

NFL GAMEDAY 2010

WEEK 2

CHICAGO BEARS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

ON SUNDAY, COWBOYS RECEIVER MILES AUSTIN HAD 10 RECEPTIONS FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK. ALL DAY LONG HE WAS A TARGET FOR THE COWBOYS AND THE BEARS.

ON THE FIELD, AUSTIN LEADS THE LEAGUE IN RECEIVING YARDS. ON THE SIDELINE, HE IS A LEADER TO THE NEWEST COWBOYS RECEIVER.

DESPITE THEIR BEST EFFORTS, DALLAS' PLAYMAKERS WERE OUTDUELED BY CHICAGO'S. THE BEARS ARE GETTING THE ATTENTION OF THE NFL, AND EVEN IN DEFEAT, SO IS MILES AUSTIN.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

BRETT FAVRE IS THE ONLY ACTIVE NFL PLAYER WHO IS A GRANDFATHER, AND LIKE MOST MEN HIS AGE, IT TAKES AWHILE TO GET WARM.

MIAMI TRIED TO WARM FAVRE BY DRESSING HIM IN LAYERS -- OF DOLPHIN DEFENDERS.

MIAMI SCORED FIRST, AND KEPT THE HEAT ON ALL GAME BY FORCING FOUR MINNESOTA TURNOVERS.

MINNESOTA HAD A CHANCE TO TAKE THE LEAD LATE IN THE 4TH QUARTER ON 4 STRAIGHT RUNNING PLAYS FROM INSIDE THE 10 YARD LINE.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

THESE GUYS ARE BROTHERS. THIS IS THEIR FATHER. MOVING ON...

THE COLTS MADE SHORT WORK OF THE GIANTS.

MAYBE BECAUSE NEW YORK'S OFFENSIVE LINE WAS SITTING DOWN ON THE JOB.

THE COLTS COMPLETELY DOMINATED NEW YORK.

BUFFALO BILLS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

LAST SUNDAY, THE VAMPIRIC PACKERS DEFENSE WAS OUT FOR BLOOD...WHICH WAS BAD NEWS FOR THE BILLS...WHO ARE TOTALLY TEAM EDWARDS. O-M-G.

WITH HIS DEFENSE APPLYING CRUSHING PRESSURE, MIKE MCCARTHY FELT HIS OFFENSE COULD TAKE SOME CHANCES.

#52 CLAY MATTHEWS DROVE THE FINAL STAKE THROUGH THE HEART OF BUFFALO WITH HIS SIXTH SACK IN TWO GAMES.

RODGERS AND THE PACK ARE QUICKLY ECLIPSING A CERTAIN QUARTERBACK IN THE TWILIGHT OF HIS CAREER.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ DETROIT LIONS

LAST WEEK MICHAEL VICK STARTED AN NFL GAME FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS. HE WON'T HAVE TO WAIT THAT LONG UNTIL HIS NEXT START. AFTER ACCOUNTING FOR MORE THAN THREE-QUARTERS OF THE EAGLES TOTAL YARDS VERSUS DETROIT, PHILADELPHIA WILL GO WITH VICK AGAIN THIS WEEK.

STILL IT WAS THE LIONS WHO PUT THEIR **BEST** FOOT FORWARD.

WHILE JAHVID BEST SCORED 3 TOUCHDOWNS, LESEAN MCCOY HAD 3 OF HIS OWN, AND HELPED THE EAGLES GET THEIR FIRST WIN OF THE SEASON.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ NEW YORK JETS

AFTER FIZZLING IN THEIR SEASON OPENER, THE JETS SEEMED FRAZZLED AT THE START AGAINST ARCH-RIVAL NEW ENGLAND.

NEW YORK'S MARK SANCHEZ STRUGGLED TO STAY UPRIGHT AGAINST THE PATRIOTS PASS RUSH.

SANCHEZ SHOOK OF THE SORENESS, THEN BEGAN TO INFLICT PAIN ON NEW ENGLAND'S DEFENDERS.

WHAT WAS SURPRISING WAS THE BOUNCE IN THE STEP OF A REJUVENATED LADAINIAN TOMLINSON, WHO AVERAGED NEARLY SEVEN YARDS PER RUSH.

ARIZONA CARDINALS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

OFF SOT: "I CAME OUT OF THE WOMB FIGHTING. THE FIRST VICTIM WAS THE DOCTOR, I STARTED ON HIM FIRST"

WHILE SOME BIRDS WERE BORN TO SQUAWK, THIS CARDINAL TOOK FLIGHT.

OFF SOT: "GET READY TO TURN IT UP, GET READY TO TURN IT UP NOW ..."

THE GAME WAS A TREASURE TROVE OF BIG PLAYS, AND THE FALCONS MATT RYAN WAS GOLDEN, THROWING THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES.

OFF SOT: "FINGER ROLL (NOT A DUNK)? YOU USED ALL YOUR ENERGY ON

THE TD ...”

EVEN IN A ROUT FOOTBALL IS A GAME OF INCHES. JUST ONE TOE OVER THE LINE TURNS A TOUCHBACK INTO A TRAVESTY.

OFF SOT: “PASS TO SNELLING! TD ATLANTA! TOLD YOU IT WAS GOING TO BE A TD!”

JASON SNELLING ADDED TWO MORE SCORES AS ATLANTA ROMPED TO VICTORY.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

CLIMBING YOUR WAY TO THE TOP TAKES A WIDE RANGE OF SKILLS; JUST ASK THIS JOSH CRIBBS FAN, HE KNOWS #16 DOES IT ALL FOR THE BROWNS. LAST SUNDAY CRIBBS ADDED PLAYCALLING TO HIS REPERTOIRE.

FRUSTRATION SET IN AS THE BROWNS OFFENSE FELL FLAT.

KANSAS CITY’S DEFENSE WAS THE DIFFERENCE, AND PROVIDED THE LONE TOUCHDOWN FOR THE CHIEFS.

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS

THE BALTIMORE RAVENS HAVE NOW PLAYED TEN CONSECUTIVE QUARTERS WITHOUT ALLOWING A TOUCHDOWN.

BUT IN THE AFC NORTH, CONTAINMENT IS CONTAGIOUS. AND THE BENGALS HAVE THE FEVER.

CINCINNATI PRESSURED JOE FLACCO INTO FOUR INTERCEPTIONS AND TWELVE SCORELESS POSSESSIONS.

FLACCO DID TOSS THE GAME’S ONLY TOUCHDOWN.

CINCINNATI NEVER DID REACH THE RAVENS ENDZONE. BUT THEY PENETRATED FAR ENOUGH FOR PLACEKICKER MIKE NUGENT TO KICK A CAREER HIGH FIVE FIELD GOALS.

FLACCO NEVER FOUND HIS COMFORT ZONE. AND TWO FOURTH QUARTER PICKS SEALED BALTIMORE'S FATE.

THE BENGALS' D EARNED ITS CASH... AS CINCINNATI CLAIMED ITS EIGHTH CONSECUTIVE AFC NORTH WIN.

HOUSTON TEXANS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS

THE SUN IN YOUR FACE CAN TURN YOUR SKIN RED. THE REDSKINS DEFENSE IN YOUR FACE? THAT'S WORSE. WASHINGTON SACKED MATT SCHAUB 5 TIMES ON SUNDAY, HELPING THE REDSKINS BUILD A 17 POINT LEAD.

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER THE TEXANS RALLIED TO TIE THE SCORE BEHIND SCHAUB, WHO FINISHED WITH 497 YARDS AND 3 TOUCHDOWNS.

IN OVERTIME, SCHAUB DROVE THE TEXANS INTO POSITION FOR A GAME WINNING FIELD GOAL.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

LAST MONDAY NIGHT, THE 49ERS RETIRED JERRY RICE'S NUMBER 80. DURING HIS CAREER IN SAN FRANCISCO, THE HALL OF FAME RECEIVER WAS UNSTOPPABLE. SO FAR THIS SEASON, THE SAINTS HAVE BEEN TOO.

DESPITE TURNING THE BALL OVER FOUR TIMES, SAN FRANCISCO FOUGHT BACK.

FRANK GORE RUSHED FOR 112 YARDS AND 2 TOUCHDOWNS, HELPING TIE THE GAME WITH 1:19 REMAINING.

THAT WAS ENOUGH FOR DREW BREES TO GIVE GARRETT HARTLEY A CHANCE TO KICK ANOTHER GAME-WINNING FIELD GOAL.

WHIPAROUND:

Tampa Bay @ Carolina; Pittsburgh @ Tennessee; St Louis @ Oakland; Jacksonville @ San Diego; Seattle @ Denver

COUPLE A PRO TIPS. ONE, TAKE A BATH EVERY WEEK WHETHER YOU THINK YOU NEED IT OR NOT. TWO// LEARN TO RECOGNIZE BLITZES. JOSH FREEMAN SURE HAS.

AT 2 AND 0, EVEN THE BUCS THEMSELVES CAN'T BELIEVE THEIR EYES.

JUST AS HARD TO BELIEVE: THE TITANS TITANIC TALLY OF TURNOVERS.

ACTUALLY IT WAS SEVEN, BUT WHO'S COUNTING?/ OR TACKLING?

THE PROBLEM WITH BEAUTY IS ITS FLEETING NATURE. LIKE TOM CABLE'S COMMITMENT TO HIS STARTING QUARTERBACK LAST SUNDAY.

JASON CAMPBELL GOT THE QUICK HOOK. REPLACEMENT BRUCE GRADKOWSKI QUICKLY MADE A DIFFERENCE.

SAM BRADFORD MAY TAKE THE RAMS FROM RAGS TO RICHES, BUT FIRST THERE'LL BE GROWING PAINS, INCLUDING SOME DAYS WHEN THEY'RE SIMPLY RAG DOLLS.

THIS WAS A PENALTY. COULD THE SILVER AND BLACK BE REVERTING BACK TO THE MEAN, NASTY, BUNCH ONCE SO FEARED?

NO SUCH WORRIES ABOUT THE JAGS -- SEEMS THEIR WEEK ONE ROMP WAS AN ABERRATION. AND LAST WEEK'S DEFENSIVE EFFORT AN ABOMINATION.

SAME WAY YOU LET MALCOLM FLOYD GET 5 YARD BEHIND YOU.

IF YOU CAN'T SAY SOMETHING NICE, WELL...I DARE YOU TO SAY IT TO THIS GUY. FACT IS SOME MEN ARE TOUGHER THAN OTHERS. SAME WITH TEAMS. MAYBE THE BRONCOS HAVE THE WILL TO FIND A WAY.

THE AFC WEST JUST MIGHT BE A HORSE RACE....