

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **Week 10**

### **OAKLAND RAIDERS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS**

JOHN HARBAUGH WAS ON AN EMOTIONAL ROLLERCOASTER, BUT HIS RAVENS GOT UNTRACKED AND ROLLED THE RAIDERS.

IT WASN'T PERFECT, BUT IT WAS BALTIMORE'S MOST CONVINCING WIN OF THE SEASON.

### **DALLAS COWBOYS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

SO FAR IT HASN'T BEEN A GREAT YEAR TO BE AN EAGLE OR A COWBOY, AND WITH BOTH TEAMS AT 3-5, SOMETHING HAD TO GIVE.

THE EAGLES GOT THE JUMP ON THE COWBOYS, BUT DALLAS BOUNCED BACK.

PHILADELPHIA WOULD HAVE TO DO WITHOUT MICHAEL VICK. // VICK WAS SIDELINED WITH A CONCUSSION AND REPLACED BY ROOKIE NICK FOLES WHO HAD NEVER TAKEN AN NFL SNAP.

UP 17-10, THE EAGLES SAW THEIR LEAD SLIP AWAY.

TIED AT 17 AT THE START OF THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE COWBOYS DEFENSE AND SPECIAL TEAMS REELED OFF 21 POINTS.

### **HOUSTON TEXANS @ CHICAGO BEARS**

IN A DRENCHING DOWNPOUR IN THE WINDY CITY, THE TEXANS BEAT THE BEARS AT THEIR OWN GAME...BALL-HAWKING, DEFENSIVE FOOTBALL.

THE TOUGHEST TAKEAWAY FOR CHICAGO WAS THE LOSS OF QUARTERBACK JAY CUTLER WHO RECEIVED A CONCUSSION FROM THIS PENALIZED HELMET-TO-HELMET HIT FROM TIM DOBBINS.

NEITHER TEAM GAINED MANY YARDS BUT ARIAN FOSTER SLOGGED HIS WAY TO 102 AND SCORED THE GAMES ONLY TOUCHDOWN.

### **SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS**

NO PRE-GAME PROPHET COULD HAVE PREDICTED BUC CORNERBACK LEONARD JOHNSON'S MISSED TACKLE ON SAN DIEGO'S FIRST POSSESSION. CHARGER WIDEOUT DANARIO ALEXANDER NEEDED NO FURTHER ASSISTANCE... TO GO THE DISTANCE.

BUT BUCCANEER ROOKIE PHENOM DOUG MARTIN – AKA THE “MUSCLE HAMSTER” – MADE CERTAIN THAT ALEXANDER'S BREAKAWAY DIDN'T STAND UP FOR LONG.

IN THE END, THE LEAD WOULD CHANGE HANDS THREE TIMES.

IN GAMES WHERE ONE PLAY ACTUALLY DOES DECIDE THE OUTCOME, IT'S USUALLY A QUARTERBACK WHO FINDS HIMSELF AT FAULT.

EACH TIME THE CHARGERS SEIZED THE ADVANTAGE – THE BUCS RETALIATED.

IN THE END.....TAKEO SPIKES PRE-GAME PROPHECY PROVED TO BE EERILY CORRECT – ONLY NOT FOR THE CHARGERS.

A DEFENSIVE BACK DID CEMENT THE OUTCOME...

... AND LEONARD JOHNSON MORE THAN MADE UP FOR HIS MISSED TACKLE IN THE FIRST QUARTER.

### **ATLANTA FALCONS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

THE UNDEFEATED ATLANTA FALCONS IGNITED THEIR OPENING DRIVE BY CONNECTING WITH THEIR FRANCHISE'S ALL-TIME LEADING RECEIVER, THEN ENDED IT WITH A PLAYER WHO HAD NEVER CAUGHT A PASS.

NEW ORLEANS ENTERED THE GAME NEAR THE BOTTOM OF THE LEAGUE IN RUSHING, BUT OUTGAINED ATLANTA BY MORE THAN 100 YARDS, LED BY BY BACKUP CHRIS IVORY.

THE PAST AND PRESENT OF THE TIGHT END POSITION WERE ON DISPLAY. TONY GONZALEZ AND JIMMY GRAHAM EACH HAD TWO TOUCHDOWNS AND OVER 100 YARDS RECEIVING.

EARLY IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER, WITH NEW ORLEANS LEADING BY 11, GONZALEZ CAUGHT HIS 101<sup>ST</sup> CAREER TOUCHDOWN PASS.

WITH UNDER TWO MINUTES LEFT IN THE GAME AND TRAILING BY 4, THE FALCONS HAD THREE CHANCES FROM THE GOAL LINE TO PRESERVE THEIR UNDEFEATED RECORD.

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

THE LIONS LEFT RAGNAR ALONE...

...SAME WITH VIKINGS RECEIVER JARIUS WRIGHT MAKING HIS NFL DEBUT.

(quick) WRIGHT ONLY HAD TO WAIT TWO MORE PLAYS.

(quick) KYLE RUDOLPH TURNED 23 LAST FRIDAY. ON SUNDAY, HE GOT HIS GIFT.

FOR THREE QUARTERS, THE ONE VIKING WHO HAD YET TO JOIN THE PARTY WAS THEIR BEST ONE.

THE NFL'S RUSHING LEADER FINISHED WITH 171 YARDS, 120 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

### **DENVER BRONCOS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS**

PEYTON MANNING AND THE BRONCOS SCORED 29 STRAIGHT POINTS.

AS A FOUR TIME LEAGUE MVP, IT'S HARD TO QUESTION THE DECISION MAKING OF #18.

WHILE MANNING DOESN'T HAVE A REPUTATION FOR USING HIS FEET, TRINDON HOLLIDAY DOES, AND HE MADE HIS SECOND RETURN TO THE ENDZONE IN AS MANY WEEKS.

BEFORE MANNING COULD FINISH MOTIVATING THE OFFENSE THE BRONCOS DEFENSE SCORED.

### **MOS**

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

THE BILLS WERE WINLESS IN THEIR FIRST TEN GAMES AT GILLETTE STADIUM. TRY NUMBER ELEVEN HAD A LESS-THAN-PROMISING START.

BUFFALO RAN AND PASSED FOR MORE YARDS THAN NEW ENGLAND.

BUT THE BILLS ALSO COMMITTED MORE TURNOVERS.

**ST LOUIS RAMS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

SAM BRADFORD LAUNCHED SKY ROCKETS IN FLIGHT.

BUT THE AFTERNOON WASN'T A DELIGHT.

ST. LOUIS SQUANDERED A 14-POINT LEAD.

TWO FAKE PUNTS HELPED THE RAMS FORCE OVERTIME. BUT A SPECIAL TEAMS BLUNDER COST ST. LOUIS A VICTORY.

**TENNESSEE TITANS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS**

WHILE JAKE LOCKER STOPPED, DROPPED, AND ROLLED, CHRIS JOHNSON CONTINUED TO BE ON FIRE.

MIAMI'S PASSING GAME NEVER GOT ROLLING.

**MOS**

**NEW YORK GIANTS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS**

BENGALS RECEIVER A.J. GREEN SAID THE GIANTS HAD A LOT OF HOLES ON DEFENSE.

ANDY DALTON FOUND EVERY GAP, PASSING FOR A CAREER-HIGH 4 TOUCHDOWNS TO 4 DIFFERENT RECEIVERS.

**NEW YORK JETS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

BEING AWARE OF YOUR SURROUNDINGS IS CRUCIAL, BECAUSE YOU NEVER KNOW WHO IS LURKING.

FOR SEATTLE, EVERYTHING'S COMING UP 'GOLDEN'.

**INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

THE COLTS ARE ALL SMILES THESE DAYS. THE BOUNCES SEEM TO BE GOING THEIR WAY.

ANDREW LUCK'S 2 RUSHING TOUCHDOWNS LED THE COLTS TO THEIR 4<sup>TH</sup> STRAIGHT WIN.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

IT TOOK 492 MINUTES OF THE 2012 SEASON FOR THE CHIEFS TO HAVE THEIR FIRST LEAD IN REGULATION...IT DIDN'T LAST.

AFTER BEN ROETHLISBERGER WAS KNOCKED OUT OF THE GAME WITH A SHOULDER INJURY, THE STEELERS NEEDED A PICK-ME-UP FROM THEIR DEFENSE.