

NFL EXTRA

Week 7

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02:34:41 - JOSH CRIBBS

IN CLEVELAND, JOSH CRIBBS IS A SUPERHERO. AND EVERY SUPERHERO NEEDS A NEMESIS.

I KNOW ... JAMES LOOKING RIGHT AT ME. HE WANT ME TO SAY SOMETHING. I JUST LOOK AT HIM...NO, I KEEP MOVING. I AIN'T GONNA WAKEUP THAT SLEEPING MONSTER.

JAMES HARRISON ISN'T EXACTLY A SUPER VILLAIN, BUT HE'S BEEN FOILING CRIBBS SINCE THEY WERE TEAMMATES AT KENT STATE.

IN OUR FIRST SCRIMMAGE THE QBS WERE NOT LIVE. I HAVE TO ADD THAT. THAT WE WEREN'T LIVE. HARRISON CAME UP AND KNOCKED THE CRAP OUT OF ME AND JUST...I JUST REMEMBER IT WAS LIKE GRASS IN MY FACE; AND I DON'T KNOW WHERE THE FOOTBALL WENT. HE WAS LIKE, "GET UP LITTLE BOY! GET UP! WELCOME TO FOOTBALL! WELCOME TO NCAA!"

AS QUARTERBACK, CRIBBS SET SCHOOL RECORDS IN MOST OFFENSIVE CATEGORIES, WHILE DEFEATING SOME BIG NAME COMPETITION.

PLAYING AGAINST LEFTWICH AND ROETHLISBERGER AND CHARLIE FRYE, AND ALL THESE GREAT QBS. I BEAT ALL OF THEM. I FELT LIKE I'M ONE OF THEM.

THEY WERE DRAFTED. CRIBBS WAS NOT.

SO YOU CAN IMAGINE THAT I HAD A TREMENDOUS CHIP ON MY SHOULDER. I WAS READY TO PLAY QB IN THE NFL. I JUST THOUGHT I HAD A SHOT.

THE BROWNS TOLD THE ROOKIE FREE AGENT A HARD TRUTH.

HE CAME TO ME AND SAID, "HEY, IF ANYBODY IS LOOKING AT YOU AT QB, THEY'RE LYING TO YOU. THEY'RE USING YOU FOR A CAMP BODY. YOU CAN PLAY RIGHT AWAY FOR US TO BE OUR KICK RETURNER." I HAD TO TAKE A

CHANCE. MY FIRST CAMP WAS THE CLEVELAND BROWNS. IT WAS AWFUL. I WASN'T A WIDE RECEIVER AT ALL. I REMEMBER I DROPPED THE BALL RIGHT IN FRONT OF THESE REPORTERS, AND THEY WERE KIND OF ROOTING FOR ME. SO I HEARD ONE OF THEM KINDA SAY, "AHHH. THIS CRIBBS GUY NOT GONNA MAKE IT."

HEY CRIBBS! YOU BETTER DO A LITTLE BIT BETTER THAN THAT! YOU BETTER DO BETTER THAN THAT!

AND IT WAS LIKE JUST SO CRUSHING FOR ME. THIS IS MY OPPORTUNITY. I GOTTA MAKE THE BEST OF IT BECAUSE I'M NOT GONNA LOOK BACK ONE DAY AND SAY, "WHAT IF?" MY FIRST PRESEASON GAME WAS AGAINST THE GIANTS AT HOME. TRIED TO SEPARATE MYSELF AND THAT'S WHEN I KNEW THAT I HAD A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE THE TEAM. I RAN DOWN THE KICKOFF COVERAGE UNITS AND TACKLED THE GUY INSIDE THE 20. I MADE 3 TACKLES ON SPECIAL TEAMS. SO I'M LIKE, "WOW, THIS NFL I GUESS IS OVERRATED." AND I SAID THAT TO SOMEBODY. THEY'RE LIKE, "NO MAN, YOU'RE JUST GOOD." AT THAT POINT I'M LIKE, "WELL I'M GONNA TAKE THIS TO ANOTHER LEVEL."

CRIBBS MADE THE TEAM, AND EARNED THE JOB OF KICK RETURNER. HE WAS WELCOMED TO THE NFL BY AN UNDRAFTED SPECIAL TEAMER ON THE PITTSBURGH STEELERS, WHO JUST HAPPENED TO BE HIS OLD COLLEGE TEAMMATE.

"GET UP BOY. GET UP! YOU AIN'T HURT. GET UP! WELCOME TO FOOTBALL! WELCOME TO THE NFL!" I'M JUST LIKE, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!" I DIDN'T ACTUALLY SAY THOSE THINGS. THIS IS JUST WHAT I WAS THINKING.

CRIBBS NOW HOLDS THE NFL RECORD FOR KICKOFF RETURNS FOR TOUCHDOWNS. HIS FIRST CAME IN HIS ROOKIE YEAR.

RADIO – HE'S GONE! JOSHUA CRIBBS TOUCHDOWN!

IT WAS JUST LIKE WOW. AND I JUST LOOKED ALL AROUND 360 DEGREES. JUST KEPT TURNING AROUND. "WOW, THIS IS THE NFL." JUMP IN THE DOG POUND. GOTTA GO IN THE DOG POUND. "OH THE DOG POUND IS THIS WAY? THIS WAY?" YOU KNOW I'M THE NEW ROOKIE. BARELY MAKE IT UP THE WALL. LOOSE THE FOOTBALL. AND THAT WAS LIKE THE GREATEST FEELING. SO GREAT THAT I WANTED TO KEEP EXPERIENCING IT OVER AND OVER AGAIN.

JOSH IS ONE OF THOSE GUYS THAT ANYTIME THE BALL'S IN HIS HANDS, HE'S GOT AN OPPORTUNITY TO SCORE. HE'S A THREAT ANYTIME HE'S ON THE FIELD. ONCE HE GETS IN THE CLEAR HE'S GOT THE SKILL AND ABILITY TO BREAK A TACKLE OR THE SPEED TO FINISH IT IN THE END ZONE.

MY DREAM WAS NOT TO BE A QB IN THE NFL. MY DREAM WAS TO PLAY IN THE NFL, PERIOD, AT WHATEVER POSITION.

I FEEL LIKE I'M LIKE SPECIAL FORCES. LIKE ANYTIME THEY GET IN A JAM, THE MARINE'S THE FIRST ONE IN. I GOTTA GO, YOU KNOW, DO MY THING.

NOWADAYS, CRIBBS DOES A BIT OF EVERYTHING.

RADIO - HE DARTS RIGHT INSIDE THE 10! TOUCH LEFT SIDE! TOUCHDOWN!

ALONG WITH PLAYING QUARTERBACK IN THE WILDCAT OFFENSE, CRIBBS IS ONE OF THE TEAM'S BEST RECEIVERS.

EVEN THE GUY WHO PLAYS LEX LUTHER TO CRIBBS' SUPERMAN HAS A KIND WORD.

HARRISON – CRIBBS. HE HAS THE ABILITY TO BREAK OUT OF A TACKLE IF YOU'RE NOT SURED-UP ON HIM.

JAMES IS PRETTY RUTHLESS.

JAMES HARRISON IS STILL FOILING JOSH CRIBBS.

HE PLAYED ON OUR TEAM, WE'D JUST BE PATTING HIM ON THE BACK. I WASN'T APPALLED BY IT BECAUSE HE'S BEEN DOING IT TO ME, PERSONALLY, FOR YEARS.

WHICH IS FINE, BECAUSE THIS SUPERHERO IS DOING IT TO EVERYONE ELSE.

RADIO -- CRIBBS HAS GOT A CRACK AT IT. CATCHES AT THE 33. WHERE'S HE GOING? UP THE MIDDLE. 40, 45, 50! HE'S WIDE LEFT! 40! HE'S DOWN THE SIDELINE 30! 20! 15! 10! 5! HE'S GONE!! TOUCHDOWN!

SO I THINK EVERYTHING HAPPENED FOR A REASON THE WAY IT DID, AND I'M SATISFIED THE WAY IT DID HAPPEN.

I TELL MY KIDS I GOT TO PLAY WITH JOSH CRIBBS. (APPRECIATE THAT.)

02:41:28 - GREG JENNINGS

LOMBARDI - THERE ARE 3 THINGS AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. ONE IS THE MAN'S FAMILY AND HIS RELIGION, AND #3 MUST BE THE PACKER FOOTBALL TEAM; AND THIS IS WHAT WE WANT.

VINCE LOMBARDI WOULD HAVE LOVED TO COACH GREG JENNINGS.

IT'S GOD, FAMILY, THEN FOOTBALL FOR HIM, AND EACH ONE OF THEM GETS THE SAME TYPE OF ATTENTION.

49 IS YOURS.

WE GONNA CALL HIM "PASS THE GREG" BECAUSE YOU KNOW HE KNOW THE WORD THAT GOOD TOO.

THAT'S JUST WHO I AM. BECAUSE I HAVE DAUGHTERS. I WANT THEM TO SEE A GREAT EXAMPLE AS A, NOT ONLY A FATHER BUT AS A MAN.

HE CHANGES DIAPERS. HE GETS THEM DRESSED. HE DOES BATH. HE IS THE BEST.

I KNOW GREG HAS HIS PRIORITIES STRAIGHT. IT'S FAMILY FIRST. THEY GOT 3 DAUGHTERS NOW. ALL WITH 4 LETTER NAMES STARTING WITH "A". DON'T ASK ME TO REPEAT THEM ALL.

IT'S FUN BEING DADDY. THAT'S WHO I AM; AND THAT'S WHERE I GET MY SENSE OF FULFILLMENT.

BUT 5 YEARS AGO, THERE WERE NO CHILDREN AND JENNINGS WAS TRYING TO MAKE A NAME FOR HIMSELF IN A PLACE HE DID NOT WANT TO BE.

I DID NOT WANT TO GO TO G.B. AND EVERYBODY SAID, "WHY?" AND I, "I'VE BEEN IN THE COLD ALL MY LIFE. I WANT TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE, EXPERIENCE SOME OTHER CLIMATES." BUT IT TURNED OUT TO BE THE BIGGEST BLESSING IN THE SKIES.

ONE SUCH BLESSING FOR THE MICHIGAN NATIVE WAS EARNING A STARTING SPOT AS A ROOKIE UNDER A GREEN BAY DEITY.

BRETT WAS LIKE...LIKE THERE'S GOD, JESUS AND, IN G.B., BRETT.

IT DID NOT TAKE LONG FOR JENNINGS TO BECAME A DISCIPLE OF THE CHURCH OF FAVRE.

I WAS LIKE A LITTLE FLY ON THE WALL EVERYDAY TRYING TO MAKE SURE I HEARD EVERYTHING THAT HE WAS SAYING.

FAVRE – HEY, IF FOR WHATEVER REASON ON THAT 1ST PLAY, IF I CHECK TO DETROIT AND THEY GO 3, I STILL THINK IT'S A GOOD PLAY.

I WANTED TO ABSORB EVERY OUNCE OF KNOWLEDGE HE HAD; AND, AT THE SAME TIME, I WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT I DIDN'T MAKE HIM LOOK BAD! I REMEMBER GOING TO WALMART. AN OLDER LADY, SHE SAYS, "YOU BETTER CATCH THAT BALL!" AND LIKE YOU CAN'T GET UPSET. I'M LIKE, "YES MA'AM."

PLEASE DON'T HATE ME. PLEASE. PLEASE DON'T HATE ME. YOU LOVE ME?

IN HIS FIRST TWO SEASONS, IT WAS PRACTICALLY A LOVE AFFAIR BETWEEN JENNINGS AND FAVRE. JENNINGS CAUGHT BRETT'S 400TH TOUCHDOWN...

RADIO – HE'S GOING ALL THE WAY! TOUCHDOWN G.B.! 75 YDS.!

... AND THE RECORD TYING 420TH TOUCHDOWN PASS.

RADIO – FAVRE QUICK THROW ON THE SLANT. BREAKING FREE! GREG JENNINGS 57 YDS.! WELCOME BACK TO A PLAYMAKER ON THE PACKER OFFENSE.

WHEN IT CAME TIME FOR THE RECORD BREAKER, THERE WAS A CLEAR FAVORITE...

421 COMING TO SOMEBODY. WHO DO YOU WANT IT TO COME TO? DO YOU WANT IT TO COME TO ME? I THINK IT'S GONNA COME TO 85.

RADIO – HERE'S THE SNAP. BRETT LOOKING. DRILLS THE MIDDLE. HE'S GOT JENNINGS! TOUCHDOWN! AND THERE IT IS. A MONUMENTAL MILESTONE AND A LEGENDARY CAREER.

THEY CALLED IT THE FIREMAN'S CARRY OR WHATEVER. WHEN HE DID IT I'M LIKE, "WOW! IT'S MY TURN. LIKE, I'M DOING SOMETHING RIGHT." I FELT GREAT. IT FELT REALLY GOOD.

LATER IN THE YEAR, JENNINGS CAUGHT A MUCH LESS HERALDED MILESTONE.

RADIO – EMPTY SHOTGUN SNAP TO RODGERS. SCANS THE SECONDARY. PULLS IT TO THE RIGHT SIDE, AND HE'S GOT HIS MAN MAKING A TURN TO THE END ZONE! REACHING! TOUCHDOWN GREG JENNINGS!

MY MEMORY IS FAILING ME WAYNE. IS THAT HIS FIRST CAREER TD. PASS OR DID HE HAVE ANY LAST YEAR? WE'RE GOING TO LOOK THAT UP. I SHOULD KNOW THAT. I SHOULD REMEMBER THAT BUT A BIG MOMENT IN A GUY'S CAREER. I BELIEVE IT IS HIS FIRST TD. PASS.

IN 2008, FAVRE WAS GONE AND JENNINGS FOUND HIS ROLE REVERSED.

YOU KNOW, IT WAS ALMOST LIKE I WAS A VET AND HE WAS THE ROOKIE, AND HE'S BEEN IN THE LEAGUE LONGER THAN ME.

JENNINGS PROVED TO BE AS GOOD A TEACHER AS HE WAS A STUDENT.

RADIO – AARON RODGERS LOOKING. THROWS TO SEAM. GOT JENNINGS! TOUCHDOWN GREG JENNINGS, 48 YDS.! TOUCHDOWN JENNINGS!

I MEAN I LOVED PLAYING WITH BRETT. AARON, BEST QB I PLAYED WITH.

JENNINGS HAS AVERAGED OVER 1200 YARDS AND 8 TOUCHDOWNS A YEAR SINCE RODGERS BECAME HIS QUARTERBACK. BUT EARLY IN 2010, THINGS WEREN'T CLICKING. FROM WEEKS 2 THROUGH 5, JENNINGS CAUGHT JUST 9 PASSES.

BOY, I WAS FRUSTRATED, AND I WAS LIKE AT BOILING POINT. BUT IT'S HOW YOU COPE WITH THAT FRUSTRATION, HOW YOU PLAY THROUGH THAT FRUSTRATION; AND IF YOU'RE NOT OVERCOMING ANY ADVERSITY, YOU'RE NOT GROWING.

JENNINGS HANDLED HIS ADVERSITY BY PUTTING UP SOME OF THE BEST NUMBERS OF ANY RECEIVER IN THE LEAGUE.

RADIO – GREG JENNINGS TOUCHDOWN! NOBODY WILL CATCH HIM! THERE GOES GREG JENNINGS! TOUCHDOWN GREG JENNINGS! RODGERS OVER THE TOP TO JENNINGS! OH MY WORD! THROWS IT OVER THE MIDDLE. GOT JENNINGS!

AFTER BACK-TO-BACK 100 YARD PLAYOFF GAMES, JENNINGS SAVED HIS BEST FOR THE SUPER BOWL.

OH YEA!!! SOLIDIFY HIS LEGACY IN THIS GAME BABY.

RADIO – SLOT OT THE LEFT SIDE IN MOTION. JENNINGS TO THE LEFT. HERE'S THE SNAP. SCANS THE SECONDARY. THROWS IT OVER THE MIDDLE. LEAPING GRAB AT THE GOAL LINE! IS HE IN?! YES!! IT'S A TD. FOR GREG JENNINGS!!

JENNINGS WITHSTOOD TROY POLAMALU'S AGGRESSION FOR ONE TOUCHDOWN AND TRIED TO EXPLOIT IT TO SET UP ANOTHER.

A COUPLE TIMES DURING THE GAME HE WAS FLYING DOWN TO COVER THAT FLAG, AND I TOLD MY RECEIVER COACH. I'M LIKE, "THERE IS NO WAY HE CAN FLY DOWN THAT HARD AND COVER A CORNER ROUTE." POLAMALU'S SHOOTING STRAIGHT DOWN TO ME. HE'S SHOOTING LIKE OFF-SIDES. SO, IF I WAS TO GIVE HIM SOMETHING AND GO, I'M KILLING HIM..OR JUST RUN A VERTICAL ON HIM BECAUSE HE'S FLYING DOWN SO HARD.

2 PLAYS LATER...

RADIO – RODGERS LOOKS AROUND. THROWS RIGHT SIDE OF THE END ZONE. TOUCHDOWN! TOUCHDOWN GREG JENNINGS!! POLAMALU ONLY ABOUT 8 YDS. BEHIND JENNINGS ON THAT PLAY.

JENNINGS SCORED 2 TOUCHDOWNS IN THE SUPER BOWL, BUT HIS MOST IMPORTANT CATCH WAS YET TO COME.

RADIO - IF EVER THEY CAN GET A CONVERSION, IT WOULD BE RIGHT HERE. THAT WOULD BE THE BIGGEST OF THE SEASON THUS FAR.

IT'S 3RD & 10, AND THEY HAD ALL THE MOMENTUM.

RADIO – SNAP TO RODGERS. JACKSON STAYS IN TO BLOCK. RODGERS OVER THE MIDDLE! GREG JENNINGS!!

THE BALL THAT AIRED THROUGH WAS RIDICULOUS. I THOUGHT HE WAS GONNA KNOCK IT DOWN BUT, AS A RECEIVER, YOU WORK ON THOSE DISTRACTION DRILLS ALL THE TIME. SO MY HANDS ARE JUST RIGHT THERE READY JUST IN CASE HE DOESN'T REALLY GET IT. THAT CATCH IN THAT GAME WAS THE BIGGEST CATCH I MADE. HANDS DOWN, THE BIGGEST CATCH I MADE.

LIKE VINCE LOMBARDI, GREG JENNINGS LIVES FAITH, FAMILY AND PACKER FOOTBALL; AND AFTER WINNING HIS FIRST LOMBARDI TROPHY, HE CELEBRATED ALL 3.
YES BABY!

WE FIND A WAY TO BOTTLE IT UP AND EXERT IT ALL OUT HERE ON THE FIELD. TO GOD GIVE THE GLORY. HEY BABY!! YEA, WE WON! THE CONFETTI'S COMING DOWN AND SHE'S REACHING FOR IT AND ALEA'S REACHING FOR IT. AND ALL I REMEMBER HER SAYING IS, "DADDY, THIS IS A BIG MESS!" THIS IS A BIG MESS. THE FULFILLMENT THAT I GOT FROM THAT MOMENT OF THEM BEING THERE. EVERY SECOND OF TRAINING CAMP; EVERY SECOND OF

OTA'S; EVERY SECOND OF THE OFF-SEASON PROGRAM; EVERY SECOND OF WHAT I DID, IT WA ALL WORTH IT.

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