# **NFL GAMEDAY**

#### Week 19

## **BALTIMORE RAVENS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

THE BRONCOS AND RAVENS COMBINED FOR 21 POINTS IN THE FIRST 5 MINUTES.

THE REST OF REGULATION SHOWCASED THE MADDENING BRILLIANCE OF PEYTON MANNING.

BUT BALTIMORE TIED THE GAME JUST BEFORE HALFTIME.

TERRELL SUGGS MAY HAVE LOOKED READY TO PICK A FIGHT, BUT HE WAS JUST HORSING AROUND.

MANNING LED A 10 PLAY, 88 YARD DRIVE FOR THE GO AHEAD TOUCHDOWN IN THE FOURTH QUARTER.

THE BRONCOS INVESTED 5 YEARS AND 96 MILLION DOLLARS IN THEIR QUARTERBACK. THE GAME WAS TIED WITH 31 SECONDS LEFT. THEY NEEDED ABOUT 40 YARDS FOR A CHANCE AT A GAME WINNING FIELD GOAL. A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR A FRANCHISE QUARTERBACK.

### **GREEN BAY PACKERS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

SAN FRANCISCO'S WINNING FORMULA WAS ANYONE'S GUESS./ WOULD THEIR QUARTERBACK COWER WHEN FACED WITH PLAYOFF ADVERSITY?/ THE FIRST TWO DRIVES WOULD PROVIDE THE ANSWER.

THE 49ERS SUCCEEDED WHEN THEY KEPT AARON RODGERS IN THE POCKET.

THE PACKERS LED 14 TO 7 WHEN A PUNT TURNED THE GAME.

COLIN KAEPERNICK THREW TWO TOUCHDOWNS TO GIVE THE 49ERS THE LEAD.

IN THE SECOND HALF, THE 49ERS ATTACKED AND HIT THEIR TARGET.

THE PACKERS COULD NOT DO THE SAME.

(quick) KAEPERNICK <u>SHREDDED</u> THE PACKERS BY AIR AND BY GROUND, FINISHING WITH 181 RUSHING YARDS, THE MOST BY A QUARTERBACK IN NFL HISTORY.

### **HOUSTON TEXANS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

IN THE FIRST HALF, TOM BRADY CONNECTED WITH WES WELKER SIX TIMES FOR 120 YARDS. I WONDER WHAT GISELE THINKS OF WELKER'S PERFORMANCE?

RUNNING BACK SHANE VEREEN EVISCERATED THE TEXAN DEFENSE, AMASSING 124 TOTAL YARDS AND SCORING THREE TOUCHDOWNS.

NEW ENGLAND SCORED ON THREE OF THEIR FIRST FOUR POSESSIONS IN THE SECOND HALF, AND TURNED A FOUR POINT HALFTIME LEAD, INTO A 25 POINT FOURTH QUARTER CUSHION.

#### SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

FROM THE START, IT SEEMED NOT EVEN A TEAM OF DESTINY WAS GOING TO STOP THE STAR-CROSSED FALCONS FROM WINNING THE FIRST PLAYOFF GAME OF THE MIKE SMITH ERA.

DURING THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS, ATLANTA BURIED THE LEAGUE'S STINGIEST DEFENSE UNDER AN AVALANCHE OF POINTS.

RUSSEL WILSON TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE FALCON'S SOFT COVERAGE BY REPEATEDLY FEEDING THE BALL TO TIGHT END ZACH MILLER WHO LED ALL RECEIVERS WITH 142 YARDS.

SEATTLE'S WIDEOUTS ALSO DID PLENTY OF DAMAGE.