NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 8

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ DETROIT LIONS

THE LIONS ARE COUNTING ON A PAIR OF TALENTED ROOKIES TO RESTORE
THE ROAR IN THE MOTOR CITY, NUMBER 90 NDAMUKONG SUH AND NUMBER
44 JAHVID BEST.

AGAINST WASHINGTON, BEST DISCOVERED THAT THE CLIMB TO RESPECATABILITY CAN BE GRUELING.

BEST OVERCAME THE BRUISES AND HELPED LEAD DETROIT TO A SCORE.

DETROIT SACKED DONOVAN MCNABB SIX TIMES. THE PRESSURE CAUSED WASHINGTON TO FLOUNDER.

WITH THE REDSKINS UP BY FIVE LATE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE LIONS PASS RUSH FORCED MCNABB INTO A COSTLY MISTAKE.

DETROIT CONVERTED THE TURNOVER INTO THE GO-AHEAD SCORE, BUT IT TOOK A FEARLESS CALL TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

BUFFALO BILLS @ KANSAS CITY

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CAROLINA PANTHERS @ ST LOUIS RAMS

LIKE ALL ROOKIES, SAM BRADFORD HAS HAD TO ADJUST TO LIFE IN THE NFL.

BUT EVEN WHEN THINGS DIDN'T GO AS PLANNED, NUMBER 8 WAS ABLE TO RECOVER.

THE RAMS DEFENSE STIFLED THE PANTHERS, FORCING 4 TURNOVERS.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

AT THE WORLD'S LARGEST COSTUME PARTY, YOU COULD FIND GHOSTS.... // GHOULS.... // EVEN WALDO!

BUT FOR THREE QUARTERS, THE STEELERS COULDN'T FIND THE END ZONE.

NEW ORLEANS RAN UP A 13-3 LEAD BEFORE THE PITTSBURGH OFFENSE FOUND ITS LEGS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

WITH 2 MINUTES REMAINING, DREW BREES HANDED THE SAINTS A 20-10 LEAD. BUT IT WAS LEIGH TORRENCE WHO PUT THE GAME OUT OF REACH.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

NO ONE QUESTIONS BRETT FAVRE'S HEART, BUT THE TWO BROKEN BONES IN HIS FEET DID FIGURE IN THE VIKINGS GAME PLAN.

BELICHICK BOY'S RESPONDED.

AND IT WASN'T JUST TRICKS, THEY WERE PLENTY TOUGH.

OF COURSE TAKING AWAY THE RUN MEANS FACING THE PATRIOTS PASSING GAME.

ARMED WITH THE LEAD/ THE PATRIOTS PASTED THE PURPLE.

NEWEST VIKING RANDY MOSS WAS A NON FACTOR// LODGING MORE COMPLAINTS THAN CATCHES.

THEY DID THAT ONE BETTER, KNOCKING HIM SILLY AND OUT OF THE GAME.

BACKUP TAVARIS JACKSON CAME IN AND THREW A TOUCHDOWN AND A GORGEOUS TWO POINT CONVERSION.

LEADING BY 3 POINTS THE PATRIOTS NEEDED ONLY TO KILL THE CLOCK TO PRESERVE THE WIN, YET THEY DROVE THE LENGTH OF THE FIELD TO FINISH IN STYLE.

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK LIKE THE PATS ARE THE BEST TEAM IN A LEAGUE WHICH MAY NO LONGER INCLUDES RANDY MOSS.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ NEW YORK JETS

LAST SUNDAY THE PACKERS AND THE JETS WERE ENTANGLED IN A GRITTY, GRIND IT OUT CONTEST. THERE WAS NO BEAUTY, NO FINESSE.....AND NO TOUCHDOWNS.

WHILE THE JETS HAD WEATHERED A SUMMER OF "HARD KNOCKS," WHAT THEY LACKED IN THIS GAME WERE SOFT HANDS.

THE MISTAKE-PRONE JETS WERE OVERMATCHED BY THE PACK'S PUNISHING DEFENSE. MASON CROSBY'S 3 FIELD GOALS ACCOUNTED FOR ALL OF GREEN BAY'S SCORING.

DENVER BRONCOS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

AFTER GUITAR LEGEND JEFF BECK STRUMMED BRITAIN'S NATIONAL ANTHEM, ALL SYSTEMS WERE "GO" FOR A U.K. AERIAL CIRCUS.

THEN NINERS QUARTERBACK TROY SMITH LANDED SOME SHOTS OF HIS OWN.

MAKING HIS FIRST NFL START IN 34 MONTHS, SMITH RAN FOR <u>ONE</u> SCORE AND PASSED FOR ANOTHER. LATE IN THE 4^{TH} QUARTER, THE 49ERS HAD A TWO-TOUCHDOWN LEAD.

DENVER RALLIED TO MAKE IT A ONE-SCORE GAME.

FIVE NINER LOSSES THIS SEASON HAD BEEN DECIDED IN THE 4^{TH} QUARTER. THIS TIME, THEY ESCAPED.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ OAKLAND RAIDERS

AT USC, PETE CARROLL LEARNED NEVER TO PASS UP A GOOD PHOTO OPPORTUNITY. BUT LAST SUNDAY, HIS SEAHAWKS LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE

ONLY POSING AS A SERIOUS CONTENDER.

THE RESURGENT RAIDERS WIPED THE SMILES OF THE FACES OF CARROLL'S CREW BY OUTGAINING SEATTLE, 545 YARDS TO 162.

WHIP AROUND

Jacksonville @ Dallas; Tampa Bay @ Arizona; Miami @ Cincinnati; Tennessee @ San Diego; Houston @ Indianapolis

THE SEASON OF THE LIVING DEAD CONTINUES IN DALLAS -- A GROTESQUE HORROR SHOW IN WHICH NOTHING LOOKS LIKE IT SHOULD.

JOHN KITNA WAS PICKED 4 TIMES.... DAVID GARRARD PICKED A FINE TIME TO THROW 4 TOUCHDOWN PASSES.

NEXT UP FOR DALLAS, ROAD GAMES AT THE PACKERS AND GIANTS.

LATELY. NOT EVEN THE WHIP CAN DEFLATE THE BUCCANEERS.

AFTER BLOWING A 17-POINT LEAD, TAMPA BOUNCED BACK.. ER UP...FOR A COMEBACK WIN.

DESPITE GIVING UP 27 MORE POINTS THAN THEY'VE SCORED THIS SEASON, THE PEWTER PIRATES ARE NOW TIED FOR THE BEST RECORD IN THE NFC.

"BE THE BALL," ZEN GOLFER TY WEBB ONCE SAID. EVER WONDER WHAT THE BALL WANTS TO BE? HUH? APPARENTLY A BENGAL MORE THAN A DOLPHIN.

BUT IN THE END, MIAMI KICKED SOME TIGER TAIL THANKS TO 5 FIELD GOALS FROM DAN CARPENTER -- ONE FROM THE TAIL OF THE TIGER.

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THE "WOW" PLAY OF THE WEEK BELONGED TO THE TITANS CHRIS JOHNSON.

BUT THE CHARGERS SNAGGED A COME-FROM-BEHIND VICTORY BY OPENING UP THE....("GATES!" RADIO)

SAN DIEGO REMAINS THE ONLY TEAM JEFF FISHER HAS NEVER DEFEATED. SORRY FISH, THE WHIP SOMETIMES STINGS.

THIS COACH'S TEAM HAD NEVER BEATEN THE COLTS IN INDIANAPOLIS, AN ISSUE THE TEXANS ONCE AGAIN TRIED TO TACKLE.

HOUSTON WE HAVE A PROBLEM: WE'RE STILL 0 FOR INDY THIS LIFETIME.