

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 13

LT's TDs ON THE RISE: With a touchdown Sunday night, San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** can reach 80 career touchdowns sooner than any player in NFL history.

If he scores a touchdown against Oakland, Tomlinson would have 80 TDs in 75 games.

Tomlinson ranks second in the AFC in rushing with 1,086 yards and has scored at least one touchdown in 21 of his past 23 games.

The players to score 80 career touchdowns in the fewest games:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>GAMES TO REACH 80</u>
Jim Brown	Cleveland	76
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	79
Jerry Rice	San Francisco	84
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	85
Jim Taylor	Green Bay	90
<i>LaDainian Tomlinson</i>	<i>San Diego</i>	*
* 79 TDs in 74 career games		

If Tomlinson (19 touchdowns in 2005) does score, he would become the second player this season with 20 touchdowns, joining Seattle running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** (20).

Two players have scored 20 or more touchdowns in the same season only four times in history: Chicago's **GALE SAYERS** and Cleveland's **JIM BROWN** in 1965; Minnesota's **CHUCK FOREMAN** and Buffalo's **O.J. SIMPSON** in 1975; Washington's **JOHN RIGGINS** and the L.A. Rams' **ERIC DICKERSON** in 1983; and Kansas City's **PRIEST HOLMES** and Green Bay's **AHMAN GREEN** in 2003.

If Tomlinson and Alexander join that list this week, they would do so in the fewest number of games in the group -- 12. Brown/Sayers and Riggins/Dickerson accomplished the feat in 13 games, Holmes/Green in 16.

The pairs that have scored 20 or more total touchdowns (rushing and receiving) in the same season:

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>TDs</u>
1965	Jim Brown	Cleveland	21
	Gale Sayers	Chicago	20
1975	O.J. Simpson	Buffalo	23
	Chuck Foreman	Minnesota	22
1983	John Riggins	Washington	24
	Eric Dickerson	L.A. Rams	20
2003	Priest Holmes	Kansas City	27
	Ahman Green	Green Bay	20
<i>2005</i>	<i>Shaun Alexander</i>	<i>Seattle</i>	<i>20</i>
	<i>LaDainian Tomlinson</i>	<i>San Diego</i>	<i>19</i>

Tomlinson and Alexander also will likely become the first pair to score at least 20 rushing touchdowns in the same season. All 20 of Alexander's scores have been by rushing. Seventeen of Tomlinson's AFC-best 19 scores have come on the ground.

RUMBLE, REUBEN, RUMBLE: Cleveland Browns running back **REUBEN DROUGHNS** (941 rushing yards) needs 59 yards to become the first Browns' back in 20 years to rush for 1,000 yards in a season. Droughns would become the first Cleveland 1,000-yard runner since **KEVIN MACK** and **EARNEST BYNER**, who both did it in 1985.

Droughns is on pace for 1,369 yards this year, which would be the most prolific single-season rushing total by a Browns back since Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN**'s 1,544 yards in 1965. Droughns is on pace to join Brown as the only Cleveland players to rush for 1,300 yards in a season.

Droughns, continued.....

The top five rushing seasons in Cleveland history (Droughns' projected total would be the sixth-most):

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Jim Brown	1963	1,863
Jim Brown	1965	1,544
Jim Brown	1958	1,527
Jim Brown	1964	1,446
Jim Brown	1961	1,408

Reuben Droughs 2005 1,369*

*Projected

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BRETT VS. THE BEARS: Green Bay Packers quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** has thrown at least one touchdown pass against the division-rival Chicago Bears in 26 consecutive games, the longest such streak against an opponent in NFL history. Favre will have an opportunity to extend the record Sunday when the Bears host the Packers at Soldier Field.

Favre needs 286 yards to reach the 3,000-yard mark for the 14th time in his career, most in NFL history. Favre currently is tied with **DAN MARINO** for most 3,000-yard passing seasons (13). He also has 395 career TD passes and needs five to join Marino (420) as the only players in history with 400.

Most consecutive games with a TD pass against an opponent:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>GAMES</u>
Brett Favre vs. Bears	Green Bay	26
Dan Marino vs. Jets	Miami	24
Dan Fouts vs. Raiders	San Diego	17
Joe Montana vs. Falcons	San Francisco	15
Steve Grogan vs. Colts	New England	14

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I'LL TAKE "GREAT RECEIVERS" FOR 12,000, PLEASE: Wide receivers **MARVIN HARRISON** of Indianapolis (11,979) and **JIMMY SMITH** of Jacksonville (11,949) this week could become the first receivers in history to reach 12,000 career yards on the same day.

Harrison, who needs 21 yards against Tennessee to reach 12,000, has averaged 72.2 yards per game this season. Smith needs 51 yards against Cleveland to hit 12,000. He averages 62.3 yards per game this year.

Harrison and Smith will meet in Week 14 when Jacksonville hosts the Colts.

The NFL's top 15 leaders in career receiving yards:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Jerry Rice	22,895
Tim Brown	14,934
James Lofton	14,004
Cris Carter	13,899
Henry Ellard	13,777
Andre Reed	13,198
Steve Largent	13,089
Irving Fryar	12,785
Art Monk	12,721
Charlie Joiner	12,146
Isaac Bruce*	12,082
Marvin Harrison*	11,979
Jimmy Smith*	11,949
Michael Irvin	11,904
Don Maynard	11,834
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