

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **Week 17**

### **DALLAS COWBOYS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

ROBERT GRIFFIN THE THIRD SEEMS TO HAVE THE NFL IN THE PALM OF HIS HAND.

ESPECIALLY SINCE DALLAS SEEMED READY TO HAND THE NFC EAST TO THE REDSKINS.  
TONY ROMO SHRUGGED OFF A ROUGH START TO GIVE THE COWBOYS AN EARLY LEAD.

IN THE 4TH QUARTER ROMO RALLIED DALLAS TO MAKE IT A ONE SCORE GAME.

### **GREEN BAY PACKERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS**

NO SCRIPT

### **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

THE CHIEFS LIMPED TO THE FINISH LINE WITH ONLY ONE WIN IN THEIR FINAL 13 GAMES, BUT ONE HAND WAS ALL THE BRONCOS RECEIVERS NEEDED FOR AN EASY WIN IN DENVER.

WITH AN 11 GAME WINNING STREAK TO END THE SEASON, DENVER WRAPPED UP THE #1 SEED IN THE AFC.

### **CHI CAGO BEARS @ DETROIT LIONS**

JAY CUTLER NEEDED TO WIN A FOOTBALL GAME, NOT A POPULARITY CONTEST.

EARL BENNETT'S 60 YARD TOUCHDOWN RECEPTION HELPED THE BEARS BUILD A 20-3 LEAD.

CHICAGO'S DEFENSE ALLOWED THREE SCORING PASSES BY MATTHEW STAFFORD.

TOO MANY MISTAKES LED TO DETROIT'S UNDOING.

### **BALTIMORE RAVENS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS**

IT USED TO BE TABOO BEING A BENGALS FAN ...NOT THAT THERE'S ANYTHING WRONG WITH THAT.

THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THEIR DEFENSE EITHER, AS CINCINNATI SET A FRANCHISE RECORD WITH 51 SACKS THIS SEASON ON THE WAY TO CONSECUTIVE PLAYOFF APPEARANCES FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1982.

### **HOUSTON TEXANS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

WITH NOTHING TO PLAY FOR, EXCEPT THEIR COACH, THE COLTS DELIVERED ANOTHER INSPIRED PERFORMANCE.

### **CLEVELAND BROWNS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

NO SCRIPT

### **ARIZONA CARDINALS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE A DJ IF YOU WANNA DROP BEATS.

BUT IT HELPS IF YOU'RE IN RHYTHM, LIKE COLIN KAPERNICK AND MICHAEL CRABTREE.

CRABTREE CAUGHT 8 PASSES FOR A CAREER-HIGH 172 YARDS AND BECAME THE FIRST 49ER WIDE RECEIVER SINCE TERRELL OWENS TO GO OVER 1,000 YARDS IN A SEASON.

### **MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

TOM BRADY GOT ONE OF HIS FAVORITE RECEIVERS BACK, WHILE RYAN TANNERHILL DID ONE OF HIS LEAST FAVORITE THINGS: TAKING 7 SACKS ON THE COLD TURF IN FOXBOROUGH.

BRADY BECAME THE FIRST QUARTERBACK IN HISTORY TO THROW AT LEAST ONE TOUCHDOWN IN ALL 16 GAMES FOR THREE STRAIGHT SEASONS.

### **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

COMPLACENCY CAN SET IN WHEN YOUR TEAM BARRELS THROUGH THE REGULAR SEASON.

BUT WINNING CAN BECOME A HABITRAIL. THANKS TO THE MUSCLE HAMSTER, THE BUCS ARE BACK ON THE ROAD TO RESPECTABILITY.

THE NFC'S ROAD TO THE SUPER BOWL RUNS THROUGH ATLANTA; WAKE ME UP WHEN WE GET THERE.

### **ST LOUIS RAMS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS**

FOR NEARLY THREE QUARTERS, SEATTLE SCORED ONLY SIX POINTS AND RUSSELL WILSON WAS SACKED SIX TIMES.

TRAILING 10-6 IN THE 3<sup>RD</sup> QUARTER, THE ICE COLD SEAHAWKS GOT RED HOT.

### **WHIPAROUND: Philadelphia @ New York Giants; New York Jets @ Buffalo; Oakland @ San Diego; Jacksonville @ Tennessee; Carolina @ New Orleans**

ON SUNDAY, NATURE LOVERS BEHELD THE RAREST OF SIGHTS: AN EAGLE ON THE BRINK OF EXTINCTION.

AND THE MATING DANCE OF THE WHITE "HYNOCEROS."\*\*\*

\*\*\*PRONOUNCED LIKE "RHINOCEROS." HENRY HYNOSKI CALLS HIMSELF THE "HIGH-NOCEROS."

BUFFALO PARTED WAYS WITH CHAN GAILEY. BUT THEY SAY THAT WHEN A DOOR CLOSES, A WINDOW OPENS. YOU JUST HAVE TO STOOP DOWN TO WALK THROUGH. BECAUSE IT'S A LOW WINDOW... *[FOR THE FINAL SENTENCE, A QUICKER PACE, ALMOST LIKE A MUMBLE UNDER YOUR BREATH]* YEAH, THAT'S WHAT THEY SAY.

AFTER SIX YEARS, NORV TURNER'S REIGN ENDED. THE REPLACEMENT? HAIL.

BUT, ENOUGH WITH DEPARTURES. RETURNS LED TO A TENNESSEE BLOWOUT.

AND THE SAINTS EARNED THE TOP SPOT AMONG ALL-TIME SEASON LEADERS... FOR YARDS ALLOWED.