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CONTACT: JON ZIMMER**DENVER QB PEYTON MANNING APPROACHES
500TH TD PASS**

In the NFL's 95-year history, 1,249 different players have thrown a touchdown pass, but quarterback **BRETT FAVRE** (508) is the only player to reach the 500-touchdown mark.

Denver's **PEYTON MANNING**, who has 499 career touchdowns in 17 seasons with Indianapolis and Denver, is on the verge of joining this exclusive club.

At age 38, Manning remains at the top of his game, and has completed 74 of 111 passes (66.7 percent) for 814 yards and eight touchdowns with one interception for a 108.5 passer rating through the first three games of the 2014 season.

In 2013, Manning earned his record fifth Associated Press NFL MVP Award after setting NFL single-season records for touchdown passes (55) and yards (5,477).

"I can say I have never seen a better year played by a quarterback than Peyton Manning," said Pro Football Hall of Famer **JOHN ELWAY**, who now serves as Denver's general manager and executive vice president of football operations, of Manning's record-breaking 2013 season. "To see what he did, it was truly amazing."

Favre recorded his 500th career touchdown pass in his 293rd games on his 9,924th pass attempt. Manning has 8,563 career attempts and will face the undefeated Arizona Cardinals (3-0) in his 244th regular season game on Sunday.

Here's a look at how quickly Favre and Manning reached each major touchdown pass milestone in terms of games and attempts:

NUMBER OF GAMES TO REACH MILESTONE TDs					
PLAYER	100	200	300	400	500
Brett Favre	62	107	167	228	293
Peyton Manning	56	106	157	209	??

NUMBER OF ATTEMPTS TO REACH MILESTONE TDs					
PLAYER	100	200	300	400	500
Brett Favre	2,030	3,533	5,645	7,699	9,924
Peyton Manning	1,922	3,689	5,306	7,226	??

In his career, Manning has connected with 44 different teammates for touchdown passes, demonstrating his unique and consistent ability to find the open receiver, regardless of who it is.

"Peyton's mind is always going," says San Diego offensive coordinator **FRANK REICH**, who served as quarterbacks coach in Indianapolis for four seasons (2008-11) when Manning was with the Colts. "He's formulating a plan, synthesizing all this information that he is hearing, seeing, studying from other people. He's listening, but he's going to call the shots. There might not be another one like him, who does it like he does it."

MARVIN HARRISON of the Colts was on the receiving end of 112 touchdown passes from Manning, the most of any quarterback-wide receiver duo in NFL history. Denver defensive tackle **MITCH UNREIN**, on the other hand, has the unique distinction of being the only player whose lone career NFL catch was a touchdown from Manning.

"Luckily, I didn't drop it," says Unrein of his one-yard goal-line touchdown catch against the Buccaneers on December 2,

2012. "I didn't have very much time to get nervous, but I was definitely thinking about it a little bit before the snap. It happened so fast. I kept (the ball) and had Peyton sign it."

"A lot of players have caught those touchdowns, so I'm grateful for all the receivers and the protection I've received along the way," says Manning.

Below is a look at each of Manning's milestone touchdowns:

MILESTONE TD	PLAYER (TD LENGTH)	DATE	OPPONENT
1	Marvin Harrison (6 yards)	Sept. 6, 1998	Miami
100	Marvin Harrison (11 yards)	Nov. 11, 2001	Miami
200	Reggie Wayne (35 yards)	Nov. 21, 2004	Chicago
300	Joseph Addai (19 yards)	Dec. 9, 2007	Baltimore
400	Demaryius Thomas (71 yards)	Sept. 9, 2012	Pittsburgh
500	??	??	??

The 44 players who have connected with Manning on at least one touchdown pass:

PLAYER	TDs	PLAYER	TDs	PLAYER	TDs	PLAYER	TDs
Marvin Harrison	112	Wes Welker	10	Marshall Faulk	4	Jim Finn	1
Reggie Wayne	67	Joseph Addai	9	Dominic Rhodes	4	Trevor Insley	1
Dallas Clark	44	Jacob Tamme	9	Troy Walters	4	Kenton Keith	1
Marcus Pollard	34	Ken Dilger	7	Andre Caldwell	3	Dan Klecko	1
Demaryius Thomas	25	Anthony Gonzalez	7	Qadry Ismail	3	Luke Lawton	1
Eric Decker	24	Torrance Small	7	Knowshon Moreno	3	Aaron Moorehead	1
Brandon Stokley	20	Terrence Wilkins	7	James Mungro	3	Mike Roberg	1
Julius Thomas	17	Joel Dreessen	6	E.G.Green	2	Gijon Robinson	1
Austin Collie	15	Jerome Pathon	6	Ben Utecht	2	Tom Santi	1
Edgerrin James	11	Bryan Fletcher	5	Ricky Williams	2	Mitch Unrein	1
Pierre Garcon	10	Blair White	5	Lance Ball	1	Lamont Warren	1

The number of NFL players to reach each major touchdown pass milestone:

MILESTONE	NO. OF PLAYERS TO REACH MILESTONE
1 TD pass	1,249
100 TD passes	122
200 TD passes	37
300 TD passes	7
400 TD passes	3
500 TD passes	1

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