

These include a Conference record 38 touchdown passes during the regular season.

Brett Favre threw three more touchdown passes in Sunday's 37-20 first-round playoff victory over the Atlanta Falcons.

He has started in 61 consecutive football games, the longest streak among active NFL quarterbacks.

Finally, the resolution recognizes the team's commitment to achieving and demonstrating athletic excellence in the best traditions of the State of Wisconsin and of the Nation.

I urge the House to join me in giving special recognition to this exceptionally talented team and its admirable quarterback. They have proven themselves leaders and top performers in every capacity through one of the most competitive professional football seasons in history.

I ask that the article about the team and Mr. Favre and his award that appeared in the Green Bay Press-Gazette on January 2, 1996, be printed in the RECORD.

FAVRE ON HONOR: IT'S SALUTE TO TEAM

(By Chris Havel)

Brett Favre bounded into his Ashwaubenon home dying to share the news.

The Green Bay Packers' quarterback had just learned he was voted the National Football League's Most Valuable Player for the 1995 season.

"He was just like a kid winning his first trophy ever," said Deanna Tynes, Favre's longtime girlfriend. "He said, 'Do you know how big this is?' I said, 'yes, I do.' He said, 'No, you don't. You can't, because I don't know.'"

Winning the MVP award is one thing. Comprehending it is another.

That was on Saturday.

The Associated Press, which conducted the balloting in which Favre earned 69 of 88 votes from a national media panel, told him during an advance interview two days before the award was released.

On Monday, Favre seemed just as excited as if he'd heard it the first time.

"This is great," he said.

The 26-year-old admitted his NFC record 38 touchdown passes and NFL-leading 4,413 yards passing obviously played a bit role in his winning the award. But no greater a role than the Packers' 11-5 record and Central Division title.

"The numbers are hard to ignore, but if we had gone 2-14 everyone would have said, 'So what?'" he said. "I can't say enough about what this award means for me and my team. You can't win something like this unless you win and be successful. That's a salute to all my teammates."

The award was especially impressive in that it came in the same season San Francisco's Jerry Rice and Dallas' Emmitt Smith set NFL records for receiving yards (1,848) and touchdowns (25), respectively.

This is heady stuff.

The people closest to Favre know it. They also know it won't go to his head.

"The only way he has changed is that he has grown up a lot," said Tynes, who laughs at the notion that Favre is a "big ego" guy. "He's still a kid at heart. He'll always be that way. More than anything, he loves to play football and he loves to win. That's just the way he is."

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Bryant Medders who played with Favre at Southern Mississippi and is a close friend, said Favre's maturity—both physically and mentally—is striking.

"He never knew where the weight room was at Southern Miss," Medders said. "Now on Tuesdays (the Packers' day off) he goes in

and rides the bike and does the treadmill. I thought, 'That doesn't sound like Brett,' But it is now."

Steve Mariucci, the Packers' quarterbacks coach, also has seen the changes.

"Brett's image used to be the . . . Well, you know. Now his image and persona is that he's an intelligent quarterback. Heads-up. Gutsy. He's playing the position very well and very smart," said Mariucci. "He's playing a little bit beyond the scheme of our system at times with his improvising and making good things happen. He's keeping the negatives to a minimum."

Clearly, Favre is a serious NFL quarterback. Yet he remains his fun-loving self.

Medders got a dose of it a few years back when he came to Green Bay for the Packers' December game against the Rams. Favre told Medders to be sure to bundle up because of the sub-zero temperatures.

"So we step out of the apartment on our way to the game and what does he do? He comes up behind me and stuffs two handfuls of snow right down the back of my shirt," said Medders, laughing. "That started my day out right."

"He's the biggest prankster there is," said Clark Henegan, a college buddy of Favre's who moved to Green Bay and is his personal assistant. "If you're not careful, he'll pull your pants down on the tee box. Trust me."

Favre actually pulled just such a prank on Mariucci at practice.

"The worst part was they had it on film," said Mariucci. "That's just how he is. He's the funniest human being I have ever been around. To be witty, you have to be intelligent, and he's very witty. Not that I ever want him to do that again."

The fact that Favre would even consider such a practical joke on his position coach is testament to the closeness they share.

'MUTUAL RESPECT'

We have a great mutual respect and when I say 'we' I mean all the quarterbacks," said Mariucci. "It's a constant Barnum & Bailey, but when it's time to go, we go. We get after it and there's no fooling around."

Medders thinks Favre is just beginning to blossom.

"Now that he has received some respect from peers and around the nation, it'll actually make him more confident," said Medders, who lives in Birmingham, Ala. "I think it will make him better. It'll bring him out more."

Favre's rock-solid performance in the Packers' 37-20 victory over Atlanta in Sunday's NFC wild-card game makes a convincing argument. Knowing he has been selected as the NFL's MVP didn't affect his approach or his performance.

He completed 24 of 35 passes for 199 yards and three touchdowns.

"There was no pressure on me," Favre said. "I didn't feel like I had to do anything spectacular and I didn't. I don't have to put up big numbers for us to win. Edgar Bennett had 108 yards. We won. That's what we would like to do."

On some teams, the presence of an MVP quarterback might breed jealousy.

In Green Bay, Favre believes it'll breed confidence going into Saturday's NFC Divisional Playoff against defending Super Bowl champion San Francisco.

"Our players can say, 'Hey, if a Packer can win this award, then we're getting a little notoriety and people are starting to recognize us,'" he said.

"We're 11-5. We won our division. We're pretty good. I hope every player feels like we can go out to San Francisco and win."

## DEPORTATION OF FOREIGNERS

HON. JULIAN C. DIXON

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. DIXON. Mr. Speaker, I want to take the opportunity to call the attention of my colleagues to the following editorial which appeared in the Los Angeles Times of Tuesday, January 2, 1996. The Times cites encouraging progress by the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service [INS] in the deportation of foreigners who are in this country illegally. Obviously, illegal immigration is an issue of great importance to the Los Angeles area as well as the entire State of California, and I commend the INS for its recent successes in efforts to confront this pressing problem.

ENCOURAGING PROGRESS ON DEPORTATIONS  
STATISTICS SUPPORT THE STEADY, MEASURED  
APPROACH OF THE INS

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service says a record number of foreigners, 51,600, were deported in 1995 for being in the United States illegally. While those deportations represent only a tiny dent in America's illegal immigration problems, the number does illustrate that the Clinton administration is moving in the right direction on control of the nation's borders.

Experts who track immigration trends can only guess at how many illegal immigrants are living in the country. A rough consensus currently is between 2 million and 3 million. But the INS knows exactly how many it formally deports each year, and the 1995 figure is 15% more than in 1994 and up nearly 75% from 1990. So the INS has shown progress, indicating that its measured approach, pressed methodically despite a prevailing anti-immigrant hysteria, is effective.

Clearly Congress' decision to increase the amount of money spent on border enforcement has paid off. That should provide more political support for the INS spending bill now pending in Congress, which calls for a \$128.7-million increase in enforcement funds. In terms of manpower, that means an additional 1,400 INS officers, mostly detention and deportation officers.

Another wise decision that INS Commissioner Doris Meissner made was to invest in a computerized identification system for INS border inspectors at busy ports of entry like San Ysidro, south of San Diego, and El Paso.

But the most important change in INS procedures was Meissner's decision to expand and accelerate the procedure for holding formal deportation hearings for foreigners who had served time on criminal convictions. Most of the 1995 deportees, 62% of the total, were criminals expelled after completing their sentences.

In the past, these foreigners were sent to federal detention centers to await deportation hearings. Or, if there was no room in the centers, they would simply be set free and ordered to return voluntarily for the hearings. Obviously many did not show up. Under the new INS policy an INS judge goes to the prison, hears the prisoner's case for remaining in the United States and makes a decision on the spot. Those rejected are taken directly to an airport and put on the next plane to their country of origin.

With Congress immersed in a new debate about immigration reform, members should acknowledge the INS successes before they try to reinvent the wheel. Washington needs a steady, credible immigration policy, not a hysterical response to demagogues demanding rash, unproven policies.