

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **WEEK 4**

### **BALTIMORE RAVENS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

BOUND BY HISTORY, BOUND BY BLOOD.

BOUND BY THE FILAMENT OF PRIDE/ RENDERED PURE.

HIGH THE COST OF HONOR.

RIVALRIES CHURN. / BUT RIVALS DO NOT YIELD.

THE STEELERS COULD HAVE WON.// MAYBE WOULD HAVE WON.

WITH 55 SECONDS TO PLAY, THE RAVENS TRAILED 14-10; /JOE FLACCO  
NEVER FLINCHED.

### **WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

IN THE CITY OF BROTHERLY LOVE ALL EYES WERE ONCE AGAIN ON  
DONOVAN MCNABB. ONLY THIS TIME, THE REDSKINS GAVE HIM A  
HOMECOMING TO REMEMBER.

THE MCNABB-VICK SHOWDOWN TURNED INTO A ONE MAN SHOW AS AN  
INJURED MICHAEL VICK LEFT THE GAME IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

THE EAGLES CAME CLOSE // BUT A MIRACLE FINISH WAS JUST OUT OF  
REACH.

### **HOUSTON TEXANS @ OAKLAND RAIDERS**

FLYING TO THE BALL IS THE MAIN MISSION FOR OAKLAND SAFETIES MICHAEL HUFF AND TYVON BRANCH.

BUT IT'S THE TEXANS' OFFENSE THAT WAS MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE.

FOSTER'S SECOND TOUCHDOWN GAVE THE TEXANS A 17 POINT FOURTH QUARTER LEAD / BEFORE OAKLAND'S BRUCE GOT LOOSE.

FOR THE SECOND TIME IN TWO WEEKS, BRUCE GRADKOWSKI GUIDED A LATE RAIDER RALLY.

DOWN SEVEN, THE RAIDERS HAD TO CONVERT A 4<sup>TH</sup> AND 16 TO STAY ALIVE.

### **CHICAGO BEARS @ NEW YORK GIANTS**

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE IT INTO THE GIANTS RING OF HONOR? OBVIOUSLY, LOOKS AND BRAINS DON'T MATTER.

WHAT IT TAKES IS THE KIND OF EFFORT NEW YORK PUT FORTH ON SUNDAY NIGHT. THE GIANTS RUSHED FOR 189 YARDS, 70 MORE THAN CHICAGO HAD ALLOWED IN ITS FIRST 3 GAMES COMBINED.

TOM COUGHLIN'S DEFENSE CAPPED THE CELEBRATION WITH 9 FIRST HALF SACKS OF JAY CUTLER, KNOCKING HIM FROM THE GAME.

**NEW YORK JETS @ BUFFALO BILLS**

**OFF SOT: "LOCK IT! HEY CHOKE! HEY CHOKE!"**

SAFETY JIM LEONHARD AND THE JETS PUT A CHOKEHOLD ON THE BILLS, STRANGLING AN AFC EAST OPPONENT FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK.

**OFF SOT: "LET'S CLOSE THIS OUT, C'MON. LET'S GET A TURNOVER"**

THE DEFENSE GOT THE MESSAGE: BIG HITS LEAD TO BIG BLUNDERS.

**OFF SOT: "WE NEEDED THAT. WE NEEDED THAT D"**

BUFFALO WENT 0-FOR-10 ON THIRD DOWN, BUT SCORED A PERFECT 10 IN PAYBACK WHEN LEONHARD RETURNED A PUNT.

**OFF SOT: "HE GOT ME. HE GOT ME"**

WHILE THE JETS DEFENSE BATTERS, THEIR OFFENSE BAFFLES.

**OFF SOT: "KELLER'S HEADED TO THE PRO BOWL. HE GOT LIKE 8 TOUCHDOWNS ALREADY."**

FIVE-TIME PRO BOWLER LADAINIAN TOMLINSON ADDED TWO SCORES AS NEW YORK ROLLED TO VICTORY.

### **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS**

TOM BRADY WAS READY TO STORM THE BEACHES OF MIAMI IN SEARCH OF HIS 100<sup>TH</sup> CAREER WIN. BUT EARLY ON, HE COULDN'T MAKE IT PAST THE DOLPHINS' WAKE.

COMPOSED AND CONFIDENT, CHAD HENNE COMPLETED HIS FIRST 7 PASSES.

TYPICAL OF THE BILL BELICHICK ERA, THE PATRIOTS GOT CONTRIBUTIONS FROM UNHERALDED PLAYERS ON DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS.

THE WHEELS CAME COMPLETELY OFF OF TONY SPARANO'S TEAM AS THEY WERE OUTSCORED 35 TO 7 IN THE SECOND HALF.

### **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

THE HITS JUST KEPT ON COMIN' FOR THE 49ERS IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

THREE PLAYS AND FOUR YARDS LATER, THE FALCONS OFFENSE WAS OFF THE FIELD AGAIN.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, ATLANTA CUT SAN FRANCISCO'S 14-0 LEAD IN HALF.

THE FALCONS STILL TRAILED 14-13 WITH LESS THAN TWO MINUTES LEFT IN THE GAME.

RODDY WHITE'S MOST IMPORTANT PLAY DURING ATLANTA'S COMEBACK CAME ON DEFENSE.

### **DENVER BRONCOS @ TENNESSEE TITANS**

WHILE THE BRONCOS DEFENSE SHUT DOWN CHRIS JOHNSON, OTHER TITANS GOT LOOSE.

THEN THE TITANS "TEED" IT UP FOR ANOTHER TOUCHDOWN.

TRAILING 20-16 LATE IN THE GAME, THE BRONCOS RE-TOOK THE LEAD WITH A SCORING PASS TO CORRELL BUCKHALTER, BEFORE MARK MARIANI LEARNED HOW QUICKLY FORTUNES CAN CHANGE IN THE NFL.

### **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

3-TIME PRO BOWLER KASSIM (KUH-SIM) OSGOOD AND THE JAGUARS WERE LOOKING TO BOUNCE BACK FROM 25 POINT LOSSES IN EACH OF THE PAST TWO WEEKS WHEN THEY FACED THE COLTS.

PROPELLED BY DAVID GARRARD AND MAURICE JONES DREW, JACKSONVILLE GAINED A SEASON-HIGH 174 YARDS ON THE GROUND AND SCORED ITS FIRST RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS OF 2010.

PEYTON MANNING PREFERS TO FEAST ON OPPOSING DEFENSES.

AGAINST THE JAGUARS, MANNING TOSSED HIS LEAGUE-LEADING 10<sup>TH</sup> AND

11<sup>TH</sup> TOUCHDOWN PASSES....BUT ALSO THREW HIS FIRST INTERCEPTION OF THE SEASON.

OSGOOD DIDN'T NEED A CRYSTAL BALL TO PREDICT THAT MANNING WOULD ENGINEER A SCORING DRIVE TO TIE THE GAME WITH UNDER A MINUTE TO PLAY. BUT NO ONE COULD HAVE GUESSED HOW JACKSONVILLE WOULD RESPOND.

**WHIPAROUND:**

***Cincinnati @ Cleveland; Carolina @ New Orleans; Detroit @ Green Bay; Seattle @ St Louis; Arizona @ San Diego***

CLEVELAND'S MASCOT TERRIFIES THE YOUNG. BUT ON THIS PLAY, ITS SECONDARY DIDN'T SCARE THE ELDERLY.

36 YEAR-OLD TERRELL OWENS MOVED INTO SECOND PLACE ALL-TIME IN RECEIVING YARDS BEHIND JERRY RICE. THE BENGALS ALSO CAPTURED SECOND PLACE... IN THE LATEST BATTLE FOR OHIO.

TWO 23 YEAR-OLDS, JIMMY CLAUSEN AND JONATHAN STEWART, COMBINED FOR SIX POINTS ON SUNDAY. **46** YEAR-OLD JOHN CARNEY OUTSCORED THEM ALL BY HIMSELF.

FOR CLAY MATTHEWS AND THE PACKERS, SPLIT ENDS CAN BE TORTURE. ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY SPLIT THE DEFENSE.

SHAUN HILL'S THROWS CAME DOWN TO EARTH. AND SO DID THE LIONS.

THE RULES ALLOW A DEFENSE ONLY 11 MEN ON THE FIELD, THOUGH THEY SAY NOTHING ABOUT **WOMEN**.

MAYBE IT'S BETTER MOTIVATION TO REACH THE END ZONE. MAYBE IT'S ROOKIE QUARTERBACK SAM BRADFORD. WHATEVER THE REASON, ST. LOUIS'S URGENCY TO REACH THE END ZONE HAS INCREASED. THE RAMS ARE SCORING ALMOST TWICE AS MANY POINTS AS THEY DID LAST SEASON.

AND AS FOR SEATTLE, ITS RAZZLE DIDN'T DAZZLE.

ARIZONA'S QUARTERBACKS HAD PLENTY OF COMPANY.

MEANWHILE, ANTONIO GATES WAS ALL ALONE IN THE CARDINALS SECONDARY.