

Ladd Biro's Top 60 Wide Receivers

Rankings are based on each player's projected position by the end of the 2007 season. This is a value ranking, NOT a recommended draft order. Certain players may be drafted significantly higher or lower based upon their perceived value to other owners. Stats listed are from 2006.

Levels		Elite	Near Elite	Solid	Marginal	Fliers	
Rank	Player	Team	GS	REC	REC YDS	REC TDS	Comment
1	Torry Holt	STL	16	93	1,188	10	Has scored at least 9 TDs in each of the past 4 years, and '06 was his first season with fewer than 1,300 yards receiving since 1999. He's still in his prime, is clearly the best WR on the roster, and plays in a pass-happy offense.
2	Chad Johnson	CIN	16	87	1,369	7	An elite receiver in his prime, the only thing not to love about Chad is his draft position. Take your second RB instead and grab his less-hyped partner-in-crime (Houshmandzadeh) a round or two later.
3	Marvin Harrison	IND	16	95	1,366	12	They just don't get any better than Marvelous Marvin. Again, the only thing not to like about him is where you have to draft him.
4	Roy Williams	DET	16	82	1,310	7	Finally had the breakout season we've been waiting for. With Calvin Johnson taking some of the heat off, Williams could have his best year yet.
5	Reggie Wayne	IND	16	86	1,310	9	You no longer have the luxury of waiting an extra round or two to pick him after Harrison. For that matter, you could make the case that he's now a safer bet than Marvin.
6	T.J. Houshmandzadeh	CIN	12	90	1,081	9	Housh is to Chad Johnson as Reggie Wayne is to Marvin Harrison. In other words, pass on Chad and steal a reasonable facsimile two rounds later.
7	Steve Smith	CAR	14	83	1,166	8	He's an elite talent, but his supporting cast is inexperienced, and Delhomme is coming off a horrible season. Opposing defenses will double-team him with impunity. Unlikely to live up to his draft position.
8	Larry Fitzgerald	ARI	13	69	946	6	The more explosive of the two premier Cardinals WRs, he's also the most injury-prone. His size makes him an outstanding red-zone target.
9	Terrell Owens	DAL	15	85	1,180	13	The lack of offseason drama is a little disconcerting. Is T.O. telling us he's on his last legs? Perhaps, but he'll still have plenty of end zone celebrations with this offense.
10	Randy Moss	NE	13	42	553	3	Tom Brady has never made a WR a fantasy star, but he's never had anyone with Moss' talent. With an improved attitude, and the best head coach, quarterback and franchise he's ever seen, Moss could easily return to elite form.
11	Anquan Boldin	ARI	16	83	1,203	4	Arguably as talented as Fitzgerald, but still the second option in the passing attack, especially in the red zone. Offers much better value at his draft position than Fitz.
12	Donald Driver	GB	16	92	1,295	8	One of the most underrated WRs in the league, Driver consistently posts terrific stats. He gives you all the benefits of Favre, minus the interceptions.
13	Plaxico Burress	NYG	15	63	988	10	He's still a head case, but has proven his value as a No. 1 WR and a consistent fantasy producer.
14	Javon Walker	DEN	16	69	1084	8	Like Steve Smith before him, returned from season-ending ACL injury to post great fantasy numbers. Will undoubtedly be Jay Cutler's go-to receiver, which should lead to even better production in '07.
15	Lee Evans	BUF	15	82	1,292	8	Put him in Indy or Cinci, and he'd be a Top 5 WR. In Buffalo, you can only expect so much. If J.P. Losman steps up, Evans' stats could go through the roof.
16	Marques Colston	NO	12	70	1,038	8	Should have little trouble adjusting to primary receiver role, having done so while Horn was out last season. As defenses key on Bush, should have plenty of opportunities to get open in this pass-happy offense.
17	Reggie Brown	PHI	15	46	816	8	Donovan McNabb's primary target is always a fantasy stud. Brown may not have the speed or natural skills of his predecessors, but he is a solid receiver that can't help but excel in this prolific offense.
18	Andre Johnson	HOU	16	103	1,147	5	Got off to a blistering start to '06, but collapsed with the rest of his team by mid-year. Could have a nice rebound in '07 if Matt Schaub is as good as advertised.
19	Santana Moss	WAS	14	55	790	6	He's undersized and often nicked, but when he's on, he's on. Must develop the chemistry with Jason Campbell to repeat his '03 and '05 heroics. Keep an eye on his sore leg/groin during the preseason.
20	Mark Clayton	BAL	12	67	939	5	Enters his 3rd season as the primary WR target of the aging but effective Steve McNair. Should easily surpass 1,000 yards, and could approach 10 TDs if he and McNair stay healthy.
21	Chris Chambers	MIA	16	59	677	4	He can't possibly have another bust year like he did in '06, can he? With yet another QB and head coach, he could just as easily sink as swim.
22	Darrell Jackson	SF	13	63	956	10	Loved him in Seattle, where he quietly put up terrific stats. How well he gels with Alex Smith is the big question, but the potential is there for another solid season.
23	Vincent Jackson	SD	7	27	453	6	Should benefit the most from the continued development of Philip Rivers. Jackson proved to be a potent red-zone target in '06, and with Antonio Gates and L.T. drawing opposing defenses' attention, should have plenty of room to excel in his 3rd season.
24	Braylon Edwards	CLE	15	61	884	6	If only he had a more reliable QB, he could flirt with elite status. Even so, his third season should be his best by far.
25	Santonio Holmes	PIT	4	49	824	2	Assuming he moves ahead of Cedric Wilson to start opposite Hines Ward, the sky's the limit for the second-year speedster. If Big Ben rebounds nicely, don't be shocked if Holmes out-performs the veteran. You heard it hear first.
26	Joey Galloway	TB	14	62	1,057	7	Speed is his calling card, and though he's entering his 13th season, he's still plenty quick. He may not surpass 1,000 yards in '07, but his TD production should remain steady.
27	Laveranues Coles	NYJ	16	91	1,098	6	Had a nice rebound season in concert with Chad Pennington's rejuvenation. As Chad goes, so goes Coles.
28	Bernard Berrian	CHI	14	51	775	6	You can only expect so much from any Bears WR, but a healthy Berrian should surpass Muhsin Muhammad as the team's primary receiving H42threat. That could make him a H55 WR2.
29	Calvin Johnson	DET	*	*	*	*	Randy Moss. Anquan Boldin. Marques Colston. That's the list of outstanding rookie fantasy performers in recent years. Can the over-hyped Johnson join that elite company? He has all the physical tools, a great offensive system, an elite WR drawing the opponent's top corner and an underrated QB. Why not?

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30	Hines Ward	PIT	14	74	975	6	Will significantly outplay his draft position if Big Ben returns to his '05 form, but don't be surprised if Holmes out-produces him.
31	Greg Jennings	GB	11	45	632	3	Started his rookie campaign at a blistering pace, but was derailed by a high ankle sprain and was never the same. Brett Favre's No. 2 target is historically a solid fantasy play, so a fully recuperated Jennings could have a terrific year.
32	Deion Branch	SEA	13	53	725	4	One of the most overrated WRs in the league, Branch is still looking for his first 1,000-yard season. He's also never caught more than 5 TDs. Now that Darrell Jackson is gone, he'll have his best chance yet. But I wouldn't count on it.
33	Jerry Porter	OAK	0	1	19	0	Has a clean slate with a new coaching staff, but he'll still struggle to excel in the Raiders' sluggish offense. Someone has to catch passes there, and Porter is the most talented receiver on the field.
34	Terry Glenn	DAL	14	70	1,047	6	Should have one more solid season left in him, though arthroscopic knee surgery is not a good way to begin training camp. T.O. takes away the opponent's best corner, which often leaves Glenn in excellent matchups.
35	Donte' Stallworth	NE	11	38	725	5	His blazing speed makes him a threat to go all the way on any given play. But he'll be the No. 2 to Randy Moss, and will suffer most from Tom Brady's socialistic approach to distributing passes. A risky WR2, but terrific WR3, provided his hammies hold up.
36	Brandon Marshall	DEN	1	20	309	2	He is virtually guaranteed a starting spot opposite Javon Walker, and should develop a solid bond with fellow second-year player Jay Cutler. He's a great sleeper prospect, poised for a breakout year.
37	Kevin Curtis	PHI	1	40	479	4	The new No. 2 WR in Philly has outstanding hands and should fit in beautifully alongside Reggie Brown. As long as McNabb stays healthy, Curtis will have a chance to be a consistent fantasy force.
38	Jerricho Cotchery	NYJ	16	82	961	6	Emerged from obscurity to nearly match Laveranues Coles' production. As long as Pennington stays upright, he should continue to be a steady receiving force, though his upside is limited.
39	Brandon Jones	TEN	10	27	384	4	Jones will be the primary receiver by default, but don't be surprised if Eric Moulds makes some noise. Entering his 3rd season, Jones will be given every opportunity to succeed. But the prospects for this offense are not encouraging.
40	Devery Henderson	NO	7	32	745	5	Assuming he wins the starting job, Henderson's speed could make him a fantasy star in the Saints' wide-open offense.
41	DJ Hackett	SEA	5	45	610	4	Emerged last season during Darrell Jackson's absence and was a solid contributor. Now he'll have a chance to start, though Nate Burleson will put up a fight. If he secures the starting role opposite Branch, could have some value as a 3rd or 4th WR.
42	Joe Horn	ATL	9	37	679	4	Past his prime and shipped off to a run-first team. Should be the Falcons' leading WR, but that's not saying much.
43	Eddie Kennison	KC	16	53	860	5	Entering his 13th season, Kennison has begun to show his age. With the unsettled QB situation in KC, he will be fortunate to reprise his '06 stats.
44	Muhsin Muhammad	CHI	16	60	863	5	As a Bear, he has been consistently mediocre. That's not about to change in his 12th season.
45	Derrick Mason	BAL	15	68	750	2	No longer Mr. Consistency, Mason is now no better than a fantasy WR3, or bye week sub.
46	Drew Bennett	STL	15	46	737	3	His preseason battle with Isaac Bruce will be worth watching. If he earns the starting job, his value will jump significantly. If he's the No. 3, his production will be streaky at best.
47	Troy Williamson	MIN	11	37	455	0	It helps for a WR to have good hand-eye coordination. That hasn't been Williamson's strong suit to date, but he worked hard on it during the offseason. He has the most upside of any veteran WR on the Vikings' roster, so he may be worth a late-round flier.
48	Reggie Williams	JAX	14	52	616	4	Consider Williams a proxy for all Jags receivers. It's anyone's guess at this point who the starters will be and, beyond that, which will have any fantasy value whatsoever. For what it's worth, I think Williams is the best of a shaky bunch, but I still wouldn't draft him.
49	Mike Furrey	DET	14	98	1,086	6	A Cinderella story in '06, but the clock struck midnight when the Lions selected Calvin Johnson with their first pick. Furrey will get some looks as the No. 3 option, but not enough to have a consistent fantasy impact.
50	Amani Toomer	NYG	8	32	360	3	Strike 1: He's 33. Strike 2: Coming off torn ACL. Strike 3: Eli Manning. Throw in the Giants' desire to work in talented youngsters like Sinorice Moss and Steve Smith, and there's not much reason to bank on Toomer.
51	Isaac Bruce	STL	14	74	1,098	3	Quietly notched another 1,000-yard season in '06, but collected just 3 TD passes for the second consecutive year. With Drew Bennett's arrival, Bruce will be hard-pressed to have a similar impact in '07.
52	Michael Jenkins	ATL	16	39	436	7	Can Joey Harrington make him a fantasy star? Did you really just ask me that?
53	Joe Jurevicius	CLE	8	40	495	3	A bye-week fill-in at best, he's third in the receiving pecking order behind Braylon Edwards and Kellen Winslow, Jr., in a pass-challenged offense.
54	Craig Davis	SD	*	*	*	*	San Diego moved up in the draft to select him, and he has been impressive throughout training camp. With Eric Parker sidelined for more than two months, Davis could crack the starting line-up by Week 1.
55	Arnaz Battle	SF	15	59	686	3	On the positive side, he has steadily improved every year. But he is injury-prone, and will have a lot of competition for touches.
56	Wes Welker	NE	2	67	687	1	I just don't see him making much of an impact with Moss and Stallworth on the same field.
57	Marty Booker	MIA	13	55	747	6	It's hard enough to get excited about Chris Chambers these days, let alone an aging No. 2 WR that the Dolphins would love to replace with Derek Hagan or Ted Ginn, Jr.
58	Eric Moulds	TEN	16	57	557	1	Call me crazy, but I like his chances to rebound in Tennessee, despite his disappearing act in Houston last year.
59	Michael Clayton	TB	9	33	356	1	The only reason to even look at him is if you hope he can somehow reprise his rookie form. In this offense, that's a pretty slim bet, especially given his history of knee problems.
60	Chris Henry	CIN	5	36	605	9	Definitely roster-worthy when he's playing, but there's no sense in drafting him when he must first sit out the first 8 games on double-secret probation. Let someone else take, and later release, him, then scoop him up in October for the stretch run.