

## 1 • Brett Dietz • Quarterback

### PLAYER INFO

**Height:** 6'4"

**Weight:** 220

**Acquired:** 4/24/07 – claimed off

of Kansas City's practice squad

**Born:** October 8, 1981

**AFL Experience:** Two Seasons

**College:** Hanover (IN)

### GAME HIGHS

#### PASSING

**Attempts:** 46, at PHI (3/29/08)

**Completions:** 31, at PHI

(3/29/08)

**Yards:** 400, at PHI (3/29/08)

**Comp %:** 81.3%, at AUS

(5/6/07)

**TD passes:** 10, at SJS (6/14/08)

**Long:** 47, 3x's, last at SJS

(6/14/08)

**Rating:** 152.0, vs. ARI 4/13/08

#### RUSHING

**Attempts:** 4, at NVD 3/16/08

**Yards:** 21, vs. ARI 4/13/08

**TDs:** 2, vs. ARI 4/13/08

**HIGHLIGHTS:** Dietz enters his third season in the AFL and third with the Storm...He is the fastest quarterback in AFL history to reach 4,000 career passing yards (15 games) and the fastest to reach 80 career touchdowns passes (16 games)...Named 2007 AFL Rookie of the Year...Tampa Bay claimed Dietz off of Kansas City Brigade's Practice Squad April 19, 2007...Made AFL debut Week 9 against the Columbus Destroyers...Earned AFL All-Rookie honors and Rookie of the Year in 2007...Named AFL Rookie of the Month for May and June...2007 AFL Offensive Player of the Week for Week 14...Named AFLWA Player of the Week for Week 14... Spent 2006 in af2... Earned 2006 af2 Spalding Rookie of the Year...His ranks fifth all-time in franchise history in career pass completions, attempts, passing yards and touchdowns...His 117.3 career passer rating is the highest in franchise history...One of two quarterbacks in team history to throw for over 4,500 yards in a season.

**2008:** Dietz started all 16 games for the Storm and was the only quarterback in the AFL to account for every passing attempt by his respective team...He finished the season as the franchise career leader in quarterback rating and completions percentage and moved into fifth place in career attempts, completions, yards and touchdowns...His quarterback rating this season was the second highest in franchise history...Dietz set the franchise single-game touchdown mark with 10 touchdowns against San Jose surpassing the old record of eight shared by Dietz, Shane Stafford, John Kaleo and Jay Gruden...Dietz also became only the second passer in team history to throw for 400 yards in a game...Named Offensive Player of the Game in Weeks 2, 7, 17...**3/1 at Kansas City:** Completed 72 percent of his passes for 193 yards and two touchdowns...Threw 200th career completion against Brigade...**3/7 vs. Georgia:** Fourth career game with seven or more touchdowns, threw first interception of season at end of first half...**3/16 at New Orleans:** Threw for a then season-high 328 yards (then-second highest in career) and 27 completions, threw for five touchdowns...**3/29 at Philadelphia:** Dietz set career highs in completions (31), pass attempts (46) and passing yards (400) as he spread the ball around to five receivers and three went over the 100-yard barrier...He also completed his 300th career pass in the third quarter and reached 3,500 career passing yards...**4/5 at Columbus:** Spread the ball around to six receivers including TE and FB, he also ran the ball twice for nine yards...**4/13 vs. Arizona:** Completed a season high 75 percent of his passes and scored two rushing touchdowns on a career high 21 yards rushing, surpassed 4,000 career passing yards in only his 15th game becoming the fastest player to do so in AFL history...**4/18 vs. New York:** Broke the 300 yard mark for the fourth time this season, his six TD passes gave him 85 in his career (16 games) as he tied the fastest mark to 80 touchdowns in AFL history...**4/26 at Orlando:** First appearance and victory in the War on I-4, threw a season low 170 yards, 17 completions and two touchdowns...**5/5 vs. Chicago:** 21 completions with one interception...Total of 290 yards and three TDs...**5/9 vs. New Orleans:** 22-of-32 for 274 yards...No

interceptions with four TDs...**5/16 at Grand Rapids:** Completed 20-of-41 passes, felt pressure from GRR DL...One interception...Five TDs, total of 293 yards...**5/23 vs. Cleveland:** 65% of passes completed for 296 yards...Threw his 100th career touchdown pass to Terrill Shaw...Spread ball around to seven different receivers...**5/31 at Georgia:** Reaches 500 career passing completions...Surpasses 6,000 career passing yards...One interception in last minute of game set up a Georgia touchdown to lose game...Credited with one solo tackle...**6/7 vs. Orlando:** Second highest QB rating of the season... Reached 110 career passing touchdowns, surpassed 800 passing attempts, completed 75% of his passes...**6/14 at San Jose:** Set a franchise single-game high with 10 touchdowns passes, surpassing 125 in his career...Played well despite solid pressure from the San Jose defense, spread the ball around to five receivers...**6/21 vs. Los Angeles:** Offensive Player of the Game, completed 27-of-39 passes for 327 yards, became second passer in team history to surpass 4,500 yards in a season.

**2007:** Played in nine regular season games started eight...Named AFL Co-Rookie of the Year with Charles Fredricks...Made AFL debut in Week 9 against Columbus Destroyers after John Kaleo went down with a wrist injury... Led team to an 8-1 record in final nine games... Earned AFL Rookie of the Month for Month of May... Earned AFL Offensive Player of the Week in Week 14...Earned Offensive Player of the Game in Weeks 10, 12, 14 and 16...Earned ArenaFan.com Offensive Player of the Week in Week 14...Set franchise single-season QB rating with a 119.3 rating...Tied then-franchise single-game passing touchdown record twice with two eight-touchdown games; one against Arizona and one against New Orleans...Set a franchise season-high with a 65.9 completion percentage for quarterbacks with more than 200 attempts in a season and an AFL rookie season-high for quarterbacks with more than 300 attempts. **4/29 vs. Columbus:** First career game...Replaced an injured Kaleo in second quarter and managed team to second victory of season...**5/6 at Austin:** Named Offensive Player of the Game in first career start...Completed over 80 percent of his passes and threw for five scores...**5/12 at Los Angeles:** Led team to third consecutive victory in second career start with fourth quarter comeback as Tampa Bay outscored L.A. by 13 in the fourth quarter to win by three... Threw the winning touchdown with 0:41 left on the clock...**5/18 vs. Arizona:** Matched wits with Sherdrick Bonner as he tied the then franchise single-game record with eight TD passes...He also passed for 359 yards, the then-fifth highest single-game total in Storm history... Earned Offensive Player of the Game...**5/26 at Georgia:** Threw for a career-high 4 interceptions, including three in the fourth quarter... Prior to the game he had the highest fourth quarter passer rating in the AFL...**6/2 at New Orleans:** Outperformed fellow rookie QB Steve Bellisari...Tied a then career, season and franchise single-game high with eight TDs...Earned a season high 149.3 quarterback rating...Earned Offensive Player of the Game honors...**6/9 vs. Philadelphia:** Led Tampa Bay to its seventh win in eight games...Once again led Tampa Bay from behind to win a game in the last minute of play as he connected with Terrill Shaw for the winning score with 0:25 left on the clock...**6/16 at Grand Rapids:** Helped team lock up a home playoff game as he surpassed 2,000 passing yards...**6/23 vs. Austin:** Managed the game and led Tampa Bay to a three seed in the National Conference...**2007 Playoffs: 6/30 vs. Columbus:** First career playoff game, set franchise playoff single-high with 27 completions, second highest passing yards in franchise playoff history with 315 and tied for second most touchdowns in a playoff game with six...Dietz completed over 67 percent of his passes while spreading the ball around to five receivers...**Season Highlights:** In nine games he ended the season three TDs shy of 50...His final stats place him fifth all-time in franchise history in career pass completions, attempts, passing yards and touchdowns...His 119.3 passer rating is tied for second highest all-time in the AFL for a rookie quarterback...His 65.9 completion percentage is the highest by a rookie in AFL with more than 300 attempts.

**2006:** Attended training camp with the Tampa Bay Storm...Signed to Practice Squad January 27...Spent six weeks on Practice Squad before being released March 9 to join the af2's Louisville Fire.

**OTHER PRO EXPERIENCE:** Began career in 2004 playing for the Turku Trojans in the Finnish professional league...Led the Trojans to top-ranked pass offense, led league in passing and total offense and led team to championship game...2005 he played with the Cincinnati Marshals of the National Indoor Football League...Spent remainder of 2006 with Fire as starting quarterback...Named af2 Spalding Rookie of the Year and first-team American Conference All-af2...Set af2 single-game high with 12 touchdown passes 6/17/06 at Albany...Completed 23 of 31 passes for 314 yards in that game...Led af2 in completion percentage (71.2%) and pass efficiency (126.7).

**COLLEGE:** A four sport athlete at Hanover College, he also played basketball, baseball and golf...Three-year letterman at quarterback, he also punted...Led Panthers to three Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference championships and three Division III playoff berths as starting quarterback...Completed 583 of 946 passes for 6,750 yards and 67 touchdowns in career...Named team MVP and Hanover's outstanding senior male athlete for 2003-04...Led nation (DIII) in total offense in 2003 with 380.5 yards per game...Second in passer efficiency at 138.3...Set school and DIII single-season marks in 2003 with 575 pass attempts and 360 completions...Set Hanover single-season mark with 4,031 passing yards senior year...Earned All-Heartland Conference honors as a junior and senior.

**PERSONAL:** Born in Villa Hills, KY... He and his wife, Dana, reside in Saint Petersburg...This past offseason he joined BHSN as a sideline reporter for its Friday night high school football broadcasts...In 2007 he coached defensive backs for Marian College (Div. III) in the programs first season...Prepped at Covington Catholic High School in Park Hills, KY...Played football, baseball and basketball...Holds single-game high for completions and passing yards...Named team MVP, Top 24 in Northern Kentucky and all-district as senior...Member of CCHS 1997 state title team as backup quarterback...Participates in Big Brothers-Big Sisters Sports Buddies program.

### TRANSACTIONS

**1/23/08:** Re-signed by Tampa Bay Storm  
**4/24/07:** Claimed by Storm from Kansas City Brigade practice squad  
**3/15/07:** Signed by Kansas City Brigade practice squad  
**2/23/07:** Waived by Chicago Rush  
**10/18/06:** Signed by Rush  
**3/10/06:** Signed by Louisville Fire

**3/09/06:** Released by Tampa Bay Storm  
**1/27/06:** Signed to Storm practice squad  
**1/18/06:** Signed by Storm  
**1/20/05:** Signed by Cincinnati Marshalls (NIFL)  
**6/02/04:** Signed by Turku Trojans (SAJL/FPFL)

**AFL Career Statistics**

YEAR	TEAM	Cmp.	Att.	Pct.	Yds.	Yds/Att.	TD	INT	LG	Skd	Yds	QB Rating	Yds/G	G	GS
2007	TAM	199	302	65.9%	2395	7.9	47	7	47	5	38	119.3	265.3	9	8
2008	TAM	377	586	64.3%	4574	7.8	86	12	47	16	80	116.4	285.9	6	16
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<b>Career Totals</b>		576	888	64.9%	6969	7.8	133	19	94	21	118	117.4	278.8	5	24
<b>Game Highs</b>		31	46	81.3%	400	11.5	10	4	47	4	19	152.0	400.0	-	-
<b>Season Highs</b>		377	586	65.9%	4574	7.9	86	12	47	16	80	119.3	285.9	6	16

  

YEAR	TEAM	Att.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Long	Yds/G
2007	TAM	10	7	0.7	2	4	0.8
2008	TAM	17	44	2.6	4	44	2.8
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<b>Career Totals</b>		27	51	1.9	6	48	2.0
<b>Game Highs</b>		4	21	8	2	18	21
<b>Season Highs</b>		17	44	2.6	4	44	2.8