

## **NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 13**

**CHARGING AHEAD:** San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** leads the NFL this year with 24 total touchdowns. Tomlinson's total ties for the fifth most in a season. The six-year veteran from TCU needs five TDs through the Chargers' final five games to pass Seattle running back **SHAUN ALEXANDER**'s NFL record of 28 set last season. Through 11 games, Tomlinson is ahead of Alexander's 2005 pace.

Following are the players with the most touchdowns in a single season and each player's total through the first 12 games of that year:

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOTAL TDs</b>	<b>TDs AFTER 12 GAMES</b>
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2005	28	22
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2003	27	17
Marshall Faulk	St. Louis	2000	26	15
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1995	25	21
John Riggins	Washington	1983	24	19
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2002	24	22
<b>LaDainian Tomlinson</b>	<b>San Diego</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>24*</b>	<b>???</b>

\*Through 11 games

Tomlinson's 24 touchdowns in San Diego's first 11 games would be the highest total by a player in the first 12 games of a season. The Chargers running back can add to his mark this Sunday when San Diego travels to Buffalo.

Following are the players with the most touchdowns through the first 12 games of a season:

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>TOUCHDOWNS</b>
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2002	22
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2005	22
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1995	21
Jim Brown	Cleveland	1965	20
O.J. Simpson	Buffalo	1975	20

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\*Through 11 games

Tomlinson has an NFL-best 21 rushing touchdowns, more than every other team in the league. He can become the fifth player in history with more rushing touchdowns than every other team in the league.

The players to accomplish this feat and the team with the next most rushing touchdowns that season:

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>RUSH TDs</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>RUSH TDs</b>
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1995	25	Cincinnati	20
Terry Allen	Washington	1996	21	Denver	20
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2003	27	Philadelphia	23
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2005	27	Kansas City	26

**LaDainian Tomlinson**   **San Diego**   **2006\***   **21**   **Dallas**   **15**

\*Through 11 games

**HAIL TO THE CHIEF:** Kansas City Chiefs running back **LARRY JOHNSON** rushed for 20 touchdowns last season and is second in the NFL with 13 rush TDs this year. Johnson has scored each of the Chiefs' past 29 rushing touchdowns, the longest such NFL streak since 1970.

Following are the longest streaks of consecutive team rushing touchdowns scored by a single player since 1970:

<b>PLAYER</b>	<b>TEAM</b>	<b>YEARS</b>	<b>CONSECUTIVE RUSH TDs</b>
<b>Larry Johnson</b>	<b>Kansas City</b>	<b>2005-06</b>	<b>29*</b>
Curtis Martin	New England	1995-96	25
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2003-04	23
Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	1999-00	21
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1995-96	20

\*Active

Johnson has scored 48 touchdowns in 43 career games and averages 1.12 touchdowns per game. He is one of four players in history to average at least one touchdown per game over their career (minimum 40 games) and ranks second all-time in the category to San Diego's **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (1.16). Following Johnson on the all-time list is Pro Football Hall of Famer **JIM BROWN** (1.07), who played nine seasons for the Cleveland Browns, the team Johnson faces this week.

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEARS</u>	<u>GAMES</u>	<u>TOUCHDOWNS</u>	<u>TD PER GAME</u>
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego	2001-06	90	104	1.16*
Larry Johnson	Kansas City	2003-06	43	48	1.12*
Jim Brown	Cleveland	1957-65	118	126	1.07
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2000-06	101	102	1.01*

\*Active

**TONY'S TOPS:** Dallas quarterback **TONY ROMO** has led the Cowboys to victories in four of his first five career starts. He has completed 71.2 percent of his passes for 1,394 yards with 10 touchdowns and two interceptions for a 115.8 passer rating. Romo can become the fourth quarterback since 1970 to complete 70 percent of his passes in his first six starts and the third to post a passer rating of at least 110.0 in that span:

<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ATT.</u>	<u>COMP.</u>	<u>PCT.</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>RATING</u>
Chad Pennington	NYJ	2002	174	131	75.3	Kurt Warner	StL	1999	131.5
Kurt Warner	StL	1999	162	118	72.8	Chad Pennington	NYJ	2002	110.2
Ben Roethlisberger	Pit.	2004	135	95	70.4	<b>Tony Romo</b>	<b>Dal.</b>	<b>2006 *</b>	<b>115.8</b>
<b>Tony Romo</b>	<b>Dal.</b>	<b>2006 *</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>71.2</b>				

\* Through five starts

**COOL BREES:** New Orleans Saints quarterback **DREW BREES** has passed for 1,954 yards over his past five games, the highest five-game total in history. Brees has thrown for 300 yards in each of those games, averaging 390.8 yards per game. He can tie the NFL single-season record with another 300-yard performance this Sunday against San Francisco.

The players with the most consecutive games of 300 yards passing in a season and the yardage for each in the streaks:

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEAR(S)</u>	<u>300+ GAMES</u>	<u>TOTAL YARDS</u>	<u>YARDS PER GAME</u>
Steve Young	San Francisco	1998	6	2,022	337.0
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	2000	6	2,260	376.7
Rich Gannon	Oakland	2002	6	2,168	361.3
Joe Montana	San Francisco	1982	5	1,739	347.8
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>5*</b>	<b>1,954</b>	<b>390.8</b>

\*Active

Through 11 games, Brees leads the NFL with 3,463 passing yards and is on pace for 5,037, which would be the second 5,000-yard season in NFL annals (**DAN MARINO**; 5,084 yards in 1984). With 216 yards this Sunday, Brees will pass Marino's total (3,678) through his first 12 games of 1984. The top five passing seasons in history and where each quarterback stood after 12 games:

<u>QUARTERBACK</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL YARDS</u>	<u>YARDS AFTER 12 GAMES</u>
Dan Marino	Miami	1984	5,084	3,678
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	2001	4,830	3,636
Dan Fouts	San Diego	1981	4,802	3,630
Dan Marino	Miami	1986	4,746	3,533
Daunte Culpepper	Minnesota	2004	4,717	3,459
<b>Drew Brees</b>	<b>New Orleans</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>3,463*</b>	<b>---</b>

\*Through first 11 games

**NFL OFFICIALS HELP V FOUNDATION:** NFL on-field officials will again help raise funding and awareness for cancer research in the next week when they kick off the 2006-07 *Blow the Whistle on Cancer!* campaign to benefit The V Foundation for Cancer Research.

The NFL Referees Association, the first group of sports officials to embrace the campaign, will participate for the fifth consecutive year. All 120 NFL game officials will donate a portion of their salary to The V Foundation. NFL office personnel, scouts and replay officials also will join in the fight against cancer. The NFL will match the donations of the officials and all full-time employees. Since the NFL Referees Association helped introduce the campaign in 2002, the contributions of NFL and Arena League officials and the NFL have combined to help fund two cancer research grants totaling more than \$120,000.

"I could not be more proud to be associated with a great group of officials who will support The V Foundation again this season," said **MIKE PEREIRA**, NFL vice president of officiating. "This cause is personal to so many in the NFL family

because many of us, including myself, have been touched by this disease. Participating with The V Foundation and bringing visibility to their noble cause is the least we can do to help find a cure for cancer.”