

NFL GAMEDAY

Week 2

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

IT WASN'T HIGH NOON, BUT THERE WAS A SHOWDOWN IN FOXBORO.

EVERYONE KNOWS THIS MANS NAME.

TOM BRADY MAY BE THE FOREMOST GUNSLINGER OF HIS GENERATION.

LIKE ALL GREAT ONES, HE'S COOL UNDER FIRE.

AGAINST THE CHARGERS HE HIT EVERYTHING HE AIMED AT, LEADING THE PATRIOTS TO A 20-7 HALFTIME LEAD.

EARLY ON PHILLIP RIVERS WAS NOT.

NORV TURNERS TEAM DID SHOW SOME FIGHT.

TWICE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, RIVERS TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO VINCENT JACKSON MADE IT A ONE SCORE GAME.

BILL BELICHICK WASN'T FIGHTING FOR HIS FOOTBALL LIFE, BUT NEW ENGLAND DID LEAVE SAN DIEGO FOR DEAD.

ALTERNATES

TOM BRADY IS GETTING PRETTY GOOD AT THIS QUARTERBACK THING. HE'S THROWN FOR MORE YARDS IN THE FIRST TWO GAMES OF A SEASON THAN ANYONE IN NFL HISTORY.

PRESSURE DOESN'T LOOK LIKE IT AFFECTS HIM. HE SEEMS TO HAVE ACHIEVED A ZEN-LIKE MASTERY WHERE HE CAN COMPLETE PASSES WITH HIS EYES CLOSED. HIS TWO TOUCHDOWN TOSSES IN THE FIRST HALF HELPED GIVE THE PATRIOTS A 20-7 LEAD.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ ATLANTA FALCONS

MICHAEL VICK'S RETURN TO ATLANTA WAS A PRIME TIME EXAMPLE OF "MUST-SEE TV."

THE FALCONS HAD ANOTHER PROBLEM -- PROTECTING THEIR QUARTERBACK.

MATT RYAN TOOK A BEATING, BUT WAS STILL ABLE TO STAKE ATLANTA TO AN EARLY LEAD.

VICK ABSORBED SOME SHOTS OF HIS OWN, AND THE FALCONS CONVERTED THOSE SHOTS INTO THREE EAGLES TURNOVERS.

ATLANTA TOOK AN ELEVEN-POINT 3RD QUARTER LEAD, BUT IT DIDN'T LAST LONG.

A PAIR OF LESEAN MCCOY SCORES PUT THE EAGLES AHEAD 31-21 IN THE 4TH QUARTER. BUT WHEN VICK WAS KNOCKED OUT OF THE GAME BY COLLIDING WITH A TEAMMATE, IT OPENED THE DOOR TO A FURIOUS FALCON COMEBACK.

RYAN TOSSED HIS 4TH TOUCHDOWN PASS OF THE NIGHT, AND THEN TURNED TO MICHAEL TURNER.

CHICAGO BEARS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

FORMER TULANE GREEN-WAVE RUNNING BACK MATT FORTE WAS THE ONLY BEAR TO MAKE A SPLASH IN NEW ORLEANS. HE GAINED 166 TOTAL YARDS AND HELPED CHICAGO TO AN EARLY LEAD.

BUT NEW ORLEANS COUNTERED WITH A TIDAL WAVE OF POINTS.

IN THE FIRST HALF THE SAINTS DEFENSE DIDN'T REGISTER A SACK. IN THE SECOND HALF, THEY RACKED UP SIX, WHILE HOLDING CHICAGO TO JUST 81 YARDS OF OFFENSE.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

THE 49ERS TOOK A 2 TOUCHDOWN LEAD...THEN TEED OFF ON TONY ROMO.

ROMO SUFFERED A FRACTURED RIB AND A PUNCTURED LUNG...BUT STAYED IN THE GAME AND BROUGHT DALLAS TO WITHIN 7.

BACK UP JON KITNA REPLACED ROMO IN THE 3RD QUARTER...AND DALLAS TIED THE GAME AT 14.

BUT AFTER THE 49ERS TOOK A 24 TO 14 LEAD...THE COWBOYS MADE A SWITCH.

SOUNDBITE - "STAY READY JON, I'M NOT KIDDING"

TONY ROMO HAS HIS CRITICS...BUT THEY CAN'T QUESTION HIS TOUGHNESS, ESPECIALLY WHEN HE RE-ENTERED THE GAME.

DALLAS TIED THE GAME AT 24 AT THE END OF REGULATION, AND IN OVERTIME, A FORMER PRACTICE SQUAD WIDE RECEIVER MADE THE MOST ASTONISHING PLAY.

CINCINNATI BENGALS @ DENVER BRONCOS

THE BRONCOS AND FIRST-YEAR COACH JOHN FOX RECEIVED A BOOST IN WEEK-1 FROM INEXPERIENCED WIDE RECEIVER ERIC DECKER.

DECKER'S FIRST "ACCOMPLISHMENT" IN WEEK-2 WAS SETTING UP THE BENGALS FOR THREE POINTS.

"DECK" TOOK "B-DAWK'S" WORDS TO HEART.

DECKER CAUGHT FIVE PASSES FOR 113-YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS.

IN FOUR FOURTH QUARTER PLAYS CINCINNATI PULLED TO WITHIN TWO POINTS.

WITH LESS THAN A MINUTE REMAINING, THE BRONCOS HELD ON BY THEIR FINGERNAILS.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ NEW YORK JETS

IN WEEK TWO REX RYAN WENT AGAINST HIS OWN PHILOSOPHY, AND TOOK THE BALL WHEN THE JETS WON THE TOSS, LOOKING TO CHALLENGE HIS OFFENSE AFTER 16 STRAIGHT GAMES WITHOUT A FIRST QUARTER TOUCHDOWN.

RYAN CAN ALSO TAKE CREDIT FOR THE JETS DEFENSE, WHO PUT FORTH A RECORD SETTING PERFORMANCE IN WEEK 2.

NEW YORK'S DEFENSE TOOK OVER THE GAME, FORCING FOUR INTERCEPTIONS AND HOLDING JOSH MCCOWN TO A **1.8** QUARTERBACK RATING.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ BUFFALO BILLS

JIM KELLY ONCE PERFECTED BUFFALO'S K-GUN OFFENSE. SUNDAY, RYAN FITZPATRICK, THE AMISH RIFLE, MISFIRED ON THE WAY TO A 21 TO THREE HALFTIME DEFECIT.

FRED JACKSON SCORED TWO OF BUFFALO'S FIVE SECOND HALF TOUCHDOWNS, BUT RAIDERS QUARTERBACK JASON CAMPBELL THREW TWO OF HIS OWN AS THE LEAD CHANGED HANDS FIVE TIMES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

TO WIN THE GAME, THE BILLS NEEDED 80 YARDS AND TWO FOURTH DOWN CONVERSIONS.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ DETROIT LIONS

IN THEIR HOME OPENER, MATTHEW STAFFORD AND THE DETROIT LIONS HAD. A. BALL.

STAFFORD PASSED FOR 294 YARDS AND 4 TOUCHDOWNS, HELPING THE BLOW AWAY THE CHIEFS.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

THE DEFENDING CHAMPS HAVE BEEN RUNNING OVER THE OPPOSITION SO FAR, BUT THEY DIDN'T GET A FREE PASS AGAINST CAROLINA AND CAM NEWTON, WHO THREW FOR OVER 400 YARDS FOR THE SECOND WEEK IN A ROW.

BUT TWO AARON RODGERS TOUCHDOWN PASSES HELPED THE PACKERS PUT AWAY THE PANTHERS.

ARIZONA CARDINALS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS

NINE QUARTERBACKS WHO HAVE STARTED A SUPER BOWL STARTED IN WEEK 2. THREE OF THEM ARE UNDEFEATED IN 2011. ONE OF THEM IS THIS MAN.

WASHINGTON'S LEAD WOULDN'T LAST, THANKS TO ARIZONA'S SUPER WIDE OUT, LARRY FITZGERALD.

TRAILING BY 8 POINTS LATE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, GROSSMAN RALLIED THE REDSKINS.

WHIPAROUND:

Seattle @ Pittsburgh; Cleveland @ Indianapolis; Houston @ Miami; Tampa Bay @ Minnesota; Baltimore @ Tennessee; St Louis @ NY Giants

SYNC SOUND - " ... WE GOTTA TAKE IT OUT ON SOMEBODY"

MEET SOMEBODY. THE SEAHAWKS, THIS SEPTEMBER'S PUNCHING BAG.

SYNC - "YOU ONLY GOTTA ONE MOVE, BUT IT'S A GOOD ONE"

THE QUESTION IS, DO YOU REALLY NEED ANY MOVE TO BEAT THE COLTS RIGHT NOW?

THERE'S UGLY, THEN THERE'S INEXPLICABLE./ LOOK, IF YOU'RE PLAYING THE TEXANS DON'T LET ANDRE JOHNSON GET BEHIND YOU.

AND HOUSTON, HERE'S A TIP. DON'T HURT YOURSELF CELEBRATING. ESPECIALLY YOUR LEGS.// THE WHIP WISHES ILL TO NO MAN, SO IT'S HEARTENED THAT HE WALKED IT OFF. BUT JEEZ REMEMBER, GOOD LEGS CAN TAKE YOU A LONG WAY.

A GOOD ARM DOESN'T HURT EITHER.

IT'S TRUE THAT THE BUCS TRAILED FOR NEARLY THE ENTIRE GAME, BUT IN THE END, TAMPA SIMPLY HAD MORE TALENT TO BE PERFECTLY BLUNT.

IN TENNESSEE, THE BEST DEFENSE ON THE FIELD WASN'T THE RAVENS.

THE TITANS OFFENSE CAME UP BIG TOO.

THE WHIP WELCOME TITANS HEAD COACH MIKE MUNCHAK TO THE WORLD OF WINNERS, AND WONDERS WHETHER THE RAMS ARE IN FOR A LONG YEAR.

THE PROBLEM WITH A REALLY GREAT CATCH/AND THIS MAY END UP BEING THE BEST OF THE YEAR / IS THAT EVEN WHEN THE RECEIVER DOES ALL THE WORK, THE LOUSY QUARTERBACK GETS HALF THE CREDIT. IT AIN'T RIGHT PHIL / IT AIN'T RIGHT.