

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RECEIVERS

CANTON, OHIO – Nearly half of pro football's all-time top twenty leading receivers were active during the 1993 NFL season. None made a great climb among lifetime pass catchers in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's receiving display than Jerry Rice of the San Francisco 49ers.

Rice snatched 98 passes during 1993 to advance four places among the top twenty, moving past Pro Football Hall of Famers Charley Taylor, Don Maynard and Raymond Berry along the way.

The receiving rankings make up one-fourth of the Hall's popular Top Twenty display, which presents in an attractive, eight-foot-tall, four-sided pylon the top 20 lifetime leaders in individual scoring, passing, rushing and receiving. Updated every week during each NFL season, this attention-getting exhibit differs from similar rankings in that statistics from the All-America Football Conference are included along with those from the American and National Football Leagues. In the receiving rankings, however, none of the leaders ever played in the AAFC.

Three other receivers active in 1993, including all-time reception leader Art Monk, are also among the Top 10. Monk of the Washington Redskins caught 41 passes to increase his career total to 888. James Lofton, who split time with the Los Angeles Rams and Philadelphia Eagles now claims sole possession of third place with a career total of 764 receptions. The Atlanta Falcons' Drew Hill ranks No. 8 with 634 catches.

Due to the number of active players among the Top twenty, many changes occurred in the display in 1993. Since only 56 receptions separate 20th place from the 11th spot, much of the same can be expected in 1994, the National Football League's 75th season.

Gary Clark, playing his first season with the Phoenix Cardinals, caught 63 passes to bring his nine-year total to 612 to advance eight places to No. 11. Next in line among active wide receivers are the two newcomers to the Top Twenty receivers in 1993. Henry Ellard led the Los Angeles Rams in 1993 with 61 receptions and now ranks No. 12 with 593 career grabs. Andre Reed of the Buffalo Bills made 52 catches to finish the season in 15th place with 586 receptions.

The Green Bay Packers' Mark Clayton and Roger Craig of the Minnesota Vikings bring to nine the number of active players currently ranked among all-time Top Twenty receivers.

TOP TWENTY RANKINGS
LEADING LIFETIME RECEIVERS

(At the start of the 1994 season)

RANK		PLAYER	LEAGUE	YRS.	NO.	YDS.	AVG.	TD
1	(1)	Art Monk *	NFL	14	888	12,026	13.5	65
2	(2)	Steve Largent	NFL	14	819	13,089	16.0	100
3	(3T)	James Lofton *	NFL	16	764	14,004	18.3	75
4	(3T)	Charlie Joiner	AFL-NFL	18	750	12,146	16.2	65
5	(9)	Jerry Rice *	NFL	9	708	11,776	16.6	118
6	(5)	Ozzie Newsome	NFL	13	662	7,980	12.1	47
7	(6)	CHARLEY TAYLOR	NFL	13	649	9,110	14.0	79
8	(10)	Drew Hill *	NFL	15	634	9,831	15.5	60
9	(7)	DON MAYNARD	NFL-AFL	15	633	11,834	18.7	88
10	(8)	RAYMOND BERRY	NFL	13	631	9,275	14.7	68
11	(19)	Gary Clark *	NFL	9	612	9,560	15.6	62
12	(--)	Henry Ellard *	NFL	11	593	9,761	16.5	48
13	(11)	Harold Carmichael	NFL	14	590	8,985	15.2	79
14	(12)	FRED BILETNIKOFF	AFL-NFL	14	589	8,974	15.2	76
15	(--)	Andre Reed *	NFL	9	586	8,233	14.0	58
16	(18)	Mark Clayton *	NFL	11	582	8,974	15.4	84
17	(13)	Harold Jackson	NFL	16	579	10,372	17.9	76
18	(14)	Lionel Taylor	NFL-AFL	10	567	7,195	12.7	45
19	(20)	Roger Craig *	NFL	11	566	4,911	8.7	17
20T	(15T)	Wes Chandler	NFL	11	559	8,966	16.0	56
20T	(15T)	Roy Green	NFL	14	559	8,965	16.0	66

* Active in 1993 season.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS IN CAPS.

() - indicates rank at the start of the 1993 season.

NOTE - **Henry Ellard** and **Andre Reed** attained Top Twenty ranking during the 1993 season. **Stanley Morgan** (557 receptions) was displaced and **Roger Craig** was also displaced but re-entered the Top Twenty during 1993. Of those players active during 1993, **Eric Martin** (532), **Ernest Givins** (506) and **Sterling Sharpe** (501) are closest to a Top Twenty ranking.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME TOP TWENTY RUSHERS

CANTON, OHIO – During the 1993 season, Thurman Thomas of the Buffalo Bills and the Philadelphia Eagles' Herschel Walker joined the ranks of the all-time leading ground gainers in the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Top Twenty rushing display.

The Top Twenty display presents in an attractive, four-sided, backlighted pylon the 20 career leaders in rushing, passing, receiving and scoring statistics. This attention-getting exhibit differs from similar rankings in that statistics from the All-America Football Conference (1946-49) are recognized along with those from the American and National Football Leagues. In the rushing portion of the display, only Joe Perry played in the AAFC. He now ranks ninth with 9,723 yards. Without his AAFC production of 1,345 yards, Perry would be in the 12th spot.

Thomas and Walker each led their respective teams in rushing during 1993. Thomas added 1,315 to his career total to place him 18th among the rushing elite with 7,631 yards. Walker rushed for 746 yards to put his eight-year total at 7,468 yards – one spot behind Thomas at 19th overall. By entering the Top Twenty, the duo displaced recently-elected Pro Football Hall of Famer Leroy Kelly who gained 7,274 yards over 10 seasons with the Cleveland Browns and George Rogers who ran for 7,176 in his seven-year career with the Saints and Redskins.

Eric Dickerson gained 91 yards as a member of the Atlanta Falcons in 1993 before announcing his retirement midway through the season. Dickerson finished his 11-year career with 13,259 yards, second only to Walter Payton of the Chicago Bears.

Only two other active players were among the Top Twenty in 1993. In his first season with Kansas City, Marcus Allen led the Chiefs in rushing with 764 yards to increase his career total to 9,309 yards and to move one spot to 11th place.

Roger Craig of the Minnesota Vikings carried the ball sparingly during 1993 but was able to gain 119 yards, just enough to advance three positions. He now ranks No. 13 with 8,189 yards.

TOP TWENTY RANKINGS
LEADING LIFETIME RUSHERS

(At the start of the 1994 season)

RANK		PLAYER	LEAGUE	YRS.	ATT.	YARDS	AVG.	TD
1	(1)	WALTER PAYTON	NFL	13	3,838	16,726	4.4	110
2	(2)	Eric Dickerson *	NFL	11	2,996	13,259	4.4	90
3	(3)	TONY DORSETT	NFL	12	2,936	12,739	4.3	77
4	(4)	JIM BROWN	NFL	9	2,359	12,312	5.2	106
5	(5)	FRANCO HARRIS	NFL	13	2,949	12,120	4.1	91
6	(6)	JOHN RIGGINS	NFL	14	2,916	11,352	3.9	104
7	(7)	O.J. SIMPSON	AFL-NFL	11	2,404	11,236	4.7	61
8	(8)	O.J. Anderson	NFL	14	2,562	10,273	4.0	81
9	(9)	JOE PERRY	AAFC-NFL	16	1,929	9,723	5.0	71
10	(10)	EARL CAMPBELL	NFL	8	2,187	9,407	4.3	74
11	(12)	Marcus Allen *	NFL	12	2,296	9,309	4.1	91
12	(11)	JIM TAYLOR	NFL	10	1,941	8,597	4.4	83
13	(16)	Roger Craig *	NFL	11	1,991	8,189	4.1	56
14	(13)	Gerald Riggs	NFL	10	1,989	8,188	4.1	69
15	(14)	LARRY CSONKA	AFL-NFL	11	1,891	8,081	4.3	64
16	(15)	Freeman McNeil	NFL	12	1,798	8,074	4.5	38
17	(17)	James Brooks	NFL	12	1,685	7,962	4.7	49
18	(--)	Thurman Thomas *	NFL	6	1,731	7,631	4.4	41
19	(--)	Herschel Walker *	NFL	8	1,794	7,468	4.2	55
20	(18)	Mike Pruitt	NFL	11	1,844	7,378	4.0	51

* Active in 1993 season.

PRO FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME MEMBERS IN CAPS.

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NOTE - **Thurman Thomas** and **Herschel Walker** entered the Top Twenty during the 1993 season. They displaced **LEROY KELLY** (7,274 yards) and **George Rogers** (7,176). Of those players active in 1993, **Barry Sanders** (6,789), **Ernest Byner** (6,663), **Neal Anderson** (6,166) and **Emmitt Smith** (5,699) are closest to attaining Top Twenty status.