

NFL GAMEDAY

Week 3

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ BUFFALO BILLS

JUST LIKE LAST WEEK, THE BILLS GAVE UP THREE FIRST HALF TOUCHDOWNS. THIS TIME TO TOM BRADY, WHO EARNED HIS PAYCHECK AND A 21 TO NOTHING LEAD.

AFTER FIFTEEN STRAIGHT WINS OVER BUFFALO, NEW ENGLAND DISCOVERED THAT THESE AREN'T THE SAME OLD BILLS.

BRADY THREW FOUR INTERCEPTIONS, MATCHING HIS TOTAL FROM ALL OF LAST SEASON.

THERE'S NO BIGGER BUFFALO BUZZ KILL THAN BRADY, WHO CONVERTED TWO FOURTH DOWNS TO TIE THE GAME AT 31.

WITH JUST OVER 3 MINUTES REMAINING, IT TOOK BUFFALO THREE PLAYS TO REACH THE ONE YARD LINE, WHERE THE BILLS RAN DOWN THE CLOCK BEFORE ATTEMPTING A GAME WINNING FIELD GOAL.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

THE EAGLES LB'S HAD A BETTER PREGAME BREAK, BUT THE GIANTS DB'S HAD A BETTER GAME. AARON ROSS' INTERCEPTION AND SHORT RETURN WAS THE BEGINNING OF A LONG DAY FOR MICHAEL VICK.

WE CAN'T HAVE YOU GETTING HURT

PHILADELPHIA'S DEFENSE WAS HURT BY TWO BIG PLAYS.

OVER FAN

BRANDON JACOBS 40 YARD TOUCHDOWN WAS FOLLOWED BY A 74 YARD CATCH AND RUN BY VICTOR CRUZ.

THE EAGLES FOUGHT TO STAY IN THE GAME, AND MANAGED A ONE POINT LEAD IN THE 4TH QUARTER, BUT ON THIS PLAY, MICHAEL VICK'S RIGHT HAND WAS STRUCK BY CHRIS CANTY'S FACEMASK.

VICK LEFT THE GAME, AND NEW YORK'S TWO 4TH QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS BROKE A 6 GAME LOSING STREAK AGAINST THE EAGLES.

OR NJ

(END OF FIRST LINE MIGHT BE OVER RADIO)

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STEALING A PAGE FROM THE JETS PLAYBOOK, THE RAIDERS RAN MORE THAN THEY PASSED AND RACKED UP 234 YARDS ON THE GROUND, THE MOST GIVEN UP BY NEW YORK UNDER REX RYAN.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ CHICAGO BEARS

STICKY FINGERS ARE PART OF THE REASON THE PACKERS HAVE KEPT THE BEARS UNDER THEIR THUMB

CHICAGO SOUGHT SOME SATISFACTION AGAINST GREEN BAY

MATT FORTE'S EIGHT INCHES PER CARRY RULED OUT THE RUNNING GAME

AARON RODGERS AND JERMICHAEL FINLEY, NUBMER 88, COMBINED FOR THREE TOUCHDOWNS.

HOUSTON TEXANS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

THE SAINTS SCORING MACHINE HAS CLICKED BY COGS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES TO LEAD THE NFC IN POINTS.

AGAINST NEW ORLEANS, HOUSTON'S HORSEPOWER WAS BOOSTED BY LITTLE KNOWN TIGHT-END JAMES CASEY, WHO IN 33 CAREER GAMES HAD GAINED JUST 191 YARDS. AGAINST THE SAINTS HE RACKED UP 137, AND HELPED HOUSTON TO A 26-17 FOURTH QUARTER LEAD.

TIGHT END JIMMY GRAHAM EMERGED AS THE SAINTS WEAPON OF CHOICE, IN A WILD SECOND HALF THAT FEATURED FIVE LEAD CHANGES AND 37 FOURTH QUARTER POINTS.

WITH 4:08 REMAINING, 97 YARDS STOOD BETWEEN THE SAINTS AND A SECOND STRAIGHT WIN.

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ ST LOUIS RAMS

BALTIMORE'S DOMINANCE CAME THANKS TO TWO UNLIKELY SCORERS, ONE ON DEFENSE ...

BUT EVEN MORE UNLIKELY THEN HALOTI NGATA WAS ROOKIE TORREY SMITH.

IN ONE QUARTER, SMITH MADE THE FIRST 3 CATCHES OF HIS CAREER, ALL THREE WERE FOR TOUCHDOWNS.

DETROIT LIONS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

IN THEIR FIRST 3 GAMES THIS YEAR THE MINNESOTA VIKINGS HAVE SPRINTED OUT OF THE GATES: OUTSCORING THEIR OPPONENTS 54 TO 7 IN THE FIRST HALF.

PERHAPS THE FAST STARTS CAN BE ATTRIBUTED TO SELF MOTIVATION...

THE LIONS MAY HAVE BEEN SLEEP-WALKING IN THE FIRST HALF, BUT THE VIKINGS HAVE BEEN IN A SECOND-HALF SLUMBER ALL SEASON WHERE THEY'VE BEEN OUTSCORED 67 TO 6.

RIGHT NOW, EVEN THE MOST MOTIVATED DEFENDER... *(leads to sot)*

...CAN'T STOP CALVIN JOHNSON.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

SAN DIEGO ACQUIRED LINEBACKER TAKEO SPIKES THIS OFFSEASON TO HELP THEIR DEFENSE MAKE A NAME FOR ITSELF. ON SUNDAY, THEY DID NOT SURRENDER A FIRST DOWN THE ENTIRE FIRST HALF.

DOWN 10 TO NOTHING IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THE CHIEFS BEGAN TO MOVE THE BALL.

WITH JUST UNDER 5 MINUTES REMAINING, THE CHIEFS PULLED TO WITHIN THREE.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

THE FORECAST IN CAROLINA AND JACKSONVILLE CALLS FOR SUNNY SKIES AHEAD...BUT FOR NOW EXPECT A DELUGE OF FOLLIES.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

BROWN'S FANS ARE HOPING THEIR HEROES, LIKE *MR. EVERYTHING* JOSH CRIBB'S, CAN LEAD THEM TO THE PLAYOFFS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NEARLY A DECADE.

AND IF IMITATION IS THE BEST FORM OF FLATTERY, THEN MOHAMED MASSAQUOI'S GAME-WINNING TOUCHDOWN, SURELY MADE CRIBBS BLUSH.

MCCOY'S 5TH TOUCHDOWN PASS OF THE SEASON IMPROVED THE BROWNS TO 2 AND 1 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2002.

NEW YORK JETS @ OAKLAND RAIDERS

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WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

ENTERING SUNDAY, TONY ROMO'S BIGGEST CONCERN WAS A CRACKED RIB. BUT THE CENTER OF HIS ATTENTION SOON BECAME A PAIN IN THE ASS.

LATE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, DALLAS TRAILED BY ONE. ON A KEY THIRD AND 21, THE COWBOYS CONNECTED ON THE SNAP, AND A 30 YARD PASS.

WITH LESS THAN TWO MINUTES REMAINING, A SIXTH DAN BAILEY FIELD-GOAL PUT A TWO-POINT LEAD IN THE HANDS OF DALLAS' DEFENSE.

WHIPAROUND:

Arizona @ Seattle; San Francisco @ Cincinnati; Pittsburgh @ Indianapolis; Atlanta @ Tampa Bay; Denver @ Tennessee

THE WHIP IS NO DUMMY AND NO ONE PUTS WORDS IN HIS MOUTH. SO YOU KNOW THIS IS TRUE. THE CARDINALS BEST PLAY IS CALLED "HEY, LET'S CHUCK IT TO LARRY FITZGERALD."

SHEER ATHLETICISM IS THE LIKELY ANSWER. AND TAVARIS JACKSON TRIED HIS HAND, ER, FEET AT IT AS WELL.

PLAYING IT COOL HAS ITS ADVANTAGES, BUT MAKE SURE THE LOOK WORKS FOR YOU. BECAUSE A BAD HAIR DAY IS ONE THING, A BAD HOME LOSS QUITE ANOTHER.

THE NINERS ARE NO JUGGERNAUGHT BUT STILL HAD ENOUGH JUICE TO GIVE POINTS AWAY.

THAT'S THE FIRST 13 TO 8 FINAL IN NFL HISTORY, BUT ALREADY THE BENGALS SECOND LOSS OF THE SEASON.

NO MORE PAINT BY NUMBERS WINS FOR INDY. IN FACT, THEIR PALETTE MIGHT BE EXTRA BLUE AND WIN FEW AND FAR BETWEEN.

IN TAMPA, MATTY ICE TOOK HEAT. // TWO SACKS, TWO FORCED FUMBLES AND AN INTERCEPTION MADE THE FIRST HALF ONE HE'D LIKE TO FORGET.

A SPATE OF DROPPED PASSES IN LATE IN THE SECOND HALF, TURNED THE GAME INTO A DIVISION LOSS THE FALCONS WILL LIKELY REGRET.

CAN'T BLAME TITANS FANS FOR WANTING TO PUT A HAPPY FACE ON A BAD SITUATION. DESPITE LOSING KENNY BRITT -- WHO WAS THE AFC'S LEADING WIDE RECEIVER -- TENNESSEE STILL ATTACKED THROUGH THE AIR.