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SECOND HALF BEGINS: AFC MIDSEASON PROJECTIONS

BALTIMORE: Through the team's first eight games, the Ravens are allowing 2.9 yards per carry. That figure would stand as the team's best mark since 2000 when the club allowed an average of 2.7 yards en route to its Super Bowl XXXV Championship...**TE TODD HEAP** leads the team with five TD receptions and is on pace to post 10 this year, which would be second-most in club annals for a single season (**MICHAEL JACKSON**, 14, 1996)

BUFFALO: **WR LEE EVANS** has 39 receptions, putting him on pace to catch 174 passes in his first three seasons, which would top the most by a Bills player in his first three seasons (**JERRY BUTLER**, 160, 1979-81)...**DEs AARON SCHOBEL** (7.0) and **CHRIS KELSAY** (5.0) are on pace for double-digit sack seasons. Should they both reach at least 10.0 sacks, it would mark the second time in club history that more than one player posted 10.0 sacks in the same year (1995: **BRYCE PAUP** 17.5; **BRUCE SMITH** 10.5; **PHIL HANSEN** 10.0).

CINCINNATI: With 4,565 career rushing yards, **RB RUDI JOHNSON** – who has 629 yards rushing thus far in 2006 – is on pace to become the fourth player in club history to reach 5,000...**QB CARSON PALMER** has 1,879 passing yards and vies to become the first Bengals quarterback to pass for 4,000 yards in a season...Cincinnati (4-4) trails the AFC North-leading Baltimore Ravens (6-2) by two games as the Bengals aim to post consecutive division titles for the first time.

CLEVELAND: **TE KELLEN WINSLOW** has 51 receptions and is on pace to catch 102, which would surpass Pro Football Hall of Famer **OZZIE NEWSOME** (89, 1983 and '84) for the most in one season in franchise history...**RB REUBEN DROUGHNS** (418 yards rushing), **TE Winslow** (471 yards receiving) and **WR BRAYLON EDWARDS** (439 yards receiving) are each on track to surpass 800 yards rushing or receiving. No Browns trio has ever reached 800 yards together in the same season.

DENVER: **RB TATUM BELL** stands seventh in the AFC with 612 rushing yards. Should Bell reach 1,000, it would mark the 10th time that a Bronco has rushed for 1,000 yards in the past 11 years and would make Bell the sixth Broncos rusher to reach the milestone figure in that span...Denver has allowed seven TDs through eight games, placing the team on track to permit only 14 for the season, which would surpass the NFL record for the fewest TDs allowed in a 16-game season (Baltimore, 18, 2000).

HOUSTON: **WR ANDRE JOHNSON** leads the NFL with 752 receiving yards and is on pace to become only the 10th player in the past five seasons to post more than 1,400 yards in a season...Rookie **TE OWEN DANIELS** has five TD catches, tied for the second most among tight ends. Daniels aims to become only the eighth rookie to catch at least 12 TDs in a season. The only rookie tight end to accomplish this was Pro Football Hall of Famer **MIKE DITKA** with the Bears in 1961.

INDIANAPOLIS: **QB PEYTON MANNING** leads the AFC with 2,291 passing yards and is on pace to reach 4,582. If Manning surpasses 4,000 yards, he will have done so for the seventh time in his nine-year career, which would be the most in history. Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** is currently tied with Manning for the most 4,000-yard seasons with six...**WR MARVIN HARRISON** (52) is on track to reach 100 receptions for the fifth time in his career. Should he reach triple digits, Harrison would surpass **JERRY RICE** (4) for the most such seasons in a career.

JACKSONVILLE: Rookie **RB-KR MAURICE JONES-DREW** has five TDs on the year (three rushing, two receiving). If he maintains his pace, he would join **FRED TAYLOR** (17, 1998) as the only rookies in club history to score at least 10...Taylor has 633 rushing yards through eight games. Should he reach 1,200 yards, he would do so for the sixth time in his career, trailing only **CURTIS MARTIN** (7) for the most among active players.

KANSAS CITY: The Chiefs stand at 5-3 and are on pace to reach a double-digit victory total in consecutive seasons for the first time since 1990-93...Rookie **DE TAMBA HALI** has 3.5 sacks and is on track to post the third most by a rookie in club history with 7.0, trailing only **DERRICK THOMAS** (10.0, 1989) and **JARED ALLEN** (9.0, 2004)...**RB LARRY JOHNSON** (816) projects to rush for 1,632 yards this season, which would make him the sixth player in history to run for more than 1,600 yards in consecutive seasons, following his 1,750-yard performance in 2005.

MIAMI: **WR CHRIS CHAMBERS** has 4,953 career receiving yards and is on pace to post 5,310 by season's end. That would surpass **O.J. MC DUFFIE** (5,074) for fourth most by a Dolphins player...**RB RONNIE BROWN** (621) is on his way to attain 1,242 rushing yards, which would give him the fourth highest season total in Dolphins history. If Brown reaches 1,200 and third-year **WR WES WELKER** (407 receiving yards) chalks up 800 receiving yards, it would mark the second time in club annals that the team boasted a 1,200-yard rusher with an 800-yard receiver (2003, **RICKY WILLIAMS** and **CHRIS CHAMBERS**).

NEW ENGLAND: **QB TOM BRADY** has 14 TD passes and vies to join **VITO "BABE" PARILLI** (31, 1964) as the only Patriot to throw for 30 in a season...Rookie **RB LAURENCE MARONEY** (458) leads the team in rushing yards and seeks to become only the fourth rookie in club history to post 1,000...**TE BENJAMIN WATSON** leads the Patriots with a career-high 32 receptions and can become the eighth tight end to lead the team in that category for a season.

NEW YORK: The most receptions in a season by a Jets duo is 163, achieved by **AL TOON** and **MICKEY SHULER** in 1988. That mark is in jeopardy as **WRs LAVERANUES COLES** (46) and **JERRICHO COTCHERY** (35) are on pace for 162...Rookie **RB LEON WASHINGTON** has 397 rushing yards and is pacing for 794. That total would stand as the second most by a Jets rookie, trailing only **MATT SNELL**, who notched 949 rushing yards in 1964.

OAKLAND: **DE DERRICK BURGESS**, who led the NFL with 16.0 sacks in 2005, has 8.0 through eight games this season. Burgess is currently 1.5 sacks away from the league's leader (**AARON KAMPMAN**, 9.5) and aims to become the first player to lead the league in the category in consecutive seasons since Hall of Famer **REGGIE WHITE** in 1987-88 for Philadelphia...The Raiders' defense is allowing 159.8 passing yards per game. Should that figure hold for the season, it would be the team's best mark since 1977 (157.8).

PITTSBURGH: **RB WILLIE PARKER** is on pace for 1,268 rushing yards and 12 rushing TDs. Should he attain those levels, he would become only the fourth player in Steelers history to rush for more than 1,000 yards and at least 10 touchdowns in a season. The three who have done so: Hall of Famer **FRANCO HARRIS** (1972, '75-77, '79), **BARRY FOSTER** (1992) and **JEROME BETTIS** (1996)...**WR HINES WARD** is the only player in club history to post at least 10 receiving TDs in consecutive years (2002-03) and is on pace to do so again with five this season and 11 in '05.

SAN DIEGO: With an AFC-best 828 rushing yards, **RB LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** is projected to finish with 1,656 on the year. That would couple him with Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** as the only players in league history with at least 1,200 rushing yards in each of their first six seasons. Dickerson reached 1,200 yards in each of his first seven...The Chargers have produced 31 sacks and are on their way to 62 through 16 games, which would tie the club record set in 1986.

TENNESSEE: **DE KYLE VANDEN BOSCH** has 4.0 sacks on the season. If he can post 6.0 more, he will join **JEVON KEARSE** (1999-'01) as the only players in Titans history to register 10 or more sacks in consecutive seasons...**WR DREW BENNETT** is on his way to 758 receiving yards on the year, which would boost his career total to 4,054. Should Bennett reach that mark, he would surpass **CURTIS DUNCAN** (3,935) for eighth place on the team's all-time chart.

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