

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RANKINGS

HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY PASSERS

CANTON, OHIO – San Francisco's Steve Young challenged former 49ers teammate Joe Montana for the career forward passing leadership in 1993. However, Montana, now with the Kansas City Chiefs, did not relinquish the number one spot which he has held in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty passing display since midway through the 1988 season.

The Top Twenty display ranks the lifetime leaders in rushing, passing, receiving and scoring statistics and is updated weekly throughout each NFL season. The Top Twenty rankings include statistics from the All-America Football Conference (1946-49), as well as the American and National Football Leagues. Among the Top 20 passers, only Otto Graham of the Cleveland Browns played in the AAFC. With his AAFC numbers, Graham ranks No. 4 with an 86.6 rating. With his NFL-only statistics, he ranks out of the Top Twenty with a 78.1 point score.

Montana, a 15-season NFL veteran, holds a slim one-tenth of a point lead with a 93.1 career rating. In 1993, Young led the league with a passer rating of over 100 for an NFL-record third consecutive season and now owns a 93.0 career passing score.

Although a torn Achilles tendon suffered in Week 6 ended the 1993 season for Dan Marino of the Miami Dolphins, he lost no ground among the Top all-time quarterbacks and is still ranked No. 3 with an 88.1 ratings. Jim Kelly of the Buffalo Bills slipped one spot to fifth place with a career rating of 86.0.

Troy Aikman of the Super Bowl champion Dallas Cowboys joined the ranks of the Top 20 passers during the 1993 season. He enjoyed his best season as a pro with a 99.0 rating and now ranks No. 15 all-time at 81.0.

Revitalized by joining a new team, Boomer Esiason of the New York Jets, climbed four places to 10th place with an 82.1 rating. The only other active quarterback to actually improve his position among the Top Twenty from 1992 to 1993 was Aikman.

Quarterbacks must attempt 1500 passes in order to qualify for the career rankings in lifetime passing.

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LEADING LIFETIME FORWARD PASSERS

(At the start of the 1994 season)

MINIMUM 1500 ATTEMPTS

RANK	PLAYER	LEAGUE	YRS.	ATT	COMP	YARDS	TD	INT	RATING	POINTS
1	(1) Joe Montana *	NFL	15	4,898	3,110	37,268	257	130	93.1	
2	(2) Steve Young *	NFL	9	1,968	1,222	15,900	105	58	93.0	
3	(3) Dan Marino *	NFL	11	5,434	3,219	40,720	298	168	88.1	
4	(5) OTTO GRAHAM	AAFC-NFL	10	2,626	1,464	23,584	174	135	86.6	
5	(4) Jim Kelly *	NFL	8	3,494	2,112	26,413	179	126	86.0	
6	(7) ROGER STAUBACH	NFL	11	2,958	1,685	22,700	153	109	83.4	
7	(8) Neil Lomax	NFL	8	3,153	1,817	22,771	136	90	82.7	
8	(9) SONNY JURGENSEN	NFL	18	4,262	2,433	32,224	255	189	82.625	
9	(10) LEN DAWSON	NFL-AFL	19	3,741	2,136	28,711	239	183	82.555	
10	(14) Boomer Esiason *	NFL	10	3,851	2,185	29,092	190	140	82.1	
11	(11) Dave Krieg *	NFL	14	4,178	2,431	30,485	217	163	82.0	
12	(12) Ken Anderson	NFL	16	4,475	2,654	32,838	197	160	81.858	
13	(13) Bernie Kosar *	NFL	9	3,213	1,889	22,314	119	81	81.856	
14	(15) Danny White	NFL	13	2,950	1,761	21,959	155	132	81.7	
15	(--) Troy Aikman *	NFL	5	1,920	1,191	13,627	69	66	81.0	
16	(18) BART STARR	NFL	16	3,149	1,808	24,718	152	138	80.5	
17	(17) Ken O'Brien *	NFL	11	3,602	2,110	25,094	128	98	80.436	
18	(16) Warren Moon *	NFL	10	4,546	2,632	33,685	196	166	80.362	
19	(19) FRAN TARKENTON	NFL	18	6,467	3,686	47,003	342	266	80.354	
20	(--) Randall Cunningham *	NFL	9	2,751	1,540	19,043	131	87	80.3	

* Active in 1993 season. PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS IN CAPS.
() - indicates rank at the start of the 1993 season.

NOTE - **Troy Aikman** and **Randall Cunningham** entered the Top Twenty during the 1993 season. **Bobby Hebert** also entered the Top Twenty but was later displaced. **DAN FOUTS** (80.227) and **Mark Rypien** were displaced during the 1993 season. Of those players active in 1993 who have the 1500 attempts needed to qualify for the career leadership, **Rypien** (80.221), **Hebert** (79.9), **Jim McMahon** (78.7) and **Phil Simms** (78.5) rank the highest.

PASSING STATISTICS

(At the start of the 1994 season)

TOTAL PASSES ATTEMPTED

TOTAL PASSES COMPLETED

1. FRAN TARKENTON	(19)	6467	1. FRAN TARKENTON	(19)	3686
2. DAN FOUTS	(21)	5604	2. DAN FOUTS	(21)	3297
3. Dan Marino *	(3)	5434	3. Dan Marino *	(3)	3219
4. JOHNNY UNITAS	(28)	5186	4. Joe Montana *	(1)	3110
5. Jim Hart	(81)	5076	5. Steve DeBerg *	(46)	2844
6. Steve DeBerg *	(46)	4965	6. JOHNNY UNITAS	(28)	2830
7. Joe Montana *	(1)	4898	7. John Elway *	(35)	2723
8. John Elway *	(35)	4890	8. Ken Anderson	(12)	2654
9. John Hadl	(78)	4687	9. Warren Moon *	(18)	2632
10. Phil Simms *	(26)	4647	10. Jim Hart	(81)	2593
11. Warren Moon *	(18)	4546	11. Phil Simms *	(26)	2576
12. Joe Ferguson	(72)	4519	12. John Brodie	(56)	2469
13. Roman Gabriel	(44)	4498	13. SONNY JURGENSEN	(8)	2433
14. John Brodie	(56)	4491	14. Dave Krieg *	(11)	2431
15. Ken Anderson	(12)	4475	15. Y.A. TITTLE	(45)	2427
16. Y.A. TITTLE	(45)	4395	16. Joe Ferguson	(72)	2369
17. Norm Snead	(83)	4353	17. Roman Gabriel	(44)	2366
18. SONNY JURGENSEN	(8)	4262	18. John Hadl	(78)	2363
19. Dave Krieg *	(11)	4178	19. Norm Snead	(83)	2276
20. Ron Jaworski	(53)	4117	20. Ken Stabler	(38)	2270
TOTAL TOUCHDOWN PASSES			TOTAL YARDS PASSING		
1. FRAN TARKENTON	(19)	342	1. FRAN TARKENTON	(19)	47,003

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2. Dan Marino *	(3)	298	2. DAN FOUTS	(21)	43,040
3. JOHNNY UNITAS	(28)	290	3. Dan Marino *	(3)	40,720
4. Joe Montana *	(1)	257	4. JOHNNY UNITAS	(28)	40,239
5. SONNY JURGENSEN	(8)	255	5. Joe Montana *	(1)	37,268
6. DAN FOUTS	(21)	254	6. Jim Hart	(81)	34,665
7. John Hadl	(78)	244	7. John Elway *	(35)	34,246
8. Y.A. TITTLE	(45)	242	8. Steve DeBerg *	(46)	33,872
9. LEN DAWSON	(9)	239	9. Warren Moon *	(18)	33,685
10. GEORGE BLANDA	(93)	236	10. John Hadl	(78)	33,503
11. Dave Krieg *	(11)	217	11. Phil Simms *	(26)	33,462
12. John Brodie	(56)	214	12. Y.A. TITTLE	(45)	33,070
13. TERRY BRADSHAW	(65)	212	13. Ken Anderson	(12)	32,838
14. Jim Hart	(81)	209	14. SONNY JURGENSEN	(8)	32,224
15. Roman Gabriel	(44)	201	15. John Brodie	(56)	31,548
16. Phil Simms *	(26)	199	16. Norm Snead	(83)	30,797
17. Ken Anderson	(12)	197	17. Dave Krieg *	(11)	30,485
18T Norm Snead	(83)	196	18. Joe Ferguson	(72)	29,817
18T Joe Ferguson	(72)	196	19. Roman Gabriel	(44)	29,444
18T BOBBY LAYNE	(86)	196	20. Boomer Esiason *	(10)	29,092
18T Warren Moon *	(18)	196			

* Active in 1993 season.

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() - All-time ranking based on passing rating (minimum 1500 attempts).

Statistics also include those from All-America Football Conference (1946-49)

NOTE - In 1993, **Dave Krieg** replaced **GEORGE BLANDA** in the Top Twenty in TOTAL PASSES ATTEMPTED. **Phil Simms** and **Warren Moon** replaced **Ken Stabler** in the Top Twenty in TOTAL TOUCHDOWN PASSES. **Boomer Esiason** replaced **LEN DAWSON** in the Top Twenty in TOTAL YARDS PASSING.

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PASSING RATINGS

AT START OF 1994 SEASON - MINIMUM 1500 ATTEMPTS

1. Joe Montana *	93.1	51. Daryle Lamonica	72.944
2. Steve Young *	93.0	52. Greg Landry	72.938
3. Dan Marino *	88.1	53. Ron Jaworski	72.776
4. OTTO GRAHAM #	86.6	54. Tommy Kramer	72.768
5. Jim Kelly *	86.0	55. Bubby Brister *	72.4
6. ROGER STAUBACH	83.4	56. John Brodie	72.3
7. Neil Lomax	82.7	57. Milt Plum	72.216
8. SONNY JURGENSEN	82.625	58. SAMMY BAUGH	72.209
9. LEN DAWSON	82.555	59. Billy Wade	72.188
10. Boomer Esiason *	82.1	60. Jeff George *	72.011
11. Dave Krieg *	82.0	61. Jay Schroeder *	71.981
12. Ken Anderson	81.858	62. Bill Kilmer	71.6
13. Bernie Kosar *	81.856	63. Bill Munson	71.5
14. Danny White	81.7	64. Lynn Dickey	70.939
15. Troy Aikman *	81.0	65. TERRY BRADSHAW	70.921
16. BART STARR	80.5	66. Bill Nelson	70.2
17. Ken O'Brien *	80.436	67. Vince Ferragamo	70.1
18. Warren Moon *	80.362	68. Steve Grogan	69.6
19. FRAN TARKENTON	80.354	69. Doug Williams	69.4
20. Randall Cunningham *	80.3	70. Charley Johnson	69.2
21. DAN FOUTS	80.227	71. Eric Hipple	68.7
22. Mark Rypien *	80.221	72. Joe Ferguson	68.4
23. Bobby Hebert *	79.9	73. Charley Conerly	68.2
24. Tony Eason	79.721	74. Marc Wilson	67.7
25. Jim McMahon *	78.7	75. Tom Flores	67.581
26. Phil Simms *	78.5	76. Richard Todd	67.568
27. Bert Jones	78.214	77. Jim Plunkett	67.5
28. JOHNNY UNITAS	78.201	78. John Hadl	67.4
29. Jim Everett *	78.1	79. Jim Zorn	67.3
30. Frank Ryan	77.607	80. Archie Manning	67.1
31. Joe Theismann	77.4	81. Jim Hart	66.6
32. BOB GRIESE	77.1	82. Vinnie Testaverde *	66.4
33. Bill Kenney	77.0	83. Norm Snead	65.542
34. Gary Danielson	76.583	84. JOE NAMATH	65.462
35. John Elway *	75.9	85. Jack Trudeau *	64.4
36. Wade Wilson *	75.5	86. BOBBY LAYNE	63.4
37. Steve Bartkowski	75.4	87. Mike Livingston	63.275
38. Ken Stabler	75.3	88. Mike Pagel	63.255
39. NORM VAN BROCKLIN	75.1	89. Ed Brown	62.8
40. SID LUCKMAN	75.0	90. Mark Malone	61.9
41. Don Meredith	74.836	91. BOB WATERFIELD	61.6
42. Brian Sipe	74.795	92. Eddie LeBaron	61.4
43. Chris Miller *	74.698	93. GEORGE BLANDA	60.6
44. Roman Gabriel	74.3	94. Babe Parilli	59.6
45. Y.A. TITTLE #	74.296	95. Dan Pastorini	59.1
46. Steve DeBerg *	74.165	96. Jack Kemp	57.3
47. Jim Harbaugh *	74.158	97. Tobin Rote	56.8
48. Earl Morrall	74.088	98. Cotton Davidson	54.9
49. Craig Morton	73.518	99. Mike Phipps	52.6
50. Don Majkowski *	73.1	100. Frank Tripucka	52.2

Includes AAFC play

* Active in 1993

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