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ARIZONA: WR **ANQUAN BOLDIN** has 48 receptions and is aiming to join **JERRY RICE** and **MARVIN HARRISON** as the only players in NFL history with 100 catches in three different seasons...Rookie QB **MATT LEINART** is on pace for a franchise rookie-record 2,337 passing yards...S **ADRIAN WILSON** can tie his own NFL record for the most sacks by a defensive back with 8.0. Wilson had 8.0 last season.

ATLANTA: The Falcons are averaging an NFL-best 205.1 rushing yards per game and are on track for an NFL-record 3,282...RB **WARRICK DUNN** (688 yards) and QB **MICHAEL VICK** (576) are on pace to become the first QB-RB tandem to each rush for 1,000 yards in the same season. Vick is on target for 1,152 yards, which would be the most by a quarterback in league history...ALGE **CRUMPLER** is poised to set a club mark for the most touchdown receptions by a tight end with 12.

CAROLINA: WR **STEVE SMITH** has 45 receptions for 631 yards in six games and is vying to join **MARVIN HARRISON** as the only players in history to post consecutive seasons of 100 catches and 1,500 yards. Smith led the NFL with 1,563 yards and tied for first with 103 receptions last year. If Smith continues at this pace, he will surpass his own club mark (103) with 105 catches...DE **JULIUS PEPPERS** is on track for a team-record 16.0 sacks.

CHICAGO: RB **THOMAS JONES** leads the Bears with 612 yards and is on track to join Pro Football Hall of Famer **WALTER PAYTON** as the only players in franchise history to rush for 1,200 yards in consecutive seasons. Jones was the club's leading rusher with 1,335 yards last year...QB **REX GROSSMAN** has 14 touchdown passes and is vying to become the first quarterback in team annals to pass for 30 TDs in one season...DE **MARK ANDERSON** is on pace for 15.0 sacks, which would be the most ever by a rookie.

DALLAS: WRs **TERRY GLENN** and **TERRELL OWENS** are bidding to become the second duo in team history to each post 1,000 yards in a season (**TONY HILL** and **DREW PEARSON**, 1979). Owens leads the club with 44 catches and aims to join **MICHAEL IRVIN** as the only Cowboys to record 90 receptions in a season...RB **MARION BARBER** is on target to rush for 12 touchdowns and would join Pro Football Hall of Famer **TONY DORSETT**, **EMMITT SMITH** and **HERSCHEL WALKER** as the only players in club history to reach that mark.

DETROIT: RB **KEVIN JONES** leads the team with 584 rushing yards and is on track to join Hall of Famer **BARRY SANDERS**, **BILLY SIMS** and **JAMES STEWART** as the only Lions with multiple 1,000-yard seasons. Jones notched 1,133 yards in 2004...QB **JON KITNA** is on pace for 4,348 passing yards, which would be the most in club history and the second 4,000-yard passing season in team history. Kitna's 63.2 completion percentage would be the highest single-season mark by a Lion.

GREEN BAY: QB **BRETT FAVRE** has 1,948 passing yards and is on target to extend his NFL-record streak of consecutive 3,000-yard seasons to 15. Favre has thrown 11 touchdowns and is poised to extend his NFL-record streak of consecutive 20-TD seasons to 13...RB **AHMAN GREEN** is on track for his sixth 1,000-yard season with the Packers and can surpass Hall of Famer **JIM TAYLOR**'s club record of five such seasons...DE **AARON KAMPMAN** has an NFL-best 9.5 sacks and can become the first Packer to lead the league in the category.

MINNESOTA: RB **CHESTER TAYLOR** has 173 carries and is on target to surpass the franchise mark of 295 set by **ROBERT SMITH** in 2000. Taylor has 708 rushing yards and can also join Smith as the only players in team annals to rush for 1,400 yards in a season...QB **BRAD JOHNSON** has completed 63.2 percent of his passes and can extend his NFL-record streak to 11 consecutive seasons with a completion percentage of at least 60 percent (minimum 100 attempts). The only other player in NFL history to complete at least 60 percent of his passes in 11 different seasons is Hall of Famer **JOE MONTANA** (12).

NEW ORLEANS: QB **DREW BREES** has a 95.2 passer rating, which would be the highest single-season mark in team history...Rookie WR **MARQUES COLSTON** has 44 catches for 700 yards with seven touchdowns and is on pace for a franchise-record 1,400 yards and 14 receiving TDs. Colston is currently fourth in the NFL in receiving yards and aims to become the first rookie since 1960 (**BILL GROMAN**) to lead the league in the category. Colston and rookie RB **REGGIE BUSH** (46 catches) are challenging to join **JOE HORN** as the only Saints with 90 receptions in a season.

NEW YORK: **RB TIKI BARBER** leads the NFL with 830 rushing yards and is poised to become the first Giant to lead the league in rushing since 1951 (**EDDIE PRICE**, 971 yards)...**QB ELI MANNING** is on target to join Hall of Famer **Y.A. TITTLE** as the only players in team history to throw for 30 touchdowns in a season...**WR PLAXICO BURRESS** and **TE JEREMY SHOCKEY** can become the first set of teammates in club annals to each have at least 10 touchdown receptions in a season.

PHILADELPHIA: **QB DONOVAN MC NABB** is on target for a team-record 4,624 passing yards and is on track to tie Hall of Famer **SONNY JURGENSEN** for the club mark with 32 touchdown passes...**RB BRIAN WESTRBOOK** has 500 rushing yards and 401 receiving yards and can become the first Eagle with 1,000 rushing yards and 800 receiving yards in a single season...The offense ranks first in the NFL with 3,147 total yards and is on pace for a franchise record in the category.

ST. LOUIS: **RB STEVEN JACKSON** leads the team with 691 yards and can join **JEROME BETTIS**, **ERIC DICKERSON**, **MARSHALL FAULK** and **CHARLES WHITE** as the only Rams to eclipse 1,300 rushing yards in a season...**QB MARC BULGER** has thrown just one interception in 290 attempts and is on pace for an NFL-record 0.34 interception percentage...**WR TORRY HOLT** is on target for 1,248 yards, which would be his franchise-best seventh consecutive season with 1,200 yards.

SAN FRANCISCO: **RB FRANK GORE** leads the team with 672 rushing yards and 31 catches. Gore can join **ROGER CRAIG** as the only 49ers to rush for 1,000 yards and lead the club in receptions in the same season...**WR ANTONIO BRYANT** has 27 receptions and 483 yards for a 17.9 yards per catch average. Bryant can join **R.C. OWENS**, **JERRY RICE**, **JOHN TAYLOR** and **GENE WASHINGTON** as the only players in franchise history with 50 receptions and a 17.0 yard per catch average in a season.

SEATTLE: **WR DARRELL JACKSON** has 623 receiving yards and is on track to post 1,246 yards, which would be the second-highest total in team history behind Pro Football Hall of Famer **STEVE LARGENT** (1,287). Jackson is on pace for his fourth career 1,000-yard season and would join **BRIAN BLADES** and Largent as the only Seahawks to post 1,000 yards in a season at least four times...**LB JULIAN PETERSON** has a team-best 8.0 sacks and is on target to become the third player in franchise history with 16.0 sacks in a season.

TAMPA BAY: **RB CADILLAC WILLIAMS** aims for his second 1,000-yard rushing season in a row, joining **ERRICT RHETT** and **JAMES WILDER** as the only Buccaneers with consecutive 1,000-yard seasons. Williams had a team rookie-record 1,178 yards last year...**WR JOEY GALLOWAY** leads the team with 475 receiving yards and is trying to become the second player in team annals to post back-to-back 1,000-yard seasons (**KEYSHAWN JOHNSON**)...**CB RONDE BARBER** has two interception-return touchdowns and needs one to tie the team record of three.

WASHINGTON: **RB CLINTON PORTIS** has 498 rushing yards and is closing in on his fifth consecutive 1,000-yard season to begin his career. Portis leads the NFC with seven rushing touchdowns and can become the first Redskin to lead the conference in rushing TDs since 1999 (**STEPHEN DAVIS**)...**WR-PR ANTWAAN RANDLE EL** is second in the NFL with 272 punt-return yards and is on pace for the third highest season total in franchise history behind **EDDIE BROWN** (646) and **BRIAN MITCHELL** (600).

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