

= Mike Quinn =

Michael Patrick Quinn (born April 15 , 1974) is a former professional gridiron football quarterback . He was signed by the Pittsburgh Steelers as an undrafted free agent in 1997 and was also a member of the Rhein Fire , Indianapolis Colts , Dallas Cowboys , Miami Dolphins , Houston Texans , Denver Broncos , Montreal Alouettes and Winnipeg Blue Bombers . He played college football at Stephen F. Austin State University .

Quinn attended Lee High School in Houston , Texas and Stephen F. Austin State University . He started playing football in high school and played at university , where he started for one season , his senior season . After he went undrafted in the 1997 NFL Draft he signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers . With Pittsburgh , he ended up making the roster as the third ? string quarterback . Following the season , he was allocated to the Rhein Fire , whom he led to the championship game . He spent 1998 and 1999 as a backup for the Indianapolis Colts and Dallas Cowboys before signing with the Miami Dolphins . Quinn spent two seasons backing up for the Dolphins . In 2002 , he was one of the first group of players signed by the National Football League (NFL) expansion franchise , the Houston Texans . As he had done for the previous years in his career , Quinn spent two seasons as a backup for the new franchise . The final year of his NFL career was spent with the Denver Broncos in training camp and with the Steelers ' practice squad . After going unsigned , Quinn signed with the Montreal Alouettes joining their practice squad in August 2005 , leaving the team after the season . Quinn joined another Canadian team , the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in March 2006 but after receiving playing time in a backup role he was released later that year , in August .

= = Personal = =

Quinn attended Robert E. Lee High School in Houston , Texas . He was named to the state All @-@ Star team during his tenure . Currently , he and his wife , Jennifer , live in Houston , Texas . At Stephen F. Austin State University , he majored in accounting .

= = College career = =

On November 12 , 1995 in a game against Southwest Texas State , Quinn came into the game for starting quarterback James Ritchey and threw three touchdown passes .

In the game against Samford on October 27 , 1996 , Quinn led Stephen F. Austin to a 43 ? 14 win after throwing a touchdown pass to Chris Jefferson at the end of the first half . SFA held the lead for the rest of the game . Against McNeese State on November 3 , Quinn led a come from behind win for SFA by throwing two touchdowns to Mikhael Ricks in the fourth quarter . The next week , Quinn threw for 283 yards and threw four touchdown passes to lead Stephen F. Austin to another win making them 7 ? 2 . However , against Southwest Texas State on November 17 , Quinn threw 23 incomplete passes .

= = Professional career = =

= = = 1997 ? 2003 = = =

Quinn signed with the Pittsburgh Steelers as an undrafted free agent following the 1997 NFL Draft . Quinn entered training camp behind Kordell Stewart , Mike Tomczak and Jim Miller on the depth chart , but after training camp Quinn had beaten out Miller and became the team 's third @-@ string quarterback . He saw his only game action on November 9 against the Baltimore Ravens , throwing for 10 yards on one completion . Following the 1997 season , the Steelers allocated Quinn to play in NFL Europe , he later agreed to play for the Rhein Fire . In his second game with the Fire on April 12 , Quinn completed 13 of 21 passes for 194 yards . He also completed two touchdown passes . With Quinn as the starting quarterback , the Fire played in the World Bowl . However , Quinn was

hampered by a sprained ankle and could not play in the game . He returned to the Steelers after the NFL Europe season but was waived on August 31 .

After being waived by Pittsburgh , Quinn was claimed off waivers by the Indianapolis Colts on September 1 . To make room for Quinn the Colts had to release Jim Miller , who had lost a roster spot on the Steelers to Quinn a year earlier . However , after signing Doug Nussmeier , the Colts waived Quinn .

The Dallas Cowboys , who were unsuccessful claiming Quinn 10 days earlier , claimed him after he was waived by the Colts . In Dallas , Quinn became the Cowboys second @-@ string quarterback after Troy Aikman was injured and Jason Garrett became the starter . He played in three games for the Cowboys in 1998 , completing one pass for 10 yards . In 1999 , Quinn did not play in a game for Dallas . During the 2000 off ? season , Garrett signed as a free agent with the New York Giants and quarterback Paul Justin was signed by Dallas to compete for the backup spot with Quinn . He was released on May 5 , 2000 .

Quinn signed with the Miami Dolphins on May 23 , 2000 . On November 6 , Quinn threw a touchdown pass to Deon Dyer but was waived by the Dolphins on November 10 , only to be re @-@ signed four days later . In the 2001 preseason , Quinn sprained a joint in his shoulder and was waived / injured . He was released from injured reserve with an injury settlement on September 6 .

The Houston Texans , the newest franchise in the NFL , signed Quinn to a reserve / future contract on December 30 , 2001 . Following the 2002 NFL Draft in which the Texans drafted quarterback David Carr with their first ever pick , Quinn became the backup . Quinn and Tony Banks ended up winning the backup jobs to Carr over Kent Graham and Ben Sankey . Banks was second ? string with Quinn being the third ? string quarterback . The Texans waived Quinn during final cuts on August 25 , 2003 . He was the final member of the Texans first signings still on the team . He was re @-@ signed to the practice squad on November 17 after David Carr suffered a sprained right shoulder . However , when Banks also became injured , Quinn was signed from the practice squad to back up the now healthy Carr and rookie Dave Ragone .

= = = 2004 ? 2006 = = =

The Denver Broncos signed Quinn as an unrestricted free agent in March 2004 . At the end of training camp , Quinn was released by the Broncos .

Quinn was re @-@ signed by the Steelers on September 22 and assigned to their practice squad . He was released from the practice squad on November 10 .

Quinn was signed to the Montreal Alouettes practice roster on August 29 , 2005 .

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed Quinn on March 22 , 2006 joining quarterbacks Tee Martin , Russ Michna and Kevin Glenn on Winnipeg 's roster . In his CFL preseason debut against the Montreal Alouettes on June 2 , Quinn threw a 24 yard touchdown pass to Quentin McCord however the Blue Bombers lost 25 ? 24 . After making the team out of training camp , Quinn injured his sternum and shoulder which caused him to miss three weeks . In his first week back with Winnipeg , Quinn was forced into the starting role after Kevin Glenn suffered a knee injury . However , a string of poor performances which included an interception in the end zone while Winnipeg was in field goal position led to his release on August 28 .