

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **WEEK 16**

### **HOUSTON TEXANS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

TIM TEBOW HASN'T BEEN AROUND THAT LONG.

SO IT WAS NO SURPRISE THAT IN THE FIRST HALF OF HIS SECOND NFL START, HE PLAYED LIKE A ROOKIE.

TRAILING 17-0 IN THE SECOND HALF, TEBOW TRANSFORMED FROM RAW ROOKIE TO POISED PRO.

### **CAROLINA PANTHERS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

THERE'S ONE THING WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA LIKES MORE THAN PENN STATE.

THE STEELERS WANT TO MAKE SURE THEY'RE HEALTHY ENTERING THE PLAYOFFS.

BEN ROETHLISBERGER WASN'T THE ONLY ONE GETTING KNOCKED AROUND. ROETHLISBERGER THREW FOR 320 YARDS AS PITTSBURGH ROUTED CAROLINA.

### **NEW YORK GIANTS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS**

AFTER AN EMBARRASSING 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER COLLAPSE A WEEK EARLIER, THE GIANTS SOUGHT TO BREATHE LIFE INTO THEIR PLAYOFF HOPES.

A GOOD BLOCK CAN'T TAKE CLAY MATHEWS OUT OF A PLAY. HE LED A DEFENSIVE BARRAGE THAT FORCED 6 GIANTS TURNOVERS.

AARON RODGERS LOOKED SHARP IN HIS RETURN FROM INJURY, THROWING FOR OVER 400 YARDS AND 4 TOUCHDOWNS. GREEN BAY OUTSCORED NEW YORK 24-3 IN THE SECOND HALF.

### **WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

...AND JACK DEL RIO SAID THAT BEFORE WATCHING HIS TEAM PLAY THE LOWLY REDSKINS.

HAVING ALREADY BLOWN A CHANCE TO WIN THE AFC SOUTH, // THE JAGUARS WERE IN DANGER OF FALLING OUT OF THE PLAYOFF RACE ENTIRELY.

AFTER SPOTTING THE REDSKINS TEN POINTS JACKSONVILLE RALLIED, // TYING THE GAME AT 17 LATE IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER.

DAVID GARRARD'S TOUCHDOWN SENT THE GAME TO OVERTIME.

THE JAGUARS WON THE TOSS, AND PERHAPS SHOULD HAVE DEFERRED.

### **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ ST LOUIS RAMS**

IT WASN'T LONG AGO THAT THE 49ERS WERE IN THE RAMS' POSITION: SO FULL OF YOUTHFUL PROMISE.

THEY STILL HAVE AN EXPLOSIVE KICK-RETURNING WIDE-OUT.

AND A HEISMAN-WINNER STILL HITS A BILETNIKOFF AWARD RECEIVER IN STRIDE.

BUT ON SUNDAY, IT WAS ST. LOUIS THAT TOOK ANOTHER STEP FORWARD BY KNOCKING SAN FRANCISCO TWO STEPS BACK.

THIS WEEK, THE RAMS WILL BE LOOKING FOR A DIVISION TITLE....

...MIKE SINGLETARY WILL BE LOOKING FOR EMPLOYMENT.

### **TENNESSEE TITANS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

IN AUGUST, FEW KNEW THEIR FACES BUT THEIR FANTASY FOOTBALL OWNERS AND MOTHERS. BUT MATT CASSEL AND JAMAAL CHARLES HAVE EARNED RECOGNITION.

KERRY COLLINS THREW FOR TOUCHDOWNS ON BACK-TO-BACK DRIVES. FIRST, HE FOUND KENNY BRITT.

THEN, ERIC BERRY FOUND HIM.

THE CHIEFS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF A TEAM PLAYING OUT THE STRING TO TIE UP A PLAYOFF SPOT -- EVEN PUTTING A BOWE ON IT.

### **NEW YORK JETS @ CHICAGO BEARS**

SUNDAY'S GAME BETWEEN THE JETS AND BEARS WAS A MATCHUP OF TWO OF THE LEAGUE'S TOP DEFENSES.

BUT INSTEAD OF A LOW SCORING STRUGGLE, WHAT UNFOLDED WAS A PARADE OF TOUCHDOWNS.

WITH THE GAME TIED AT 31, JAY CUTLER'S THIRD TOUCHDOWN PASS GAVE THE BEARS A 7 POINT LEAD.

THOUGH THE SCOREBOARD DIDN'T REMIND ANYONE OF THE BEARS VAUNTED 46 DEFENSE, BUT THE GAME CLINCHING PLAY WAS ONE THAT WOULD'VE MADE THEM PROUD.

### **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**

WHILE SANTA TOOK A WELL-DESERVED BREAK, THE DAY AFTER CHRISTMAS HAD VERY FEW MERRY MOMENTS FOR THE SEAHAWKS.

SEATTLE SCORED ONLY TWICE, BUT THERE WERE PLENTY OF TOUCHDOWNS TO BE FOUND UNDER TAMPA'S TREE.

ANOTHER TAMPA RECEIVER GETTING INTO THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT WAS ROOKIE MIKE WILLIAMS.

LaGARRETT BLOUNT SHREDDED THE SEAHAWKS FOR 164 YARDS, TO HELP KEEP THE BUCCANEERS' PLAYOFF HOPES AFLOAT.

### **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

TO CLINCH HOME FIELD ADVANTAGE THROUGHOUT THE PLAYOFFS, THE FALCONS HAD TO DEFEND THEIR TURF FROM THE DEFENDING SUPER BOWL CHAMPS.

MATT RYAN'S TOUCHDOWN TOSS TO RODDY WHITE PUT THE FALCONS WITHIN THREE POINTS AT HALFTIME.

A NIMBLE DREW BREES THOUGHT HE'D FOUND A WAY TO ROB ATLANTA'S DEFENSE.

DOWN 14 TO 10, BREES REDEEMED HIMSELF ON A 90 YARD DRIVE AND HANDED THE FALCONS THEIR FIRST HOME LOSS OF THE YEAR.

**WHIPAROUND:**

***Dallas @ Arizona; Baltimore @ Cleveland; Indianapolis @ Oakland; New England @ Buffalo; San Diego @ Cincinnati; Detroit @ Miami; Minnesota @ Philadelphia***

LOOKEE HERE, THE WHIP JINXED ME. IT SAID JERRY "THIS IS YOUR YEAR."  
NOW EVERYTHING'S GONE KERBLOOEY.

A FEW PLAYS LATER THE CARDS MADE IT AN EVEN DOZEN.

LATE IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> THE BACKUP'S BACKUP GAVE THE COWBOYS HOPE.

BUT THE EXTRA POINT WAS ANYTHING BUT AN AFTERTHOUGHT.

WHATEVER THIS IS, IT AIN'T PRETTY. FOR BEAUTY YOU HAD TO TURN TO  
JOE FLACCO PASSES.

MEET PEYTON MANNING THEE S-LO-W-E-S-T PLAYER IN THE HISTORY OF THE  
GAME. // NOT REAL GRACEFUL EITHER. / BUT MY, WHAT A PASSER.

TOO MANY BLUNDERS IN BUFFALO.

THE BILLS GAVE THE BALL AWAY 7 TIMES.

CLEAN-SHAVEN TOM BRADY WAS AS SMOOTH AS EVER.

SO MUCH FOR CALIFORNIA COOL. AMID THE FLAKES, THE WARM WEATHER  
CHARGERS MELTED.

IF THE BENGALS CAN BARE THEIR FANGS, MAYBE IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE  
LIKE PULLING TEETH FOR THE LIONS TO WIN ON THE ROAD.

THE LIONS ARE TWO AND OH IN FLORIDA AND PROBABLY CAN'T WAIT TO GET BACK.

IN PHILLY THEY COULDN'T WAIT TO PLAY. SNOWPOCALYSE 2010 MADE THIS THE FIRST GAME PLAYED ON A TUESDAY SINCE 1946.

THE WHIP AND PRESUMABLY THE EAGLES HOPE IT'S AT LEAST AS LONG A WAIT FOR ANOTHER.