

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 8

LAMBEAU LEADER: Green Bay Packers quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** can attain a pair of NFL all-time passing milestones this Sunday when the Packers travel to Cincinnati for only the third time since 1976.

With 171 passing yards and 26 attempts, Favre, who aims to make his NFL QB-record 212th consecutive start this week, would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN ELWAY** in each category with only one other Hall of Famer – **DAN MARINO** – left to catch.

A look at Favre's standing in each category:

PLAYER	PASS YDS	SEASONS		PLAYER	PASS ATTS.	SEASONS
Dan Marino	61,361	1983-99		Dan Marino	8,358	1983-99
John Elway	51,475	1983-98		John Elway	7,250	1983-98
Brett Favre	51,305	1991-Present		Brett Favre	7,225	1991-Present
Warren Moon	49,352	1984-00		Warren Moon	6,823	1984-00
Fran Tarkenton	47,003	1961-78		Vinny Testaverde	6,483	1987-Present

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SACKS "R" US: When the Oakland Raiders travel 2,000 miles east to face the Tennessee Titans Sunday, two of the NFL's top pass rushers will take the field: defensive ends **DERRICK BURGESS** (7.0 sacks) of Oakland and **KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** of Tennessee (7.5). Vanden Bosch stands second in the league in sacks behind Indianapolis' **ROBERT MATHIS** (8.0). Burgess is tied for third with Atlanta's **ROD COLEMAN** (7.0).

The Burgess-Vanden Bosch pairing marks the first time in seven years that a game in the first half of a season features two players with 7.0 sacks or more. Below is a look at these past five meetings:

DATE	FEATURED SACK STANDOUTS
October 25, 1998	Reggie White (8.0), Green Bay vs. Michael McCrary (7.5), Baltimore
October 4, 1998	Derrick Thomas (7.0), Kansas City vs. Michael Sinclair (7.0), Seattle
October 3, 1993	Renaldo Turnbull (8.0), New Orleans vs. Robert Young (7.0), L.A. Rams
October 29, 1989	Clyde Simmons (7.0), Philadelphia vs. Simon Fletcher (7.5), Denver
October 15, 1989	Tim Harris (7.5), Green Bay vs. Keith Millard (8.0), Minnesota

Burgess has registered 2.0 sacks in three consecutive games. This Sunday, the 6-2, 260-pounder from Lake City, South Carolina, can become only the fourth NFL player to notch 2.0 or more sacks in four consecutive games since 1982 when the sack became an official statistic.

A look at the longest consecutive game streaks of 2.0 or more sacks:

PLAYER	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 2.0+ SACKS	TEAM	SEASON
Kevin Greene	5	San Francisco (1997), Carolina (1998)	1997-98
Simeon Rice	5	Tampa Bay	2002
Reggie White	4	Philadelphia	1987
Many tied	3	--	--

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GOOD TO SEE YOU: When the Philadelphia Eagles (4-2) travel to the Rockies to face the Denver Broncos (5-2) this Sunday, respective head coaches **ANDY REID** and **MIKE SHANAHAN** will both work toward their usual interconference outcome.

In the case of Reid and the Eagles, that would mean a win on the road, while for Shanahan and the Broncos, it would translate into a home victory.

(Reid and Shanahan, continued.....)

Below are the top five winning percentages of active head coaches in interconference play on the road and at home, minimum 10 such games:

COACH	INTERCONFERENCE RECORD ON ROAD	PCT.		COACH	INTERCONFERENCE RECORD AT HOME	PCT.
Tony Dungy	13-6	.684		Mike Martz	10-1	.909
Andy Reid	8-5	.615		Brian Billick	8-2	.800
Jon Gruden	9-6	.600		Mike Holmgren	20-7	.741
Marty Schottenheimer	22-15	.595		Joe Gibbs	17-6	.739
Jeff Fisher	13-9	.591		Mike Shanahan	17-6	.739

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PORTIS POWER: Long-time rivals and two of three NFC East co-leaders at 4-2, the Washington Redskins and New York Giants meet Sunday at Giants Stadium. A key component of the Redskins' No. 2-ranked offense is the ground-gaining ability of running back **CLINTON PORTIS**.

With 42 rushing yards, the second-round draft selection of 2002 will reach 5,000 career rushing yards in his 51st career game, tying the fifth-fewest games played to reach the 5K milestone.

A look at the fewest games played to reach 5,000 career rushing yards:

PLAYER	GAMES
Eric Dickerson	45
Earl Campbell	46
Jim Brown	48
Terrell Davis	50
Jamal Lewis	51
*Clinton Portis	50

* Has 4,958 career rushing yards

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GIVE AN INCH, TAKE A YARD: Following the fundamental football principle of advancing the ball and stopping your opponent, the top five teams in average scrimmage yard differential own a sparkling combined record of 25-8 (.758).

A look at the top five teams in this category through seven weeks of action:

TEAM	YDS GAINED PER GAME	YDS ALLOWED PER GAME	YARDAGE DIFFERENTIAL	RECORD
Washington Redskins	387.2	266.0	+121.2	4-2
Seattle Seahawks	390.3	298.7	+91.6	5-2
Tampa Bay Buccaneers	322.7	233.3	+89.4	5-1
Indianapolis Colts	353.7	277.9	+75.8	7-0
Dallas Cowboys	359.1	292.6	+66.5	4-3