

# Scoring for the Team

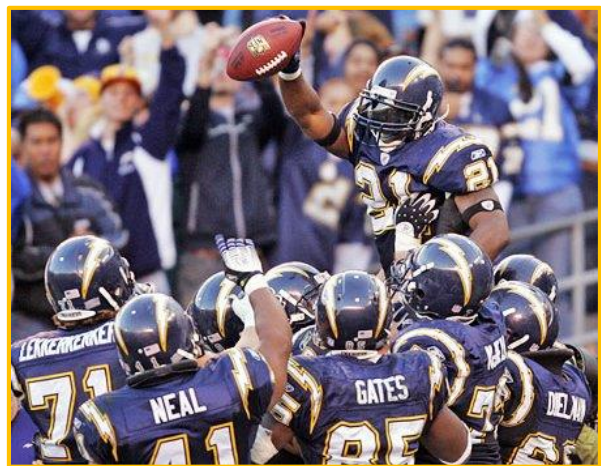
LaDainian Tomlinson was an All-American running back for Texas Christian University and was named to the National Football League's 2000s All-Decade Team as one of the top running backs of the 2000s. He spent nine of his 11 seasons in the NFL with the San Diego Chargers.

In a game between the Chargers and the Denver Broncos in December 2006, Tomlinson took his position the same way he had done hundreds of times before. But this time, he took the ball and sprinted around two defenders for a seven-yard gain into the end zone for his NFL record-breaking 29<sup>th</sup> touchdown of the season.

Impressive as that accomplishment was, Tomlinson's selfless behavior after the run really stole the show. Instead of raising his hands in victory or dancing across the turf, Tomlinson beckoned for his offensive line – those inconspicuous behemoths who cleared the path for his success – to join him.

With more than 67,000 fans wildly cheering, he helped his entire team bask in the glory.

Tomlinson also refused to acknowledge individual accomplishment when talking with reporters after the game. Instead, he consistently used plural pronouns to include his teammates:



“When we're old and can't play this game anymore, those are the moments that we're going to remember, being able to tell our kids and tell our grandchildren. We made history today, and there's no better feeling than to share it with the group of guys in that locker room.”

Success in the provision of health-care services to our customers demands no less teamwork than is required of a football team. We have associates with unique talents who bring important contributions to the pursuit of our mission. And every position is important if we are to reach our goal of the finest quality care that our patients and residents need and deserve.

It isn't about *I* or *me*; it's about *we* and *us*.

*Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up (James 4:10 NKJV).*

– Beecher Hunter