

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 9

CENTURY MARK: Sixty years ago, Green Bay Packers wide receiver **DON HUTSON** became the first NFL player to reach 100 career touchdowns. Since then, 15 others have reached the 100-TD plateau.

This season, wide receivers **TERRELL OWENS** of Philadelphia and **MARVIN HARRISON** of Indianapolis accomplished the feat. Three more players – running backs **CURTIS MARTIN** (99) of the New York Jets and **PRIEST HOLMES** (94) of Kansas City and Oakland wide receiver **RANDY MOSS** (94) – are within striking distance of the mark. If one of them reaches 100 TDs this year, 2005 will be the first season in which three players scored their 100th career touchdown, breaking a tie with 2001 when **TIM BROWN** and **MARSHALL FAULK** accomplished the feat.

In the 2000s, four players already have scored their 100th touchdown, one shy of the record for a decade – five players in the 1990s. Following is a breakdown by decade of the 16 players with 100 career touchdowns:

DECADE	NO.	PLAYERS (YEAR)
2000s	4	Tim Brown ('01), Marshall Faulk ('01), Marvin Harrison ('05), Terrell Owens ('05)
1990s	5	Jerry Rice ('92), Marcus Allen ('93), Emmitt Smith ('95), Barry Sanders ('97), Cris Carter ('98)
1980s	4	Franco Harris ('83), John Riggins ('84), Walter Payton ('85), Steve Largent ('89)
1970s	0	--
1960s	2	Jim Brown ('64), Lenny Moore ('65)
1950s	0	--
1940s	1	Don Hutson ('45)

PRIME-TIME BACKS: Indianapolis Colts running back **EDGERRIN JAMES** has rushed for 100 yards in 51.1 percent of his games (45 of 88). That percentage is the highest in history (minimum 50 games). Right behind James is the Washington Redskins' **CLINTON PORTIS**, who has rushed for 100 yards in 26 of 51 games (51.0). Both players will be featured in prime-time games this weekend when Washington hosts Philadelphia Sunday night (ESPN, 8:30 PM ET) and Indianapolis visits New England Monday night (ABC, 9:00 PM ET).

The running backs with the highest percentage of games with 100-yard rushing performances (minimum 50 games):

PLAYER	ALL-TIME GAMES	100's	PCT.	PLAYER	ACTIVE GAMES	100's	PCT.
Edgerrin James	88	45	51.1*	Edgerrin James	88	45	51.1
Clinton Portis	51	26	51.0*	Clinton Portis	51	26	51.0
Barry Sanders	153	76	49.7	Fred Taylor	92	37	40.2
Jim Brown	118	58	49.2	Ricky Williams	73	29	39.7
Eric Dickerson	146	64	43.8	Jamal Lewis	67	26	38.8

*Active

IN THE PALM OF HIS HANDS: Cincinnati Bengals quarterback **CARSON PALMER** has completed 186 of 267 passes (69.7 percent) for 2,037 yards with 16 touchdowns versus five interceptions for a 104.1 passer rating, the second best mark in the NFL this year. Last season, his first as the team's starter, Palmer posted a 77.3 passer rating. He can become only the sixth quarterback since the passer rating system was adopted in 1973 to post a 100.0 rating after compiling a rating below 80.0 the previous season.

The quarterbacks since 1973 to have a 100.0 passer rating the year after a rating of below 80.0 (minimum 200 attempts in each season):

QUARTERBACK	TEAM	YEAR	PASSER RATING	PREVIOUS RATING	INCREASE
Ken Stabler	Oakland	1976	103.4	67.4	36.0
Vinny Testaverde	New York Jets	1998	101.6	75.9	25.7
Brian Griese	Denver	2000	102.9	75.6	27.3
Drew Brees	San Diego	2004	104.8	67.5	37.3
Donovan McNabb	Philadelphia	2004	104.7	79.6	25.1
Carson Palmer	Cincinnati	2005	104.1*	77.3	26.8

* Through first eight games

RUSHING TO THE RECORD BOOK: New York Jets running back **CURTIS MARTIN** has rushed for 100 yards in a game 57 times in his 11-year career. With a 100-yard performance this Sunday against San Diego, Martin will tie Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** for sixth on the all-time list with 58 such games. Among active players, Martin trails only Pittsburgh's **JEROME BETTIS** (60) in the category.

The players with the most career 100-yard rushing games in history and active:

<u>ALL-TIME</u>		<u>ACTIVE</u>	
<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>100-YARD GAMES</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>100-YARD GAMES</u>
Emmitt Smith	78	Jerome Bettis	60
Walter Payton	77	Curtis Martin	57
Barry Sanders	76	Edgerrin James	45
Eric Dickerson	64	Marshall Faulk	41
Jerome Bettis	60*	Corey Dillon	38
Jim Brown	58		
Curtis Martin	57*		
*Active			

LT DOES IT ALL: Through the first eight weeks of the season, San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has rushed for 10 touchdowns, thrown for three scores and caught one TD. Tomlinson needs one more receiving score this season to become only the fourth player since 1970 to have multiple touchdowns rushing, receiving and passing in a season.

The three players since 1970 with at least two touchdowns rushing, receiving and passing in one season:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEA</u> <u>R</u>	<u>RUSH</u> <u>TDs</u>	<u>REC.</u> <u>TDs</u>	<u>PASS TDs</u>
Marcus Allen	L.A. Raiders	1983	9	2	3
Walter Payton	Chicago	1983	6	2	3
Craig James	New England	1985	5	2	2
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego	2005*	10	1	3
* Through first eight games					

HIGH FIVE: The **CINCINNATI BENGALS** recorded five interceptions against Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre last Sunday -- the third quarterback the club has intercepted five times in a game this season. Cincinnati is only the third team in history with five-interception games against three passers in a season, and the first since the 1953 Detroit Lions. With one more such game this year, the Bengals will be the first to accomplish the feat four times in a season.

The three teams to post a five-interception game against three different passers in a season:

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIVE-INT GAMES</u>	<u>OPPOSING PASSERS</u>
Cincinnati	2005	3	Daunte Culpepper, Brett Favre, Kyle Orton
Detroit	1953	3	George Blanda, Charlie Conerly, Fred Enke
Green Bay	1943	3	Ronnie Cahill, Frankie Sinkwich, Roy Zimmerman

BRETT-TAKING: Green Bay Packers quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** has thrown a touchdown pass in 24 consecutive home games, tying for the fourth longest such streak in NFL history. With a touchdown pass this Sunday at Lambeau Field against Pittsburgh, Favre will move into sole possession of fourth place behind **DAN MARINO**, **JOHNNY UNITAS** and **WARREN MOON**.

The longest streaks in history of consecutive home games with a touchdown pass:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>STREAK</u>
Dan Marino	Miami	1983-88	39
Johnny Unitas	Baltimore	1956-62	34
Warren Moon	Houston	1987-91	26
Chris Chandler	Atlanta	1997-00	24
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	2000-03	24
Brett Favre	Green Bay	2002-05	24*
*Active			

