

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 7

HOUSTON TEXANS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

CHRIS JOHNSON HAS STRUGGLED ALL SEASON. AGAINST HOUSTON HE GAINED 18 YARDS ON 10 CARRIES.

ARIAN FOSTER WAS POETRY IN MOTION.

THE TITANS RESPONDED TO MIKE MUNCHAK.

BUT THE TEXANS TOOK CONTROL OF THE AFC SOUTH.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

ON SUNDAY, A VIKINGS TEAM WITH THE NFC'S WORST PASSING OFFENSE LOOKED FOR ROOKIE QUARTERBACK CHRISTIAN PONDER TO LIGHT A SPARK.

BUT HIS FIRST START WASN'T WITHOUT ROOKIE MISTAKES, INCLUDING TWO COSTLY INTERCEPTIONS.

FOR AARON RODGERS, IT WAS SIMPLY BUSINESS AS USUAL, AS THE NFL'S MOST ACCURATE PASSER STARTED THE GAME WITH 13 STRAIGHT COMPLETIONS.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER, RODGERS LED A 20 POINT SURGE THAT PROPELLED THE PACKERS TO THEIR FRANCHISE-RECORD 13TH STRAIGHT VICTORY.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ ARIZONA CARDINALS

EVEN FOR HIS OLD TEAMMATE JOEY PORTER, BEN ROETHLISBERGER HAD NO INTENTION OF TAKING A FALL AGAINST ARIZONA.

THE CARDINALS DIDN'T LIE DOWN EITHER AND IN THE 3RD QUARTER, THE RUNNING BACK ARIZONA FANS CALL "THE HYPHEN" PRODUCED AN EXCLAMATION POINT THAT BROUGHT THE CARDINALS BACK WITHIN 3.

IN THE END, IT WAS LAMAR WOODLEY'S TWO SACKS AND FORCED SAFETY THAT WOULD SERVE AS THE GAME'S FINAL PUNCTUATION.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ NEW YORK JETS

THE COACHES WENT BACK AND FORTH ALL WEEK... THEN, THE BALL DID TOO.

TRAILING 14 TO 3, THE JETS GOT A LIFT FROM FORMER SAN DIEGO GREAT LADAINIAN TOMLINSON.

TOMLINSON WAS UPENDED, BUT IT WAS RECEIVER PLAXICO BURRESS WHO ENJOYED A LONG-AWAITED TURNAROUND.

DOWN 4 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE JETS TOP DEFENSIVE PLAYMAKER, SWUNG THE GAME NEW YORK'S WAY.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

IN CAROLINA, MIKE SHANAHAN OVERSAW HIS SECOND IN-SEASON QUARTERBACK SWITCH IN AS MANY YEARS.

BUT THE QUARTERBACK EVERYONE ELSE CAME TO SEE WAS DRESSED IN TEAL.

QUICK TIP FOR CAM NEWTON: IF YOU WANT THE CAMERAS TO LEAVE YOU ALONE, STOP MAKING PLAYS LIKE THIS.

PLAYERS HAVE RUN SINCE FOOTBALL STARTED, BUT FEW HAVE EVER RUN QUITE LIKE NEWTON.

IN JUST HIS SEVENTH GAME, HE TIED THE RECORD OF SEVEN RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS BY A ROOKIE QB, SET BY VINCE YOUNG IN 2006.

SEEMS EVERYONE THESE DAYS WANTS TO "BE LIKE CAM".

THE PANTHER *OFFENSE* LOOKED LIKE THEY WERE ON A ROCKET.

KANSAS CITY CHEIFS @ OAKLAND RAIDERS

AUTUMN IS THE PERFECT TIME FOR ENTERTAINING AND MAKING YOUR GUESTS FEEL RIGHT AT HOME. GRACIOUS HOSTS ROUTINELY PROVIDE GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING.

ANOTHER RULE OF THUMB IS TO NEVER WASTE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY.

DURING DEBUTANTE SEASON, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT LATE ARRIVALS CAN SPOIL EVEN THE MOST STAR-STUDDED COMING OUT PARTY.

(alt) DURING DEBUTANTE SEASON, PLEASE REMEMBER THAT HASTY PERPERATION CAN SPOIL EVEN THE MOST STAR-STUDED COMING OUT PARTY.

NOTHING CAN BE MORE UNSETTLING THAN PEOPLE IN PLACES THAT THEY SIMPLY DO NOT BELONG.

ATLANTA FALCONS @ DETROIT LIONS

IN DETROIT, LAST WEEK'S GAME NEARLY ENDED IN FIST-A-CUFFS.

THIS WEEK, IT STARTED OUT THAT WAY...

WHEN IT COMES TO PUNCH OUTS, AUTOBOTS AND DEFENSIVE BACKS GET PUNCH DRUNK AT THE SIGHT OF CALVIN JOHNSON

ALT. WHEN IT COMES TO PICKING A FIGHT, AUTOBOTS AND DEFENSIVE BACKS ALIKE SHOULD BE LEERY OF CALVIN JOHNSON.

ATLANTA'S TONY GONZALEZ ALSO KEPT PRESSING...ON HISTORY; BECOMING THE FIRST TIGHT END TO REACH 1,100 CAREER RECEPTIONS.

TWO PLAYS LATER, GONZALEZ TRAILED ONLY JERRY RICE (ON THE ALL-TIME RECEPTIONS LIST).

IN THIS FIGHT, THE FALCONS WON ON POINTS.

ALT. BUT THE ATLANTA TIGHT END WASN'T THE ONLY ONE MAKING RECEPTIONS.

CHICAGO BEARS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

ON SUNDAY, THE CHICAGO BEARS AND TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS HEARD LONDON CALLING AND CLASHED IN WEMBLEY STADIUM. BUT EVEN THE BIGGEST BUCS FAN MUST HAVE BEEN WONDERING, "SHOULD I STAY, OR SHOULD I GO?" AFTER WATCHING MATT FORTE RACK UP 183 TOTAL YARDS.

CHICAGO BUILT A 16-POINT FOURTH QUARTER LEAD, WHICH IS PRETTY BIG EVEN WHEN CONVERTED TO IMPERIAL UNITS.

THE BUCS WEREN'T IN LONDON FOR THE FOOD. IT WAS MORE OF A WORKING VACATION. SO THEY PULLED WITHIN SEVEN POINTS OF TAKING THE LEAD WITH JUST UNDER TWO MINUTES REMAINING.

DENVER BRONCOS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

TIM TEBOW DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A SAVIOR FOR MOST OF THE GAME.

TEBOW TRAILED 15-0 THANKS TO A SIMPLE CARPENTER, DAN CARPENTER, WHO KICKED 3 FIELD GOALS.

TEBOW DIDN'T NEED HAIL MARY'S TO LEAD THE BRONCOS ON A MIRACULOUS COMEBACK.

TEBOW'S TEAM FORCED A TURNOVER TO SET UP DIVINE FINISH FOR DENVER.

THE WHIPAROUND

Indianapolis @ New Orleans; St. Louis @ Dallas; Baltimore@ Jacksonville; Seattle @ Cleveland

A TRUE ARTIST ALWAYS SIGNS HIS CANVAS...BUT THE WORKS OF SOME PAINTERS SHOULD REMAIN ANONYMOUS.

IN A MASTERPIECE OF A PERFORMANCE, DREW BREES THREW MORE TOUCHDOWN PASSES, FIVE, THAN INCOMPLETIONS, FOUR -- AS THE SAINTS SET A FRANCHISE RECORD FOR POINTS SCORED.

TEAM HISTORY WAS ALSO MADE IN DALLAS, AS ROOKIE DEMARCO MURRAY RAN FOR 253 YARDS, PASSING SOME GUY NAMED EMMITT SMITH FOR THE COWBOYS SINGLE-GAME RUSHING RECORD.

FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE NOVEMBER OF 2010, THE COWBOYS WON A GAME BY MORE THAN FOUR POINTS.

A PRECIPITOUS DROP IN SCORING OCCURRED IN JACKSONVILLE.

SOME THINGS ARE EASIER SAID THAN DONE.

NUMBERS DON'T LIE. BUT IN THE LOWEST SCORING GAME OF THE YEAR, THE WHIP WILL ACCEPT A PLAYFUL FIB.

(ALT) IN THE ONLY TOUCHDOWNLESS GAME OF THE YEAR, THE NUMBERS DIDN'T LIE. THE WHIP, HOWEVER, WILL ACCEPT A PLAYFUL FIB.