

## **NFL EXTRA**

### *Week 19*

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#### **01:43:06 - HAIL CAESAR**

THE MOMENT OF REALIZING WE'RE PLAYING IN THE SUPER BOWL. IT'S A THICK ENERGY IN THE AIR. YOU CAN JUST FEEL IT. WE'RE WAITING INSIDE THE TUNNEL AND I'M IN THE FRONT OF THE LINE. HE CALLED MY NAME OUT.

OHIO STATE, EDDIE GEORGE!

GAVE ALL MY TEAMMATES A HANDSHAKE. EVERY LAST PERSON. I JUST REMEMBER THE ENERGY JUST GOING THROUGH MY BODY. WE'RE ABOUT TO PLAY ON THE BIGGEST STAGE IN SPORTS, IN THE SUPER BOWL. I KNEW IN MY BONES. I SAID, "WE'RE GONNA WIN TONIGHT. I'M GONNA HOLD UP THAT TROPHY OR I'M GONNA DIE TRYING!" YOU KNOW. COWARDS DIE MANY TIMES BEFORE THEIR DEATHS. THE VALIANTS NEVER TASTE OF DEATH BUT ONCE. OF ALL THE WONDERS THAT I YET HAVE HEARD, IT SEEMS TO ME MOST STRAINS THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR SEEING THAT DEATH UNNECESSARY END WILL COME WHEN IT WILL COME. O.K. SO WHEN THE COWBOYS DIED MANY TIMES BEFORE THEIR DEATHS.

IN FOOTBALL, THE CONCEPT OF A "NECESSARY END" IS EMBODIED BY THE FINALITY OF A GAME OR A CAREER.

...THAT DEATH, A NECESSARY END, WILL COME WHEN IT WILL COME.

IN ART, IT'S PORTRAYED BY THE DEATH OF AN IDEAL OR A CHARACTER.

THE HURT. THAT'S WHAT I TRY TO SEARCH FOR. YOU'RE JUST GIVING YOUR ENTIRE BEING TO YOUR CAUSE, AND THIS IS HOW IT'S SUPPOSED TO END.

AS A PROFESSIONAL RUNNING BACK, EDDIE GEORGE RUSHED FOR OVER 10,000 YARDS. IN 2005, AFTER NINE NFL SEASONS, HIS CAREER MET ITS "NECESSARY END." BUT HIS DESIRE TO PERFORM...NEVER FADED.

ONCE I STOPPED PLAYING I MISSED THE GAME. I WANTED A STAGE OR A FIELD TO EXPRESS MYSELF. I'D RATHER TELL THEE WHAT IS TO BE FEARED THAN WHAT I FEAR. FOR ALWAYS I AM CAESAR. (I LIKE THAT. THAT'S AWESOME.) YOU LIKE THAT? (THAT'S AWESOME.) MUCH LIKE I DID ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD, JUST BRINGING THAT WORK ETHIC INTO A DIFFERENT ARENA AND APPLYING THAT. THAT'S WHY I LOVE IT. AND WHEN I BEGAN, I COULDN'T SEE MYSELF DOING SHAKESPEARE.

BEWARE OF THE IDES OF MARCH.

NOW IT'S LIKE, "WOW, I'VE MADE SOME STRIDES HERE MAKING PROGRESS." HE IS A DREAMER! LET US LEAVE HIM. PASS. FOR JULIUS CAESAR, I SEE A LOT OF SIMILARITIES BETWEEN MY AMBITION TO BE THE BEST IN FOOTBALL AND HIS AMBITION TO BE THE BEST SOLDIER, POLITICIAN, LEADER, RULER THAT HE CAN POSSIBLY BE. AND AMBITION IS AMBITION. NO MATTER WHAT STAGE YOU PLAY ON. I COULD BE WELL MOVED IF I WERE AS YOU. IF I CAN PRAY TO MOVE... HE WAS METICULOUS IN HIS APPROACH. BUT I AM CONSTANT AS THE NORTHERN STAR. MUCH LIKE MY CAREER. IT WASN'T EASY. I HAD TO WORK THROUGH A LOT OF ADVERSITY. SO WHEN YOU GET TO THE TOP AND YOU KNOW WHEN YOU'RE LOOKING OVER YOUR SHOULDER

AT CACIUS (I, YOUR GLAS...) YON CASIUS HAS A LEAN AND HUNGRY LOOK. HE THINKS TOO MUCH. SUCH MEN ARE DANGEROUS. I KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE BECAUSE I HAD A YOUNG R.B. TRYING TO TAKE MY JOB. COWARDS DIE MANY TIMES BEFORE THEIR DEATHS. YOU KNOW A COWARD, SOMEONE THAT'S AFRAID TO STEP OUTSIDE OF THEIR COMFORT ZONE, THEY DIE TO THEIR TRUTH; AND WHAT'S REALLY CALLING THEM. WHEREAS, SOMEONE WHO IS COURAGEOUS WILL JUMP ON THE STAGE. THE THINGS THAT THREATEN ME... KNOWING THAT THAT'S HIS NEXT STEP. THAT'S PART OF THE PROCESS. THAT'S A PART OF HIS LIFE'S WORK. SO YOU'RE NOT DYING TO THE FEARS THAT ARE OUT THERE OR WHAT APPEARS TO BE A FEAR. IT SEEMS TO ME MOST STRANGE THAT MEN SHOULD FEAR SEEING THAT DEATH... YEA, IT IS SCARY TO BE UP THERE; AND IF I MAKE A MISTAKE, YEA, I WILL LOOK LIKE A FOOL. BUT WHAT HAPPENS AFTER THAT? HOW WILL I RESPOND? AND THE SAME THING HAPPENED TO ME ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. I REMEMBER WALKING TOWARD THE SIDELINE DEAD TIRED. 01:47:55 – BUT I SAID, THIS IS WHY I'M HERE, AND LET'S GO WIN THIS THING.

RADIO – IT HAS NEVER HAPPENED IN S.B. HISTORY FOR A TEAM TO SCORE ON THE LAST PLAY OF REGULATION.

I WENT IN SWING ROUTE TO PULL OUT THE LINEBACKERS. KEVIN DYSON RUNS HIS ROUTE. MAKES THE CATCH. AND THEN MIKE JONES MAKES THIS TREMENDOUS PLAY, AND I'M ABOUT TO PUT MY HANDS UP. AND FOREVER I REMEMBER KEVIN TRYING TO REACH OUT FOR THAT GOAL LINE. I LOOK UP. CLOCK ZEROES. CONFETTI'S COMING DOWN OUT OF THE SKY. REALLY DIDN'T KNOW HOW TO PUT IT INTO WORDS OR EVEN THOUGHTS OF WHAT JUST HAPPENED, AND VERY MUCH LIKE ...AT THE END OF JULIUS CAESAR, THERE IS ON BOW ON THE ENDING. THERE IS NO HAPPY ENDING. AND HOW DO YOU MAKE SENSE OUT OF THAT? AND THAT'S THE BEAUTY OF DRAMA IS THAT IT'S UP TO THE VIEWER TO TAKE SOMETHING AWAY FROM IT FOR WHAT IT IS.

RADIO – HE CAME UP 1 YARD SHORT! SO, IN MY INTERPRETATION OF HOW THE S.B. ENDED, I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE CAN ALWAYS TALK ABOUT BECAUSE IT WAS A GREAT DRAMA. THAT'S WHAT MAKES SHAKESPEARE SO GREAT, IS THAT IT IS WRITTEN IN THE LATE 1500'S, AND IT STILL RESONATES TODAY.

#### 01:50:00 – '91 FALCONS

THE ATLANTA FALCONS ARE IN THE MIDST OF THEIR MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON EVER -- AND COULD WELL WIN THE SUPER BOWL.

BUT THEY STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO TO CLAIM THE TITLE HELD BY ANOTHER FALCONS TEAM FROM 1991.

THIS IS WHAT YOU WAIT YOUR ENTIRE ADULT LIFE FOR RIGHT HERE. THIS WAS THE MOST FUN TEAM EVER IN PRO FOOTBALL. SLIDE SAFETY DOG. WHAT THE HELL IS THAT? OUR GOAL WAS PLAY HARD, HAVE FUN. YOU GOTTA DO EVERYTHING RIGHT TODAY, DON, BUT YOU GOTTA HAVE FUN DOING IT. WE WEREN'T AFRAID TO SMILE. ANYBODY NERVOUS? ANYBODY SCAR-ED? WE WERE NOT BORING.

WE'RE SO EXCITED! BOY, EVERYBODY NEED TO WATCH OUR SHOW, HUH!

THIS WAS A TEAM WITH ONE SIMPLE RULE:

RADIO – GONNA BE JUGGLED AND FOUGHT IN THE AIR AND FINALLY INTERCEPTED.

IF YOU PICK THE BALL OFF...

RADIO – BRIAN JORDAN LATERALS TO DEION.

GET THE BALL TO PRIME. AND I'M TALKING IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> PERSON. GOOD RESULTS IF YOU GET THE BALL TO PRIME.

RADIO – WE LATERALED AND WE LATERALED! CAN YOU BELIEVE THAT?!

WE WEREN'T AFRAID TO LIVE ON THE EDGE.

RADIO – A LONG BOMB! MCKYER INTERCEPTS ON THE 50! GIVES IT TO DEION.

SO MANY PEOPLE CRAWL IN A SHELL. WE TRIED TO PLAY WIDE OPEN, FULL SPEED AHEAD.

NO ONE EMBODIED THIS HIGHFLYING SPIRIT MORE THAN THE TEAM STAR: DEION SANDERS.

RADIO – TOUCHDOWN DEION!

I CAN REMEMBER DEION COMING TO PRACTICE, NOT BY FAR BUT BY HELICOPTER.

THAT LENDED ITSELF TO THE MADNESS.

ALSO CONTRIBUTING WAS THE TEAM'S ROOKIE THIRD-STRING QUARTERBACK.

I THINK FAVRE, HIS VERY FIRST PASS HE THREW AGAINST THE REDSKINS WAS INTERCEPTED...AND RUN BACK FOR A TOUCHDOWN. AND HE RAN OVER AND HE GRABBED ME. HE GOES, "UNBELIEVABLE COACH. MY FIRST PASS IN THE NFL GOES FOR A TOUCHDOWN!" AND I SAYS, "YEA, BUT THEY SCORED, NOT US." HE SAYS, "IT WON'T MATTER. I CAN TELL EVERYBODY IT WAS A TOUCHDOWN!" THAT'S HOW EXCITED HE WAS.

EQUALLY EXCITABLE WERE THE TEAM'S RADIO MAN....

RADIO – 10, 12, 15, 17, 10, 6, 5, TOUCHDOWN!

AND ITS SECONDARY COACH.

JIMMY CARR NEVER TOOK A DRINK IN HIS LIFE AND NOBODY EVER THOUGHT HE WAS SOBER.

MAN, I LOVED HIM TO LIFE. WE USED TO CALL HIM BROTHER/BROTHER. THAT WAS JIMMY CARR'S NICKNAME.

BROTHER/BROTHER DANCED EVERY GAME.

JIMMY CARR WAS THE BEST DANCING COACH IN THE HISTORY OF THE NFL. HE GOT THE WHOLE TEAM DANCING.

SOON, SOME OF THE BEST DANCERS IN THE WORLD BEGAN FLOCKING SEE TO THE FALCONS.

DEION SANDERS KNEW M.C. HAMMER. AND SO, THEY HAD HIM ON THE SIDELINE.

I WAS REALLY DESIRING TO BE AN ENTERTAINER, AND I THINK SOMEWHERE IN HAMMER'S MIND, HE REALLY WANTED TO BE AN ATHLETE. SO WE KIND OF MET, AND IT CLICKED.

TOO LEGIT TO QUIT!

TOO LEGIT TO QUIT BECAUSE NO MATTER WHAT THE SITUATION IS, YOU'RE TOO LEGIT TO QUIT.

BUT HAMMER WASN'T THE ONLY HEAVYWEIGHT CELEBRITY IN THE FALCONS CORNER.

ONE DAY WE WENT OUT TO THE ATLANTA AIRPORT AND EVANDER HOLYFIELD GOT ON THE PLANE. HE NEVER TOLD ME HE WAS COMING. I DON'T KNOW IF THE PLAYERS DID. AND YOU DON'T GO TELL A HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMP, "GET OFF THE PLANE!" YOU DON'T DO THAT, YOU KNOW.

EVANDER, TRAVIS TRITT, M.C. HAMMER. ALL THE CELEBRITIES. IT WAS A LITTLE DIFFERENT BUT THE TRUTH OF THE MATTER IS, IT WORKED FOR US.

THE FALCONS OVERCAME AN 0 AND 2 START TO WIN FIVE OF THEIR NEXT SEVEN GAMES....(YES!!) GENERALLY MAKING FEW FRIENDS IN THE PROCESS.

COULDN'T STAND THEM. COULDN'T STAND THEM. IT WAS A BIG TIME RIVALRY.

IN '91, THE FALCONS SWEEPED THE 49ERS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN OVER A DECADE, THANKS IN PART TO A BACKUP QUARTERBACK.

WE PUT BILLY JOE TOLLIVER IN FOR THE LAST PLAY BECAUSE HE COULD THROW THE BIG BEN.

WE HAD A DRILL CALLED BUCKETS. EVERYDAY THE QBS DID EVERYDAY.

WE HAD BUCKETS 50 YDS. AWAY AFTER EVERY PRACTICE,. AND THEY HAD TO THROW THE BOMB AND DROP THE BALL IN THE BUCKET. HE COULD DO IT EVERYDAY.

RADIO – 9 SECS., 14-10.

SO WE PUT HI MIN THERE AND WE THREW THE BIG BEN.

RADIO – THERE GOES TOLLIVER. A LONG HIGH PASS DOWN IN THE CORNER. BATTED. THEY FIGHT. TOUCHDOWN! TOUCHDOWN! TOUCHDOWN!!

TOO LEGIT TO QUIT!!

TOUCHDOWN LAST PLAY OF THE GAME. BILLY JOE TOLLIVER PLAYED 1 PLAY. THAT WAS THAT TEAM.

RADIO – AND THAT’S OL’ LADY LUCK. THAT’S WHAT THAT IS.

I’D RATHER HAVE LUCK THAN SKILL BABY.

YOU COULD KIND OF SEE THAT THE MYSTICAL SEASON REALLY KIND OF COMING INTO FORM.

RADIO – TAKES THE SNAP, MILLER DOES, AND LOOKS AND LOOKS AND DOWN THE MIDDLE!! TOUCHDOWN!!

SEVERAL LAST-SECOND WINS HELPED PROPEL THE FALCONS TO A 10-6 RECORD AND A TRIP TO THE PLAYOFFS.



RADIO – TODAY IN THE NEWSPAPER, BY THE WAY, THEY HAD 15 REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD HATE THE FALCONS. I WAS LISTED IN THE PAPER AS ONE OF THE 15 REASONS WHY THEY SHOULD HATE THE FALCONS.

AT NEW ORLEANS, ATLANTA OVERCAME A 10-POINT DEFICIT TO TAKE THE LEAD WITH UNDER THREE MINUTES TO PLAY.

RADIO – HAINES! HAINES! TOUCHDOWN! TOUCHDOWN MICHAEL HAINES!!  
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IF WE STOP THIS LAST DRIVE WE WIN THE GAME.

RADIO – HEBERT TAKES IT. HE'S BACK. HE THROWS. INTERCEPTED!  
MCKYER!

CATCH THE BALL. FALL DOWN. OK, LET'S GET OUT OF DODGE, RIGHT?

BUT, UNFORTUNATELY, IT DIDN'T END LIKE THAT.

RADIO – HE WANTS TO LATERAL. HE DOES TO DEION.

REMEMBER, GET THE BALL TO PRIME.

WHY LAY DOWN ON THE BALL WHEN WE WERE THE NFL'S VERSION OF THE RINGLING BROS. CIRCUS?

THE GAME'S OVER. WE WON, UNLESS WE FUMBLE THE FOOTBALL.

RADIO – AND HE LATERALS! FISHBECK!

BUT THAT ISN'T THE WAY WE PLAYED.

IT WAS JUST ONLY FITTING THAT WE GIVE THE FOLKS A SHOW.

RADIO – FISHBECK HAS SCORED!

THEY SAID IT WAS A FORWARD LATERAL. I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IT. BUT IT WAS A GREAT PLAY.

THAT, TO ME, WAS KIND OF A MICROCOSM OF WHAT WE WERE.

THE FOLLOWING WEEK THE FALCONS WERE ELIMINATED FROM THE PLAYOFFS BY THE SUPER BOWL-BOUND REDSKINS. THEIR LASTING LEGACY TO FOOTBALL -- NOT A TROPHY, BUT A SPIRIT.

NO TEAM EVER HAD AS MUCH FUN AS WE HAD IN '91.

IF I COULD FREEZE TIME, I WOULD FREEZE 1991. IT WAS THE BEST TIME OF MY LIFE.

WHEN IT'S OVER ALL YOU HAVE IS THE MEMORIES OF YOUR TEAMMATES, OF THE CAMARADERIE OF THE LIFE AND THE TIME SPENT WITH ONE ANOTHER, MAN. THAT'S ALL YOU HAVE. WE GOT SOME MEMORIES.

THAT TEAM IN '91, INSIDE OF THEM THEY LOVE FOOTBALL AND THEY LOVE PLAYING. THIS WAS THE MOST FUN TEAM EVER IN PRO FOOTBALL.

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