NFL GAMEDAY

Week 3

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

NO SCRIPT

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS

(PREGAME; PEPPER JOHNSON SIDELINE)

JOE FLACCO AND THE RAVENS / ERASED A 13 TO NOTHING FIRST-QUARTER DEFICIT.

(RADIO – PITTA TD)

RAVENS RECEIVER TORREY SMITH WAS PLAYING LESS THAN 24 HOURS AFTER HIS 19-YEAR-OLD BROTHER WAS KILLED IN A MOTORCYCLE ACCIDENT.

(RADIO – SMITH TD)

SMITH LED BALTIMORE WITH SIX CATCHES, 127 RECEIVING YARDS AND TWO SCORES.

(RADIO – SMITH TD)

THE GAME FEATURED NEARLY 900 YARDS OF OFFENSE AND FIVE LEAD CHANGES.

(JOHNSON SIDELINE)

AND THE END WAS EERILY SIMILAR TO LAST YEAR'S AFC CHAMPIONSHIP.

(LEWIS SIDELINE)

JUST LIKE IN JANUARY, FLACCO DROVE HIS TEAM INTO FIELD GOAL RANGE, <u>THIS</u> TIME WITH A CHANCE TO WIN.

CINCINNATTI BENGALS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS

IN BUILDING A 24-10 HALFTIME LEAD, THE BENGALS BATTERED ROBERT GRIFFIN III.

RG III'S D.C.DEBUT HAD EVERYTHING AN AUDIENCE COULD WANT – DRAMA, SUSPENSE AND SKILL.

BUT ANDY DALTON STOLE THE SHOW WITH TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

HOUSTON TEXANS @ DENVER BRONCOS

BRONCOS FANS BROUGHT THE SOUND – DENVER'S DEFENSE, THE FURY. ONE HIT COST THE TEXANS TWO POINTS – ANOTHER COST MATT SCHAUB A CHUNK OF EARLOBE.

OF COURSE, AN EAR ISN'T NECESSARY TO DO GREAT THINGS. IN A DISPLAY OF ARTISTRY WORTHY OF VAN GOGH, SCHAUB THREW FOUR TOUCHDOWN PASSES, AND THE TEXANS BUILT A 20 POINT LEAD.

ANY KID KNOWS YOU DON'T LET THE PIGEON DRIVE THE BUS. ANY COACH KNOWS PEYTON'S NEVER OUT OF A GAME. MANNING'S TWO FOURTH QUARTER TOUCHDOWN PASSES PULLED THE BRONCOS WITHIN SIX.

IF YOU LIVE BY THE FOLLY, YOU MIGHT DIE BY IT – BUT AT LEAST YOU'LL LEAVE 'EM LAUGHING.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ ARIZONA CARDINALS

THE CARDINALS DEFENSE OVERWHELMED MICHAEL VICK, SACKING HIM 5 TIMES AND FORCING TWO FUMBLES.

LARRY FITZGERALD HELPED ARIZONA CRUISE TO AN EASY VICTORY.

VICK NEVER SAW KERRY RHODES COMING ON THE BLITZ.

NEW YORK JETS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

(FROM "WHY ARE YOU COVERING ME, I AIN'T S-T")

THE LOSS OF ALL-PRO CORNERBACK DARRELLE REVIS TO A SEASON-ENDING INJURY BOOSTED THE CONFIDENCE DOLPHINS RECEIVER DAVONE BESS.

(FROM "GENETICS")

THE MIAMI DEFENSE MADE BIG PLAYS IN THE RED-ZONE.

(FROM "WE KEEP THEIR DEFENSE ON THE FIELD...")

BUT KEEPING THE DOLPHINS' OFFENSE **ON** THE FIELD MEANS DEALING WITH ROOKIE MISTAKES.

JEREMY KERLEY'S TOUCHDOWN GAVE NEW YORK THE LEAD WITH THREE MINUTES TO PLAY.

BESS HELPED LEAD MIAMI TO A TYING FIELD GOAL. IN OVERTIME, DAN CARPENTER HAD THE CHANCE FOR THE GAME-WINNER.

MARK SANCHEZ' 38-YARD PASS TO SANTONIO HOLMES PUT THE JETS AT VICTORY'S DOORSTEP.

DETROIT LIONS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

MEGATRON AND POINTS IS AS SURE A THING AS SUNRISE IN THE EAST; THE REAL QUESTION WAS WHETHER THE TITANS COULD MATCH THE LIONS SCORING PACE.

TENNESSEE RAN FREE AND EASY, SCORING EVERY WAY IMAGINABLE.

ACTUALLY, IT WAS 5 BUT EVEN THAT WASN'T ENOUGH.

IN OVERTIME THE TITANS KICKED A FIELD GOAL AND DETROIT FACED A CHOICE. KICK ONE OF THEIR OWN FOR A TIE, OR CONVERT ON 4^{TH} DOWN, THEN SCORE A TOUCHDOWN FOR THE WIN.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

SETTLE DOWN CHIEF. SURE THE SAINTS ARE DANGEROUS BECAUSE THEY CAN THROW AND CATCH. BUT THEY'RE VULNERABLE BECAUSE THEY CAN'T TACKLE. ASK JAMAAL CHARLES, WHO RAN FOR 233 YARDS.

KICKER RYAN SUCCOP MADE SOME HISTORY TOO BY BOOTING 6 FIELD GOALS.

ATLANTA FALCONS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

LIGHTNING MOVES FAST. SPEED CREATES HEAT. AND WHEN THE POTATO GETS HOT, HOLD ON // OR YOU'LL END UP GETTING MASHED.

IN A MATCHUP OF TWO-AND-OH TEAMS, THE CHARGERS SCORCHED THEMSELVES BY TURNING THE BALL OVER FOUR TIMES.

THE FALCONS WERE NOT IMMUNE TO THE HEAT // OR THE HITS // BUT ATLANTA ULTIMATELY SHRUGGED OFF BOTH.

MATT RYAN COMPLETED THIRTY OF FORTY PASSES AND THREW THREE TOUCHDOWNS AS THE FALCONS – LIKE HOT AIR – CONTINUED TO RISE ABOVE THE COMPETITION.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

IN AN EXTREMELY PHYSICAL GAME//THE COWBOYS ONCE AGAIN BULLDOZED THE BUCCANEERS.

ST. LOUIS RAMS @ CHICAGO BEARS

BRANDON MARSHALL AND THE BEARS LEANED ON THEIR DEFENSE, WHICH FORCED SIX SACKS AND HELD THE RAMS TO 160 YARDS.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ OAKLAND RAIDERS

RAIDERS LEGEND MARCUS ALLEN CAME HOME TO LIGHT THE ETERNAL FLAME. MUSTA BEEN INSPIRATIONAL, BECAUSE DARREN MCFADDEN TORCHED THE STEELERS.

PITTSBURGH ACTUALLY LED BY 10 POINTS IN THE 4TH QUARTER//

BUT THE RAIDERS ARE TEAM WITH WEAPONS// AND ON THE GAME'S FINAL PLAY, THEY USED THEIR BEST ONE.

<u>THE WHIPAROUND:</u> NY Giants @ Carolina; Buffalo @ Cleveland; Jacksonville @ Indianapolis; San Francisco @ Minnesota

A GOOD MAGICIAN NEVER REVEALS HIS TRICKS, BUT THERE WAS NO SECRET TO THE GIANTS' DISMANTLING OF THE CAROLINA PANTHERS.

JUST GIVE THE BALL TO ANDRE BROWN, WHO RAN FOR 113 YARDS IN HIS FIRST NFL START AND FINISHED WITH <u>HIS</u> LEVITATION ACT.

THAT'S A PERFORMANCE THAT ANOTHER FAMOUS BROWN WOULD BE PROUD OF. THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID FOR BILLS RECEIVER TJ GRAHAM, WHO CELEBRATED HIS TRIP TO THE END ZONE WITH A FROLIC THROUGH THE MEADOWS.

JAGUARS RECEIVER CECIL SHORTS HAULED IN HIS FIRST CAREER TOUCHDOWN AS WELL, THOUGH IT REMAINS UNCLEAR HOW MANY YARDS HE RAN TO GET IT.

STEVE YOUNG FAMOUSLY SCRAMBLED <u>49</u> YARDS TO BEAT THE MINNESOTA VIKINGS, BUT THAT WAS A LONG TIME AGO. THIS TIME, IT WAS THE NINERS WHO SUFFERED AT THE FEET OF A NIMBLE QUARTERBACK.