

NFL EXTRA

WEEK 2

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01:17:10 - AMBUSH

RADIO – SAINTS TRAILING 10-6 AND WILL BE KICKING THE FOOTBALL AWAY TO BEGIN THE 2ND HALF. ALRIGHT, HERE'S THE KICKOFF AND IT'S AN ONSIDE KICK AND THE SAINTS I THINK HAVE IT.

HOW DID THE SAINTS PULL OFF THE GREATEST HEIST IN SUPER BOWL HISTORY? BEFORE WE GET INTO THE EVOLUTION OF THE PLAY CALLED "AMBUSH," HERE'S A LOOK AT THE KEY PLAYERS INVOLVED:

- CHRIS REIS IS THE 3RD YEAR SAFETY WHO WASN'T SUPPOSED TO RECOVER THE BALL.
- THOMAS MORSTEAD IS THE ROOKIE PUNTER WHO HAD NEVER BEFORE TRIED AN ONSIDE KICK.
- SEAN PAYTON IS THE HEAD COACH, WILLING TO GAMBLE IN THE BIGGEST GAME OF HIS LIFE.
- AND BILL PARCELLS IS THE MENTOR WHO PULLED OFF A SIMILAR STUNT IN THE PAST.

PAYTON - COMPLETING AGAINST PEYTON MANNING, WE FELT WE NEEDED TO GAIN A POSSESSION SOMEHOW. PRIOR TO THE S.B. I HAD A CHANCE TO VISIT WITH BILL PARCELLS; AND HE DREW SOME COMPARISONS TO THE CHAMP. GAME IN 1990. THEY HAD RUN A FAKE PUNT AGAINST THE 49ERS LATE IN THE GAME.

RADIO – OH FAKE. IT'S GONNA BE A FAKE! THEY'RE GOING ACROSS THE 50, 45, 40, 35, 30! WHAT A RUN BY GARY REASONS!

PAYTON – THE GIANTS WON IN AN UPSET. SO THE START TO THIS AMBUSH REALLY WAS AS A FAKE PUNT. TO INDIANAPOLIS' CREDIT, WE JUST COULDN'T FIND THE LOOK THAT WE WANTED. SO WE WENT DOWN THE OTHER ROAD WITH AN ONSIDE KICK.

I NEVER KICKED-OFF BEFORE THIS YEAR. SO I NEVER HAD AN ONSIDE KICK. BUT THEY WANTED IT TO BE A SURPRISE, SO WE JUST STARTED WORKING ON IT AND I SAW ONE FROM GAME FILM THAT OLINDO MARE HAD DONE A COUPLE

YRS. AGO. AND I DID IT PERFECTLY THE FIRST TIME WE RAN IT IN PRACTICE. COACH JUST CALLED IT AMBUSH RIGHT THEN AND IT STUCK.

PARCELLS – WE HAD LONG DISCUSSIONS ABOUT IT. PROBABLY 2 OR 3 DIFFERENT TIMES. I TOLD HIM. I SAID, “WHEN IT’S OVER AND EVERYBODY’S GONE HOME...”

PAYTON – “..AND THE CONFETTI HAS STOPPED FALLING, THE REPORTERS ARE GONE..”

PARCELLS – “WHEN YOU’RE UPSTAIRS IN YOUR ROOM BY YOURSELF, YOU GOTTA BE ABLE TO SAY “HEY PAYTON, I DID EVERYTHING I COULD DO TO WIN THAT GAME.”

PAYTON – “BECAUSE, IF NOT, IT’LL HAUNT YOU FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE.”

THOSE WORDS ECHOED INTO THE SUPER BOWL, WHERE THE SAINTS TRAILED 10-6 AT THE HALF.

PAYTON – COMING FOR THE FIELD AT HALFTIME, YOU GOT 35 MINS. HERE OF “THE WHO”. AND SOMEWHERE BETWEEN “TEENAGE WASTELAND” AND “PINBALL WIZARD” WE DECIDED THAT THIS WAS GONNA BE THE TIME TO RUN THIS. HEY PAY ATTENTION NOW. ONE QUICK THING. WE’RE GONNA START THIS HALF KICKING OFF. ALRIGHT, AMBUSH. ROMAN HARPER. YOU RECOVER IT RIGHT? I DON’T WANT THIS THING GOING OUT OF BOUNDS. NOW LISTEN MEN. LET’S GO GET THIS .. GAME. LET’S GO GET THIS GAME.

WE’D BEEN TOLD WE’D RUN FAKES EARLIER IN THE YEAR. WE NEVER RAN THEM. AND SO, I NEVER HAD A PANIC ATTACK BUT MY HEART RATE. IT JUST SKYROCKETED JUST THINKING, “I COULD HELP CHANGE THE OUTCOME OF THIS GAME.”

MY FIRST THOUGHT WAS, “MAN, I DON’T KNOW IF THIS IS THE RIGHT TIME FOR THIS!” I, FOR SURE, WASN’T FOR IT BUT I WAS LIKE, “HEY, I HOPE IT WORKS.”

WHAT DID YOU TELL YOUR GUYS AT HALFTIME?

PAYTON - IT’S RIGHT HERE FOR US. LET’S GO. HALFTIME ENDED. WE HAD GONE OUT, AND I’D BEGIN TO NOTICE RIGHT AWAY THAT THEIR TEEING THIS THING UP LIKE WE HAD TALKED; BUT THE PROBLEM WAS GONNA BE THAT THIS WAS GONNA BE RECOVERED ON THE COLTS BENCH; AND YOU WOULD NEVER WANT TO DO THAT. QUICKLY, I HAD A CHANCE TO JUST TELL THE OFFICIALS, “HEY, WE WANT TO GO RIGHT TO LEFT; NOT LEFT TO RIGHT.” LET’S DO THIS. LET’S GO THIS WAY. I WANT TO GO THIS WAY. BECAUSE IF THERE IS A MOSH PIT LIKE WHAT HAPPENED, YOU WANT TO GET ANY JUMP BALL.

RADIO – SO THE SAINTS WILL KICK IT AWAY TRAILING 10-6. THOMAS MORESTEAD STEPS INTO THE FOOTBALL AND IT’S AN ONSIDES KICK, AND IT’S

GOING TO BE COVERED UP BY CHRIS REIS I BELIEVE. THEY'RE STILL FIGHTING FOR IT. NO INDICATION AS YET.

PAYTON - WE GOT IT. WE GOT IT. WE GOT IT.

REIS – REALLY, I WASN'T SUPPOSED TO RECOVER THE BALL. ALL WEEK IT HAD BEEN ROMAN HARPER THAT WOULD RECOVER THE BALL, AND I KIND OF LOOP BEHIND JUST IN CASE IT POPPED OUT OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT.

RADIO - I DON'T KNOW IF CHRIS REIS WAS ABLE TO GET ON THAT BALL BUT I MEAN HE CERTAINLY HAD IT.

I REMEMBER SEEING CHRIS REIS HAVE IT BUT HE STARTED TO LOSE IT BETWEEN THE BACK OF HIS LEGS. HANK BASKET CAME IN THERE. IT LOOKED LIKE HE WAS GONNA BE ABLE TO PRY IT FROM HIM; AND THEN JONATHAN CASILLAS CAME AND SPEARED HANK BASKET. AND I THINK THAT'S WHAT ALLOWED CHRIS TO REALLY GET CONTROL OF THE BALL.

RADIO – STILL A BATTLE DOWN THERE. STILL A SCRUM AS PLAYERS ARE SEPARATED.

REF – YEA, YOU GET OUT OF HERE! YOU GET OUT OF HERE!

BREES – I'VE NEVER SEEN A PILEUP LIKE THAT. I'VE NEVER SEEN IT TAKE THAT LONG TO PULL EVERYBODY OFF THE PILE.

PAYTON – HEY, WE GOT THE BALL!

BREES – BUT THE FACT THAT IT WAS TAKING PLACE ON OUT SIDELINE. THAT WAS BIG. SO MANY GUYS ...SAINTS BALL! SAINTS BALL!

RADIO – JEREMY SHOCKEY SAYS IT'S THE SAINTS BALL. THE OFFICIALS HAVE MADE NO DECLARATION YET.

REIS – I REMEMBER THE REF WAS KNEEING ON ME AND I COULD HEAR HIM SAY, "BLUE BALL." I REMEMBER LOOKING UP. I'M LIKE, "WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT? I HAVE THE BALL RIGHT HERE! THERE'S NO REASON TO SAY, BLUE BALL." I HELD ONTO THAT BALL UNTIL THE LAST SECOND. I WAS LIKE, "I'M COMING OUT OF THE PILE WITH THAT BALL NO MATTER WHAT."

REF – WHITE BALL.

RADIO – THERE'S THE FIRST INDICATION. THE SAINTS FOOLED THEM TO BEGIN THE 2ND HALF WITH AN ONSIDES KICK AND CAME AWAY WITH IT.

THE SCRUM LASTED 63 SECONDS. 6 PLAYS LATER, THE SAINTS SCORED THEIR FIRST TOUCHDOWN ON THEIR WAY TO A SUPER BOWL UPSET.

RADIO – THE MIRACLE IN MIAMI HAS HAPPENED! THE SAINTS HAVE WON THE SUPER BOWL!

GREAT JOB. GREAT JOB. ONE OF THE GUTSIEST SUPER BOWLS BY ANY COACH EVER.

PAYTON – PARCELLS SAID IT. “YOU GOTTA HAVE BALLS TO WIN THIS GAME.” YOU SET THE RECORD.

PAYTON – MONDAY MORNING, THE DAY AFTER THE S.B., I CALLED BILL UP, AND THIS WAS SOMETHING HE WOULD DO. HE WOULD ANSWER THE PHONE AND IT WOULD NEVER BE HELLO. IT WOULD JUST BE A STATEMENT. SO HE ANSWERED THE PHONE AND HE SAID, “WELCOME TO THE CLUB. THERE’S ONLY 28 COACHES THAT HAVE WON A S.B. WELCOME TO THE CLUB.”

PARCELLS – THAT’S RIGHT. SPECIAL. SPECIAL.

WHAT STARTED AS A CONVERSATION ENDED WITH THE SAINTS FIRST EVER CHAMPIONSHIP, AND A TRIP TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

OBAMA – I MAKE SOME TOUGH DECISIONS EVERYDAY BUT I NEVER DECIDED ON AN ONSIDE KICK IN THE 2ND HALF OF THE SUPER BOWL. THAT TOOK SOME GUTS. WERE YOU O.K. WITH THAT? DID HE CHECK OFF WITH YOU? YEA. I’M GLAD THAT THING WENT ALRIGHT.

IT’S CRAZY. THIS COULD BE THE PLAY THAT’S PLAYED BACK EVERY YEAR. PRETTY SPECIAL FEELING.

DID YOU GET TO KEEP THE BALL?

REID - I DID NOT GET TO KEEP THE BALL. SO I GIVE IT TO MY EQUIPMENT GUY AND I SAID, “HEY, HANG ONTO THIS BALL.” I MEAN EVERYBODY WANTS THAT BALL. AND I WENT TO HIM THE NEXT DAY. I SAID, “HEY, DO YOU HAVE THAT S.B. BALL THAT I RECOVERED?” HE SAID, “NO. AN OFFICIAL CAME UP AND THEY TOOK IT TO THE H.O.F., AND IT’S ACTUALLY IN THE H.O.F. RIGHT NOW.” SO THAT MAY BE MY ONLY CHANCE TO GET INTO THE H.O.F. BUT I’M GLAD TO DONATE IT, WITHOUT A DOUBT. THE GUTSIEST PLAY IN S.B. HISTORY.

01:25:12 - UNLIKELY CHAMPIONS

RADIO – THE MIRACLE IN MIAMI HAS HAPPENED!

WHEN NEW ORLEANS WON THE SUPER BOWL, THE STARS TOOK CENTER STAGE. BUT HERE ARE THREE STORIES OF LESSER KNOWN SAINTS: MARK BRUNELL, DAVID THOMAS AND ANTHONY HARGROVE.

IN 2004 HARGROVE BEGAN HIS CAREER WITH THE RAMS. TWO YEARS LATER, HE NEARLY ENDED IT.

HARGROVE - THEY DEACTIVATED ME BECAUSE I MISSED WORK FOR 2 YRS. CAUSE I WAS SNORTING COCAINE. I DIDN'T EVER THOUGHT, WELL, HEY, YOU'RE THE STARTING RIGHT END. YOU DON'T THINK YOU'RE GONNA BE MISSED?

HARGROVE WAS TRADED TO BUFFALO, BUT IN 2008 HE RECEIVED A ONE YEAR SUSPENSION. THE DEFENSIVE LINEMAN ONLY HAD ONE THING ON HIS MIND.

HARGROVE – I CAN GO GET AS HIGH AS I WANT.

TIGHT END DAVID THOMAS WAS LIVING A DIFFERENT KIND OF HIGH WITH THE PATRIOTS.

THOMAS – I WAS DRAFTED IN THE 3RD ROUND. I WAS REALLY EXCITED TO GO TO N.E. TO WORK WITH SUCH A GOOD COACH IN BILL BELICHICK AND HAVE A GREAT QB LIKE TOM BRADY.

BRADY – YOU MADE SOME GREAT CATCHES.

THOMAS – MY ROOKIE YEAR WITH N.E. WE WENT TO THE AFC CHAMP. GAME AND GOT BEAT BY INDIANAPOLIS. THEN MY 2ND YEAR WE WERE UNDEFEATED AND PLAYED THE GIANTS IN THE S.B. AND GOT BEAT.

RADIO – THE N.Y. GIANTS HAVE KNOCKED OFF THE N.E. PATRIOTS!

THOMAS – TO MAKE IT THAT FAR. IT WAS JUST DEVASTATING TO LOSE THAT WAY.

MARK BRUNELL WAS FAMILIAR WITH DEVASTATING DEFEATS. TWICE HE LED THE JAGUARS TO AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES AND LOST.

BRUNELL – THERE WAS ALWAYS THAT PURSUIT OF TRYING TO BE ON A CHAMP. TEAM. I WAS FRIENDS WITH GUYS THAT HAD BEEN S.B. MVPS THAT WON CHAMPS. I WANTED THAT.

IN 2008, THE QUARTERBACK WHO HAD STARTED 150 GAMES BECAME A BACKUP FOR THE SAINTS.

BRUNELL – EVERYBODY WANTS TO START. I WANT TO START TODAY! BUT, CLEARLY, THAT WASN'T THE CASE WITH DREW THERE. YOU'RE GLAD TO BE AROUND AND IF YOUR #'S CALLED YOU MAKE SURE YOU'RE READY.

NO ONE WAS CALLING HARGROVE, BUT AFTER SPENDING NEARLY A YEAR IN REHAB, HE RECEIVED THE NEWS HE'D BEEN WAITING FOR.

HARGROVE - MY REINSTATEMENT LETTER. WHEN I FINALLY GOT THAT LETTER. I MUST'VE READ IT 1,000 TIMES.

I'M PHIL WILLIAMS. I'M SITTING HERE WITH ANTHONY TOMMY HARGROVE, MY CLIENT.

HARGROVE AND HIS AGENT SENT A VIDEO TO ALL 32 TEAMS -- ONE SHOWED INTEREST.

HARGROVE – THE SAINTS WAS THE TEAM TO DO THAT. THEY FLEW ME IN THE NEXT WEEK FOR A WORKOUT. I HAD A SIT DOWN TALK. IN LIKE 40 HRS. I WAS BACK UP IN N.O.

WHILE HARGROVE FOUND A HOME, THOMAS LOST HIS.

THOMAS - IT WAS A SATURDAY AND MY SON LOVES THOMAS THE TANK ENGINE. SO WE TAKE HIM TO GO SEE THOMAS; AND WE'RE GETTING ON TO TAKE A RIDE AND HE TRIPPED AND FELL, AND HE CUT HIS EYE OPEN. WE DIDN'T GET TO RIDE ON THOMAS. SO WE GO TO THE HOSPITAL, TALK TO THE DOCTOR AND THEY DECIDE HE NEEDS STITCHES. AND MY PHONE STARTS RINGING AND IT SAYS, "PRIVATE." IT WAS BILL LETTING ME KNOW I'D BEEN TRADED TO THE SAINTS. I'VE GOT MY SON ON MY SHOULDER STILL SOBBING BECAUSE HE'S ABOUT TO GET STITCHED; AND MY WIFE JUST GOT THE BOMB DROPPED ON HER THAT WE'RE HAVING TO MOVE. IN LESS THAN 24 HRS. I WAS GONE ACROSS THE COUNTRY, AND BASICALLY LEFT MY WIFE TO PICKUP THE PIECES AND MOVE THE FAMILY.

IN 2009 THOMAS AND HARGROVE WERE IN A NEW ENVIRONMENT PLAYING FAMILIAR ROLES, UNLIKE 17 YEAR VETERAN BRUNELL.

HARGROVE ... COMPLETELY BACK.

UNLIKE 17 YR. VETERAN, BRUNELL.

BRUNELL - THEY HAD MENTIONED THE CHANCE OF BEING THE HOLDER THAT YEAR. I SAID, "ABSOLUTELY. GET ME ON THE FIELD." NOW, I'M NOT A REAL BIG FAN OF HOLDING. YOU GOTTA DEAL WITH KICKERS. I THINK OUR AGE DIFFERENCE WAS QUITE A BIT BUT WE DID SOME DEER HUNTING TOGETHER. WE GOT TO KNOW EACH OTHER A LITTLE BIT. HE'S A MUCH BETTER KICKER THAN HE IS A DEER HUNTER. THERE'S NO QUESTION. I KNEW RIGHT WHEN WE GOT STARTED THAT WE HAD SOMETHING SPECIAL. MAYBE THAT'S FROM BEING AROUND AWHILE.

HARGROVE – YOU WIN 8 GAMES. O.K., YOU KIND OF SEE WHERE YOUR TEAM'S AT. BUT WE WON 8 GAMES RIGHT AT THE HALF.

RADIO – BALL IS FREE ON THE GROUND. THE SAINTS PICKED IT UP!
HARGROVE PICKS IT UP! HE'S IN THE END ZONE! TD. SAINTS! THERE WE GO!
HARGROVE =- AND YOU GET 10. O.K. OUR PLAYOFF BERTH'S ALIVE NOW.

THOMAS - ABOUT WEEK 10, 11, WE HAD WON GAMES ABOUT EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

RADIO – DAVID THOMAS TAKES IT IN! SAINTS ADD TO THEIR LEAD AND THEIR DOMINATION OF THE N.E. PATRIOTS!

THOMAS – THE N.E. PATRIOTS WAS, I'D BE LYING IF I SAID IT DIDN'T FEEL GOOD. BUT IT FELT EVEN BETTER TO BE 1 STEP CLOSER.

RADIO - WELCOME TO THE NFC CHAMP. GAME.

(HARGROVE HUDDLE)

HARGROVE – OUR GAME PLAN WAS JUST TO GET ANYTHING MOVING. WE KNOCKED THE MESS OUT OF EVERYBODY THAT GAME.

PAYTON – THROW IT TO DAVE.

RADIO – CATCH MADE BY THOMAS! HOW DID HE HOLD ONTO THAT BALL AT THE 21 YD. LINE? THAT'S AN OUTSTANDING CATCH. AND SO IT COMES DOWN TO THIS. GARRETT HARTLEY, WITH MIAMI, RESTING ON HIS RIGHT FOOT. BRUNELL WILL HOLD IT.

BRUNELL – YOU CAN'T REALLY THINK ABOUT WHAT THIS MEANS OR GET CAUGHT UP IN, "HEY, I'VE GOTTA GET THIS HOLD DOWN." OR, "MY JOB IS REALLY EASY. I CATCH THE BALL, PUT IT DOWN. THE KID HAD THE PRESSURE.

HARGROVE – I WAS GONNA GO TELL HIM, "IF YOU MISS THIS KICK I'M GONNA CUT YOUR ___ OFF AND PUT THEM IN A VERY SMALL JAR."

RADIO – THIS WILL BE A 40 YD. F.G. ATTEMPT. AND IT'S GOOD! IT'S GOOD!! THE SAINTS ARE ON THEIR WAY TO THE S.B.!

THOMAS - I WAS THE BACKSIDE WING. THERE WAS ONLY 1 GUY FOR ME TO PROTECT. SO I BLOCKED MY GUY AND TURNED AROUND AND WATCHED IT GO THROUGH.

HARGROVE – WHEN THE F.G. WENT THROUGH I FELL DOWN ON MY KNEES AND JUST "THANK YOU GOD. THANK YOU SO MUCH." AND I WAS GONNA BE ABLE TO DO SOMETHING THAT A LOT OF PEOPLE HAVE NEVER DONE. HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN THE S.B.

RADIO – S.B. 44. THE HOPES OF THE CITY WILL FINALLY GO MARCHING IN.

TRACY PORTER EMERGED AS THE UNLIKELY HERO.

RADIO – PICKED OFF!! IT'S TRACY PORTER!!

BUT THREE UNLIKELY CHAMPIONS FINALLY WON A SUPER BOWL.

THOMAS – AFTER THE GAME MY WIFE AND MY DAD AND MY 2 LITTLE BOYS GOT TO COME DOWN ON THE FIELD. WITH EVERYTHING THAT WE'D BEEN THROUGH THAT SEASON, ONCE I GOT THEM WITH ME, THAT'S WHEN ALL WAS RIGHT.

BRUNELL – I THOUGHT MAYBE WINNING THAT FOOTBALL GAME AS A BACKUP WOULDN'T BE AS SPECIAL OR AS BIG. THERE WAS NO MVP OR ANYTHING. BUT I COULDN'T HAVE BEEN MORE THRILLED ABOUT BEING A PART OF A TEAM THAT HAD GOTTEN A RING.

HARGROVE – I WANTED TO LIVE IN THAT MOMENT FOREVER. I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH MYSELF. I WAS LIKE A KID IN A CANDY STORE. WHO DAT? WHO DAT? WHO DAT SAY THEY'RE GONNA BEAT THOSE SAINTS?! THERE'S SO MUCH...AND I WANTED A PART OF IT ALL. BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, I REALLY WANTED TO HOLD THAT TROPHY BECAUSE THAT TROPHY MEAN MORE THAN JUST A S.B. IT WAS OVERCOMING ALL OBSTACLES. ONE OF THE THINGS I REALIZED, IF IT'S 1 IN A MILLION, AT LEAST YOU GOT 1 CHANCE.

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