

# **NFL GameDay**

## **WEEK 20**

### **Sounds of the Regular Season**

*(no script available)*

### **Follies**

*(no script available)*

### **Tebowmania**

*(no script available)*

### **New York Giants @ San Francisco 49ers**

#### **PART 1**

ON A SLOPPY FIELD, THE GAME WOULD BE DECIDED BY WHO COULD FORCE TURNOVERS// WHO COULD HOLD ONTO THE BALL// AND WHO COULD CREATE BIG PLAYS.

AS THE SECOND QUARTER BEGAN, ELI MANNING LED HIS TEAM ON A 10 PLAY, 69 YARD MARCH.

GIANTS RECEIVER VICTOR CRUZ WAS OFTEN WIDE OPEN AFTER REPEATEDLY BEATING CORNERBACK CARLOS ROGERS, NUMBER 22.

### **New York Giants @ San Francisco 49ers**

#### **PART 2**

THE WINTER RAIN OVER CANDLESTICK PARK HAD STOPPED; BUT THE TWISTS AND TURNS OF THE SECOND HALF WOULD BE AS SUDDEN AS A MIDSUMMER THUNDERSTORM.

ELI MANNING DROPPED BACK TO PASS SIXTY FOUR TIMES.

ON TWENTY OF THOSE PLAYS // HE TOOK A HIT. SIX TIMES HE WAS SACKED.

BUT MANNING NEVER THREW AN INTERCEPTION.

NOR DID HE FUMBLE.

HE KEPT COMING BACK FOR MORE, NEVER MAKING THE ONE MISTAKE THAT COULD COST HIS TEAM A TRIP TO THE SUPER BOWL.

THE GIANTS LEAD DID NOT LAST. THE 49ERS ANSWERED ON THE VERY NEXT DRIVE WITH A FIELD GOAL THAT TIED THE GAME AT 17, WHERE THE SCORE REMAINED UNTIL THE 22<sup>ND</sup> PUNT OF THE GAME, JUST OVER FIVE MINUTES INTO OVERTIME.

THE FUMBLE LEFT THE GIANTS IN FIELD GOAL RANGE.

CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY IS FOOTBALL'S DAY OF RECKONING. IT'S A DAY WHEN LIFELONG DREAMS CRUMBLE. IT IS ALSO A DAY WHEN LIFELONG DREAMS ARE REALIZED.

### **Baltimore Ravens @ New England Patriots**

#### **PART 1**

FROM THE START, THE PATRIOTS VINCE WILFORK DOMINATED THE RAVENS UP FRONT, AND BALTIMORE DISRUPTED THE RHYTHM OF TOM BRADY.

EVERY YARD WAS A STRUGGLE. / A WEEK AFTER SCORING SEEMINGLY AT WILL, THE AFC'S NO. 1 OFFENSE DIDN'T REACH THE ENDZONE UNTIL THE SECOND QUARTER.

(RADIO – TDS; SUGGS – “LOOK HOW QUIET IT IS, KEEP IT THAT WAY”)

EVEN WHEN THEY'RE NOT AT THEIR BEST, BILL BELICHICK'S TROOPS ALWAYS SEEM TO EXPLOIT AN ENEMY'S WEAKNESS.

(ALT.) ALWAYS SEEM TO FIND THE MOST EFFECTIVE WAYS TO ATTACK THE ENEMY.

UNDERNEATH PASSES TO TIGHT ENDS ROB GRONKOWSKI AND AARON HERNANDEZ HELPED PRODUCE TWO LONG DRIVES THAT RESULTED IN FIELD GOALS. / MIDWAY THROUGH THE THIRD QUARTER, THE PATRIOTS LED 16 TO 10.

### **Baltimore Ravens @ New England Patriots**

#### **PART 2**

HISTORICALLY, POINTS HAVE BEEN A PROBLEM FOR THE RAVENS OFFENSE. / BUT AFTER A ROUGH START TO CHAMPIONSHIP SUNDAY, JOE FLACCO NOT ONLY PLAYED WELL / HE OUT-PERFORMED TOM BRADY.

AFTER BEATING HOUSTON IN THE DIVISIONAL PLAYOFFS, JOHN HARBAUGH SAID THAT NO TEAM HOLDS A 4 POINT LEAD BETTER THAN HIS RAVENS. THE PATRIOTS WERE READY TO TEST THAT STATEMENT, DOWN 20-16.

THE PATRIOTS TIGHT ENDS AREN'T ONLY TALENTED, THEY'RE ALSO TOUGH.

BOTH DEFENSES DID THEIR JOB LATE IN THE GAME -- CREATING PRESSURE //AND TURNOVERS.

THE RAVENS SIDELINE APPEARED CONFUSED ABOUT WHAT DOWN IT WAS. AND IN THAT  
CONFUSION, KICKER BILLY CUNDIFF ARRIVED TO THE FIELD LATE / AND ALREADY OUT OF SYNC.

FOUR YEARS AGO, THE PATRIOTS ENTERED SUPER BOWL 42 UNDEFEATED. // BUT THIS  
SEASON, LIKE THIS CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, WAS FAR FROM PERFECT. / THE PATRIOTS DIDN'T  
NEED IT TO BE. / FOR THEM, PERFECTION IS FOUND ONLY IN THE GLEAM OF ANOTHER  
CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY.