

INSIDE THE NUMBERS

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I enjoyed reading the Winter, 1992 edition of the Coffin Corner (Vol. XIV, No.1), especially the list on page 13 compiled by Ken Pullis of the players who have gained 200 yards receiving in a game. Mr. Pullis listed 92 players who have gained 200 yards receiving in a game. Mr. Pullis listed 92 times, or 66 individual players, (between 1942 - 1990) who gained 200 yards receiving. Only twice had a players gained over 300 yards (Jim Benton with the Rams in 1945 having 303 yards; and Cloyce Box with Detroit in 1950 with 302 yards). Between 1961-1990 (Using Neft and Cohen's Professional Football Encyclopedia, 1991, as a reference) 200 yards had been gained 72 times by 52 individual players, and of the 72 times, 51 of those times a player had played on a team that had a record above .500. When the player gained 200 yards receiving playing at home his team won 80 per cent of the time. When he gained 200 yards receiving on the road his team won 65 per cent of the time. If the player gained 200 yards at home playing on a .500 team his team won 66 per cent of the time, but won only 25 per cent of the time playing on the road. See chart below:

200 Yard Receiver on an Above .500 Team:

Home				
Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	6	3	1	.667
.500	1	0	0	1.000
Below .500	9	1	0	.900
Total	16	4	1	.800

Away				
Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	7	7	1	.500
.500	2	1	0	.667
Below .500	10	2	0	.833
Total	19	10	1	.655

Total				
Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	13	10	2	.565
.500	3	1	0	.750
Below .500	19	3	0	.864
Total	35	14	2	.714

200 Yard Receiver on a .500 Team:

Home				
Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	0	0	0	.000
.500	0	1	0	.000
Below .500	0	1	1	.000
Total	0	2	1	.000

Away				
Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	1	1	0	.500
.500	0	0	0	.000
Below .500	1	0	1	1.000
Total	2	1	1	.667

Total				
Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	1	1	0	.500
.500	0	1	0	.000

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Below .500	0	1	2	.500
Total	2	3	2	.400

200 Yard Receiver on a Below .500 Team:

Home

Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	2	1	0	.667
.500	1	0	0	1.000
Below .500	1	1	1	.500
Total	4	2	1	.667

Away

Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	0	2	0	.000
.500	1	0	0	1.000
Below .500	1	4	0	.200
Total	2	6	0	.250

Total

Opponent Record:	W	L	T	PCT
Above .500	2	3	0	.400
.500	2	0	0	1.000
Below .500	2	5	1	.286
Total	6	8	1	.429

It is also interesting to note that in the decade of the 1940's and 1950's a player who gained 200 yards receiving occurred only 20 times, 10 times in each decade. In the 1960's the total increased to 35 times, 7 times each in both the 1963 and 1965 season. The total decreased to 11 times in the decade of the 1970's, but rose again in the 1980's to 25 times. During the 1990 season it occurred only 3 times, but even at that rate it should come close or equal the 1980's total.

The average yards per game was about the same for the 1970's through 1960's (221.3 yards per game). In the 1970's it dipped down to 214.2 yards per game, but increased up a bit to 217.0 yards per game. The 1990 season averaged 225.3 yards per game.

In the 1940's most of the 200 yard games occurred in the middle part of the season (October and November). In the 1950's they occurred towards the end of the season (December). The 200 yard games in the 1960's occurred in the middle to end of the season (October and November). The 1970's, 80's, and 1990 season had 200 yard games distributed evenly throughout the season. See chart below:

1940's

Month	Number Times	Number Attempts	Yards	YDS/ATT	YDS/		PCT ATT/TDS
					Number Times	TDS	
September	1	8	212	26.5	212.0	3	.375
October	4	35	830	23.7	207.5	7	.220
November	4	30	959	31.9	239.7	9	.300
December	1	12	202	16.8	202.0	2	.167
Total	10	85	2203	25.9	220.3	21	.247

1950's

Month	Number Times	Number Attempts	Yards	YDS/ATT	YDS/		PCT ATT/TDS
					Number Times	TDS	
September	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	.000
October	2	14	471	33.6	235.5	6	.429
November	2	20	432	21.6	216.0	3	.150
December	6	52	1314	25.3	219.0	12	.231
Total	10	86	2217	25.8	221.7	21	.244

1960's

Month	Number Times	Number Attempts	Yards	YDS/ATT	YDS/		PCT ATT/TDS
					Number Times	TDS	

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Month	Times	Attempts	Yards	ATT	Times	TDS	ATT/TDS
September	5	39	1062	27.2	212.4	10	.256
October	12	109	2734	25.1	227.8	22	.202
November	13	132	2862	21.7	220.2	16	.121
December	5	38	1111	29.2	222.2	12	.316
Total	35	318	7769	24.4	221.9	60	.189

1970's

Month	Number		Yards	YDS/ ATT	YDS/ Number		PCT ATT/TDS
	Times	Attempts			Times	TDS	
September	3	22	664	30.2	221.3	8	.364
October	3	19	668	35.2	222.7	8	.421
November	4	32	823	25.7	205.8	4	.125
December	1	9	201	22.3	201.0	1	.111
Total	11	79	2356	29.8	214.2	21	.266

1980's

Month	Number		Yards	YDS/ ATT	YDS/ Number		PCT ATT/TDS
	Times	Attempts			Times	TDS	
September	3	35	673	19.2	224.3	4	.114
October	7	66	1581	23.9	225.9	13	.197
November	5	48	1176	24.5	235.2	6	.125
December	8	77	1996	25.9	249.5	12	.156
Total	23	226	5426	24.0	235.9	35	.155

1990's

Month	Number		Yards	YDS/ ATT	YDS/ Number		PCT ATT/TDS
	Times	Attempts			Times	TDS	
September	1	10	206	20.6	206.0	2	.200
October	1	13	225	17.3	225.0	5	.385
November	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	.000
December	1	9	245	27.2	245.0	1	.111
Total	3	32	676	21.1	225.3	8	.250

Looking at the 200 yards receiving on a month-by-month basis, most of them occurred in October and November during the 1960's.

September

Month	Number		Yards	YDS/ ATT	YDS/ Number		PCT ATT/TDS
	Times	Attempts			Times	TDS	
1940's	1	8	212	26.5	212.0	3	.375
1950's	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	.000
1960's	5	39	1062	27.2	212.4	10	.256
1970's	3	22	664	30.2	221.3	8	.364
1980's	3	35	673	19.2	224.3	4	.114
1990's	1	10	206	20.6	206.0	2	.200
Total	13	114	2817	24.7	216.7	27	.236

October

Month	Number		Yards	YDS/ ATT	YDS/ Number		PCT ATT/TDS
	Times	Attempts			Times	TDS	
1940's	4	35	830	23.7	207.5	7	.200
1950's	2	14	471	33.6	235.5	6	.429
1960's	12	109	2734	25.1	227.8	22	.202
1970's	3	19	668	35.2	222.7	8	.421
1980's	7	66	1581	23.9	225.9	13	.197
1990's	1	13	225	17.3	225.0	5	.385
Total	29	256	6509	25.4	224.5	61	.238

November

Month	Number		Yards	YDS/ ATT	YDS/ Number		PCT ATT/TDS
	Times	Attempts			Times	TDS	
1940's	4	30	959	31.9	239.7	9	.300

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1960's	12	132	2862	21.7	238.5	16	.121
1970's	4	32	823	25.7	205.8	4	.125
1980's	5	48	1176	24.5	235.2	6	.125
1990's	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0	.000
Total	27	262	6252	23.9	231.6	35	.134

Month	Number Times	Number Attempts	Yards	YDS/ ATT	Number Times	TDS	PCT ATT/TDS
1940's	1	12	202	16.8	202.0	2	.167
1950's	6	52	1314	25.3	219.0	12	.231
1960's	5	38	1111	29.2	222.2	12	.316
1970's	1	9	201	22.3	201.0	1	.111
1980's	8	77	1996	25.9	249.5	12	.156
1990's	1	9	245	27.2	245.0	1	.111
Total	22	197	5069	25.7	230.4	40	.203

Looking at the individual players who gained 200 yards receiving, Lance Alworth had the most games with 5. In those 5 games, twice they occurred at home (San Diego), and three times they occurred on the road. His team won both of the home games and won 2 out of 3 of the road games (Won at Kansas City and Boston in October and November; lost at Oakland in October). This showed Alworth's ability to not let his individual accomplishments interfere with his teams' prime objective: win games. He had the advantage of playing in better weather environment for home games than most of the other players playing at the same position. The two home games were played in September and the second weekend in November.

Charlie Hennigan, who played for Houston, had a total of four 200 yard games receiving. Once at home, which his team won, and played in the first weekend of December. The other three games were on the road (won at Buffalo in October; but tied and lost at Boston, both times played in October).

Both Alworth and Hennigan played on teams with winning records. Alworth accomplished his five 200 yard games against two teams with winning records and three teams with losing records. Hennigan played against three teams with winning records and one game against a team with a losing record.