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## **EMMITT SMITH JOINS NFL NETWORK ON-AIR TEAM**

NFL's All-Time Leading Rusher to Appear on Expanded Flagship Show in 2005

NFL Network has hired NFL all-time leading rusher **EMMITT SMITH** to be featured on the NFL's daily news show of record, *NFL Total Access*.

NFL Total Access airs Monday through Saturday at 7:00 PM ET and is the only year-round show on television dedicated to the NFL.

Smith joins **TERRELL DAVIS**, **LINCOLN KENNEDY** and **ROD WOODSON**, on the show hosted by **RICH EISEN**.

"We have become the show players and teams turn to daily to get their news on the NFL," said *NFL Total Access* Coordinating Producer **Eric Weinberger**. "Adding Emmitt enhances our ability to deliver on our namesake by providing viewers insight from one of the most talented and well-respected players to ever play the game."

Emmitt, 36, will work as an analyst, providing his fresh-from-the-field perspective on each Monday edition of *NFL Total Access*. The eight-time Pro Bowl selection and three-time Super Bowl champion will review each weekend's games as part of *Total Access'* two-hour show leading into *Monday Night Football*. After MNF concludes Emmitt will return to offer his analysis on the one-hour post-game show.

"I am excited to continue to be a part of the game through NFL Network," said Smith. "I look forward to working with Terrell Davis, Lincoln Kennedy, Rod Woodson and Rich Eisen. I hope to provide a different perspective and bring fans closer to the game by giving additional insight."

This season, *NFL Total Access* will provide nine hours of original programming over six nights, up from seven hours last season. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday editions will be 60-minute shows, with the Wednesday and Friday shows expanding to 90 minutes each. Monday will feature a two-hour show leading into Monday Night Football, followed by a one-hour post-game show.

The 17<sup>th</sup> overall pick in the 1990 NFL Draft by the Dallas Cowboys out of the University of Florida, Smith, in 15 seasons, made an impact on the NFL that few players can match at any position in any era.

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In 2002, Smith surpassed Walter Payton to become the NFL's all-time rushing leader, and he finished his career with 18,355 rushing yards and numerous team and league records. Emmitt is the only NFL running back to post 11 consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. He finished tops on the NFL charts with 164 rushing touchdowns, 78 games with 100 or more yards rushing, and owns almost every Cowboys rushing record imaginable, both regular season and playoff. He played his final two seasons for the Arizona Cardinals.

Emmitt's first day in his new career as a television broadcaster will be <u>September 12</u> on NFL Network. He will join **Troy Aikman**, **Michael Irvin**, **Daryl "Moose" Johnson** and **Jimmy Johnson** as former Cowboys teammates now in broadcasting.

NFL Total Access is NFL Network's signature show uniquely structured to show the game through the participants' eyes. Airs at 7:00 PM ET every Monday through Saturday and is wheeled the following morning from 4:00 AM to 12 noon ET.

Featuring each of the 32 teams, *NFL Total Access* is the most comprehensive and informative show dedicated to the NFL on television. The show uses the latest technology to go live from any NFL teams' headquarters at any time.

NFL Network airs seven days a week, 24 hours a day on a year-round basis and is the first television network fully dedicated to the NFL and the sport of football. For more information, log onto <a href="https://www.nfl.com/nflnetwork/home">www.nfl.com/nflnetwork/home</a>.

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