

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **WEEK 5**

### **NEW YORK JETS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

AGAINST THE JETS, THE PATRIOTS TOPPED THE 30 POINT MARK FOR THE 13 STRAIGHT REGULAR SEASON GAME.

THOUGH THE JETS HAD MORE PUNTING YARDS THAN TOTAL YARDS, THEY DREW TO WITHIN SIX POINTS IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

NEW ENGLAND HUNG ON FOR A TOUGH WIN OVER A TOUGH FOE.

### **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ BUFFALO BILLS**

BUFFALO GAVE CHASE...

...AND MICHAEL VICK GAVE UP THE BALL AS THE BILLS EXECUTED THEIR GAMEPLAN TO PERFECTION IN THE FIRST HALF.

FRED JACKSON WAS BUFFALO'S LEADING RUSHER AND RECEIVER. HIS 196 TOTAL YARDS HELPED THE BILLS TO A 21 POINT LEAD IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

THE EAGLES MOUNTED A COMEBACK, ONE PLAYMAKER AT A TIME.

DOWN BY SEVEN WITH TWO MINUTES REMAINING, PHILADELPHIA DROVE DEEP INTO BUFFALO TERRITORY.

STILL, THE EAGLES HAD HOPES OF TYING THE SCORE IF THEIR DEFENSE COULD HOLD ON 4<sup>TH</sup> DOWN WITH ONE TWENTY-THREE TO PLAY.

### **OAKLAND RAIDERS @ HOUSTON TEXANS**

SATURDAY THE NFL LOST AL DAVIS, THE MAN WHO GAVE SO MUCH TO FOOTBALL, AND TO HIS BELOVED RAIDERS.

AN ICONIC FRANCHISE MUST MOVE ON WITHOUT THEIR ICON.

THE TEXANS GOT OFF TO A FAST START.

THE SILVER AND BLACK HAVE ALWAYS BULLIED THEIR OPPOSITION.

DON'T MESS WITH TEXAS? HARDLY. JUST WIN, BABY.

### **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ NEW YORK GIANTS**

GIANT DEFENSIVE BACKS AND LINEBACKERS WERE M.I.A ONCE TOO OFTEN AGAINST SEATTLE, STARTING WITH MARSHAWN LYNCH'S 47 YARD FIRST QUARTER RUN.

WHILE CHRIS CANTY LIKES CONTACT, ELI MANNING LIKES HITTING A VARIETY OF RECEIVERS. MANNING THREW FOR THREE TOUCHDOWNS AND A CAREER HIGH 420 YARDS.

TRAILING BY THREE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE SEAHAWKS RESPONDED WITH A TOUCHDOWN PASS BY CHARLIE WHITEHURST, WHO HAD REPLACED AN INJURED TARVARIS JACKSON.

LOOKING FOR THEIR THIRD FOURTH QUARTER COMEBACK IN AS MANY WEEKS, THE GIANTS TURNED TO VICTOR CRUZ, WHO FINISHED WITH A CAREER BEST 161 YARDS RECEIVING.

### **TAMPA BAY @ SAN FRANCISCO**

WHEN BOTH THE 49ERS AND BUCCANEERS REACHED 3-1, THEIR WEEK 5 MEETING HAD THE POTENTIAL OF A SURPRISE SHOWDOWN. IF ONLY THE BUCCANEERS HAD SHOWN *UP*.

A PHYSICAL NINERS DEFENSE SMOTHERED THE BUCCANEERS WHILE QUARTERBACK ALEX SMITH LED HIS TEAM TO THEIR BEST START SINCE 2002.

### **GREEN BAY PACKERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

THE FALCONS STARTED FAST.

ATLANTA BROUGHT CEASELESS PRESSURE.

BY WINNING THE MOMENTS/ THE FALCONS WERE CONTROLLING THE GAME.

EVERYONE AGREES; GET THE BALL IN THE HANDS OF YOUR BEST WEAPON.

THE TRICK FOR GREEN BAY IS DECIDING WHICH BEST WEAPON TO USE...

HOT DOESN'T BEGIN TO DESCRIBE AARON RODGERS 2011 SEASON TO DATE.

MAYBE SO, BUT THEY SALTED AWAY THE GAME WITH A FINE PLAY BY  
PEPRAH...

### **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

A 1 AND 3 START HAD BRONCOS' FANS VOTING FOR CHANGE... AND THE INCUMBENT Q.B.  
LOST HIS POSITION IN A LANDSLIDE.

PHILIP RIVERS ONCE WEATHERED A QUARTERBACK CONTROVERSY IN SAN DIEGO. BUT ON  
SUNDAY HE ENJOYED SMOOTH SAILING, LEADING THE CHARGERS TO A 23-10 HALFTIME  
ADVANTAGE.

### **CHICAGO @ DETROIT LIONS**

FOR SOME TEAMS, THE NATIONAL SPOTLIGHT OF MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL BRINGS  
PRESSURE TO PERFORM. FOR THE DETROIT LIONS, IT WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO APPLY  
PRESSURE OF THEIR OWN.

AFTER TRAILING AT HALFTIME FOR A THIRD CONSECUTIVE WEEK, MATTHEW STAFFORD BEGAN THE RALLY WITH A TOUCHDOWN TO BRANDON PETTIGREW. AND AS THEY'VE DONE ALL SEASON, THE LIONS ONCE AGAIN SAVED THEIR "BEST" FOR LAST.

#### **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS**

CAM NEWTON'S EARLY CAMPAIGN FOR ROOKIE OF THE YEAR HAS GOTTEN OFF TO A TREMENDOUS START. AND LIKE ANYONE SEEKING A POPULAR VOTE, NEWTON'S SUCCESS DEPENDS ON EVEN HIS SMALLEST SUPPORTERS.

EXPLOSIVE PLAYS FROM BOTH STEVE SMITH AND DEANGELO WILLIAMS HELPED CAROLINA GAIN AN EARLY 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER LEAD. THE OPPOSING PARTY NEEDED JUST OVER 7 MINUTES TO END THE DAY'S DEBATE.

#### **WHIPAROUND**

***KANSAS CITY @ INDIANAPOLIS; ARIZONA @ MINNESOTA; TENNESSEE @ PITTSBURGH;  
CINCINNATI @ JACKSONVILLE***

YOU CAN'T FORCE CHEMISTRY. YOU JUST HAVE TO LET IT HAPPEN.

THROUGH TWO STARTS, CURTIS PAINTER HAS THROWN ALL FOUR OF HIS TOUCHDOWNS TO PIERRE GARCON.

BUT MONOGAMY DOESN'T WIN FOOTBALL GAMES. MATT CASSEL THREW A PAIR OF SCORES TO A PAIR OF RECEIVERS.

IT MEANS YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A ROOKIE IN THE RED ZONE... LIKE PATRICK PETERSON.

ADRIAN PETERSON RUSHED FOR 59 YARDS AND THREE TOUCHDOWNS... IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

SOMETIMES YOU ONLY NEED ONE OF SOMETHING. LIKE ONE REF SIGNALING POSSESSION. //  
OR ONE GOOD LEG, IF YOU'RE BEN ROETHLISBERGER.

AND NOW, THE 2011 JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS, IN ONE PLAY.