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Count Cincinnati wide receiver Chad Ochocinco as a big fan of Tampa Bay's secondary. The Buccaneers, who are tied for third in the NFL with the Bengals, Steelers and Eagles with six interceptions, have two great cornerbacks who will be charged with the responsibility of covering two great Bengals receivers in Terrell Owens and Ochocinco.



Cincinnati WR compared Bucs CB Ronde Barber to Mark Zuckerberg, the co-creator of Facebook, for his unparalleled intelligence at defensive back. (Getty Image)

Aqib Talib and Ronde Barber each have two interceptions this season and bring two different styles to the table. While the heady Barber has traditionally dominated in zone coverage, the 6-foot-2, 205-pound Talib has the size, speed and skills to match-up exceptionally well in man coverage. Typically, head coach and defensive coordinator Raheem Morris will put Talib on the opponent's best receiver and have him shadow him around all day.

But when a team like Cincinnati, who is hosting Tampa Bay on Sunday, has two dynamic receivers like Owens and Ochocinco, Morris will have to choose carefully which pass catcher he wants Talib to match up against.

"It's difficult for any team because we can hurt you any way you go, depending on what you want to stop," Ochocinco said. "Either way you go, you have to pick your poison."

Owens is the NFL's second all-time leading receiver with 1,030 catches for 15,325 yards and 145 touchdowns, while Ochocinco has 707 catches for 10,248 yards and 63 scores in his NFL career. Ochocinco likes what he sees on film from Talib and is ready for the challenge.

"They look good so far on film," Ochocinco said. "They make plays all over the place. Aqib is really good. It's really rare for his size to be a corner. He has great, great speed and great hips for transition. He's smart so far. Of course plays are going to be made on the offensive side of the ball, but very rarely have I seen those guys out of position. I look forward to playing against Talib. It should be a fun match-up."

When it comes to Barber, Ochocinco took his praise for the Bucs' all-time leading interceptor (39 INTs) to a new level. The Bengals' star receiver raved about the intelligence and playmaking ability of Barber, a 14-year veteran that will be playing in his 171st consecutive start this Sunday, which will tie him with Dick LeBeau (1959-72) for the longest consecutive starts streak among cornerbacks in NFL history,

"He's one of the best," Ochocinco said. "He's super smart. He's like the Mark Zuckerberg of DBs. Does that make sense as far as how smart he is?"

Zuckerberg is the co-creator of the Facebook, and has had his life depicted in the new movie, "The Social Network."

"You know how smart he was to come up with Facebook?" Ochocinco said. "Ronde Barber is like that as a defensive back - period."

While Barber has had a long, successful career in the NFL and made millions, his fortune doesn't quite stack up to that of an Internet pioneer like Zuckerberg.

"Well, God didn't bless him like that, but he's doing better than a lot of people in life," Ochocinco said. "But you do understand what I mean as far as being smart? He's smart, man. He's super smart. It's so funny, even our coach said that Ronde could make a mistake and still make a play. You know, that's pretty damn

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