

## **NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 10**

**QUARTERBACKS ON TARGET:** As the NFL begins the second half of its season this weekend, there are 12 quarterbacks with a 2-to-1 or better touchdown-to-interception ratio (10 TD passes minimum). That is the most in NFL history through the first nine weeks of a season.

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**ALEXANDER THE GREAT:** Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** has 14 touchdowns this season and needs one to become the first player in history with at least 15 touchdowns in five consecutive seasons.

The NFC West first-place Seahawks (6-2) host the division second-place St. Louis Rams (4-4) this Sunday. Alexander scored two TDs (and rushed for 119 yards) when Seattle defeated St. Louis on October 9.

Last week, San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** joined Alexander as the only players to perform the feat in four consecutive seasons.

The players with the most consecutive seasons of 15-or-more touchdowns:

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>SEASONS</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL 15-TD SEASONS</u></b>
<b><i>Shaun Alexander</i></b>	<b><i>2001-04</i></b>	<b><i>4*</i></b>
LaDainian Tomlinson	2002-05	4*
Terrell Davis	1996-98	3
Priest Holmes	2002-04	3
Jerry Rice	1993-95	3
Emmitt Smith	1994-96	3
*Active streak		

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**FACE TIME FOR THE D-LINE:** Indianapolis Colts defensive end **ROBERT MATHIS** this year became the only player in history with a sack in each of his team's first eight games. With a sack this Sunday against Houston, Mathis would tie **KEVIN GREENE** and **BRUCE SMITH** for the second longest streak of consecutive games with a sack, behind **SIMON FLETCHER** with 10.

The most consecutive games with at least one sack:

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>TEAM(S)</u></b>	<b><u>SEASONS</u></b>	<b><u>CONSC. SACK GAMES</u></b>
Simon Fletcher	Denver	1992-93	10
Bruce Smith	Buffalo	1986-87	9
Kevin Greene	SF-Carolina	1997-98	9
<b><i>Robert Mathis</i></b>	<b><i>Indianapolis</i></b>	<b><i>2005</i></b>	<b><i>8*</i></b>
Many tied		--	8
*Active			

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**BARBER CLOSE TO 20/25:** In 121 career games, Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback **RONDE BARBER** has 19 sacks and 24 interceptions. With one more in each category, Barber can reach 20 sacks and 25 interceptions the second fastest in history, behind **RODNEY HARRISON** in 114 games.

Players with 20 sacks and 25 interceptions in their career and the games needed to reach those levels:

<b><u>PLAYER</u></b>	<b><u>TEAM(S)</u></b>	<b><u>GAMES TO 20/25</u></b>	<b><u>CAREER SACKS</u></b>	<b><u>CAREER INTs</u></b>
Rodney Harrison	SD-NE	114	27.5	31

William Thomas	Phila.-Oak.	163	37.0	27
LeRoy Butler	Green Bay	179	20.5	38
<b>Ronde Barber</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>24</b>

**SECOND-HALF SURGES:** The second half of the season begins this weekend, and two of the NFL's .500 clubs are glad it does.

Since 2000, the **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES** and **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**, both 4-4 through Week 9, have produced the top two records in the NFL in the season's final two months, with three Super Bowl titles (Patriots) and one Super Bowl appearance (Eagles) the result.

The Eagles lead the NFL in overall winning percentage in November and December since 2000 (.791) and the Patriots rank second (.738). The top five NFL records in November and December since 2000:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>WIN PCT.</u>
<b>Philadelphia</b>	<b>34-9</b>	<b>.791</b>
<b>New England</b>	<b>31-11</b>	<b>.738</b>
Green Bay	31-12	.721
Pittsburgh	30-13-1	.693
Baltimore	26-16	.619
Tennessee	26-16	.619

How those second-half records break down at home and on the road since 2000:

#### AT HOME

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>WIN PCT.</u>
Green Bay	19-4	.826
Kansas City	16-4	.800
Philadelphia	15-4	.789
New England	16-5	.762
Pittsburgh	16-5-1	.750
St. Louis	15-5	.750

#### ON THE ROAD

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>WIN PCT.</u>
Philadelphia	19-5	.792
New England	15-6	.714
Pittsburgh	14-8	.636
Green Bay	12-8	.600
Tennessee	12-8	.600

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**GIANTS SUCCESS:** This Sunday when they host Minnesota, the **NEW YORK GIANTS** can become the third team in history to reach 600 total wins (regular and postseason), joining the **CHICAGO BEARS** and **GREEN BAY PACKERS**.

The all-time won-loss records of the 600-victory clubs:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>RECORD</u>	<u>WIN PCT.</u>
Chicago	665-492-42	.575
Green Bay	637-501-36	.559
<b>New York Giants</b>	<b>599-510-33</b>	<b>.540</b>