

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 11

THE 10-0 CLUB: With a victory Sunday against Cincinnati, the Indianapolis Colts can boost their record to 10-0. Twenty teams in history have posted 9-0 records. Four of them lost in their 10th game. Of the 20 teams, only four finished the regular season undefeated -- the 1929 Green Bay Packers, the 1934 and 1942 Chicago Bears, and the 1972 Miami Dolphins.

The 20 teams to reach 9-0 in the regular season with their final record and opponent and game number of their first loss:

| <u>TEAM</u> | <u>FINAL RECORD</u> | <u>OPPONENT & GAME NUMBER OF FIRST LOSS</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--|
| 1929 Green Bay Packers | 12-0-1 | Undefeated season |
| 1931 Green Bay Packers | 12-2-0 | Chicago Cardinals (10) |
| 1934 Detroit Lions | 10-3-0 | Green Bay Packers (11) |
| 1934 Chicago Bears | 13-0-0 | Undefeated season |
| 1942 Chicago Bears | 11-0-0 | Undefeated season |
| 1953 Cleveland Browns | 11-1-0 | Philadelphia Eagles (12) |
| 1961 San Diego Chargers | 12-2-0 | Houston Oilers (12) |
| 1962 Green Bay Packers | 13-1-0 | Detroit Lions (11) |
| 1964 Buffalo Bills | 12-2-0 | Boston Patriots (10) |
| 1969 L.A. Rams | 11-3-0 | Minnesota Vikings (12) |
| 1972 Miami Dolphins | 14-0-0 | Undefeated Season |
| 1973 Minnesota Vikings | 12-2-0 | Atlanta Falcons (10) |
| 1975 Minnesota Vikings | 12-2-0 | Washington Redskins (11) |
| 1984 Miami Dolphins | 14-2-0 | San Diego (12) |
| 1985 Chicago Bears | 15-1-0 | Miami Dolphins (13) |
| 1990 N.Y. Giants | 13-3-0 | Philadelphia Eagles (11) |
| 1990 S.F. 49ers | 14-2-0 | L.A. Rams (11) |
| 1991 Washington Redskins | 14-2-0 | Dallas Cowboys (12) |
| 1998 Denver Broncos | 14-2-0 | N.Y. Giants (14) |
| 2003 Kansas City Chiefs | 13-3-0 | Cincinnati Bengals (10) |

2005 Indianapolis Colts 9-0-0 ???

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SHAUN ROLLING OUT WEST: Last Sunday, Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** rushed for 165 yards against St. Louis, marking the seventh consecutive game in which he has totaled 100 yards rushing against an NFC West opponent.

With another 100-yard rushing effort this week against San Francisco, Alexander would move into a first-place tie with **WALTER PAYTON**, **FREEMAN MC NEIL** and **MARCUS ALLEN** for the most consecutive 100-yard rushing games against division opponents.

Running backs with the most consecutive 100-yard rushing games against divisional opponents:

| <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>YEAR(S)</u> | <u>DIVISION</u> | <u>CONSECUTIVE 100-YD GAMES</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--|
| Walter Payton | 1976-77 | NFC Central | 8 |
| Freeman McNeil | 1984-85 | AFC East | 8 |
| Marcus Allen | 1985-86 | AFC West | 8 |
| Barry Sanders | 1997 | NFC Central | 7 |
| Jamal Anderson | 1998 | NFC West | 7 |
| Shaun Alexander | 2004-05 | NFC West | 7* |
| * Active | | | |

Alexander also continued his record-setting rushing touchdown rate by scoring three times in Week 10, giving him 17 rush TDs in Seattle's first nine games. With one more rushing score this Sunday, Alexander would become the first player in history with 18 rushing touchdowns in the first 10 games of a season. By comparison, NFL single-season rushing touchdown leader **PRIEST HOLMES** had 14 such TDs in his first 10 games before setting the record at 27 in 2003.

The most rushing touchdowns in history through the first 10 games of a season:

| <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>TEAM</u> | <u>YEAR</u> | <u>RUSHING TDs</u> |
|---------------|-------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Emmitt Smith | Dallas | 1995 | 17 |
| Terry Allen | Washington | 1996 | 17 |
| Jim Brown | Cleveland | 1958 | 16 |
| Terrell Davis | Denver | 1998 | 16 |

Shaun Alexander **Seattle** **2005** **17***

* Through nine games

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STEEL HARD ON ROAD: The Pittsburgh Steelers return to Baltimore this Sunday seeking to avenge their last NFL road loss in the second game of the 2004 season. Since then, the Steelers have won 11 consecutive road games.

With a victory this week, Pittsburgh would trail only the 1989-90 San Francisco 49ers (18) for the most consecutive road wins by a team in history.

The clubs with the most consecutive road wins in NFL history:

| <u>TEAM</u> | <u>YEAR(S)</u> | <u>CONSECUTIVE ROAD WINS</u> |
|----------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
| San Francisco 49ers | 1989-90 | 18 |
| L.A./San Diego Chargers | 1960-61 | 11 |
| San Francisco 49ers | 1987-88 | 11 |
| Pittsburgh Steelers | 2004-05 | 11* |
| Chicago Bears | 1941-42 | 10 |
| Dallas Cowboys | 1968-69 | 10 |
| New Orleans Saints | 1987-88 | 10 |
| * Active | | |

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ELITE COMPANY: Indianapolis wide receiver **MARVIN HARRISON** can reach two milestones this Sunday when the Colts play Cincinnati.

With two receptions, the six-time All-Star can reach 900 career catches in the fewest number of games (149) in history, and join only five other receivers in reaching the 900-catch plateau -- **JERRY RICE**, **CRIS CARTER**, **TIM BROWN**, **ANDRE REED** and **ART MONK**.

Also, with a 100-yard receiving performance, Harrison would record the 51st such game of his career, surpassing **DON MAYNARD** for second-most in the category, trailing only Rice.

The players to reach 900 receptions in the fewest number of games, and the most 100-yard receiving games in history:

| <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>GAMES TO 900</u> | <u>PLAYER</u> | <u>YEARS</u> | <u>100-YARD GAMES</u> |
|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Jerry Rice | 168 | Jerry Rice | 1985-04 | 76 |
| Cris Carter | 192 | Don Maynard | 1958, 1960-73 | 50 |
| Tim Brown | 202 | Marvin Harrison | 1996-05 | 50** |
| Andre Reed | 208 | Michael Irvin | 1989-99 | 47 |
| Art Monk | 210 | Jimmy Smith | 1992, 1995-05 | 45** |

Marvin Harrison **148***

* Currently has 898 receptions in 148 games **Active