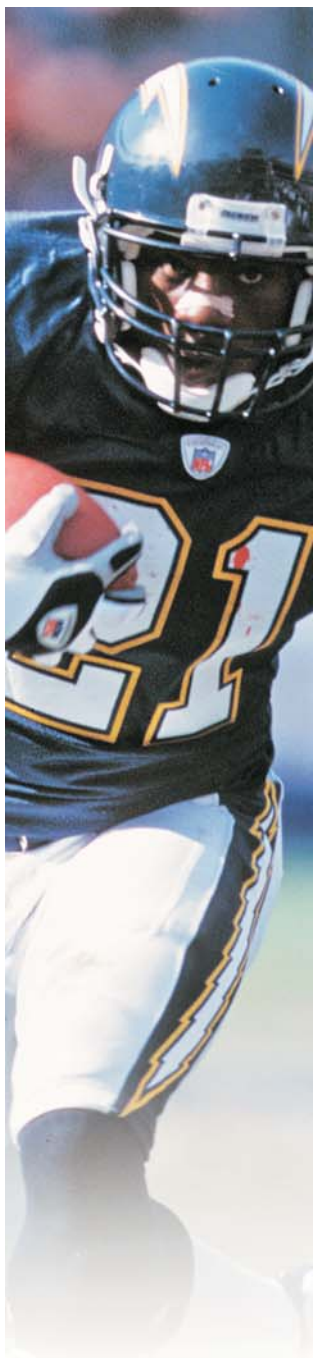




LT likes Canton



An article in the inaugural edition of the *Pro Football Hall of Fame Yearbook* published in August 2006 focused on the record-breaking performances of San Diego Chargers running back **LaDainian Tomlinson**.

The piece chronicled in detail his exploits on the football field. It focused primarily on two events, both of which are preserved in Canton with an exhibit that features Tomlinson's artifacts from the games in which he made history. The first history-making occasion came in 2003 when Tomlinson became the first player in National Football League history to rush for 1,000 yards and have 100 receptions in the same season.

One season later, the All-Pro running back began a streak that spanned two seasons and placed his name firmly into the NFL record book alongside Hall of Famer Lenny Moore. Tomlinson put together a record-tying string of 18 games with a touchdown to tie Moore's mark, which had not been seriously challenged since the Colts runner set it in the mid-1960s. During that record streak, Tomlinson also set the league record for consecutive games with a rushing touchdown. The Hall of Fame received Tomlinson's jersey from that historic occasion. It was added to a display that already included the shoes and gloves from his 1,000/100 season. An excerpt from the yearbook feature stated, "...if he continues on the pace he has established already in his short career, the Hall of Fame may want to prepare some extra space for more memorabilia from Tomlinson's superlative performances on the football field."

It didn't take long before that statement rang true. That's because in 2006, Tomlinson took his game to an even higher level. Voted the NFL's Most Valuable Player this season, Tomlinson shattered some previous league marks, one of which was another long-standing record held by a Hall of Famer. Tomlinson amassed an incredible 186 points to surpass the record 176 points that Paul Hornung scored for the Green Bay Packers during a 12-game season in 1960.

LT's scoring output came via 31 touchdowns (28 rushing, 3 receiving) that also places him in the record book. His single-season touchdown total eclipsed the 28 touchdowns scored by Shaun Alexander of the Seattle Seahawks in 2005. Last spring, Alexander traveled to Canton to help unveil an exhibit honoring his touchdown record and MVP season. Hall of Fame officials are hopeful a similar event for Tomlinson follows this season. One thing is for sure, there will be no shortage of items to properly honor LT's achievements on the football field.

LaDainian Tomlinson 2006

Date	Opponent	Rushing					Receiving				
		No	Yds	Avg	LG	TD	No.	Yds.	Avg.	LG	TD
Sept. 11	Oakland	31	131	4.2	58	1	3	18	6.0	10	0
Sept. 17	TENNESSEE	19	71	3.7	15	2	7	51	7.3	14	0
Oct. 1	Baltimore	26	98	3.8	29	0	1	7	7.0	7	0
Oct. 8	PITTSBURGH	13	36	2.8	12	0	8	34	4.3	19	0
Oct. 15	San Francisco	21	71	3.4	9	4	7	64	9.1	16	0
Oct. 22	Kansas City	15	66	4.4	19	0	6	72	12.0	37t	1
Oct. 29	ST. LOUIS	25	183	7.3	51	2	3	57	19.0	26	1
Nov. 5	CLEVELAND	18	172	9.6	41t	3	3	20	6.7	7	0
Nov. 12	Cincinnati	22	104	4.7	17	4	6	54	9.0	19	0
Nov. 19	Denver	20	105	5.3	24	3	3	74	24.7	51t	1
Nov. 26	OAKLAND	19	109	5.7	44	2	1	5	5.0	5	0
Dec. 3	Buffalo	28	178	6.4	51t	2	3	14	4.7	7	0
Dec. 10	DENVER	28	103	3.7	17	3	1	9	9.0	9	0
Dec. 17	KANSAS CITY	25	199	8.0	85t	2	1	5	5.0	5	0
Dec. 24	Seattle	22	123	5.6	62	0	1	10	10.0	10	0
Dec. 31	ARIZONA	16	66	4.1	11	0	2	14	7.0	12	0
Total		348	1815	5.2	85t	28	56	508	9.1	51t	3

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