

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **Week 4**

### **NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ BUFFALO BILLS**

THE 2-1 BILLS JUMPED OUT TO A COMMANDING LEAD OVER A PATRIOTS TEAM REELING FROM 2 STRAIGHT LOSSES.

WHEN TOM BRADY GETS THIS LOOK IN HIS EYES, NO LEAD IS SAFE.

NEW ENGLAND RUSHED FOR ALMOST 250 YARDS AS THEY BECOME THE FIRST TEAM SINCE 1972 TO SCORE MORE THAN 45 POINTS IN THE SECOND HALF. THE GROUND GAME GAVE THE PATRIOTS PLAY ACTION SOME BITE, AND THEY CHEWED UP THE BILLS.

### **NEW YORK GIANTS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

ON SUNDAY NIGHT THE EAGLES RETIRED THE NUMBER 20 OF FORMER SAFETY BRIAN DAWKINS. // DAWKINS IS A TOUGH ACT TO FOLLOW IN PHILADELPHIA. // BUT THAT'S THE JOB FOR NUMBER 42 KURT COLEMAN.

AFTER NINE STRAIGHT PUNTS, THE OFFENSES GOT INTO THE ACT.

ELI MANNING'S THIRD QUARTER TOUCHDOWN PASS TO VICTOR CRUZ TIED THE GAME AT TEN.

IT ONLY TOOK ELI THREE MINUTES TO OVERCOME A 6-POINT 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DEFICIT.

EXPECTING THE GIANTS TO RUN, COLEMAN BIT ON THE PLAY-ACTION FAKE, VACATING HIS AREA OF RESPONSIBILITY AND ALLOWING THE GIANTS TO MOVE INTO POSITION TO TAKE THE LEAD.

AS USUAL, THE EAGLES ANSWERED THE GIANTS AT EVERY TURN. // SEEKING THEIR 8<sup>TH</sup> VICTORY IN 9 GAMES AGAINST THEIR RIVAL, THE EAGLES DROVE TO A GO-AHEAD FIELD GOAL.

THE GIANTS WOULD HAVE ONE MORE CHANCE AT A 54-YARD FIELD GAME-WINNER IN THE FINAL SECONDS.

### **CAROLINA PANTHERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

THE FALCONS ARE UNAFRAID. / AND WHY NOT? / THEY'RE BIG, / TOUGH AND COOL AS ICE.

CAM NEWTON KNOWS APPLAUSE ON THE ROAD DOESN'T COME EASY, BUT FOR CAROLINA, SCORING DID.

### **MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ DETROIT LIONS**

ACTUALLY, IT ONLY TOOK THE FIRST TWELVE SECONDS OF THE GAME TO PUT LIONS HEAD COACH JIM SCHWARTZ IN A GRUMPY MOOD.

WHICH SOON BECAME HEART-BURN.

IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER DETROIT CHIPPED AWAY AT A 14-POINT DEFICIT.

THE LIONS GOT ONE LAST CHANCE TO TIE THE GAME IN THE CLOSING MOMENTS.

### **NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS**

MOMENT'S AFTER KICKOFF, GREEN BAY'S WARMTH FOR THE REGULAR REFS CHILLED.

AARON RODGERS EASED THE FRUSTRATION BY FIRING THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN THE FIRST HALF.

WHEN RODGERS WAS FORCED TO THE BENCH WITH AN EYE INJURY, THE PACKERS SAW THEIR LEAD VANISH.

IT ONLY TOOK DREW BREES FOUR PLAYS TO TURN THE FUMBLE INTO SIX.

RODGERS'S FOURTH TOUCHDOWN PUT HIM IN POSITION TO PULL OFF THE FEAT AGAIN.

THERE WAS PLENTY OF ANGER INSIDE LAMBEAU DURING THE CLOSING MINUTES, THANKS TO A BLOWN CALL BY THE OFFICIALS.

IT APPEARED THE PACKERS WOULD BE DONE-IN AGAIN, BY THE MEN FANS LOVE TO HATE. BUT IN THE NFL, FEELINGS AND FORTUNES CAN CHANGE INSTANTLY.

### **SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ NEW YORK JETS**

IT TAKES A LOT OF NERVE TO BE AN NFL COACH./ IT SEEMS EVERYONE IS SINGING THE PRAISES OF THE BACKUP QUARTERBACK./ THE 49ERS WERE AMUSED BY THE IDEA AND MADE THE JETS LOOK FUNNY.

IT WAS THE JETS WHO KEPT TURNING THE BALL OVER AND IT DIDN'T MATTER WHO PLAYED QUARTERBACK.

THE GAME PROVED THE OLD ADAGE: TWO QUARTERBACKS ARE NOT BETTER THAN ONE, UNLESS, OF COURSE, YOUR DEFENSE GIVES UP ZERO.

### **TENNESSEE TITANS @ HOUSTON TEXANS**

IN WHAT RESEMBLED A PAGAN RITUAL, HOUSTON'S DEFENSE TREATED TENNESSEE'S QUARTERBACKS LIKE SACRIFICIAL LAMBS.

THE TEXANS KNOCKED JAKE LOCKER OUT OF THE GAME THEN FORCED THREE TURNOVERS BY MATT HASSELBECK.

HOUSTON'S LEAD WAS JUST 14-7 WHEN DANIEAL MANNING RETURNED AN INTERCEPTION 55 YARDS.

KAREEM JACKSON SCORED ON ANOTHER TEXANS THEFT. HOUSTON REMAINED UNDEFEATED BEHIND A DEFENSE THAT TOTALLY TORCHED THE TITANS.

### **MIAMI DOLPHINS @ ARIZONIA CARDINALS**

YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE YOUR HAT OFF TO THE CARDINALS -- THEY'RE AT THEIR BEST WITH THEIR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL.

ARIZONA TRAILED 13-7 IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER WHEN KEVIN KOLB CONNECTED WITH ANDRE ROBERTS FOR A 46 YARD TOUCHDOWN.

LESS THAN 3 MINUTES LATER, MIAMI SCORED ON AN 80 YARD PASS PLAY.

KOLB SQUEEZED EVERY LAST OUNCE OF DRAMA FROM A LAST-DITCH DRIVE.

IN OVERTIME, IT WAS LEFT TO JAY FEELY TO KEEP THE CARDINALS UNDEFEATED.

### **WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**

ROBERT GRIFFIN III HAS SEEMINGLY DONE IT ALL IN HIS SHORT NFL CAREER, BUT WHEN HE ENTERED RAYMOND JAMES STADIUM, LEADING A COME-FROM-BEHIND VICTORY HAD YET TO APPEAR ON HIS PRO RESUME. ALFRED MORRIS' 39 YARD TOUCHDOWN RUN SUGGESTED A COMEBACK WOULD BE UNNECESSARY AGAINST THE BUCS.

BUT TAMPA BAY ERASED AN 18 POINT DEFICIT BEHIND JOSH FREEMAN'S 299 PASSING YARDS. VINCENT JACKSON'S HAD 6 CATCHES FOR 100 YARDS AND A TOUCHDOWN.  
CONNOR BARTH KICKED FIELD GOALS OF 50, 57, AND 47 YARDS.

"102 SECONDS" WAS PLENTY OF TIME TO BURNISH "THE SAGA OF R.G. III." HE MARCHED THE REDSKINS 56 YARDS IN 7 PLAYS TO SET UP A GAME-WINNING FIELD GOAL.

### **CHICAGO BEARS @ DALLAS COWBOYS**

THE BEARS DEFENSE AIN'T AS YOUNG AS IT USED TO BE. DESPITE FIVE STARTERS OVER THE AGE OF 30, THIS UNIT MADE CHILD'S PLAY OUT OF TONY ROMO.

ROMO MANAGED A BRIEF RECOVERY.

JAY CUTLER THREW A PAIR OF SCORING PASSES, INCLUDING A 31 YARDER TO A LONESOME BRANDON MARSHALL.

ON A MONDAY NIGHT IN BIG D, IT WAS ALL ABOUT CHICAGO'S BIG "D."

5 INTERCEPTIONS HELPED THE BEARS IMPROVE TO 3-1.

**THE WHIPAROUND: Cleveland @ Baltimore; Oakland @ Denver; San Diego @ Kansas City; Cincinnati Bengals @ Jacksonville; Seattle @ St. Louis**

**NO SCRIPT**