

## **NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 6**

**REDSKINS LIKE IT CLOSE:** The Washington Redskins have played in an NFL-record six consecutive games decided by three points or less. They can extend that streak on Sunday when they visit the Kansas City Chiefs. Head coach **JOE GIBBS** and the Redskins have fared well in that streak, winning four of the six games.

This game against Kansas City will feature the first meeting of Gibbs and Chiefs head coach **DICK VERMEIL** since November 28, 1982. The 23-year gap between games is the longest in NFL history between NFL head coaches.

In 1982, Gibbs was in his first stint with Washington and Vermeil was coaching the Philadelphia Eagles. The Redskins defeated the Eagles in the 1982 game, 13-9.

Two Washington players (S **SEAN TAYLOR**, 4/1/1983 and DB **DIMITRI PATTERSON**, 12/1/1982) were not born the last time Gibbs and Vermeil met.

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**TIGER TANDEM PAYS DIVIDENDS:** A pair of former Auburn running backs – rookies **CARNELL “CADILLAC” WILLIAMS** of Tampa Bay and **RONNIE BROWN** of Miami – will face each other for the first time this Sunday when the Buccaneers host the Dolphins.

Williams (447 yards) and Brown (331) have combined for 778 yards through their first four games, which is the most ever in that span in the same season by two rookie running backs who attended the same college.

The top five same-college rookie running-back duos in combined yards through the first four games of a season (since 1970):

COLLEGE	YEAR	PLAYER	NFL TEAM	YARDS
<b>Auburn</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>Ronnie Brown</b>	<b>Miami</b>	<b>778</b>
		<b>Carnell Williams</b>	<b>Tampa Bay</b>	
Oklahoma	1980	Billy Sims	Detroit	540
		Vickey Ray Anderson	Green Bay	
Notre Dame	1993	Reggie Brooks	Washington	414
		Jerome Bettis	St. Louis	
Miami (Fla.)	1999	Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	361
		Nick Luchey	Cincinnati	
Baylor	1984	Alfred Anderson	Minnesota	357
		Allen Rice	Minnesota	

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**COMFORTABLE VS. CLEVELAND:** Baltimore Ravens running back **JAMAL LEWIS** has averaged 147.6 rushing yards per game against Cleveland in eight career outings – an NFL record for running backs with at least five appearances against an opponent. Baltimore hosts Cleveland Sunday.

On September 14, 2003, Lewis rushed for an NFL single-game-record 295 yards against the Browns. For an encore the same season, he amassed 205 yards on December 21 against Cleveland.

Lewis has been equally effective against another of Baltimore's AFC North Division rivals – the Cincinnati Bengals. His 135.4 average against the Bengals ranks third against a single opponent since 1970 behind Miami running back **RICKY WILLIAMS'** total against Buffalo (136.4)

The top five yards-per-game averages of NFL running backs against one opponent (since 1970; minimum five games):

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	OPPONENT	G	YARDS	YDS/G
<b>Jamal Lewis</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Cleveland</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1,181</b>	<b>147.6</b>
Ricky Williams	New Orleans, Miami	Buffalo	5	682	136.4
<b>Jamal Lewis</b>	<b>Baltimore</b>	<b>Cincinnati</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>948</b>	<b>135.4</b>
Walter Payton	Chicago	New Orleans	6	792	132.0
Eric Dickerson	LA Rams, Indianapolis	Tampa Bay	6	768	128.0

**TOP CALIFORNIANS COLLIDE:** Two of the most productive offensive players in the NFL – San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** and Oakland Raiders wide receiver **RANDY MOSS** – will be on display when Oakland hosts San Diego in Week 6.

Since Tomlinson's rookie year of 2001, he and Moss rank among the top players in yardage at their positions. Tomlinson – who on Sunday can tie the NFL record of Pro Football Hall of Famer **LENNY MOORE** for most consecutive games with a touchdown (18) – has posted more rushing yards than any other running back since 2001.

In that same span, Moss has compiled 5,445 yards, which ranks fourth among NFL wide receivers. Though the bulk of those yards came when he was with Minnesota, Moss is leading the AFC in receiving yards (466) this season despite a Raiders' bye last week.

The NFL's top five rushers since 2001:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
<b>LaDainian Tomlinson</b>	<b>San Diego Chargers</b>	<b>6,411</b>
Shaun Alexander	Seattle Seahawks	6,198
Curtis Martin	New York Jets	5,897
Ahman Green	Green Bay Packers	5,879
Priest Holmes	Kansas City Chiefs	5,787

The NFL's top five receivers since 2001:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YARDS</u>
Torry Holt	St. Louis Rams	6,301
Marvin Harrison	Indianapolis Colts	5,915
Terrell Owens	San Francisco 49ers, Philadelphia Eagles	5,570
<b>Randy Moss</b>	<b>Minnesota Vikings, Oakland Raiders</b>	<b>5,445</b>
Joe Horn	New Orleans Saints	5,169

**MOVIN' ON UP:** With two touchdown passes this week, Dallas Cowboys quarterback **DREW BLEDSOE** would surpass new Pro Football Hall of Famer **STEVE YOUNG** (231) on the NFL's all-time passing-TD list. Young is No. 18 on the list.

Bledsoe threw for three scores against Philadelphia last week (122.2 passer rating).

If Bledsoe can throw 14 TDs in the Cowboys' final 11 games (he has 10 through five games), he would pass **GEORGE BLANDA** (236), **JIM KELLY** (237), **LEN DAWSON** (239), **Y.A. TITTLE** (242) and **JOHN HADL** (244) on the all-time list – good for No. 13 all-time. Blanda, Kelly, Dawson and Tittle are Pro Football Hall of Famers.

The NFL's top 20 career TD passer list:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>CAREER TDs</u>
Dan Marino	420
Brett Favre *	388
Fran Tarkenton	342
John Elway	300
Warren Moon	291
Johnny Unitas	290
Joe Montana	273
Vinny Testaverde *	268
Dave Krieg	261
Sonny Jurgensen	255
Dan Fouts	254
Boomer Esiason	247
John Hadl	244
Y.A. Tittle	242
Len Dawson	239
Jim Kelly	237
George Blanda	236
Steve Young	232
<b>Drew Bledsoe *</b>	<b>231</b>
Peyton Manning *	223
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