



Eastern Conference



Western Conference

COACH: Gregg Popovich | 2006-07: 58-24
San Antonio Spurs

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The Spurs have won four NBA titles in nine years, and will try for their first repeat in 2008.
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SEASON OUTLOOK

They're deep, they're talented, and they're the champs. The San Antonio Spurs celebrated another NBA title with a parade on the Riverwalk last summer after sweeping aside the Cleveland Cavaliers in the NBA Finals, 4-0. The Spurs immediately dismissed talk of a dynasty, but with their fourth championship in nine years, about the only thing they haven't done is win in consecutive seasons. Translation: Watch out other teams, the Spurs are on a mission.



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In fact, the Spurs appear poised to contend for NBA titles for several years to come. This season, they will return 12 of their 15 players from the 2006-07 championship team, including every player that played in the 2007 NBA Playoffs. Their big three -- Tim Duncan, Tony Parker, and Manu Ginobili -- are under contract until at least 2010. In addition, San Antonio convinced seven-time champion Robert Horry to play one more season, and picked up a Bruce Bowen clone in Ime Udoka from Portland.

Perhaps the most significant offseason changes to the team came in the front office, where former Spurs Assistant GM Sam Presti took over in Seattle as GM and then hired former Spurs assistant coach P.J. Carlesimo as the Sonics' new head coach.

While their aging group of veterans could be cause for concern (S.A. was the oldest team in the league last year with an average age of 30.37), look for the Spurs to be the odds-on favorites to win another championship this season.

Backcourt

Finals MVP Tony Parker is still only 25 years old and seems to be improving every year. His outside shot was vastly

FANTASY STOCK WATCH

- PG - Tony Parker:** As Tim Duncan ages, Parker will be asked to take on a greater scoring role.
- SG - Michael Finley:** His scoring numbers have dipped for seven straight seasons.
- SF - Bruce Bowen:** It's no secret. Bowen's value doesn't show up in the stat sheet.
- PF - Tim Duncan:** He will probably go too early in your draft, but Duncan is still a top PF.
- C - Fabricio Oberto:** Time share with Francisco Elson won't help his fantasy numbers.

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EA NBA LIVE 08 SIMULATED SEASON



- Record:** 55-27, 3rd in Western Conf.
- Playoffs:** Lost in Conf. Finals to Phoenix, 4-3
- Scoring Leader:** T. Duncan, 23.5 PPG
- Rebounding Leader:** T. Duncan, 10.6 RPG
- Assist Leader:** T. Parker, 6.0 APG

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PROJECTED ROTATION

PLAYER/2006-07 STATS	PPG	RPG	APG
PG Tony Parker	18.6	3.2	5.5
SG Michael Finley	9.0	2.7	1.3
SF Bruce Bowen	6.2	2.7	1.4
PF Tim Duncan	20.0	10.6	3.4
C Fabricio Oberto	4.4	4.7	0.9
PG Jacque Vaughn	3.0	1.1	2.0
SG Manu Ginobili	16.5	4.4	3.5
SF Ime Udoka	8.4	3.7	1.5
PF Robert Horry	3.9	3.4	1.1
C Francisco Elson	5.0	4.8	0.8

INTERNATIONAL PLAYERS

F Tim Duncan	St. Croix
C Francisco Elson	Netherlands
G Manu Ginobili	Argentina
C Ian Mahinmi	France
C Fabricio Oberto	Argentina
G Tony Parker	France
F Ime Udoka	Nigeria