

## NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 4



**ALL PLAYERS TO WEAR “FÚTBOL AMERICANO” DECAL:** This Sunday night in Mexico City, Mexico, the first-ever NFL regular-season game to be played outside the United States will take place when the Arizona Cardinals meet the San Francisco 49ers (ESPN/Westwood One Radio, 8:30 PM ET). To celebrate the occasion, all NFL players this weekend will wear a special “Fútbol Americano” helmet decal (above). Also, “Fútbol Americano” banners will be placed in all NFL stadiums this week.

**BI-CENTENNIAL:** Wide receivers **MARVIN HARRISON** of Indianapolis and **TERRELL OWENS** of Philadelphia can reach important milestones this Sunday in two ways.

With 99 and 98 career receiving touchdowns, respectively, Harrison and Owens can become the first receivers in history to reach 100 TD catches in the same season.

In addition to joining a short list of players at their position with 100 career receiving touchdowns, the number of games in which Harrison and Owens can accomplish the feat is also noteworthy. Owens (138 games) and Harrison (142) can reach 100 TD catches in the second- and third-fewest career games, respectively.

The players with 100 career receiving TDs ranked by number of games needed to reach the mark:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>RECEIVING TDS</u>	<u>GAMES TO 100</u>
Jerry Rice	197	120
Cris Carter	130	180
Steve Largent	100	198
Tim Brown	100	243
<b><i>Terrell Owens</i></b>	<b>98</b>	<b>138</b>
<b><i>Marvin Harrison</i></b>	<b>99</b>	<b>142</b>

**SHOCK THERAPY:** New York Giants tight end **JEREMY SHOCKEY** can reach a milestone for his position this week. With 196 receptions in 42 career games, Shockey can reach 200 catches the second fastest in history for a tight end, behind Pro Football Hall of Famer **KELLEN WINSLOW** (39 games).

The top five tight ends to reach 200 career receptions in the fewest games:

<u>TIGHT END</u>	<u>GAMES TO 200</u>
Kellen Winslow	39
Mike Ditka	47
Keith Jackson	47
Bob Tucker	53
Tony Gonzalez	54
<b><i>Jeremy Shockey</i></b>	<b>42 *</b>
* 196 receptions	

**OCTOBER SUCCESS:** The NFL concludes the first quarter of its season this weekend with its first October games.

In the past 10 years (since 1995), the Pittsburgh Steelers, who have a bye this week, have posted the league's best record in October (29-10, .744). Two of the other top five clubs in the category meet this Sunday – Philadelphia at Kansas City.

The top five October records since 1995:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>OCTOBER RECORD</u>
Pittsburgh Steelers	29-10 (.744)
Philadelphia Eagles	26-12 (.684)
Tennessee Titans	26-14 (.650)
Minnesota Vikings	24-13 (.649)
Kansas City Chiefs	23-14 (.622)

**INTERCEPTION MANIA:** In their first three games, the Cincinnati Bengals' defense has intercepted an NFL-high 12 passes. With five more interceptions this week (they had five in Week 2), Cincinnati can top the NFL mark for most interceptions in the first four games of a season (16). No team has reached that level in so few games since 1961.

Following are teams with the most interceptions in the first four games of a season:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YE R</u>	<u>INTERCEPTIONS</u>
Chicago Bears	1935	16
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Green Bay Packers	1940	16
Philadelphia Eagles	1950	16
Pittsburgh Steelers	1954	16
Los Angeles Rams	1955	16
San Diego Chargers	1961	16
<b><i>Cincinnati Bengals</i></b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>12 *</b>

\*After three games

**CADILLAC ON CRUISE CONTROL:** Tampa Bay Buccaneers rookie running back **CARNELL "CADILLAC" WILLIAMS** has 434 rushing yards in his first three games – a record for that span -- and needs 106 yards against Detroit this Sunday to top **BILLY SIMS** (539 yards) for the most rushing yards ever in the first four games of a career.

Williams – named the NFL's Offensive Rookie of the Month for September – also became the first rookie in history to rush for 100 yards in each of his first three games.

The top five rushing totals through the first four games of a career:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>SEASON</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Billy Sims, Detroit	1980	539
Alan Ameche, Baltimore	1955	482
Eric Dickerson, LA Rams	1983	446
Julius Jones, Dallas	2004	445
Don Woods, San Diego	1974	429
<b><i>Carnell Williams, Tampa Bay</i></b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>434 *</b>

\* After three games

**85 YEARS AGO THIS MONDAY – NFL'S FIRST WEEK OF GAMES:** The NFL celebrates an anniversary this Monday. Originally named the American Professional Football Association (APFA), the league concluded its first full week of games 85 years ago this Monday night – on October 3, 1920.

That year, APFA clubs were permitted to play non-league teams, and the results were included in a team's won-loss record.

The NFL's first full week of games:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>GAME</u>	<u>ATTENDANC E</u>
10/03/20	* Wheeling Stogies 0 at Akron Pros 43	4,000
10/03/20	* West Buffalo 6 at Buffalo All-Americans 32	N/A
10/03/20	* Pitcairn Quakers 0 at Canton Bulldogs 48	N/A
10/03/20	Columbus Panhandles 0 at Dayton Triangles 14	4,000
10/03/20	* Moline Tractors 0 at Decatur Staleys 20	1,500
10/03/20	Muncie Flyers 0 at Rock Island Independents 45	3,110
10/03/20	* All-Buffalo 0 at Rochester Jeffersons 10	2,000

\* Non-league team