NFL GAMEDAY

ATLANTA FALCONS @ ST LOUIS RAMS

SCOUT'S HONOR! THE RAMS HAD SOLEMNLY PLEDGED TO BEAT THE FIRST-PLACE FALCONS.

IT'S <u>ALSO</u> THE BOY SCOUT'S CREDO TO "BE PREPARED." AND WHEN <u>ONE</u> RAM FOUND HIMSELF FACING A UNIQUE CHALLENGE, HE <u>MORE</u> THAN EARNED HIS MERIT BADGE.

DOWN BY SIX, SAM BRADFORD PUT THE RAMS <u>BACK</u> IN THE LEAD.

BUT SAM SHORT-CIRCUITED A <u>SECOND</u> RAMS RALLY.

ATLANTA ADDED A FINAL SCORE TO MAINTAIN THE NFC'S BEST RECORD.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

LAST SUNDAY CONFIRMED, THE VIKINGS ARE A JUMBLED MESS.

...JUST LOOK AT THEIR UNIFORMS.

AND THE HITS KEPT ON COMING.

IN WHAT HAS BEEN A HUMILIATING SEASON...THE VIKINGS SUFFERED THEIR WORST INDIGNITY YET.

THE PACKERS ARE MAKING A HABIT OUT OF MAKING OPPOSING TEAMS LOOK BAD.

IN THEIR LAST THREE GAMES, THEY'VE OUTSCORED OPPONENTS 85-10.

THE LAST TWO TEAMS TO LOSE TO THE PACKERS FIRED THEIR HEAD COACH THE VERY NEXT DAY./ IN MINNESOTA, EVEN RAGNAR IS WONDERING IF PERHAPS THEY COURTED THE WRONG PACKERS QUARTERBACK.

CLEVELAND BROWNS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

HUGS...//AND PUPPIES.//NOT EXACTLY NFL STYLE.

NO ANIMALS WERE HARMED IN THE MAKING OF THE JAGS BROWNS GAME, BUT SOME DAWGS DID GET POUNDED.

JACKSONVILLE'S DEFENSE HAD A MORE DIFFICULT TIME PLAYING GRAB ASS.

THE JAGS DON'T HAVE ANYONE WITH A COOL NAME LIKE COLT MCCOY AND UNFORTUNATELY MJD DOESN'T ALWAYS GO DOWN SMOOTH.

GREATNESS SHOWED UP WITH JUST OVER A MINUTE LEFT IN THE GAME AS THE JAGS TRAILED BY THREE.

<u>ALTERNATE:</u> NO ANIMALS WERE HARMED IN THE MAKING OF THE JAGS BROWNS GAME...BUT LINEBACKER KURT MORRISON DID POUND SOME DAWGS.

CHICAGO BEARS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

WHETHER OR NOT THE BEARS <u>HEARD</u> CAMERON WAKE, THEY CERTAINLY <u>FELT</u> HIS PRESENCE.

WAKE WAS LIVELY, BUT CHICAGO BURIED TYLER THIGPEN SIX SACKS UNDER.

FACING A SHUT-OUT, THE DOLPHINS COULD NOT BE REVIVED.

THE BEARS RUSHED TO THEIR 700TH FRANCHISE WIN, BEATING THE REST OF THE NFL TO THE MARK.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

THE GIANTS WERE LOOKING TO STOP MICHAEL VICK AND TAKE CONTROL OF THE NFC EAST.

VICK BLEW THE DOORS OFF THE GIANTS WITH A TOUCHDOWN RUN, BUT WHEN IT CAME TO BLOWING NEW YORK OUT, PHILADELPHIA DROPPED THE BALL.

TRAILING 17-16 WITH UNDER 5 MINUTES REMAINING, THE EAGLES HAD A CRUCIAL FOURTH DOWN.

THE GIANTS ALSO FACED A 4TH DOWN WITH THE GAME ON THE LINE.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

WITH THE SCORE TIED AT 16, GRAHAM GANO ATTEMPTED A 47 YARD FIELD GOAL AS TIME EXPIRED IN REGULATION. IN OVERTIME, THE REDSKINS GAVE GANO ANOTHER CHANCE.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

THE RIVALRY OF THE DECADE IS ESSENTIALLY A CHESS MATCH BETWEEN TWO STRATEGIC GRANDMASTERS, PEYTON MANNING AND BILL BELICHICK.

WITH TOM BRADY PLAYING PERFECT, THE PIECES WERE IN PLACE FOR A PATRIOTS ROUT.

MANNING SHOWED NARY A HINT OF RESIGNATION AS THE FIRST HALF DREW TO A CLOSE.

BELICHICK DEPLOYED A PAWN-SIZED PATRIOT TO WREAK HAVOC ACROSS THE BOARD.

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, BELICHICK'S DEFENSE WAS BROKEN. MANNING CULMINATED TWO DRIVES OF OVER 70 YARDS WITH TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO BLAIR WHITE.

WITH ENDGAME FAST APPROACHING, MANNING MOVED TO SECURE EITHER CHECKMATE...OR OVERTIME.

DETROIT LIONS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

THE LIONS MAY WELL HAVE THE BEST RECEIVER IN THE GAME IN CALVIN JOHNSON.

AND THAT'S GOOD. LETTING JOHN KITNA HAVE CAREER DAY, THAT'S BAD.

BESIDES RUNNING FOR A SCORE, KITNA PASSED FOR THREE MORE.

KITNA'S HAT TRICK WASN'T THE NIFTIEST TRICK OF THE DAY HOWEVER.

BUFFALO BILLS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS

LAST SUNDAY IN CINCINNATI IT LOOKED LIKE THE BILLS WERE GONNA GET SKINNED YET AGAIN.

SO WAS THE BILLS OFFENSE FOR THAT MATTER.

SURE ENOUGH THE GAME DID TURN INTO A RUNAWAY -- THE OTHER WAY.

THEIR CHIEF TORMENTOR? RYAN FITZPATRICK WHO FIRED THREE OF HIS FOUR TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN THE SECOND HALF.

THIRTY-FIVE UNANSWERED SECOND-HALF POINTS MADE THE BILLS EASY WINNERS AND SUGGESTS WHERE THE REAL JOKE IS.

HOUSTON TEXANS @ NEW YORK JETS

SOME SYMBOLS BECOME ICONS.// IF THEY'RE GOOD ENOUGH, SO DO SOME PLAYERS.

THE MARK SANCHEZ-SANTONIO HOLMES CONNECTION HAS BEEN THE PICTURE OF SUCCESS THIS SEASON. THE JETS LEAD LASTED TIL DEEP IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, WHEN HOUSTON PUSHED BACK.

TRAILING BY 4 WITH UNDER A MINUTE TO PLAY MARK SANCHEZ DELIVERED A PERFECT PASS// TWICE.

THE WHIPAROUND

Baltimore @ Carolina; Arizona @ Kansas City; Denver @ San Diego; Tampa Bay @ San Francisco; Oakland @ Pittsburgh; Seattle @ Seahawks

THE WHIP ADMIRES THE VERSATILITY OF BRIAN ST. PIERRE. ONE WEEK HE WAS A STAY-AT-HOME-DAD; THE NEXT, A STARTING QUARTERBACK... AND ASTROLOGIST.

TWO MORE ST. PIERRE PASSES WERE TAKEN TO THE HOUSE... BY BALTIMORE.

THIS IS WHAT HAPPENS TO HAY AFTER IT LEAVES THE BARN.

AND **THIS** IS WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU LET DWAYNE BOWE GALLOP THROUGH YOUR SECONDARY.

AFTER HAVING FIVE PUNTS BLOCKED THIS SEASON, SAN DIEGO WAS DONE PLAYING THE PATSY.

THE WHIP KNOWS A GOOD TACKLE WHEN IT SEES ONE.

TAMPA'S THREE TOUCHDOWNS TOTALED ONLY 15 YARDS. BUT WHAT THEY LACKED IN DISTANCE, THEY MADE UP FOR IN HEIGHT.

THE BUCS WEREN'T THE ONLY ONES SHOWING A BAY AREA TEAM WHO'S THE BOSS.

IN WILL FERRELL, PETE CARROLL FOUND A FRIEND THROUGH THICK AND THIN. SUNDAY WAS ONE OF THOSE SVELTE DAYS, AS NEW ORLEANS ADMINISTERED AN OLD SCHOOL BEAT-DOWN.

WITH THREE STRAIGHT WINS, NEW ORLEANS IS GOING STREAKING. BRING YOUR GREEN HAT.