

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **WEEK 8**

### **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

IN PITTSBURGH, SEASONS HAVE COME AND GONE, BUT ONE PAINFUL TRUTH HAS REMAINED A CONSTANT. // OVER THE PAST DECADE, TOM BRADY HAS OWNED THE STEELERS.

PITTSBURGH'S PLAN TO BEAT BRADY LAST SUNDAY WAS TO KEEP HIM OFF THE FIELD.

ON THEIR OPENING TWO DRIVES, THE STEELERS USED TIGHT END HEATH MILLER AND A SHORT PASSING GAME TO BUILD A 10 TO NOTHING LEAD. IN THE FIRST QUARTER / PITTSBURGH HELD THE BALL FOR 26 PLAYS TO THE PATRIOTS THREE.

BEN ROETHLISBERGER OUT-BRADIED BRADY, WITH A CONTROLLED PASSING GAME THAT HELPED PITTSBURGH NEARLY DOUBLE NEW ENGLAND'S TIME OF POSSESSION.

(RADIO – BROWN TD CATCH; PATRIOTS NOT LOOKING GOOD AT ALL)

THE NFL'S TOP-RANKED OFFENSE WAS HELD TO JUST 213 TOTAL YARDS. / STILL, WITH JUST OVER FOUR MINUTES LEFT, BRADY APPEARED TO PULL HIS TEAM WITHIN SIX POINTS. / HOWEVER, ROB GRONKOWSKI WAS RULED DOWN AT THE ONE-YARD LINE. INSTEAD OF CHALLENGING, BILL BELICHICK SAVED HIS TIMEOUTS. BUT ANOTHER MINUTE AND A HALF TICKED AWAY BEFORE NEW ENGLAND FINALLY CUT THE LEAD TO 23 TO 17.

(BRADY – ONE MORE; "DEFENSE")

WHEN THE PATRIOTS FINALLY GOT THE BALL BACK, LITTLE TIME WAS LEFT FOR A BRADY MIRACLE.

(RADIO –SAFETY)

### **DALLAS COWBOYS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

THE EAGLES RAN ALL OVER THE COWBOYS LAST SUNDAY NIGHT.

LESEAN MCCOY RUSHED FOR A CAREER HIGH 185 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS AGAINST ROB RYAN'S DEFENSE.

### **ARIZONA CARDINALS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS**

IT'S A MAD WORLD. AFTER BEING UPSET BY THE JAGUARS LAST WEEK, BALTIMORE LOOKED CRAZY-BAD AGAINST THE CARDINALS.

TRAILING BY 21 POINTS, THE RAVENS TURNED CRAZY GOOD. ANQUAN BOLDIN'S 145 RECEIVING YARDS GOT BALTIMORE INTO SCORING POSITION...

... WHILE RAY RICE RAN FOR A CAREER-HIGH THREE TOUCHDOWNS, AIDED BY NUMBER 44, VONTA (von-tay) LEACH.

### **CLEVELAND BROWNS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

AFTER YEARS OF BEING PERCEIVED AS ALSO-RANS, TWO DUELING TEAMS WERE SEEKING DELIVERANCE.

THE BROWNS MANAGED ONE REAL PURDY PLAY.

BUT CLEVELAND WAS UP THE CREEK WITHOUT A PADDLE.

ESPECIALLY WHEN IT CAME TO FRANK GORE, WHO GASHED THE BROWNS FOR 134 YARDS, PASSING ROGER CRAIG AS THE 49ERS SECOND ALL-TIME LEADING RUSHER.

AT 6-1, SAN FRANCISCO IS IN CONTROL OF THE NFC WEST.

### **WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ BUFFALO BILLS**

THE BILLS ALSO HAD PLENTY OF PLAYMAKERS, INCLUDING QUARTERBACK RYAN FITZPATRICK AND TIGHT END SCOTT CHANDLER.

RUNNING BACK FRED JACKSON SLASHED THE 'SKINS WITH NEARLY 200 TOTAL YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE.

JACKSON HAS EMERGED AS ONE OF THE NFL'S MOST VERSATILE AND PRODUCTIVE BACKS.

BUFFALO'S DEFENSE LIMITED WASHINGTON TO 170 TOTAL YARDS, 10 FIRST DOWNS, AND ZERO POINTS.

THE BILLS' RELENTLESS PRESSURE LEFT THE REDSKINS REELING.

### **DETROIT LIONS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

AH YES... THE EXCITEMENT OF A FIRST LOVE.

UH OH, THE COOL BAD-ASSES FROM DETROIT CAME TO TOWN AND RUINED EVERYTHING.

IT SEEMS ALL THE DETROIT PLAYERS MADE THEMSELVES AT HOME IN MILE HIGH LAST SUNDAY, ESPECIALLY THE ONE LION WHO WAS TRADED FROM DENVER, TIGHT END TONY SCHEFFLER.

EVERYWHERE TIM TEBOW GOES, HE ATTRACTS A CROWD. AFTER HIS LATEST PERFORMANCE, THE GROUP THAT BELIEVES HE CAN'T BE A GOOD PRO QUARTERBACK GOT THAT MUCH BIGGER.

### **MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW YORK GIANTS**

WINTERY CONDITIONS ALONE ARE NOT ENOUGH TO COOL TONY SPARANO'S HOT SEAT... HE NEEDS A WIN.

FOR THE 5<sup>th</sup> GAME IN A ROW THE DOLPHINS LED EARLY, THIS TIME 14-3. BUT ON THE FINAL POSSESSION OF THE FIRST HALF THE GIANTS GAINED MOMENTUM.

### **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

LAST MONDAY NIGHT THE CHIEFS TOOK AN EARLY LEAD OVER THE CHARGERS.

KANSAS CITY'S LEAD EVAPORATED MIDWAY THROUGH THE FOURTH QUARTER.

PHILLIP RIVERS PASSED HIS TEAM INTO RANGE FOR A CHIP SHOT FIELD GOAL WITH ONE MINUTE REMAINING.

THE CHIEFS DROVE 69 YARDS AND ATTEMPTED THE GAME WINNER.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ TENNESSEE TITANS**

TITANS' CORNERBACK CORTLAND FINNEGAN IS A PAIN FOR OPPOSING OFFENSES.

**JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ HOUSTON TEXANS**

46 WEEKS AGO, THE TEXANS WERE HOPELESS, BUT LEADING THE AFC SOUTH AT THE SEASON'S MID-POINT HAS GIVEN THEM A REASON TO BELIEVE.

MEANWHILE, THE TWO-WIN JAGUARS WILL HAVE A HARD TIME KEEPING THE FAITH AFTER BEING DOMINATED IN HOUSTON.

**MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS**

WITH THE PANTHERS TRAILING BY THREE LATE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, CAM NEWTON APPEARED HEADED TO HIS FIRST-EVER OVERTIME.

**CINCINNATI BENGALS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

ADAM JONES' 63-YARD PUNT RETURN LEFT CARROLL WITH AN EARLY NEED FOR "THE 12<sup>TH</sup> MAN."

IN THE SECOND QUARTER, ANDY DALTON AND A.J. GREEN CONNECTED ON THEIR FIFTH TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON.

THE BENGALS SCORED A TOUCHDOWN ON SPECIAL TEAMS, OFFENSE AND DEFENSE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 13-YEARS.

**NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ ST LOUIS RAMS**

HEY! IT'S THE CHAMPION SAINT LOUIS CARDINALS! YOU THINK YOU'RE UNDERDOG STORY

WAS IMPRESSIVE? WATCH HOW MY WINLESS TEAM HANDLES THE NEW ORLEANS SAINTS!

AFTER SCORING A FRANCHISE-RECORD 62 POINTS LAST WEEK, NEW ORLEANS WAS DOWN 24 TO NOTHING BEFORE FINALLY FINDING THE ENDZONE.

HOWEVER, THE SAINTS DID NOT COME MARCHING BACK.