, NYJ (5)	Two TDs seems flakey as he set a career high in yardage
66	73	7	RB30	Kevin Smith, Det (4)	Rookie only needs to beat out Tatum Bell for the starting job
67	68	1	TE5	Chris Cooley, Was (10)	He has finished as a Top 6 TE the last three years
68	59	-9	WR25	Roddy White, Atl (7)	He quietly set career highs in receptions, yards and TDs
69	76	7	RB31	DeAngelo Williams, Car (9)	He and rookie Jonathan Stewart are expected to share carries
70	67	-3	WR26	Donald Driver, GB (8)	Production dropped off, but he still managed 1,000+ yards at age 32
71	75	4	RB32	Matt Forte, Chi (8)	Rookie will compete against Cedric Benson in camp
72	71	-1	QB9	Derek Anderson, Cle (5)	Came up big when given the chance. He finished the year as the #6 QB
73	61	-12	WR27	Chris Chambers, SD (9)	Found new life with the Chargers. Expected to be their #1 WR this season
74	82	8	QB10	Eli Manning, NYG (4)	Silenced the critics by coming up big in the post season
75	64	-11	RB33	Jonathan Stewart, Car (9)	Rookie will compete with DeAngelo Williams for carries
76	94	18	WR28	Joey Galloway, TB (10)	Veteran receiver is still fast. He managed 1,014 yards on just 57 catches
77	81	4	WR29	Marvin Harrison, Ind (4)	Came up soft in the playoffs after injury. He will turn 36 this year
78	79	1	WR30	Javon Walker, Oak (5)	Disgruntled receiver gets a change of scenery in Oakland
79	84	5	QB11	Jay Cutler, Den (8)	Had a strong season despite not knowing he had diabetes
80	77	-3	RB34	Rashard Mendenhall, Pit (6)	Rookie will provide change of pace and goal line carries for the Steelers
81	89	8	TE6	Todd Heap, Bal (10)	Injured for most of 2007, Heap hopes to return to his 2006 form
82	74	-8	TE7	Dallas Clark, Ind (4)	He quietly put up 11 TDs (first among all Tight Ends)
83	87	4	QB12	Marc Bulger, StL (5)	Offense line woes caused Bulger to be a pincushion in 2007
84	86	2	RB35	Deuce McAllister, NO (9)	He appears fully recovered from a blown ACL
85	70	-15	WR31	Santana Moss, Was (10)	Caught 43 passes for 579 yards and 4 TDs in his last 8 games
86	92	6	TE8	Jeremy Shockey, NYG (4)	A trade to New Orleans never materialized
87	103	16	QB13	David Garrard, Jac (7)	Threw 18 TDs against just 3 interceptions in 12 games
88	83	-5	RB36	Chester Taylor, Min (8)	Capable backup behind standout Adrian Peterson
89	80	-9	WR32	Bernard Berrian, Min (8)	Expected to be the #1 WR for the Vikings
90	91	1	TE9	Vernon Davis, SF (7)	Has shown flashes of brilliance. Still underperforming expectations
91	85	-6	WR33	Kevin Curtis, Phi (7)	Career highs in targets, receptions, yards and TDs
92	88	-4	WR34	Derrick Mason, Bal (10)	Still producing at age 34. Had 1,087 yards and 5 TDs as WR1
93	104	11	QB14	Philip Rivers, SD (9)	Played tough through injuries in playoffs
94	156	62	RB37	Chris Brown, Hou (8)	Expected to battle Ahman Green for carries
95	93	-2	RB38	Cedric Benson, Chi (8)	Disappointing 3.4 yards per carry. Will battle Matt Forte in camp
96	102	6	WR35	Reggie Brown, Phi (7)	Career highs in targets and receptions, but yards/catch tailed way off
97	96	-1	WR36	Bobby Engram, Sea (4)	Career highs in targets, receptions, yards and TDs
98	97	-1	QB15	Vince Young, Ten (6)	Only managed 9 passing TDs and 3 rushing TDs last season
99	95	-4	RB39	Ahman Green, Hou (8)	Injured most of 2007. Could be the teams #1 RB if healthy
100	100	0	TE10	Owen Daniels, Hou (8)	Career best in targets, receptions, and fantasy points

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101	98	-3	WR37	Jerry Porter, Jac (7)
102	120	18	WR38	Isaac Bruce, SF (7)
103	78	-25	WR39	Anthony Gonzalez, Ind (4)
104	119	15	QB16	Jon Kitna, Det (4)
105	90	-15	RB40	Felix Jones, Dal (10)
106	112	6	WR40	Patrick Crayton, Dal (10)
107	127	20	WR41	Reggie Williams, Jac (7)
108	113	5	WR42	Mark Clayton, Bal (10)
109	118	9	QB17	Jake Delhomme, Car (9)
110	99	-11	RB41	Justin Fargas, Oak (5)
111	107	-4	TE11	Heath Miller, Pit (6)
112	117	5	WR43	Nate Burleson, Sea (4)
113	106	-7	QB18	Matt Schaub, Hou (8)
114	114	0	WR44	Deion Branch, Sea (4)
115	109	-6	WR45	D.J. Hackett, Car (9)
116	108	-8	WR46	Sidney Rice, Min (8)
117	111	-6	WR47	Ted Ginn, Mia (4)
118	129	11	Def1	San Diego Chargers (9)
119	121	2	QB19	Aaron Rodgers, GB (8)
120	128	8	RB42	Tatum Bell, Det (4)
121	125	4	TE12	Ben Watson, NE (4)
122	159	37	WR48	Ronald Curry, Oak (5)
123	115	-8	WR49	Donte Stallworth, Cle (5)
124	123	-1	QB20	Jason Campbell, Was (10)
125	124	-1	RB43	Kenny Watson, Cin (8)
126	116	-10	TE13	Tony Scheffler, Den (8)
127	132	5	WR50	Bryant Johnson, SF (7)
128	152	24	WR51	James Jones, GB (8)
129	131	2	Def2	Minnesota Vikings (8)
130	122	-8	QB21	Matt Leinart, Ari (7)
131	105	-26	RB44	Selvin Young, Den (8)
132	133	1	TE14	Alge Crumpler, Ten (6)
133	138	5	WR52	Jabar Gaffney, NE (4)
134	126	-8	RB45	Jerious Norwood, Atl (7)
135	134	-1	TE15	Greg Olsen, Chi (8)
136	164	28	WR53	Drew Bennett, StL (5)
137	157	20	Def3	New England Patriots (4)
138	135	-3	QB22	Jeff Garcia, TB (10)
139	161	22	RB46	Ricky Williams, Mia (4)
140	202	62	WR54	Demetrius Williams, Bal (10)
141	154	13	QB23	JaMarcus Russell, Oak (5)
142	130	-12	RB47	Chris Johnson, Ten (6)
143	158	15	TE16	Zach Miller, Oak (5)
144	110	-34	WR55	Vincent Jackson, SD (9)
145	155	10	RB48	Warrick Dunn, TB (10)
146	143	-3	Def4	Jacksonville Jaguars (7)
147	147	0	PK1	Adam Vinatieri, Ind (4)
148	165	17	WR56	Ernest Wilford, Mia (4)
149	195	46	PK2	Stephen Gostkowski, NE (4)
150	141	-9	QB24	Tarvaris Jackson, Min (8)
151	101	-50	RB49	Ahmad Bradshaw, NYG (4)
152	146	-6	TE17	Donald Lee, GB (8)
153	150	-3	RB50	Ladell Betts, Was (10)
154	173	19	WR57	Muhsin Muhammad, Car (9)
155	219	64	Def5	Pittsburgh Steelers (6)
156	186	30	PK3	Nick Folk, Dal (10)
157	145	-12	RB51	Sammy Morris, NE (4)
158	176	18	WR58	Robert Meachem, NO (9)
159	>220	62	WR59	Shaun McDonald, Det (4)
160	192	32	Def6	Chicago Bears (8)

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161	167	6	QB25	Trent Edwards, Buf (6)
162	140	-22	RB52	Leon Washington, NYJ (5)
163	198	35	Def7	Dallas Cowboys (10)
164	>220	57	Def8	Baltimore Ravens (10)
165	191	26	QB26	Alex Smith, SF (7)
166	168	2	WR60	Kevin Walter, Hou (8)
167	>220	54	Def9	New York Giants (4)
168	>220	53	QB27	Rex Grossman, Chi (8)
169	>220	52	RB53	Steve Slaton, Hou (8)
170	213	43	TE18	L.J. Smith, Phi (7)
171	139	-32	WR61	Laurent Robinson, Atl (7)
172	171	-1	Def10	Tampa Bay Buccaneers (10)
173	>220	48	RB54	Dominic Rhodes, Ind (4)
174	163	-11	Def11	Indianapolis Colts (4)
175	214	39	PK4	Shayne Graham, Cin (8)
176	189	13	RB55	Maurice Morris, Sea (4)
177	181	4	WR62	Arnaz Battle, SF (7)
178	>220	43	Def12	Green Bay Packers (8)
179	>220	42	WR63	Michael Jenkins, Atl (7)
180	144	-36	Def13	Seattle Seahawks (4)
181	187	6	PK5	Nate Kaeding, SD (9)
182	>220	39	QB28	Kellen Clemens, NYJ (5)
183	>220	38	RB56	Kevin Faulk, NE (4)
184	175	-9	WR64	David Patten, NO (9)
185	169	-16	Def14	Philadelphia Eagles (7)
186	206	20	PK6	Mason Crosby, GB (8)
187	>220	34	PK7	Neil Rackers, Ari (7)
188	>220	33	QB29	Brodie Croyle, KC (6)
189	200	11	RB57	Jacob Hester, SD (9)
190	>220	31	TE19	Randy McMichael, StL (5)
191	136	-55	WR65	Marty Booker, Chi (8)
192	>220	29	Def15	Buffalo Bills (6)
193	>220	28	PK8	Josh Scobee, Jac (7)
194	216	22	PK9	Josh Brown, StL (5)
195	>220	26	QB30	Kurt Warner, Ari (7)
196	>220	25	RB58	Leonard Weaver, Sea (4)
197	211	14	PK10	Phil Dawson, Cle (5)
198	188	-10	WR66	Donnie Avery, StL (5)
199	>220	22	Def16	Oakland Raiders (5)
200	217	17	PK11	David Akers, Phi (7)
201	185	-16	RB59	Michael Bush, Oak (5)
202	>220	19	TE20	Mercedes Lewis, Jac (7)
203	>220	18	WR67	Nate Washington, Pit (6)
204	>220	17	PK12	Jeff Reed, Pit (6)
205	177	-28	RB60	Adrian Peterson, Chi (8)
206	>220	15	Def17	Tennessee Titans (6)
207	>220	14	QB31	Kyle Boller, Bal (10)
208	>220	13	RB61	Correll Buckhalter, Phi (7)
209	170	-39	RB62	Brandon Jackson, GB (8)
210	151	-59	WR68	James Hardy, Buf (6)
211	>220	10	PK13	Robbie Gould, Chi (8)
212	166	-46	RB63	Ray Rice, Bal (10)
213	>220	8	TE21	Desmond Clark, Chi (8)
214	204	-10	WR69	Justin Gage, Ten (6)
215	>220	6	Def18	Denver Broncos (8)
216	178	-38	RB64	Fred Jackson, Buf (6)
217	162	-55	PK14	Rob Bironas, Ten (6)
218	>220	3	QB32	Chad Pennington, NYJ (5)
219	172	-47	RB65	Pierre Thomas, NO (9)
220	137	-83	WR70	Darrell Jackson, Den (8)