# **NFL GameDay**

Week 15

# New England Patriots @ Denver Broncos

USUALLY TIM TEBOW WAITS UNTIL THE FOURTH QUARTER TO TIE UP THE LOOSE ENDS. / BUT AGAINST NEW ENGLAND, TEBOW AND THE BRONCOS WERE LACED UP, AND OFF AND RUNNING EARLY.

(RADIO – TEBOW TD RUN)

THE BRONCOS RUSHED FOR 167 YARDS IN THE FIRST QUARTER, AND SCORED ON THEIR OPENING TWO POSSESSIONS.

(SOUND – EXPECT SOMETHING DIFFERENT)

THE DIFFERENCE FOR DENVER IN THE <u>SECOND</u> QUARTER WAS AN INABILITY TO HOLD ONTO THE BALL.

THREE BRONCOS FUMBLES IN JUST OVER EIGHT MINUTES LED TO THREE NEW ENGLAND SCORES.

BY HALFTIME, TOM BRADY AND THE PATRIOTS HAD A 27 TO 16 LEAD.

(RADIO – OCHOCINCO TD, BRADY TD; "GOTTA STAY WITH THIS TEMPO")

IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ANY DEFENSE TO RATTLE TOM BRADY. // AGAINST DENVER, THE QUARTERBACK CONSISTENTLY BEAT THE BLITZ WITH THROWS TO HIS TIGHT ENDS.

AARON HERNANDEZ HAD A CAREER-HIGH NINE CATCHES FOR 129 YARDS. IN THE SECOND HALF, THE PATRIOTS RUNAWAY OFFENSE BUILT AN 18-POINT LEAD.

(RADIO - WOODHEAD TD; "DENVER HAS WORK CUT OUT FOR THEM.")

FOR SIX STRAIGHT WEEKS, THE FOURTH QUARTER HAD BECOME TEBOW TIME. / BUT <u>THIS</u> TIME, THE DEFICIT WAS TOO MUCH TO OVERCOME.

(RADIO – 28-YARD SACK, END OF GAME)

## Green Bay Packers @ Kansas City Chiefs

AFTER STARTING THE SEASON AS A TEAM CAPTAIN, HE BECAME A BACKUP. AFTER PLAYING 11 WEEKS AS A BRONCO, HE BECAME A CHIEF. BUT THROUGHOUT 3 MONTHS OF UNCERTAINTY AND DISAPPROVAL, KYLE ORTON *HAS* HAD THE SUPPORT OF AT LEAST ONE PLAYER.

IN AN UNLIKELY TWIST OF FATE, IT WAS ORTON WHO HANDED HIS GREEN BAY SUPPORTER, AND THE UNDEFEATED DEFENDING SUPER BOWL CHAMPS, THEIR FIRST LOSS OF THE SEASON. ON DEFENSE, THE CHIEFS' LINE ENSURED THE PACKERS' PERFECT RECORD WASN'T THE ONLY THING BEING TOPPLED.

### New Orleans Saints @ Minnesota Vikings

IN MINNESOTA, CHILDREN OF ALL AGES GOT A FRONT ROW TICKET TO THE DREW BREES SHOW.

IN JUST 3 QUARTERS OF WORK, BREES THREW FOR OVER 400 YARDS AND MOVED WITHIN REACH OF DAN MARINO'S SINGLE SEASON YARDAGE RECORD. HIS 47 YARD TOSS TO LANCE MOORE WAS HIS 5<sup>TH</sup> TOUCHDOWN AND CAME BEFORE THE VIKINGS' CHRISTIAN PONDER HAD HIS 5<sup>TH</sup> COMPLETION.

# Dallas Cowboys @ Tampa Bay Buccaneers

THE COWBOYS RAN AWAY WITH THE GAME AND STAYED IN FRONT ALL NIGHT.

AT HALFTIME THE BUCCANEERS TRAILED 28-0, AND HAD GIVEN UP 69 UNANSWERED POINTS IN THEIR LAST 7 QUARTERS.

TAMPA BAY EVENTUALLY SHOWED SOME FIGHT.

THE BUCCANEERS OFFENSE, AIDED BY NUMBER 70 DONALD PENN, FINALLY PUT TOGETHER A SCORING DRIVE IN THE THIRD QUARTER.

# Jacksonville Jaguars @ Atlanta Falcons

THE FALCONS ROUGHED-UP ROOKIE QUARTERBACK BLAINE GABBERT, FOR FIVE SACKS AND THREE TURNOVERS -- WHILE HOLDING JACKSONVILLE TO JUST ONE-YARD PASSING IN THE FIRST HALF.

ATLANTA'S OFFENSE WAS UNSTOPPABLE, SCORING POINTS ON SIX OF ITS FIRST SEVEN DRIVES. RODDY WHITE EXPLODED WITH 10 CATCHES FOR 135 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS. IN THE 14 YEARS SINCE THE INDIANAPOLIS COLTS LAST WON A GAME WITHOUT PEYTON MANNING AT QUARTERBACK, A LOT HAS CHANGED.

ONE THING THAT HASN'T? THE EFFECTIVENESS OF ELUSIVE SPEED AND GOOD BLOCKING. JUST ASK DONALD BROWN.

# Detroit Lions @ Oakland Raiders

IT DIDN'T TAKE A SOOTHSAYER TO SEE MATTHEW STAFFORD WAS GOING TO THROW THE BALL TO CALVIN JOHNSON.

THE RAIDERS HAVE TWO HALL OF FAMERS COACHING THEIR DEFENSIVE BACKS – ROD WOODSON AND WILLIE BROWN.

THEY <u>COULD HAVE</u> USED THEM ON THE FIELD. THE LIONS TORCHED OAKLAND'S SECONDARY FOR ALMOST 400 YARDS PASSING.

WHILE DETROIT'S RECEIVERS WERE SCHOOLING THE OAKLAND SECONDARY, CARSON PALMER WAS STILL BONING UP ON THE RAIDERS OFFENSE.

LUCKILY FOR THE SILVER AND BLACK, HE'S A QUICK STUDY.

DETROIT HASN'T <u>SEEN</u> A GREAT QUARTERBACK IN A LONG TIME. BUT IN THE FINAL 7 MINUTES, TRAILING BY 13, BOBBY LAYNE COULDN'T HAVE DONE ANY BETTER.

TO TRANSFORM DEFEAT INTO VICTORY, STAFFORD USED HIS SILVER BULLET – MEGATRON.

### Baltimore Ravens @ San Diego Chargers

THE RAVENS DEFENSE CAN HAUNT YOUR DREAMS.

AT THE START, IT LOOKED AS IF PHILLIP RIVERS' NIGHTMARE WOULD BECOME REALITY.

FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK, THE CHARGERS SILENCED THE NEGATIVE VOICES.

ON THIS NIGHT IT WAS THE CHARGERS DEFENSE CAUSING THE NIGHTMARES.

AFTER A MID-SEASON SIX GAME LOSING STREAK, THINGS ARE SUDDENLY LOOKING UP IN SAN DIEGO.

#### Pittsburgh Steelers @ San Francisco 49ers

UNDER THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL, ANYTHING CAN GO DOWN...INCLUDING THE BRIGHT LIGHTS.

AFTER A BLOWN TRANSFORMER PLUNGED CANDLESTICK PARK INTO BLACK, THE NINERS TOP-RANKED DEFENSE HAD BEN ROETHLISBERGER SEEING RED.

DEFENSIVE ROOKIE OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE ALDON SMITH RECORDED 2 ½ SACKS AS SAN FRANCISCO MOVED ONE GAME CLOSER TO CLINCHING A FIRST ROUND BYE.

#### New York Jets @ Philadelphia Eagles

ENTERING THE GAME WITH A 5 AND 8 RECORD BUT STILL MATHEMATICALLY ALIVE FOR THE PLAYOFFS, THE EAGLES PLAYED THE TYPE OF DOMINANT GAME THAT PRESEASON PROGNOSTICATORS DREAMED OF.

AFTER FALLING BEHIND 28-0 IN THE FIRST HALF, THE GAME -- UNLIKE THIS PLAXICO BURRESS TOUCHDOWN -- WAS ALWAYS OUT OF REACH FOR THE JETS.

AS LATE AFTERNOON GAVE WAY TO EVENING, THE MAN KNOWN AS SHADY PUT THE JETS TO BED, AND REWROTE THE EAGLES RECORD BOOK WITH HIS 20<sup>TH</sup> TOUCHDOWN OF THE SEASON.

#### Washington Redskins @ New York Giants

TO KEEP THE NFC EAST LEAD, THE GIANTS SIMPLY HAD TO HOLD ON AGAINST STRUGGLING WASHINGTON...BUT INSTEAD NEW YORK HONORED ITS RECENT TRADITION OF DROPPING THE BALL IN DECEMBER.

THE 4 AND 9 REDSKINS EMBRACED THE ROLE OF SPOILER AS THEY BUILT A 23-3 LEAD.

THE REDSKINS' VICTORY EARNED THEM THEIR FIRST SEASON SWEEP OF THE GIANTS SINCE 1999.

#### <u>WHIP</u>

IT WAS A CONFUSING WEEK IN THE NFL. THE WHIP ISN'T SURE WHAT'S GOING ON RIGHT HERE....

HOW CAN SOMEONE THE SIZE OF RED BRYANT SNEAK INTO A QUARTERBACK'S BLIND SPOT?

SAINT LOUIS FANS CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR NOT KNOWING THEIR STARTING QUARTERBACK. HE'S ONLY BEEN WITH THE TEAM FOR A LITTLE OVER A WEEK.

KELLEN CLEMENS GOT TO KNOW THE BENGALS PASS RUSH A LITTLE TOO WELL.

ARIZONA STARTED THE SEASON 1-6. BUT IT'S MYSTERIOUSLY NOW 7-7, DESPITE CONSISTENTLY TRAILING IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE BILLS HAVE TURNED IT AROUND TOO.

THEY'VE GONE FROM FIRST PLACE TO LAST.

BUT IT'S CLEAR WHY THE PANTHERS RAN THIS PLAY: IT WAS IN THE MOVIE "LITTLE GIANTS."