

NFL EXTRA

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01:45:30 – PATS/COLTS RIVALRY

GOOD DAY FOR SOME FOOTBALL.

I THOUGHT IT WAS COLD OUT HERE. IT'S JUST A LITTLE SNOW.

LET'S GO! YEA!

THIS GONNA BE A LOT OF FUN RIGHT HERE NOW.

I'M COMING HARD.

RADIO – 4TH & GOAL AT THE PATRIOT 1. 15 SECS. TO GO. THEY HANDOFF TO EDGERRIN. HE IS STOPPED! HE IS STOPPED! WILLIE MCGILLESST MADE THE STOP AT THE 1 YD. LINE!! WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?! HOW ABOUT THAT?!

THAT MADE ANOTHER STATEMENT!

RADIO – AND THEY'RE GONNA GO FOR IT. NOW THAT'S CONFIDENCE. 4TH & INCHES. ..QB SNEAK. PLOWS IT ACROSS THE 45 FOR A 1ST DOWN. THAT WAS GUTSY. WELL A GREAT COLTS DRIVE CUT SHORT BY AN INTERCEPTION.

SHOULD'VE NEVER THROWN IT. 4 INTERCEPTIONS OF PEYTON MANNING TODAY. GOOD GRIEF.

WE'RE GOING TO THE S.B. BABY! WE'RE GOING!

WE AIN'T LEAVING THIS FIELD UNTIL WE GET ONE.

RADIO – WHAT A CATCH BY MARVIN HARRISON!

GREAT CATCH. I'VE SEEN IT BEFORE. THAT IS THE BEST RIGHT THERE.

ARE WE GONNA FIGHT?! ARE WE GONNA FIGHT OR ARE WE GONNA LAY DOWN?!!

RELAX MAN. YOU'RE GONNA HAVE A HEART ATTACK.

WHAT BETTER SITUATION YOU WANT, BABY? BEAT TOM BRADY LAST MINUTE DRIVE. IT DON'T GET NO BETTER THAN THAT.

RADIO – SETS UP. THROWS UNDER ..INTERCEPTED! INTERCEPTED BY JACKSON! MYRON'S GOT IT! WE'RE GOING TO THE S.B.!! WE'RE GOING TO THE S.B.!!

RADIO – IT'S 4TH DOWN & 2. ARE THEY GONNA GO FOR IT? I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS. BRADY THROWS IT UP FIELD. IT IS SHORT OF THE FIRST DOWN. IT IS SHORT! THE COLTS TAKE OVER AT THE 29!

WE NEED THE END ZONE! WE NEED THE END ZONE!

RADIO – PEYTON SAYS QUIET. QUIET. MANNING WITH A YARD AND A HALF TO GO. LOOKS TO THE QUICK THROW. THROWS TO REGGIE. TOUCHDOWN

REGGIE WAYNE!! YES, YES, YES, YES!!! THE COLTS WIN!! THEY WIN!! THEY WIN! WHAT AN INCREDIBLE FOOTBALL GAME!

01:47:42 – JAMES LAURINAITIS

HEY, WHY YOU KEEP FOLLOWING ME? LET ME RUN OUT HERE BY MYSELF. MAKE IT EASY ON ME.

NOTHING COMES EASY AGAINST RAMS LINEBACKER JAMES LAURINAITIS. IN JUST HIS SECOND YEAR, HE'S BECOME ONE OF THE LEAGUE'S TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYERS.

HELL YEA!

RADIO – TERRIFIC PLAY BY 55. I LOVE THE WAY JAMES LAURINAITIS FIGHTS FOR 4 QUARTERS.

LAURINAITIS CREDITS HIS SUCCESS TO A WORK ETHIC HE INHERITED FROM HIS FATHER.

LOVE YOU MAN.

HE'S ALWAYS KIND OF TAUGHT ME THAT TODAY'S PREPARATION DETERMINES TOMORROW'S SUCCESS. THAT'S SOMETHING I'VE LIVED BY MY WHOLE LIFE. SO I THINK HE KIND OF MESSED ME UP MENTALLY. SO ANYTIME I TRY TO TAKE A DAY OFF I CAN'T EVER JUST RELAX BECAUSE I ALWAYS FREAK OUT ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE WORK-RELATED.

JUST YOUR TYPICAL FOOTBALL DAD, RIGHT? NOT QUITE.

IT TOOK ME UNTIL LATE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, EARLY MIDDLE SCHOOL TO KIND OF REALIZE THAT DAD'S JOB WAS DIFFERENT. TO ME, DAD WAS ALWAYS DAD, AND THAT'S JUST THE WAY HE WAS. I ALWAYS CALLED IT A UNIQUE CHILDHOOD BUT, TO ME, THAT WAS WHAT NORMAL WAS JUST WATCHING DAD ON TV AND SEEING HIM DO WHAT HIS PROFESSION WAS.

STARTING IN 1983, THREE YEARS BEFORE JAMES WAS BORN, FATHER JOE WAS KNOWN AS "THE ANIMAL," A PRO WRESTLING SUPERSTAR AND PART OF THE TAG TEAM ROAD WARRIORS.

WELL I THINK THEY LEARNED REAL QUICK THAT IT WAS HALLOWEEN 365 DAYS A YEAR FOR ME.

WHEN I CAME OFF THE ROAD, I LEFT ANIMAL ON THE SHELF; AND I CAME HOME AND I WAS DAD.

JOE COACHED HIS SONS IN A VARIETY OF YOUTH SPORTS. NEVER ONCE DID HE BODY SLAM ANY OF THEM. FOR YOUNG JAMES, LIFE WITH THE ANIMAL WAS NOTHING OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

I DISTINCTIVELY REMEMBER EATING OREOS WITH WRESTLERS LIKE EARTHQUAKE AND TYPHOON. THAT WAS JUST NORMAL TO ME.

TEXANS SAFETY DOMINIQUE BARBER GREW UP WITH LAURINAITIS. LIKE MOST MINNESOTA KIDS, THEY PLAYED FOOTBALL AND HOCKEY. BUT THEY ALSO DREAMED OF CLOTHESLINES AND DROPKICKS.

JAMES ALWAYS HAD PAY-PER-VIEW EVENTS AT HIS HOUSE. WE WOULD ALWAYS TRY TO REENACT. I TOOK JAMES AND HIS HOCKEY TEAM. I BROUGHT THEM DOWN TO THE ST. PAUL CIVIC CENTER AT THE TIME TO WATCH WRESTLING MATCHES, RIGHT.

JUST ENDED UP GOING DOWN TO THE RING, WRESTLING AROUND.
PROBABLY ABOUT 3:00. SHOW DOESN'T USUALLY START TILL 7 OR 8.

I'M SITTING BACK THERE AND WHO'S SIPPING A CUP OF COFFEE BY STONE
COLD STEVE AUSTIN. HE GOES, "HEY JOE, IS THAT YOUR BOY?" I SAID, "YEA."
HE GOES, "FLICK THAT SWITCH RIGHT THERE."

WE WERE ALL IN THE RING AND ALL OF A SUDDEN STONE COLD'S MUSIC, HIS
MUSIC COMES ON. HE RUNS DOWN TO THE RING. HE GOES, "WHO'S THE
FIRST KID THAT RUNS TO STEVE AUSTIN JAMES?"

WE ALL JUST SCATTERED OUT OF THE RING EXCEPT JAMES.

HE THROWS DOM OUT OF THE RING. HE THROWS ME AGAINST THE ROPES;
AND THEN .. DUCK. I DUCK.

JAMES DOES THE WHOLE DUCKS UNDER, AND THEN STEVE AUSTIN COMES
BACK, GIVES HIM A LITTLE KICK.

HE GIVES HIM THE STONE COLD STUTTER.

AND I THINK ALL MY FRIENDS WERE, THOUGHT, I THOUGHT I WAS DEAD.

YOU KNOW, THAT'S JUST JAMES. HE'S ALWAYS READY.

I THINK JAMES IS THE ONLY ONE THAT WASN'T AFRAID OF HIM BECAUSE HE
KNEW EXACTLY WHAT TO DO. I THINK THAT'S FROM PRACTICING ON HIS
POOR SISTER. EVERY TIME I LOOKED AROUND EITHER JESSICA WAS
GETTING STUNERED OR SHE WAS GETTING TOMB STONED.

I WAS THE KID THAT HAD...I WOULD ASK FOR EVERY SINGLE ACTION FIGURE, AND I WOULD DRAW OUT MY OWN LITTLE WRESTLING CARD. MY DAD WOULD GIVE ME THE ACTUAL MUSIC OF THE WRESTLERS. SO I WOULD PLAY THE MUSIC, FAKE WALKING DOWN TO THE RING. I WOULD BE FULL OUT MATCHES. MY DAD AND HIS PARTNER NEVER LOST. THAT'S FOR SURE. LEGION OF DOOM WAS ALWAYS GONNA WIN ON MY CARD. IT NEVER MADE SENSE AS A KID, BEFORE I REALLY LEARNED THE WORKINGS OF THE BUSINESS, THAT HE WOULD LOSE TO SOMEBODY THAT WAS SMALLER THAN HIM; AND I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND WHY THAT WOULD HAPPEN. I JUST THOUGHT DAD COULD BEAT-UP ANYBODY. HE NEVER DISCLOSED INSIDE INFORMATION ON THE OUTCOMES OF MATCHES. I'D ALWAYS ASK HIM EVERY TIME THE NIGHT OF A PAY-PER-VIEW. I'D BE LIKE, "ARE YOU GONNA WIN TONIGHT?" AND HE'D BE LIKE, "JUST MAKE SURE YOU WATCH AND RECORD IT." THAT'S ALL HE WOULD SAY.

YOU NEVER WANT TO GIVE THE WHOLE SECRET AWAY. I WANT HIM TO WATCH THINGS DEVELOP. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? LET'S GO RAMS. LET'S GO.

JOE HAS WATCHED HIS SON DEVELOP... FIRST INTO A COLLEGIATE STANDOUT AT OHIO STATE; NOW, AS THE LEADER OF A REBORN RAMS DEFENSE.

HE'S ANIMAL TO THE 2ND POWER. YOU KNOW? THE KID, HE'S GENETICALLY BLESSED. I MEAN MY WIFE WAS A HECK OF AN ATHLETE IN H.S. SHE WAS A BODYBUILDER. HE'S GOT IT JUST BORN IN HIM.

THAT'S GENETICS. MOM & DAD WITH BIG TRICEPS. GENETICS. SINCE JAMES COULD WALK, I JUST KNEW THERE WAS SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THIS KID. WE WOULD TALK ABOUT FOOTBALL. HE WOULD SIT THERE AND WATCH FOOTBALL ON TV, AND HE WOULD STUDY; AND I WOULD SAY, "JAMES, WATCH

THE GUY IN THE MIDDLE.” HE GOES, “WHAT DO THEY CALL IT, DADDY?”
THOSE THE LINEBACKERS. WATCH THOSE GUYS IN THE MIDDLE.

JAMES IS NOW ONE OF THOSE GUYS IN THE MIDDLE. AND FANS OF THE
ROAD WARRIORS HAVE FOLLOWED HIM EVERY STEP OF THE WAY. BUT WHAT
ABOUT FOLLOWING IN DAD’S FOOTSTEPS?

HIS UNCLE JOHN – ALSO A FORMER PRO WRESTLER – WOULDN’T MIND
SEEING THE FAMILY BUSINESS CONTINUE.

I’D ALWAYS SEE HIM AS MAYBE A MONIKER OF THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE.

CAN I GET THIS FIRST HIT OUT THE WAY MAN?

JAMES HAS SOMETHING THAT YOU CAN’T TEACH, AND THAT’S A NATURAL
CHARISMA. IT’S THE IT FACTOR THAT EVERYBODY TALKS ABOUT. IF HE WAS
INTERESTED, UNCLE JOHN WOULD BE GIVING HIM A CALL.

SO WHO IS THE TOUGHEST LAURINAITIS IN THE HOUSEHOLD? DON’T
EXPECT THEM TO ANSWER THAT ONE IN THE RING.

OH, SEE HERE IT GOES. ALWAYS GOTTA ONE-UP ME.

I WOULD NEVER WRESTLE ME. HE WOULD DO LITTLE SUPLEXES OFF A DIVING
BOARD WHICH IS ESSENTIALLY JUST GETTING LIFTED 12 FT. IN THE AIR AND
DOING A STRAIGHT BACK FLOP ON THE POOL WHICH NEVER EVER FELT
GOOD.

I BEAT YA.

OH, YEA GOT ME ON THAT ONE?

YEA. THERE WAS NO POINT IN H.S. OR COLLEGE. I THOUGHT ABOUT WRESTLING HIM. THERE STILL ISN'T TODAY.

I THINK JAMES AND JOE, ONE-ON-ONE, WOULD BE A VERY INTERESTING MATCHUP. FIRST OF ALL, FROM A BOX OFFICE STANDPOINT, I PROBABLY COULD SELL THAT! THE ROAD WARRIOR VERSUS THE RAM.// I THINK THAT WOULD BE A ONE-SIDED MATCH AT THIS POINT. I THINK JAMES WOULD BE VERY SURPRISED AT HOW MUCH HIS FATHER STILL COULD HANDLE HIM.

JOE LAURINAITIS. HEY JOE. NICE TO MEET YOU. NICE TO MEET YOU. PLEASURE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. YOU MUST GOTTA BE REAL PROUD OF YOUR SON. YEA, I AM. I AM. HE'S A GOOD BOY.

FOR NOW, FATHER AND SON ARE ON THE SAME SIDE. BUT THE ROLES ARE REVERSED. JAMES USED TO BE "THE ANIMAL'S KID"; NOW JOE IS "THE LINEBACKERS' DAD," AND HE IS CONTENT TO LIVE IN HIS SON'S SHADOW.

HE SAYS TO ME, HE GOES, "DAD, ARE DREAM'S COMING TRUE. I GET CHOKED UP. I'M HERE LIVING HIS DREAM. YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? THAT'S HOW MUCH I LOVE THIS KID. AND TO LIVE HIS DREAM WITH HIM AND BE ALONG WITH HIM FOR THE RIDE, AND WATCH ALL THE HARD WORK. YOU CAN SAY, "WOW, HE REALLY MADE IT."

01:55:22 - DERRICK MASON

WE CAN'T FALL INTO THIS SENSE OF SECURITY...IT'S NOT A DAMN LONG GAME! IT'S NOT! WE GOTTA START PICKING IT UP NOW!! ALRIGHT! SO GET A SENSE OF URGENCY!!

HEY, HOW MANY TIMES WE GET TO DO THIS? NOT ENOUGH. NOT ENOUGH.
CHERISH EVERY MOMENT. SO YOU TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE ONES WE
HAVE, ALRIGHT? YES SIR. NO DOUBT.

DERRICK MASON'S A GREAT COMPETITOR. IT MATTERS TO DERRICK MASON.

I DON'T KNOW WHAT YA ALL THINKING ABOUT, BUT YA ALL AIN'T THINKING
ABOUT THIS GAME.

EVERY BALL HE CATCHES. EVERYTHING HE DOES, IT MATTERS TO DERRICK.
HE WANTS TO WIN.

I DON'T CARE WHAT THEY CALL. WE GOTTA GET...THIS IS NOT US!

HE WANTS THE BALL. HE WANTS TO BE THE GUY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE
FOR HIS TEAM IN THE GAME.

HEY! NO MATTER WHAT YOU DO, YOU CAN'T COVER ME INSIDE!

VERY VERY EMOTIONAL AND..I DON'T WANT TO SAY VOLATILE BUT BECAUSE
HE WAS..HE'S A GOOD TEAMMATE BUT FIERY.

HEY! YOU ALL PAY HIM 22 MILLION FOR THAT!!

HE'S NOT THE FASTEST GUY. HE'S NOT THE BIGGEST GUY. BUT THAT'S NOT
WHAT'S MOST IMPORTANT. HE COMES UP WITH THE BALL. HE GETS OPEN.
THERE'S A LOT OF FAST GUYS AND A LOT OF BIG GUYS WHO CAN'T PLAY. HE
CAN PLAY.

IF THEY THROW YOU THE BALL, JUST CATCH IT. THAT'S ALL THAT'S ASKED OF
YOU AS A RECEIVER.

SELECTED IN THE 4TH ROUND OF THE 1997 DRAFT BY THE TENNESSEE OILERS, DERRICK MASON WAS PRIMARILY A RETURNER FOR THE FIRST 3 YEARS OF HIS CAREER. BUT HE WAS ON THE SIDELINES FOR THE MOST FAMOUS RETURN IN TEAM HISTORY.

RADIO – WYCHEK THROWS IT ACROSS THE FIELD TO DYSON. HE'S GOT SOMETHING.

I WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE RETURN GUY. BUT I WAS ON THE SIDELINE SUFFERING FROM A CONCUSSION.

RADIO – TENNESSEE HAS PULLED A MIRACLE!!

3 WEEKS LATER, HE WATCHED AS THE RAMS DEFEATED THE TITANS IN THE SUPER BOWL.

I WANTED TO PLAY. I WANTED TO BE IN THERE, BUT I HAD TO BECOME A STUDENT OF THE GAME. I HAD TO LEARN THE OFFENSE.

FISHER – COME ON DERRICK. IT'S TIME. IT'S TIME.

I STARTED TO GO OUT THERE. STARTED TO HAVE FUN WITH THE OTHER GUYS. TOOK MY PRACTICE AS IF IT WAS A GAME AND HONED IN ON MY SKILLS.

IT WAS TIME WELL SPENT. FOUR WEEKS INTO THE 2000 SEASON, MASON STARTED HIS FIRST GAME AT WIDE RECEIVER.

I THINK 2000, IT WAS THE SEASON THAT SET THE STAGE FOR HIS CAREER BECAUSE IT WAS, "I WANT THE BALL".

THAT SEASON, MASON AMASSED 2,690 ALL-PURPOSE YARDS. A NEW NFL RECORD.

I GOT MY OPPORTUNITY AND I DIDN'T SQUANDER IT AT ALL.

FROM 2000 TO 2004, STEVE MCNAIR TO DERRICK MASON BECAME A FAMILIAR REFRAIN IN TENN.

RADIO – MCNAIR ...LOOKING. FIRING FOR MASON. YES!

I THINK THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WE BUILT OVER THE YEARS HELPED US OUT ON THE FIELD A LOT.

HE KNEW WHAT I WAS THINKING ON THE FIELD. I KNEW WHAT HE WAS THINKING.

IN 2005, MASON SIGNED WITH THE RAVENS AS A FREE AGENT. A YEAR LATER, HE WAS JOINED BY HIS OLD FRIEND.

HEY, WHAT'S GOING ON MAN?

HEY BUDDY.

THEIR FIRST TRIP BACK TO TENNESSEE WAS A MEMORABLE ONE. // TRAILING BY 6 LATE IN THE 4TH QUARTER – “MCNAIR TO MASON” WAS REVIVED IN NASHVILLE.

#9 & #85. IT HAPPENED A LOT IN TENN., AND I KNOW PEOPLE HATED TO SEE IT HAPPEN. HIM TO ME. HOW FITTING.

IN THE 2008 PLAYOFFS MASON, ONCE AGAIN, RETURNED TO TENNESSEE.

PLAY FOR THE TITANS TODAY.

NO, I CAN'T DO THAT.

YOU CAN! YOU CAN!

RADIO – FLACCO UNDER PRESSURE, STEPS UP. THROWS DEEP FAR SIDELINE. HE'S GOT MASON AT THE 10! 5! TOUCHDOWN! DERRICK MASON!

FOLLOWING AN EMOTIONAL PLAYOFF RUN THAT ENDED ONE WIN SHORT OF THE SUPER BOWL, MASON WONDERED IF HIS TIME IN NFL HAD RUN OUT.

I NO LONGER HAD THAT DESIRE TO PLAY. IT BECAME MORE OF A WORK TO ME; AND I'VE ALWAYS STRESSED THAT ONCE THIS BECOMES WORK, I DON'T WANT TO DO IT NO MORE. AND THEN OTHER STUFF IS THROWN AT YOU.

IN THE SUMMER OF 2009, MASON'S FRIEND AND FORMER TEAMMATE, STEVE McNAIR, WAS MURDERED IN NASHVILLE. IT WAS SOMETHING THAT JUST ...YOU NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD HEAR. IT WAS A SITUATION THAT WENT FROM "NO, IT DIDN'T HAPPEN" TO "YES, IT DID."

A WEEK LATER DERRICK MASON RETIRED FROM FOOTBALL.

IT WAS EMOTIONS. IT WAS A FEELING. YOU KNOW, "WHERE AM I AT IN MY LIFE? WHAT AM I DOING? WHERE AM I GOING?" THAT JUST MADE HIM RETHINK EVERYTHING.

YOU JUST WANT TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL, AND THAT'S THE WAY I FELT. I WANTED TO GET AWAY FROM IT ALL.

STEVE'S LOSS INITIALLY CONTRIBUTED TO HIM PONDERING RETIREMENT, BUT I ALSO THINK STEVE'S LOSS WAS THE REASON HE CAME BACK.

I THINK THAT WAS THE BEST THING I'VE DONE, CAREER-WISE, IN MY LIFE, WAS TO RETIRE, SIT BACK AND JUST LET EVERYTHING HAPPEN BECAUSE I BEGAN TO WORKOUT NOT BECAUSE I HAD TO BUT BECAUSE I WANTED TO. I HAD FUN WORKING OUT AGAIN; AND ONCE THAT JOY CAME BACK, I DECIDED TO COME BACK.

IN THE 18 MONTHS SINCE, MASON'S SENSE OF URGENCY HAS RETURNED.

RADIO – TOUCHDOWN DERRICK MASON!

I WANT TO LEAVE THIS GAME WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE S.B., AND THAT OPPORTUNITY CAME ONCE, AND I DIDN'T TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT. SO I WANT TO MAKE SURE I GOT ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO WIN THE S.B.

HE'S GOT THE KIND OF GAME THAT'S GONNA LAST. HE'S KIND OF A TIMELESS GUY.

HE'S NOT DONE PLAYING. DERRICK'S STILL GOT A COUPLE YEARS LEFT.

TIME MAY NO LONGER BE ON MASON'S SIDE, BUT IT'S STILL EVERY BIT AS PRECIOUS AS IT EVER WAS.

I KNOW SOMEONE SOMEWHERE IS SAYING, "MASON CAN'T DO IT ANOTHER YEAR." YOU 54 YRS. OLD. YOU DRAW SOCIAL SECURITY AND A PAYCHECK! I JUST WANT TO PROVE THEM WRONG, THAT'S ALL.

IT'S A GOOD DAY FOR FOOTBALL MAN.

GREAT DAY FOR FOOTBALL.

OH YEA. OH YEA.

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