

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **Week 13**

### **CAROLINA PANTHERS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

KANSAS CITY MAY NEVER FIND ANSWERS TO ITS QUESTIONS.

BUT THE CHIEFS HAVE ALREADY FOUND ONE ANOTHER.

### **JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ BUFFALO BILLS**

A LITTLE RAIN COULDN'T DAMPEN THE SPIRIT OF BILLS DEFENSIVE TACKLE KYLE WILLIAMS.

THE BILLS TOOK CONTROL OF THE GAME, AND NEVER LET GO.

### **PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS**

AGAINST MIKE TOMLIN'S BANGED UP STEELERS / THE RAVENS HAD A CHANCE TO CLINCH THE AFC NORTH.

(RADIO – BOLDIN TD; FLACCO SIDELINE)

PITTSBURGH WAS WORKING WITH A PATCHWORK OFFENSE, BUT A STEEL RESOLVE.

BALTIMORE HAD WON 15 STRAIGHT AT HOME. THE STEELERS HAD NEVER BEATEN THE RAVENS WITH BEN ROETHLISBERGER SIDELINED. BEHIND THIRD-STRINGER CHARLIE BATCH, PITTSBURGH OVERCAME LONG ODDS, AND A 10-POINT DEFICIT.

(RADIO – MILLER TD CATCH; STEELERS SIDELINE)

WITH THE SCORE TIED AT 20 / THE 37-YEAR-OLD BATCH WAS FIVE-FOR-FIVE ON A DRIVE THAT CHEWED UP THE GAME'S FINAL SIX MINUTES.

(RADIO – WINNING FIELD GOAL; HANDSHAKE)

### **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ DETROIT LIONS**

THANKS TO MATT STAFFORD'S ARM, THE DETROIT LIONS HAVE THE NFL'S NUMBER ONE PASSING OFFENSE.

BUT A GOOD HANDS ARE A BETTER FIT...FOR RECEIVERS.

AGAINST THE COLTS, THE STAFFORD-TO-JOHNSON CONNECTION HAD TO OVERCOME A FEW MISFIRES.

### **NEW YORK GIANTS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

AGAINST LONDON FLETCHER AND THE REDSKINS DEFENSE, BIG PLAYS WERE HARD TO COME BY.

WASHINGTON'S OPTION-BASED ATTACK HAD MUCH BETTER LUCK.

UP BY ONE WITH TWO MINUTES LEFT, WASHINGTON NEEDED TWO FIRST DOWNS IN ORDER TO PRESERVE VICTORY.

### **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ CHICAGO BEARS**

CHICAGO IS THE TEAM KNOWN FOR ITS PHYSICAL PLAY. THE SEATTLE UPSTARTS TRIED TO TURN THAT ON ITS HEAD.

DESPITE THE SEAHAWKS BEST EFFORTS, THE GAME APPEARED TO BE OUT OF REACH./ WITH LESS THAN FOUR MINUTES LEFT, THEY TRAILED 14 TO 10.

THE TASK WAS DAUNTING, BUT WITH RUSSELL WILSON LEADING THE WAY, THE SEAHAWKS BELIEVE THEY CAN OVERCOME JUST ABOUT ANYTHING.

THE ONLY PRAYER THE BEARS HAD LEFT WAS A HAIL MARY.

(slow) IN OVERTIME, A GAME OF LAST-SECOND DRAMA CAME DOWN TO MERE INCHES.

### **MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS**

ON HIS 29<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY, AARON RODGERS MARKED HIS BIG DAY BY DOING WHAT HE ALWAYS DOES.

THE VIKINGS TRIED TO SPOIL THE PARTY WITH A PAIR OF SECOND QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS.

THE DAY REALLY BELONGED TO ADRIAN PETERSON WHO RUSHED FOR 210 YARDS.

ON THE FIRST PLAY OF THE SECOND HALF, PETERSON BROKE THREE TACKLES ON A 48 YARD RUN. THE PACKERS WERE ON THEIR HEELS. A.P. WAS AVERAGING NEARLY 12 YARDS A CARRY.

UP 14 TO 10, MINNESOTA COULD HAVE TAKEN A TWO SCORE LEAD. WHAT FOLLOWED WAS THE PLAY THAT DECIDED THE GAME AND PERHAPS THE FATE OF THE VIKINGS' SEASON.

AFTER THE INTERCEPTION THE VIKINGS WERE SHUT OUT THE REST OF THE WAY. THE PACKERS RAN THE BALL AND WON THE GAME. MORE IMPORTANT, THEY RECLAIMED A SHARE OF THE DIVISION LEAD.

### **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

BUT WHEN PEYTON MANNING FALLS DOWN -- HE GETS UP QUICKLY AND STANDS EVEN TALLER.

TRAILING 10-7 AT THE HALF, THE BRONCOS TOOK CONTROL OF THE GAME IN THE THIRD QUARTER WITH 21 UNANSWERED POINTS.

### **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

THE SAINTS WERE A DESPERATE TEAM, BUT DESPERATION BECAME DESPAIR AFTER FALLING BEHIND 17-0.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 55 GAMES, DREW BREES FAILED TO THROW A TOUCHDOWN, AND FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS CAREER, HE THREW FIVE INTERCEPTIONS.

NEW ORLEANS ONLY TRAILED BY A TOUCHDOWN, BUT IT WAS A HOLE THAT BECAME IT'S GRAVE.

### **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ ST LOUIS RAMS**

THE RAMS ALREADY WENT TOE-TO-TOE WITH THE 49ERS IN WEEK-10, WHEN THEY PLAYED TO A FIVE QUARTER TIE. ON SUNDAY, ST. LOUIS WAS LOOKING TO STAY UNBEATEN IN THE DIVISION.

**WHIPAROUND: Arizona Cardinals @ New York Jets; Cleveland Browns @ Oakland Raiders; Philadelphia Eagles @ Dallas Cowboys; Cincinnati Bengals @ San Diego Chargers; New England Patriots @ Miami Dolphins; Houston Texans @ Tennessee Titans**

AFTER MARK SANCHEZ'S THIRD INTERCEPTION, HE WAS PULLED IN FAVOR OF GREG MCELROY TO SET UP AN UNBELIEVABLY DRAMATIC FINISH.

CLEVELAND HAS BEEN PLAYING HARD, AND HAD LITTLE PROBLEM SHAKING THE RAIDERS.

BROWNS PROVED HARD TO TAKE DOWN. UNDRAFTED RUNNING BACK BRYCE BROWN HAS 347 YARDS IN HIS FIRST TWO NFL STARTS AFTER A BIG NIGHT AGAINST THE COWBOYS.

TONY ROMO WENT UNDRAFTED AS WELL, NOW HE'S THE CAREER LEADER IN TOUCHDOWN PASSES FOR DALLAS.

IT'S HARD TO TELL HOW A COLLEGE LEGEND WILL TRANSLATE INTO THE PROS, BUT SOMETIMES ALL YOU NEED IS A CHANCE.

IT'S BEEN A (JAKE) LONG TIME SINCE THE DOLPHINS HELD THE PATRIOTS IN (BELI)CHECK. THEY MAY HAVE HAD THEIR PHIL (BIN) OF (TOM) BRADY'S BUNCH, BUT CLIMB THAT (TANNE) HILL THEY MUST.

BUT SOMETIMES WES (WELKER) IS MORE. AND THE TITANS COULD HAVE USED MORE PROTECTION FROM JJ WATT.