

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 7

TOUCHDOWN TOMLINSON: A record that has stood the test of time – more than four decades – may fall in Week 7 when the San Diego Chargers travel to Philadelphia for a matchup with the Eagles.

Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has scored a touchdown in 18 consecutive games. With a touchdown Sunday against the Eagles, Tomlinson will surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **LENNY MOORE**'s NFL record for the most consecutive games with at least one touchdown.

Moore, a member of the Pro Football Hall of Fame class of 1975, set the record with the Baltimore Colts from 1963-65, helping the team to a 30-11-1 record in the three seasons.

The players with the most consecutive games with at least one touchdown:

Player	Team	Year(s)	Consecutive Games with a TD
Lenny Moore	Baltimore Colts	1963-65	18
<i>LaDainian Tomlinson</i>	<i>San Diego Chargers</i>	<i>2004-present</i>	<i>18</i>
O.J. Simpson	Buffalo Bills	1975	14
Jerry Rice	San Francisco 49ers	1986-87	13
John Riggins	Washington Redskins	1982-83	13
George Rogers	Washington Redskins	1985-86	13

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TURNOVERS KEY TO SUCCESS: The top two teams in the AFC North will meet on Sunday when the 5-1 Cincinnati Bengals play host to the 3-2 Pittsburgh Steelers at Paul Brown Stadium.

One possible key to the outcome might be who wins the turnover battle. The Bengals lead the NFL with a takeaway/giveaway ratio of +16. The Steelers also have done well in the category, with a takeaway/giveaway margin of +5, tying for eighth best in the NFL.

Another intriguing matchup of teams successful in turnover differential features the AFC West-leading 5-1 Denver Broncos, who visit the 3-2 New York Giants. The Giants rank second in the league with a +10 margin while Denver is tied for fifth at +6.

The 10 teams with a +5-or-better turnover differential have a combined record of 38-14 (.731).

A closer look at the NFL leaders in takeaway/giveaway ratio:

Team	Takeaways	Giveaways	Ratio	Record
Cincinnati Bengals	21	5	+16	5-1
New York Giants	18	8	+10	3-2
Buffalo Bills	15	7	+8	3-3
Indianapolis Colts	14	6	+8	6-0
Denver Broncos	11	5	+6	5-1
Atlanta Falcons	12	6	+6	4-2
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	15	9	+6	5-1
Jacksonville Jaguars	14	9	+5	4-2
Pittsburgh Steelers	11	6	+5	3-2

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ALEXANDER IN THE ZONE: In six NFL seasons, Seattle Seahawks running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER** has been no stranger to the end zone.

Alexander will try to add to his NFL-best 12 touchdowns on Sunday when the 4-2 first-place Seahawks host the 4-2 NFC East leaders, the Dallas Cowboys.

With three touchdowns, Alexander will improve a record he currently owns – most consecutive seasons with 15 or more touchdowns.

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Alexander has scored 15 touchdowns in four consecutive seasons, the only player in NFL history to accomplish the feat. In addition, with four touchdowns Alexander can tie **MARSHALL FAULK**'s NFL record for the most four-touchdown games in a single-season.

A look at Alexander's potential touchdown milestones:

Player	Team	Year	Consec. 15-TD Years	Player	Team	Year	Four-TD Games
Shaun Alexander	Sea	2001-04	4	Marshall Faulk	StL	2000	3
Jerry Rice	SF	1993-95	3	Shaun Alexander	Sea	2005	2
Emmitt Smith	Dal	1994-96	3	Jim Taylor	GB	1962	2
Terrell Davis	Den	1996-98	3	Gale Sayers	Chi	1965	2
Priest Holmes	KC	2002-04	3				
LaDainian Tomlinson	SD	2002-04	3				

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IF IT'S PACKERS-VIKINGS, IT'S BOUND TO BE GREAT LATE: The storied rivalry between the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings will continue on Sunday when the NFC North rivals meet in Minneapolis. And if recent history is any indication, the outcome will be hanging in the balance in the waning moments.

The teams have played five consecutive regular-season games decided by five points or less – tied for the longest such active streak in the NFL but still shy of the NFL record. That mark is held by the Philadelphia Eagles and Washington Redskins, who played eight consecutive games decided by five points or less from 1991-95, with the Eagles winning seven of eight.

The longest active streaks of games decided by five points or less between two teams:

Teams	Consecutive Games Decided by Five Points or Less	Result
Green Bay vs. Minnesota	5	Green Bay, 4-1
Cincinnati vs. Kansas City	5	Cincinnati, 3-2
Carolina vs. Washington	5	Washington, 4-1

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SPARKLING AGAINST THE GREEN & GOLD: Against perhaps his team's biggest rival, Minnesota Vikings quarterback **DAUNTE CULPEPPER** is often at his best.

Culpepper has thrown 12 consecutive touchdown passes against Green Bay without an interception – the longest active streak against one team in the NFL.

That does not include his virtuoso performance in the Wild Card playoffs last season, when he completed 19 of 29 attempts for 284 yards, four touchdowns and no interceptions in a 31-17 victory in Green Bay.

The active streaks of the most consecutive touchdown passes against one opponent without an interception:

Player	Opponent	Games	Consecutive TD Passes
Daunte Culpepper	Green Bay Packers	4	12
Drew Bledsoe	San Diego Chargers	4	11
Drew Bledsoe	Arizona Cardinals	4	10
Drew Brees	Oakland Raiders	4	8
Peyton Manning	Green Bay Packers	2	8