NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 6

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

BLUE OR WHITE, THE JERSEY DIDN'T MATTER; EVERYONE WAS GOING TO BE BLACK AND BLUE.

MANY SAY TOM BRADY IS CHANNELING JUSTIN BEIBER, BUT IT WOULDN'T BE SPLITTING HAIRS TO SAY THE ADDITION OF OLD TEAMMATE DEION BRANCH WAS A STYLISH MOVE.

WITH THE GAME TIED AT TWENTY IN THE 4TH QUARTER, BRANCH DELIVERED AN ENCORE PERFORMANCE IN OVERTIME.

NEW YORK JETS @ DENVER BRONCOS

HARD TO WIN IN DENVER WHERE THE BRONCOS PLAY BIG/ MAKE YOU LOSE YOUR HEAD/EVEN TAKE YOUR BALL AWAY.

A 59 YARD FIELD GOAL?/YEAH, IT'S HARD TO WIN IN DENVER.

THEN AGAIN, IT'S GETTING HARD TO BEAT THE JETS ANYWHERE.

ROOKIE TIM TEBOW MADE THE MOST OF HIS SNAPS.

MADE IT LOOK EASY. BUT THE HARD TRUTH IS, SOONER OR LATER THE JETS DEFENSE MAKES YOU PAY.

GOOD THING KYLE ORTON WAS ON THE MONEY.

STILL, THE JETS TRAILED BY 4 POINTS WITH LESS THAN TWO MINUTES TO PLAY.

THIS IS WHERE GAMES ARE WON OR LOST. IN THE CRUNCH.

HARD TO WIN IN DENVER, BUT VERY SATISFYING.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

GREEN BAY TOOK AN EARLY LEAD BY TAKING FLIGHT.

BUT THE DOLPHINS' <u>GROUND</u> GAME STILL CONCERNED PACKERS LINEBACKER A.J. HAWK.

WITH FIVE MINUTES REMAINING IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE WAS SCORE TIED AT THIRTEEN.

AARON RODGERS RESPONDED BY DRIVING THE PACKERS SIXTY-NINE YARDS IN TWELVE PLAYS.

FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK THE PACKERS PLAYED OVERTIME, AND ONCE AGAIN, THEY DIED A SUDDEN DEATH.

ATLANTA FALCONS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

THE FALCONS BECAME <u>INSTANT</u> BELIEVERS WHEN DESEAN JACKSON SCORED TWO FIRST QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS.

WHEN JACKSON SUSTAINED A CONCUSSION, KEVIN KOLB TURNED TO ANOTHER PLAYMAKER, JEREMY MACLIN, AND THE EAGLES BUILT A 21 POINT LEAD.

PHILADELPHIA AREA NATIVE MATT RYAN WAS FORCED TO PASS. AGAINST THE TEAM HE ROOTED FOR AS A KID, RYAN'S HOMECOMING WAS HARSH EXCEPT FOR HIS 2 TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO TONY GONZALEZ. IT WASN'T NEARLY ENOUGH. ATLANTA GOT BEAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 5 GAMES BY BEING BEATEN TO THE PUNCH ALL DAY.

THE EAGLES PUT THE GAME AWAY ON THE LONGEST PLAY IN THE CAREERS OF BOTH KEVIN KOLB AND JEREMY MACLIN.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ CHICAGO BEARS

MAYBE THE BEARS SHOULD HAVE CONSIDERED MOVING DEVIN HESTER BACK TO CORNERBACK SO HE COULD HELP COVER A PLAYER WHO <u>DID</u>

MATRICULATE AT USC....THE RESURGENT MIKE WILLIAMS SET CAREER-HIGHS IN RECEPTIONS AND YARDS AS SEATTLE EXPLOITED CHICAGO'S SECONDARY.

IT WAS ALSO AN ALL PAC-10 GAME ON THE GROUND, WHERE FORMER CAL BEARS JUSTIN FORSETT (FOR-SET) AND MARSHAWN LYNCH POWERED SEATTLE

GIVEN THE RECENT PERFORMANCE OF THEIR OFFENSIVE LINE, THE BEARS MAY ALSO WANT TO THINK ABOUT UTILIZING HESTER'S BLOCKING SKILLS.

AFTER BEING SACKED 9 TIMES IN HIS LAST START, JAY CUTLER RETURNED TO TAKE ANOTHER BEATING.

CUTLER MAY HAVE RECEIVED PLENTY OF PUNISHMENT, BUT HE DIDN'T TAKE THE GAME'S HARDEST HIT.

HESTER'S 13TH CAREER KICK RETURN FOR A TOUCHDOWN TIED HIM WITH BRIAN MITCHELL FOR THE MOST ALL TIME, BUT IT WASN'T ENOUGH TO OUTPACE THE SEAHAWKS.

DETROIT LIONS @ NEW YORK GIANTS

NO DOUBT ABOUT IT - COREY WEBSTER'S A VERY NICE GUY.

REALLY NICE. UNTIL GAME TIME.

FACING THE PROSPECTS OF A RECORD-TYING 24TH STRAIGHT RO

AD LOSS, THE LIONS WEREN'T <u>INTERESTED</u> IN MAKING FRIENDS.

THE GIANTS LEFT THE FIELD QUICKER THAN EXPECTED, WHEN CALVIN JOHNSON'S 87-YARD TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION CUT NEW YORK'S 4^{TH} QUARTER LEAD TO 21-17.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

IT DID GET UGLY. NOT THE FLAGS THE VIKINGS BROUGHT OUT FOR PREGAME, BUT THE 11 THE COWBOYS EARNED DURING THE GAME.

PENALTIES KEPT DALLAS FROM BLOWING OUT MINNESOTA IN THE FIRST HALF, BUT TWO TOUCHDOWN CATCHES BY ROY WILLIAMS HELPED THEM TAKE THE LEAD.

DALLAS DROVE TO TIE THE GAME IN THE 4TH QUARTER.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

THERE **WERE** SOME BIG PLAYS OUT THERE – AND DREW BREES MADE ALL OF THEM.

BREES FOLLOWED HIS 41 YARD SCORING PASS TO LANCE MOORE WITH A 42 YARD STRIKE TO ROBERT MEACHEM.

THE SAINTS CAME INTO THE GAME RANKED 31ST IN RUSHING, BUT RESERVE CHRIS IVORY GAINED 158 YARDS ON JUST 15 CARRIES.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

TRUE TO THEIR WORD, THE RAIDERS SMOTHERED VERNON DAVIS, CAUSING THE NINERS PASSING ATTACK TO SPUTTER.

WITH THE FOCUS ON DAVIS, SAN FRANCISCO USED ITS STAR TIGHT END AS A DECOY.

WHEN ASKED TO BLOCK, DAVIS HELPED LAUNCH FRANK GORE'S LONGEST RUN OF THE SEASON.

DAVIS WAS REWARDED FOR HIS SELFLESS PLAY AS BOTH HE AND THE NINERS EARNED THEIR FIRST WIN.

WHIPAROUND:

Cleveland @ Pittsburgh; San Diego @ St Louis; Tennessee @ Jacksonville; Indianapolis @ Washington; Kansas City @ Houston

THE WHIP WELCOMES BACK BEN ROETHLISBERGER, WHOSE RETURN INSPIRED A SERIES OF MISMATCHES. //
//LIKE STEELER FANS VS. THE ALPHABET...//
// HEATH MILLER VS. SINGLE COVERAGE...//
//AND CLEVELAND'S SECONDARY VS. HINES WARD'S NOSE.

THAT STENCH MIGHT BE SAN DIEGO'S ROTTING PLAYOFF HOPES.

THE **JAGUARS** FELL WITH A THUD ON MONDAY NIGHT.

THE COLTS KNEW THE RUN WAS COMING TOO. THAT DIDN'T MEAN THEY COULD STOP IT, EITHER.

THE WHIP WON'T ARGUE WITH RESULTS. ALTHOUGH IT WONDERS WHY THE COLTS CHOSE TO PLAY WITH ONE HOOF TIED BEHIND THEIR BACK.

SOMEBODY HAD A RED-LETTER DAY AGAINST THE TEXANS. WHO WAS IT AGAIN?

BOWE KNOWS FOOTBALL. BUT THE CHIEFS DIDN'T KNOW DIDDLEY ABOUT STOPPING ANDRE JOHNSON.