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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **New exhibits at Hall of Fame focus on Patriots streak, Carnell "Cadillac" Williams record**

On Sunday, rookie running back **Carnell "Cadillac" Williams** of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers became the first player in National Football League history to start a career with three consecutive 100-yard rushing performances. In addition, his 434 yards on the ground in those three games surpassed Alan Ameche's record of 410 set in 1955 as a member of the Baltimore Colts.

The shoes and gloves worn by Williams when he set the new league mark have arrived at the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton. The mementos were placed on exhibit in the Hall's *Pro Football Today* exhibition area on Thursday.

"It's always exciting for visitors to walk through the Hall and see the mementos from greats such as Red Grange or Jim Brown alongside those from the stars of today," commented Joe Horrigan, the Hall of Fame's Vice President of Communications/Exhibits. "We are so pleased that 'Cadillac' and the Buccaneers have given us a piece of history to help us with our ongoing mission of preserving the complete story of the NFL and pro football."

Williams set the record by rushing for 158 yards in the Bucs' 17-16 win over the Green Bay Packers at Lambeau Field during Week 3 action. He gained 148 yards in the season opening victory against the Vikings in Minnesota. Williams then ran for 128 yards in Tampa Bay's win over the Buffalo Bills the following week.

"It's a tremendous honor to have my shoes and gloves in the Pro Football Hall of Fame. We want to keep the momentum going against Detroit, and continue to have a successful year," commented Williams.

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Also on Thursday, the Hall unveiled a new exhibit that traces the 21-game winning streak by the **New England Patriots**. The Patriots won an NFL record 21 straight games during the 2003 and 2004 NFL seasons that also included playoff wins.

The winning streak began on October 5, 2003 as New England defeated the Tennessee Titans, 38-30, and continued through the team's 13-7 victory over the New York Jets on October 24, 2004.

The new display is highlighted by a game ball from each of the wins. The 21 footballs were donated to the Hall of Fame by the New England Patriots.

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The Pro Football Hall of Fame, which opened in Canton, Ohio in 1963, houses the largest collection on the sport in the world. Each year, hundreds of new items are added to the collection.