



FOOTBALL'S BACK! NFL PRESEASON KICKS OFF IN CANTON **WITH HALL OF FAME GAME**

Six will be honored...one will return...and a season will begin.

It is going to be quite a weekend in Canton!

The NFL preseason of 65 games – 15 on national TV – kicks off at 8:00 PM ET Sunday night with the annual Pro Football Hall of Fame Game in the birthplace of the NFL – Canton, Ohio – this year between the Oakland Raiders and Philadelphia Eagles.

The game will mark the “re-debut” of a longtime NFL partner. It will be televised by NBC-TV, which this year returns to broadcasting the NFL for the first time in eight years. NBC had carried NFL games for 28 seasons, from 1970-97.

Announcing the game will be a well-known pair – **AL MICHAELS** and **JOHN MADDEN**. They debut on NBC after teaming on *Monday Night Football* for four years from 2002-05.

It will be a big weekend for Madden and five other familiar NFL names. The former Oakland Raiders coach will be inducted into the Hall of Fame on Saturday along with **TROY AIKMAN**, **HARRY CARSON**, **WARREN MOON**, **REGGIE WHITE** and **RAYFIELD WRIGHT**.

Madden, of course, will go in as the former Raiders coach, but he has an on-field tie to the Eagles, too. As a 21-year-old tackle out of Cal Poly-San Luis Obispo in 1958, Madden was a 21st-round draft selection by Philadelphia (No. 244 overall), although he never played in the NFL.

The game will mark another “re-debut.” **ART SHELL** is a member of the Hall of Fame class of 1989 who won a Super Bowl XI ring as a player under Madden and followed him as coach of the Raiders (1989-94). This year Shell returns at the helm of the club after a 12-year span. That same-team coaching respite ties for the fourth longest in NFL history (see chart below).

It will be a special weekend for the Eagles, too, as one of their greatest players ever, defensive end-tackle White, is inducted into the Hall. The team retired his number (92) last season.

The Hall of Fame class of 2006:

- **TROY AIKMAN** (1989-2000) led the Dallas Cowboys to three Super Bowl titles. His 90 wins in the 1990s makes him the winningest NFL quarterback of any decade.
- **HARRY CARSON** (1976-88) was named to nine Pro Bowls, led the New York Giants in tackles in five seasons, and was a leader of the team's daunting defense in their Super Bowl XXI title season.
- **JOHN MADDEN** (1969-78) owns the best regular-season winning percentage of coaches with 100 wins (.759, 103-32-7). Oakland never had a losing record under him, and claimed seven division titles and the Super Bowl XI championship.
- **WARREN MOON** (1984-2000) ranks fourth all-time in the NFL in completions (3,988) and passing yards (49,325) and fifth in touchdown passes (291). Selected to nine Pro Bowls. Threw for 3,000 yards in each of nine seasons.
- **REGGIE WHITE** (1985-2000) retired as the NFL's all-time sack leader (198). Named to 13 consecutive Pro Bowls. Nicknamed the “Minister of Defense.” Won a Super Bowl XXXI ring with Green Bay.
- **RAYFIELD WRIGHT** (1967-79) was named to the NFL's All-Decade Team of the 1970s. Played in six NFC Championship Games and five Super Bowls, winning two NFL titles. Chosen for Pro Bowl six years in a row.

There will be another induction at the Hall of Fame this year – one that will make history. Longtime TV broadcaster **LESLEY VISSER** will receive the Hall's Pete Rozelle Radio-Television Award for her contributions in covering pro football. She will be the first woman to be honored by the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The future of the game also will be celebrated this weekend at the annual **NFL Youth Football Summit**.

A group of 150 youth and high school football coaches and administrators from all 50 states will convene to discuss issues related to youth and high school programs with football experts and NFL greats.

The NFL and the NFL Players Association sponsor the summit through their joint NFL Youth Football Fund.

Fans nationwide will be able to see all of the weekend Hall of Fame festivities on NFL Network, which will televise more than 14 hours of on-site coverage, including eight hours on enshrinement Saturday.

The Hall of Fame Game will be the first of 15 nationally televised NFL preseason games this summer. Add to those the "wall-to-wall-ball" schedule of NFL Network – 52 games televised in 24 days (including two national TV broadcasts) – and fans will be able to see first-hand how NFL teams are developing this summer.

Included on the summer TV schedule will be a record 12-game "whip-around" on August 31. NFL Network on its *NFL Total Access: No Huddle* show will cover every game being played that night and cut in to each game as the action progresses.

"...AND, NOW, TO PRESENT THE HONOR..."

Always of interest are the names of the "presenters" of the Pro Football Hall of Fame inductees on their special day. This year, two sons, two coaches, an NFL owner, and a friend will have the honors.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame class of 2006 presenters:

INDUCTEE	PRESENTER	RELATIONSHIP
Troy Aikman	<i>Norv Turner</i>	QB coach/off. coordinator from 1991-93
Harry Carson	<i>Donald Carson</i>	Son
John Madden	<i>Al Davis</i>	Oakland Raiders owner
Warren Moon	<i>Leigh Steinberg</i>	Friend/Agent
Reggie White	<i>Jeremy White</i>	Son
Rayfield Wright	<i>L.J. "Stan" Lomax</i>	Coach at Fort Valley State College

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ART'S BACK!: The Oakland Raiders' **ART SHELL** returns as the team's head coach Sunday night after a 12-year respite. The longest span between NFL coaching stints with the same team:

COACH	TEAM	TENURE 1 FINAL YEAR	TENURE 2 FIRST YEAR	YEAR SPAN
Joe Bach	Pittsburgh	1936	1952	16
Chuck Knox	L.A. Rams	1977	1992	15
Ted Marchibroda	Baltimore/Indianapolis	1979	1992	13
Walt Kiesling	Pittsburgh	1942	1954	12
Joe Gibbs	Washington	1992	2004	12
<i>Art Shell</i>	<i>L.A./Oakland Raiders</i>	<i>1994</i>	<i>2006</i>	<i>12</i>

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 6
PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME GAME – CANTON, OHIO
OAKLAND RAIDERS VS. PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

SERIES

	<u>RAIDERS</u>	<u>EAGLES</u>
HOF RECORD	2-0	2-1
SERIES LEADER		5-4
STREAKS	2 of past 3	
COACHES VS. OPP.	Shell: 0-2	Reid: 1-1
LAST GAME	9/25/05: Raiders 20 at Eagles 23. Philadelphia RB Brian Westbrook has 6 receptions for 140 yards & K David Akers completes 23-yard FG with 9 seconds remaining.	
LAST GAME AT SITE	--	
BROADCAST	NBC (8:00 PM ET): Al Michaels, John Madden, Andrea Kremer (Field Reporter). CBS Radio: Dave Sims, Sam Wyche.	

'05 STAT LEADERS

PASSING	Brooks (NO): 240-431-2,882-13-17-70.0	McNabb: 211-357-2,507-16-9-85.0
RUSHING	Jordan: 272-1,025-3.8-9	Westbrook: 156-617-4.0-3
RECEIVING	Porter: 76-942-12.4-5	Smith (TE): 61-682-11.2-3
OFFENSE	309.4	319.3
TAKE/GIVE	-4	-7
DEFENSE	330.8	325.4
SACKS	Burgess: 16.0 (1L)	Kearse: 7.5
INTs	Schweigert: 2	S. Brown: 4
PUNTING	Lechler: 45.7 (2L)	Johnson: 41.4
KICKING	Janikowski: 90 (30/30 PAT; 20/30 FG)	Akers: 71 (23/23 PAT; 16/22 FG)

NOTES

RAIDERS: Club 2-0 in HOF Games...Former head coach **JOHN MADDEN** (1969-78) to be inducted into HOF & presented by team owner **AL DAVIS** (HOF '92).....Head coach **ART SHELL** (HOF '89) guides team for 1st time since 1989-94, compiling 56-41 (.577) record.....Veteran **QB AARON BROOKS** makes club debut. Brooks ties for 4th-most TD passes in past 5 yrs (111), trailing **PEYTON MANNING** (159), **BRETT FAVRE** (141) & **TOM BRADY** (123)...**RB LA MONT JORDAN** led NFL RBs w/ 70 catches in '05 & ranked 8th in AFC w/ 1,025 rush yards... Since start of career in '98 (128 games), **WR RANDY MOSS** has 98 TD catches, most in NFL...**DE DERRICK BURGESS** led NFL in '05 w/ 16.0 sacks & can be 1st to lead league in consecutive yrs since '06 HOFer **REGGIE WHITE** (1987-88). Burgess played for Eagles from 2001-04. **DT WARREN SAPP** has played in 10+ games in each of his 11 seasons..... **EAGLES:** First HOF appearance since '92.....HOF inductee **REGGIE WHITE** recorded more sacks (124) than games played (121) in 8 seasons with Phi ('85-92).....Head coach **ANDY REID** has highest win total (77) & win pct. (.621) in team history...**QB DONOVAN MC NABB** has 2.24 career INT pct. (66 in 2,943 att.), best among active QBs & 2nd all-time (**NEIL O'DONNELL**, 2.11, min. 1,500 att.)...**RB BRIAN WESTBROOK** has 60+ catches in each of past 2 years.....2nd-year **WR REGGIE BROWN** led '05 NFL rookies with 571 rec. yards. Set club rookie mark with 43 catches...**L.J. SMITH** ranked 8th among TEs with 682 rec. yards in '05...**T JON RUNYAN** has started 144 consecutive games, 4th-longest current streak among active players.....**DE DARREN HOWARD** makes Phi debut after posting 44.5 sacks in 6 seasons with Saints.

HALL OF FAME WEEKEND SCHEDULE (AUGUST 6)

(All times ET)

Sunday, August 6

Oakland Raiders vs. Philadelphia Eagles, Pro Football Hall of Fame Game at Canton, Ohio, 8:00 PM ET (NBC)

<u>AMERICAN FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>							<u>NATIONAL FOOTBALL CONFERENCE</u>						
<u>East Division</u>							<u>East Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0	N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<u>North Division</u>							<u>North Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<u>South Division</u>							<u>South Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0	New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
<u>West Division</u>							<u>West Division</u>						
	W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP		W	L	T	Pct.	Pts.	OP
Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0	St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0	San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0	Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NEXT WEEK'S NFL SCHEDULE (AUGUST 10-14)

(All times local)

Thursday, August 10

Indianapolis at St. Louis, 7:00 (FOX)

Cleveland at Philadelphia, 7:30

Friday, August 11

New England at Atlanta, 8:00 (CBS)

Denver at Detroit, 7:30

N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay, 7:30

N.Y. Giants at Baltimore, 8:00

Chicago at San Francisco, 7:00

Saturday, August 12

Pittsburgh at Arizona, 1:00

Saturday, August 12, Cont'd.

Buffalo at Carolina, 7:30

Jacksonville at Miami, 7:30

Kansas City at Houston, 7:00

New Orleans at Tennessee, 7:00

Dallas at Seattle, 7:00

Green Bay at San Diego, 7:00

Sunday, August 13

Washington at Cincinnati, 8:00 (NBC)

Monday, August 14

Oakland at Minnesota, 7:00 (ESPN)