



TOMLINSON-THING ELSE!

Like the lightening bolt emblazoned on each side of his helmet, San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINAIN TOMLINSON** is a surge of speed, energy and power that is uncommon.

Also extraordinary is the way he scores touchdowns.

Entering the 2005 season, the 5-10, 221-pounder has scored a rushing touchdown in 12 consecutive games, one shy of tying the record currently shared by a pair of former Washington Redskins: Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN RIGGINS** (1982-83) and **GEORGE ROGERS** (1985-86).

Tomlinson has rushed for a score in 16 of his past 17 games. The Chargers host Dallas on Kickoff Weekend and in Week 2 visit AFC West rival Denver. The Broncos were the last team to deny Tomlinson a rushing touchdown – Week 3 of last season in Denver.

Asked to point out what makes the Chargers' 25-year-old rusher so successful, co-record holder Riggins says, "Vision first, instinct second. Chaos is the one constant in a line of scrimmage at the snap. Backs that can see and feel daylight are more successful than the ones that lack these assets."

Another Hall of Famer cites Tomlinson's multi-talents.

"He has great combination of speed, power and vision," says Pro Football Hall of Famer and former Detroit Lions running back **BARRY SANDERS**. "And he can catch the ball out of the back field. He is like **MARSHALL (FAULK)** – you have to cover him on every play.

"I tried to score on every play," adds Sanders, "and I think L.T. likes to challenge himself like that." A look at the all-time longest streaks of consecutive games with a rushing touchdown:

PLAYER	CONSEC. GAMES W/ RUSH TD	TEAM	YEARS
John Riggins	13	Washington Redskins	1982-83
George Rogers	13	Washington Redskins	1985-86
LaDainian Tomlinson	12	San Diego Chargers	2004-Present
Lenny Moore	11	Baltimore Colts	1963-64
Emmitt Smith	11	Dallas Cowboys	1994-95
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Priest Holmes	11	Kansas City Chiefs	2002



HOLMES COOKIN'!

Want a touchdown? Give it to Priest!

That about sums up Kansas City running back **PRIEST HOLMES**' productivity over the past three years. His 62 rushing touchdowns and 66 multi-purpose scores since the start of 2002 both represent NFL records over any three-year span.

"There is no player in the NFL harder to gameplan for than Priest Holmes," says Denver Broncos head coach **MIKE SHANAHAN**. "He does everything well, and it doesn't matter if it's early in the game or late." The players with the most rushing touchdowns in any three-year span in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEARS	TOUCHDOWNS
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2002-04	62
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1994-96	58
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Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1993-95	55
Terrell Davis	Denver	1996-98	49

"He's an unbelievable back," says Minnesota Vikings head coach **MIKE TICE** about the three-time All Star. "The best all-around back in the league by far. You're not going to stop him." The players with the most touchdowns in any three-year span in NFL history:

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Marshall Faulk	St. Louis	1999-01	59
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1993-95	57
Marshall Faulk	St. Louis	2000-02	57

In his eight-year career, Holmes has averaged a TD every 20.2 carries, the fourth-best mark in NFL history.

"It's an honor to be blocking for the guy," says Chiefs Pro Bowl guard **BRIAN WATERS**. "I still don't think people understand just how good a player Priest Holmes is. He runs, he catches, he blocks, he does it all. If you ask around the league, they know. They know that nobody is better." The players with the fewest career rushing attempts per touchdown (minimum 1,000 carries):

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	RUSH ATTEMPTS/TD
Lenny Moore	Baltimore	17.0
Steve Van Buren	Philadelphia	19.1
Pete Johnson	Cincinnati, Miami, San Diego	19.6
Priest Holmes	Baltimore, Kansas City	20.2*

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