

NFL GAMEDAY

Week 22

SUPER BOWL – 1ST HALF

1ST QUARTER

IN THE FIRST QUARTER OF SUPER BOWL 47, THE 49ERS LOOKED NERVOUS.

THEY SHOWED FLASHES OF THEIR DYNAMIC OFFENSE.

BUT THEIR ONE SUSTAINED DRIVE STALLED IN THE RED ZONE, FORCING THEM TO SETTLE FOR A FIELD GOAL.

FROM THE START, IT WAS CLEAR SAN FRANCISCO WASN'T FACING AN AVERAGE JOE.

AS THE FIRST QUARTER CAME TO A CLOSE, THE 49ERS TRAILED SEVEN TO THREE.

2ND QUARTER

TIGHT END VERNON DAVIS IMMEDIATELY WENT TO WORK. RAY LEWIS AND THE RAVENS LABORED TO STOP HIM.

WITH A FIRST AND TEN FROM BALTIMORE'S 25 YARD LINE, ROOKIE LE MICHAEL JAMES FUMBLED, AND THE TEAM FROM THE GOLDEN STATE SQUANDERED A GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY.

JOE FLACCO AND COMPANY SET OUT TO CAPITALIZE ON THE 49ERS' MISCUE.

ON SAN FRANCISCO'S FIRST OFFENSIVE PLAY FOLLOWING JAMES' FUMBLE, COLIN KAEPERNICK WAS INTERCEPTED BY ED REED.

IN FIVE PREVIOUS SUPER BOWL APPEARANCES, 49ER QUARTERBACKS HAD NEVER THROWN AN INTERCEPTION.

REED'S PICK WAS THE PRELUDE TO A BACKYARD BRAWL.

IN ANY WAR, THE ELEMENT OF SURPRISE CAN BE AN EFFECTIVE WEAPON.

AFTER A 3 AND OUT, THE 49ERS ONCE AGAIN TRIED IN VAIN TO COOL OFF THE RED HOT RIGHT ARM OF JOE FLACCO.

KAEPERNICK AND THE NINERS OFFENSE FINISHED THE SECOND QUARTER LIKE THEY BEGAN IT – BY MOVING DEEP INTO RAVENS TERRITORY. JIM HARBAUGH WOULD HAVE A LOT TO CHEW OVER DURING THE INTERMISSION. TO CLOSE OUT THE FIRST HALF, HE CALLED ON PLACEKICKER DAVID AKERS.

SUPER BOWL – 2ND HALF

AT 7:37 LOCAL TIME, HALF OF THE SUPERDOME PLUNGED INTO DARKNESS.

FOLLOWING RAY RICE'S FUMBLE, THE FRENETIC PACE OF SUPER BOWL 47 SLOWED...AS DEFENSIVE STOPS FORCED BOTH TEAMS TO SETTLE FOR FIELD GOALS ON THEIR NEXT POSSESSIONS.

EARLY IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, COLIN KAEPERNICK RESUMED SAN FRANCISCO'S TOUCHDOWN TREND.

BUT KAEPERNICK'S ARM COULDN'T TIE THE GAME.

JOE FLACCO PLAYED LOOSE—AND SHOWED IT BY CALLING AN AUDIBLE ON A KEY THIRD AND ONE.

PLAYMAKING LED TO POINTS

WITH 4:19 REMAINING, THE 49ERS BEGAN A DRIVE TO WIN THE SUPER BOWL.

FRANK GORE RUMBLED 33 YARDS TO THE BALTIMORE SEVEN YARD LINE.

THE RAVENS RAN THREE PLAYS TO BURN CLOCK, THEN CALLED TIMEOUT.