

## WHEN YOU GOTTA GET THAT YARD!

When all you need is one yard, there are some guys who you know will get it—people like Faulk, Bettis, Dillon.

Ask one of the top gun backs in his day—St. Louis Ram running backs coach **WILBERT MONTGOMERY**—to choose his go-to guy, and he picks his own guy—**MARSHALL FAULK**.

"Just get the ball in his hands and watch the creativity," says Montgomery. "At some given point, you know that the lightning is going to strike out there on the field when No. 28 has the ball in his hands."

Below is a look at the rushers in 2004 with the most first downs on third- or fourth-and-one. And, yes, that's hard-nosed San Diego quarterback **DREW BREES** tied for No. 3 in the category.

PLAYER	TEAM	ATTEMPTS	<b>1ST DOWNS</b>
Marshall Faulk	Rams	17	13
Jerome Bettis	Steelers	17	12
Drew Brees	Chargers	11	11
Corey Dillon	Patriots	13	11
Rudi Johnson	Bengals	20	11
Thomas Jones	Bears	14	11
Curtis Martin	Jets	12	11
Willis McGahee	Bills	15	11

## MOST FIRST DOWNS ON 3RD- OR 4TH-AND-ONE



Defending against the Indianapolis Colts' quarterback-wide receiver tandem of **PEYTON MANNING** and **MARVIN HARRSION** is like climbing a greased pole with a piano tied to your ankles. Inseparable on gamedays – even before kickoff – Manning and Harrison can be found practicing routes against the wind. In games, they always seem like they're playing with the wind.

In fact, this is how Patriots quarterback **TOM BRADY** recalls the first time he met Manning in 2000: "I met Peyton the first time he came to Foxboro Stadium in my rookie year. He was out there playing catch with Marvin Harrison."

An indelible first impression.

With 129 more passing yards between them, Manning and Harrison (9,410) will surpass Buffalo's **JIM KELLY** and **ANDRE REED** (9,538) for the <u>most yards between any quarterback-receiver tandem in NFL history</u>. In addition, with four more touchdown connections, the words "Manning-to-Harrison" will account for the <u>most TD passes by a QB-to-WR duo in league annals</u>, surpassing the present high mark of 85 set by San Francisco's **STEVE YOUNG** and **JERRY RICE**:

"They're both brilliant, brilliant performers," says Pro Football Hall of Fame coach **BILL WALSH** of the well-connected Colts. Walsh also praises Indianapolis offensive coordinator **TOM MOORE**, who has guided the team's offense in each of Manning's 112 career games. "He could be the best offensive coordinator in the league," says Walsh. "He is truly an outstanding coach."

The top quarterback-wide receiver TD tandems in NFL history:

TANDEM	TEAM	SEASONS	TDs
Steve Young-Jerry Rice	San Francisco 49ers	1987-99	85
Peyton Manning-Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	1998-Present	82
Dan Marino-Mark Clayton	Miami Dolphins	1983-92	79
Jim Kelly-Andre Reed	Buffalo Bills	1986-96	65
Johnny Unitas-Raymond Berry	Baltimore Colts	1956-67	63

## MARVIN'S THE MAN

The Indianapolis Colts' **MARVIN HARRISON** has caught more passes in his first nine seasons (845) than anyone in NFL history in their first 10 seasons. Below is a list of Pro Football Hall of Fame receivers who recorded the most receptions through their first 10 seasons:

HARRISON & HOF RECEIVERS Marvin Harrison*	RECEPTIONS THROUGH FIRST 10 YEARS 845
Steve Largent	624
Ozzie Newsome	575
James Lofton	571
Kellen Winslow*	541
Charley Taylor	528
*Through nine seasons	