

NFL EXTRA

WEEK 15

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Golden Age	6:03
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01:00:00 - GOLDEN AGE

IF I PLAY MY SON IN MADDEN I RUN THE BALL FOR 5 YDS. HE'LL GO, "THAT'S A WASTED PLAY. I GO "WHAT DO YOU MEAN THAT'S A WASTED PLAY? THAT WAS A GOOD RUN." HE'LL GO, "THAT WAS A WASTED PLAY. I CAN GET 20 THROWING THE BALL." SO THAT'S JUST A LITTLE BIT OF THE MENTALITY RIGHT NOW.

RADIO – BRADY BACK TO THROW. RIVERS HEAVES IT LONG! HE'S GOT IT, TOUCHDOWN! WHAT A THROW BY #18. BREES LOOKING. BEN THROWS IT FOR THE END ZONE. OH, WHAT A THROW BY AARON RODGERS! RYAN TAKES, SETS. VICK LOOKING. HE FIRES! WHAT A THROW THAT TIME BY MANNING!

I DON'T THINK THERE'S BEEN ANOTHER ERA WHERE YOU CAN SIT DOWN AND WATCH A GAME AND BE GUARANTEED THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THOSE QBS IS SOMETHING SPECIAL. THAT'S THE KIND OF ERA WE'RE IN RIGHT NOW.

I THINK WE'RE IN AN AGE WHERE WE'RE STARTING TO SEE SOME REALLY DYNAMIC THROWERS. I THOUGHT WE WENT THROUGH AN AGE WHERE THE THROWERS IN THE NFL WERE SUBPAR. BUT NOW WE'RE SEEING SOME GUYS THAT CAN GET IT DOWN THE FIELD.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN AN ERA WHERE QUARTERBACK STATS ARE SKYROCKETING IN THE NFL. IN WEEK 8 MORE PLAYERS THREW FOR OVER 300 YARDS THAN IN ANY WEEK IN LEAGUE HISTORY.

RADIO – HE'S THE 13TH DIFFERENT QB TO HAVE 300 YDS. PASSING THIS WEEK AND, REMEMBER, WE HAD TEAMS ON A BYE THIS WEEK. 4 OF THEM.

THE 2009 SEASON WAS UNLIKE ANY OTHER FOR QUARTERBACKS. FIVE PLAYERS HAD PASSER RATINGS OVER 100, TEN QUARTERBACKS THREW FOR OVER 4,000 YARDS, AND TWELVE QUARTERBACKS THREW OVER 25 TOUCHDOWN PASSES – ALL NFL RECORDS.

IF YOU TOOK THE BEST SEASONS OF JOE NAMATH, TERRY BRADSHAW, JOE MONTANA AND JOHN ELWAY, NONE OF THEM WOULD HAVE FINISHED IN THE TOP NINE IN PASSING YARDS LAST YEAR.

ROMO - DON'T WANT TO INTERRUPT THE MEETING OF THE MINDS OVER HERE BUT WE'RE JUST GONNA DROP BACK AND THROW A FEW BALLS.

NOW I KNOW THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT TONY ROMO IS A BETTER QUARTERBACK THAN JOE MONTANA, BUT THERE HAS TO SOMETHING WE CAN ATTRIBUTE TO THIS JUMP IN STATS TO.

WHY ARE PASSING STATISTICS SO BIG NOW?

HALEY - I DON'T KNOW. THAT'S A TOUGH QUESTION.

SMITH – WELL I THINK A COUPLE FACTORS COME INTO PLAY.

WHISENHUNT – A LOT OF KIDS NOW ESPECIALLY ARE WORKING AT IT AT A YOUNGER AGE.

HARBAUGH – PEOPLE ARE RUNNING SPREAD OFFENSES IN JR. H.S. NOW.

TOMLIN – ME, PERSONALLY, I WAS A WIDE OUT IN A VEER OFFENSE. I CAUGHT ABOUT 2.5 PASSES A GAME. IF YOU GO TO A H.S. GAME THESE DAYS, MAN, AND THESE GUYS ARE THROWING THE FOOTBALL ALL OVER THE

FIELD. GUYS ARE GETTING TO THE NFL LEVEL BETTER PREPARED TO THROW THE FOOTBALL.

RADIO – HIS FIRST PROFESSIONAL PASS...IS A 62 YARD STRIKE!

THAT'S THE WAY YOU THROW YOUR FIRST PASS!

LEWIS – SECONDLY, YOU HAD THE ...THE ADVENT OF THE WIDE RECEIVERS.

T.O. - COME ON MAN. I KNOW HOW TO PLAY FOOTBALL MAN. YOU'RE TRIPPING NOW.

– YOU BETTER TAKE A LOOK AT THE GUYS THAT ARE CATCHING IT AND RUNNING IT FOR THEM AS WELL. THERE ARE SOME PRETTY GOOD RECEIVERS OUT THERE ALSO.

MORRIS - YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT ALL THE TALENTED ATHLETES THAT THOSE GUYS PLAYED WITH AND AROUND.

LET'S GO MAN. LET'S LIGHT IT UP.

MORRIS – AND LET'S BE HONEST. IT'S WHAT SELLS TICKETS. IT'S WHAT FANS COME TO SEE.

EVEN THOUGH KIDS ARE THROWING MORE AT A YOUNGER AGE, AND THERE ARE BETTER RECEIVERS, THERE NEEDS TO BE ANOTHER REASON. JASON CAMPBELL DIDN'T THROW FOR MORE YARDS THAN ROGER STAUBACH EVER DID IN A SEASON BECAUSE HE WAS THROWING TO HALL OF FAME PASS CATCHERS.

RADIO – TOUCHDOWN. THAT'S YODER.

MAYBE THE PLAYERS AREN'T CHANGING, BUT THE GAME IS.

I COULD USE THE OLD EXCUSE, SO TO SPEAK, OF THE RULE CHANGES.

HOLD IT, WE GOT A FLAG.

YOU CAN'T PUT YOUR HANDS ON RECEIVERS PAST 5 YDS. YOU CAN'T TOUCH THE QB QUITE AS VIOLENTLY AS YOU USED TO BE ABLE TO. AND CERTAINLY GUYS ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT.

THERE'S SO MUCH LESS CONTACT ALLOWED BETWEEN A RECEIVER AND HIS DEFENDER, WHICH OBVIOUSLY MAKES IT EASIER FOR A RECEIVER TO GET THE BALL. IT MAKES IT EASIER NOT JUST TO CATCH IT BUT TO CATCH IT AND BE ON THE STRIDE.

RADIO – SLANT LEFT. CAUGHT, SANTONIO HOLMES. BREAKS A TACKLE!
SANTONIO HOLMES BREAKS FREE!!

KOSAR - THAT RULE CHANGE THAT YOU CAN'T TOUCH A RECEIVER AFTER 5 YDS. HAS OPENED UP THE GAME DRASTICALLY.

RADIO – WANTS TO THROW DEEP. TOUCHDOWN CLEVELAND BROWNS!!

KOSAR – IN THE 80'S, THEY GRABBED YOU AND THEY HELD YOUR JERSEY THE WHOLE TIME. IT MADE THROWING HARDER.

JURGENSEN – YES, THE PLAYERS ARE BIGGER AND STRONGER AND FASTER. BUT THEY ALLOW THEM TO DO THAT. GO WHERE THEY WANT TO GO. IT DIDN'T ALLOW YOU THEN. ALL THESE UNDERNEATH PATTERNS. JUST LIKE A LONG HANDOFF. THEY SHOULD PLAY 70%. THEY SHOULD START WITH 75%.

SIMMS - EVERY TEAM IN THE LEAGUE HAS PROBABLY AT LEAST 5 COMPLETIONS A GAME THAT ARE...I DON'T EVEN KNOW IF WE SHOULD CALL THEM PASSES. IT IS RUN PLAYS.

RADIO – IT'S A PASSING PLAY BUT IT'S AS CLOSE TO A HANDOFF AS YOU CAN POSSIBLY COME, A LITTLE BUMP-OFF LIKE THAT.

SIMMS – THE SCREENS. OH MY GOSH. I USED TO LIVE TO GET A SCREEN OR 2 A GAME. NOW SOME TEAMS WILL THROW 10 TO 15 IN A GAME.

RADIO - GREAT PLAY CALL. THEY RUN A LITTLE ZIP SCREEN. CATCHES THE BALL 2 YDS. FROM THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE.

SIMMS – THE PASSING GAME IS JUST...IT'S CHANGED.

ATTENTION TO QUARTERBACK STATS IS AT AN ALL TIME HIGH.

HOW MANY TOUCHES YOU GOT? JUST 2. THAT'S IT? I NEED SOME MORE IN MY FANTASY, DOG. COME ON!

BUT STATS CAN BE MISLEADING, ESPECIALLY WHEN DISCUSSING THE GREATNESS OF A QUARTERBACK.

I DON'T KNOW THAT YOU CAN HISTORICALLY SAY THIS IS A BETTER TIME THAN ANY OTHER. I THINK THAT YOU HAVE GREAT QBS. PEYTON MANNING, TOM BRADY. THOSE GUYS ARE PROBABLY IN A CLASS OF THEMSELVES.

I THINK RIGHT NOW IT IS A LITTLE TOO EARLY FOR THESE GUYS. I'D LIKE TO SEE AT LEAST 5 YRS. BODY OF WORK ON SOME OF THEM. A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE TALKING ABOUT JAKE DELHOMME AS A QUALITY STARTER WHEN HE LED THE CAROLINA PANTHERS TO THE S.B. THEN HE FALLS OFF A CLIFF AND HE'S BARELY HANGING ON IN THE NFL.

JAWORSKI – I DON'T THINK IT IS THE GOLDEN ERA OF THE QBS. IN FACT, I ALMOST THINK THE OPPOSITE OF THAT. YEA, THEY'RE ELITE QBS. HOWEVER, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT MAYBE 4 OR 5 GUYS. THERE ARE 32 TEAMS IN THIS LEAGUE. THERE ARE SOME BAD QB'ING IN THIS LEAGUE.

REID – I'M NOT SURE WHERE IT'S GOING. I'M NOT SURE WHERE IT'S BEEN. BUT YOU CAN MAKE SURE THAT GETS BACK TO PHILADELPHIA, THAT I'M NOT THE ONLY ONE THAT THROWS THE BALL IN THE NFL!

01:06:15 - SONNY JURGENSEN

ARRIVE EARLY ENOUGH ON A GAME DAY IN WASHINGTON AND YOU MIGHT SEE THIS. // THIS IS NO ORDINARY SEPTUAGENARIAN RIDING A SEGWAY THROUGH A CONCOURSE. HE IS CHRISTIAN ADOLF JURGENSEN THE THIRD. ALSO KNOWN AS SONNY.

THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO CAN THROW THE FOOTBALL. AND THERE'RE PROBABLY SOME WHO CAN PROBABLY THROW A FUMBLE. BUT, I HAVEN'T SEEN ANYONE WHO COULD HANDLE A FOOTBALL IN THE MANNER THAT THE REDHEAD COULD; AND I'VE OFTEN SAID, HE COULD HIT A GNAT AT 50, IF HE WANTED TO. // THROWING THE FOOTBALL, AND PUTTING IT WHERE HE WANTED TO PUT IT WHEN HE WANTED TO PUT IT. I'D PUT HIM UP AGAINST ANYBODY.

I CAN NEVER REMEMBER SONNY THROWING BEHIND ME OR THROWING DOWN TO WHERE I HAD TO PICK THE BALL UP BELOW MY KNEES TO CATCH IT. NO MATTER WHAT PATTERN YOU WERE RUNNING, IF YOU WERE GOING TO BREAK FREE, THAT BALL WAS ALWAYS THERE. HE WAS A MAGICIAN WITH THAT BALL. HE COULD MAKE A BALL LOOK LIKE IT WAS GOING TO GO AT A LINEBACKER; AND THEN ALL OF A SUDDEN GO RIGHT INTO THE HOLE OF THE RECEIVER.

DIDINGER - WHEN YOU WATCHED HIM PLAY, YOU REALLY FELT LIKE YOU WERE WATCHING AN ARTIST AS MUCH AS YOU WERE WATCHING A QB. HE ALWAYS THREW A PERFECT SPIRAL. IT WAS LIKE A FEATHER COMING OUT OF THE SKY. YOU NEVER SAW ANYBODY DROP ONE OF SONNY'S PASSES BECAUSE IT WOULD'VE BEEN NEXT TO IMPOSSIBLE. THAT WAS TRUE GENIUS AT WORK THERE.

SABOL – UNITAS TOLD ME A FUNNY STORY ABOUT YOU. HE HAD A RESTAURANT. IT WAS CALLED “THE GOLDEN ARM”. AND HE INVITED YOU TO THE RESTAURANT AND YOU WALKED IN.

SONNY - OPENING NIGHT! AND HE WAS SITTING IN WITH A WHOLE GROUP OF REPORTERS IN THIS BOOTH, AND HE SAID, “THANK YOU FOR COMING.” AND I SAID, “THANK YOU FOR NAMING YOUR RESTAURANT AFTER ME.”

UNITAS – WE’RE RIGHT HERE TODAY TALKING TO SONNY JURGENSEN ABOUT...

LIKE JOHNNY UNITAS, SONNY IS IN THE HALL OF FAME. // BUT TODAY JURGENSEN ISN’T CELEBRATED LIKE UNITAS AND OTHER CONTEMPORARIES LIKE JOE NAMATH AND BART STARR. AND YOU CAN PROBABLY GUESS WHY. IN 18 SEASONS HE NEVER LED A TEAM TO A CHAMPIONSHIP. BUT HE IS ONE OF THE GAME’S UNIQUE FIGURES, AND IN HIS 7TH DECADE OF NFL FOOTBALL THE LONGTIME REDSKINS RADIO BROADCASTER IS STILL TALKING ABOUT HIS FAVORITE SUBJECT.

SONNY – YOU THINK PHILIP RIVERS DOESN’T HAVE FLAWS IN HIS DELIVERY? BUT HE GETS IT THERE. YOU THROW A FOOTBALL LIKE YOU DO A ROCK AT A STREET LIGHT. IT’S GOTTA BE NATURAL. IF YOU’RE TRYING TO MANUFACTURE A THROW, IT ISN’T GONNA WORK. PEOPLE DIDN’T LIKE MY MOTION. SAID, “OHH.. WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO WITH THIS MOTION?! HE WINDS UP. HE TAKES LONG.” I SAID, “WELL, LET ME ASK YOU THIS. IF THE BALL GETS THERE BEFORE THE DEFENDER GETS THERE, WHO CARES?” I THREW SIDEARM, BEHIND MY BACK. I WAS 2 FOR 3 LEFT-HANDED.

DIDINGER – TO LOOK AT HIM ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD, HE DIDN’T LOOK LIKE EVERYBODY ELSE. HE DIDN’T WALK OR CARRY HIMSELF LIKE ANYBODY ELSE. HE HAD A GUT USUALLY, AND THAT CAUSED HIS SHIRTTAIL TO KIND OF COME OUT MORE THAN MOST GUYS. AND HE WOULD WALK UP TO THE LINE OF SCRIMMAGE, AND EVERYBODY WOULD BE IN THEIR STANCE, AND HE WOULD PUT HIS HANDS ON HIS HIPS AND HE WOULD JUST KIND OF LOOK AROUND. I

MEAN HE LOOKED MORE LIKE A GUY THAT WAS WALKING UP TO A BAR GETTING READY TO ORDER A DRAFT, AS OPPOSED TO A GUY THAT WAS GETTING READY TO TAKE THE SNAP TO RUN A PLAY IN THE NFL.

SONNY – EVERYBODY’S GOT A THING ABOUT... “AH, YOUR WEIGHT.” I SAID, “YOU DON’T THROW THE BALL WITH YOUR STOMACH! YOU THROW IT WITH YOUR ARM.”

IN 1957 SONNY WAS JUST A SKINNY 4TH ROUND PICK FROM DUKE UNIVERSITY. HE SPENT 3 YEARS IN PHILADELPHIA BACKING UP THE LEGENDARY NORM VAN BROCKLIN, UNTIL VAN BROCKLIN RETIRED AFTER LEADING THE EAGLES TO THE 1960 NFL CHAMPIONSHIP.

RADIO – JURGENSEN HAS THE UNENVIABLE TASK OF FILLING THE GREAT NORM VAN BROCKLIN’S SHOES.

DIDINGER – THE COLLEGE ALL STAR GAME IS PLAYED. THE FIRST GAME THAT THE EAGLES ARE GOING TO PLAY AS WORLD CHAMPIONS WITH SONNY JURGENSEN AT QB. HE’S UNDER CENTER AND THROWS A PASS BEHIND HIS BACK TO PETE RETZLAFF.

RADIO – JURGENSEN OF THE EAGLES BACK...ALMOST TRAPPED HERE, AND HE THROWS ONE BEHIND HIM! PETE RETZLAFF GOT THAT BALL, GOES TO THE 34.

DIDINGER – MY REACTION I’M SURE WAS THE REACTION OF EVERY OTHER PHILA. FAN. IT WAS, “OH MY GOD! THIS IS WHAT WE’VE GOT NOW? WE GO FROM NORM VAN BROCKLIN TO MEADOW LARK LEMON?”

IN HIS FIRST SEASON AS A STARTING QUARTERBACK, JURGENSEN SET NFL AN RECORD WITH OVER 3,700 YARDS PASSING, AND HIS 32 TOUCHDOWN PASSES STILL STANDS AS AN EAGLES RECORD. BUT THE EAGLES FELL SHORT OF A REPEAT IN ’61 AND WON JUST 5 GAMES OVER THE NEXT TWO SEASONS. THE CITY TOOK IT OUT ON SONNY.

SONNY – WE WERE PLAYING THE COWBOYS. 55,000 BOOED WHEN I CAME ON THE FIELD.

DIDINGER – SONNY JUST SEEMED CAVALIER IN HIS APPROACH TO THE GAME, AND I THINK THE PHILA. FANS WEREN'T READY FOR CAVALIER.

SABOL – THERE WAS A THING IN PHILA. WHEN YOU WERE TRADED. SONNY JURGENSEN'S BEEN TRADED AND ALL THE BARTENDERS IN PHILA.

SONNY – WEARING BLACK ARMBANDS.

SABOL – WAS THAT AN EXAGGERATION ABOUT YOUR NIGHTLIFE BECAUSE SOME OF THESE STORIES TAKE ON A LIFE OF THEIR OWN.

SONNY – I WAS A NIGHT PERSON. WE WERE PLAYING DETROIT UP THERE. WE HAD TO HAVE IT TO WIN THE EASTERN DIVISION IN '61; AND I'M COMING IN AND I GET CALLED.

SABOL – THE NIGHT BEFORE THE GAME?

SONNY – THE NIGHT BEFORE THE GAME.

SABOL – SO YOU BROKE CURFEW?

SONNY – YEA, AND I SAID, "THIS ISN'T GONNA BE GOOD. I'M GONNA GET CRUCIFIED. I GET 27 OF 35; 400 AND 30 SOMETHING YDS. WE BEAT THEM IN THE LAST SECS. TO ME, IT MOTIVATED ME.

SABOL – THE FACT THAT YOU WERE CAUGHT?

SONNY – THE FACT THAT I WENT OUT. I COULDN'T LET MY TEAMMATES DOWN.

SABOL – I MEAN COULD YOU SEE WHERE THE COACH WOULD BE UPSET IF THE STAR PLAYER IS COMING IN AT 2 IN THE MORNING AND IS HUNG OVER? (WITHOUT QUESTION.) SO WHY DID YOU DO IT?

SONNY - I COULD..EVALUATE ME ON HOW I PLAY IN THE GAME. THAT'S WHAT YOU SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT, HOW I PLAY IN THE GAME.

SABOL – BY 1964, THE EAGLES HAD SEEN ENOUGH. THEY TRADED HIM TO WASHINGTON FOR QB NORM SNEAD.

01:13:20 – CASSEL/HALEY WIRE

NO DANCING NOW. NOT EVEN A HEAD BOB OUT OF YOU. FIRST YOU GET A HEAD BOB. NO, THAT'S TOO MUCH. OH YOU GOTTA TAKE IT! ... WITH THE BALL! WHY DIDN'T HE HOLD IT THAT LONG?! IT COULD BE A TOUCHDOWN! HE'S GOTTA THROW THAT BALL EARLIER! FRICK. WE HAD SOMETHING GOING. WE JUST NEED TO CAPITALIZE. TIME'S STARTING TO BE AN ISSUE NOW. LET'S DO THIS NOW!! HURRICANE. HURRICANE. HURRICANE! HURRICANE! HURRICANE! HURRICANE! COME ON DWAYNE.

RADIO – CASSEL LEFT SIDE FOR BOWE! HE'S GOT IT! THAT'S A WAY! THAT'S A WAY! GOOD JOB MATT! WELL DONE MAN! WELL DONE! WELL DONE! WELL DONE!

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