

NFL PRESS BOX NOTES – WEEK 15

POINT KING: With three touchdowns last Sunday, San Diego Chargers running back **LA DAINIAN TOMLINSON** (29) broke **SHAUN ALEXANDER**'s single-season touchdown record (28) that was set last season. With 174 total points, Tomlinson needs three points in the season's final three games to surpass Pro Football Hall of Fame halfback **PAUL HORNUNG**'s NFL record of 176 points in 1960.

A look at the top five season point totals in history:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	POINT TOTAL
Paul Hornung	Green Bay	1960	176
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego	2006	174*
Shaun Alexander	Seattle	2005	168
Gary Anderson	Minnesota	1998	164
Jeff Wilkins	St. Louis	2003	163

*Through 13 games

Tomlinson's 174 points averages to more than two touchdowns per game (13.4). That would stand as the second highest in history over a season. The most points per game in a season all-time (minimum 10 games):

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GAMES	POINTS	POINTS/GAME
Paul Hornung	Green Bay	1960	12	176	14.7
Don Hutson	Green Bay	1942	11	138	12.5
Paul Hornung	Green Bay	1961	12	146	12.2
Don Hutson	Green Bay	1943	10	117	11.7
Jerry Rice	San Francisco	1987	12	138	11.5
La Dainian Tomlinson	San Diego	2006	13	174	13.4

*Through 13 games

During his record-breaking season, Tomlinson has been scoring touchdowns in bunches. Over the last seven games, he has registered multiple touchdowns in each game – for a total of 21, including 19 rushing TDs. With two or more rush touchdowns this week against Denver, Tomlinson can break his tie with **JOHN RIGGINS** for the most consecutive games with multiple rushing touchdowns.

The most consecutive games with multiple rushing touchdowns in history:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR(S)	CONSC. GAMES WITH MULTIPLE RUSH TDS
John Riggins	Washington	1983	7
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego	2006	7
Priest Holmes	Kansas City	2003-04	6
Emmitt Smith	Dallas	1994	5

300 IS A BREEES: Through his first 13 games, New Orleans Saints quarterback **DREW BREEES** has thrown for 300 yards eight times, including six times in the past seven games. Brees' eight 300-yard passing efforts tie for the third most such games in a season in history. If he throws for 300 yards in each of his final three games, Brees will surpass **RICH GANNON**'s 2002 record of 10 300-yard passing games in a season.

The most 300-yard passing games in a season all-time:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	300-YARD GAMES
Rich Gannon	Oakland	2002	10
Dan Marino	Miami	1984	9
Warren Moon	Houston	1990	9
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	1999	9
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	2001	9
Dan Fouts	San Diego	1980	8
Kurt Warner	St. Louis	2000	8

Trent Green	Kansas City	2004	8
Drew Brees	New Orleans	2006	8*

*Through 13 Games

HOME COOKIN': In his 16 seasons, Green Bay Packers quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** has thrown for 27,717 yards in home games. With 173 passing yards this week at Lambeau Field, Favre can surpass **JOHN ELWAY** (27,889) for the second-most passing yards at home in history, trailing only **DAN MARINO's** total of 31,731.

Quarterbacks with the most home passing yards in history:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	SEASONS	GAMES	YARDS
Dan Marino	Miami	17	120	31,731
John Elway	Denver	16	119	27,889
Brett Favre	Green Bay	16	118	27,717 *
Warren Moon	Houston, Minnesota, Kansas City, Seattle	16	103	25,827
Dan Fouts	San Diego	15	94	23,585

* Active

1,000-YARD TANDEM: Atlanta Falcons running back **WARRICK DUNN** (997) and quarterback **MICHAEL VICK** (934) this season can become the third backfield tandem in history to register 1,000 yards each in the same season. They would become the first such duo since the Cleveland Browns' running-back combination of **EARNEST BYNER** and **KEVIN MACK** both reached 1,000 yards in 1985. With 66 yards from Vick and three from Dunn, the Atlanta duo will become the first quarterback-running back twosome to accomplish the feat.

Teammates to each rush for 1,000 yards in a season:

PLAYERS (YARDAGE)	TEAM	YEAR
Larry Csonka (1,117); Mercury Morris (1,000)	Miami	1972
Rocky Bleier (1,036); Franco Harris (1,128)	Pittsburgh	1976
Earnest Byner (1,002); Kevin Mack (1,104)	Cleveland	1985
Warrick Dunn (997); Michael Vick (934)	Atlanta	2006*

* Through 13 games

MORE BANG FOR THE RUSH: With three weeks left to the season, San Francisco running back **FRANK GORE** leads the NFC in rushing yards with 1,347 on 242 carries for a 5.6-yard average. Since 1970, only four running backs have led their conference in rush yardage while maintaining a 5.5 or higher per-carry average. The last to do so was **BARRY SANDERS** (6.1) in 1997.

Running backs to lead their conference in rushing yards while maintaining a 5.5 or higher per-carry average (since 1970):

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	ATTEMPTS	YARDS	YDS/AT
O.J. Simpson	Buffalo	1973	332	2,003	6.0
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Walter Payton	Chicago	1977	339	1,852	5.5
Eric Dickerson	L.A. Rams	1984	379	2,105	5.6
Barry Sanders	Detroit	1994	331	1,883	5.7
Barry Sanders	Detroit	1997	335	2,053	6.1
Frank Gore	San Francisco	2006	242	1347	5.6*

* Through 13 games

SAINTLY ROOKIE SEASON: New Orleans Saints rookie running back **REGGIE BUSH** has 79 receptions this season. With five more catches in the final three weeks, Bush will surpass San Francisco's **EARL COOPER** (83, 1980) for the most receptions in history by a rookie running back.

The most receptions by a rookie running back in history:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	RECEPTIONS
Earl Cooper	San Francisco	1980	83
Reggie Bush	New Orleans	2006	79*
Terry Kirby	Miami	1993	75
Edgerrin James	Indianapolis	1999	62
LaDainian Tomlinson	San Diego	2001	59

*Through 13 games

Bush currently stands second in the NFC in receptions (79), trailing St. Louis running back **STEVEN JACKSON** (82). If he finishes the season as the conference leader, Bush will become only the second rookie (Earl Cooper, 83) since 1970 to lead a conference in receptions.

L.A. POWER: Even with no team in Los Angeles, NFL players either born or who attended school in the L.A. area are excelling this season.

A brief look at L.A.-born or schooled players and their 2006 season totals:

PLAYER	POSITION	TEAM	SEASON
Nnamdi Asomugha	CB	Oakland	The Los Angeles native ties for the NFL lead in interceptions (7).
Reggie Bush	RB	New Orleans	USC RB stands second in the NFC with 79 receptions and leads the league in third-down catches (30).
Maurice Jones-Drew	RB-KR	Jacksonville	UCLA rookie is fifth in the league in scoring with 72 points, and ranks sixth in combined yards (1,700).
Matt Leinart	QB	Arizona	The Santa Ana native and USC rookie has led the Cardinals to three wins in the past four games. Leads all rookie passers in yards (2,171) and QB rating (73.9).
Carson Palmer	QB	Cincinnati	The Laguna Niguel native and USC alum ranks second in the NFL in touchdown passes (24) and QB rating (98.7) while guiding the Bengals to an 8-5 record.
Steve Smith	WR	Carolina	The Los Angeles native stands third in the NFC with 1,025 receiving yards, and has posted 1,000 yards in three of the past four seasons.

2007 PRO BOWL ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT TUESDAY: The AFC-NFC All-Star Teams will be announced next Tuesday, December 19 at 4:00 PM ET on the one-hour *Pro Bowl Selection Show* on NFL Network. The Pro Bowl will be played at Aloha Stadium in Honolulu, Hawaii on Saturday, February 10 and televised by CBS at 6:00 PM ET.

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