

NFL EXTRA

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ANDREW LUCK /R.G. III

CRUNCH TIME. LET'S PICK IT UP. LET'S GASH THEM NOW. LET'S GASH THEM. 1 TRITE, 62, F-WHEEL, X-SHAVE. 222, 111. BLUE, 90, HUT!

RADIO – IT'S ALWAYS ABOUT THE QB. NOW YOU GOT #1, #2. THIS ONE HAS A LITTLE SPECIAL RING TO IT. ROBERT GRIFFIN THE 3RD JUST BEING ANNOUNCED, AND THIS IS HIS 1ST HOME GAME. // PLAY ACTION FAKE GRIFFIN. STOPS. WHEELS. THROWS A RAINBOW DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE FIELD LOOKING FOR GARCON. OFF HIS FINGERTIPS. IN COMPLETE. THAT WAS MY FAULT. THAT'S ALL ME. HE'S WIDE OPEN.

GET HIM OUTSIDE. GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO MAKE ONE OF HIS SPECTACULAR CATCHES.

THOUGHT I WAS GONNA GET IT RIGHT AROUND HIS HEAD. I DID TOO EARLY, AND I WASN'T READY TO THROW IT AND I LOST SIGHT OF IT.

RADIO – ROBERT IN THE SHOTGUN, TAKES A SNAP. LOOKING RIGHT. GETS HIT. DROPS IT OFF. INCOMPLETE BUT HE TOOK A LICK! HE TOOK A HIT. HE TOOK A STRONG HIT THAT TIME. WELL IT LOOKED LIKE IT SURPRISED HIM TOO WHICH HE SHOULD BE ALERT FOR THAT.

I THOUGHT WE HAD A BLITZ BECAUSE I GOT HIT SO QUICK. BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE BLITZ. ONE OF THE LINEMEN TRIED TO CUT AND MISSED. I WAS WAITING ON YOU FOR THE THUNDER AND I GOT HIT. SO I JUST THREW IT TO HIGHTOWER. HE JUST POPPED ON ME. I WAS LIKE...

RADIO – 2ND & GOAL AT THE 4. ROBERT ROLLING TO HIS RIGHT. FIRES. TOUCHDOWN. SANTANA MOSS. BINGO! THAT'S GONNA BE TOUGH TO STUFF DOWN THE ROAD. PRESEASON GAME #3, VERY ENTERTAINING. THE BATTLE BETWEEN ROBERT GRIFFIN AND ANDREW LUCK GOES THE REDSKINS WAY.

01:17:47 - "UNLIKELY CHAMPS"

OH MAN IT WAS JUST INCREDIBLE TO WALK OUT ON THAT FIELD. THE BEST PART ABOUT IT WAS THE COIN TOSS. I REMEMBER THINKING, "EITHER WAY I'M GONNA BE ON THE FIRST PLAY OF THE SUPER BOWL."

IN 2007, CHASE BLACKBURN WAS A SPECIAL TEAMS ACE FOR THE NEW YORK GIANTS. AND AFTER THREE STANDOUT SEASONS COVERING KICKOFFS AND PUNTS, THE BACKUP LINEBACKER WAS REWARDED WITH A SUPER BOWL RING. AS SOON AS WE WON I'M LIKE, "MAN, I WANT THIS FEELING AGAIN." AT THE SAME POINT I WANTED MORE. I WANTED THAT, TO BE A STARTING LINEBACKER, TO BE THE MIDDLE LINEBACKER. CALL THE PLAYS. CALL THE HUDDLES. SET THE TEMPO FOR THE GAME.

A YEAR LATER, REDSKINS RECEIVER DEVIN THOMAS MADE IT TO THE SUPER BOWL...AS A FAN.

ME AND MY DAD SAT THERE AT THE 50 AND I'M LIKE, IT WAS SO BEAUTIFUL TO WATCH BUT IT HURT SO BAD BECAUSE I'M IN THE NFL. I'M LIKE, "DAD, WE CAN'T COME BACK TO ANOTHER SUPER BOWL UNTIL I'M PLAYING IN ONE."

BEAR PASCOE'S PATH TO PRO FOOTBALL BEGAN WHERE HIS FATHER'S ENDED.

HE HAD A SHOT TO GO ON AND PLAY IN THE NFL AND TURNED IT DOWN BECAUSE HE WAS HURT AND JUST TIRED OF FOOTBALL. SO I WAS DETERMINED TO MAKE IT TO THE NFL, AND KEEP GOING WHERE HE LEFT OFF.

THREE MEN. THREE DREAMS. AND THREE VERY DIFFERENT PATHS...TO ONE UNLIKELY DESTINATION.

BEING A PLAYMAKER AT HEART, YOU WANTED TO TRY TO GET THE BALL AND MAKE SOMETHING HAPPEN ESPECIALLY WHEN YOUR TEAM NEEDS YOU. AT THAT POINT IN TIME I WAS JUST MISJUDGING IT A LITTLE BIT ON THE RECEPTIONS OF THE PUNTS.

RADIO – THOMAS IS DEEP...DRIVEN BACK TO THE 19 AND HE LOST IT!

DEVIN THOMAS FINISHED HIS CAREER AT MICHIGAN STATE ON A SOUR NOTE.

RADIO – BOY, HE BOBBLED ANOTHER ONE! OH MY GOSH!

TWO MUFFED PUNTS IN A BOWL GAME LOSS WERE THE LASTING MEMORIES OF AN OTHERWISE DYNAMIC SEASON.

YOU KNOW I LANDED WITH THE REDSKINS. I WANTED TO MAKE THE BEST OF THAT AND I WAS JUST EXCITED MAN. I WAS REALLY EXCITED TO COME AND PLAY AND TRY TO DO EXACTLY HOW I DID IN COLLEGE.

THOMAS WAS THE SECOND RECEIVER DRAFTED IN 2008. HIS FIRST YEAR IN WASHINGTON COINCIDED WITH BEAR PASCOE'S FINAL YEAR AT FRESNO STATE. THE TIGHT END THEN AWAITED HIS FATE AT THE 2009 DRAFT.

I WAS TOLD THAT I'D BE TAKEN ANYWHERE FROM THE 2ND TO THE 5TH ROUND. ONCE THEY GOT INTO THE 6TH I WAS LIKE, "OH GOD, I'M NOT EVEN GONNA GET DRAFTED." AND THAT'S WHEN I FINALLY GOT THE CALL. THE PATRIOTS CALLED ME AND THEY ASKED ME HOW I WAS DOING. I SAID, "I'M DOING FINE. JUST WONDERING WHY I HAVEN'T BEEN DRAFTED YET." THEY SAID, "HEY, WE'RE ON THE CLOCK IN ABOUT 6

PICKS, AND IF YOU'RE STILL THERE WE'RE GONNA DRAFT YA." AND I SAID, "ALRIGHT, SOUNDS GOOD."

FOR THE 184TH PICK, S.F. HAS SELECTED BEAR PASCOE, T.E. FROM FRESNO STATE.

I WAS EXCITED ABOUT THAT BECAUSE THIS WAY I DON'T HAVE TO GO CLEAR ACROSS THE COUNTRY.

A CALIFORNIA NATIVE, PASCOE WAS THRILLED TO BE A 49ER. UNFORTUNATELY, THE FEELING WAS NOT MUTUAL.

I WAS KIND OF STRUGGLING THERE GETTING IT TOGETHER, AND I JUST DIDN'T FEEL LIKE I ADJUSTED QUICK ENOUGH TO THE SPEED OF THE GAME; AND I FOUND OUT VERY QUICK THE BUSINESS SIDE OF THIS GAME.

BEAR PASCOE AND HERB TAYLOR, APPRECIATE YOU GUYS THIS AFTERNOON. APPRECIATE YOU GUYS THIS AFTERNOON. YOU HELPED THIS PRACTICE TODAY IN A 1ST DOWN CAPACITY.

AFTER BEING CUT BY THE 49ERS IN TRAINING CAMP, PASCOE SIGNED WITH THE GIANTS. THE TIGHT END SPENT MOST OF THE 2009 SEASON ON NEW YORK'S PRACTICE SQUAD UNTIL A RASH OF INJURIES IN 2010 THRUST BEAR INTO ACTION AGAINST A FITTING OPPONENT.

IN THE CHICAGO GAME THEY'RE RUNNING OVER, "BEAR, WE NEED YOU TO PLAY FULLBACK." ALRIGHT. LET'S GO.

RADIO – THEY GOT PASCOE AT FULLBACK. JACOBS IN AT TAILBACK. HANDOFF JACOBS. HE RUNS RIGHT, TURNS IT UP FIELD. JACOBS INTO BEAR TERRITORY ACROSS THE FIELD DOWN THE RIGHT SIDELINE TO THE 40, 30.

IT FEELS GREAT WHEN YOU STEP UP AND YOU DO PRODUCE AND THINGS GO THE RIGHT WAY.

RADIO – AND BEAR PASCOE AGAIN! BEAR PASCOE AGAIN, SPRUNG JACOBS.

PASCOE BECAME NEW YORK'S STARTING FULLBACK IN 2010 AND HIS ROLE GREW EACH WEEK. FOR DEVIN THOMAS...IT WAS THE OPPOSITE.

RADIO – CAMPBELL THROWS. IT'S INCOMPLETE THROUGH THE HANDS OF DEVIN THOMAS.

AFTER TWO DISAPPOINTING SEASONS, THOMAS HOPED FOR CHANGE IN 2010 UNDER NEW HEAD COACH MIKE SHANAHAN. (LET'S GO DEV! LET'S GO!) BUT HIS HOPES WERE SHORT LIVED.

THEY CALLED ME UP TO THE OFFICE. "YEA, WE'RE GONNA RELEASE YOU. WE GOTTA BRING UP A R.B. BECAUSE CLINTON'S NOT GOING THIS WEEK." I WAS SHOCKED. I'M LIKE, "DAMN, WHERE'S THIS REALLY GONNA GO?"

RADIO – DODGE TAKES A KNEE-HIGH SNAP. REDSKINS BRING THE PRESSURE AND HE GETS IT AWAY. A SPIRALING KICK NEARSIDE. DOWN BY THE GIANTS. BEAUTIFUL PLAY BY THE FORMER REDSKIN DEVIN THOMAS, WEARING #81.

SIX WEEKS AFTER BEING RELEASED, THOMAS JOINED THE GIANTS AND WAS ASSIGNED TO THE “GUNNER” POSITION ON SPECIAL TEAMS.

RADIO – DEVIN THOMAS RUBBING IT IN HIS OLD TEAM’S FACE.

HIS UNIT WAS CAPTAINED BY #57 CHASE BLACKBURN. AS NEW YORK’S LEADING SPECIAL TEAMS TACKLER FOR SIX-STRAIGHT SEASONS, BLACKBURN HAD REASON TO BELIEVE THAT 2011 WOULD BE HIS SEVENTH.

GOING INTO THE OFFSEASON WE’RE STILL HOPING TO REMAIN A GIANT BUT IT WAS DEFINITELY HARD TO NOT HEAR MY NAME, NOT HEAR A PHONE RING AND TO BE PICKED BACK UP AND CONTINUE MY CAREER RIGHT AWAY.

UNDER THE NFL’S NEW LABOR AGREEMENT, THE GIANTS WERE 11 MILLION DOLLARS OVER THE SALARY CAP. AS NEW YORK’S PRICEY BACKUPS WERE REPLACED WITH YOUNGER, CHEAPER PLAYERS, ONE COACH STILL SAW SOME VALUE IN BLACKBURN.

GET APPROACHED BY MY FRESHMAN COACH RICH BARRETT, WHO WAS A PRINCIPAL IN A MIDDLE SCHOOL DOWN THE ROAD A LITTLE BIT. HE SAID, “THERE’S A POSITION FOR A TEACHER GOING ON MATERNITY LEAVE. WE KIND OF GOT THE BALL ROLLING BUT WE WEREN’T IN ANY HURRY. LITERALLY A COUPLE WEEKS LATER AS SOON AS WE STARTED, I GOT THAT CALL FROM THE GIANTS . JUST ASKED IF I WAS READY. IF MY BAGS WERE PACKED AND READY TO GO. I SAID, “I’M READY.”

RADIO – RODGERS, A PLAY-FAKE. HE WILL THROW. THIS ONE RIGHT, INTERCEPTED BY THE GIANTS CHASE BLACKBURN, WHO WAS JUST SIGNED THE OTHER DAY! AND HE GETS TACKLED TAT THE 11 YARD LINE!

I WAS EXCITED AND CELEBRATED WITH MY TEAMMATES. I BELIEVE I WENT RIGHT OVER AND POINTED TO THE NEW #93. I WAS JUST SO HAPPY TO BE BACK. WE PLAYED A PRETTY GOOD GAME AGAINST A GREAT TEAM, AND THEY STILL CAME OUT TO WIN BUT WE GAINED A LOT OUT OF IT.

MOST NOTABLY...NEW YORK’S INJURED DEFENSE GAINED A NEW STARTING MIDDLE LINEBACKER.

RADIO – HOW ABOUT BLACKBURN FILLING THAT HOLE?

OVER THE NEXT FOUR GAMES, BLACKBURN ALONG WITH THOMAS AND PASCOE PLAYED KEY ROLES IN NEW YORK’S QUEST FOR THE PLAYOFFS.

RADIO - CAUGHT ON THE SIDELINE BY DEVIN THOMAS. ROLLS ONE RIGHT. PASCOE’S GOT IT. JUMPS OVER A MAN. HE’S GOT THE 1ST DOWN! THE N.Y. GIANTS ARE THE NFC EAST CHAMPIONS!

BLACKBURN AND THE GIANTS BEGAN THE POSTSEASON BY BLANKETING ATLANTA’S OFFENSE.

RADIO – THIS DEFENSE IS PLAYING LIGHTS OUT.

A REMATCH WITH THE DEFENDING SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS FOLLOWED...ALONG WITH ANOTHER BIG PLAY BY BLACKBURN.

LET'S GO!!

RADIO – RODGERS OUT OF A SHOTGUN SET. THEY DUMP IT OFF IN THE LEFT FLAT FOR GRANT. FUMBLES! FUMBLED THE FOOTBALL. IT'S PICKED UP BY BLACKBURN. HE'S RUNNING WITH IT TO THE 20, TO THE 10, TO THE 5, AND HE'S DOWN AT THE 4!

BLACKBURN'S FUMBLE RECOVERY HELPED THE GIANTS REDEEM THEIR REGULAR SEASON LOSS TO THE PACKERS. IN THE NFC CHAMPIONSHIP... REDEMPTION WAS AT HAND ONCE AGAIN.

GOING BACK INTO THAT STADIUM, I FELT LIKE I WASN'T THE SAME PLAYER. I WAS GONNA GO IN AND SHOW THEM THAT I'D GROWN UP. THE GAME WASN'T TOO FAST FOR ME NOW.

RADIO – MANNING TAKES THE SNAP. BACK TO THROW. HE'S UNDER PRESSURE . PUMPS. THROWS ONE RIGHT. HE'S GOT PASCOE FOR THE TOUCHDOWN!

THE TIMING OF PASCOE'S FIRST CAREER TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION WAS IMPECCABLE. DOWN BY FOUR IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, ANOTHER GIANT PROVED WORTHY UNDER PRESSURE.

SOMETHING WAS JUST TELLING ME, "DEV, YOU'RE GONNA DO SOMETHING GOT MAKE A DIFFERENCE." I'VE HAD THE INSTANCES IN THE PAST ON THE RECEPTIONS OF THE PUNTS AND I MUFFED 2 OF THEM. IT JUST PREPARED ME FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY BECAUSE ANY MOMENT COULD BE THE DIFFERENCE MAKER.

RADIO – TOPPLING LOW KICK. THAT HIT THE KNEE OF KYLE WILLIAMS.

THOMAS WOULD RECOVER NOT ONE, BUT TWO 49ERS FUMBLES – THE SECOND COMING IN OVERTIME, HELPING THE GIANTS REACH THE SUPER BOWL.

RADIO – AND THE GIANTS IN OVERTIME HAVE WON THE NFC CHAMPIONSHIP 20-17.

TO ME UNLIKELY CHAMPION MEANS THAT GUY THAT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO MAKE THE TEAM; WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE A STARTER; WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE BACK IN THAT LAST YEAR. WASN'T EVEN SUPPOSED TO BE A PART OF THE TEAM. YET, I WAS ABLE TO OVERCOME ALL THOSE THINGS AND BE THAT PLAYER.

93 TO MIKE!

TO START IN THE SUPER AND HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE SUPER BOWL ITSELF.

RADIO – BRADY RUNS OUT OF THE SACK, ROLLS TO HIS RIGHT. THROWS A DEEP BALL DOWNFIELD FOR GRONKOWSKI. INTERCEPTED BY THE GIANTS. CHASE BLACKBURN PICKED IT UP A THE 8 YD. LINE.

I MEAN I KNOW WE'RE RIGHT ON THEM. IT'S TIGHT. MAKE THEM GO TO MANNINGHAM. MAKE THEM GO TO PASCOE.

YOU HEAR SOMETHING LIKE THAT, YOU'RE LIKE "FINE, THROW ME THE BALL. WE'LL HURT YOU TOO."

PASCOE CAUGHT A CAREER HIGH FOUR PASSES AGAINST THE TEAM THAT NEARLY DRAFTED HIM.

THE JOURNEY THAT I TOOK BEING DRAFTED BY THE NINERS, THEN CUT. I KIND OF THOUGHT I WAS DONE. BUT THINGS WORKED OUT GREAT. THINGS JUST DON'T GO THE WAY YOU PLAN IT. YOU JUST GOTTA RIDE WITH THE WAVE. IT'S JUST A JOURNEY THAT, LIKE I SAID, I COULDN'T HAVE WROTE IT ANY BETTER. I COULDN'T HAVE WROTE IT ANY BETTER.

HUGGED MY BOY MAN. JUST HOLD MY DADDY. I GOT THAT MOMENT, AND IT'S LIKE A MOMENT THAT YOU ALWAYS DREAMED OF.

MY DAD MADE IT TO THE FIELD. KIND OF THAT FIRST HUG AFTER WE WON THE GAME AND IT WAS JUST DEFINITELY A DREAM COME TRUE.

MY BELIEF IN MY GUT AND MY HEART AND MY MIND, EVERYTHING TOLD ME THAT THAT TEAM WOULD CALL ME. I JUST DIDN'T KNOW WHEN IT WAS GONNA HAPPEN. GOTTA GO IN FOR THE GOOD STUFF AT THE END OF THE SEASON.

(01:30:00 – END)