

#### NEWS RELEASE

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REGULAR SEASON GAME #4 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2016 Dallas Cowboys at San Francisco 49ers Levi's Stadium - 3:25 p.m. CDT

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#### QUICK FACTS:

Dallas Cowboys (2-1)

San Francisco 49ers (1-2)



#### Series Record:

San Francisco leads the series 17-16-1.

#### **Last Meeting:**

San Francisco 28, at Dallas 17, Sept. 7, 2014

#### Last Meeting in San Francisco:

Dallas 27, San Francisco 24 (OT), Sept. 18, 2011

Last Cowboys Win:
Dallas 27, at San Francisco 24 (OT), Sept. 18, 2011

#### Series Streak:

Dallas has won three of the last four.

## RADIO & TELEVISION

#### RADIO

#### KRLD-FM - 105.3 The Fan

m Analyst: Babe Laufenberg
Sideline Reporter: Kristi Scales Play-by-Play: Brad Sham

Tune into 105.3 The Fan for pregame and postgame coverage before and after every Dallas Cowboys game.

#### KMVK-FM 107.5 Mega (Spanish)

lalba Analyst: Luis Perez Sideline Reporter: Carlos Nava Play-by-Play: Victor Villalba

Compass Media Network (National)

Play-by-Play: Kevin Ray Analyst: Danny White

# TELEVISION

#### FOX Sports - KDFW FOX 4 in Dallas/Fort Worth

Play-by-Play: Joe Buck Analyst: Troy Aikman

#### Sideline Reporter: Erin Andrews

**Cowboys Special Edition** KTVT CBS11 in Dallas/Ft. Worth

#### 11:00 p.m. Saturday night The Jason Garrett Show

KTVT CBS11 in Dallas/Ft. Worth Saturdays at 11:30 p.m.

Dallas Cowboys Postgame Show KTVT CBS11 in Dallas/Ft. Worth 11:00 p.m. following every Cowboys game

# **Cowboys OT**

TXA 21 in Dallas/Ft. Worth 7:00 p.m. Game days

#### **Somos Cowbovs**

Telemundo 39 in Dallas/Ft. Worth Sunday 8:00 a.m.

#### 2016 COWBOYS MEDIA GUIDE

To download the Dallas Cowboys 2016 Media Guide in PDF form, go to the following link: http://www.dallascowboys.com/sites/dallascowboys.com/files/2016\_dallas\_cowboys\_media\_guide-email.pdf

#### **COWBOYS & 49ERS**

- Series Notables:

  \* Of the 14 NFC Championship Games that Dallas has played in, the Cowboys have faced San Francisco six times - more than any other team – posting a 4-2 record.
- The Cowboys seven playoff matchups against the 49ers are tied with the L.A. Rams for the most against a single opponent.
- The 59 points scored by Dallas on Oct. 12, 1980 is tied for the most points scored in a game in team history.
- One of Dallas' six ties came against the 49ers 24-24 11/27/69.

#### A Cowboys Win Would:

- Improve Dallas' record to 3-1 on the 2016 season the 22nd
- time in franchise history and first since 2014. Give the Cowboys their third win in a row the longest winning streak during a single season since winning four in a row to close out the 2014 regular season.
- Mark the first time Dallas has started the season 0-1 and gone onto win the next three games in a row since 2014.
- Allow the Cowboys to tie the series with the 49ers 17-17-1.

#### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDUL

#### Tuesday, Sept. 27

4:00 p.m. Locker room open

#### Wednesday, Sept. 28

10:35 a.m. Coach Garrett press conference 11:00 a.m. Practice - first 30 minutes open 10:55 a.m. Coach Kelly conference call

1:30 p.m. Locker room open 2:45 p.m. Jeremy Kerley conference call

#### Thursday, Sept. 29

10:35 a.m. Coach Garrett press conference Practice - first 30 minutes open 11:00 a.m. 1:15 p.m. Coordinators available

Locker room open

# 1:30 p.m. Friday, Sept. 30

10:35 a.m. Coach Garrett press conference 11:10 a.m. Practice - first 30 minutes open Locker room open

12:45 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 1 Team travel to San Francisco 1:00 p.m.

# Sunday, Oct. 2

3:25 p.m. CDT Kickoff at San Francisco



DALLAS COWBOYS (2-1) AT SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS (1-2) USUNDAY, OCT. 2, 2016 3:25 P.M. CDT

# Player Spotlight EZEKIEL ELLIOTT 21

- Elliott has the most rushing attempts (71) and second-highest rushing total (274) by a Cowboys rookie through his first three games
- 🜟 Leads the league in first downs with 19
- Ranks second among all NFL players with 274 rushing yards in 2016
- Tied for first with four first downs on 3rd/4th down with one yard to go



# **BY THE NUMBERS**

- Dallas has converted 52.5% of their third down tries in 2016, the highest percentage in the league and 17.9% higher than their 2015 output on third down
- The Cowboys have averaged over 250 passing yards against the 49ers in 27 contests, third-most by a single team against San Francisco
- Dak Prescott completed 19-of-24 passes for 248 yards and a touchdown against Chicago in his third-career NFL start. His QB rating of 123.6 is the highest among qualifying players in a single-game by a Cowboys rookie
- The Cowboys have the most road wins in the NFL since 1970, followed by the 49ers, who have 180



#### UPCOMING MILESTONES AND CURRENT NOTES

With the 2016 season underway for the Dallas Cowboys, the following information pertains to the most current notes and page location in the release for the remainder of the information, as well as upcoming milestones:

#### **2016 DALLAS COWBOYS CURRENT TEAM NOTES:**

- Collectively, Dallas has produced an NFL-best seven rushing touchdowns in 2016 to rank as the third-highest number by a Cowboys offensive unit through its first three games in team history (214 + 46 + 25 = RUSHING TDS page 25).

  Through three games the offense is second in the NFL with 73 total first downs while leading the league with 32 rushing first downs (FIRST DOWN COWBOYS).
- page 25.
- Dallas leads the league with a 52.5 third down percentage (21-of-40) and is tied for the lead-league with the most games with 50.0 percent-or-better on third downs in 2016 with two (THIRD-AND-NO PROBLEM - page 26).
- The offensive unit is currently second in the NFL with a commanding 34:58 time of possession mark, while being one of seven teams to log at least 30:00 minutes of possession in all three games this season (OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPERS OF THE NFL - page 26).
- The Cowboys offense also boasts 11 drives of five-or-more minutes all 11 for scores, tops in the NFL in 2016. The unit also has had six drives go five-or-more minutes and result in touchdowns, best in the league (**DRIVE FOR FIVE page 26**). The Dallas offense has scored on 15 of its 29 drives for a 51.7% scoring efficency rate to rank second in the league in 2016 (**FINISHING DRIVES WITH SCORES**)
- page 26).
- Dallas' offense is yet to throw an interception during its first three games to mark the third time in team history that has happened (1979 and 1997).

#### 2016 DALLAS COWBOYS UPCOMING MILESTONES - INDIVIDUAL:

<u>Dan Bailey - K</u>
\* Dan Bailey (49) needs to make one field goal from 30-39 yards to reach 50 for his career in that range.

#### Dez Bryant - WR

- Dez Bryant (5,975) needs 25 yards to become the sixth player in team history to reach 6,000 career yards.
- Tyrone Crawford DT Tyrone Crawford (9.0) needs one sack to reach 10.0 for his career and become the 38th Dallas defender to reach double-digit sacks during his Cowboys career. **Anthony Hitchens - LB**
- Anthony Hitchens (198) needs two tackles to reach 200 for his career

Byron Jones - S

\* Byron Jones (94) needs six tackles to reach 100 for his career.

Kyle Wilber - LB

\* Kyle Wilber (99) needs one tackle for 100 in his career.

Terrance Williams - WR

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Jason Witten - TE

Jason Witten (11,357) needs 17 yards to pass Keenan McCardell (11,373) for 31st on the NFL's all-time receiving yards list and 33 to surpass Rod Smith (11,389)

for 30th.

Witten (60) needs one touchdown reception to break a tie with Jerry Smith (60) for sole possession of fifth on the league's all-time receiving touchdowns list amongst tight ends. With two scores he will tie Shannon Sharpe (62) for fourth (MORE TE's TDs - page 16).

#### 2016 DALLAS COWBOYS MOST RECENT NOTES VS. CHICAGO (9/25) - TEAM:

The Cowboys win against the Bears snapped an eight-game losing streak at AT&T Stadium.

Dallas' offense scored on each of its first four possessions – the first time since at Washington (12/28/14) when the offense scored on its first five possessions. For the second week in a row, the Dallas offense boasted three different players with at least one rushing touchdown from Dak Prescott, Lance Dunbar and Alfred Morris. It marked the first time this has happened in consecutive weeks since the 1983 season (11/20 against Kansas City and 11/24 against St. Louis) (214 + 46

+ 25 = RUSHING TDS - page 25). The Cowboys rushing attack accumulated 14 first downs to tie the second-highest amount by a Cowboys team in a single game in team history since 1991, and the most rushing first downs since the team had 14 at the N.Y. Giants (10/25/15).

The Dallas defense shutout the Chicago offense in the third quarter, marking the third consecutive game that the Cowboys have held their opponent scoreless during a quarter in 2016 to mark the fourth time that has happened in team history, joining the 1974, 1975 and 2004 teams.

#### 2016 DALLAS COWBOYS MOST RECENT NOTES VS. CHICAGO (9/25) - INDIVIDUAL:

Cole Beasley - WR

Cole Beasley caught seven passes for 73 yards including three first downs. Beasley has recorded an NFL-high eight first downs on a league-best 10 receptions for 106 yards (10.6 avg.) on third downs through three games in 2016 (COLE WORLD - page 22).

<u>Dez Bryant - WR</u> Dez Bryant caught one touchdown to become the fourth player in team history to reach 60 career touchdowns. He reached that milestone in 87 games, making him the second-fastest player in team history to reach that mark behind Bob Hayes' 76 games (SCORING MACHINE - page 21).

Ezekiel Elliott - RB Ezekiel Elliott rushed 30 times for 140 yards to mark his first career 100-yard game, and he became the 10th rookie running back in team history to do so. It was also the 24th time that a Cowboys rookie rusher went over the century mark and the first time Dallas produced a rookie runner with at least 100 yards in a single

game since DeMarco Murray had 135 yards against Buffalo (11/13/11) (ZEKE MAKES THE LEAP - page 23). Elliott's 140 yards were the eighth-most by a Cowboys rookie runner in team history while his 30 carries tied the second-highest number (ZEKE MAKES THE LEAP - pagé 23).

Through three games Elliott is second in the NFL with 274 rushing yards (THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL - page 23) and leads the league in first downs (ROOKIE 1ST DOWN LEADER - page 23).

Elliott has the most carries (71) and second-most yards (274) by a Cowboys rookie rusher through his first three career games (COMPARING ROOKIE RUSH-ERS - page 24).

Dak Prescott - QB

Dak Prescott became only the second Cowboys rookie quarterback to start the first three games of the season (Troy Aikman, 1989), and third rookie quarterback

in the NFL drafted in the fourth round-or-later to start the team's first three games of the season, joining Chris Weinke (Carolina, 2001) and Kyle Orton (Chicago 2005). And with the win, he became the first backup quarterback to win making a start at AT&T Stadium since Jon Kitnà against Washington (12/19/10) (DAK TO

THE FUTURE - page 14).

Prescott completed 19-of-24 passes for 248 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 123.6 quarterback rating - the highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in a single game (minimum 10 pass attempts) (PRESCOTT RATINGS AT 100.0 - page 14).

Prescott's 79.2 completion percentage (19-of-24 passes) was the highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in team history (minimum 10 passing attempts) (COOL HAND DAK - page 15).

So far, Prescott's 767 passing yards are the fifth-highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback during their first pro season (DAK ATTACK - page 14)

Amongst 2016 league passers on third down, Prescott ranks second in completion percentage (76.7) and fourth in quarterback rating (112.1) (MAKING AN IMPRES-SION ON THIRD DOWN - page 15).

Prescott extended his streak through his third career game with 24 attempts without an interception against Chicago (9/25), upping his total to 99 - good for fourth all-time through a player's first three games in NFL history (PASS NO PICK NFL RECORD - page 15).

Prescott's two rushing touchdowns are the most by a rookie quarterback in team history - tied for most amongst all NFL quarterbacks in 2016 - while his rushing

yards (54) and attempts (seven) are fifth thus far (RUNNING RAYNE - page 25)

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Terrance Williams had 88 yards on four receptions to give him 2,319 career receiving yards to crack the Cowboys top-25 receiving yards list. Along the way he surpassed Preston Pearson (2,274) and Raghib Ismail (2,281) for 24th.

<u>Jason Witten - TE</u>
With the start tonight, Jason Witten broke a tie with Emmitt Smith (199) for his 200th career start - second-most in team history. Ed "Too Tall" Jones owns the top spot with 203 starts.

By playing in his 210th career game, Witten also broke a tie with Randy White (209) for the third-most games played in franchise history.

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### **HEAD COACHES**

JASON GARRETT (48-45, 6th Year)
Jason Garrett was named the eighth head coach in Dallas
Cowboys history on January 5, 2011. Garrett became the first former Dallas Cowboys player to become the team's head coach. As a backup quartérback during his playing career in Dallas, he started nine-of-23 games played and was a member of teams that won six division titles and three Super Bowl championships. The 2015 season was a challenge as injuries sidelined two of Dallas' top playmakers - Tony Romo and Dez Bryant - for a majority of the season and the club finished with a 4-12 record. Romo (collarbone) started only four games and finished the year on Reserve/ Injured and Bryant (foot) was slowed through a majority of his nine starts, also finishing on IR. Garrett saw four different players start at quarterback for the club for only the second time in team history. Veterans Brandon Weeden (three) and Matt Cassel (seven)

at quarterback for the club for only the second time in team history. Veterans Brandon Weeden (three) and Matt Cassel (seven) started the majority of games while Kellen Moore made the first two starts of his career. The running game saw a burst through the second half of the season as Darren McFadden posted his second career 1,000-yard season (1,089) to mark the first time in club history two different running backs each rushed for 1,000 yards in consecutive seasons. Despite the struggles, Dallas still sent five players to the Pro Bowl - Tyron Smith (third), Travis Frederick (second), Zack Martin (second), Dan Bailey (first) and Sean Lee (first). Garrett was elevated to the Cowboys top job after taking over as the team's interim head coach midway through 2010. He guided the club to a 5-3 mark to finish the season after the team started 1-7. He led Dallas to an 8-8 record, narrowly missing the playoffs and an NFC East Division title in each his first three full seasons as head coach (2011-13). With Garrett at the helm of the offense, the unit reached new heights from 2007-13, ranking among st the NFL's top-10 in total offense in five of his seven years at the helm: 2013 (10th), 2012 (6th), 2010 (10th), 2009 (2nd) and 2007 (2nd). Inclusively from the start of the 2007 season, the club has averaged 364.9 total yards-per-outing (sixth in the NFL) and 24.3 points-per-game (eighth). Since his arrival in 2007, not only has the team set single-season records in numerous offensive categories but the club's cumulative numbers for total pet vards (52.540). the team set single-season records in numerous offensive categories, but the club's cumulative numbers for total net yards (52,540), gross passing yards (38,325) and total points (3,498) are among the best totals over a nine-year span in the history of the organization. Under Garrett's tutelage, 13 different offensive players have earned 34 total trips to the Pro Bowl.

CHIP KELLY (27-24, 4th Year, 1-2 SF)
Chip Kelly became the 19th head coach in San Francisco 49ers franchise history on January 14, 2016 after spending the previous three seasons as head coach of the Philadelphia Eagles. He won 10 games in each of his first two seasons with Philadelphia, including a NFC East Division championship in his first season in 2013, becoming the second head coach in league history to win a division title in his first season in the NFL. In his first season in 2013, the Eagles set a plethora of team records, including points (442), total net yards (6,676), touchdowns (53), passing yards (4,406) and fewest turnovers (19). The Eagles also set an NFL record with 99 plays of 20+ yards and became the first team since the 1991 Buffalo Bills to lead the league in rushing team since the 1991 Buffalo Bills to lead the league in rushing while ranking last in time of possession. Prior to joining the Eagles, Kelly spent 22 seasons at the collegiate level. His four-year tenure at Oregon produced a 46-7 (.868) overall record. Kelly became the first coach in Oregon's history to guide the program to three undisputed conference championships from 2009-12. Additionally, the Ducks made an appearance in a BCS Bowl game in each of Kelly's four seasons as head coach. In Kelly's second season, Oregon earned a trip to the BCS National Championship game in 2010. Kelly's leadership was recognized with a multitude of Coach of the Year awards from outlets such as Associated Press, Sporting News The Walter Camp Football Foundation, and other Coach of the Year awards from outlets such as Associated Press, *Sporting News*, The Walter Camp Football Foundation, and other postseason titles including the Eddie Robinson Coach of the Year, AFCA Coach of the Year, and Pac-10 Coach of the Year. Prior to taking over as Oregon's head coach, Kelly spent two seasons as the team's offensive coordinator. Before joining Oregon's program, Kelly served as New Hampshire's offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach from 1999-2006. Kelly got his first taste of coaching in the college ranks on the defensive side of the ball with Columbia in 1990. In 1993 he was named the defensive coordinator at Johns Hopkins. A product of the University of New Hampshire. at Johns Hopkins. A product of the University of New Hampshire, Kelly earned a bachelor's degree in physical education. He played quarterback and defensive back for legendary coach Bill Bowes at UNH from 1981-84.

#### WINNING HEAD COACH

Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Jason Garrett had his best season as a head coach by wrapping up the 2014 regular season with a record of 12-4 - the fifth coach to reach 12 wins-or-better in a season in team history. He also secured his first NFC East Division title as the head coach. Against the N.Y. Giants (10/19/14), Garrett passed former head coaches Bill Parcells and Wade Phillips (both with 34) with his 35th regular season win as the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys to place fourth in team history. He passed Barry Switzer (40) for third with his 41st victory at Washington (12/28/14), then tied Jimmy Johnson (44) for the second-most victories at Miami (11/22/15), then passed Johnson at Washington (12/7/15)

Following a 4-12 record in 2015, and a 2-1 start to 2016, Gar-rett's current regular season record as the head coach of the Dallas Cowboys stands at 47-44, with the second-most wins all-time in team history:

#### Most Regular Season Wins by a Cowboys Head Coach

| Coach          | Years   | Won |     | Tied |      |  |
|----------------|---------|-----|-----|------|------|--|
| Tom Landry     |         | 250 | 162 | 6    | .605 |  |
| Jason Garrett* | 2010-16 | 47  | 44  | 0    | .516 |  |
| Jimmy Johnson  |         | 44  | 36  | 0    | .550 |  |
| Barry Switzer  | 1994-97 | 40  | 24  | 0    | .625 |  |
| Bill Parcells  | 2003-06 | 34  | 30  | 0    | .531 |  |
| Wade Phillips  |         | 34  | 22  | 0    | .607 |  |
| Chan Gailey    | 1998-99 | 18  | 14  | 0    | .563 |  |
| Dave Campo     |         | 15  | 33  | 0    | .313 |  |

\*Record under Coach Garrett includes games as interim head coach in 2010 (5-3)

# WINNING THE OPENING MONTH

Getting off to a strong start is an important part to a successful season. Over the past 10 seasons, Dallas is one-of-nine teams that have had a winning percentage of at least .600 through the season's first month, and is tied for the fourth-highest number during September. The Cowboys finished with a 2-1 record in

Teams With a .600+ Winning Pct. In the 1st Month Since 2006

| Team        | Record  | Win Pct. |
|-------------|---------|----------|
| New England | 27-9-0  | .750     |
| Denver      | 26-11-0 | .703     |
| Baltimore   | 25-12-0 | .676     |
| Dallas      | 24-12-0 | .667     |
| Green Bay   | 24-12-0 | .667     |

#### A WINNING TREND

The Dallas Cowboys entered the 2016 season as one-of-12 teams in the league with at least 480 regular season wins. At the end of Week 16 in 2014, Dallas became just the 12th team with 475 all-time wins with the win against Indianapolis (12/21). Dallas is currently 12th on the NFL's all-time wins list:

| Chicago      | 741 | St.L/LA Rams        | 542 |
|--------------|-----|---------------------|-----|
| Green Bay    | 722 | Detroit             | 536 |
| N.Y. Giants  | 675 | Arizona             | 536 |
| Pittsburgh   | 592 | San Francisco       | 521 |
| Washington   | 579 | Indianapolis        | 495 |
| Philadelphia | 546 | Dallas <sup>'</sup> | 482 |

#### ALL-TIME WINNING TRADITION

The Dallas Cowboys own the league's highest all-time regular season winning percentage by current NFL teams:

| Team           | W   | L   | Т  | Pct. |
|----------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Dallas         | 482 | 365 | 6  | .569 |
| Chicago        | 741 | 558 | 42 | .568 |
| Green Bay      | 722 | 548 | 37 | .567 |
| Miami          |     | 337 | 4  | .560 |
| New England    | 465 | 381 | 9  | .549 |
| Baltimore      | 176 | 146 | 1  | .546 |
| San Francisco. | 521 | 438 | 14 | .543 |
| N.Y. Giants    | 675 | 568 | 33 | .542 |

\* Since 1972, ties have been calculated as half-win and half loss. Prior to 1972 tie games were ignored in calculating a team's winning percentage. Ties since 1972: Dallas (0), Miami (1) Chicago (1), Minnesota (3), Green Bay (7).

#### **500 WINS**

With the win against New Orleans (9/28/14), the Dallas Cowboys earned their 500th team win (including postseason), becoming the 11th team in NFL history to reach that mark. They did it in 880 games, the second-fastest team to reach that total:

|                | Fastest t | to 500 Wins, | NFL Histor | V          |
|----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|------------|
| Team           | Founded   | 500th Win    | Gms        | Win Total  |
| Chicago        | 1920      | 11/17/85     | 870        | 758-575-42 |
| Dallaš         | 1960      | 9/28/14      | 880        | 516-391-6  |
| San Francisco. | 1950      | 10/9/11      | 937        | 544-449-14 |
| N.Y. Giants    | 1925      | 10/17/93     | 941        | 699-591-33 |
| Green Bay      | 1921      | 10/10/93     | 960        | 753-568-37 |
| Washingtón     | 1932      | 11/20/00     | 962        | 602-585-27 |
| StL/LA Řams.   | 1937      | 12/5/04      | 964        | 561-566-21 |
| Pittsburgh     | 1933      | 12/18/04     | 1.002      | 630-567-21 |
| Philadelphia   | 1933      | 12/28/04     | 1,068      | 570-603-26 |
| Detroit        | 1930      | 12/12/10     | 1,135      | 543-648-32 |
| Arizona        |           | 12/11/11     | 1,234      | 542-734-39 |

### **DATING GAME**

This week's game at the San Francisco 49ers is being played on Oct. 2. In the 56-plus years of Cowboys football, there have been seven Oct. 2 games. The Cowboys hold a 4-3 record when playing on Oct. 2. They have faced Atlanta, Tampa Bay, Washington, Minnesota, Oakland and Detroit on Oct. 2. Dallas' first-ever Oct. 2 game came in 1966, a 47-14 win at Atlanta. Its last Oct. 2 game was in 2011, a 34-30 loss against Detroit:

|    |        | Opp/ |     |       |         | Opp/ |     |       |
|----|--------|------|-----|-------|---------|------|-----|-------|
| Da | ate    | Loc. | W/L | Score | Date    | Loc. | W/L | Score |
| 10 | )/2/66 | @Atl |     |       | 10/2/94 |      |     | 34-7  |
| 10 | )/2/77 | ŤΒ   | W   | 23-7  | 10/2/05 | @Oak | L   | 13-19 |
| 10 | )/2/78 | @Was | L   | 5-9   | 10/2/11 | DET  | L   | 30-34 |
| 10 | )/2/83 | @Min | W   | 37-24 |         |      |     |       |

#### FIRST TIME...LAST TIME

The first time these two clubs met, the Dallas Cowboys were just nine weeks old and lost their first eight games. Dallas hosted San Francisco on Nov. 20, 1960 and lost 14-26 in front of 10,000 fans at the Cotton Bowl.

The last time these two clubs met was during the 2014 season opener on Sept. 7 at AT&T Stadium. The 49ers defeated the Cowboys 28-17 at home in front of 91,174 fans in attendance.

#### **DALLAS LAST GAME**

With a 31-17 victory over the Chicago Bears in front of 90,554 fans and a prime-time television audience, the Cowboys defeated an opponent by at least two touchdowns for the first time since a 44-17 victory over the rival Washington Redskins in the final game of the 2014 campaign. Dak Prescott continued his outstanding play, completing 79.2 percent of his passes for 248 yards with both a rushing and passing touchdown, but top honors for the night belonged to Ezekiel Elliott. The running back totaled 140 yards off of 30 carries, a 4.6 yard-per-carry average, for the first 100-yard rushing effort of his career. The Cowboys put up points on each of their four possessions, beginning with an opening series that saw Prescott cap off a 10-play, 75-yard drive by bullying his way into the end zone from one-yard out for his second career rushing score. That drive was followed by a 49-yard field goal from Dan Bailey and then rushing scores from both Lance Dunbar and Alfred Morris. Dallas went into the half with a commanding 24-3 lead after Chicago added a Connor Barth 34-yard field goal

Dallas was driving on its opening possession of the second half, but a fumble derailed the possession and opened the door for Chicago, who capitalized with an 11-play, 63-yard drive and a Zack Miller touchdown pass from Brian Hoyer. As the clock turned over into the final frame, Prescott and company went on a much-needed 10-play drive that marched 88 yards and ate up 6:35 of time and ended with a 17-yard touchdown strike from Prescott-to-Dez Bryant, Prescott's first-career touchdown pass and Bryant's 60th touchdown reception. Chicago bounced right back and added another touchdown to its tally, but it was too little too late. The Dallas defense held down the fort, which included its second fumble recovery of the game, this time when defensive end Benson Mayowa pounced on a Brian Hoyer fumble to thwart another potential threat and essentially end the game.

## SAN FRANCISCO LAST GAME

The San Francisco 49ers were defeated by the Seattle Seahawks 37-18 on the road. Seattle jumped out to a 14-0 lead in the first quarter behind two Christine Michael touchdown runs (41, 4). San Francisco got on the scoreboard with a 22-yard field goal by Phil Dawson in the second quarter to cut the lead to 14-3. However, the Seahawks added to their lead with a 10-point swing to close out the half with a 24-3 advantage after an 18-yard passing touchdown from Russell Wilson-to-Jimmy Graham and a 33-yard field goal by Steven Hauschka.

Seattle had two more field goals from Hauschka (33, 22) in the third quarter to push its lead to 30-3. In the fourth quarter, Doug Baldwin caught a 16-yard touchdown pass from Trevone Boykin to allow the Seahawks to reach 37-3 on the board. The 49ers pitched in two late rushing scores by Carlos Hyde (8, 8) to finish

the game at 37-10.

#### WAY OUT WEST

By finishing fourth in the NFC East in 2015, the Dallas Cowboys will face the fourth place teams from the NFC West (San Francisco) and South (Tampa Bay) this season. The Cowboys are 16-17-1 against the 49ers but have won three of the last four.

Overall, the Cowboys hold a 98-70-2 record against teams from the NFC West. Below is a look at Dallas' record against the West:

#### Dallas vs. NFC West

| Team          | W    | L  | Т | Win% | Current<br>Streak |
|---------------|------|----|---|------|-------------------|
| Arizona       | . 55 | 32 | 1 | .631 | L4                |
| Seattle       | . 10 | 7  | 0 | .625 | L1                |
| Los Angeles   | . 17 | 15 | 0 | .531 | W3                |
| San Francisco |      | 17 | 1 | .485 | L1                |
| Div. Totals   | . 98 | 71 | 2 | .579 | L2                |

#### PLAYER HIGHLIGHTS VS. 49ERS

#### Dan Bailey - K

In two games is three-of-four on field goals with a long of 48 and has made all five PATs.

#### Dez Bryant - WR

In one game (9/7/14), caught four passes for 55 yards, including three first downs.

#### Brandon Carr - CB

In two matchups - including one with Kansas City - has 12 tackles and a tackle for loss.

#### Justin Durant - LB

In three games - including one with Jacksonville and one with Detroit - has 26 tackles, a tackle for loss, a pressure and a pass breakup.

#### Sean Lee - LB

In one game (9/18/11) had 13 stops.

Began his career as a fourth round draft pick (117th overall) by San Francisco in the 2012 NFL Draft. Played in 19 games with four starts during three seasons (2012-14) with the 49ers.

#### Benson Mayowa - DE

Recorded his first career sack against San Francisco (12/7/14) while with Oakland.

#### Alfred Morris - RB

Rushed for 177 yards on 35 carries (5.1 avg.) and one touchdown in two games while with Washington.

#### Terrance Williams - WR

Had four catches for 50 yards and a touchown in one game (9/7/14).

#### Jason Witten - TE

Caught 16 passes for 212 yards (13.3 avg.) and one touchdown in four games. Has one 100-yard game against the 49ers (102 - 9/18/11)

#### INSIDE THE SERIES HISTORY

The rivalry between the Dallas Cowboys and San Francisco 49ers has been around since the Cowboys entrance in the league in 1960. The two teams have faced each other 34 times:

#### In 34 games of the series there have been:

- 16 games decided by double digits
- Four games decided by three-or-more touchdowns Nine games decided by less than a touchdown One tie 24-24 (11/27/69)

- A five-game winning streak by Dallas from 1972-1980
- A six-game losing streak by Dallas from 1981-1990
  A 45-point win by Dallas (10/12/80) tying the third-largest margin of victory in franchise history
  A 31-point loss by Dallas (10/11/81) biggest series loss
  59 points scored by Dallas (10/12/80) tying the most points

- in a game in franchise history
  Seven playoff games a 5-2 Dallas record six NFC Championship games (4-2) and a Divisional playoff game (win)
- Two Thanksgiving Day games (a tie and a loss), two Monday Monday night games (1-1), a Saturday night game (loss) and a Sunday night game (loss)
- One season opener (9/7/14)
- 801 points scored by Dallas, 872 allowed
- An 8-9 Cowboys record when playing in San Francisco

#### 2016 STATISTICAL COMPARISON

| (league ranking)             |            |            |  |  |  |
|------------------------------|------------|------------|--|--|--|
| , 5                          | Cowboys    | 49ers      |  |  |  |
| Record                       | 2-1        | 1-2        |  |  |  |
| Scoring Avg. (NFL rank)      | 25.7 (11)  | 24.3 (14)  |  |  |  |
| Opp. Scoring Avg. (NFL rank) |            | 27.7 (23t) |  |  |  |
| Total Off. (NFL rank)        | 385.0 (8)  | 292.0 (29) |  |  |  |
| Rushing Off. (NFL rank)      | 134.0 (6)  | 116.7 (11) |  |  |  |
| Passing Off. (NFL rank)      | 251.0 (16) | 175.3 (30) |  |  |  |
| Total Def. (NFL rank)        |            | 377.3 (20) |  |  |  |
| Rushing Def. (NFL rank)      | 89.3 (10)  | 122.7 (23) |  |  |  |
| Passing Def. (NFL rank)      |            | 254.7 (14) |  |  |  |
| Kickoff Return Avg           |            | 18.4 (24)  |  |  |  |
| Punt Return Avg              |            | 10.3 (12)  |  |  |  |
| Turnover Margin              |            | +3 (7t)    |  |  |  |
| Penalties                    |            | 12 ` ´     |  |  |  |
| Penalty Yards                |            | 95         |  |  |  |
| Opp. Penalties               | 18         | 24         |  |  |  |
| Opp. Penalty Yards           |            | 217        |  |  |  |

## SERIES HISTORY

Dallas and San Francisco have squared off 34 times, with the series tied 16-17-1. Dallas lost the first two meetings before claiming its first win. The Cowboys have won three of the last four games. The teams have met seven times in the postseason. Below is a brief look into the outcome of each of the games in the

|   |           |      | Dal |       |           |      | Dal   |       |
|---|-----------|------|-----|-------|-----------|------|-------|-------|
|   | Date      | Loc. | W/L | Score | Date      | Loc. | W/L   | Sco   |
|   | 11/20/60  | Dal  | L   | 14-26 | 10/15/89  | Dal  | L     | 14-31 |
|   | 11/10/63  | SF   | L   | 24-31 | 11/11/90  | Dal  | L     | 6-24  |
|   | 11/7/65   | Dal  | W   | 39-31 | 1/17/93** | SF   | W     | 30-20 |
|   | 12/16/67  | SF   | L   | 16-24 | 10/17/93  | Dal  | W     | 26-17 |
|   | 11/27/69  | Dal  | Τ   | 24-24 | 1/23/94** | Dal  | W     | 38-21 |
|   | 1/3/71**  | SF   | W   | 17-10 | 11/13/94  | SF   | L     | 14-21 |
|   | 1/2/72**  | Dal  | W   | 14-3  | 1/15/95** | SF   | L     | 28-38 |
|   | 11/23/72  | Dal  | L   | 10-31 | 11/12/95  | Dal  | L     | 20-38 |
|   | 12/23/72* | SF   | W   | 30-28 | 11/10/96  | SF \ | N(OT) | 20-17 |
|   | 11/10/74  | Dal  | W   | 20-14 | 11/2/97   | SF   | `L ´  | 10-17 |
|   | 12/12/77  | SF   | W   | 42-35 | 9/24/00   | Dal  | L     | 24-41 |
|   | 9/9/79    | SF   | W   | 21-13 | 12/30/01  | Dal  | W     | 27-21 |
|   | 10/12/80  | Dal  | W   | 59-14 | 12/8/02   | Dal  | L     | 27-31 |
|   | 10/11/81  | SF   | L   | 14-45 | 9/25/05   | SF   | W     | 34-31 |
|   | 1/10/82** | SF   | L   | 27-28 | 11/23/08  | Dal  | W     | 35-22 |
|   | 12/19/83  | SF   | L   | 17-42 | 9/18/11   | SF \ | W(OT) | 27-24 |
|   | 12/22/85  | SF   | L   | 16-31 | 9/7/14    | Dal  | L     | 17-28 |
| ı | l         |      |     |       |           |      |       |       |

<sup>\*</sup> NFC Divisional Playoff Game

<sup>\*\*</sup> NFC Championship Game

#### **ALL-TIME STAT COMPARISON**

This week's game marks the 28th regular season game between Dallas and San Francisco. Below is a brief look into the stats of the series:

| Cowbovs | 49ers          |
|---------|----------------|
| 12      | 14             |
| 617     | 724            |
| 9.312   | 9.167          |
| 2.877   | 2,788          |
| 6,435   | 2,788<br>3,837 |
|         | Cowboys<br>    |

| Ollito            |     |               |     |                 |  |
|-------------------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------------|--|
|                   |     | <u>owboys</u> |     | <u>ers</u>      |  |
| Points            | 41  | 12/4/14       |     | <u>1</u> 2/9/13 |  |
| Total Net Yards   | 529 | 10/24/76      | 504 | 11/18/62        |  |
| Net Rushing Yards | 241 | 10/24/76      | 283 | 9/30/84         |  |
| Net Passing Yards | 389 | 10/1/12       | 437 | 11/18/62        |  |

SINGLE-GAME TEAM-HIGHS

# SINGLE-GAME INDIVIDUAL HIGHS Cowboys Passing Yards 374 - T. Romo 9/19/10 Rushing Yards 179 - D. Murray 12/4/14 179 - W. Payton 11/26/81

Receiving Yards
145 - T. Owens 9/23/07 201 - J. Morris 11/18/62

# ON THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Since the AFC/NFC merger in 1970, the Dallas Cowboys boast the most road wins (183) and highest win percentage (.513) in the NFL. Dallas is 1-0 in road games in 2016:

#### **Most Road Wins Since 1970**

| Team          | W   | L   | Т | Win% |
|---------------|-----|-----|---|------|
| Dallas        | 183 | 174 | 0 | .513 |
| San Francisco | 180 | 177 | 1 | .504 |
| Miami         | 180 | 178 | 1 | .503 |
| Pittsburgh    | 178 | 179 | 1 | .499 |
| New England   | 171 | 186 | 0 | .479 |

The Cowboys finished the 2014 regular season with an undefeated 8-0 record on the road - the only squad with a perfect mark away from home in the NFL. The Cowboys eight road wins were the most in team history during the regular season since the NFL began a 16-game schedule. They were the second team in franchise history to win all road games in a season, joining the 1968 team, which won all seven of its road games during a 14-game season. In NFL history, they were the sixth team since the 1970 NFL merger to form a perfect 8-0 record on the road, joining the 2007 New England Patriots, the 2001 St. Louis Rams, the 1984, 1989 and the 1990 San Francisco 49ers.

Dallas continued its road victory streak into 2015, winning the first contest away from home at Philadelphia (9/20) before falling to the Saints at New Orleans (10/4) in overtime, ending the road run. Dating back to the Cowboys final road game of the 2013 season at Washington (12/22), Dallas won 10 consecutive regular season road games to tie a franchise-high with both the 2006-07

and 1968-69 squads for the longest road win streak in team history.

On the league level, the 10-game road streak also tied the seventh-longest streak in NFL history:

| <b>Most Consecutive Road</b> | Wins - NFL History |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| Team                         | Consec. Road Wins  |
| San Francisco                | 18, 1988-1990      |
| New England                  | 12, 2006-08        |
| L.A./SD Chargers             | 11. 1960-61        |
| San Francisco                | 11. 1987-88        |
| Pittsburgh                   | 11. 2004-05        |
| Indianapolis                 | 11. 2008-09        |
| Chicago Bears                | 10. 1941-42        |
| Dallas                       |                    |
| New Orleans                  |                    |
| Dallas                       |                    |
| Dallas                       |                    |

#### AT&T STADIUM RECORD WHEN...

The Dallas Cowboys are currently in their eighth season in what is now AT&T Stadium in 2016, owning a 28-30 regular season record at home. The Cowboys finished their seventh season in their home building with a 1-7 record in 2015, and are 1-1 at home in 2016.

Dallas' first game at the venue was on Sept. 20, 2009 - a 31-33 loss to the N.Y. Giants. The club's first win came a week later with a 21-7 decision over Carolina. Overall, Dallas owns a 30-30 record - 2-0 postseason - in AT&T Stadium. Below is a breakdown of the club's record on their home turf:

28-30

Pegular season

| Postseason<br>Overall  | 2-0               |            |
|--|-------------------|------------|
| September  | 5-9<br>9-7<br>4-8 | Post       |
| Playing at noon<br>Playing at 3:30<br>Playing in prime time                                | 11-7<br>9-14      | 1-0<br>1-0 |
| ThursdaySaturdaySundayMonday   | 0-2<br>23-21      | 1-0<br>1-0 |
| Fully closed stadium  Fully open stadium  Roof open, doors closed  Roof closed, doors open | 5-7<br>2-3        | 2-0        |
| Playing against the NFC EastPlaying against the NFC (non-NFC East) Playing against the AFC | 11-11             | 1-0<br>1-0 |

|              |    |   | Team-l | oy-team        |   |   |       |
|--------------|----|---|--------|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Team         | W  | L | Pct    | Team           | W | L | Pct   |
| Arizona      | .0 | 1 | .000   | New Orleans    | 1 | 2 | .333  |
| Atlanta      | .1 | 1 | .500   | N.Y. Giants    | 3 | 5 | .375  |
| Baltimore    |    |   |        | N.Y. Jets      | 0 | 1 | .000  |
| Buffalo      | .1 | 0 | 1.000  | Oakland        | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Carolina     | .1 | 1 | .500   | Philadelphia   | 2 | 5 | .286  |
| Chicago      | .1 | 2 | .333   | Pittsburgh     |   | 0 | 1.000 |
| Cincinnati   |    |   |        | San Diego      | 0 | 1 | .000  |
| Cleveland    | .1 | 0 | 1.000  | San Francisco. |   | 1 | .000  |
| Denver       |    | 1 | .000   | Seattle        | 2 | 1 | .667  |
| Detroit      | .1 | 1 | .500   | St. Louis      | 2 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Green Bay    | .0 | 1 | .000   | Tampa Bay      |   | 0 | 1.000 |
| Houston      | .1 | 0 | 1.000  | Tennessee      |   | 1 | .000  |
| Indianapolis |    | 0 | 1.000  | Washington     | 4 | 3 | .571  |
| Jacksonville |    | 1 | .000   |                |   |   |       |
| Kansas City  |    |   |        | Postseason     |   |   |       |
| Miami        | .1 | 0 | 1.000  | Detroit        |   | 0 | 1.000 |
| Minnesota    |    | 0 | 1.000  | Philadelphia   | 1 | 0 | 1.000 |
| New England  | .0 | 1 | .000   |                |   |   |       |

#### **SOLD OUT STADIUMS**

The Cowboys have played in front of sold out stadiums in 425 of their last 427 games (including playoffs) and in 227 consecutive games. They played in front of sold out crowds in 153 consecutive games at Texas Stadium (including playoffs) - dating back to Dec. 16, 1990 against Phoenix, their last home non-sellout. Dallas opened what is now named AT&T Stadium with the largest crowd to witness a regular season NFL game with 105,121 tickets distributed and have 60 straight sellouts (including playoffs). The Cowboys have sold out each of their last 212 home games.

On the road, Dallas has played in front of sold out crowds in 113 straight games (including playoffs), dating back to its last road non-sellout - at Arizona (10/20/02).

# **ROMO'S RECORD WHEN...**

As Dallas' starting quarterback, Tony Romo has compiled a 78-49 regular season record in 127 career starts, and is 2-4 in the postseason. Below is a look at Romo's record under several different circumstances:

| Pla<br>Pla        | ying at hom                                     | e:<br>road:           |                         |                                   | <b>Regular</b> 38-25 40-24 |           | Post<br>2-1<br>0-3       |
|-------------------|---|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|
|                   |   |                       |                         |                                   |                            |           | 2-2<br>0-2               |
| Pla               | ying against                                    | t the NI              | FC (non                 | -NFC East):                       | 30-18                      |           | 1-1<br>1-3               |
|                   |   |                       |                         |                                   |                            |           | 2-3<br>0-1               |
| Thr               | ows for ove                                     | r 300 y               | ards:                   |                                   | 29-17                      |           | 2-2                      |
| Thr<br>Thr        | ows only on<br>ows more th                      | ne toucl              | hdown:<br>e toucho      | down:his passes:                  | 17-19<br>56-22             |           | 2-1<br>0-2<br>2-1<br>2-2 |
| Thr<br>Thr<br>Thr | rows no inter<br>rows one inter<br>rows more th | rception<br>erception | ns:<br>on:<br>e interce | eption:                           | 37-17<br>34-14<br>7-18     |           | 2-2<br>0-2<br>2-1        |
| Sad               | cked one tim                                    | ne-or-le              | ss:                     |                                   | 42-16                      |           | 2-4                      |
| Oct<br>Nov<br>Dec | tober:<br>vember:<br>cember:                    |                       |                         |                                   | 13-15<br>27-7<br>16-17     |           | 2-4                      |
| <b>T</b>          |   |                       |                         | by-team                           | 147                        |           | D                        |
| Atlar<br>Balti    | n v<br>ona<br>nta                               | 1 2<br>2 1<br>0 2     | .333<br>.667<br>.000    | Team N.Y. Jets Oakland Philadelph | 2<br>nia 9                 | L 1 0 6 1 | .500<br>1.000<br>.600    |

|                |     | Team- | -by-team    |     |   |       |
|----------------|-----|-------|-------------|-----|---|-------|
| Team V         | V L | Pct   | Team        | W   | L | Pct   |
| Arizona1       | 2   | .333  | N.Y. Jets   | 1   | 1 | .500  |
| Atlanta2       | 1   | .667  | Oakland     | 2   | 0 | 1.000 |
| Baltimore0     | 2   | .000  | Philadelphi | a 9 | 6 | .600  |
| Buffalo2       | 0   | 1.000 | Pittsburgh. | 1   | 1 | .500  |
| Carolina4      | . 1 | .800  | San Diego   |     | 2 | .000  |
| Chicago2       | 3   | .400  | San Francis |     | 1 | .667  |
| Cincinnati2    | 0   | 1.000 | Seattle     | 4   | 1 | .800  |
| Cleveland2     | 0   | 1.000 | St. Louis   |     | 0 | 1.000 |
| Denver0        | 2   | .000  | Tampa Bay   | · 4 | 0 | 1.000 |
| Detroit1       | 3   | .250  | Tennessee   | 1   | 1 | .500  |
| Green Bay2     | 2   | .500  | Washingtor  | า 9 | 7 | .563  |
| Houston2       |     | 1.000 |             |     |   |       |
| Indianapolis2  |     | 1.000 | Postseaso   | n   |   |       |
| Jacksonville 1 |     | 1.000 | Detroit     |     | 0 | 1.000 |
| Kansas City1   |     | .500  | Green Bay   |     | 1 | .000  |
| Miami3         |     | 1.000 | Minnesota   |     | 1 | .000  |
| Minnesota2     |     | .667  | N.Y. Giants |     | 1 | .000  |
| New England 0  |     | .000  | Philadelphi |     | 0 | 1.000 |
| New Orleans2   |     | .400  | Seattle     | 0   | 1 | .000  |
| N.Y. Giants10  | 6   | .625  |             |     |   |       |

# **TONY'S TARGETS**

Through his career, Tony Romo has completed 2,826-of-4,331 passes for 34,154 yards with 247 touchdowns in 129 regular season games played behind center. Below is a breakdown of Tony's targets by position and player:

| Position Breakdown |   |                     |   |  |  |  |  |
|--------------------|---|---------------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| s TD               | ا Comp.   | Yds                 | TD  |  |  |  |  |
| 7 184              | RB544 4   | ,206                | 9   |  |  |  |  |
| 7 52               | FB37  | 274                 | 2   |  |  |  |  |
| reakdow            | n by Completions  |                     |   |  |  |  |  |
|                    | Player Com  | Yds                 | TD  |  |  |  |  |
|                    | A. Fasano 22  | 208                 | 1   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 3   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 1   |  |  |  |  |
| 31 6               |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| /5 6               |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| 28 2               |   |                     | 1   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| 66 A               |   | -                   | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| 10 2               |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| 18 2               |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| 18 2               |   |                     | 0   |  |  |  |  |
| 10 Z               |   |                     | Ő   |  |  |  |  |
| 0                  |   | 0                   | 0   |  |  |  |  |
|                    | J. 5. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6. 6.  | U                   | U   |  |  |  |  |
|                    | S TD   184   187   184   187   184   187   188   187   188   19   188   188   19   188 | S   TD   Comp.   RB | S   TD   RB   S   S   TD   RB   S   S   S   TD   RB   S   S   S   S   S   TD   RB   S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S   S |  |  |  |  |

Romo has thrown 247 touchdown passes - first all-time in team history. Below is a look at Romo's individual touchdown totals:

| Gavin Escobar6 DeMarco Murray1 Kevin Ogletree4 |  | 50<br>37<br>34<br>27<br>19<br>13<br>12<br>16 | Player Martellus Bennett Tony Curtis Terry Glenn Dwayne Harris Sam Hurd Felix Jones John Phillips Deon Anderson Anthony Fasano Chris Gronkowski DeMarco Murray | 3<br>2<br>2<br>2<br>1 |
|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|
|--|--|--|--|-----------------------|

# **QUARTERBACK COMPARISON**

Tony Romo has started 127 games and owns a 78-49 record as a starter. He has completed 2,810-of-4,304 passes for 33,892 yards, 244 touchdowns and 114 interceptions in those starts. Below is a look at Romo's numbers after 127 starts and how they compare to Troy Aikman through 127 starts, the only other Dallas quarterback to start 127 contests:

| Player   | W-L     | Att   | Comp  | Yards  | Pct  | TD  | INT |
|----------|---------|-------|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|
| Aikman . | . 76-51 | 3,627 | 2,258 | 25,658 | 62.3 | 127 | 107 |
| Romo     | . 78-49 | 4.304 | 2.810 | 33.892 | 65.4 | 244 | 114 |

Among active quarterbacks, Romo's 78-49 record through his 127 starts is tied for fourth:

| Active QB Records 1 | Γhrough 127 an | d 128 Starts |
|---------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Player              | 127th Start    | 128th Start  |
| Tom Brady           | 97-30          | 98-30        |
| Ben Roethlisberger  | 87-40          | 87-41        |
| Peyton Manning      | 79-48          | 80-48        |
| Tony Romo           |                | ??-??        |
| Philip Rivers       |                | 79-49        |
| Fli Manning         |                | 75-53        |

#### TONY'S TOUCHDOWN BREAKDOWN

Through his career, Tony Romo has thrown a club record 247 touchdown passes. Below is a look at Tony's touchdowns totals by quarter, down and distance:

| Quarter        | Down        | Distance       |
|----------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1st Quarter 40 | 1st Down 89 | 0-9 Yards95    |
| 2nd Quarter 69 | 2nd Down 86 | 10-19 Yards50  |
| 3rd Quarter 62 | 3rd Down 66 | 20-29 Yards39  |
| 4th Quarter 75 | 4th Down 6  | 30-39 Yards 19 |
| OT 1           |             | 40-49 Yards9   |
|                |             | 50+ Yards35    |

### TWO-HUNDRED TD TOSSES

With his two touchdown throws against the N.Y. Giants (11/24/13), Tony Romo reached 200 career touchdowns. He became the 37th NFL quarterback to reach the mark. Romo began the 2015 season by passing John Hadl (244) for 20th:

# **THIRTY FOR 9**

After four touchdown passes against Indianapolis (12/21/14), Tony Romo notched his fourth career season with 30 touchdowns. Romo is the only quarterback in franchise history to ever throw for 30 touchdowns in a single season. His 34 touchdowns in 2014 were the second-most of his career and in team history. By reaching 30 scores for the fourth time, he tied Dan Marino, Aaron Rodgers and Philip Rivers for fifth all-time in NFL history:

| Most Seasons with 3 | 0+ TD Passes - NFL |
|---------------------|--------------------|
|                     | Seasons            |
| Brett Favre         | 9                  |
| Peyton Manning      | g9                 |
| Drew Brees          |                    |
| Tom Brady           | 6                  |
| Aaron Rodgers       | 5                  |
| Dan Marino          | 4                  |
| Philip Rivers       |                    |
| Tony Romo           | 4                  |

# **ROMO-TO-BRYANT COMBO**

Tony Romo and Dez Bryant have developed quite the chemistry since Bryant was drafted in 2010. Together, the dynamic duo have the second-most touchdowns by a quarterback-wide receiver duo during that time span:

| Most TDs By a QB-WR | <b>Since 2010</b> |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| QB/WŘ               | TDs               |
| Stafford/Johnson.   |                   |
| Romo/Bryant         | 50                |
| Rodgers/Nelson      | 45                |

At Miami (11/22/15) Romo and Bryant connected for the 50th time, surpassing the combo of Troy Aikman and Michael Irvin (49) for the most QB-WR touchdowns in franchise history. It took Bryant and Romo 68 games to score 50 touchdowns, while it took Aikman and Irvin 128 games to reach 49 scores.

| Most TDs By a QB-WR | - Dallas Cowboys |
|---------------------|------------------|
| QB/WR               | TDs              |
| Romo/Bryant         | 50               |
| Δikman/Irvin        | 49               |

#### QB'S MULTIPLE TDs

Tony Romo opened the 2015 season with three scores against the N.Y. Giants (9/13) to mark his first multi-touchdown game of the year. He logged two scores at Miami (11/22). Romo had 11 multi-touchdown games during the 2014 season to tie his total from 2011 for second in a season in franchise history. He owns the top-two spots with 12 (2007) and 11 (2011). For his career, he has 79 career multi-touchdown games - tops in team history and sixth in the NFL since 2006:

| Multiple-touchdown games |    |                  |       |
|--------------------------|----|------------------|-------|
| Cowboys Career           |    | NFL (since 2006) |       |
| Player                   |    | Player           | Games |
| Tony Romo                | 79 | Drew Brees       | 106   |
| Roger Staubach           | 48 | Tom Brady        | 96    |
| Danny White              | 44 | Philip Rivers    | 93    |
| Troy Áikman              | 43 | Peyton Manning   | 91    |
| Don Meredith             | 41 | Aaron Rodgers    | 81    |
| Tony Romo79              |    |                  | 79    |

Romo's seven games with three-or-more scores in 2014 established a team record. He started off 2015 with three scores against the N.Y. Giants (9/13). His 40 career three-touchdown games are tops in team history and sixth in the league since he became a starter:

| i nree-touchdown games |       |                  |       |
|------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Cowboys Career         |       | NFL (since 2006) |       |
| Player                 | Games | Player           | Games |
| Tony Romo              | 40    | Drew Brees       |       |
| Danny White            | 20    | Peyton Manning   | 56    |
| Roger Staubach         | 17    | Tom Brady        | 48    |
| Don Meredith           |       | Aaron Rodgers    | 47    |
| Troy Aikman            | 10    | Philip Rivers    | 45    |
| ·                      |       | Tony Romo        |       |

### PAR 3

Since becoming the Dallas Cowboys starting quarterback midway through 2006, Tony Romo has thrown three-or-more touchdowns in a game a club-record 40 times. He had seven in 2014, the most in team history in a single season. In the 2015 season opener he notched his first of the year with three against the N.Y. Giants (9/13). For his career, Romo has 40 three-touchdown games, and the Cowboys are 28-12 (.700) when Romo throws for three-or-more scores:

|                | Games         |
|----------------|---------------|
| Player         | 3-or-more TDs |
| Tony Romo      | 40            |
| Danny White    | 20            |
| Roger Staubach | 17            |

Prior to his team-record seven in 2014, Romo had six games with three-or-more touchdown passes in 2007 and 2008 the previous single-season club-high:

| Player    | Games in a season with 3-or-more TDs |
|-----------|--------------------------------------|
| Tony Romo | 7 (2014)                             |
| Tony Romo |                                      |
| Tony Romo | 6 (2008)                             |

# FOUR SCORE, AND...

Tony Romo established a club record with his four touchdown throws at the New York Giants (11/23/14), surpassing Danny White (eight) for the club high, and now has 10 career games with four-or-more touchdown throws. Romo's 10 since becoming the club's starter in 2006 is tied sixth in the NFL:

| Four-touchdown games |       |                     |       |
|----------------------|-------|---------------------|-------|
| Cowboys Career       |       | ~ <b>.</b>          |       |
| Player               | Games | Player `            | Ġames |
| Tony Romo            | 10    | Drew Brees          | 25    |
| Danny White          | 8     | Peyton Manning      | 22    |
| Don Meredith         | 6     | Tom Brady           | 21    |
| Troy Aikman          | 3     | Aaron Rodgers       | 17    |
| Craig Morton         | 2     | Eli Manning         | 12    |
| 9                    |       | Tony Romo           | 10    |
|                      |       | Ben Roethlisberger. | 10    |

#### 300

Through his career, Tony Romo has reached the 300-yard mark a club-record 46 times. He owns the top-five single-season spots for 300-yard games, including a club-record nine games in 2012. Additionally, Romo had three straight games with 300-plus yards twice - the most consecutive games in club history. Romo topped the 300-yard mark four times in 2013, notched one 300-yard game in 2014 and had already matched that in 2015 with a 356-yard effort against the N.Y. Giants (9/13). When Romo reaches the 300-yard horizon, Dallas owns a 29-17 record (.630). Romo threw for 300-or-more yards nine times in 2012, the most

Romo threw for 300-or-more yards nine times in 2012, the most in a season in club history. He also had three straight games with 300 yards (Weeks 11-13) to tie the longest streak in club history:

| Dallas | Cowboys | 300-yard | Games |
|--------|---------|----------|-------|
|        |         |          |       |

| Single-season |          | Consecutive      |           |  |
|---------------|----------|------------------|-----------|--|
| Player        | Games    | Player           | Games     |  |
| Tony Romo     | 9 (2012) | Tony Romo        | 3 (2007)  |  |
| Tony Romo     | 8 (2009) | Tony Romo        |           |  |
| Tony Romo     | 7 (2007) | Don Meredith     | 2 (1963)  |  |
| Tony Romo     | 6 (2008) | Vinny Testaverde | 2 (2004)  |  |
| Tony Romo     | 5 (2011) | Tony Romo        | 2 (mult.) |  |

In total, Romo's 46 career 300-yard games are tops in team history and the fourth-most amongst all NFL passers since 2006.

300-yard Games

| Cowboys Career |       | NFL (since 2006) |       |
|----------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Player         | Games | Player           | Games |
| Tony Romo      | 46    | Drew Brees       | 91    |
| Troy Aikman    | 13    | Tom Brady        | 59    |
| Danny White    | 10    | Peyton Manning   | 59    |
| Don Meredith   |       | Tony Romo        | 46    |
| Roger Staubach | 6     | Philip Rivers    | 46    |

# **ROMO AT 30K**

Tony Romo climbed to 30,000 passing yards following his 176-yard performance at Tennessee (9/14/14), and now has 34,154 for his career. By reaching 30,000 career passing yards Romo became the second Cowboys quarterback to reach that milestone (Troy Aikman - 32,942), the 38th player in NFL history and only the fifth undrafted player to do so. He reached that mark in 138 games to tie Kerry Collins and Donovan McNabb as the 16th-fastest players to reach 30,000 passing yards, and he did it in 3,834 attempts, the fourth-fewest attempts in NFL history:

#### 30,000-Yard Club

| Dallas Cowboys Player Yards Tony Romo34,154 |            | Active 30K Quarterbacks |        |
|---|------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Player                                      | Yards      | Player                  | Yards  |
| Tony Romo                                   | 34,154     | Drew Brees              | 61,965 |
| Troy Aikman                                 | 32,942     | Tom Brady               | 58,208 |
| •   |            | l Eli Manning           | 45 112 |
| Fewest attempts to (All-Time                | o 30K      | l Roethlisberger        | 43,811 |
| (All-Time                                   | <b>:</b> ) | Philip Riverš           | 42,240 |
| Plaver                                      | Atts       | Carson Palmer           | 40,898 |
| Kurt Warner                                 | 3,758      | Tony Romo               | 34,154 |
| Roethlisberger                              | 3,795      | Matť Ryan               | 33,727 |
| Phillip Rivers                              | 3,813      | Aaron Rodgers           | 33,016 |
| Tony Romo                                   | 3.834      | Jay Cutler              | 31,781 |
| Dan Fouts                                   | 3,873      |                         | *      |
|   | ·          |                         |        |

# ROMO AT 3K & 20 TDs

In his 13th game played of 2014 at Philadelphia (12/14/14), Tony Romo topped 3,000 yards - his seventh career and fourth consecutive - 3,000-yard season - both club-highs.

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At the N.Y. Giants (11/23/14), Romo's four scores gave him 22 for the season - his seventh career season with 20-plus touchdown throws. Romo's seven 20-touchdown seasons are a club-high:

#### 3,000-yard seasons

#### 20-touchdown seasons

| Player      | Seasons | Player         | Seasons |
|-------------|---------|----------------|---------|
| Tony Romo   | 7       | Tony Romo      | 7       |
| Troy Aikman |         | Danny White    | 4       |
| Danny White | 4       | Don Meredith   | 3       |
| ,           |         | Roger Staubach |         |

By reaching 3,000 yards and 20 touchdowns in 2014, it marked the fourth consecutive season (2011-14) for Romo and established a club record.

#### **ROMO 4K**

With 341 passing yards against Pittsburgh (12/16/12), Tony Romo reached 4,000 passing yards for the fourth time in his career. It also marked the fourth time a Cowboys quarterback reached 4,000 yards in a season. With four seasons of 4,000-plus yards, Romo is tied with Warren Moon and Ben Roethlisberger for the 12th-most 4,000-yard seasons in NFL history. Peyton Manning has the league-high with 14:

# 4,000-yard Seasons

| All-lime  | Since 2006                |  |  |
|---|---------------------------|--|--|
| Player Seasons Peyton Manning14 Drew Brees10 Tom Brady8 | Player Seasons Drew Brees |  |  |
| Philip Rivers   | Philip Rivers             |  |  |

# **ALL-TIME COWBOYS QB WATCH**

Tony Romo entered the 2015 season tops in club history with 33,626 passing yards and 242 touchdown passes, and second in attempts (4,255) and completions (2,779). Through his career Romo has steadily climbed the club's all-time quarterback charts, making strides in 2012 by moving into second for completions, then established the club mark in touchdown throws against Philadelphia (12/2/12) to break Aikman's old record of 165. He also moved up the ladder in all-time wins and starts amongst Cowboys quarterbacks, passing Danny White (62) in 2013 to claim the third-most wins as a Dallas quarterback, and passed Roger Staubach (114) for second-most quarterback starts in team history against the N.Y. Giants (10/19/14). He overtook Aikman (32,942) as the club's all-time passing yards leader against Indianapolis (12/21/14). Below is how Romo's career numbers stack up in the storied quarterback history of the franchise:

#### **ATTEMPTS**

| Troy Aikman                           |
|---------------------------------------|
| Danny White2,950<br>Don Meredith2,308 |
| COMPLETIONS                           |
| Troy Aikman 2,898                     |

| OOMII EE HOI   |       |
|----------------|-------|
| Troy Aikman    | 2.898 |
| Tony Romo      |       |
| Danny White    | 1,761 |
| Roger Staubach |       |
| Don Meredith   |       |
|                |       |

#### **TOTAL QB STARTS**

| Troy Aikman    | 165 |
|----------------|-----|
| Tony Romo      | 127 |
| Roger Staubach |     |
| Danny White    |     |
| Don Meredith   |     |

#### PASSING YARDS

| Tony Romo      | 34,154 |
|----------------|--------|
| Troy Aikman    |        |
| Roger Staubach |        |
| Danny White    |        |
| Don Meredith   |        |

#### **TOUCHDOWNS**

| Iony Romo      | 247 |
|----------------|-----|
| Troy Aikman    | 165 |
| Danny White    | 155 |
| Roger Staubach |     |
| Don Meredith   | 135 |
|                |     |

#### **WINS AS STARTER**

| Troy Aikman    | 94 |
|----------------|----|
| Roger Staubach | 85 |
| Tony Romo      | 78 |
| Danny White    | 62 |
| Don Meredith   | 48 |

#### **GO LONG**

Since becoming the Cowboys starting quarterback in 2006, Tony Romo has 35 touchdown passes of at least 50 yards - the most in the league since 2006:

#### Touchdowns of 50-or-more yards (since 2006)

| ΙĽ   |
|------|
| . 35 |
| . 33 |
| .31  |
| .30  |
| . 27 |
|      |

#### ALL-TIME UNDRAFTED QBS

After coming into the league as an undrafted free agent in 2003, Tony Romo took the reins of the Dallas Cowboys offense in 2006. Since then, Romo has struck a note in several team and league record books. He ranks in the top-five in the major passing categories all-time among undrafted quarterbacks. Below is a look at where Romo's current career numbers compare to previously undrafted quarterbacks:

| Oddiy                             | anaranca quartorbaono.   |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
|                                   | Atts.  | l                                 | Yds.   |
| Rnk<br>1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. | Warren Moon6,823<br>Dave Krieg5,311  | Rnk<br>1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. | Warren Moon49,325<br>Dave Krieg38,147<br>Jim Hart34,665<br><b>Tony Romo34,154</b>                                |
| Rnk<br>1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. | Comps.           Player         Comps.           Warren Moon         3,988           Dave Krieg         3,105           Tony Romo         2,826           Jon Kitna         2,677           Kurt Warner         2,666    | Rnk<br>1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. | Warren Moon291 Dave Krieg261 <i>Tony Romo</i> 247 Kurt Warner208   |
| Rnk<br>1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. | Comp. Pct.           Player         Pct.           Kurt Warner         .65.5           Tony Romo         .65.3           Jeff Garcia         .61.6           Jon Kitna         .60.3           J. Delhomme         .59.4 | Rnk<br>1.<br>2.<br>3.<br>4.<br>5. | Tony Romo       97.1         Kurt Warner       93.7         Jeff Garcia       87.5         Dave Krieg       81.5 |

\*List does not include players selected in the supplemental draft or those drafted as futures.

# **ROMO'S RATINGS**

Tony Romo posted 10 games with a 100.0-or-better quarterback rating in 2014 to tie his career-high and franchise record that he set in 2007. His 2014 season included a career-best 151.7 rating against Indianapolis (12/21) that also ranked third in team history in a single game and was the fifth-highest number in the NFL last season.

| Romo's Single-Game Passer Rating Highs |                   |        |                   |
|--|-------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Rating                                 | Opp, Date         | Rating | Opp, Date         |
|  | vs. Ind, 12/21/14 | 141.7  | @ Phi, 11/4/07    |
| 150.5                                  | vs. Phi, 12/2/12  |        | vs. Atl, 10/25/09 |
| 148.9                                  | vs. TB, 11/23/06  | 141.3  | vs. NYG 12/11/11  |
| 148.4                                  | vs. Buf, 11/13/11 | 140.6  | @ TB, 9/13/09     |
| 143.4                                  | @ NYG, 11/23/14   | 140.0  | vs. Den, 10/6/13  |

| Dallas   | Cowboys | Single-Ga | me Passer | Rating F | lighs    |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Player   | Rate    | Date      | Player    | Rate     | Date     |
| Meredith | .154.6  | 10/9/66   | Staubach  | .148.9   | 9/30/73  |
| Aikman   |         | 12/21/92  | Romo      | .148.9   | 11/23/06 |
| Romo     | 151.7   | 12/21/14  | Romo      | .148.4   | 11/13/11 |
| Romo     | 150.5   | 12/2/12   | White     | .147.5   | 10/12/80 |
| Aikman   | .149.3  | 9/20/92   | White     | .146.8   | 12/13/82 |

Romo closed out the 2014 regular season with a 100.0 rating in each of his last four games. After posting a 103.3 rating against the N.Y. Giants (9/13/15), Romo extended his streak of consecutive games with a rating of 100.0-or-better to five - the second-longest streak of his career (seven - 2007). He was unable to repeat the performance at Philadelphia (9/20) to end the streak.

#### WHAT A RATING

In 2011 Tony Romo recorded a passer rating of more than 100.0 nine times to tie the then second-most in a season in club history. Romo closed out 2012 with a 100.0-or-better rating six times and had six again in 2013 before posting 10 in 2014 to tie his 2007 total for the most in team history:

| 100-plus rating games (Cowboys season) |       |  |  |
|--|-------|--|--|
| Player (Season)                        | Games |  |  |
| Tony Romo (2007                        | )10   |  |  |
| Tony Romo (2014                        | )10   |  |  |
| Tony Romo (2009                        | ý9    |  |  |
| Tony Romo (2011                        | ý9    |  |  |
| Trov Aikman (1993                      | í)8   |  |  |

In 2014 he had his first game over 100.0 at St. Louis (9/21) with a 116.8 rating, then had a 137.4 rating the next week against New Orleans (9/28). At Seattle (10/12) Romo finished with a 110.2 rating, then registered his next game against the N.Y. Giants (10/19) with a 135.7 rating. He had his fifth 100.0 rating game of 2014 at Jacksonville (11/9) with a 138.8 rating - the 10th-highest of his career and the 60th of his career. At the N.Y. Giants (11/23) he recorded a then season-high 143.4 rating for the fifth-highest of his career. He posted his seventh game with a 138.0 rating at Chicago (12/4), then racked up a 129.1 rating at Philadelphia (12/14). He posted a career-high rating of 151.7 against Indianapolis (12/21), which also ranked third in team history, for his 64th career 100.0 game. He closed out the regular season with a 100.0 rating at Washington (12/28).

Romo continued his 100.0 rating games with a 103.3 rating in

the 2015 season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/13). His franchise and career-high 113.2 rating in 2014 led the league for the first time of his career, and his career passer rating of 97.1 is third all-time in NFL history:

| 2014 NFL Passer Rating Leaders |        |     |      |       |    |     |       |
|--------------------------------|--------|-----|------|-------|----|-----|-------|
| Player                         | Att    | Com | Pct  | Yds   | TD | Int | Rate  |
| Tony Romo                      | 435    | 304 | 69.9 | 3,705 | 34 | 9   | 113.2 |
| A. Rodgers                     | 520    | 341 | 65.6 | 4,381 | 38 | 5   | 112.2 |
| Roethlisberge                  | r. 608 | 408 | 67.1 | 4,952 | 32 | 9   | 103.3 |
| P. Manning                     | 597    | 395 | 66.2 | 4,727 | 39 | 15  | 101.5 |
| Tom Brady                      | 582    | 373 | 64.1 | 4,109 | 33 | 9   | 97.4  |
| All-Time NFL Passer Rating     |        |     |      |       |    |     |       |

| Player      | Att   | Com   | Pct  | Yds    | TD  | Int | Rate  |
|-------------|-------|-------|------|--------|-----|-----|-------|
| A. Rodgers  | 4,141 | 2,688 | 64.9 | 33,016 | 264 | 66  | 104.0 |
| R. Wilson   | 1,836 | 1,187 | 64.7 | 14,729 | 108 | 35  | 101.1 |
| Tony Romo   | 4,331 | 2,826 | 65.3 | 34,154 | 247 | 117 | 97.1  |
| Steve Young | 4,149 | 2,667 | 64.3 | 33,124 | 232 | 107 | 96.8  |
| P. Manning  | 9,380 | 6,125 | 65.3 | 71,940 | 539 | 251 | 96.5  |
|             |       |       |      |        |     |     |       |

| 100-plus rating games |       |                  |       |  |  |
|-----------------------|-------|------------------|-------|--|--|
| Cowboys Ca            | reer  | NFL (since 2006) |       |  |  |
|                       | Games | Player `         | Games |  |  |
| Tony Romo             | 66    | Drew Brees       | 80    |  |  |
| Troy Aikman           | 44    | Tom Brady        | 73    |  |  |
| Roger Staubach        | 37    | Philip Rivers    | 73    |  |  |
| Danny White           | 33    | Aaron Rodgers    | 69    |  |  |
| Craig Morton          | 24    | Tony Romo        | 66    |  |  |
| •                     |       | Pevton Manning   |       |  |  |

# **FOURTH QUARTER QB**

Through his career, Tony Romo continually displays late-game heroics. Romo posted the eighth-highest quarterback rating (98.3) in the fourth guarter in 2014, and for his career, he owns the second-highest fourth quarter quarterback rating (102.7) all-time:

| Player Att        | Com   | Pct  | Yds    | TD  | Int | Rate  |
|-------------------|-------|------|--------|-----|-----|-------|
| Russell Wilson427 | 26    | 62.8 | 3,400  | 31  | 9   | 103.0 |
| Tony Romo1,098    | 716   | 65.2 | 9,201  | 75  | 30  | 102.7 |
| A. Rodgers930     | 586   | 63.0 | 7,334  | 63  | 24  | 99.3  |
| Steve Young632    | 412   | 65.2 | 4,807  | 36  | 14  | 97.9  |
| Tom Brady1,794    | 1,100 | 61.3 | 13,013 | 107 | 43  | 93.3  |

Romo continued his prowess in the fourth quarter with the opening game of the 2015 season against the N.Y. Giants (9/13). Down 16-13 entering the fourth quarter - a lead that increased to 10 in the middle of the period - Romo went on to complete 13of-16 passes (81.3) for 159 yards with two touchdowns and one interception for a 121.6 rating that included two scoring drives in the few remaining minutes to claim the comeback victory.

#### TONY'S SEASON TOTALS

Tony Romo has made his mark in the Cowboys history books, placing in the top-five in all the single-season passing categories. He established single-season club records for completions (425), attempts (648) and yards (4,903) in 2012. Below is a look at the Cowboys all-time single-season passing records:

| ATTEMPTS Tony Romo (2012)  | TOUCHDOWNS           Tony Romo (2007)         36           Tony Romo (2014)         34           Tony Romo (2011)         31           Tony Romo (2013)         31           Danny White (1983)         29 |
|--|--|
| COMPLETIONS           Tony Romo (2012)         425           Tony Romo (2009)         347           Tony Romo (2011)         346           Tony Romo (2013)         342           Tony Romo (2007)         335 | COMPLETION PCT Tony Romo (2014) 69.9 Troy Aikman (1993) 69.1 Tony Romo (2011) 66.3 Jon Kitna (2010) 65.7 Tony Romo (2012) 65.6   |
| PASSING YARDS Tony Romo (2012) 4,903 Tony Romo (2009) 4,483 Tony Romo (2007) 4,211 Tony Romo (2011) 4,184 Danny White (1983) 3,980   | RATING Tony Romo (2014)113.2 Roger Staubach (1971) .104.8 Tony Romo (2011)102.5 Troy Aikman (1993)99.0 Tony Romo (2009)97.6  |

## **ROMO'S RANKINGS**

Tony Romo has been steadily climbing the NFL's all-time passing charts. Following the conclusion of the 2015 season, Romo ranks 41st in attempts (4,331), 28th in completions (2,826), 27th in passing yards (34,154) and tied for 21st in touchdown passes (247):

|                | NFL Career Attempts<br>Leaders  | NFL Career Completions<br>Leaders                                    |
|----------------|---|--|
| 1.<br>2.<br>3. | Brett Favre   | 1. Brett Favre6,300<br>2. Peyton Manning6,125<br>3. Drew Brees5,458  |
| 39.<br>40.     | Norm Snead  | 26. Jim Everett2,841<br>27. Johnny Unitas2,830<br>28. Tony Romo2,826 |
|                | NEL 0 B : V I   |  |
|                | NFL Career Passing Yards<br>Leaders   | NFL Career Touchdowns<br>Leaders                                     |
| 1.<br>2.<br>3. | NFL Career Passing Yards           Leaders         71,940           Peyton Manning         71,838           Drew Brees         61,965 | NFL Career Touchdowns  |

#### **ROMO OVER TIME**

Since coming onto the scene in 2006, Tony Romo has racked up 34,154 passing yards in 129 games played under center. Romo's average of 256.8 yards-per-game since 2006 is eighth in the league during that timespan:

| Player              | Yds/G | Yards  | Games |
|---------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Drew Brees          | 308.2 | 49,617 | 161   |
| Peyton Manning      | 280.8 | 38,751 | 138   |
| Tom Brady           | 275.8 | 39,993 | 145   |
| Ben Roethlisberger. | 262.2 | 38,805 | 148   |
| Aaron Rodgers       |       | 32,951 | 126   |
| Matt Ryan           | 261.4 | 33,727 | 129   |
| Philip Řivers       | 258.2 | 42,092 | 162   |
| Tony Romo           |       | 34,154 | 133   |

#### NO PLACE LIKE HOME

In 2012 Tony Romo hit 92 home touchdowns to surpass Danny White (91) for the most in team history. By season's end, he added nine more to total 101. Romo tossed 16 scores at home in 2013 - including a club-record tying five against Denver (10/6) - to give him 117 at the conclusion of the season. In 2014 Romo had one passing touchdown in the season home opener against San Francisco (9/7), three against New Orleans (9/28), two against Houston (10/5), three against the N.Y. Giants (10/19), one against Washington (10/27) and four against Indianapolis (12/21).

He began 2015 with three scores at home against the N.Y. Giants (9/13) to up his career franchise-best total to 134 at home:

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Additionally, Romo's ascension to the top of Cowboys passing charts has been at an incredibly rapid pace. His record-breaking 92nd home touchdown came in just 47 games played behind center. Below is a look at how many games it took the players before him to reach their respective home touchdown figure:

| Home Passing TDs (Cowboys | history - Games Played) |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Player                    | ĞP                      |
| Tony Romo                 | 47                      |
| Danny White               | 84                      |
| Roger Staubach            |                         |
| Troy Aikman               |                         |
| Don Meredith              |                         |

Since becoming a starter in 2006, Romo's 134 home touchdowns are tied for seventh in the league:

| <b>Home Passing TDs since 2006</b> |     |  |  |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|--|--|
| Player                             | TDs |  |  |  |  |  |
| Drew Brees                         | 209 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tom Brady                          | 151 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Peyton Manning                     |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aaron Rodgers                      | 143 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Philip Rivers                      | 139 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Ben Roethlisberger                 | 138 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Eli Manning                        |     |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tony Romo                          |     |  |  |  |  |  |

#### **HOME SWEET HOME**

In 2015, Tony Romo opened the seventh season at what is now AT&T Stadium against the N.Y. Giants (9/13), marking his 42nd game in the stadium since it opened in 2009. With Romo as the starting quarterback, Dallas holds a 25-18 record at its home venue. Romo's personal stats at the stadium are quite impressive. For his career, Romo has completed 992-of-1,493 passes for 11,787 yards, with 83 touchdowns and 46 interceptions. Below is a year-by-year look at Romo's work at AT&T Stadium:

| Year G    | P Att | Com | Pct. | Yds    | TD | Int | Rate  |
|-----------|-------|-----|------|--------|----|-----|-------|
| 20098     | 3 247 | 153 | 61.9 | 1,976  | 14 | 5   | 97.5  |
| 20103     | 3 104 | 70  | 67.3 | 819    | 5  | 5   | 87.0  |
| 20118     | 3 231 | 155 | 67.1 | 1,848  | 16 | 6   | 103.6 |
| 20128     | 368   | 242 | 65.8 | 2,841  | 15 | 12  | 89.1  |
| 20137     | 7 270 | 182 | 67.4 | 2,069  | 16 | 6   | 100.7 |
| 20147     | 207   | 143 | 69.1 | 1,772  | 14 | 7   | 103.8 |
| 20152     | 2 66  | 47  | 71.2 | 462    | 3  | 5   | 74.2  |
| Totals 43 | 1,493 | 992 | 66.4 | 11,787 | 83 | 46  | 96.0  |

# **ROMO'S ROAD**

With his 78-49 record as a starter, Tony Romo has had success when playing on the road. Since being named the club's starter leading into the game at Carolina (10/29/06), Romo holds a 40-24 record away from home.

Romo began his career as a starting quarterback on the road at Carolina (10/29/06) and went on to post an 11-2 road record during his first season and a half at the reins of the Cowboys offense. He was 4-1 in his first season in 2006, then followed that up with a 7-1 record in 2007. In 2008 Romo fought through a finger injury and missed two games to finish 3-3 away from home. He finished 2009 with a 5-3 road record, then in 2010, his season ended three road games in where he was 1-2 before he fractured his left clavicle against the N.Y. Giants (10/25). Romo was 3-5 in 2011, then was 4-4 in 2012. In 2013 he was 3-5. Romo finished 2014 with a perfect 8-0 record and continued it into 2015 as he was victorious at Philadelphia (9/20), but suffered a broken clavicle to his left shoulder that forced him to miss the next seven games. He returned at Miami (11/22) and picked up the win:

#### Tony Romo's Career Record On The Road

| Year  | Record |
|-------|--------|
| 2006  | 4-1    |
| 2007  | 7-1    |
| 2008  | 3-3    |
| 2009  | 5-3    |
| 2010  | 1-2    |
| 2011  | 3-5    |
| 2012  | 4-4    |
| 2013  | 3-5    |
| 2014  | 8-0    |
| 2015  | 2-0    |
| Total | 40-24  |

Romo was one of the top road quarterbacks in the NFL in 2014. On the road he led the league in quarterback rating (121.8), completion percentage (70.6) and yards-per-attempt (8.48), tied for the most touchdowns with 20 and fewest interceptions thrown (two). In 2015, he overtook Troy Aikman (16,251) for the most career passing yards on the road in team history at Miami (11/22).

Below is a look at Romo's career passing stats on the road compared to other top Cowboys quarterbacks:

| ı | Player   | W-L   | Att   | Comp  | Yards  | Pct  | TD  | INT |
|---|----------|-------|-------|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|
| ı | Staubach | 36-19 | 1,466 | 835   | 10,669 | 57.0 | 64  | 47  |
| ı | D.White  | 25-20 | 1,381 | 811   | 9,793  | 58.7 | 62  | 66  |
| ı | Aikman   | 38-42 | 2,384 | 1,469 | 16,521 | 61.6 | 78  | 71  |
| ı | Romo     | 40-24 | 2,166 | 1,412 | 16,507 | 65.2 | 113 | 47  |

#### ROMO'S ROAD TO STREAK ENDS

Tony Romo established an NFL record by throwing at least one touchdown pass in 41 consecutive road games. The record began in 2009 at Kansas City (10/11) and continued until the first road game in 2015 at Philadelphia (9/20) where he failed to throw a scoring pass, ending the streak:

| Tony Romo (2009-15)41   | Aaron Brooks (2000-04)27 |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| Matt Ryan (2011-15)37   | Drew Brees (2009-12)26   |
| P. Manning (2010-15)34  | Tom Brady (2010-13)26    |
| John Hadl (1964-68)32   | Dan Fouts (1979-82)22    |
| Brett Favre (2000-04)32 | Marc Bulger (2003-06)22  |

Romo's 41-game road touchdown streak is also the longest in team history, with the next closest quarterback throwing a touchdown in 10 straight games (Drew Bledsoe - 2005-06):

| <b>Dallas Cowboys Conse</b> | cutive TD | Pass, Road Games | 3 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|------------------|---|
| Player                      | Games     | Seasons          |   |
| Tony Romo                   | 41        | 2009-15          |   |
| Drew Bledsoe                | 10        | 2005-06          |   |
| Tony Romo                   | 8         | 2006-07          |   |
| Danny White                 | 8         | 1983             |   |
| Roger Staubacl              |           | 1973-74          |   |

In 2014 Romo had a streak of four consecutive road games with at least three passing touchdowns and no interceptions - an NFL record - at Jacksonville (11/9), at the N.Y. Giants (11/23), at Chicago (12/4) and at Philadelphia (12/14). The previous record was three games held by Nick Foles in 2013.

# **CONSECUTIVE TD STREAK ENDS**

Tony Romo had a streak of 38 consecutive games with a touchdown pass end against Philadelphia (11/27/14) when he failed to connect on a scoring throw. His 38 games are a club record and the fifth-longest streak in NFL history that began on Oct. 1, 2012 against Chicago. He threw at least one in each of the remaining 12 games of 2012 and in each of the 15 he played in 2013. He continued it through 10 games played in 2014 before it ended:

# Dallas Cowboys Consecutive Touchdown Pass Games

| Player      | Games | Seasons |
|-------------|-------|---------|
| Tony Romo   | 38    | 2012-14 |
| Tony Romo   | 20    | 2009-11 |
| Tony Romo   |       | 2006-07 |
| Trov Aikman | 16    | 1993-94 |

Romo's consecutive touchdown streak is also the sixth-longest streak in NFL history:

#### All-Time NFL Consecutive Touchdown Pass Games

| Player          | Games | Seasons |  |
|-----------------|-------|---------|--|
| Drew Brees      | 54    | 2009-12 |  |
| Tom Brady       | 52    | 2010-13 |  |
| Peyton Manni    | ng51  | 2010-14 |  |
| Johnny Unitas   |       | 1956-60 |  |
| Drew Brees      |       | 2012-15 |  |
| Tony Romo       | 38    | 2012-14 |  |
| Brett Favre     | 36    | 2002-04 |  |
| Dan Marino      | 30    | 1985-87 |  |
| B. Roethlisberg | er30  | 2012-14 |  |

#### CALL IT A COMEBACK

Since taking over as the Dallas Cowboys starting quarterback during the 2006 season, Tony Romo has been at the helm of some thrilling wins for the club. Included in his 78 wins as a starter are 24 occasions in which he led the team to a come-from-behind victory in the fourth quarter or overtime during the regular season. Romo's 24 wins are a franchise-best, and in 2012 he had three straight games in which he had a come-from-behind win and followed that up with two in 2013.

Romo had three late comebacks in 2014 highlighted by his performance at St. Louis (9/21) as the team battled back from 21 points down to overcome the most points to win a game in a non-overtime game in franchise history. He wasted no time to earn his first comeback win in the fourth quarter or overtime in 2015, coming back from a 10-point deficit in the season opening game against the N.Y. Giants (9/13)

Below is a look at each of Romo's 24 games in which he battled a deficit to pull out the win and his fourth quarter stats in those games:

|          |      |       | Time  |     |     |     |    |     | Final |
|----------|------|-------|-------|-----|-----|-----|----|-----|-------|
| Date     | Opp  | Score | Left  | Att | Com | Yds | TD | Int | Score |
| 10/29/06 | @Car | 10-14 | 15:00 | 8   | 5   | 78  | 0  | 0   | 35-14 |
| 11/19/06 | IND  | 7-14  | 15:00 | 6   | 6   | 102 | 0  | 0   | 21-14 |
| 10/8/07  | @Buf | 13-24 | 15:00 | 18  | 13  | 108 | 1  | 1   | 25-24 |
| 12/9/07  | @Det | 14-27 | 15:00 | 20  | 16  | 159 | 1  | 0   | 28-27 |
| 9/15/08  | PΗΙ  | 31-37 | 14:17 | 10  | 7   | 98  | 0  | 0   | 41-37 |
| 11/16/08 | @Was | 7-10  | 15:00 | 5   | 4   | 50  | 1  | 0   | 14-10 |
| 10/11/09 | @KC  | 10-13 | 15:00 | 9   | 4   | 156 | 2  | 0   | 26-20 |
| 11/8/09  | @Phi | 10-13 | 15:00 | 4   | 3   | 64  | 1  | 0   | 20-16 |
| 11/22/09 | WAS  | 0-6   | 15:00 | 10  | 7   | 60  | 1  | 1   | 7-6   |
| 9/18/11  | @SF  | 14-21 | 15:00 | 15  | 12  | 201 | 1  | 0   | 27-24 |
| 9/26/11  | WAS  | 12-16 | 15:00 | 12  | 6   | 107 | 0  | 0   | 18-16 |
| 11/20/11 | @Was | 10-17 | 15:00 | 12  | 6   | 131 | 2  | 0   | 27-24 |
| 11/24/11 | MIA  | 17-19 | 7:14  | 10  | 7   | 73  | 1  | 0   | 20-19 |
| 10/21/12 | @Car | 13-14 | 11:38 | 8   | 4   | 36  | 0  | 0   | 19-14 |
| 11/18/12 | CLE  | 17-20 | 1:07  | 24  | 16  | 142 | 1  | 0   | 23-20 |
| 12/2/12  | PHI  | 24-27 | 9:51  | 5   | 5   | 115 | 2  | 0   | 38-33 |
| 12/9/12  | @Cin | 10-19 | 15:00 | 15  | 11  | 128 | 1  | 0   | 20-19 |
| 12/16/12 | PIT  | 17-24 | 12:37 | 15  | 8   | 73  | 0  | 0   | 27-24 |
| 11/3/13  | MIN  | 20-23 | 0:35  | 17  | 12  | 118 | 1  | 1   | 27-23 |
| 12/22/13 | @Was | 14-23 | 14:56 | 12  | 9   | 140 | 1  | 0   | 24-23 |
| 9/21/14  | @StL | 20-24 | 13:28 | 4   | 5   | 40  | 1  | 0   | 34-31 |
| 10/12/14 | @Sea | 20-23 | 8:16  | 7   | 4   | 44  | 0  | 0   | 30-23 |
| 11/23/14 | @NYG | 24-28 | 3:00  | 7   | 6   | 66  | 1  | 0   | 31-28 |
| 9/13/15  | NYG  | 13-23 | 8:01  | 16  | 13  | 159 | 2  | 1   | 27-26 |

\*italics indicate overtime and are reflected in the stats totals

# **DAK TO THE FUTURE**

The Dallas Cowboys selected Rayne Dakota "Dak" Prescott in the fourth round of the 2016 NFL Draft (135th overall), allowing the Mississippi State product to become the first quarterback drafted by Dallas since Stephen McGee in 2009, and only the fifth since Jerry Jones bought the team in 1989. Dallas' intention was to groom Prescott for the future and slowly bring him along at the position. However, Prescott's trajectory took a quick turn beginning in training camp after veteran and intended No. 2 backup quarterback Kellen Moore suffered a season-ending leg injury during the first week of camp on Aug. 2. Prescott then battled first-year player Jameill Showers for the No. 2 role for the right to backup Tony Romo. However, before the decision could be made, Romo went down with a back injury during the third preseason game at Seattle (8/25), forcing Prescott to enter the game with the first unit. With Romo expected to miss some time, Prescott will assume the role as the starting quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys to begin the 2016 season.

Prescott dazzled in the preseason, and in three games completed 39-of-50 passes (78.0%) for 454 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions for a 137.8 quarterback rating to lead all NFL quarterbacks. His five scoring tosses led the NFL while he finished second with a 78.0 completion percentage, and his 454 passing yards placed him seventh (fourth in the NFC). Prescott also added 53 yards on seven carries on the ground with

Prescott made his NFL debut against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) and became only the fourth rookie to start a season opener at guarterback in franchise history - first since Quincy Carter in 2001 and the 11th overall Cowboys rookie quarterback to start a game at any point during the season. He completed 25-of-45 passes for 227 yards with no touchdowns and no interceptions for a 69.4 quarterback rating. His yards, completions and attempts were the most by a Cowboys rookie quarterback on opening day and the most overall by a Dallas signal caller making his first career start during the season as a rookie. At Washington (9/18) Prescott got the start again to become only the second Cowboys rookie quarterback to start the first two games of the season (Troy Aikman, 1989). He also became the fifth rookie quarterback in the NFL drafted in the fourth round-or-later to start the team's first two games of the season, joining Randy Hedberg (Tampa Bay, 1977), Mike Pagel (Baltimore, 1982), Chris Weinke (Carolina, 2001) and Kyle Orton (Chicago, 2005). He completed 22-of-30 passes (73.3%) for 292 yards - fourth-highest by a Cowboys fookie quarterback - with no touchdowns and no interceptions for a 103.8 rating. With his first career win, Prescott became the first Cowboys rookie quarterback to win a game since Drew Henson against Chicago (11/25/04). He earned his second win of the season against Chicago (9/25/16) to become the first backup quarterback to win making a start at AT&T Stadium since Jon Kitna against Washington (12/19/10), completing 19-of-24 passes for 248 yards with his first career passing touchdown (17-yard strike to Dez Bryant) and no interceptions for a 123.6 rating. By getting the start, he became only the second Cowboys rookie to start the first three games of the season (Aikman, 1989) and third NFL rookie quarterback drafted in the fourth round-or-later to start the team's first three games of the season, joining Weinke (Carolina, 2001) and Orton (Chicago, 2005). Prescott's 123.6 rating and 79.2 completion percentage were both the highest by a Cowboys rookie quarterback in a single game in team history. He also added a one-yard rushing touchdown to mark his second rushing score of the season - most by a rookie quarterback in franchise history.

Considered the most decorated player in Mississippi State history, he left the Bulldogs owning 38 school records while boasting a 23-10 record as a starter for the best winning percentage as a starting quarterback in school history (.697). As the school's all-time leading passer, his career records include passing yards (9,376), passing touchdowns (70), completions (734) and completion percentage (62.8). In total, he accounted for a school record 114 career touchdowns - fourth in SEC history - tallied 11,897 yards of total offense - third in SEC history - and his 2,521 rushing yards were the most by a MSU quarterback and third-most by a quarterback in SEC history.

#### DAK ATTACK

Dallas Cowboys fourth round pick Dak Prescott has commenced his assault on the Dallas Cowboys rookie record books. Starting in each of the club's first three games - only the second Dallas rookie quarterback to do so (Troy Aikman, 1989) - he has completed 66-of-99 passes (66.7%) for 767 yards with one touchdown and no interceptions for a 93.3 rating while boasting a 2-1 record, allowing him to make his mark amongst the top-five performances by a Cowboys rookie quarterback during their first pro seasc

**PASSING YARDS** Troy Aikman, 1989 ... 1,749

C. Hutchinson, 2002.... 1,555

Steve Walsh, 1989 .... 1,371

Quincy Carter, 2001..1,072 Dak Prescott, 2016 ..... 767

**TOUCHDOWNS** 

Troy Aikman, 1989 ......9

Chad Hutchinson, 2002.....7

Steve Walsh, 1989 ......5 Quincy Carter, 2001 ......5

Kevin Sweeney, 1987.....4

| season:  |   |
|--|---|
| ATTEMPTS Troy Aikman, 1989 293 Chad Hutchinson, 2002 250 Steve Walsh, 1989 219 Quincy Carter, 2001 176 Dak Prescott, 2016 99 | QB RATING AS STARTER* Dak Prescott, 2016 93.3 C. Hutchinson, 2002 66.3 Quincy Carter, 2001 63.0 Steve Walsh, 1989 60.5 Troy Aikman, 1989 55.7 |
| COMPLETIONS Troy Aikman, 1989 155 Chad Hutchinson, 2002127 Steve Walsh, 1989 110 Quincy Carter, 200190 Dak Prescott, 201666  | TOTAL QB GAMES PLAYED Troy Aikman, 1989 11 Chad Hutchinson, 2002 9 Steve Walsh, 1989 8 Quincy Carter, 2001 8 Drew Henson, 2004 7              |

| TOTAL QB STARTS       | 3  |
|-----------------------|----|
| Troy Aikman, 1989     | 11 |
| Chad Hutchinson, 2002 | 9  |
| Quincy Carter, 2001   |    |
| Steve Walsh, 1989     |    |
| Dak Prescott, 2016    |    |
| •                     |    |

| I U IAL QD SIAN IS    |     |
|-----------------------|-----|
| Troy Aikman, 1989     |     |
| Chad Hutchinson, 2002 | 9   |
| Quincy Carter, 2001   | 8   |
| Steve Walsh, 1989     | . 5 |
| Dak Prescott, 2016    | 3   |
| ,                     |     |

| WINS AS STARTER             |  |
|-----------------------------|--|
| Q. Carter, 2001 3 (3-5)     |  |
| C. Hutchinson, 2002 2 (2-7) |  |
| K. Sweeney, 1987 2 (2-0)    |  |
| D. Prescott, 2016 2 (2-1)   |  |
| R. Staubach, 1969 1 (1-0)   |  |
| Steve Walsh 1989 1 (1-4)    |  |

\*minimum three starts for QB rating

#### PRESCOTT RATINGS AT 100.0

Dak Prescott is quickly adding up the accolades during his first pro season. Through three games, he has already registered two games with a quarterback rating of 100.0-or-better - tied with Quincy Carter (2001) for the most by a rookie quarterback in team history - and has set two of the top-10 quarterback rating single-game marks by a Dallas Cowboys rookie. Prescott registered a 103.7 quarterback rating in his second career game at Washington (9/18) - good for the then fifth-highest by a rookie signal caller in team history. He topped that with a 123.6 rating against Chicago (9/25) - highest in franchise history:

| Dallas Co            | wboys Sir | ngle-Game | Passer Rating High | hs - Rookie |  |  |
|----------------------|-----------|-----------|--------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Player               |           |           | Player Rate        | Date        |  |  |
| Prescott             | 123.6     | 9/25/16   | Prescott 103.7     | 9/18/16     |  |  |
| Longley              | 123.5     | 11/28/74  | Hutchinson . 102.8 | 11/24/02    |  |  |
| Carter               | 118.9     | 12/30/01  | Carter 100.5       | 12/9/01     |  |  |
| Sweeney              | 118.7     | 10/11/87  | Morton 99.2        | 10/10/65    |  |  |
| Staubach             | 115.3     | 9/21/69   | Aikman 97.5        | 12/3/89     |  |  |
| *minimum 10 attempts |           |           |                    |             |  |  |

#### **COOL HAND DAK**

Dak Prescott's accuracy has been on display since taking over the reigns of the Dallas offense, as he has already registered two games with a completion percentage of 70 percent-or-better for the most games by a rookie in a season in team history. He had a completion percentage of 73.3 on 22-of-30 passes at Washington (9/18), the then second-highest, before topping that by going 19-of-24 on his passes for a 79.2 mark against Chicago (9/25) to set the highest mark in franchise history:

#### Highest Completion Pct. - Single Game, Dallas Cowboys Player Att Cmp Pct Game 79.2 vs. Chi (9/25/16) Dak Prescott .....24 vs. Mia (11/19/89) @ Was (9/18/16) Troy Aikman ......33 75.8 73.3 Dak Prescott ......30 Chad Hutchinson....24 66.7 vs. Jac (11/24/02) Quincy Carter ......26 17 65.4 vs. NYG (12/9/01) Troy Aikman ......28 vs. GB (12/24/89) 18 64.3 Steve Walsh ......36 63.9 vs. SF (10/15/89) Craig Morton.....11 vs. Phi (10/10/65) 63.6 Chad Hutchinson....24 15 62.5 vs. Phi (12/21/02) Steve Walsh .....29 18 62.1 @ GB (10/8/89)

\*minimum 10 attempts

#### **MAKING AN IMPRESSION ON 3RD DOWN**

Converting on third downs has proven to be a strength for Dallas Cowboys rookie quarterback Dak Prescott. Amongst league passers on third down, Prescott ranks second in completion percentage (76.7) and fourth in quarterback rating (112.1):

| NFL Passing | Leaders - | Third | Down | Pct. |
|-------------|-----------|-------|------|------|
|-------------|-----------|-------|------|------|

| Player Att             |    | Pct  | Yds | TD | Int | Rate  |
|------------------------|----|------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| Jimmy Garoppolo, NE 17 | 14 | 82.4 | 195 | 2  | 0   | 153.7 |
| Dak Prescott, Dal30    |    | 76.7 | 252 | 1  | 0   | 112.1 |
| Sam Bradford, Min19    | 14 | 73.7 | 125 | 1  | 0   | 108.4 |
| Matt Ryan, Atl22       | 15 | 68.2 | 154 | 1  | 0   | 103.2 |
| Matt Stafford, Det28   |    | 67.9 | 231 | 1  | 1   | 90.0  |

#### NFL Passing Leaders - Third Down Rating

| Player Att             |    | Pct  | Yds | TD | Int | Rate  |
|------------------------|----|------|-----|----|-----|-------|
| Jimmy Garoppolo, NE 17 | 14 | 82.4 | 195 | 2  | 0   | 153.7 |
| Eli Manning, NYG27     |    | 59.3 | 261 | 2  | 0   | 116.4 |
| Aaron Rodgers, GB28    | 17 | 60.7 | 258 | 4  | 1   | 115.8 |
| Dak Prescott, Dal30    |    | 76.7 | 252 | 1  | 0   | 112.1 |
| Sam Bradford, Min19    |    | 73.7 | 125 | 1  | 0   | 108.4 |

#### PASS NO PICK NFL RECORD

Through his first two games, rookie Dak Prescott attempted an NFL-record 75 passes with no interceptions. After his 45 attempts against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) and 30 attempts at Washington (9/18), Prescott's combined number of 75 surpassed Warren Moon's (72 - 1984) for the most pass attempts through a player's first two career games without an interception in NFL history:

#### Most Pass Attempts w/o INT - 1st 2 Career Games, NFL

| Player                | Attempts | Season |
|-----------------------|----------|--------|
| Dak Prescott, Dal     |          | 2016   |
| Warren Moon, Hou      | 72       | 1984   |
| Carson Wentz, Phi     | 71       | 2016   |
| Chad Hutchinson, Dal. | 63       | 2002   |
| David Klingler, Cin   | 59       | 1992   |
| Case Keenum, Hou      |          | 2013   |

Prescott extended his streak through his third career game with 24 attempts without an interception against Chicago (9/25), upping his total to 99 - good for fourth all-time through a player's first three games:

# Most Pass Attempts w/o INT - 1st 3 Career Games, NFL Player Attempts Season

| Player            | Attempts | Season |
|-------------------|----------|--------|
| Warren Moon, Hou  | 103      | 1984   |
| Case Keenum, Hou  | 102      | 2013   |
| Carson Wentz, Phi |          | 2016   |
| Dak Prescott, Dal | 99       | 2016   |

# DALLAS ROOKIE QBS ON OPENING DAY

Dallas Cowboys rookie quarterback Dak Prescott got the start in the 2016 season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) with Tony Romo sidelined with a back injury. By doing so, he became only the fourth rookie quarterback to start a season opener for the Cowboys, joining Roger Staubach (1969), Troy Aikman (1989) and Quincy Carter (2001). Prescott's completions (25), attempts (45) and yards (227) were all the most by a Cowboys rookie quarterback on opening day in team history:

|   | Dallas Co | wboys Rookie (  | QBs 1 | To St | tart Sea | son O | pener | - Da | te  |
|---|-----------|-----------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|-------|------|-----|
| ı | Player    | Date/Opp        | W/L   | Att   | Comp     | Yards | Pct   | TD   | INT |
| ı | Staubach  | 9/21/69 vs. StL | W     | 15    | 7 -      | 220   | 46.7  | 1    | 0   |
| ı | Aikman    | 9/10/89 @ NO    | L     | 35    | 17       | 180   | 48.6  | 0    | 2   |
| ı | Carter    | 9/9/01 vs. TB   | L     | 19    | 9        | 34    | 47.4  | 0    | 2   |
| ı | Prescott  | 9/11/16 vs. NYG | e L   | 45    | 25       | 227   | 55.6  | 0    | 0   |

Additionally, there have been 10 quarterbacks to start a game during their rookie season for Dallas, making Prescott the 11th in franchise history. Prescott's completions, attempts and yards were also the best by a Cowboys rookie making his first start at any point during a season:

| Dallas Cowboys Rookie QBs First Start - Date |     |     |     |     |      |    |     |  |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|----|-----|--|
| Player Date/Opp                              | W/L | Att | Cmp | Yds | Pct  | TD | INT |  |
| Meredith 11/6/60 vs. LAR                     | L   | 28  | 9   | 76  | 32.1 | 0  | 3   |  |
| Rhome 10/10/65 vs. Phi                       | L   | 14  | 8   | 138 | 57.1 | 1  | 1   |  |
| Morton10/24/65 @ GB                          | L   | 20  | 10  | 61  | 50.0 | 0  | 2   |  |
| Staubach9/21/69 vs. StL                      | W   | 15  | 7   | 220 | 46.7 | 1  | 0   |  |
| Sweeney 10/4/87 @NYJ                         | W   | 14  | 6   | 139 | 42.9 | 3  | 1   |  |
| Aikman 9/10/89 @ NO                          | L   | 35  | 17  | 180 | 48.6 | 0  | 2   |  |
| Walsh 10/8/89 @GB                            | L   | 29  | 18  | 193 | 62.1 | 1  | 1   |  |
| Carter 9/9/01 vs. TB                         | L   | 19  | 9   | 34  | 47.4 | 0  | 2   |  |
| Hutchinson 10/27/02 vs. Sea                  | L   | 24  | 12  | 145 | 50.0 | 1  | 0   |  |
| Henson11/25/04 vs. Chi                       | W   | 12  | 4   | 31  | 33.3 | 0  | 1   |  |
| Prescott9/11/16 vs. NYG                      | L   | 45  | 25  | 227 | 55.6 | 0  | 0   |  |

Prescott was also the 13th overall player in Cowboys history to start a season opener at quarterback for the Cowboys - the first since Tony Romo in 2007 - and the 40th different player to start at quarterback for the Cowboys in team history.

# **NFL ROOKIE QBS ON OPENING DAY**

Since 1999, there have been 24 rookie quarterbacks start a season opener in the NFL, including the first starts for Dallas Cowboys rookie signal caller Dak Prescott and Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Carson Wentz in 2016. Overall, Prescott's 25 completions were the second-most by a rookie quarterback in the NFL to start a season opener since 1999, while his 45 attempts tied for second and his 227 passing yards were seventh:

#### Rookie QBs To Start Season Opener Since 1999 - NFL **Player TD INT** W/L Att Comp Yards Pct Year Quincy Carter, Dal .. 2001 47.4 0 Chris Weinke, Car ... 2001 W 22 13 223 59.1 1 22 43 28 145 152 10 22 15 45.5 51.2 David Carr, Hou ...... 2002 Kyle Boller, Bal ...... 2003 0 Kyle Orton, Chi ...... 2005 141 53.6 Joe Flacco, Bal....... 2008 Matt Ryan, Atl........ 2008 Mark Sanchez, NYJ... 2009 Matt Stafford, Det ... 2009 129 161 51.7 69.2 0 W 29 13 31 37 55 15 37 26 45 36 35 34 27 38 32 001330 272 205 253 W 18 58.1 1 43.2 58.2 66.7 16 Sam Bradford, StL... 2010 11222001212 81 422 320 Andy Dalton, Cin..... 2011 W 10 Cam Newton, Car.... 2011 Robert Griffin, Was .. 2012 64.9 24 19 23 20 12 1 0 3 4 W 73.1 Andrew Luck, Ind..... 2012 309 51.1 219 118 Ryan Tannehill, Mia ... 2012 55.6 Brandon Weeden, Cle .. 2012 Russell Wilson, Sea .. 2012 34.3 153 150 52.9 66.7 18 1 EJ Manuel, Buf...... 2013 Geno Smith, NYJ.... 2013 Ó 18 W 24 20 63.2 256 62.5 Derek Carr, Oak...... 2014 151 0 Marcus Mariota, Ten.. 2015 Jameis Winston, TB... 2015 Carson Wentz, Phi... 2016 15 33 13 16 209 210 86.7 48.5 W 4 2 2 020 W 37 278 59.5 22 Dak Prescott, Dal... 2016 25 227 55.6 0

# **CLIMBING THE TE CHARTS**

Since entering the league in 2003, Jason Witten has proven his skills as an offensive weapon. He has provided Dallas with the full package at tight end. Entering his 14th season, Witten has caught 1,034 passes for 11,357 yards and 60 touchdowns. He is the second all-time leading tight end in career receptions and receiving yards. To open the 2011 season Witten became the seventh tight end in

league history to reach 7,000 receiving yards. His work through the 2011 season allowed him to crack the top-five on the tight end receiving yards list. In 2012 against Tampa Bay (9/23), Witten moved into third all-time. He then crossed the 8,000-yard mark against Chicago (10/1) with his 15th career 100-yard game. He opened the 2013 sea-

son by crossing the 9,000-yard threshold.

By mid-November of 2011, Witten passed Ozzie Newsome (662) for third on the all-time receptions list. With four catches at Seattle (9/16) in 2012, he became the third tight end in league

at Seattle (9/16) in 2012, he became the third tight end in league history with 700 career catches. His seven catches in the finale at Washington (12/30) made him the third tight end in league history to reach 800 career receptions. In Week 2 of 2013 at Kansas City (9/15) Witten passed Shannon Sharpe (817) for second in catches. In 2014 he reached 10,000 career receiving yards on a 34-yard catch against Houston (10/5) to become only the third tight end in NFL history to reach that mark. The very next game at Seattle (10/12) he caught his 900th career pass on a three-yard scoring strike from Romo in the second quarter to become the second tight end in league history, the first Dallas Cowboy and the 16th overall player to reach 900.

900

In 2015 he had 27 yards against the N.Y. Giants (10/19) to pass Sharpe (10,060) for the second-most receiving yards by an NFL tight end. Witten surpassed 11,000 career receiving yards against Carolina (11/26) to become only the second tight end in NFL history to do so. He reached 1,000 career receptions at Washington (12/7), becoming the 12th player in NFL history - second tight end - to reach that mile-

| NFL Career Receptions  | NFL Career Receiving     |  |  |  |
|------------------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| Leaders (TEs)          | Yards Leaders (TEs)      |  |  |  |
| 1. Tony Gonzalez 1,325 | 1. Tony Gonzalez 15,127  |  |  |  |
| 2. Jason Witten* 1,034 | 2. Jason Witten*11,357   |  |  |  |
| 3. Antonio Gates*      | 3. Antonio Gates* 10,679 |  |  |  |
| 4. Shannon Sharpe 815  | 4. Shannon Sharpe 10,060 |  |  |  |
| 5. Ozzie Newsome 662   | 5. Ozzie Newsome7,980    |  |  |  |
| * indicates            | active players           |  |  |  |
|                        |                          |  |  |  |

#### TE's TDs

Coming off a 2010 season in which he registered a career-high Coming off a 2010 season in which he registered a career-high and club tight end record-tying nine touchdowns, Jason Witten became the seventh Dallas Cowboy with 40 career touchdown catches in 2011. Later that same season, Witten tied Billy Joe DuPree (41) for sixth in club history. He then broke that tie in 2012 with a scoring grab against Chicago (10/1) to give him sole possession of sixth. He added a pair in the 2013 season opener, one against Denver (10/6) and one against Minnesota (11/3) to give him 48 and tie Drew Pearson for fifth in squad history. He tied Frank Clarke for fourth with two more snags at the N.Y. Giants (11/24), tied Tony Hill for third with a score at Chicago (12/9) and took sole possession of third with a touchdown against Green Bay (12/15):

#### All-Time Cowboys Receiving Touchdown List (1965-74 (1988-99 Bob Hayes .....71 Michael Irvin......65 **(2003-16)** (2010-16) Jason Witten ...... 60 Dez Bryant.....60

# **MORE TE's TDs**

In 2013 Jason Witten reached 50 career touchdowns - the ninth tight end in league history to reach that mark - and entered the 2014 season tied with Dave Casper for eighth amongst all league tight ends all-time. At Seattle (10/12/14) he caught a touchdown to give him 53 for his career to break a tie with Casper and tie Dallas Clark (53) for seventh. Against Washington (10/27/14) he broke a tie with Clark with one touchdown and tied Wesley Walls for sixth, then moved past Walls and tied Vernon Davis (55) at Jacksonville (11/9/14). He passed Davis with a score at the N.Y. Giants (11/23/14). He tied Jerry Smith with his 60th score against Washington (1/3/16):

| Tight End      | TDs | Years   | Tight End    | TDs | Years   |
|----------------|-----|---------|--------------|-----|---------|
| Tony Gonzalez  | 111 | 1997-13 | Wesley Walls | 54  | 1989-03 |
| Antonio Gates* | 105 | 2003-16 | Jimmy Graham | *54 | 2010-16 |
| R.Gronkowski*  | 65  | 2010-16 | Dallas Clark | 53  | 2003-13 |
| Shannon Sharpe | 62  | 1990-03 | Dave Casper  | 52  | 1974-84 |
| Jerry Smith    | 60  | 1965-77 | Ben Coates   | 50  | 1991-00 |
| Jason Witten*  | 60  | 2003-16 | Greg Olsen*  | 50  | 2007-16 |
| Vernon Davis*  | 55  | 2006-15 |              |     |         |
|                |     |         |              |     |         |

\*indicates active player

#### **LEADING MAN**

Already placing in the top-two in career receptions and receiving yards all-time among league tight ends, Jason Witten is climbing the NFL's all-time receptions and receiving yards charts among all position players. Witten opened 2016 ranked 10th in receptions (1,020) and 32nd in receiving yards (11,215). In 2015 Witten reached 1,000 career receptions at Washington (12/7) - only the second tight end and 12th player overall to do so - while moving up to 10th overall in catches in NFL history. In league all-time receiving yards, he climbed up to 32nd all-time when he passed Chad Johnson (11,059) at Green Bay (12/13/15): Witten began the 2016 season with nine catches in the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) to surpass Isaac Bruce (1,024) for ninth on the NFL's all-time receptions list:

|                            | · /                       |        | •                                  |  |  |  |  |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------|------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
|                            | NFL Career Recept Leaders | otions | NFL Career Receiving Yards Leaders |  |  |  |  |
| 1.                         | Jerry Rice                | 1,549  | 1. Jerry Rice22,895                |  |  |  |  |
| 2.                         | Toný Gonzalez             | 1,325  | 2. Terrell Owens 15,934            |  |  |  |  |
| 3.                         | Marvin Harrison           | 1,102  | 3. Randy Moss15,292                |  |  |  |  |
| 8.                         | Andre Johnson*            | 1.057  | 30. Rod Smith11,389                |  |  |  |  |
| 9.                         | Larry Fitzgerald*         |        | 31. Keenan McCardell 11,373        |  |  |  |  |
| 10.                        | Jason Witten*             |        | 32. Jason Witten* 11,357           |  |  |  |  |
| * indicates active players |                           |        |                                    |  |  |  |  |

# THAT'S A BUNCH OF WITT

After coming into the league as Dallas' third round draft pick in 2003, Jason Witten has strung together a Hall of Fame career. He has appeared in the most Pro Bowls by a Cowboys tight end (10, seven consecutive - 2004-10 and three consecutive 2012-14), and is tied for the second-most by any Dallas player in team history, is tops on the club's all-time receptions chart and second on the receiving yards chart. In 2012 he took the top spot on the club's receptions chart from Michael Irvin at Atlanta (11/4). Witten took 151 games to reach the top of the team's receptions chart which was faster than reach the top of the team's receptions chart which was faster than Irvin (159). When compared to the two other NFL tight ends with at least 750 catches - Tony Gonzalez and Shannon Sharpe - Witten also reached the mark faster - Gonzalez (163 games), Sharpe (169). Witten hit 950 career receptions after an eight catch performance against the N.Y. Giants (9/13/15). By reaching that mark in his 192nd career game, he did it faster than Gonzalez (198 games) - the only

other tight end to reach 950 career receptions

He surpassed 1,000 career receptions at Washington (12/7/15) with five catches against the Redskins, reaching that mark in his 203rd game to become the sixth-fastest NFL player to do so, and the fastest tight end.

Jason Witten ..... 18

Clark Gaines ...... 17

Witten accounts for 649 catches and 7,287 yards of Romo's 2,826 completions and 34,154 yards. Both numbers are more than any other player that has caught a pass from Romo.

In 2012 Witten caught 13 passes against Chicago (10/1) which was third in his career and tied for third among any Cowboys pass catcher and tied for eighth by an NFL tight end. He then bettered that with a club-record 18-catch game against the N.Y. Giants (10/28). His 18 receptions tied for third in a game in NFL history and were the most by a tight end in league history. by a tight end in league history:

**Single-Game Cowboys Receptions** 

Five Tied ...... 14

| Single-Gaine Cowboys Receptions |                  |      |  |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------|--|--|--|--|
| No                              | o. Opp (Date)    |      |  |  |  |  |
| 18                              | 3 NYĞ (10/28/12  | 2)   |  |  |  |  |
| 15                              | 5 @ Det (12/9/07 | 7)   |  |  |  |  |
| 14                              | 1                | 09)  |  |  |  |  |
| 13                              |                  |      |  |  |  |  |
| 13                              | 3 Chi (10/1/12)  | ,    |  |  |  |  |
| 13                              | Bàl (10/14/1     | 12)  |  |  |  |  |
| Single-Game Receptions          |                  |      |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | NFL History (TE  | Es)  |  |  |  |  |
| Rec.                            | Player           | Rec. |  |  |  |  |
| 21                              | Jason Witten     | 18   |  |  |  |  |
| 20                              | Kellen Winslow   | 15   |  |  |  |  |
| 18                              | Jason Witten     |      |  |  |  |  |
|                                 | No               | No.  |  |  |  |  |

#### 100

On his third catch against New Orleans (12/23/12), Jason Witten reached 100 receptions for the season for the first time in his career. He was the second player in franchise history to top 100 in a season (Michael Irvin, 111 in 1995) and the third tight end in league history to accomplish the feat. Witten finished with a league tight end record 110 catches:

| 100-Catch Seas | on (NFL | TEs) |
|----------------|---------|------|
| Jason Witten   | 110     | 2012 |
| Tony Gonzalez  | 102     | 2004 |
| Dalías Clark   | 100     | 2009 |

#### **QUICK WITT-ED**

Jason Witten has steadily climbed Dallas' all-time receiving yards charts. In 2008 he became the sixth player in Cowboys history to reach 4,000 career receiving yards. In 2010 Witten became the fifth Cowboy to top 6,000 career yards. He opened 2011 with 110 yards at the N.Y. Jets (9/11) to become the fifth Cowboy to reach 7,000. His 94-yard outing against Detroit (10/2) put him past Bob Hayes (7,295) for fourth all-time in club history. He took third from Drew Pearson with four catches for 24 yards against Philadelphia (12/24). In 2012 Witten topped 8,000 yards with his 112-yard game against Chicago (10/1). Witten opened 2013 with 70 yards against the N.Y. Giants (9/8) to become the second Cowboy and third tight end to reach 9,000 career receiving yards. In 2014 he reached 10,000 career yards after a 59-yard performance against Houston (10/5) to become the third tight end - and second Cowboy - to reach 11,000 career receiving yards with 36 yards against Carolina (11/26/15):

| All | -Time Cowboys | Receiving | Yards List |   |
|-----|---------------|-----------|------------|---|
| 1.  | Michael Irvin | 11,904    | (1988-99)  | ١ |
| 2.  | Jason Witten  | 11,357    | (2003-16)  |   |
| 3.  | Tony Hill     | 7,988     | (1977-86)  | į |
|     | Drew Pearson  |           | (1973-83)  |   |
| 5.  | Bob Hayes     | 7,295     | (1965-74)  |   |

Among his 11,357 yards are 20 games in which he reached 100 yards - a club tight end record. His 20 100-yard outings is tied for fourth all-time among league tight ends since 1970:

|    | Cowboys<br>Tight End       | NFL<br>Tight End   | 100-yard<br>Games |
|----|----------------------------|--|-------------------|
| 1. | Jason Witte<br>Doug Cosbie | <ol> <li>Tony Gonzalez</li> <li>Kellen Winslow,</li> </ol> | 31<br>Sr 24       |
| ۷. | Jay Novacek                | <ol><li>Antonio Gates</li></ol>                            | 21                |
|    |                            | 4. Jason Witten  |                   |
|    |                            | <ol><li>5. Rob Gronkowski</li></ol>                        | 20                |

In 2008 Witten became the fifth pass catcher in team history to top 400 receptions. Four weeks into 2009, he became the fifth to reach 450. He jumped past Tony Hill (fifth) and Emmitt Smith (fourth) also in 2009. He took second from Drew Pearson with 14 catches at the N.Y. Giants (12/6/09) - second in his career. He became the second Cowboy to reach 700 receptions in Week 2 of 2012, and he added seven catches at Atlanta (11/4) to pass Michael Irvin for the top spot on Dallas' all-time receptions chart:

| All | All-Time Cowboys Receptions List |       |           |  |  |  |  |  |
|-----|----------------------------------|-------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|
| 1.  | Jason Witten                     | 1,034 | (2003-16) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2.  | Michael Irvin                    | 750   | (1988-99) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3.  | Drew Pearson                     | 489   | (1973-83) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4.  | Emmitt Smith                     | 486   | (1990-02) |  |  |  |  |  |
| 5   | Tony Hill                        | 479   | (1977-86) |  |  |  |  |  |

Since 2006, Witten has caught the most passes (846) for the most yards (9,273) among active league tight ends:

| Player        | Rec. | Player         | Yards |
|---------------|------|----------------|-------|
| Jason Witten  | 846  | Jason Witten   |       |
| Antonio Gates | 656  | Antonio Gates  | 8,225 |
| Greg Olsen    | 560  | Greg Olsen     |       |
| Vernon Davis  | 467  | Vernon Davis   | 5,912 |
| Jimmy Graham  |      | Rob Gronkowski | 5,555 |

#### 40x12

With a club-record 18 catches against the N.Y. Giants (10/28/12), Jason Witten hit 51 receptions for the season for his ninth straight season of 40 catches-or-more. He was the fourth tight end in NFL history with nine 40-catch seasons and the third to do it in nine-plus straight. Nine games into 2013, Witten hit 40 catches and became the fourth tight end with at least 10 overall and the third with 10 straight. Witten once again was able to get to 40 receptions in 2014 after posting four grabs at the N.Y. Giants (11/23). By doing so, he became the fourth tight end in NFL history with 11 seasons with 40-or-more receptions, and third tight end to accomplish the feat in 11 consecutive seasons. For the 12th time - and 12th consecutive season - Witten reached 40 receptions eight games into the 2015 season with six grabs against Philadelphia (11/8/15) to become only the second tight end in NFL history (Gonzalez) to accomplish that feat:

| 40-plus catch seasons by a tight end |       |         |         |  |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|-------|---------|---------|--|--|--|
| Tight End                            | Total | Consec. | Years   |  |  |  |
| Tony Gonzalez                        | 16    | 16      | 1998-13 |  |  |  |
| Jason Witten                         |       | 12      | 2004-15 |  |  |  |

#### 50x12

With two catches at Miami (11/22/15), Jason Witten topped 50 catches for the 12th consecutive season. It allowed him to become only the ninth player - second tight end (Tony Gonzalez) - in NFL history to post 12 total. He is also only the fourth player - second tight end (Gonzalez) - to post 12 consecutive seasons with 50-or-more receptions:

| 50-plus catch sea | asons by a | a tight end |
|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Tight End         | Total      | Consec.     |
| Tony Gonzalez     | 16         | 12          |
| Jason Witten      | 12         | 12          |

#### 60x12

In the *Monday Night Football* win at Washington (12/7/15), Jason Witten caught five passes to give him 60 catches for the year - his 12th overall and 12th consecutive season with 60 receptions.

Witten became the fourth NFL player - second tight end - in league history with at least 12 60-plus catch seasons. He is also only the second player - second tight end - with 12 straight. Witten is the only Dallas Cowboy with 12 60-catch seasons:

| 60-plus catch seasons - NFL |       |         |  |  |  |  |
|-----------------------------|-------|---------|--|--|--|--|
| Player                      | Total | Consec. |  |  |  |  |
| Jerry Rice                  | 17    | 11      |  |  |  |  |
| Iony Gonzalez               | 16    | 15      |  |  |  |  |
| Terrell Owens               | 12    | 9       |  |  |  |  |
| Jason Witten                |       | 12      |  |  |  |  |

#### 70x9

Jason Witten topped 70 catches against the N.Y. Jets (12/19/15). Witten has nine overall and seven consecutive 70-catch season - both second all-time among league tight ends:

| 70-plus catch seas |       |         |
|--------------------|-------|---------|
| Tight End          | Total | Consec. |
| Tony Gonzalez      | 14    | 11      |
| Jason Witten       | 9     | 7       |
| Antonio Gates      | 6     | 4       |
| Shannon Sharpe     | 5     | 2       |

#### 80x6

With his nine catches on Thanksgiving Day against Washington (11/22/12), Jason Witten passed 80 catches for the sixth time in his career. Witten's six 80+ catch seasons are second to Tony Gonzalez (eight) for the most by a tight end in league history.

|                    | 80+ Catch |
|--------------------|-----------|
| Tight End          | Seasons   |
| Tony Gonzalez      | 8         |
| Jason Witten       | 6         |
| Todd Christensen   | 4         |
| Kellen Winslow, Sr | 3         |
| Shannon Sharpe     | 3         |
| Jimmy Graham       | 3         |

#### 90x4

Jason Witten reached 90 catches in 2012 for the fourth time in his career. Witten's four 90-catch seasons are second to Tony Gonzalez (five) for the most 90-catch seasons by a tight end in league history. Witten had 90-plus catches in 2009 and 2010 to join Gonzalez as the only tight ends with consecutive 90-catch seasons.

| 90-Catch Seasons (Tight Ends) |     |      |                |       |      |  |  |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|----------------|-------|------|--|--|
| Tight End R                   | lec | Year | Tight End (    | Rec   | Year |  |  |
| Jason Witten 1                | 110 | 2012 | Jason Witten   | 94    | 2009 |  |  |
| Tony Gonzalez 1               | 02  | 2004 | Jason Witten   | 94    | 2010 |  |  |
| Dallas Clark 1                | 00  | 2009 | Tony Gonzalez  | 93    | 2000 |  |  |
| Tony Gonzalez                 | 99  | 2007 | Tony Gonzalez  | 93    | 2012 |  |  |
| Jimmy Graham                  | 99  | 2011 | T. Christensen |       | 1983 |  |  |
| Ben Ćoates                    | 96  | 1994 | Rob Gronkows   | ki 90 | 2011 |  |  |
| Tony Gonzalez                 | 96  | 2008 |                |       |      |  |  |
| Jason Witten                  | 96  | 2007 |                |       |      |  |  |
| T.Christensen                 | 95  | 1986 |                |       |      |  |  |

#### 100x20

Jason Witten holds the club tight end record with 20 career 100-yard games:

Witten's 100-yard games

| Yds Opp  | Date     | Yds | Opp  | Date     | Yds | Opp  | Date     |
|----------|----------|-----|------|----------|-----|------|----------|
| 167 NYG  | 10/28/12 | 117 | @Was | 12/27/09 | 110 | @NYJ | 9/11/11  |
| 156 @NYG | 12/6/09  | 116 | NYG  | 9/9/07   | 108 | ΡΉΙ  | 12/2/12  |
| 140 WAS  | 12/19/10 | 115 | Sea  | 11/27/08 | 107 | Oak  | 11/26/09 |
| 138 @Det | 12/9/07  | 113 | PHI  | 12/16/07 | 103 | @Buf | 10/8/07  |
| 135 PHI  | 12/29/13 | 112 | @GB  | 10/24/04 | 102 | @SF  | 9/18/11  |
| 133 PHI  | 11/15/04 | 112 | ČHI  | 10/1/12  | 102 | ΜIN  | 11/3/13  |
| 121 DEN  | 10/6/13  | 110 | PHI  | 9/15/08  |     |      |          |

# Top-Five Dallas Cowboys Tight End Receiving DaysPlayerYardsOppDateJason Witten167NYG10/28/12Doug Cosbie159@Det9/15/85Jason Witten156@NYG12/6/09

#### 500x12

Jason Witten's 36 yards against Carolina (11/26/15) put him over the 500-yard mark. The 2015 season was Witten's 12th career and 12th consecutive 500-yard season. He is the 12th NFL player - second tight end - with 12 career and 12 straight. He is the only player in team history with 12 500-yard seasons.

500-plus yard seasons **NFL Tight End Cowboys History** Player Player Tot Consec. Tot Consec. Jason Witten ... 12 Drew Pearson ... 9 16 **12** 12 Tony Gonzalez.... 16 Jason Witten..... 12 1<u>1</u> Tony Hill.....9 Antonio Gates..... 11 Shannon Sharpe.. 11 Michael Irvin ..... 9 8

#### 600x12

Jason Witten topped 600 yards for the 2015 season with a 49-yard performance against the N.Y. Jets (12/19). Witten has reached the 600-yard mark 12 times overall and consecutively. His 12 overall are second all-time among league tight ends and second for consecutive seasons among the same group. His 12 are the most overall and are the most consecutive in team history:

600-plus yard seasons

| NFL Tight End | d i      | Cowboys History   |                          |                              |
|---------------|----------|---|--------------------------|------------------------------|
|               | 16<br>12 | Player<br>Jason Witten<br>Michael Irvin<br>Tony Hill<br>Bob Hayes | Tot<br>12<br>9<br>8<br>7 | Consec.<br>12<br>8<br>4<br>7 |
|               |          | Drew Péarson  | (                        | 6                            |

#### 700X11

Jason Witten had 58 yards against Washington (1/3/16) to put him over 700 yards for the 12th time in his career and 12th consecutive season. He is the second tight end in NFL history to reach 12 seasons, and the first to do it in 12 straight. He also has the most overall and most consecutive 700-plus yard seasons in team history:

700-plus yard seasons

| NFL Tight  | Cowboys Hi | story                   |
|--|------------|-------------------------|
| Player To<br>Tony Gonzalez 14<br>Jason Witten 12 |            | <b>Consec.</b> 12 8 4 6 |

#### 800x7

With a 135-yard game against Philadelphia (12/29/13), Jason Witten reached the 800-yard mark for the season for the eighth time in his career. He had a streak of seven consecutive 800-plus yard seasons, tying Tony Gonzalez for the most all-time among tight ends. His eight total is good for second:

| 800-plus yard sea | sons (N | FL tight end |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|
| Player            | Total   | Consec.      |
| Tony Gonzalez     | 13      | 7            |
| Jason Witten      | 8       | 7            |
| Shannon Sharpe    | 6       | 2            |
| Antonio Gates     | 6       | 4            |

#### 900x6

Jason Witten reached the 900-yard mark in 2012 during Week 15. He has topped 900 yards seven times in his career and in sixth straight seasons. His seven are second to Tony Gonzalez (nine) while his six straight are tied with Gonzalez':

| 900-plus yard seas Player | ons (N | FL tight end) |
|---------------------------|--------|---------------|
|                           |        | Consec.       |
| Tony Gonzalez             | 9      | 6             |
| Jason Witten              |        | 6             |
| Antonio Gates             |        | 4             |
| Todd Christensen          |        | 4             |
| Shannon Sharpe            | 4      | 2             |

#### 1,000x4

Jason Witten closed out the 2012 season with 1,039 yards second on the team and tops among league tight ends. It was his fourth career 1,000-yard season. Witten tied Tony Gonzalez for the most 1,000-yard seasons by a tight end in league history:

| 1,000-plus yard seaso                | ` Seasons ´ |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| Tony Gonzalez  Jason Witten          | 4           |
| Kellen Winslow                       | 3           |
| Todd Christensen .<br>Shannon Sharpe | 3<br>3      |

#### **CATCHES KEEP COMING**

Dating back to Nov. 16, 2008, Jason Witten has made at least one catch in 122 consecutive games, most in franchise history. He surpassed Michael Irvin (117) with one catch at Buffalo (12/27/15) for the all-time record. The last game that Witten did not have a catch was at the N.Y. Giants (11/2/08), and since that time, he has posted 640 receptions for 6,825 yards (10.7 avg.) and 37 touchdowns during that span:

| Most Consecutive Games, Pa |       |          |
|----------------------------|-------|----------|
| Player                     | Games |          |
| Jason Witten*              |       | 2008-16* |
| Michael Irvin              | 117   | 1990-98  |
| Tony Hill                  | 72    | 1021_26  |

\*indicates current streak

### I AM IRON MAN

Jason Witten has played in a team-record 206 consecutive games out of a possible 210 games in his career, missing just one game due to a broken jaw against Arizona (10/5/03). At Miami (11/22/15) he surpassed Bob Lilly for the most in team history, and it is currently the second-longest streak amongst all active NFL players:

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In total, Witten's 210 career games played are third in team history after breaking a tie with Randy White (209) against Chicago (9/25/16):

| Most Games Played - Dallas Cowboys   |
|--|
| Player Games   |
| Ed Jones, 1974-78, 1980-89224  |
| Bill Bates, 1983-97, 217   |
| Ed Jones, 1974-78, 1980-89224<br>Bill Bates, 1983-97217<br><i>Jason Witten, 2003-16210</i> |

Witten also has a current streak of 150 consecutive games started, the second-longest in team history when he surpassed Cornell Green at Buffalo (12/27/15) for that spot and is currently the third-longest active streak in the NFL:

Most Consecutive Games Started - Dallas Cowboys
Player Starts
Lee Roy Jordan, 1966-76.....154
Jason Witten, 2006-16\*......150
Cornell Green, 1964-74.......145

\*indicates current streak

Overall, his 200 career starts rank second in team history after he broke a tie with Emmitt Smith (199) against Chicago (9/25/16):

Most Games Started - Dallas Cowboys Player Starts Ed Jones, 1974-78, 1980-89203 Jason Witten, 2006-16......200 Emmitt Smith, 1990-2002.....199

# **WITTEN AT 700 AND 8,000**

In 2012 Jason Witten became the third tight end in league history to reach 700 career receptions (9/16). He did it in 145 career games - the fastest of the previous two.

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Witten then topped 8,000 career yards (10/1) to become the third tight end to reach the mark. He did it in 147 games - the fastest of the previous two. Antonio Gates then bettered Witten's speed to 8,000 yards, reaching the mark in his 137th game on Oct. 15:

# Tight Ends games to 8,000 career receiving yards Player Games Antonio Gates .............137 Jason Witten...........147 Tony Gonzalez ...........149

# **WITTEN AT 800 AND 9,000**

In the 2012 season finale, Jason Witten caught his 800th career pass. He became just the third tight end in league history to reach that figure. He reached 800 in 159 games - faster than the previous two. Witten entered 2013 52 yards shy of 9,000 career yards, and he became the third tight end in NFL history to reach the mark with a touchdown catch in the second quarter of the opener. He again did it faster than the previous two:

| 800 Rec.                          |              | 9,000 yards                     |            |  |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|------------|--|
| Player<br>Jason Witten            | Games<br>159 |                                 | Games      |  |
| Tony Gonzalez<br>Shannon Sharpe . | 171          | Tony Gonzalez<br>Shannon Sharpe | 163<br>183 |  |

# **WITTEN AT 900 AND 10,000**

On a 34-yard catch in the third quarter against Houston (10/5/14), Jason Witten hit 10,000 career receiving yards. By reaching that milestone, he became the third tight end in NFL history, the 41st overall player in league history and the second Dallas Cowboy (Michael Irvin) to reach that mark. Witten reached the 10,000-yard plateau in his 180th career game to become the second-fastest tight end to get to that point. The very next week at Seattle (10/12), Witten caught two passes to up his career total receptions to 900, becoming only the second tight end in NFL history, first Dallas Cowboy and 16th overall player to do so. He reached that mark in his 181st game, the fastest tight end - and eighth-fastest player overall - in NFL history to reach that mark. Witten also became only the 16th player in NFL history to reach both 900 career receptions and 10,000 career receiving yards:

| 900 Rec.       | les to 300 re | 10,000 yards  |       |  |
|----------------|---------------|---------------|-------|--|
| Player         | Games         | Player        | Games |  |
| Jason Witten   | 181           | Tony Gonzalez |       |  |
| Tony Gonzalez  | 188           | Jason Witten  | 180   |  |
| Shannon Sharpe | 203           |               |       |  |

Tight Ends games to 900 recentions and 10 000 yards

# **WITTEN AT 1,000 AND 11,000**

Jason Witten reached 11,000 career receiving yards after posting 36 yards against Carolina (11/26/15). He became only the second tight end in NFL history, 32nd overall player in league history and the second Cowboy (Michael Irvin) to reach that plateau. Witten reached 11,000 career yards in his 202nd game to serve as the second-fastest tight end to get to that mark. In his next game at Washington (12/7/15), Witten crossed the 1,000 career reception mark after hauling in five passes. By doing so, he became the 12th player in NFL history, second tight end and first Cowboy, while becoming the sixth-fastest player - fastest tight end - to reach that mark. He also became the 12th player in NFL history to reach both 1,000 career receptions and 11,000 career receiving yards:

| Tight Ends game<br>1,000 Rec.           | es to 1,000 r | eceptions and 11,0<br>11,000 yard       | 00 yards            |
|---|---------------|---|---------------------|
| Player<br>Jason Witten<br>Tony Gonzalez | Games<br>203  | Player<br>Tony Gonzalez<br>Jason Witten | <b>Games</b><br>191 |

#### **BY DEZIGN**

After trading up in the 2010 NFL Draft to select Dez Bryant in the first round with the 24th overall pick, the Dallas Cowboys have seen nothing but production from the wide receiver. Despite his rookie season being cut short due to injury, Bryant was third on the team with 561 yards and six touchdowns and fourth with 45 catches. His reception total was second all-time among club rookies, his touchdowns were third and receiving yards fifth.

He improved upon those numbers in his second season (2011), catching 63 passes for 928 yards and nine touchdowns before topping club receiving charts in 2012 with 1,382 yards (fourth in club history) and 12 touchdowns (tied for fifth) on 92

catches (seventh).

Bryant finished 2013 as the team leader in receptions (93) yards (1,233) and touchdowns (13). He continued in 2014 where he left off, leading the team with 88 receptions for 1,320 yards and a franchise-best 16 touchdowns. He fought through foot and ankle injuries and was limited to nine games in 2015, catching a career-low 31 passes for 401 yards and three touchdowns.

Now in his seventh season, Bryant has totaled 423 receptions for 5,975 yards and 60 touchdowns. His totals all rank amongst the top five spots in club history through a player's first seven

seasons:

# Dallas Cowboys Receiving Figures (through seven seasons) Receptions Yards

|   | Player (Years)          | Rec | Player (Years)         | Yds     |
|---|-------------------------|-----|------------------------|---------|
|   | Jason Witten (2003-09)  |     |                        |         |
| ı | Dez Bryant (2010-16)    | 423 | Bob Hayes (1965-71)    | . 6,617 |
|   | Michael Irvin (1988-94) |     |                        | . 5,975 |
| ı | Emmitt Smith (1990-96)  | 348 | Jason Witten (2003-09) | .5,965  |
|   | Drew Pearson (1973-79)  | 335 | Drew Pearson (1973-79) | . 5,713 |
| ı |                         |     |                        |         |

| Touchdowns              |     |
|-------------------------|-----|
| Player (Years)          | TDs |
| Bob Hayes (1965-71)     | 67  |
| Dez Bryant (2010-16)    |     |
| Michael Irvin (1988-94) |     |
| Tony Hill (1977-83)     |     |
| Miles Austin (2006-12)  | 34  |

# 88, 88, 88

With the selection of Dez Bryant in the first round of the 2010 NFL Draft, the Dallas Cowboys added to their lineage of homegrown talent at wide receiver. Bryant was issued the jersey number 88 to follow in the footsteps of two of the previous 88s in club history - Drew Pearson (1973-83) and Michael Irvin (1988-99). His progress as a rookie was slowed after landing on IR with

His progress as a rookie was slowed after landing on IR with an ankle injury suffered at Indianapolis (12/5/10). He returned in 2011 with 63 catches for 928 yards and nine touchdowns. In 2012 Bryant notched his first career 1,000-yard receiving season with a career-best 1,382 yards on 92 catches and 12 touchdowns. In 2013 Bryant led the team in receiving yards (1,233) with his second consecutive 1,000-yard season while also leading with a career-high in catches (93) and a then career-high in touchdowns (13).

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Bryant began the 2016 season with one catch for eight yards in the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11). He increased his production significantly at Washington (9/18) with seven receptions for 102 yards - his 16th career 100-yard game. Bryant caught his 60th career touchdown against Chicago (9/25) as part of a three reception, 40-yard game.

Below is a comparison between the Cowboys 88s after 85 games:

| Yds   | Avg            | TD                       |
|-------|----------------|--------------------------|
| 5,347 | 17.Ŏ           | 25                       |
| 6,749 | 16.8           | 40                       |
| 5,975 | 14.1           | 60                       |
|       | 5,347<br>6,749 | 5,347 17.0<br>6,749 16.8 |

#### A GRAND FOR DEZ

With six catches for 82 yards at Chicago (12/4/14), Dez Bryant topped 1,000 yards on the season for the third time in his career. He accomplished the feat in 2012 with 1,382 yards, and had 1,233 in 2013. Bryant's 1,000-yard season in 2014 marks the 31st in franchise history, and he is the 12th different Cowboy to top 1,000 yards in a season. His mark of 1,320 yards in 2014 tied for seventh in a season in team history:

Dallas Cowboys 1,000-yard Seasons Yards Year Player Y

| Player        | Yards | Year | Player Yards        | Year |
|---------------|-------|------|---------------------|------|
| Michael Irvin | 1,603 | 1995 | Raghib Ismail 1,097 | 1999 |
| Michael Irvin | 1,523 | 1991 | Drew Pearson 1,087  | 1974 |
| Michael Irvin | 1,396 | 1992 | Tony Hill1,062      | 1979 |
| Dez Bryant    | 1,382 | 2012 | Michael Irvin 1,057 | 1998 |
| Terrell Owens | 1,355 | 2007 | Tony Hill1,055      | 1980 |
| Michael Irvin | 1,330 | 1993 | Terrell Owens 1,052 | 2008 |
| Miles Austin  | 1,320 | 2009 | Terry Glenn 1,047   | 2006 |
| Dez Bryant    | 1,320 | 2014 | Frank Clarke 1,043  | 1962 |
| Michael Irvin | 1,241 | 1994 | Miles Austin 1,041  | 2009 |
| Dez Bryant    | 1,233 | 2013 | Jason Witten 1,039  | 2012 |
| Bob Hayes     | 1,232 | 1966 | Jason Witten 1,030  | 2009 |
| Michael Irvin | 1,180 | 1997 | Drew Pearson 1,026  | 1979 |
| Terrell Owens | 1,180 | 2006 | Lance Rentzel 1,009 | 1968 |
| Jason Witten  | 1,145 | 2007 | Bob Hayes 1,003     | 1965 |
| Terry Glenn   | 1,136 | 2005 | Jason Witten 1,002  | 2010 |
| Tony Hill     | 1,113 | 1985 | l                   |      |

#### **TRIPLE 'X' RATED**

Known for celebrating a score or a big play by "Throwing Up the X," Dez Bryant reached the millenium mark in 2014 for the third time of his career to tie the third-most in franchise history while also hitting his third consecutive season to tie for second:

# Dallas Cowboys 1,000-yard Receiving SeasonsPlayerTotalConsec.Michael Irvin75Jason Witten42Tony Hill32Terrell Owens33

Dez Bryant ......3

With 10 touchdowns on the season, Bryant also became the second Dallas Cowboy (Terrell Owens) to post three overall and three consecutive 1,000-yard and 10 touchdown seasons. Bob Hayes is the only other Cowboy to do it more than once. He also tied the sixth-longest streak in NFL history:

| Consecutive 1 | .000-Yard and | 10 TD Rec. | Seasons - NFL |
|---------------|---------------|------------|---------------|

| Player          | Consec. | Years     |
|-----------------|---------|-----------|
| Marvin Harrison | 8       | 1999-2006 |
| Jerry Rice      |         | 1989-95   |
| Cris Carter     | 5       | 1995-99   |
| Lance Alworth   |         | 1963-66   |
| Randy Moss      | 4       | 1998-2001 |
| Carl Pickens    | 3       | 1994-96   |
| Sterling Sharpe |         | 1992-94   |
| Terrell Owens   | 3       | 2000-02   |
| Terrell Owens   | 3       | 2006-08   |
| Dez Bryant      | 3       | 2012-14   |

# **TOTALING TEN TDs**

Dez Bryant caught a franchise-record 16 touchdowns in 2014. Bryant's 10-touchdown season was the 17th time a Cowboy had 10 scoring catches in a season, and he is the ninth different Cowboy to accomplish the feat. Of the previous 17, he is one-of-four to do it multiple times:

|            | Dallas C | owboys | : 10-TD Seasons | •  |      |
|------------|----------|--------|-----------------|----|------|
|            |          |        | Player          |    | Year |
| D. Bryant  | 16       | 2014   | L. Robinson     | 11 | 2011 |
|            |          | 2007   | F. Clarke       | 10 | 1963 |
| F. Clarke  |          | 1962   | B. Hayes        | 10 | 1967 |
| B. Hayes   | 13       | 1966   | B. Hayes        | 10 | 1968 |
| D. Bryant  | 13       | 2013   |                 | 10 | 1970 |
| B. Hayes   | 12       | 1965   |                 |    | 1979 |
| L. Rentzel | 12       | 1969   | M. Irvin        | 10 | 1995 |
| D. Bryant  | 12       | 2012   | T. Owens        | 10 | 2008 |
| M. Austin  | 11       | 2009   |                 |    |      |

#### **'X' MARKS THE SPOT**

Dez Bryant collected his first touchdown of the 2015 season on an 18-yard acrobatic grab against Philadelphia (11/8). He added his second at Miami (11/22), then had his third against the N.Y. Jets (12/19).

In 2014 Bryant found the endzone a franchise-high 16 times to lead the NFL. This is beginning to be a trend for Dallas' top receiver. He finished the 2013 season with 13 scores to tie for third in the league, was third in 2012 with 12 touchdowns, tied for sixth in 2011 with nine and logged six scores in 2010 - third amongst rookies. Since the 2012 season, Bryant is tied for the most receiving touchdowns in the NFL:

| <b>Most Receiving TDs since</b> | 2012 - NFL |
|---------------------------------|------------|
| Player                          | TDs        |
| Dez Bryant                      | 45         |
| Brandon Marshall                | 45         |
| Eric Decker                     |            |
| Demaryius Thomas                | 42         |
| A.J. Green                      |            |

Adding to his total were his career-high three scores at Philadelphia (12/14/14) where he became the first Dallas receiver to post three touchdowns in a game since Miles Austin at San Francisco (9/18/11) and the 12th player overall in team history.

## **DEZ-STRUCTIVE**

Since entering the league as the Dallas Cowboys first round draft choice in 2010, Dez Bryant has continued his rise each season as arguably one of the league's best receivers. He has reached the century mark in 16 career games, and has steadily improved his output in each season of his early pro career.

As a rookie in 2010 he logged his first career 100-yard game with a 104-yard output at the N.Y. Giants (11/14/10). After no 100-yard games in 2011, he returned in 2012 to log a career-best five games including a career-best 224-yard effort against New Orleans (12/23/12). It was the 10th 200-yard game in team history and was the fourth highest number in a game in franchise record books. In 2013 he turned in his first Pro Bowl campaign highlighted by four games with 100 yards, including a season-best 153 yards against Green Bay (12/15/13). He tied his effort in 2014 as he once again recorded four games north of the century mark, with his centerpiece game of 2014 coming across the pond in London, England with a 158-yard effort at Jacksonville (11/9/14) - the second-highest yardage output of his career.

After returning from a foot injury he suffered in Week 1, Bryant notched his lone 100-yard game of the 2015 season with 104 yards against Philadelphia (11/8) on five catches with one touchdown to break a tie with Miles Austin (14) for the sixth-most career 100-yard receiving games in team history.

He added his first 100-yard game of the 2016 season with 102 yards at Washington (9/18).

To date, Bryant's 16 career 100-yard outings are good for sixth in team history:

Career 100-Yard Receiving Games - Dallas Cowboys

| Player        | Game |
|---------------|------|
| Michael Irvin | 47   |
| Tony Hill     | 26   |
| Bob Hayes     | 23   |
| Jason Witten  | 20   |
| Drew Pearson  | 19   |
| Dez Brvant    | 16   |

Dez Bryant 100-yard Games (16 total)

| Yds | Орр    | Date `   | Yds | Орр  | Date     |
|-----|--------|----------|-----|------|----------|
| 224 | . NO   | 12/23/12 | 114 | @Phi | 12/14/14 |
| 158 | . @Jac | 11/9/14  | 110 | NYG  | 10/28/12 |
| 153 | . GB   | 12/15/13 | 110 | @Phi | 10/20/13 |
| 151 | . NYG  | 10/19/14 | 105 | CHI  | 10/1/12  |
| 145 | . CLE  | 11/18/12 | 104 | @NYG | 11/14/10 |
| 145 | . WAS  | 11/22/12 | 104 | PHI  | 11/8/15  |
| 141 | . @KC  | 9/15/13  | 103 | @Ten | 9/14/14  |
| 141 | . DEN  | 10/6/13  | 102 | @Was | 9/18/16  |

#### **DEZZLING PERFORMANCES**

Dez Bryant finished 2012 with 92 receptions, a career-high 1,382 yards and 12 touchdowns. From Weeks 8-13, he opened the flood gates of production. Over that span, he led the league with six touchdown catches, was third with 475 yards and seventh with 29 catches. He logged three 100-yard games, including back-to-back 145-yarders against Cleveland (11/18) and Washington (11/22).

Bryant tied a club record with a touchdown catch in care

Bryant tied a club record with a touchdown catch in seven consecutive games. On Thanksgiving Day against Washington, he had two scoring grabs then did the same the next week against Philadelphia (12/2/12), the sixth time in team history - fifth different player - a Dallas Cowboy had back-to-back multi-touchdown games. Bryant repeated the feat in 2013 with another pair in two games - at San Diego (9/29) and against Denver (10/6). He did it again in 2014 with two at Jacksonville (11/9) and two at the N.Y. Giants (11/23) to become the first player in team history to boast Giants (11/23) to become the first player in team history to boast three instances of back-to-back multi-touchdown games:

**Consecutive Multi-TD Games** Consecutive Multi-TD
TDs Opp (Date) 1
...2 Was (11/3/63)
...2 Phi (10/14/62)
...2 NYG (10/8/78)
...2 @NYG (11/11/07)
...2 @KC (10/11/09)
...2 Was (11/22/12)
...2 @SD (9/29/13)
2 @ lac (11/9/14) Opp(Date)
@SF (11/10/63)
@Pit (10/21/62)
@StL (10/15/78)
Was (11/18/07)
Atl (10/25/09) TDs Frank Clarke....2 Frank Clarke....2 Tony Hill.........2 Terrell Owens .. 2 4 2 2 2 2 Miles Austin .....2

Dez Bryant.....2

Dez Bryant.....2

Dez Bryant.....2 Phi (12/2/12) Den (10/6/13) @ NYG (11/23/14) @ Jaċ (11/9/14)

In 2012 Bryant had two scores against New Orleans (12/23) In 2012 Bryant had two scores against New Orleans (12/23). His two touchdown catches came on consecutive drives, both from 58 yards. Bryant became the first league pass catcher with 55-plus yard touchdown grabs on consecutive drives since Buffalo's Lee Evans (at Houston, 11/19/06) did it.

Bryant's two touchdown catches against the Saints was his fourth multi-touchdown game of the season, sixth of his career. Bryant's four in 2012 were a single-season club best, while his six career field for sixth.

career tied for sixth.

Bryant finished 2013 with three multi-score games. He had two scores at Jacksonville (11/9) for his first multi-touchdown game of 2014 to give him 10 for his career and break a tie with Frank Clarke, Tony Hill and Michael Irvin (all with nine) for sole possession of second in club history.

In 2014 he posted a career-high tying four multi-touchdown games with two at Jacksonville (11/9), two at the N.Y. Giants (11/23), a career-high three at Philadelphia (12/14) and two at Washington (12/28) to give him 13 for his career:

| Dallas Cowboys Multi-1D Games |          |               |          |  |
|-------------------------------|----------|---------------|----------|--|
| Cowboys                       | Season   | Cowboys       | s Career |  |
| Player Gan                    | nes Year | Player        | Games    |  |
| Dez Bryant 4                  | 2012     | Bob Hayes     | 15       |  |
| Dez Bryant 4                  | 2014     | Dez Bryant    | 13       |  |
| Frank Ćlarke 3                | 1961     | Frank Clarke  | 9        |  |
| Frank Clarke 3                | 1962     | Tony Hill     | 9        |  |
| Bob Hayes 3                   | 1965     | Michael Irvin | 9        |  |
| Bob Hayes 3                   | 1966     | Drew Pearson  | 7        |  |
| Bob Hayes3                    | 1967     | Lance Rentzel | 6        |  |
| Bob Hayes 3                   | 1970     | Terrell Owens | 6        |  |
| Terrell Ówens 3               |          |               |          |  |
| L. Robinson 3                 |          |               |          |  |
| Dez Bryant 3                  | 2013     |               |          |  |

# **SCORING MACHINE**

In the fourth quarter against Chicago (9/25), Dez Bryant caught a 17-yard touchdown from Dak Prescott for his 60th career score to become the fourth player in franchise history to reach that milestone. By getting there in his 87th game, Bryant is the second-fastest player in team history to reach that mark behind Bob Hayes' 76 games:

| Fastest to 60 Career Rec. | Touchdowns - Dallas | Cowboys |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------|
| Plaver                    | Games               | •       |

| riayei        | Gaille |
|---------------|--------|
| Bob Hayes     | 76     |
| Dez Bryant    | 87     |
| Michael Irvin | 136    |
| Jason Witten  |        |

#### **FASTEST TO 400**

After hauling in four passes at Miami (11/22/15), Dez Bryant moved past the 400 career receptions plateau. By doing so, he became the sixth player in team history to reach that mark and by doing it in his 80th career game, he became the fastest player in team history to get there:

#### Fastest to 400 Career Receptions - Dallas Cowboys **Player** Games Dez Bryant.....80 Jason Witten.....91 Michael Irvin.....93 Tony Hill .....118 Drew Pearson.....126 Emmitt Smith ......133

#### DEZ 5K

Dez Bryant crossed the 5,000-yard receiving plateau after recording 73 yards against Philadelphia (11/27/14), becoming the seventh player in team history to do so. Bryant reached that mark in his 71st career game to check in as the third-fastest player in team history to reach 5,000 career receiving yards:

# Fastest to 5,000 Career Receiving Yards - Dallas Cowboys Player Games

| Player        | Games |
|---------------|-------|
| Bob Hayes     | 65    |
| Michael Irvin | 70    |
| Dez Bryant    | 71    |
| Frank Clarke  | 81    |
| Drew Pearson  | 91    |
| Tony Hill     | 95    |
| Jason Witten  | 96    |
|               |       |

# **DEZ FOR 60, 70 & 80**

Dez Bryant reached 60 receptions for the 2014 season at the New York Giants (11/23). By getting to that number, it marked the fourth consecutive season that he has reached 60 receptions af ter posting 63 catches in 2011, 92 in 2012 and 93 in 2013. Overall, Bryant's four seasons with at least 60 receptions ranks third in team history, and his streak of four straight seasons with 60-ormore catches ranks as the third-longest streak in team history:

#### 60-plus catch seasons by a Cowboys player Player Total Consec. Jason Witten ...... 11 11 Michael Irvin.....8 8 Dez Bryant ..... 4 4

Brvant next hit 70 receptions after catching six passes at Chicago (12/4). It marked his third overall season to rank third in team history and his three consecutive seasons tied for third:

#### 70-plus catch seasons by a Cowboys player Player Total Consec. Jason Witten .....8

Michael Irvin.....7 5 Dez Bryant ..... 3

Bryant reached 80 catches after posting five receptions against Indianapolis (12/21). It was his third overall season to tie for second in team history and his three consecutive seasons are second:

#### 80-plus catch seasons by a Cowboys player Player Total Consec.

| Jason Witten 6 | 4 |
|----------------|---|
| Dez Bryant 3   | 3 |
| Michael Irvin3 | 1 |
| Terrell Owens2 | 2 |

#### 80+1,000+10=88

Dez Bryant made five catches against Indianapolis (12/21/14) to allow him to surpass 80 receptions on the 2014 season. By combining his 88 catches, 1,320 yards and 16 touchdowns, it was his third overall - and third consecutive - season with at least 80 catches, 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns - both most in team history:

#### 80+receptions, 1,000+yards, 10+TD Seasons - Dallas Cowboys

| Player        |   | Consec. | Years 2012-14 |
|---------------|---|---------|---------------|
| Dez Bryant    |   | 3       |               |
| Terrell Ówens | 2 | 2       | 2006-07       |
| Miles Austin  | 1 |         | 2009          |
| Michael Irvin | 1 |         | 1995          |

Amongst NFL all-time leaders, Bryant's three overall seasons with at least 80 catches, 1,000 yards and 10 touchdowns ties him for eighth, and his three consecutive seasons ties for third-longest streak in league history:

| 80+ receptions, 1,000+ | yards, 10+ | TD Seasons     | - NFL |
|------------------------|------------|----------------|-------|
| Player                 | Total      | Consec.        |       |
| Marvin Harrison        | 8          | 8              |       |
| Jerry Rice             | 8          | 7              |       |
| Randy Moss             | 5          | 1              |       |
| Terrell Owens          | 5          | 3              |       |
| Cris Carter            | 4          | 3              |       |
| Larry Fitzgerald       | 4          | 3              |       |
| Sterling Sharpe        | 4          | 3              |       |
| Torry Holt             | 3          | 2              |       |
| Brandon Marshall       | 3          | $\overline{2}$ |       |
| Andre Rison            | 3          | $\overline{2}$ |       |
| Demaryius Thomas       | 3          | 3              |       |
| Dez Bryant             |            | 3              |       |

#### **'BEASE' IN THE TRAP**

Cole Beasley finished the 2015 season with a team-best five touchdowns, tied for second with 52 receptions and third with 536 yards - all-career-highs.

yards - ail-career-nigns.
Included his highlight season was a breakout game against Philadelphia (11/8/15), hauling in nine passes for 112 yards - both career-highs - and a career-high tying two touchdowns. It was his first career 100-yard receiving game, while his two scores marked his second career multi-touchdown game. Beasley also tied his career-best with five first downs, including two on third down, and hauled in a 30-yard pass in the fourth quarter that was the second-longest catch of his career. He matched his career-high in the 2015 season finale against Washington (1/3/16), hauling in two scores - his third career multi-touchdown game - on five receptions for 53 yards.

Beasley continues to be one of Dallas' top options in the passing game in 2016. Through three games he leads the team with 20 receptions for 213 yards. Beasley also currently leads all Cowboys receivers with 12 first downs - tied for 12th in the league - including eight on third down, most in the NFL, while his 10 overall

recipions on third down, most in the NFL, while his 10 overall receptions on third down are a league-high.

He collected eight passes for 65 yards - both second on the team - with a team-high and career-high tying five first downs in the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11). He was second on the team in receptions (five), yards (75) and receiving first downs (four) at Washington (9/18). Beasley once again led the team with seven receptions - two on third down - for 73 yards against Chicago (9/25).

# **COLE WORLD**

Cole Beasley has recorded an NFL-high eight first downs on a league-best 10 receptions for 106 yards (10.6 avg.) on third downs through three games in 2016. More specifically, Beasley's receiving output has accounted for 10-of-23 completions and 106of-252 passing yards for Dallas Cowboys rookie quarterback Dak Prescott, who ranks fourth in the league with a 112.1 rating on third down.

| Third Down Receiving Leaders - NFL |    |     |     |      |     |    |     |
|------------------------------------|----|-----|-----|------|-----|----|-----|
| Plaver T                           | at | Rec | Yds | Ava  | La  | TD | 1st |
| Cole Beasley, Dal                  |    |     | 106 |      | 29  | 0  | 8   |
| Doug Baldwin, Sea                  | 9  | 7   | 116 | 16.6 | 69  | 1  | 7   |
| Tyrell Williams, SD                | 10 | 7   | 158 | 22.6 | 44t | 1  | 7   |
| Three players                      |    |     |     |      |     |    | 6   |

Over the past two seasons (14 - 2015; 8 -2016), Beasley's 22

first downs on third down are tied for 12th in the NFL.

Overall, Beasley has produced his highest receiving yardage output (676) and yards-per-catch (11.1), career-high tying touchdowns (five) and second-most receptions (61) on third down throughout his career.

#### THE REAL DEAL T-WILL

After concluding his third pro season, Terrance Williams has emerged as one of the Cowboys top receiving targets, particularly in catching touchdowns. After posting fargets, particularly in catching touchdowns. After posting five scores as a rookie in 2013, he proved as a threat to score again in 2014 by surpassing his rookie total with eight touchdowns in 2014, good for second on the team. His three scores in 2015 tied for second on the squad. Together, his 16 career touchdowns tied for the third-most by a Cowboys receiver during his first three pro seasons:

| Most Rec. TDs in First Three                  |           |
|---|-----------|
| Player  | TDs       |
| Bob Hayes (1965-67).<br>Dez Bryant (2010-12). | 35        |
| Dez Brvant (2010-12).                         | 27        |
| Tony Hill (1977-79)                           | 16        |
| Terrance Williams (2                          | 013-15)16 |

Williams caught five touchdowns as a rookie to tie for fourth in team history by a player in his first pro season. His rookie year was highlighted by a streak of four consecutive games with a touchdown pass to mark the longest streak of his career.

He increased his scoring production in 2014 with eight touchdowns. After beginning the season with a touchdown reception against San Francisco (9/7/14), Williams strung together a stretch of three straight games with a scoring grab: at St. Louis (9/21/14), against New Orleans (9/28/14) - where he had two touchdowns to tally the first multi-touchdown game of his career - and against Housfon (10/5/14) to record the second-longest touchdown streak of his career. He recorded his second career multi-touchdown

game with two scoring catches against Indianapolis (12/21/14).

Williams amped it up for the 2014 postseason, scoring three of the team's four receiving touchdowns while finishing second with 130 receiving yards and tied for fourth with four receptions. His three touchdowns tied for the postseason lead amongst all NFL receivers and also tied for the most by a Cowboys receiver in a

single postseason in team history:

| Most Postseason Rec. TDs by | a Cowboy - Single Season |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Player                      | TDs TDs                  |
| Preston Pearson, 1975       | 3                        |
| Drew Pearson, 1980          | 3                        |
| Michael Irvin, 1995         | 3                        |
| Terrance Williams, 2014     | 3                        |

Williams notched his first score of 2015 on a 42-yard reception at Philadelphia (9/20). He added his second on a 17-yard strike at New Orleans (10/4). Williams' third touchdown came on a 31-yard strike from Tony Romo at Miami (11/22).

#### TERRANCE THE TERRIFIC

Terrance Williams serves as a deep threat option to compliment Dez Bryant. Since entering the league in 2013, Williams has led all Cowboys receivers in each of his first three pro seasons in receiving average (from players with at least 15 catches). He has continued that trend by currently leading the team in 2016 with a 17.4 average. His career average of 16.6 is tied for the sixth-highest in the league from 2013-16 among receivers with at least 50 catches during that span:

| Highest Rec. Avg. From 2013-16 - NFL |    |     |       |      |    |  |  |
|--------------------------------------|----|-----|-------|------|----|--|--|
| Player                               | GP | Rec | Yds   | Avg  | TD |  |  |
| DeŠean Jackson                       | 43 | 182 | 3,267 | 18.Ŏ | 20 |  |  |
| Malcolm Floyd                        | 33 | 88  | 1,566 | 17.8 | 9  |  |  |
| Josh Gordoń                          | 19 | 111 | 1,949 | 17.6 | 9  |  |  |
| Martavis Bryant                      | 21 | 76  | 1,314 | 17.3 | 14 |  |  |
| Torrey Smith                         | 51 | 155 | 2,661 | 17.2 | 20 |  |  |
| Terránce Williams .                  | 51 | 140 | 2,319 | 16.6 | 16 |  |  |
| Michael Floyd                        | 50 | 173 | 2,865 | 16.6 | 18 |  |  |
| Chris Givens                         | 45 | 65  | 1,081 | 16.6 | 2  |  |  |
| Kenny Stills                         | 50 | 130 | 2,143 | 16.5 | 12 |  |  |
| Justin Hunter                        | 36 | 68  | 1,116 | 16.4 | 8  |  |  |

Additionally, Williams concluded the 2015 season as one-of-three receivers to average at least 16.0 yards-per-reception in each season since 2013. Michael Floyd of the Arizona Cardinals and Malcolm Floyd of the San Diego Chargers are the only other two to accomplish the feat in that span. Also, since 2001, Williams is one-of-three receivers to start the first three seasons of their career with an average of 16.0 yards-per-reception - minimum of 20 catches - each season, joining Mike Wallace and Kenny Britt. In 2015 Williams posted nine games with an average of 15.0-or-better, and three games with an average of 20.0-or-better. He posted career-highs with eight catches for 173 yards in the season finale against Washington (1/3/16), while his 21.6 average was the third-highest number of his career (with at least three receptions). It was also Williams' second career 100-yard receiving

ceptions). It was also Williams' second career 100-yard receiving game, and his 173 yards were the most by a Cowboys receiver since Bryant had 224 against New Orleans (12/23/12).

#### THE BOOK OF EZEKIEL

For only the second time in franchise history, the Dallas Cowboys used a top-five pick to choose Ezekiel Elliott out of Ohio State with the fourth overall selection in the 2016 NFL Draft. Dallas selected Tony Dorsett with the second pick in the 1977 NFL Draft. The former Buckeye is expected to start from Week 1 as the team's feature runner.

Limited during training camp due to a hamstring injury, Elliott saw action in only one game during the preseason at Seattle (8/25). In one half against the Seahawks first team defense, Elliott rushed seven times for 48 yards (6.9 avg.).

Elliott has come on strong to begin his pro career, as he is currently tied for second in rushing yards (274) and is third in attempts in 2016 - all tops by a rookie rusher:

| 2016 NFL Rushing Yards Leaders |      |       |     |      |    |
|--------------------------------|------|-------|-----|------|----|
| Player                         | Atts | Yards | Avg | Long | TD |
| LeGarrette Blount, NE          | 75   | 298   | 3.8 | 41t  | 4  |
| Ezekiel Elliott*, Dal          | 71   | 274   | 3.9 | 21   | 2  |
| Isaiah Crowell, Cle            | 45   | 274   | 6.1 | 85t  | 2  |
| Lamar Miller, Hou              | 74   | 269   | 3.6 | 15   | 0  |
| Matt Forte, NYJ                | 67   | 261   | 3.9 | 15   | 3  |

\*indicates rookie

Elliott made his NFL debut against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) and became only the fourth rookie running back in team history to start a season opener, joining Calvin Hill (1969), Ron Springs (1979) and Derrick Lassic (1993). He rushed 20 times for 51 yards and his first career touchdown as his totals were the most carries and the third-highest rushing yardage by a Cowboys rookie rusher to start a season opener. At Washington (9/18) he upped his effort to amass 83 yards on 21 carries with a touchdown, although he had two fumbles with one lost. However, his score allowed him to become the first rookie running back for the Cowboys to rush for a touchdown in each of the first two games of the season and the seventh league rookie rusher to accomplish that feat since 1999. Elliott turned in his best game to date against Chicago (9/25) rushing 30 times for 140 yards and eight first downs. His 140yard rushing output marked his first career 100-yard game, and he became the 10th rookie running back in team history to reach 100. It was also the 24th time that a Cowboys rusher went over the century mark, and the first time Dallas had a rookie do it since DeMarco Murray had 135 yards against Buffalo (11/13/11). His 140 yards were good for eighth by a Cowboys rookie runner while his 30 carries tied the second-highest number by a rookie rusher

in a single game in team history.

The former Buckeye left Ohio State following his junior year, and only starting his final two seasons, rushed for the second-most yards in school history (3,961), including the most rushing yards in consecutive years (3,699). He logged five 200-yard games (tied for first in school history) and 22 100-yard games (second) while his 44 touchdowns were fourth. He had 12 career runs of 50-ormore yards and is the only player in Ohio State history with three runs of at least 80 yards. He logged at least 100 rushing yards in 15 consecutive games spanning his final two seasons. Through those 15 games, he rushed for 2,349 yards and 27 touchdowns

on 326 carries to average 7.2 yards-per-clip.

#### **ZEKE MAKES THE LEAP**

Ezekiel Elliott had a breakout game against Chicago (9/25), establishing career-highs with 30 carries for 140 yards.

His 140 yards were the eighth-most by a Cowboys rookie runner in team history:

| Most Yards By a | Dallas Cowboys     | Rook | ie RB - | Single | Game |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|---------|--------|------|
| Player          | Date/Opp           | Att  | Yds     | Avg    | TD   |
| DeMarco Murray  | .10/23/11 vs. StL  | 25   | 253     | 10.1   | 1    |
| Tony Dorsett    | .12/4/77 vs. Phi   | 23   | 206     | 9.0    | 2    |
| Julius Jones    | . 12/6/04 @ Sea    | 30   | 198     | 6.6    | 3    |
| Calvin Hill     | . 11/16/69 @ Was   | 27   | 150     | 5.6    | 2    |
| Julius Jones    | . 11/25/04 vs. Chi | 33   | 150     | 4.6    | 2    |
| Julius Jones    | . 1/2/05 @ NYG     | 29   | 149     | 5.1    | 1    |
| Tony Dorsett    | . 10/9/77 @ StL    | 14   | 141     | 10.1   | 2    |
| Ezekiel Elliott | . 9/25/16 vs. Chi  | 30   | 140     | 4.7    | 0    |

Elliott's 30 carries tied the second-highest number by a rookie running back in a single game in team history:

| Most Rush Attemp | ots By a Cowboys  | Roo | kie RB | - Single | Game |
|------------------|-------------------|-----|--------|----------|------|
| Player           | Date/Opp          | Att | Yds    | Avg      | TD   |
| Julius Jones     | 11/25/04 vs. Chi  | 33  | 150    | 4.5      | 2    |
| Julius Jones     | 12/6/04 @ Sea     | 30  | 198    | 6.6      | 3    |
| Julius Jones     | 11/21/04 @ Bal    | 30  | 81     | 2.7      | 0    |
| Ezekiel Elliott  | . 9/25/16 vs. Chi | 30  | 140    | 4.7      | 0    |

### **ROOKIE 1ST DOWN LEADER**

As the lead running back for the Dallas Cowboys, rookie Ezekiel Elliott has also emerged among the league's top rushers. Through three games in 2016, Elliott leads all NFL players with 19 total first downs:

| Leaders in First Downs - NFL |      |     |       |  |  |
|------------------------------|------|-----|-------|--|--|
| Player                       | Rush | Rec | Total |  |  |
| Ezekiel Elliott*, Dal (RB)   | 19   | 0   | 19    |  |  |
| DeAngelo Williams, Pit (RB)  | 14   | 4   | 18    |  |  |
| Mike Evans, TB (WR)          | 0    | 17  | 17    |  |  |
| Melvin Gordon, SD (RB)       |      | 4   | 17    |  |  |
| DeMarco Murray, Ten (RB)     |      | 7   | 17    |  |  |
| Spencer Ware, KC (RB)        | 10   | 7   | 17    |  |  |

\*indicates rookie

Elliott's 19 first downs all have come on the ground - tops amongst all NFL running backs:

| 2016 NFL Individual Rushing F | irst Down Leaders |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Rusher                        | 1st Downs         |
| Ezekiel Elliott*, Dal         |                   |
| LeGarrette Blount, NE         | 16                |
| DeAngelo Williams, Pit        |                   |
| Melvin Gordon, SD             |                   |
| LeSean McCov. Buf             |                   |

\*indicates rookie

# **COMPARING ROOKIE RUSHERS**

The Dallas Cowboys selected Ezekiel Elliott with the fourth overall pick of the 2016 NFL Draft to start from day one and have an immediate impact. So far in 2016, the former Buckeye has rushed 71 times for 274 yards (3.9 avg.) and two touchdowns.

His totals all rank amongst the top five spots in club history through a player's first three games during their first pro season:

#### Cowboys Rookie RB Figures (through First Three Games) **Attempts Yards**

| Player (Year)          | Att | Player (Year)          | Yds   |
|------------------------|-----|------------------------|-------|
| Ezekiel Elliott (2016) | 71  | Calvin Hill (1969)     | . 299 |
| Julius Jones (2004)    | 68  | Ezekiel Elliott (2016) | . 274 |
| Calvin Hill (1969)     | 51  | Julius Jones (2004)    | .247  |
| Derrick Lassic (1993)  |     | Derrick Lassic (1993)  | . 187 |
| Alvin Blount (1987)    | 46  | Herschel Walker (1986) | . 170 |
|                        |     |                        |       |

#### **Touchdowns** Player (Years) **TDs** Calvin Hill (1969).....3 Herschel Walker (1986)......3 Alvin Blount (1987) .....3 Tony Dorsett (1977).....2 Derrick Lassic (1993).....2 Julius Jones (2004) .....2 Felix Jones (2008).....2 Ezekiel Elliott (2016).....2

# **EARLY STREAK ZEKE**

Ezekiel Elliott scored a rushing touchdown in each of Dallas' first two games of the 2016 season befor his streak was snapped against Chicago (9/25) in the third game of the season.

In the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) he notched his first career score on an eight-yard scamper to become only the fifth rookie in Cowboys history to rush for a touchdown in the first game of the season. Elliott then added another touchdown in Week 2 at Washington (9/18) on a one-yard plunge in the first quarter. By doing so, it allowed him to become the first rookie running back for the Cowboys to rush for a touchdown in each of the first two games of the season.

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Additionally, Elliott became the seventh league rookie rusher to score a touchdown in each of their team's first two games of a

season dating back to 1999:

# Rookie RB w/Rush TD in 1st 2 Games of Season Since 1999 - NFL

| Player                | Year |
|-----------------------|------|
| Edgerrin James, Ind   | 1999 |
| Brandon Jacobs, NYG   | 2005 |
| Cadillac Williams, TB | 2005 |
| Tim Hightower, Ari    | 2008 |
| Jahvid Best, Det      | 2010 |
| Karlos Williams, Buf  | 2015 |
| Ezekiel Elliott. Dal  | 2016 |

Elliott's two rushing scores are currently tied for 10th in the NFL and lead all rookie rushers.

# DALLAS ROOKIE RUNNERS 1ST STARTS

Dallas Cowboys rookie running back Ezekiel Elliott immediately entered the 2016 season as the team's starting running back. With his start against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) he became only the fourth rookie running back in team history to start a season opener, joining Calvin Hill (1969), Ron Springs (1979) and Derrick Lassic (1993) while his totals were the most carries (20) and the third-highest rushing yards (51) by a Cowboys rookie rusher to the company of start a season opener:

| Dallas Cowboys   | Rookie RBs To St | art S | eason ( | Opene | r - D | ate |
|------------------|------------------|-------|---------|-------|-------|-----|
| Player           | Date/Opp         | Att   | Yards   | Avg   | TD    |     |
| Calvin Hill      | 9/21/69 vs. StL  | 18    | 70      | 3.9   | 0     |     |
| Ron Springs      | 9/2/79 @ StL     | 15    | 30      | 2.0   | 0     |     |
| Derrick Lassic   | 9/6/93 @ Was     | 16    | 75      | 4.7   | 0     |     |
| Ezekiel Elliott. | 9/11/16 vs. NYG  | 20    | 51      | 2.6   | 1     |     |

In total, Elliott became the 16th rookie running back to start a single game for the Cowboys during the season in franchise history. Below is a look at each performance:

| Dallas Cowb     | oys Rookie RBs     | Firs | t Starts | - Dat | e. |
|-----------------|--------------------|------|----------|-------|----|
| Player          | Date/Opp           | Att  | Yards    | Avg   | TD |
| Don Perkins     | .9/24/1961 vs. Min | 17   | 108      | 6.4   | 0  |
| Jim Stiger      | .11/3/63 vs. Was   | 15   | 71       | 4.7   | 1  |
|                 | .9/21/69 vs. StL   |      | 70       | 3.9   | 0  |
| Duane Thomas    | .11/26/70 vs. GB   | 16   | 63       | 3.9   | 0  |
| Tony Dorsett    | .11/20/77 @ Pit    | 17   | 73       | 4.3   |    |
| Ron Springs     |                    | 15   | 30       | 2.0   | 0  |
| Dan Reeves      | .11/7/65 vs. SF    | 2    | 2        | 1.0   | 0  |
| Alvin Blount    | .10/4/87 @ NYJ     | 28   | 72       | 2.6   | 1  |
| Emmitt Smith    | .9/19/90 vs. NYG   | 6    | 11       | 1.8   | 0  |
| Derrick Lassic  |                    | 16   | 75       | 4.7   | 0  |
| Julius Jones    | .11/21/04 @ Bal    | 30   | 81       | 2.7   | 0  |
| Marion Barber   | .10/30/05 vs. Ari  | 27   | 127      | 4.7   | 2  |
| Tashard Choice  | .12/7/08 @ Pit     | 23   | 88       | 3.8   | 0  |
| DeMarco Murray  | .10/30/11 @ Phi    | 8    | 74       | 9.3   | 0  |
| Joseph Randle   | .10/20/13 @ Phi    | 19   | 65       | 3.4   | 0  |
| Ezekiel Elliott |                    | 20   | 51       | 2.6   | 8  |

#### ALFREDO SAUCE

The Dallas Cowboys added a veteran running back during the 2016 free agency period that was familiar with the NFC East when they signed Alfred Morris away from the Washington Redskins. Morris started all 64 games in four seasons to begin his career in Washington, totaling 4,713 yards on 1,078 carries in four seasons.

Morris has been an additional weapon to the Cowboys ground game, providing a powerful counterpunch to rookie Ezekiel Elliott and in three games in 2016 has rushed 17 times for 61 yards (3.6

avg.) and two touchdowns.

He scored a game-clinching touchdown against his former team at Washington (9/18) to mark his first score as a Cowboy and the 30th of his career. Morris scored in his second consecutive game against Chicago (9/25) as part of an offense three

rushing touchdowns for the second straight game.
Since entering the league in 2012, Morris' 31 touchdowns are the fourth-highest number by a running back during that span:

#### Most Rushing TDs From 2012-16 - NFL RB **TDs** Adrian Peterson, Min ...... 33 Alfred Morris, Was/Dal ..... 31 Jamaal Charles, KC...... 30

#### RUNNING RAYNE

Rayne Dakota "Dak" Prescott had one rush for a six-yard touchdown - his first career score (passing or rushing) - in the third quarter at Washington (9/18). It marked only the third time a Dallas quarterback scored a rushing touchdown in a game during his rookie campaign:

#### Rushing TD, Single Game - Dallas Cowboys Rookie QB Player Opp, Date Opp, Date Roger Staubach vs. StL, 9/21/69 Quincy Carter vs. SF, 12/30/01 Dak Prescott......@ Was, 9/18/16

For the second consecutive game, Prescott had another rushing touchdown against Chicago (9/25). On the year, his two total rushing scores are tied with Cam Newton (Carolina) and Aaron Rodgers (Green Bay) for the most rushing touchdown's by a quarterback, while he is tied for third with six rushing first downs and is tied for seventh with 54 rushing yards:

| 2016 NFL Rushing TD Leaders - QB |      |       |     |      |    |     |
|----------------------------------|------|-------|-----|------|----|-----|
| Player                           | Atts | Yards | Avg | Long | TD | 1st |
| C. Newton, Car                   | 24   | 117   | 4.9 | 16   | 2  | 9   |
| D. Prescott*, Dal                |      | 54    | 7.7 | 17   | 2  | 6   |
| A. Rodgers, GB                   | 12   | 67    | 5.6 | 14   | 2  | 6   |
| Six players with 1 TD            |      |       |     |      |    |     |

Prescott's two rushing touchdowns are the most by a rookie quarterback in team history, while his rushing yards (54) and attempts (seven) are fifth thus far:

| Top Rushing By a Dallas | Cowboys | Rookie Q | B - Sing | le Seaso | on |
|-------------------------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----|
| Player                  | Atts    | Yards    | Avg      | TD       |    |
| Troy Aikman, 1989       | 38      | 302      | 7.8      | 0        |    |
| Quincy Carter, 2001     | 45      | 150      | 3.3      | 1        |    |
| Chad Hutchinson, 2002   | 18      | 74       | 4.1      | 0        |    |
| Roger Staubach, 1989.   |         | 60       | 4.0      | 1        |    |
| Dak Prescott, 2016      | 7       | 54       | 7.7      | 2        |    |

#### 214

As an unexpected surprise, the 2016 NFL Draft brought two new rookie starters on opening day. Ezekiel Elliott was drafted with the fourth overall pick with the intention of starting from day one, but fourth round selection Dak Prescott worked his way up

with the fourth overall pick with the Intention of starting from day one, but fourth round selection Dak Prescott worked his way up the ladder following injuries to backup Kellen Moore in training camp and starter Tony Romo during the preseason. With Moore out for the year, and Romo mending a back injury until his return, Prescott will take the helm as the team's starting quarterback.

Due to the circumstances, the combination of number 21 (Elliott) and number 4 (Prescott) - which ironically is the area code for Dallas - allowed the Cowboys to open the season with a rookie quarterback and rookie running back for only the second time in team history when Roger Staubach and Calvin Hill started the 1969 opener. The Cowboys won that game against the St. Louis Cardinals with Staubach passing for 220 yards and a touchdown, while Hill rushed 18 times for 70 yards. Against the N.Y. Giants (9/11), Prescott passed for 227 yards on 25-of-45 passes with no touchdowns and no interceptions, while Elliott rushed 20 times for 51 yards and his first career touchdown.

The Cowboys also became the first team to start two rookies in the offensive backfield since the 2012 Washington Redskins rolled out rookies Robert Griffin III and Alfred Morris.

Overall, the Cowboys have featured a rookie QB/RB duo fivetimes in their history, and suffered their first loss in a game that featured a rookie backfield against the N.Y. Giants (9/11):

| Rookie QB/RE     | 3 Duo - Dallas Cowboys |     |
|------------------|------------------------|-----|
| QB/RB            | Date                   | W/L |
| Staubach/C.Hill  | 9/21/69 vs. StL*       | W   |
| Sweeney/Blount   | 10/4/87 @ NYJ          | W   |
| Sweeney/Blount   | 10/11/87 vs. Phi       | W   |
| Henson/Jones     | 11/25/04 vs. Chi       | W   |
| Prescott/Elliott | 9/11/16 vs. NYG        | L   |

\*Indicates season opener

The rookie combo made waves once again in Week 2 at Washington (9/18). Both Elliott and Prescott each contributed rushing touchdowns in the first win of the 2016 season for the Cowboys, marking the first time a rookie running back and a rookie quarter-back each scored a rushing touchdown in a single game in team history. Elliott had a one-yard run - his second of the season - in the first quarter to give Dallas a 10-0 lead, then Prescott notched his first career touchdown on a six-yard rush in the third quarter to give the Cowboys a 20-17 advantage. Prescott added his second career rushing score against Chicago (9/25)

# 214 + 46 + 25 = RUSHING TDS

The Dallas Cowboys rushing attack has produced seven touchdown behind a stable of rushers as Ezekiel Elliott (two) Alfred Morris (two), Lance Dunbar (one) and quarterback Dak Prescott (two) have all contributed to the running cause. The seven total rushing touchdowns are only one less than the eight scores that the 2015 team had all last season, and are the third-highest number by a Cowboys offensive unit through its first three games in team history:

| <b>Most Rushing</b> | TDs in First | Three Games - Dallas Cowboy | S |
|---------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---|
| _                   | Year         | Rush TDs                    |   |
|                     | 1971         | 9                           |   |
|                     | 1968         | 8                           |   |
|                     | 1995         | 8                           |   |
|                     | 2016         | 7                           |   |
|                     | Three tean   | ns 6                        |   |

Along with Elliott and Prescott's rushing scores at Washington (9/18), former Redskin Morris added to the rushing attack with a game-clinching four-yard touchdown in the fourth quarter against his ex-team. Collectively, it marked the first time that the Dallas offense had boasted three different players with at least one rushing touchdown since Miles Austin, Marion Barber III and Tashard Choice each had one against New Orleans (11/25/10). The Cowboys repeated that feat for the second consecutive game against Chicago (9/25), as Morris, Prescott and Dunbar - who scored his first career touchdown - each got into the endzone. It marked the first time that has happened in consecutive weeks in team history since the 1983 season (11/20 against Kansas City and 11/24 against St. Louis).

With the 2016 season only through the first three weeks, Dallas leads the league in rushing touchdowns with seven.

| 2016 NFL Team Rushing | Touchdown Leaders |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| Team                  | TDs               |
| Dallas                | 7                 |
| San Francisco         | 6                 |
| New England           | 5                 |
| Oakland               | 5                 |
| Philadelphia          | 5                 |

#### RUSHING TO THE TOP

Over the last few seasons, the Dallas Cowboys have established an identity on offense with their rushing attack. In each of the previous two seasons (2014-15), Dallas has finished in the top-five in the NFL in rushing and are out to accomplish the same feat in 2016.

Through three games this season, Dallas is keeping pace with the top of the league in rushing, ranking sixth in yards thus far:

| 2016 NFL Team Rushing Yardage Leaders |     |     |     |    |  |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|--|
| Team                                  | Att | Yds | Avg | TD |  |
| New England                           | 108 | 452 | 4.2 | 5  |  |
| Oakland                               | 76  | 445 | 5.9 | 5  |  |
| Carolina                              | 97  | 438 | 4.5 | 2  |  |
| Cleveland                             | 76  | 434 | 5.7 | 3  |  |
| Atlanta                               | 82  | 408 | 5.0 | 4  |  |
| Dallas                                | 101 | 402 | 4.0 | 7  |  |

# FIRST DOWN COWBOYS

The Dallas Cowboys offense have been collecting first downs at a rapid rate in 2016. Through three games the unit is second with 73 total first downs while leading the league with 32 rushing first downs:

| 2016 NFL    | First Dow | n Leade | rs    |
|-------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| Team        | Rush      | Pass    | Total |
| New Orleans | 17        | 52      | 75    |
| Dallas      | 32        | 36      | 73    |
| Atlanta     | 21        | 47      | 72    |
| Detroit     | 17        | 48      | 72    |
| Oakland     | 20        | 44      | 71    |
| Tampa Bay   | 16        | 47      | 71    |

#### OFFICIAL TIMEKEEPERS OF THE NFL

Over the last few seasons, the Dallas Cowboys offense has made a focal point in time of possession, controlling the clock for a season average of 32:26 in 2014 - highest in the NFL. The Cowboys continued to win the time of possession battle and tied for 11th in the league in 2015 with an average of 30:59 per-game:

Dallas looks to continue its trend in 2016, as the offensive unit is currently second in the NFL with a 34:58 mark:

| <b>Highest Time of Posse</b> |                 |
|------------------------------|-----------------|
| Team                         | Avg. Poss. Time |
| Philadelphia                 |                 |
| Dallas                       | 34:58           |
| Carolina                     | 34:22           |
| N.Y. Jets                    | 34:00           |
| Houston                      | 33:53           |

The unit is also one of seven teams to log at least 30:00 minutes of possession on offense in all three games this season:

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Dallas' offense clocked in at 36:43 in the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11), including a season-high 8:25 on the opening drive. At Washington (9/18) the offense logged its second consecutive game of 30:00-or-more with a 32:51 mark which was highlighted by a 94-yard touchdown drive on nine plays on its second possession of the game to mark the longest scoring drive since going 95 yards at Seattle (9/16/12). Against Chicago (9/25) the unit clocked in at 35:19 to mark its third consecutive game to go over 30:00.

# **DRIVE FOR FIVE**

While the Dallas Cowboys offense continues to be atop the league in time of possession, the squad also boasts 11 drives of five-or-more minutes with all 11 going for scores, tops in the NFL in 2016. Specifically, the unit also has had six drives go five-or-more minutes and result in touchdowns, best in the league:

|              | Off   | 5 Min  | 5 Min  | 5 Min | Scoring |
|--------------|-------|--------|--------|-------|---------|
| Team         | Poss. | Drives | Scores | TDs   | Effec.  |
| Dallas       | 29    | 11     | 11     | 6     | 100.0   |
| New England  | 35    | 7      | 6      | 2     | 85.7    |
| Philadelphia | 34    | 7      | 5      | 2     | 71.4    |
| Detroit      | 30    | 6      | 5      | 2     | 83.3    |
| Indianapolis | 34    | 6      | 5      | 3     | 83.3    |
| N.Y. Jets    |       | 6      | 5      | 1     | 83.3    |

In the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) Dallas had four drives of five-or-more minutes, with each drive ending in field goal, including a season-high 8:25 on the opening drive. The offense contributed four more at Washington (9/18), with all four contributing scores (three touchdowns and one field goal). Against Chicago (9/25) the team had three - all touchdowns.

#### FINISHING DRIVES WITH SCORES

The Dallas offense has scored on 15 of its 29 drives for a 51.7% scoring efficency rate to rank second in the league in 2016:

| <b>Highest Scorin</b> |       |        |        |
|-----------------------|-------|--------|--------|
| Team                  | Poss. | Scores | Score% |
| Atlanta               | 31    | 17     | 54.8   |
| Dallas                | 29    | 15     | 51.7   |
| Washington            | 31    | 16     | 51.6   |
| Philadelphia          | 34    | 17     | 50.0   |
| Detroit               |       | 14     | 46.7   |

Additionally, Dallas has the seventh-highest touchdown efficiency rate in the league in 2016, finishing drives with a touchdown 27.6% of the time:

| <b>Highest Scorin</b> | ng Effecier | ncy Rate | , 2016 - NFL |
|-----------------------|-------------|----------|--------------|
| Team                  | Poss.       | TD       | TD%          |
| Atlanta               | 31          | 11       | 35.5         |
| Detroit               | 30          | 9        | 30.0         |
| Oakland               | 34          | 10       | 29.4         |
| Philadelphia          | 34          | 10       | 29.4         |
| New Orleans           |             | 9        | 29.0         |
| Green Bay             | 32          | 9        | 28.1         |
| Dallas                |             | 8        | 27.6         |

#### THIRD-AND-NO PROBLEM

The Dallas Cowboys offense has been able to maintain their drives by establishing an efficient conversion rate on third downs. Through three games, Dallas leads the league with a 52.5 third down percentage (21-of-40):

| <b>2016 Team</b> | Third Down | Efficie | ncy Leaders |
|------------------|------------|---------|-------------|
| Team             | Conv       | Att     | Pct         |
| Dallas           | 21         | 40      | 52.5        |
| Detroit          | 20         | 39      | 51.3        |
| N.Y. Jets        | 19         | 39      | 48.7        |
| Green Bay        | ′18        | 37      | 48.6        |
| Denver           |            | 33      | 48.5        |

Furthermore, Dallas' offense is tied for the lead-league with the most games with 50.0 percent-or-better on third downs in 2016 with two:

# Most Games 50.0 percent-or-better on 3rd Down - NFL

| ream        | Gaine |
|-------------|-------|
| Dallas      | 2     |
| Denver      |       |
| Detroit     | 2     |
| Green Bay   | 2     |
| New England | 2     |
| N.Y. Jets   |       |

Dallas produced a season-high 59.0% third down conversion rate in the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11), including a season-best 10 first downs on 17 attempts. The Cowboys produced their second consecutive game with a 50.0 percent conversion mark, going six-of-12 (50.0) at Washington (9/18).

# RETURN OF THE LEE-DER

Dallas Cowboys linebacker Sean Lee returned to the field in 2015, this time coming back from a torn ACL he suffered in a spring practice that took away his 2014 season. Before that, Lee had bounced back in 2013 to tally a team-best 123 tackles after landing on Reserve/Injured with a toe injury in 2012.

Injured with a toe injury in 2012.

Having manned the middle linebacker spot since his rookie season, Lee moved to a new position in 2015 with a shift over to the weakside spot to further utilize his speed and playmaking ability in the Cowboys 4-3 defense. Lee led the squad with a career-high 156 tackles along with his first career sacks (2.5), a team and career-high 11 tackles for loss, six pressures, an interception and five pass breakups. He was named to his first Pro Bowl as an injury replacement for Justin Houston (Kansas City).

Lee leads the 2016 team with 32 tackles along with a tackle for loss and a pass breakup.

In the 2016 season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11), Lee led the team with 15 tackles. He topped the defense again with 10 stops at Washington (9/18) along with a breakup. Lee made seven tackles and a tackle for loss against Chicago (9/25).

Known to always be around the ball, Lee has collected 12 interceptions since entering the league as Dallas' 2010 second round draft choice to mark the most on the team and is tied for the most amongst league linebackers in the NFL during that span. His 12 are also fifth among linebackers in team history. Lee has intercepted a career-high four passes twice in season during his career - leading the team in 2013 and tying for the team lead in 2011 - to tie for sixth-most in a single-season in team history:

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# **ORLANDO BLOOMS**

Veteran cornerback Orlando Scandrick has provided the Dallas Cowboys defense with a player not only capable of playing inside or outside in coverage on receivers, but also as a viable weapon getting after the quarterback. As proof, Scandrick has compiled 10.5 sacks during his career since entering the league in 2008 - the most sacks by a cornerback and the third-most by a defensive back (cornerback or safety) in the NFL from 2008-16:

Most Sacks by an NFL Cornerback - 2008-16

Orlando Scandrick, Dal\*......10.5

| 7.0                     |
|-------------------------|
| 6.5                     |
| 6.5                     |
| 6.0                     |
| ack (CB or S) - 2008-16 |
| Sacks                   |
| 13.5                    |
|                         |
| 13.0                    |
| 13.0<br><b>10.5</b>     |
|                         |
|                         |

\*indicates active player

Scandrick notched his first sack of 2016 with a takedown of Eli Manning against the N.Y. Giants (9/11).

#### **CHURCH IN SESSION**

Barry Church has consistently been one of Dallas' top defensive performers and leaders. He has posted over 100+ tackles in each of the last three seasons (2013-15) - the longest such streak since Bradie James recorded six seasons (2005-10) with 100+ tackles - while finishing as either the leading and second-leading tackler in each of those seasons.

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Church made his mark on the Cowboys defense in 2013, turning in a team-leading, and career-best 147 tackles, bouncing back after missing the majority of the 2012 season after suffering a ruptured Achilles tendon three weeks into the season. He posted eight games with 10-or-more tackles in 2013 - most on the defense - including a career-high 17 at New Orleans (11/10/13). Overall, his tackle totals were the third-most by a Cowboys safety, and the 11th-most overall by any Cowboys defender, dating back to 1989:

| <b>Most Tackles by a Cowboys</b> | Safety - Single Season |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| Player                           | Tackles                |
| Brock Marion, 1997               | 158                    |
| Darren Woodson, 1993             | 155                    |
| Barry Church, 2013               |                        |

He finished 2014 atop Dallas' defense with 110 tackles - his second consecutive season with 100+ stops - to become the first player to lead the team in tackles in back-to-back seasons since James' six seasons streak (2005-10). It was also the first time a Dallas defender posted consecutive 100+ tackle seasons since James had six in a row from 2005-10.

In 2015, Church finished second on the team with 136 tackles to mark his third consecutive 100-plus tackle season, the longest streak since James' six (2005-10).

He began 2016 not unlike the past few seasons, amassing 12 stops in the season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) - good for second on the squad. Church made six stops, a pass breakup and an interception - fourth of his career - at Washington (9/18). He had 13 tackles and two pass breakups - both season-highs - to lead the team against Chicago (9/25).

Church is currently second on the team with 31 tackles, tie for the lead with three pass breakups and an interception.

# BYRON THE BREAKUP ARTIST

Byron Jones was a standout defensive player in the Cowboys secondary as a rookie in 2015, finishing the season fifth on the team with 76 tackles, adding two tackles for loss, and first on the defense with 12 passes defensed. Jones is the first Cowboys rookie defender to lead the team in pass breakups since Derek Ross (12) in 2002, and is the only rookie defender in Cowboys history to finish the season with 75-plus tackles and lead the team in breakups (Cowboys did not track PBUs before 1984):

# Cowboys Rookies to Lead Defense in PBUs - Single Season Player PBUs Derek Ross, 2002......12 Byron Jones, 2015......12

Jones returned to swatting passes to start 2016, breaking up one pass agasinst the N.Y. Giants (9/11) in the season opener along with seven tackles. He had six stops and a breakup at Washington (9/18). Jones made five tackles, a breakup and a forced fumble against Chicago (9/25).

For the 2016 season, Jones is currently tied for the top spot in pass breakups with three. He also is third on the team with 18 tackles along with a forced fumble.

## **CARR-JACKED**

For the first time in over two seasons, Brandon Carr made an interception, picking off Eli Manning in the 2016 season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) on the first drive of the third quarter. Before then, his last quarterback theft was in 2013 against Oakland (11/28).

For his career, Carr has made 15 interceptions. He led the Cowboys in interceptions during his first season in Dallas in 2012 with three, then finished second in 2013 with three. Carr had a career-best four picks in 2011 while with Kansas City.

# **BAILEY FROM 50**

For his career, Dan Bailey is 23-of-31 (74.2) from 50-plus yards, and sits atop the club's charts for 50-yarders in a season (six - 2013) and career, while he also tied a franchise-long 56-yard field goal twice - at Seattle (10/12/14) and against the N.Y. Giants (9/11/16).

Bailey has hit two 50+ field goals in a game four times (three times in 2013), including most recently in the 2016 season opener against the N.Y. Giants (9/11), to tie Eddie Murray (at Minnesota, 12/12/93) for the most in

a single game.

At Kansas City (9/15/13) Bailey was true on three tries, including a pair from 50-plus yards (51 and a career-long 53). Bailey's two 50-yard field goals marked the second time in team history a kicker hit two 50-plus tries in the same game. The first was Eddie Murray at Minnesota, 12/12/93 (51 and 52 yards). Bailey did it twice more after nailing two 53-yarders at Detroit (10/27) and two 50-yarders against Green Bay (12/15).

In 2014, Bailey finished five-of-seven (71.4) on field goals from 50 yards-or-more during the regular season for the second-most field goals

made in a single season in team history.

He was five-of-six from 50 yards in 2015, the second-highest percentage (83.3) in team history in a single season from 50-yards, and tied for

the second-most made in a single season.

Bailey opened 2016 with four field goals against the N.Y. Giants (9/11), with two from 50 yards (including a career and franchise-high to tying 56-yarder) to tie for the most 50-yard field goals in a single game in

#### **GAME-WINNING KICKS**

In his rookie season, Dan Bailey was called upon six times to win or tie the game with his foot. Four times he came through for Dallas. Bailey's four game-winning field goals were the most by a Dallas Cowboy in a single season and the most by a rookie in NFL history.

In 2012 Bailey had four opportunities to do the same, and he came through in three games including two in overtime. He added one game-winner in 2013 with a 35-yarder at the N.Y. Giants (11/24).

Bailey was one-of-two during the 2014 season.

His only game-winner of the 2015 season came at Washington (12/7) where he nailed a 54-yarder - tied for the second-longest kick of his career, and the longest game-winner of his career.

In team history, there have now been 39 instances in which a kicker was true on a game-winning field goal with 2:00-or-less left in the fourth quarter or in overtime.

Bailey has rang true with 10 game-winners - and a franchise-best five in overtime - to serve as the most in team history:

**Dallas Cowboys Game-Winning Field Goals Player Opp, Date** PIT, 9/17/61 Score Time Left Yards Greene 27-24 0:00 @NYG, 10/29/61 @Was, 11/13/66 @StL, 11/7/71 @Chi, 9/16/73 Greene 32 17-16 1:23 37 31-30 Villanueva 0:19 26 11 16-13 1:53 Fritsch 20-17 1:26 Fritsch 20 Herrera STL, 11/13/74 17 - 140:04 42 32 47 @Phi, 10/26/75 Fritsch 20-17 0:01 BAL, 9/26/76 30-27 Herrera 0:03 @StL, 10/15/78 @StL, 9/2/79 Septien 24-21 3:28-OT 27 22 42 41 23 22-21 1:16 Septien @NYG, 11/4/79 Septien 16-14 0:03 27-24 4:38-OT Septien TB.10/9/81 NO, 10/21/84 NE, 11/22/84 Septien 30-27 3:42-OT Septien 20-17 0:04 38 @Phi, 10/19/86 17-14 Septien 0:02 @NYG, 1/2/94 NYG, 12/17/95 41 4:16-OT Murray 16-13 35 21-20 0:00 Boniol @SF, 11/10/96 WAS, 11/16/97 20-17 17-14 29 42 24 26 0:00 Boniol Cunningham 0:04 @Car, 10/1/00 WAS, 10/15/01 11:08-OT Seder 16-13 Seder 9-7 0:00 13-10 @StL, 9/29/02 48 0:00 Cundiff @NYG, 9/15/03 PHI, 10/12/03 Cundiff 25 35-32 9:04-OT 28 23-21 1:11 Cundiff 45 46 53 NYG, 10/16/05 @NYG, 12/2/06 3:47-OT 16-13 Cortez 23-20 0:06 Gramatica @Buf, 10/8/07 Folk 25-24 0:02 @Ind, 12/5/10 WAS, 12/19/10 Buehler 38 38-35 8:01-OT Buehler 39 33-30 0:55 @SF, 9/18/11 WAS, 9/26/11 19 27-24 Bailey 12:10-OT 40 Bailey 18-16 1:52 39 28 @Was, 11/20/11 27-24 5:47-OT Bailey 20-19 0:00 Bailey MIA, 11/24/11 38 23-20 6:07-OT Bailey CLE, 11/18/12 @Cin, 12/9/12 PIT, 12/16/12 Bailey 40 20-19 0:00 21 27-24 13:36-OT Bailey Bailev @NYG. 11/24/13 35 24-21 0:00 HOU, 10/5/14 49 20-17 7:45-OT Bailev @Was, 12/7/15 0:09 Bailey 19-16

# **BAILEY'S BOOTS**

Since joining the Dallas Cowboys as an undrafted free agent in 2011 as the club's kicker, Dan Bailey has recorded 22 games with three-or-more field goals - the most in team history. He also has seven games with four-or-more field goals - tops in team history

Bailey had five games with three-or-more field goals as a rookie in 2011, including his first game with four-or-more when he struck a career-best six against Washington (9/26/11). He matched that total with five games in 2012, while also adding one game with four field goals at Carolina (10/21/12). For the third consecutive season in 2013 he notched five games with three-or-more field goals with a season-high five field goals made against more field goals, with a season-high five field goals made against Green Bay (12/15/13). In 2014 and 2015 he recorded three each, while he added one four field goal game in 2014 and a career-high two in 2015

Bailey began 2016 with a bang, connecting on all four field goal attempts against the N.Y. Giants (9/11) to break a tie with Rafael Septien for his 22nd game with three-or-more field goals to establish a team record, while also extending his team record with his seventh career game with four-or-more field goals made:

| Games with 3+ FGs<br>Players<br>Dan Bailey | Games |
|--|-------|
| Rafael Septien<br>Richie Cunningham        | 21    |
| Richie Cunningham                          | 11    |
| Chris Boniol                               | 10    |
| Eddie Murray                               | 7     |
| Toni Fritsch                               | 7     |

| Games with 4+   | FGs Made      |
|---|---------------|
| Players   | Games         |
| Dan Bailey  | 7             |
| Chris Boniol<br>Richie Cunningha<br>Eddie Murray<br>Five others | 4<br>im3<br>3 |

# MORE RELIABLE IS BETTER

Dan Bailey came to Dallas in 2011 as a rookie free agent and immediately earned his spot as the club's place kicker, finishing the season 32-of-37 (86.5%) on field goals for the second-best field goal percentage by a rookie in franchise history. His 32 field goals made were also a club rookie record. He had a streak of 26 consecutive made which were the most by a rookie in NFL history. In his second season he finished with a 93.5 (29-of-31) field goal percentage - second in team history. He went 28-of-30 (93.3) in 2013, hitting 30 consecutive field goals from 2013 into 2014 to establish a team record. Bailey finished 2014 25-of-29 (86.2) with a career-high 56 extra points to tie the third-most in team history. He was 30-of-32 with field goal tries and hit all 25 PATs in 2015, and has begun 2016 seven-of-eight on field goals while connecting on all eight PATs for 29 points.

For his career, Bailey has converted 151-of-167 tries (90.4%), and his field goals made are second in team history. Bailey has also hit all 212 PAT tries - second in franchise history:

| Dallas Cowboys Career Kicking Char12   |  |  |  |  |
|--|--|--|--|--|
| Field Goals Made<br>Rafael Septien   | PATS MADE Rafael Septien   |  |  |  |
| Rafael Septien       162         Dan Bailey       151         Chris Boniol       81         Richie Cunningham       75         Mike Clark       69 | Rafael Septien       388         Dan Bailey       208         Mike Clark       180         Nick Folk       131 |  |  |  |
|  | Danny Villanueva   |  |  |  |
| Field Goal Percentage Dan Bailey90.4 Chris Boniol87.1 Eddie Murray83.3 Richie Cunningham79.8 Nick Folk79.0   | Efren Herrera  |  |  |  |

#### MAKING THE POINT

Dan Bailey has been a scoring machine since entering the league in 2011 as the former undrafted free agent has totaled 665 points to rank third in team history:

|    | All-Time Cowboys F |     | aders     |
|----|--------------------|-----|-----------|
| 1. | Emmitt Smith, RB   |     | (1990-02) |
| 2. | Rafael Septien, K  |     | (1978-86) |
| 3. | Dan Bailev. K      | 665 | (2011-16) |
| 4. | Tony Dorsett, RB   | 516 | (1977-87) |
| 5. | Bob Haves WR       | 456 | (1965-74) |

In 2014 Bailey passed Michael Irvin (392), Bob Hayes (456) and Tony Dorsett (516) for third on Dallas' all-time points list. He also reached 400 points during the season to become the second kicker (Rafael Septien - 874) in team history - fifth player overall-to do so. At Philadelphia (12/14/14) he reached 500 career points, becoming the fourth player - second kicker - in team history to get to that plateau. Bailey reached 500 points in his 62nd game to become the second-fastest kicker in NFL history to hit that mark. He reached 600 points against Carolina (11/26/15) to become the third player - second kicker - in team history to do so.

#### **CAN'T MISS KICKER**

The Dallas Cowboys feature one of the league's most dependable kickers, as the former 2011 undrafted free agent has hit true on 150-of-165 field goals for his career. During that time, Dan Bailey has challenged some of the franchise's longest consecutive field goal records, including 26 in a row in his first season to tie the second-longest streak in team history and mark the longest streak of field goals made by a rookie in team and NFL history. He then hit 21 in a row in between his second and third seasons (2012-13) the third longest in team history.

- the third-longest in team history.

However, after that streak was snapped, Bailey quickly embarked on a new field goals streak in 2013 and extended it into the 2014 season. He opened the season with one field goal made against San Francisco (9/7) to extend his streak to 22 straight field goals made and move to the third-longest streak. Bailey then hit all four of his tries at Tennessee (9/14/14) to extend his field goals made to 26 in a row, tying Chris Boniol (1995) and his 2011 total for the second-longest streak in team history. He had two field goals at St. Louis (9/21/14) to reach 28 in a row and pass Boniol's 1995 total of 27 to establish the longest streak of field goals made in team history. He continued that streak up to 30 successful kicks before missing a 53-yarder against Houston (10/5/14).

Bailey had a streak of 21 consecutive field goals made - tied

Bailey had a streak of 21 consecutive field goals made - fied for fifth-longest in team history - that began with three made at Washington (12/28/14) in 2014 and continued with 18 straight in 2015 until he missed his first one at Tampa Bay (11/15) to end the

streak:

## Consecutive Field Goals Made by a Dallas Kicker

| Player       | FGs | Year    |
|--------------|-----|---------|
| Dan Bailey   | 30  | 2013-14 |
| Chris Boniol | 27  | 1996    |
| Chris Boniol | 26  | 1995    |
| Dan Bailey   | 26  | 2011    |
| Dan Bailey   | 21  | 2012-13 |
| Dan Bailéy   | 21  | 2014-15 |

#### **ACCURATE & DEADLY**

After connecting on his first field goal at Seattle (10/12/14), Dan Bailey reached 100 career field goals made. His trek to 100 was made during his 54th career game, allowing him to become the second-fastest kicker in NFL history to get to that milestone:

Fastest to 100 Career Field Goals Made - NFL

| astest to 100 Career F | ieid Goals i |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Player                 | Game         |
| Jan Stenerud           | 53           |
| Dan Bailey             | 54           |
| Olindo Mare            | 55           |
| Mike Vanderjagt        | 55           |
| Robbie Gould           | 55           |

By reaching 100 career field goals made, Bailey's stats qualified amongst league record books for accuracy. He is now 151-of-167 on field goals for a connection percentage of 90.4 that makes him the most accurate kicker in NFL history:

| Player                     | Years      | GP       | FGM   | FGA | PCT  |
|----------------------------|------------|----------|-------|-----|------|
| Dan Bailey^                | 2011-16    | 83       | 151   | 167 | 90.4 |
| Justin Tucker <sup>^</sup> | 2012-16    | 67       | 139   | 157 | 88.5 |
| S. Gostkowski <sup>^</sup> | 2006-16    | 155      | 282   | 323 | 87.3 |
| S. Hauschka <sup>^</sup>   | 2008-16    | 104      | 164   | 188 | 87.2 |
| Mike Vanderjagt            | 1998-06    | 135      | 230   | 266 | 86.5 |
| Nate Kaeding               | 2004-12    | 115      | 181   | 210 | 86.2 |
| Rob Bironas                | 2005-13    | 144      | 239   | 279 | 85.7 |
| S. Graham                  | 2001-15    | 178      | 277   | 324 | 85.5 |
| Robbie Gould               | 2005-15    | 166      | 276   | 323 | 85.4 |
| Matt Bryant <sup>^</sup>   | 2002-16    | 192      | 306   | 359 | 85.2 |
| ,                          | ^indicates | active p | laver |     |      |

In 2015, Bailey made 30-of-32 field goals (career-high 93.8) to tie for the league lead in field goal percentage, tied for fifth in field goals made and was 12th with 115 total points.

He is seven-of-eight on field goals with eight PATs in 2016 to tie for third in field goals made, is fourth in points (29), tied for fifth in PATs and tied for ninth in field goal percentage (87.5)

# THIRTY-SOMETHING

After connecting on two-of-three field goals at Buffalo (12/27/15), Dan Bailey reached 30 field goals on the season for the second time of his career. It was also only the fourth time a Dallas kicker had reached 30 field goals made and the first since his 2011 season when he made 32 field goals:

| Player<br>Richie Cunningham | Year | FGM | FGA | PCT  |
|-----------------------------|------|-----|-----|------|
| Richie Cunningham           | 1997 | 34  | 37  | 91.9 |
| Chris Boniol                | 1996 | 32  | 36  | 88.9 |
| Dan Bailey                  | 2011 | 32  | 37  | 86.5 |
| Dan Bailev                  |      | 30  | 32  | 93.8 |

# **JONES-ING TO PUNT**

Dallas Cowboys punter Chris Jones had a career year in 2015. The fourth-year pro ranked third with a career-high 42.5 net average and was 20th with a 45.2 gross while his 27 punts downed inside opponents' 20-yard line tied for 14th.

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In 2016, Jones is 12th with a 47.7 gross average and 13th with a 40.3 net average with four punts downed inside the 20-yard line.
For his career, Jones boasts a 45.2 gross average and a net

For his career, Jones boasts a 45.2 gross average and a net average of 40.4, with 92 punts downed inside the 20-yard line good for fifth all-time in team history.

### OH CAPTAIN, MY CAPTAIN

As voted on by the team, the following players were named captains for the 2016 season:

2016 Dallas Cowboys Captains
Player Position

Dan Bailey Kicker

Barry Church Safety
Sean Lee Linebacker

Travis Frederick Center

Jason Witten Tight End

# 2016 DRAFT CLASS

The Dallas Cowboys drafted nine players - five defensive, four offensive - in the 2016 NFL Draft. It was the third consecutive season the team leaned more towards defense, as 17 of the last 26 picks by Dallas in the last three drafts (2014-16) have been on that side of the ball. The new class started off with Dallas' first round choice - running back Ezekiel Elliott - who was selected with the fourth overall pick to mark just the second time in team history that the club has selected a running back with a top-five pick (Tony Dorsett, No. 2 overall - 1977).

Of the nine players chosen by Dallas, eight made the final roster entering Week One while one (Rico Gathers) was signed to

the club's practice squad.

Below is a look at each of Dallas' picks in the 2016 Draft:

| Round  | #   | Player                | <u>Position</u> | <u>College</u> |
|--------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| First  | 4   | Ezekiel Elliott       | RB              | Ohio State     |
| Second | 34  | Jaylon Smith          | LB              | Notre Dame     |
| Third  | 67  | Máliek Collins        | DT              | Nebraska       |
| Fourth | 101 | Charles Tapper        | DE              | Oklahoma       |
| Fourth | 135 | Dak Prescött          | QB              | Miss. State    |
| Sixth  | 189 | Anthony Brown         | CB              | Purdue         |
| Sixth  | 212 | Kavon <b>É</b> razier | S               | C. Michigan    |
| Sixth  | 135 | Darius Jackson        | RB              | E. Michigan    |
| Sixth  | 217 | Rico Gathers          | TE              | Baylor         |
| 1      |     |                       |                 | •              |

\*Bold indicates made final roster

#### **WELCOME TO DALLAS**

Beginning with the start of free agency, Dallas added their share of new faces to compete for a chance to become a Cowboy in 2016. The following players marked the new additions and subtractions during the 2016 season:

|                                | PLAY     |              |            |
|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------|
| Player                         | Position | Ex-Team      | 2015 GP/GS |
| Ryan Davis                     | DE       | Jacksonville | 14/0+@     |
| Justin Durant                  | LB       | Atlanta      | 13/12      |
| Joe Looney                     | С        | Tennessee    | 8/6        |
| Benson Mayowa<br>Alfred Morris | DE       | Oakland      | 12/2       |
| Alfred Morris                  | RB       | Washington   | 16/16      |
| Mark Sanchez                   | QB       | Denver       | 4/2+%      |
| Cedric Thornton                | DT       | Philadelphia | 13/13      |
|                                | DI AV    | EDC I OCT    |            |

| PLAYERS LOST       |          |              |            |  |  |  |
|--------------------|----------|--------------|------------|--|--|--|
| Player             | Position | New Team     | 2015 GP/GS |  |  |  |
| Mackenzy Bernadeau | G        | Jacksonville | 16/1       |  |  |  |
| Matt Cassel        | QB       | Tennessee    | 10/8       |  |  |  |
| Robert Turbin      | RB       | Indianapolis | 10/0       |  |  |  |

+ Indicates players acquired after final cuts.

% Mark Sanchez spent the offseason and preseason with Denver before being released. Previously played four games with Philadelphia in 2015.

@ Ryan Davis played in 14 games with Jacksonville in 2015.