

## **NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 8**

**LUCKY SEVENS:** The **CHICAGO BEARS** and **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS** enter Week 8 with 6-0 records. With wins, they can reach NFL milestones.

With a victory over visiting San Francisco Sunday, the Bears will join the Green Bay Packers and Minnesota Vikings as the only NFL teams to start a season 7-0 in four different years. The Colts, who started 7-0 for the first time in their history last year, can become the ninth team with two or more 7-0 starts.

Following are the franchises with the most 7-0 starts in history:

TEAM	YEARS	7-0 STARTS
Green Bay Packers	1929-31, 1962	4
Minnesota Vikings	1973, 1975, 1998, 2000	4
<b>Chicago Bears</b>	<b>1934, 1942, 1985</b>	<b>3*</b>
Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams	1969, 1978, 1985	3
Four tied	--	2
<b>Indianapolis Colts</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>1*</b>

\*Can attain 7-0 start this week

Indianapolis this Sunday can become only the second team in history to start 7-0 in back-to-back seasons. The Green Bay Packers accomplished the feat with three consecutive 7-0 starts from 1929-31:

TEAM	YEARS	CONSECUTIVE 7-0 STARTS
Green Bay Packers	1929-31	3
<b>Indianapolis Colts</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>1*</b>

\*Can reach consecutive 7-0 starts this week

**HOME SWEET HOME:** Green Bay Packers quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** has thrown for 24,839 yards in 105 games at Lambeau Field. With 161 yards this Sunday against Arizona, Favre will join Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback **JOHN ELWAY** (27,889 yards at Denver's Mile High Stadium) as the only players in the Super Bowl era (since 1966) to throw for 25,000 yards at a single venue.

The quarterbacks in the Super Bowl era with the most passing yards in one stadium:

QUARTERBACK	STADIUM	GAMES	PASSING YARDS
John Elway	Mile High Stadium	119	27,889
<b>Brett Favre</b>	<b>Lambeau Field</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>24,839*</b>
Dan Marino	Dolphin Stadium**	92	23,950
Dan Fouts	Qualcomm Stadium**	94	23,585
Peyton Manning	RCA Dome	68	18,145*

\*Active \*\* Present name of stadium

**ON THE MARK:** Chicago Bears rookie defensive end **MARK ANDERSON** has recorded a team-best 6.5 sacks this season, the most among NFL rookies and tied for third in the league. Anderson, who was drafted by the Bears in the fifth round out of Alabama, needs 4.0 sacks to pass **SANTANA DOTSON** (10.0) for the most sacks by a rookie drafted in the fifth round or below since the statistic became official in 1982.

Rookies drafted in the fifth round or below with the most sacks:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	ROUND DRAFTED	SACKS
Santana Dotson	Tampa Bay	1992	5	10.0
Carlos Hall	Tennessee	2002	7	8.0
Brent Williams	New England	1986	7	7.0
Sean McInerney	Chicago	1987	Undrafted	6.5
<b>Mark Anderson</b>	<b>Chicago</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6.5*</b>

\*Through first six games

**CHARGING AHEAD:** San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** has rushed for 7,834 yards in 85 games in his six-year career. Tomlinson needs 166 rushing yards to reach 8,000 career yards and can join some elite company should he accomplish the feat this week against St. Louis or in upcoming weeks.

Only seven players in history have reached the 8,000-yard milestone in fewer than 90 games. Of those seven, five have been elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

The running backs in history to reach 8,000 career rushing yards in fewer than 90 games:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEARS	GAMES TO 8,000
Eric Dickerson **	LA Rams, Indianapolis	1983-87	73
Jim Brown **	Cleveland	1957-63	80
Earl Campbell **	Houston	1978-83	83
Barry Sanders **	Detroit	1989-94	83
Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	1999-05	84
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1990-95	85
Walter Payton **	Chicago	1975-80	86
<b>LaDainian Tomlinson</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	<b>2001-06</b>	<b>85*</b>

\*Has 7,834 yards in 85 games \*\* Pro Football Hall of Fame

**CATCH OF THE DAY:** When the Carolina Panthers host the Dallas Cowboys this Sunday night, expect to see footballs thrown in the direction of wide receivers **KEYSHAWN JOHNSON** (Carolina) and **TERRELL OWENS** (Dallas).

Johnson, who spent the 2004-05 seasons with the Cowboys, has a catch in 158 consecutive games, the second longest active streak in the NFL behind Indianapolis' **MARVIN HARRISON** (160). Owens, in his first year with Dallas, has recorded a reception in 142 games in a row, the third longest current streak.

Harrison and the Colts travel to Denver this week, where Broncos wide receiver **ROD SMITH** seeks to extend his reception streak of 114 games in a row -- fifth longest in the category.

Following are the players who have an active streak of at least 100 consecutive games with a reception:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH CATCH
<b>Marvin Harrison</b>	<b>Indianapolis</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Keyshawn Johnson</b>	<b>NY Jets, Tampa Bay, Dallas, Carolina</b>	<b>158</b>
<b>Terrell Owens</b>	<b>San Francisco, Philadelphia, Dallas</b>	<b>142</b>
Hines Ward	Pittsburgh	125
<b>Rod Smith</b>	<b>Denver</b>	<b>114</b>
Torry Holt	St. Louis	111

**MANNING THE RECORD BOOKS:** Indianapolis Colts quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** has thrown for 34,809 yards in his nine-year career. Manning will play his 135th career game this Sunday at Denver and needs 191 yards to reach 35,000 for his career. If he accomplishes the feat, Manning will reach 35,000 yards in the second fewest games in history, trailing only the 134 games of Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO**.

Quarterbacks to reach 35,000 yards in the fewest games:

QUARTERBACK	TEAM(S)	YEARS	GAMES TO 35,000
Dan Marino	Miami	1983-91	134

Drew Bledsoe	New England, Buffalo	1993- 03	145
Brett Favre	Atlanta, Green Bay	1991- 01	147
Warren Moon	Houston	1984- 94	147
Dan Fouts	San Diego	1973- 85	149
<b><i>Peyton Manning</i></b>	<b><i>Indianapolis</i></b>	<b><i>1998- 06</i></b>	<b><i>134*</i></b>

\*Has 34,809 yards in 134 games

**I LOVE THE 90s:** In Week 6, Atlanta Falcons running back **WARRICK DUNN** had a 90-yard touchdown run. Last week, Minnesota Vikings running back **CHESTER TAYLOR** raced 95 yards for a touchdown, the longest scrimmage play in team history. That marked the first time in NFL history that there were 90-yard touchdown runs in back-to-back weeks and only the third time in history that a single season featured two TD rushes of at least 90 yards (1950 and 1982). With one more, the record will be broken.