

# **NFL GAMEDAY**

## **Week 18**

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

THE STAGE WAS SET FOR TWO OF FOOTBALL'S BIGGEST STARS, BUT JUST BEFORE KICKOFF, AN UNLIKELY NAME WAS THRUST INTO THE SPOTLIGHT. VIKINGS BACKUP JOE WEBB WAS A LATE REPLACEMENT FOR CHRISTIAN PONDER, WHO COULDN'T GO BECAUSE OF AN ARM INJURY.

(WEBB – WE'RE ABOUT TO CATCH FIRE)

WEBB GOT OFF TO A HOT START RUNNING THE READ-OPTION.

HOWEVER, IN THE POCKET, THE QUARTERBACK WHO HADN'T ATTEMPTED A PASS ALL SEASON WAS INEFFECTIVE/ AND HIS THROWS WERE, AT TIMES, INEXPLICABLE.

(RADIO – NEAR INT.; "THAT WAS TOTAL FOOTBALL INSANITY")

WEBB COMPLETED JUST 11 OF 30 PASSES.

(RADIO – SHIELDS INT.; GREENE SOUND, PETERSON SOUND)

AFTER GIVING UP MORE THAN 400 YARDS RUSHING TO ADRIAN PETERSON IN TWO REGULAR SEASON GAMES, THE PACKERS HELD THE MVP CANDIDATE TO A MORE MANAGEABLE 99. / A BIG DIFFERENCE WAS THE RETURN OF DEFENSIVE BACK CHARLES WOODSON, WHO HAD MISSED THE TWO PREVIOUS GAMES AGAINST PETERSON.

(SOUND – WOODSON BRINGS A WHOLE NEW DIMENSION)

BY CONTAINING PETERSON, GREEN BAY MADE THE NIGHT EVEN TOUGHER ON WEBB.

(RADIO – MATTHEWS FORCES FUMBLE)

CHAD GREENWAY DID HIS BEST TO DENY THE PACKERS YARDS, AND EVEN SERVICE.

(GREENWAY – "NO SOUP FOR YOU.")

NO SOUP FOR THE PACKERS, JUST MEAT AND POTATOES FOOTBALL. / BALL CONTROL DRIVES ENDING IN TWO FIRST HALF SCORING RUNS.

(ALT.) NO APPETIZER FOR THE PACKERS, JUST A MAIN COURSE OF MEAT AND POTATOES FOOTBALL. / BALL CONTROL DRIVES ENDING IN TWO FIRST HALF SCORING RUNS.

(RADIO – KUHN TD RUN; VIKINGS SIDELINE; “IT AIN’T GONNA BE EASY.”)

THE MOST DIFFICULT CHALLENGE FOR THE VIKINGS WAS CONTAINING AARON RODGERS. SEEKING HIS FIRST PLAYOFF VICTORY AT LAMBEAU FIELD, RODGERS PLAYED WITH HIS USUAL ACCURACY AND ELUSIVENESS.

(VIKINGS SIDELINE, GREENWAY SOUND CHASING RODGERS)

RODGERS KEPT THE VIKINGS GUESSING ALL NIGHT. / HE SET AN NFL PLAYOFF RECORD BY COMPLETING PASSES TO 10 DIFFERENT RECEIVERS.

(GREENWAY TO KUHN “HE AIN’T GONNA THROW IT TO YOU.”)

RODGERS DID THROW TO NO. 30 FULLBACK JOHN KUHN, FOR THE SCORE THAT PUT THE GAME OUT OF REACH.

(RADIO – KUHN TD CATCH, END OF GAME)

### **CINCINNATI BENGALS @ HOUSTON TEXANS**

IN THE FIRST HALF, HOUSTON HELD THE BENGALS TO ONLY THREE PASSING YARDS.

EARLY IN THE SECOND QUARTER, CINCINNATI TRAILED SIX-NOTHING.

ARIAN FOSTER CARRIED THE TEXANS DOWN THE FIELD, AND INTO THE RED ZONE.

FOSTER’S SHIFTY MOVES TOOK THE TEXANS OFFENSE INTO ANOTHER GEAR.

ANDY DALTON DECIDED TO PUT CINCINNATI’S FATE IN THE HANDS OF A.J. GREEN.

GREEN WASN’T THE TARGET OF A SINGLE PASS IN THE FIRST HALF. IN THE SECOND, HE SAW 11, AS THE BENGALS SOUGHT A GAME-CHANGING PLAY.

### **INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS**

CHUCK PAGANO KNOWS RAY LEWIS' TENDENCIES WELL, HAVING ONCE COACHED HIM. BUT IT WAS LEWIS WHO PICKED UP AN EARLY VIBE FROM HIS FORMER COACH'S TEAM.

ON RAY'S BIG DAY, NOT EVERYTHING WENT HIS WAY.

ANDREW LUCK NEVER SAW THE END ZONE -- JUST A LOT OF SKY.

THE COLTS DEFENSE AIMED TO RETURN THE FAVOR.

WITH JOE FLACCO UNDER FIRE, THE RAVENS WENT TO PLAN "R"....RAY RICE.

...OR A TD PASS MORE PITTA-FULLY EASY THAN THIS ONE.

WHEN TIGHT END DENNIS PITTA BROKE ACROSS THE MIDDLE, LINEBACKER MOISES FOKOU FAILED TO KEEP UP.

IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER, "FORTUNE FAVORED THE BOLDIN."

BUT THIS DAY BELONGED TO ONE MAN.

IN 2012 THE COLTS PROVED "CHUCK STRONG."

THOUGH THEY'LL HAVE LUCK ON THEIR SIDE IN THE FUTURE, THE PRESENT IS ALL THAT COUNTS FOR RAY LEWIS, AS HIS BRILLIANT CAREER CONTINUES FOR ONE MORE WEEK.

### **SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

THEIR QUARTERBACK ENTERED THE PLAYOFFS HOBBLING BUT THE REDSKINS ARRIVED AS THE HOTTEST TEAM IN THE NFC. /FOR 15 MINUTES, THAT CONTINUED.

AFTER ALLOWING TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN TWO POSSESSIONS, SEATTLE'S DEFENSE TOUGHENED.

THE SEAHAWKS OFFENSE FOUND ITS FOOTING AND MADE IT A GAME AGAIN.

MARSHAWN LYNCH SCOOPED UP ONE FUMBLE, BUT LOST ANOTHER...

WITH LESS THAN EIGHT MINUTES LEFT, THE SEAHAWKS TRAILED BY 1.  
LYNCH REVERSED COURSE, AND WENT FROM GOAT... TO BEAST.