

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 9

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS

BALTIMORE HASN'T WILTED UNDER HIGH EXPECTATIONS THIS SEASON AND STOOD TALL AGAIN LAST WEEK. THE RAVENS SCORED ON THEIR FIRST DRIVE AND NEVER TRAILED THE DOLPHINS.

BALTIMORE FORCED THREE INTERCEPTIONS AND SHUT-OUT MIAMI IN THE SECOND HALF.

THE RAVENS CELEBRATION WILL BE SHORT LIVED, AS THEY HAVE JUST THREE DAYS BETWEEN GAMES THIS WEEK.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ HOUSTON TEXANS

WITH ALL OF THEIR STARTING RECEIVERS SIDELINED BY INJURY, PHILIP RIVERS TURNED TO LITTLE-KNOWN BACKUPS TO DIG THE CHARGERS OUT OF AN EARLY HOLE.

RIVERS IS THE NFL'S LEADER IN PASSING YARDAGE AND TOUCHDOWNS, AND LAST SUNDAY HE TORE UP THE TEXANS.

RIVERS HELPED PUT SAN DIEGO UP BY SIX, BEFORE HIS DEFENSE MADE A FINAL STOP TO SECURE THE CHARGERS' FIRST ROAD WIN OF THE SEASON.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

ELI MANNING HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES AGAINST THE SEAHAWKS, AND HE MADE THE MOST OF THEM. IN A FIRST HALF THAT SAW THE GIANTS SCORE 35 UNANSWERED POINTS, MANNING THREW FOR 3 TOUCHDOWNS, INCLUDING A 46 YARDER TO HAKEEM NICKS.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

ON THE EAGLES FIRST PLAY FROM SCRIMMAGE, LESHON MCCOY STAGGERED THE COLTS WITH A BODY BLOW UP THE GUT.

TWO PLAYS LATER, MIKE VICK LANDED A STIFF JAB.

TRAILING 13 TO NOTHING, THE COLTS SPRANG OFF THE CANVAS

INDIANAPOLIS SCORED 17 SECOND QUARTER POINTS AND LED AT THE HALF.

PHILLY'S PASSING ATTACK BEGAN TO FALTER.

BUT UNDER ANDY REID, THE EAGLES HAD NEVER LOST IN 11 GAMES COMING OFF THE BYE WEEK. VICK'S LEGS KEPT THAT STREAK RUNNING.

THIS SCRAMBLE AT THE END OF THE THIRD QUARTER LED TO A TOUCHDOWN IN THE FOURTH—AND A NINE POINT LEAD.

WITH EIGHTEEN SECONDS REMAINING, THE COLTS HAD THE BALL TRAILING BY TWO.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

TO BEGIN THEIR SUNDAY DRIVE, THE FALCONS WENT TO THE PUMP.

THE OFFENSE MOTORED 61 AND 99 YARDS ON THEIR FIRST TWO POSSESSIONS. BOTH ENDED WITH MICHAEL TURNER TOUCHDOWNS.

ATLANTA'S FAST START CARRIED OVER TO THE DEFENSE.

THE BUCS OFFENSE TRAVELS BEST THROUGH THE AIR.

A CRASH LANDING DID NOT PREVENT A RETURN TRIP TO THE END ZONE.

AHEAD NOW BY ONLY 3, MATT RYAN MOMENTARILY PROVIDED SOME DISTANCE.

BUT THE BUCS, LIKE THEY'VE DONE ALL SEASON, FOUND A WAY TO KEEP THE GAME TIGHT.

DOWN BY 6 LATE, THE NEVER SAY DIE BUCS WERE IN POSITION FOR YET ANOTHER STUNNING FOURTH QUARTER COMEBACK.

FIRST PLACE IN THE NFC SOUTH WOULD COME DOWN TO 4TH AND 1 FROM THE FALCONS 2-YARD LINE.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ OAKLAND RAIDERS

TOM CABLE'S RAIDERS DID NOT LOOK GREAT IN THE FIRST HALF, FALLING BEHIND THE CHEIFS 10-0.

AS THE SECOND HALF STARTED, OAKLAND USED A FORD AND A ROCK TO ZOOM INTO THE LEAD.

JACOBY FORD'S RUNBACK BEGAN A BACK AND FORTH HALF IN WHICH THE ANCIENT AFC WEST RIVALS TRADED SCORES.

OUT OF TIMEOUTS, AND TRAILING BY THREE WITH :24 SECONDS LEFT, THE RAIDERS RECAPTURED SOME OLD MYSTIQUE.

SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI'S 41 YARD FIELD GOAL WITH THREE SECONDS LEFT SENT THE GAME INTO OVERTIME.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

THE DOOMSDAY DEFENSE NEVER PULLED ITS PUNCHES. NOW SOME COWBOYS DON'T EVEN BOTHER TAKING A SWING. SOMEWHERE THE MANSTER IS CRYING.

CLAY MATTHEWS LEADS THE LEAGUE WITH 10 ½ SACKS, AND WAS NAMED NFC DEFENSIVE PLAYER OF THE WEEK EVEN AFTER A FEW SLIP-UPS.

ALL THE BOUNCES WENT THE PACKERS WAY.

CHICAGO BEARS @ BUFFALO BILLS

THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT COVERS 99% OF PHYSICIAN SERVICES. JAY CUTLER ENVIES SUCH **COMPREHENSIVE** PROTECTION.

CUTLER'S PASS TO GREG OLSEN GAVE CHICAGO A 14-7 LEAD. THE BEARS HAD CONTROL OF THE SCOREBOARD. BUT **NOT** THE JUMBOTRON.

STEVE **JOHNSON'S** HANDS SHOULD HAVE BEEN SORE AFTER A BUSY DAY. HE CAUGHT 11 PASSES FOR 145 YARDS, AND HELPED THE BILLS TAKE A 19-14 LEAD LATE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

THE REAL MCCOY? BOTH COLT AND CLEVELAND ARE STARTING TO LOOK LIKE IT.

FINDING SOMETHING CAN BE EASY IF YOU'RE CONCENTRATING.

THE BEST LEAP CAME FROM OF PEYTON HILLIS, WHO RAN FOR 184 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS AS CLEVELAND JUMPED ALL OVER NEW ENGLAND.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

IT'S CALLED COULROPHOBIA. THE FEAR OF CLOWNS, AND IT'S VERY REAL. MAYBE IT SPOOKED CAROLINA'S QBS. MORE LIKELY IT WAS THEIR AWFUL OFFENSE LINE, CHECK OUT #96 UTTERLY UNBLOCKED.

THAT'S 3RD STRINGER TONY PIKE GETTING IT THE NECK, BUT REALLY IT COULD HAVE BEEN ANY POOR SAP IN THE PANTHER POCKET.

DREW BREES? HE HAD PROTECTION. AND USED IT WELL.

HIS PASSES WERE CRISP, HIS RECEIVERS OPEN. HIS REWARD-- A COUPLE OF A SCORES.

THE PANTHERS? THEY'VE GOT PROBLEMS—NO CLOWNING AROUND.

NEW YORK JETS @ DETROIT LIONS

THE LIONS HAD `EM.

EVERYBODY KNEW IT, EVEN REX RYAN.

YEAH, THE JETS CAME UP WITH THEIR LONGEST PLAY OF THE YEAR...

BUT THE LIONS HAD `EM ANYWAY.

BUT THE LIONS DIDN'T FINISH `EM. AND THAT WAS A MISTAKE. AS THE JETS SCORED TWICE IN THE FINAL 4 AND HALF MINUTES OF REGULATION.

IN OVERTIME, THE JETS SHOWED WHY THEY MAY BE THE CLASS OF THE CONFERENCE.

ARIZONA CARDINALS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

YOU EXPECT MINNESOTA TO BE COLD IN WINTER, BUT FROSTY FROM THE FAITHFUL IS NEW. NOT THAT ANYONE COULD BLAME THEM.

HERE'S HOW YOU FINISH ONE: SCORE TWICE IN THE FINAL 5 MINUTES OF REGULATION TO TIE IT.

BRETT FAVRE THREW FOR A CAREER HIGH 446 YARDS.

IN OVERTIME THE OLD MAN TOOK A KNEE AFTER DRIVING THE VIKINGS TO WITHIN A LEG OF VICTORY.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS

YOU NEVER KNOW WITH THE BENGALS WHETHER THEY'RE WAVING TO RALLY THE TROOPS OR SURRENDER.

IT GOT WORSE.

EVENTUALLY THE STEELERS LED 27-7 IN THE 4TH QUARTER.

THEY SAY PRIMAL SCREAM THERAPY CAN HELP, SO CAN A BIG GAME BY A STAR RECEIVER. ENTER TO. IN TOP FORM.

THE BENGALS CLOSED TO WITHIN 6 POINTS AND A DOZEN YARDS OF TYING THE GAME.

A CLOSE CALL, BUT THE WIN ALLOWS THE STEELERS TO KEEP PACE ATOP THE AFC NORTH.