# NFL GAMEDAY

# WEEK 7

# NEW YORK GIANTS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

AT THE START, IT WAS THE GIANTS WHO LOOKED FLAT. DALLAS TOOK THE AIR OUT OF NEW YORK'S PASSING ATTACK WITH A PAIR OF INTERCEPTIONS.

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, THE FESTIVE MOOD INSIDE COWBOYS STADIUM SUDDENLY TURNED SOUR.

ROMO'S DESIRE TO RETURN WAS COMMENDABLE BUT IMPOSSIBLE. THE QUARTERBACK SUSTAINED A BROKEN COLLARBONE...THE COWBOYS, A WOUNDED SPIRIT.

IN A GAME BIG D HAD TO HAVE, DEZ BRYANT DID HIS BEST TO KEEP THE SEASON ALIVE.

THE GIANTS OVERCAME BRYANT'S PUNT RETURN AND 5 TURNOVERS. NEW YORK REELED OFF 31 UNANSWERED POINTS IN WHAT BECAME A BRUTAL STAMPEDE OF THE COWBOYS.

#### MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

LAMBEAU FIELD CAN BE CHILLY TO OUTSIDERS, BUT THE VIKINGS CAN BE USUALLY COLD-BLOODED NEAR THE END ZONE.

WITH THE GUNSLINGER LOOKING ON, HIS SUCCESSOR FIRED BACK WITH A BULLET.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER GREEN BAY'S <u>DEFENSE</u> WAS THE SHOW-STOPPER, TURNING TWO PICKS INTO 14 POINTS. FROM THERE FAVRE LOOKED VINTAGE IN PURPLE, CUTTING THE PACKER LEAD TO 28-24 BEFORE LAUNCHING A PRAYER IN PERCY HARVIN'S DIRECTION.

THE CATCH WAS REVIEWED AND RULED INCOMPLETE, SETTING THE STAGE FOR ONE LAST GASP.

#### PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

NOTHING CAME EASY AGAINST THE STEELER DEFENSE...A UNIT THAT HAS ALLOWED THE FEWEST POINTS IN THE LEAGUE.

MIAMI TOOK THE STEELERS' BEST SHOTS BUT NEVER WAVERED. //BEHIND 5 FIELD GOALS, THE DETERMINED DOLPHINS BUILT A 2 POINT LEAD.

IN MUGGY SOUTH FLORIDA, THE SWEAT-SOAKED STEELERS BEGAN A LATE MARCH. THE RESULT WAS AN ENDING DRENCHED IN CONTROVERSY.

# WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ CHICAGO BEARS

WHEN BRIAN URLACHER'S ON THE FIELD, **EVERYONE'S** A TARGET.

AFTER FALLING BEHIND 14-10, THE REDSKINS DIDN'T HAVE MUCH TO BE PROUD OF.

ON FIRST AND GOAL FROM THE ONE YARD LINE, WASHINGTON'S DEFENSE BEGAN AN AVALANCHE OF TURNOVERS THAT BURIED THE BEARS.

# **CLEVELAND BROWNS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

IN NEW ORLEANS, "TWILIGHT" HEARTTHROB TAYLOR LAUTNER WAS IN THE HOUSE. WHILE THE NEXT ENTRY IN THE "TWILIGHT SAGA" IS ENTITLED

"BREAKING DAWN," THE SAINTS WERE BREAKING **DOWN**. DREW BREES THREW FOUR INTERCEPTIONS. TWO WERE RETURNED FOR SCORES.

#### OAKLAND RAIDERS @ DENVER BRONCOS

JUST LIKE THE FAMOUS, FORLORN "BOY IN THE BUBBLE," THE DENVER BRONCOS SEEM TO BRUISE EASILY WHEN VENTURING INTO THE OUTSIDE WORLD.

OAKLAND JUMPED OUT TO A 38-0 LEAD MIDWAY THROUGH THE 2<sup>ND</sup> QUARTER. DARREN MCFADDEN LED A HISTORY-MAKING ROUT WITH NEARLY 200 YARDS IN TOTAL OFFENSE AND FOUR TOUCHDOWNS.

# ST LOUIS RAMS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

BUCCANEERS QUARTERBACK JOSH FREEMAN IS MAKING PROGRESS... MOST OF THE TIME.

RAHEEM MORRIS GOT A LITTLE EXCITED HIMSELF.

# BUFFALO BILLS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS

BUFFALO PUSHED <u>ALL</u> THE RIGHT BUTTONS IN TAKING A 14 POINT SECOND QUARTER LEAD.

AFTER AWAKENING, THE RAVENS OFFENSE ROLLED OFF 24 STRAIGHT POINTS.

BUT WITH 8 SECONDS TO PLAY, THE BILLS STILL HAD A CHANCE TO TIE THE GAME.

AND WHEN THE RAVENS DEFENSE WAS CALLED UPON, RAY LEWIS DELIVERED HIS CALLING CARD.

# PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ TENNESSEE TITANS

IN TENNESSEE, THE EAGLES HELD CHRIS JOHNSON, THE AFC'S LEADING RUSHER, TO UNDER 3 YARDS PER CARRY.

BUT TURNOVERS PLAGUED PHILADELPHIA, AS THE TITANS TURNED 3 KEVIN KOLB MISCUES INTO POINTS.

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, KENNY BRITT HELPED THE TITANS ERASE A 19-10 DEFICIT.

BRITT'S STELLAR PERFORMANCE INCLUDED 3 TOUCHDOWNS AND 225 RECEIVING YARDS, PROPELLING TENNESSEE'S 27 POINT FOURTH QUARTER OUTBURST.

# NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

*I WONDER*; HOW COULD A TEAM RANKED FIRST IN TOTAL OFFENSE *AND* DEFENSE HAVE A LOSING RECORD? BY GIVING GAMES AWAY...

THE CHARGERS SURRENDERED 4 TURNOVERS, AND WHEN THEY HAD THEIR HANDS ON THE BALL, SAN DIEGO SIMPLY COULDN'T CATCH A BREAK. BY THE 3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER NEW ENGLAND HAD A 17 POINT LEAD.

BUT YOU CAN ONLY CONTAIN THE CHARGERS' HIGH-POWERED OFFENSE FOR SO LONG. IN THE 4<sup>th</sup> QUARTER SAN DIEGO SCORED 14 UNANSWERED POINTS AND HAD A CHANCE TO SEND THE GAME TO OVERTIME.

#### WHIPAROUND:

# San Francisco @ Carolina; Cincinnati @ Atlanta; Jacksonville @ Kansas City; Arizona @ Seattle

HEY CHECK IT OUT, THE WHIP SAYS OUR SEASON'S GOING DOWN THE DRAIN.

ALEX SMITH'S INJURY GAVE DAVID CARR HIS CHANCE TO DRIVE THE NINERS OFF A CLIFF.

THE WHIP APPRECIATES ROOKIE WIDE OUT DAVID GETTIS'S BIG DAY, BUT IT KNOWS THAT IT WAS AN OLD PRO WHO GAVE THE PANTHERS THEIR FIRST WIN.

OH I DON'T KNOW, ARTHUR BLANK HAS A CERTAIN SAVOIR FAIRE. THE WHIP BELIEVES IT'S THE MUSTACHE.

LAST SUNDAY, EVERYONE HAD THEIR EYE ON ROWDY RODDY.

THE LEAD DIDN'T LAST LONG.

KANSAS CITY'S ALREADY ON THE TOP RUNG OF THE AFC WEST.

IF THEY KEEP PLAYING LIKE THIS THEY MIGHT JUST STAY THERE A WHILE.

NFC WEST IS JUST AS WILD, WHERE THE SEAHAWKS ARE PLAYING WHO'S YOUR DADDY// RIGHT MAMA BLUE? WHIP OUT.