

NFL GAMEDAY

Week 8

ATLANTA FALCONS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

THE FALCONS SCORED ON THEIR FIRST 6 POSSESSIONS AND NEVER LOOKED BACK.

TWO WEEKS AGO THE EAGLES FIRED DEFENSIVE COORDINATOR JUAN CASTILLO. AGAINST THE FALCONS THEY GAVE UP 21 POINTS IN THE FIRST 24 MINUTES.

LESEAN MCCOY HAD A ROUGH START.

BUT MCCOY WAS ONE OF THE EAGLES FEW BRIGHT SPOTS, AND SCORED BOTH THEIR TOUCHDOWNS.

IN ANDY REID'S 14 YEARS AS HEAD COACH HIS TEAM HAD NEVER LOST COMING OFF A BYE. BUT IT WILL TAKE MORE THAN AN EXTRA WEEK TO FIX PHILLY'S FAILINGS.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

BY THE FOURTH QUARTER IT WAS THE COLTS WHO CONVERTED IN CRUCIAL MOMENTS TO DEADLOCK THE SCORE.

A BIG PLAY FOR THE TITANS NEVER CAME, AS THE COLTS METHODICALLY DROVE THE BALL DOWNFIELD.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS

IN THEIR 1934 THROWBACK UNIFORMS, THE STEELERS RESEMBLED BUMBLE-BEES AND THE REDSKINS FELT THE STING OF JONATHAN DWYER #27.

DWYER HAS BEEN GENERATING GOOD BUZZ, BUT WHILE HE GAINED OVER 100 RUSHING YARDS FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK, HE HAS YET TO FIND THE END ZONE THIS SEASON.

THE STEELERS SCORED ON THEIR FIRST 4 POSSESSIONS.

THIS GAME WAS A BLEAK CHAPTER IN THE STORYBOOK SEASON OF ROOKIE SENSATION ROBERT GRIFFIN III. MISTAKES MADE IT A FRUSTRATING AFTERNOON FOR MIKE SHANAHAN.

BEN ROETHLISBERGER WAS IN CONTROL FOR 4 QUARTERS, AS HE THREW FOR 222 YARDS WHILE COMPLETING PASSES TO NINE DIFFERENT RECEIVERS.

THE THROWBACK UNIFORMS UNDERScoreD THE STEELERS' TIME-TESTED ABILITY TO "WIN UGLY."

NEW YORK GIANTS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

STAR-CROSSED. THAT'S HOW SOME HAVE DESCRIBED THIS YEAR'S COWBOYS. AS IF THEIR MISFORTUNE COULD BE BLAMED ON SOMETHING COSMIC. BUT SOMETIMES YOU MAKE YOUR OWN LUCK.

THE COWBOYS SPOTTED THE GIANTS A 23 POINT LEAD. BUT THE SAME "STARS" WHO NEARLY SEALED THE COWBOYS FATE, BEGAN TO SHINE.

ROMO MADE A SECOND PLAY AT THE GOAL LINE TO PUT THE COWBOYS AHEAD.

THE GIANTS MANAGED JUST 2 FIELD GOALS IN THE SECOND HALF.

DOWN BY 5 POINTS, ROMO REPEATEDLY FOUND JASON WITTEN, WHO SET AN NFL RECORD FOR A TIGHT END WITH 18 CATCHES.

THE COWBOYS GOT THE BALL BACK WITH ONE LAST SHOT AT VICTORY.

A FINGERNAIL IS ALL THAT CROSSED THE LINE OF THE END ZONE. A FINGERNAIL IS WHAT DETERMINED THE OUTCOME OF THE GAME. AND FOR THAT, THE GIANTS CAN THANK THEIR LUCKY STARS.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ DENVER BRONCOS

THE LAST TIME PEYTON MANNING FACED OFF AGAINST DREW BREES, THE SAINTS WON THE SUPER BOWL.

THERE WERE MANY SUPER PERFORMANCES IN THIS GAME, BUT ALL OF THEM BELONGED TO THE DENVER BRONCOS.

THE SAINTS ATTACKED BUT WERE KEPT BACK ON THEIR HEELS BY A BALANCED BRONCOS OFFENSE THAT GAINED MORE THAN 500 YARDS.

WILLIS MCGAHEE GAINED 122 YARDS RUSHING AND CAPPED A 98-YARD DRIVE BY SCORING THE GAME'S FIRST TOUCHDOWN.

MANNING THREW FOR OVER 300 YARDS AND WHEN HE NEEDED A BIG PLAY, HE FOUND RECEIVER DEMARIYUS THOMAS.

IN SHORT YARDAGE, MANNING'S FAVORITE TARGET WAS ERIC DECKER.

THE DENVER DEFENSE DID ALLOW TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES, BUT IT HARDLY MATTERED.

THE SAINTS GAINED A SEASON-LOW 252 YARDS.

BREES SPENT MOST OF THE NIGHT WATCHING HOW EVEN MANNING'S UGLIEST PLAYS HAD BEAUTIFUL RESULTS.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW YORK JETS

IN THE STORMY AFC EAST, ACTIONS SPOKE LOUDER THAN WORDS.

AS MATT MOORE READIED TO TAKE CONTROL OF HIS OFFENSE, HIS SPECIAL TEAMS AND DEFENSE TOOK CONTROL OF THE GAME.

ONE THING IS CERTAIN, IN THE CROWDED AFC IT'S GOOD TO HAVE A VETERAN NUMBER TWO QUARTERBACK.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

IT'S DIFFICULT FOR ANYONE TO HANDLE PACKERS LINEBACKER CLAY MATTHEWS. *SOUND BITE: "YOU HELD TOGETHER BY TAPE? YOU LOOK LIKE A ROBOT"*

NO ONE ON GREEN BAY'S DEFENSE DRAWS MORE ATTENTION.

TRAILING 7 TO 3 IN THE SECOND QUARTER, JACKSONVILLE LOOKED NOTHING LIKE THE WORST PASSING OFFENSE IN THE LEAGUE. BUT DRIVING DOWNFIELD WAS ONE THING...FINISHING WAS SOMETHING ELSE.

LATE IN THE FIRST HALF, IT WAS JACKSONVILLE'S TURN TO CAPITALIZE ON A MISTAKE.

THE PACKERS' DEFENSE KEPT THE JAGUARS OUT OF THE END ZONE IN THE SECOND HALF, ALLOWING JUST 108 YARDS.

GREEN BAY LED BY 2 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, BUT THERE'S NO DISCOUNTING AARON RODGERS. A DOUBLE CHECK OF THE SCORE HAD THE PACKERS AHEAD BY 2 POSSESSIONS.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

ERIC BERRY HAS EQUINOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF HORSES. HE DOESN'T HAVE CHROMATOPHOBIA, THE FEAR OF COLORS...ESPECIALLY SILVER AND BLACK.

IN FACT IN THIS AFC WEST RIVALRY THE CHIEFS AND THE RAIDERS ARE KNOWN FOR TRADING JABS WITH EACH OTHER.

THE CHIEFS HAVE NOT PUT THE PIECES TOGETHER THIS SEASON. THEIR OFFENSE RESEMBLES A JIGSAW PUZZLE THAT NEITHER BRADY QUINN NOR MATT CASSEL HAVE BEEN ABLE TO ASSEMBLE.

AFTER LOSING 4 OF THEIR FIRST 5 GAMES OAKLAND IS TRYING TO TURN THINGS AROUND.

CARSON PALMER'S 2 TOUCHDOWNS AND SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI'S 4 FIELD GOALS GAVE THE RAIDERS THEIR SECOND STRAIGHT WIN.

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TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

ELEGANT. SLEEK. TIMELESS. THE FADE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST.

ADRIAN PETERSON CAN BE JUST AS IMPOSSIBLE TO TACKLE.

BUT DOUG MARTIN HAD A 64-YARD SCORE OF HIS OWN AND AMASSED 214 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

(IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE, THE RECAP CAN BE READ IN A VAMPY, HORROR-MOVIE STYLE. MAYBE THINK VINCENT PRICE?)

A WICKED STORM CREEPS ACROSS THE LANDS... TOWELS POWERLESS AGAINST WET HANDS.

A FRESH TERROR EMERGES FROM THE EERIE LAKE... LEAVING BAIT AND TACKLES IN HIS WAKE.

THE FATE OF NORV HANGS BUT BY A THREAD... CAN HE ONCE AGAIN COME BACK FROM THE DEAD?

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ ARIZONA CARDINALS

WILD LINES

ALEX SMITH THREW THREE TOUCHDOWNS AGAINST THE CARDINALS... AND ONLY ONE INCOMPLETION.

SMITH COMPLETED 18 of 19 PASSES AS THE 49ers BROKE RECORDS FOR ACCURACY... AND THE ANKLES OF THE CARDINALS SECONDARY.

HEAVEN KNOWS ARIZONA IS MISERABLE NOW, THANKS TO THE SMITHS.

ALDON SMITH SACKED JOHN SKELETON TWICE, AND HELPED HOLD ARIZONA TO 7 RUSHING YARDS.

AND ALEX SMITH COMPLETED 18 of 19 PASSES AS THE 49ers BROKE RECORDS FOR ACCURACY... AND THE ANKLES OF THE CARDINALS SECONDARY.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ DETROIT LIONS

THE LIONS AND SEAHAWKS JOCKEYED FOR A SPOT IN THE WINNER'S CIRCLE.

LATE IN THE FOURTH, SEATTLE SLEW DETROIT'S SECONDARY.

WITH UNDER A MINUTE LEFT, THE LIONS NEEDED A TOUCHDOWN TO WIN...AND CALVIN JOHNSON WAS OPEN IN THE END ZONE.

THINGS CAN CHANGE. THINGS CAN GO YOUR WAY. IF YOU HOLD ON FOR ONE MORE PLAY.

(IN A WHISPER) HOLD ON, FOR ONE MORE PLAY!

CAROLINA PANTHERS @ CHICAGO BEARS

IN THE FIRST HALF, CAROLINA SACKED JAY CUTLER SIX TIMES AND FORCED THREE TURNOVERS.

CAM NEWTON LOST THE BALL TOO, BUT IT DIDN'T HURT THE PANTHERS.

ANOTHER SLIPUP ALSO RESULTED IN A SCORE... FOR CHICAGO.

CHICAGO TRAILED BY TWO WITH TWO MINUTES LEFT. TO GET WITHIN FIELD GOAL RANGE, IT ONLY NEEDED ONE PLAY, TO ONE PLAYER.