

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **Week 1**

### **PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

HE MISSED AN ENTIRE SEASON. WENT 610 DAYS BETWEEN NFL GAMES. NOW, AT LONG LAST, PEYTON MANNING IS BACK – AND HE'S A BRONCO.

THE STEELERS WERE HAPPY TO SHOW MANNING WHAT HE'D BEEN MISSING.

PRESSURE CAME. MANNING SAW, AND MANNING CONQUERED.

400 WASN'T ENOUGH. IN AUGUST, MIKE WALLACE HELD OUT – IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, HE HELD ON, AND THE STEELERS HAD THE LEAD.

SO MANNING THREW TOUCHDOWN PASS 401.

AND ANOTHER NEW BRONCO PUT THE GAME AWAY.

### **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ TENNESSEE TITANS**

WEEK 1 WAS A FAMILY REUNION FOR TITANS CORNERBACK JASON MCCOURTY AND HIS TWIN BROTHER DEVIN.

FOR TOM BRADY, IT WAS A CHANCE TO CATCH UP WITH SOME OLD FRIENDS.

THE TITANS GOT TO BRADY JUST ONCE, BUT LEFT THE FACE OF THE FRANCHISE WITH A BLOODY NOSE. THE BEST WAY TO STOP BLEEDING? APPLY PRESSURE.

THE PATRIOTS' DEFENSE FORCED TWO TURNOVERS TO PUT THE GAME OUT OF REACH, WHILE BRAGGING RIGHTS IN THE SIBLING RIVALRY WERE STILL UP FOR GRABS.

### **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS**

IT HAD BEEN 22 YEARS SINCE SAN FRANCISCO WON IN GREEN BAY. WHILE LAMBEAU FIELD HASN'T BEEN FRIENDLY TERRITORY FOR THE 49ERS, FORMER VIKING RANDY MOSS HAS ALWAYS MADE HIMSELF AT HOME.

MOSS' COMEBACK HAS BEEN CALLED BY SOME A LONG SHOT, BUT NOT AS LONG AS DAVID AKERS RECORD TYING 63 YARD FIELD GOAL.

AFTER THREE QUARTERS, THE PACKERS TRAILED 23-7.

SAN FRANCISCO TOOK GREEN BAY'S BEST SHOTS, AND THE PACKERS CUT THE 49ERS LEAD TO EIGHT TWICE IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER.

### **BUFFALO BILLS @ NEW YORK JETS**

DESPITE A PUNCHLESS PRE-SEASON, THE JETS OFFENSE PACKED A WALLOP AGAINST BUFFALO.

KERLEY ALSO MADE STOOGES OUT OF BUFFALO'S SPECIAL TEAMS.

NEW YORK NEVER TRAILED IN THE GAME, DESPITE BEING UNABLE TO CONTAIN C.J. SPILLER.

SPILLER RUSHED FOR A CAREER-HIGH 169 YARDS.

RYAN FITZPATRICK THREW FOR 3 SCORES.

BUT HE WAS INTERCEPTED THREE TIMES.

MARK SANCHEZ FIRED 3 TOUCHDOWN PASSES, 2 OF THEM TO ROOKIE STEPHEN HILL.

### **DALLAS COWBOYS @ NEW YORK GIANTS**

ENTERING 2012 SOME QUARTERBACKS HAVE NOTHING LEFT TO PROVE. SOME STILL DO.

THE DEFENDING SUPER BOWL CHAMPIONS DID MAKE A GAME OF IT. BUT THE COWBOYS WERE ABLE TO OVERCOME EVERYTHING NEW YORK THREW AT THEM.

LAST YEAR DALLAS OFTEN HAD TROUBLE FINISHING OPPONENTS.

TONY ROMO'S TEAM POLISHED OFF THE REIGNING CHAMPIONS.

### **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ CLEVELAND BROWNS**

UNFORTUNATELY, LUCK, BUGS AND MICHAEL VICK HAVE PROVED FRAGILE AT TIMES.

ROOKIE RUNNING BACK TRENT RICHARDSON DELIVERED ONE OF THE FEW BIG BLOWS FOR CLEVELAND'S OFFENSE.

IT WAS VICK WHO HAD THE BIGGEST IMPACT ON THE GAME. HE THREW 56 TIMES FOR OVER 300 YARDS, BUT HE WAS ALSO INTERCEPTED 4 TIMES.

DOWN BY 6 IN THE FINAL MINUTES, VICK NEEDED TO DRIVE THE EAGLES 91 YARDS FOR THE GAME-WINNING SCORE.

### **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ ARIZONA CARDINALS**

KOLB DIDN'T COME IN THE GAME, HE TOOK IT OVER.

BING, BANG, BOOM. /THE BACKUP LOOKED LIKE A WORLD BEATER.

ROOKIE RUSSELL WILSON ALMOST DID HIM ONE BETTER.

### **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ CHICAGO BEARS**

LUCK RAN OUT ON THE COLTS EARLY LAST SUNDAY.

PHILOSOPHICAL YES. TRUE? NOT REALLY.// THE COLTS HAD SOME GOOD FORTUNE. JUST NOT NEARLY ENOUGH GOOD COVERAGE.

### **ATLANTA FALCONS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS**

HERE'S A POSER: JUST HOW IS THE REST OF THE LEAGUE SUPPOSED TO STOP JULIO JONES?

JUST ABOUT ANYONE RUNNING A ROUTE WAS A PROBLEM FOR K.C.

### **MIAMI DOLPHINS @ HOUSTON TEXANS**

NOT MUCH WENT RIGHT FOR THE DOLPHINS. MIAMI MUSTERED ITS ONLY TOUCHDOWN ON SPECIAL TEAMS.

ROOKIE RYAN TANNEHILL LOOKED SHAKEY IN HIS FIRST NFL START, THROWING THREE INTERCEPTIONS ON THREE STRAIGHT POSSESSIONS.

ARIAN FOSTER ALSO STRUGGLED AT TIMES...

...HE WAS HELD TO THREE YARDS-PER-CARRY BY MIAMI'S "NO-NAME" DEFENSE.

### **WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

THE SAINTS APPEARED WELL-CHOREOGRAPHED LAST SUNDAY -- BUT THEY NEVER COULD QUITE FIGURE OUT HOW TO STOP ROBERT GRIFFIN III, THE NEWEST STAR IN THE NATION'S CAPITAL.

RG III GOT MOST OF THE PLAYS JUST FINE. ON AN OPENING DAY WHERE A LEAGUE RECORD FIVE ROOKIES STARTED AT QUARTERBACK, ONLY GRIFFIN WAS ABLE TO LEAD HIS TEAM TO VICTORY.

TOO BAD GRIFFIN CAN'T ALSO PLAY DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS.

THE SAINTS MOUNTED A SECOND-HALF COMEBACK, MAKING IT A ONE-SCORE GAME IN THE CLOSING MOMENTS.

**ST LOUIS RAMS @ DETROIT LIONS**

NO SCRIPT.

**WHIPAROUND: Jacksonville @ Minnesota; Carolina @ Panthers; San Diego @ Oakland; Cincinnati @ Baltimore**

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