

## **NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 14**

**CARSON = RATINGS WINNER:** Cincinnati quarterback **CARSON PALMER**, who leads the NFL with 26 touchdown passes, can record the most 100.0 passer rating performances in a season when the Bengals host Cleveland Sunday. Palmer has reached a triple-digit rating 11 times in the first 12 games of the season and has 14 such performances in his past 15 games.

The most 100.0 passer rating games in a season:

PLAYER	TEAM	SEASON	100.0 PASSER RATING GAMES
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	2004	11
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	1999	11
Steve Young	San Francisco	1994	11
<b>Carson Palmer</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>11*</b>
Steve DeBerg	Kansas City	1990	10

\* Through 12 games

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**I'LL TAKE "DIVISION" FOR 100:** Leading the NFL with 1,388 rushing yards and 22 touchdowns, Seattle running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** can become the league's first rusher since 1970 to post nine consecutive 100-yard performances against division foes when the Seahawks host San Francisco this Sunday. In addition, if Alexander can reach 112 yards against the 49ers, he would earn his second consecutive 1,500-yard season.

The most consecutive 100-yard rushing games against divisional opponents since 1970:

PLAYER	TEAM	DIVISION	SEASONS	CONSECUTIVE 100-YD RUSH GAMES VS. DIVISION
Marcus Allen	L.A. Raiders	AFC West	1985-86	8
Freeman McNeil	N.Y. Jets	AFC East	1984-85	8
Walter Payton	Chicago	NFC Central	1976-77	8
<b>Shaun Alexander</b>	<b>Seattle</b>	<b>NFC West</b>	<b>2004-05</b>	<b>8*</b>

\* Active

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**WELL RECEIVED:** Significant milestones are within reach this week for a pair of the league's most prolific receivers.

With two receiving yards against Indianapolis Sunday, Jacksonville's **JIMMY SMITH** will become the 13th player in NFL history – and third player this season (**ISAAC BRUCE**, St Louis; **MARVIN HARRISON**, Indianapolis) – to reach 12,000 career receiving yards:

PLAYER	REC. YDS	PLAYER	REC. YDS	PLAYER	REC. YDS
Jerry Rice	22,895	Andre Reed	13,198	Isaac Bruce	12,115*
Tim Brown	14,934	Steve Largent	13,089	Marvin Harrison	12,040*
James Lofton	14,004	Irving Fryar	12,785	<b>Jimmy Smith</b>	<b>11,998*</b>
Cris Carter	13,899	Art Monk	12,721		
Henry Ellard	13,777	Charlie Joiner	12,146		

\*Active

Oakland's **RANDY MOSS** has 9,913 career receiving yards and can reach 10,000 in his 123rd game Sunday when the Raiders face the New York Jets. With 87 yards, Moss would reach the 10,000 plateau faster than all but three players in NFL history:

PLAYER	FEWEST GAMES TO 10,000 REC. YDS
Lance Alworth	120
Jerry Rice	121
Marvin Harrison	122
Michael Irvin	129
Isaac Bruce	131
<b>Randy Moss</b>	<b>???</b> *

\*Needs 87 yards for 10,000 in 123rd game

**LAND OF THREE GRAND:** Green Bay's **BRETT FAVRE** (2,991) and Indianapolis' **PEYTON MANNING** (2,966) can both surpass the 3,000-yard passing mark this week for the 14th and eighth consecutive seasons, respectively. Favre needs nine yards to do so, Manning 34.

For Favre, it would extend his all-time longest consecutive 3,000-yard string while Manning would become the only QB in history with 3,000 yards in each of his first eight seasons. He became the first to achieve the feat in his first seven seasons a year ago.

The longest streaks of consecutive 3,000-yard passing seasons:

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE 3,000-YD SEASONS	YEARS
<b>Brett Favre *</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1992-present</b>
Dan Marino	9	1984-92
John Elway	7	1985-91
Drew Bledsoe	7	1994-00
<b>Peyton Manning **</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1998-present</b>

\* Needs nine yards for 3,000 in 2005

\*\* Needs 34 yards for 3,000 in 2005

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**CLOSE ENCOUNTERS:** The Cleveland Browns travel 221 miles south to Cincinnati to face the Bengals Sunday in the 65th "Battle of Ohio." Like these cities' close proximity to each other, the series' all-time point differential reflects a tight rivalry that traces its roots to one man – Pro Football Hall of Famer and Ohio native **PAUL BROWN**.

In their previous 64 meetings, the Browns hold a 12-point series scoring edge: 1,334 to 1,322, which ties for the second-closest series in points scored in history (at least 40 games played).

The closest all-time team vs. team series in points scored (minimum 40 games):

SERIES	POINT DIFFERENTIAL	POINT LEADER
New England vs. N.Y. Jets	7	NE: 1,961-1,954
<b>Cleveland vs. Cincinnati</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>CLE: 1,334-1,322</b>
Seattle vs. San Diego	12	SEA: 984-972
N.Y. Giants vs. Green Bay	12	NYG: 794-782
Indianapolis vs. N.Y. Jets	13	IND: 1,304-1,291

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**SACKS IN BULK:** Tampa Bay defensive end **SIMEON RICE** has 9.0 sacks and needs one more to post his fifth consecutive 10-sack season, which would tie for fifth most in history.

The Buccaneers (8-4) are on the road Sunday facing the Carolina Panthers (9-3) in an NFC South matchup between the division's top teams. Rice has 8.0 sacks in seven games against the Panthers, but none in the teams' past two meetings.

The most consecutive seasons with 10.0 or more sacks:

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE 10-SACK SEASONS	YEARS
Reggie White	9	1985-93
John Randle	8	1992-99
Lawrence Taylor	7	1984-90
Bruce Smith	7	1992-98
Richard Dent	5	1984-88
Bruce Smith	5	1986-90
Simon Fletcher	5	1989-93
<b>Simeon Rice*</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2001-present</b>

\* Has 9.0 sacks in 2005