

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 3

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

IT TAKES A LOT OF HEAT TO MELT STEEL.

BUT THE BUCS WERE ICE COLD AND THE HOTTEST HAND BELONGED TO CHARLIE BATCH WHO CONNECTED WITH MIKE WALLACE FOR TWO TOUCHDOWNS.

BEFORE LONG THE TERRIBLE TOWELS HAD REPLACED THE JOLLY ROGER IN TAMPA.

NEW YORK JETS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

PARTIES IN MIAMI HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO BE ODD: PEOPLE DANCING WITH THEIR FRIENDS...DANCING ALL ALONE...OR DANCING WITH THE STARS.

BEFORE THE FIRST QUARTER WAS OVER, THE JETS WERE DANCING ON THE TABLE.

THE DOLPHINS OFFENSE ARRIVED FASHIONABLY LATE, ERASING NEW YORK'S LEAD MIDWAY THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER.

AT THE END, THE PARTY TURNED SERIOUS, WHEN TRAILING BY EIGHT WITH LESS THAN A MINUTE TO GO, MIAMI HAD ONE FINAL SHOT AT THE END ZONE.

DETROIT LIONS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

BOTH TEAMS CAME IN WINLESS, SO SOMEONE WAS GOING TO BE SINGING THE 0-3 BLUES.

THE TEAM FROM MOTOWN TOOK AN EARLY LEAD // AND THE HITS KEPT COMING.

MINNESOTA GOT THE BREAK IT NEEDED.

IN HIS BEST PERFORMANCE IN OVER A YEAR, ADRIAN PETERSON RUSHED FOR 160 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

THE SEAHAWKS BIGGEST PERFORMANCE CAME FROM ONE OF THEIR SMALLEST PLAYERS.

TENNESSEE TITANS @ NEW YORK GIANTS

THE GIANTS HAD AN EARLY GAME AND THE TITANS SUPPLIED THE WAKEUP CALL WITH TWO FIRST HALF INTERCEPTIONS ON THEIR WAY TO A 10-LEAD.

WITH LESS THAN A MINUTE TO GO IN THE FIRST HALF, AHMAD BRADSHAW'S TOUCHDOWN RUN TIED THE GAME AT 10.

AFTER GETTING BENCHED IN WEEK 2, VINCE YOUNG PLAYED TURNOVER-FREE FOOTBALL AS THE TITANS SCORED 19 UNANSWERED POINTS IN THE SECOND HALF.

BUFFALO BILLS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

THE NEW-LOOK BILLS, *LOOKED* LIKE PLAYMAKERS. NEW STARTER RYAN FITZPATRICK AND ROOKIE CJ SPILLER LED BUFFALO TO 30 POINTS, TRIPLING THEIR PREVIOUS SEASON HIGH.

THE PATRIOTS OFFENSE HAD ITS OWN NEW LOOK, RUSHING FOR 200 YARDS, THANKS TO THE UNLIKELY BACKFIELD PARTNERSHIP OF *BENJARVIS GREEN-ELLIS & WOODHEAD*.

RANDY MOSS' OFTEN BREATHTAKING CAREER PASSED ANOTHER MILESTONE WHEN HE CAUGHT HIS 150TH AND 151ST TOUCHDOWNS; HELPING EXTEND THE PATRIOTS WIN STREAK TO 14 VERSUS THE BILLS.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

KANSAS CITY'S GOTTA NEW GROOVE AND THERE'S NO ROOM FOR WALLFLOWERS.

THERE WAS NOTHING SHY ABOUT THE CHIEFS DEFENSE WHICH REGISTERED FIVE SACKS.

OFFENSIVELY, A PAIR OF ROOKIES, RUNNING BACK DEXTER MCCLUSTER AND TIGHT END TONY MOE-E-AHKI HELPED MATT CASSEL NOTCH HIS FIRST THREE TOUCHDOWN DAY AS A CHIEF.

WITH THE WIN, THE CHIEFS WALTZED TO 3 AND 0 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2003.

ATLANTA FALCONS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

WHO DAT? GOOD QUESTION. THE FALCONS HADN'T WON IN THE SUPERDOME SINCE 2002, AND THEY DIDN'T HAVE MANY ANSWERS FOR THE SAINTS PASSING GAME. DREW BREES THREW FOR 365 YARDS AND 3 TOUCHDOWNS.

MATT RYAN AND ATLANTA BULLIED THEIR WAY BACK INTO THE GAME.

IN OVERTIME THE SAINTS DROVE 57 YARDS TO SET UP A CHIP SHOT FIELD GOAL.

ATLANTA BEGAN A 12 PLAY 52 YARD DRIVE THAT LASTED 7 MINUTES.

THE FALCONS MOVED INTO FIELD GOAL RANGE WITH 2 MINUTES REMAINING.

FOR ATLANTA, IT WAS TRULY A LIGHTS OUT PERFORMANCE.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ HOUSTON TEXANS

LAST SUNDAY DALLAS DID PUT IT ALL TOGETHER.

THE COWBOY DEFENSE FORCED ITS FIRST THREE TURNOVERS OF THE SEASON AND KEPT THE NFL'S NUMBER ONE OFFENSE OUT OF THE ENDZONE FOR 58 MINUTES.

ROY WILLIAMS HAD HIS FINEST GAME AS A COWBOY INCLUDING 2 TOUCHDOWNS. THE BEST TEAM IN TEXAS WAS DALLAS. NOW THEY'RE LOOKING TO PROVE THAT THEY CAN BE ONE OF THE NFL'S BEST.

WHIPAROUND:

Cleveland @ Baltimore; Cincinnati @ Carolina; Philadelphia @ Jacksonville; Washington @ St Louis; Oakland @ Arizona; Indianapolis @ Denver; Green Bay @ Chicago

SOMETIMES THE BEST WAY TO TAKE FLIGHT IS TO FIND A PIGEON. YOU KNOW, SOMEONE YOU CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF. AGAIN AND AGAIN IF NECESSARY.

IT'S EARLY, BUT AT OH AND 3 IS THE BROWNS GOOSE ALREADY COOKED?

WHOEVER SAID LET A SMILE BE YOUR UMBRELLA WAS ALL WET. SURE ENOUGH THE PANTHERS' SUNDAY WAS ANOTHER WASHOUT.

IF YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH SENSE TO GET OUT OF THE RAIN, TIME TO DO THINGS DIFFERENTLY. LIKE THE EAGLES, WHO ARE THINKING OUTSIDE THE FLOCKS.

MICHAEL VICK'S LASER-LIKE ACCURACY WASN'T EXPECTED HOWEVER.

WHILE VICK IS PUTTING HIS PAST BEHIND HIM, SAM BRADFORD'S PROVING HE'S GOT A FUTURE.

THE ONLY THING BETTER THAN A QUARTERBACK WITH A NICE TOUCH IS ONE WITH A NICE RUNNING GAME.

IN ARIZONA ONLY TWO PLAYS MATTERED, THE FIRST....

THE OTHER IMPORTANT PLAY WAS THE LAST.

MISSING A GAME-WINNER CAN MAKE YOU FEEL LIKE A DOG'S BREAKFAST, BUT EVERYONE'S GOTTA EAT// EVEN A COLLIE.

YOU'D EXPECT A DOGFIGHT FROM THE NFL'S OLDEST RIVALS. AND SURE ENOUGH, AARON ROGERS AND THE PACK HAD SOME BITE// BUT IN THE END, THE BEARS REFUSED TO ROLL OVER AND PLAY DEAD.