

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 10

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS

OVER THE PAST DECADE, CINCINNATI HAS BEEN THE STEELERS HOME AWAY FROM HOME.

ENTERING SUNDAY, PITTSBURGH HAD WON NINE OF ITS PAST 10 AT PAUL BROWN STADIUM. /
THE STEELERS RACED TO A 14 TO NOTHING LEAD.

(RADIO – STEELERS TD, BENCH)

THE BENGALS WERE LOOKING TO PROVE THEIR 6 AND 2 START WAS NO FLUKE.

(RADIO – A.J. GREEN TD)

CINCINNATI EVENTUALLY TIED THE GAME AT 17. / BUT PITTSBURGH REGAINED THE LEAD IN
THE THIRD QUARTER.

(RADIO – TD; TIMMONS INT.; “A TURNOVER, THIS IS GREAT!”)

THE STEELERS DEFENSE HAS STRUGGLED TO PRODUCE TURNOVERS ALL SEASON. / BUT A WEEK
AFTER HE WAS BEATEN FOR THE DECIDING TOUCHDOWN IN A LAST-SECOND LOSS,
CORNERBACK WILLIAM GAY SEALED THE WIN.

GAY’S ACT OF REDEMPTION PUT THE STEELERS BACK INTO SOLE POSSESSION OF FIRST PLACE IN
THE AFC NORTH.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

NORV TURNER MIGHT HAVE BEEN SMILING AT THE PROSPECT OF AN EASY WIN OVER THE
RAIDERS AND THEIR STRUGGLING NEW QUARTERBACK, CARSON PALMER.

PALMER BEGAN THIS GAME WITH A **BANG**, AS HE PASSED FOR 169 YARDS IN THE FIRST HALF.

'POWER" MEANT MICHAEL BUSH, WHO FINISHED THE GAME WITH 157 RUSHING YARDS.

THESE BITTER RIVALS CONTINUED A BLOOD FEUD THAT DATES BACK TO THE DAWN OF THE OLD AFL. IN THIS VERSION OF THE GRUDGE MATCH,

PHILIP RIVERS HAD A ROUGH EVENING.

ALTHOUGH RIVERS TOOK A POUNDING IN THE PASS POCKET, HE AND PALMER WAGED A 3RD QUARTER DUEL.

THE RAIDERS HELD A 14 POINT LEAD, BUT THE CHARGERS NEVER RELENTED.

WITH LESS THAN 4 MINUTES REMAINING, SAN DIEGO WAS IN OAKLAND TERRITORY -- CLOSING IN ON A GAME-TYING TOUCHDOWN.

BUFFALO BILLS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

WHEN THE COWBOYS ARE ON THEIR GAME, FOCUSED AND READY, THEY CAN BE TRULY SUPERB.

THE BILLS STRUCK OUT ON THAT, BECAUSE THEY REPEATEDLY WHIFFED ON TONY ROMO. / AND WITH TIME AND ROOM TO MANEUVER, IT WAS SIMPLE MATTER OF PITCH AND CATCH FOR THE COWBOYS.

THE BILLS OFFENSE TURNED THE BALL OVER ON FOUR STRAIGHT POSSESSIONS TO END THE GAME.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

IT TOOK MORE THAN BELIEF TO GET THE 49ERS OR THE GIANTS INTO THE END ZONE... IT TOOK TIME... FORTY-TWO-AND-A-HALF MINUTES TO BE EXACT.

SAN FRANCISCO TRAILED 13-12 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WHEN THE GIANTS LOST TRACK OF 6-FOOT-3, 250-POUND VERNON DAVIS.

THE 49ERS NEEDED LESS THAN A MINUTE TO INCREASE THEIR LEAD TO 27-13.

THE GIANTS' CALM WAS A PRODUCT OF THEIR CONFIDENCE IN ELI MANNING AND WAS VALIDATED WHEN HE THREW HIS NINTH FOURTH QUARTER TOUCHDOWN PASS OF THE SEASON.

CANDLESTICK PARK HASN'T SEEN MANY GAMES LIKE THIS RECENTLY. TOM COUGHLIN HAS SEEN TOO MANY. / TRAILING BY SEVEN, MANNING CONVERTED TWO FOURTH DOWNS TO KEEP THE GIANTS HOPES ALIVE.

THE DRIVE COVERED 16-PLAYS. BUT IT NEARLY ENDED ON THE EIGHTH PLAY.

THE VICTORY EXTENDED THE 49ERS WINNING STREAK TO SEVEN GAMES

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ NEW YORK JETS

THE ROAD TO THE AFC EAST TITLE HAS NOT ENDED IN NEW YORK SINCE 2002. IN WEEK 10, THE PATRIOTS WERE DETERMINED TO KEEP THE DIVISION CROWN IN NEW ENGLAND.

YOU REMEMBER THE PATRIOTS, RIGHT? LOSERS OF TWO STRAIGHT? ABOUT TO RELINQUISH THEIR STRANGLEHOLD ON THE DIVISION? WELL, MAYBE NOT.

TOM BRADY THREW FOR 329 YARDS AND THREE TOUCHDOWNS. ONE TO DEION BRANCH, AND TWO TO TIGHT END ROB GRONKOWSKI.

IT WAS THE SAME OLD BRADY ON OFFENSE, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME THIS YEAR, THE SAME OLD BELICHICK DEFENSE.

DEFENSIVE END ANDRE CARTER HAD FOUR AND A HALF SACKS, A PATRIOT RECORD.

LINEBACKER ROB NINKOVICH HAD TWO INTERCEPTIONS, A NFL RECORD FOR PEOPLE NAMED NINCOVICH.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

IN A TIGHT NFC SOUTH RACE, LOSSES TO DIVISION RIVALS COULD HOBBLE THE SAINTS' PLAYOFF CHANCES.

LUCKILY FOR SEAN PAYTON, JIMMY GRAHAM WENT ON A TEAR.

SAINTS DEFENDERS MIGHT HAVE WORRIED ABOUT THEIR JOB SECURITY AFTER FACING JASON SNELLING.

BUT THE NEW ORLEANS DEFENSE PROVED EQUAL TO THE TASK.

THE SAINTS TOOK A 23 TO 13 LEAD MID-WAY THROUGH THE 4TH QUARTER.

HOPING TO KNOCK NEW ORLEANS FROM ITS PEDESTAL ATOP THE NFC SOUTH, THE FALCONS SCORED 10 POINTS IN LESS THAN FIVE MINUTES TO SEND THE GAME TO OVERTIME.

IN OVERTIME, ATLANTA FACED THIRD AND ONE FROM ITS OWN 29.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

TITLETOWN MAY NOT HAVE A WNBA TEAM -- BUT IT DOES HAVE A LONG-HAIRED LINEBACKER WITH SERIOUS HOPS.

CLAY MATHEWS AND AARON RODGERS LED A PACK ATTACK THAT HAS NOW WON 15 STRAIGHT GAMES.

GREEN BAY TOPPED THE 40 POINT MARK FOR THE 4TH TIME THIS SEASON.

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

FRESH OFF A DRAMATIC FLOORING OF THE STEELERS, THE DIVISION LEADING RAVENS LAUNCHED A LEFT HOOK AT THE SEAHAWKS.

BUT TURNOVERS MADE BALTIMORE'S STAY ATOP THE AFC NORTH A BRIEF ONE.

DENVER BRONCOS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

CAN A STEALTH BOMBER BE CAUGHT? MAYBE NOT. BUT IN KANSAS CITY, A BOMB WAS CAUGHT STEALTHILY.

A PENALTY WIPE OUT THE CATCH, THEN TIM TEBOW MOPPED UP THE CHIEFS – COMPLETING TWO WHOLE PASSES IN THE PROCESS

DETROIT LIONS @ CHICAGO BEARS

AGAINST DETROIT, THE BEARS WERE A FORCE OF NATURE—THEIR BIGGEST GUST CAME FROM A “RIDICULOUS” WIND THAT BLEW AWAY THE LIONS.

CHICAGO’S DEFENSE FORCED SIX TURNOVERS, TWO OF THEM FOR TOUCHDOWNS / /THE BEARS HAVE NOW WON FOUR STRAIGHT.

SOUNDS OF THE AGONY OF DEFEAT:

Arizona @ Philadelphia; Tennessee @ Carolina; Houston @ Tampa Bay

IT WAS A LONG SUNDAY FOR JOSH FREEMAN... CAM NEWTON... AND MICHAEL VICK.

THE BUCCANEERS, PANTHERS AND EAGLES WERE STRUGGLING. THEIR QUARTERBACKS TRIED TO KEEP THEM IN THE GAME.

VICK AND THE EAGLES SCRATCHED OUT A LATE THREE POINT LEAD. BUT FOR THE 5TH TIME THIS SEASON, PHILADELPHIA FAILED TO PROTECT A 4TH QUARTER ADVANTAGE.

THE TEXANS THUMPING OF THE BUCCANEERS LEAVES THEM TIED FOR THE BEST RECORD IN THE AFC.

ST LOUIS RAMS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

SOMETIMES IT’S NOT A MATTER OF WHEN, BUT HOW AN OPPONENT BAGS A WIN THAT LEAVES THE LOCALS LIFELESS. IN CLEVELAND, THE RAMS CAUGHT A BREAK LATE,

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

WHILE THE REDSKINS MISSED ASSIGNMENTS, THE DOLPHINS FINISHED THEIR “HOME”WORK LAST SUNDAY, WINNING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THEIR OWN STADIUM IN NEARLY A YEAR.

2 REGGIE BUSH TOUCHDOWN RUNS LED THE WAY.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

SMOOTH SAILING IS RARE FOR A ROOKIE QUARTERBACK IN THE NFL.

DESPITE CHOPPY WATERS EARLY, “CAPTAIN JAX” BLAINE GABBERT PILOTED THE JAGUARS TO A LEAD.

THE COLTS CURTIS PAINTER WAS RELIEVED OF HIS COMMAND.

YES, DAN ORLOVSKY--LAST SEEN RUNNING OUT OF REAL ESTATE FOR THE LIONS IN THEIR WINLESS 2008 SEASON.

HE COULDN'T GET THE COLTS A WIN EITHER.