

# Jets' Martin tops 14,000 yards

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) - Jets running back Curtis Martin became the fourth NFL player to rush for 14,000 yards, reaching the mark with a 23-yard run in

the first quarter of New York's 21-19 loss to New Orleans on Sunday night. Martin, in his 11th season, joined Emmitt Smith (18,355), Walter Payton

(16,726) and Barry Sanders (15,269) as the only players to reach the milestone. He needed just 19 yards coming in, and finished with 91 to give him 14,072.

the sideline. Martin also joined Smith and Payton as the only players with 3,500 rushing attempts, reaching the mark with his 21st carry — a 3-yard run late in the fourth quarter. He ended the game with 24 carries, giving him 3,503. Smith had 4,409 career rushes, while Payton had 3,838.

# Ex-Cowboy Irvin arrested in Texas

PLANO, Texas (AP) - Former Dallas Cowboys receiver Michael Irvin was charged with misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia after police searched his vehicle during a traffic stop, Plano police said Sunday.

Irvin, an ESPN analyst and semifinalist for the Pro Football Hall of Fame, was arrested on an outstanding warrant for speeding in a nearby town after being pulled over Friday afternoon for speeding in Plano, the Plano Police Department said. Police spokesman Mike Johnson said he didn't know what kind of paraphernalia was found.

Irvin paid a fine on the speeding ticket and posted bond on the drug paraphernalia possession charge. He was released about an hour after he was pulled over.

"We are reviewing the facts of the situation and have no comment at this time," ESPN spokesman Josh Krulewitz said.

Irvin, a member of three Super Bowl championship teams with the Cowboys, retired in July 2000.

In 1996, Irvin pleaded no contest to felony cocaine possession in exchange for four years of deferred probation, a \$10,000 fine and dismissal of misdemeanor marijuana possession charges.

Irvin holds Cowboys records for catches (750), receiving yards (11,904) and 100-yard games (47), including a team-record seven in a row in 1991.

# Adu a possibility on U.S. Cup team

LOS ANGELES (AP) — U.S. coach Bruce Arena is inviting Freddy Adu to his first camp with the national team and left open the possibility that the 16-year-old could be on his World Cup roster.



Freddy Adu, 16, has been given the option to play in the World Cup.

Arena said Tuesday at a soccer symposium that he plans to observe Adu during the team's first training camp of 2006, which starts Jan. 4 in Carson, Calif.

Giving the depth of the U.S. player pool, Adu would appear to have only a longshot chance of being on the roster for the World Cup, which starts June 9.

Adu recently completed his second season with Major League Soccer's D.C. United, where he has had difficulty gaining a regular place in the starting lineup. Missing several games while he was playing for the U.S. Under-20 team, he appeared in 25 regular-season games for United, making 16 starts.

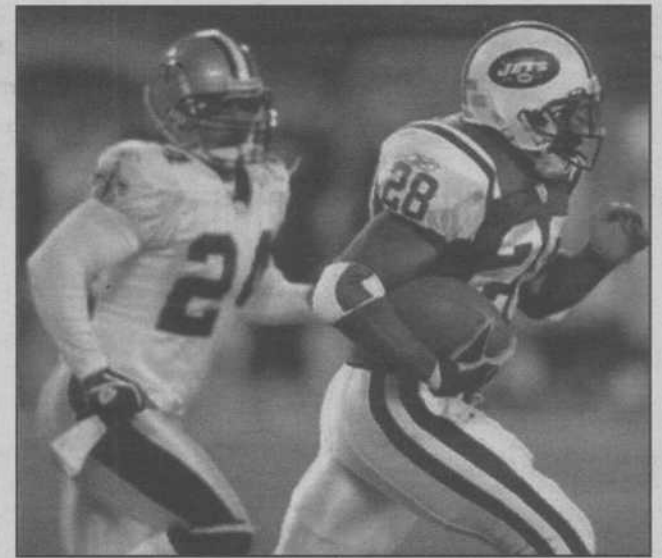
Adu, who signed with United when he was 14, had

four goals and six assists this season. He scored three game-winning goals and had two game-winning assists.

He was suspended for a playoff game against Chicago because he complained publicly about what he considered a lack of playing time.

Arena indicated foreign-based players will make up slightly more than half the U.S. team for next summer's World Cup in Germany.

"We are considering 12 to 14 players based in Europe for our 23-player World Cup squad," he said.



New York Jets running back Curtis Martin (28) passes 14,000 career yards as he runs a play past New Orleans Saints safety Dwight Smith (left) in the first quarter of their NFL game in East Rutherford, New Jersey on Sunday.

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