

NFL EXTRA

Week 20

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2:01:02;12 - COLIN KAEPERNICK

HELL OF A DAY FOR FOOTBALL, AIN'T IT? GREAT DAY FOR FOOTBALL. VERY GOOD. I GOTTA GET YOU READY TOO! I'M READY. I LIKE IT. RED 80! HUT! COME ON BOY.

RADIO - KAEPERNICK IN A GROUP TO HIS RIGHT. LOOKING. HE'S GOT NO PLACE TO THROW IT. NOW THROWS IT IN THE END ZONE. IT'S INTERCEPTED.

NO! AHH! LET'S GO! I OWE YA ALL. I THOUGHT FOR SURE THAT WAS 6. HEY MAN, WHEN YA ALL GONNA LET ONE OF MY DOGS GET OPEN? RED 80! HUT! HUT!

RADIO - GOES FOR THE DEEP BALL TO VERNON DAVIS! HE'S GOT IT AT THE 20! 10! GONE! TOUCHDOWN 49ERS! GREAT PLAY BY KAEPERNICK! HE HAD A FREE SHOT AND HE TOOK IT.

HEY VERN. WE GOTTA ROLL THIS RIDE. YOU HAVE SPEED. YOU HAVE SPEED. KAEPERNICK TAKES THE SNAP. STANDING IN THE POCKET THROWING A DEEP SHOT TO VERNON DOWN THE NEAR SIDELINE! HE'S GOT IT! TOUCHDOWN 49ERS! KAEPERNICK RIGHT ON THE MONEY TO VERNON!

THAT'S WHAT I'M TALKING ABOUT. I CAN DO IT ALL THE TIME. YOU KNOW THAT. I KNOW! ANYTIME YOU NEED IT. GET ME EXCITED. I'M EXCITED! I'M EXCITED!

2:02:55:20 - BOOMER AND FOOTBALLS

BRETT FAVRE HAS PASSED DAN MARINO!

DREW BREES PASSES JOHNNY UNITES!

AND THERE'S THE RECORD. PEYTON MANNING'S 51ST TOUCHDOWN PASS OF THE YEAR.

PASSING RECORDS KEEP FALLING LIKE DOMINOES BUT AS FORMER MVP BOOMER ESIASON SHOWS US, ONE NAME HAS BEEN ESSENTIAL TO ALL OF THEM. WILSON. AKA, THE DUKE.

THIS IS THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL. ITS ANCESTORS ARE MANY. THIS ONE VINTAGE 1900.

THIS WAS THE RUGBY BALL. THIS WAS THE KIND OF FOOTBALL THAT JOHN MADDEN WOULD'VE LOVED. IT GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1869. FOOTBALL WAS INITIALLY ABOUT RUNNING AND NOT THROWING. GUYS IN MUD. GUYS TRYING TO RUN THE BALL INCH BY INCH; AND THIS THING IS LIKE A BASKETBALL. I MEAN YOU COULD ACTUALLY BOUNCE IT AND PROBABLY SHOOT SOME FREE THROWS WITH IT. NOBODY THOUGHT ABOUT THROWING BALLS DOWN THE FIELD. MY GOD! OH MY GOODNESS. THERE'S NO WAY. THIS WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO THROW BACK IN THE DAY. IT'S LIKE A BALLOON BALL. THIS BALL WAS USED WHEN THE FORWARD PASS WAS ILLEGAL AND I CAN UNDERSTAND WHY.

THIS IS KNOWN AS THE WATERMELON BALL AND IT GOES ALL THE WAY BACK TO 1913. DURAY AND ROCKNE ACTUALLY SHOCKED ARMY BY THROWING THIS THING. IT'S FATTER. IT'S BIGGER AND IT'S HEAVIER. IT'S MUCH HEAVIER. I DON'T KNOW HOW THEY THREW THIS THING. I'M GONNA GIVE IT MY BEST SHOT. WATERMELON BALLS NOW GUYS. I DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY'RE GONNA GO. I HAVE NO IDEA. GO. UGH! OH MY GOD! THIS BALL IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO GRIP. THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN GRAB THIS. LOOKING BACK AT SOME OF THE OLD FILMS, GUYS WOULD LIKE SHOT-PUT IT.

THEN CAME THE FOOTBALL THAT CHANGED EVERYTHING.

THE PROFESSIONAL FOOTBALL IS A HIGHLY EVOLVED CREATURE. IT'S DIFFERENT THAN ITS ANCESTORS AS IS MODERN MAN FROM THE GREAT ... EACH BALL MEASURING UP IS GIVEN A NAME. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET THE DUKE.

THIS IS THE DUKE BALL AND THIS STARTED IN THE EARLY 40'S. IT'S NAMED AFTER WELLINGTON MARA. HE WAS THE OWNER OF THE GIANTS. WELLINGTON MARA WAS ACTUALLY NAMED AFTER THE DUKE OF WELLINGTON, AND HE WAS THE ONE WHO DID THE CONTRACT WITH WILSON. SO, THEREFORE, WILSON DECIDED TO CALL IT THE DUKE. THE ORIGINAL DUKE. GO!

NICE. THIS BALL ACTUALLY FEELS LIKE IT WAS MADE TO THROW. GUYS LIKE JOHNNY UNITES THREW THIS FOOTBALL, AND YOU CAN UNDERSTAND WHY HE WAS SO SUCCESSFUL THROWING IT.

ITS SMALL SIZE MEANS IT CAN BE FIRMLY GRASPED IN THE HAND OF A MAN AND ACCURATELY PROJECTED. PRIMA DESIGN MEANS IT CAN PIERCE THE AIR LIKE A BULLET.

WHEN THE UPSTART AMERICAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE CHALLENGED THE NFL IN THE EARLY 1960'S, IT ALSO TOOK ON THE DUKE WITH A FOOTBALL THAT WAS A QUARTER OF AN INCH LONGER AND NARROWER.

RADIO - NAMATH LOOKING FOR THE END ZONE! PULLING TOUCHDOWN TO MAYNARD!

THAT BALL LOOKED LIKE IT HAD HELIUM IN IT.

HERE WE HAVE THE SPALDING J5B. IT'S GOT AL DAVIS' NAME ON IT, AS THE COMMISSIONER OF THE AFL. AND THIS IS ONE OF THE RAREST BALLS OF ALL BECAUSE THEY TRIED TO DESTROY THESE BALLS THAT HAD AL DAVIS' NAME ON IT. FOR ME A QUARTER OF AN INCH MAKES THAT BIG OF A DIFFERENCE. JUST LIKE JOE NAMATH WOULD'VE THROWN IT. THIS BALL IS LONGER. IT'S THINNER. IT'S SHAPED LIKE A MISSILE. IT'S SHAPED TO GO THROUGH THE AIR. THIS BALL WAS BUILT TO THROW BECAUSE THIS GUY, AL DAVIS, KNEW WHAT FANS WANTED. THEY WANTED EXCITING, THROW THE BALL DOWN THE FIELD FOOTBALL.

RADIO - THROWING A DEEP BOMB. A LEAP IN THE END ZONE! BILETNIKOFF MAKES THE CATCH!! TOUCHDOWN RAIDERS!

IN THE MID-70'S WE HAVE ANOTHER LEAGUE. ALBEIT A FAILED LEAGUE, THE WFL, AND THEY HAD TO DO SOMETHING DIFFERENT. THEY HAD LACES THAT GO ALMOST FROM POINT-TO-POINT. IT'S RIDICULOUS. THERE'S NO NEED FOR ALL THESE LACES. O.K. THE WORLD FOOTBALL LEAGUE. NOT VERY EASY TO THROW. GOOD LUCK. NOT PRETTY. THIS DOES NOT SEEM LIKE A BALL THAT IS REALLY MADE TO THROW. THIS THING IS A LITTLE BIT TOO ENCUMBERED BY THE AMOUNT OF LACES. THAT BALL STINKS! THERE'S NO WONDER WHY THAT LEAGUE NEVER MADE IT.

RADIO - MONTANA LOOKING TOWARDS THE END ZONE. THROWING UNDER PRESSURE. THROWS HIS PASS. CAUGHT BY CLARK!

THE MODERN DUKE FOOTBALL. IT'S LONG ENOUGH. IT'S JUST WIDE ENOUGH AND IT HAS THE PERFECT AMOUNT OF LACES. TODAY'S FOOTBALL IS THE PERFECT SPHERE. NICE SPIRAL. AND THAT'S WHY YOU SEE QBS LIKE PEYTON MANNING, TOM BRADY, AARON RODGERS, CAM NEWTON, JOE FLACCO, RUSSELL WILSON FIRING THIS BALL DOWN THE FIELD.

RADIO - FIRES DOWN THE FAR SIDELINE. GOT A MAN. IT'S KEARSE! KEARSE MAKES THE CATCH!! TOUCHDOWN!!

THIS BALL IS ALL ABOUT THROWING IT DOWNFIELD.

THE EVOLUTION OF THE FOOTBALL IS A NEVER-ENDING PROCESS. IT'S MADE THE PASS MADE SUPREME AND NO MATTER HOW MANY RECORDS FALL, THE DUKE WILL ALWAYS BE KING.

RADIO - HE'S GONNA THROW IT TO THE END ZONE. HE'S ALMOST RIGHT OVER! TOUCHDOWN!!

2:09:11;12 - NATE POOLE

I CUT THIS MAN 4 TIMES.

RADIO - GET BACK GUYS. HERE IT IS! THE SEASON'S ON THE LINE! MCCOWN TAKES THE SNAP.

10 YEARS AGO THERE WAS A SPLIT-SECOND IN TIME THAT SENT A RIPPLE THROUGH THE NFL. WITH ONE IMPROBABLE PLAY TO END THE SEASON THE VIKINGS WERE OUT OF THE PLAYOFFS AFTER STARTING THE YEAR 6-0. THE

PACKERS WENT FROM OUT TO IN, AND THE PLAYER WHO MADE THE CATCH HAD EXPERIENCED HIS ONE SHINING MOMENT.

RADIO - TAKES THE SNAP! HE STEPS UP! HE'S ALL BY HIMSELF! FIRES INTO THE END ZONE! CAUGHT! TOUCHDOWN!!

AND HE CAME DOWN WITH THAT CATCH...AND I ...I'LL NEVER FORGET IT AS LONG AS I LIVE. I BLEW A GASKET. I COULDN'T BELIEVE WE WEREN'T GOING TO GO TO THE PLAYOFFS.

RADIO - NO!!! NO!!! THE CARDINALS HAVE KNOCKED THE VIKINGS OUT OF THE PLAYOFFS!!

MAKING IT WORSE, THE PLAYER THAT SIGNED MINNESOTA'S DEATH CERTIFICATE WAS SOMEONE NOBODY HAD EVER HEARD OF.

ONE GUY SAID, "DAVID BOSTON! DAVID BOSTON WINS THE GAME!!" BECAUSE I WORE 89 AND DAVID WORE 89 FOR SO MANY YEARS WITH THE CARDINALS. HE THOUGHT IT WAS DAVID BOSTON.

I WOULD BE WILLING TO BET YOU THAT 99% OF THE PEOPLE UP HERE THAT YOU ASK WHO... WAS, THEY WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW.

TAKE YOUR ASS HOME! DON'T COME BACK HERE!!

THEY REMEMBER THE GAME. NOT NECESSARILY THE GUY.

SO WE SENT #89 UNDERCOVER TO MINNESOTA POSING AS A REPORTER TO SEE IF ANY FANS REMEMBER THE GUY WHO BROKE THEIR HEARTS.

YEA, WE'RE GONNA TAKE YOU BACK 10 YRS. (10 YRS.) THE MINN. VIKINGS PLAYED AGAINST THE ARIZONA CARDINALS. YOU ALL WIN. YOU ALL WERE IN THE PLAYOFFS. IF YOU LOSE THE PACKERS ARE IN. DO YOU REMEMBER ANYTHING THAT HAPPENED LATE IN THAT GAME? SPECTACULAR PLAY?

IT WAS AWFUL. WE SHOULD'VE WON THE GAME. NO!! NO!!! NO!!!

MY KIDS WERE CRYING IN THE LIVING ROOM BECAUSE I SLAMMED MY HANDS DOWN SO HARD ON THE LIVING ROOM FLOOR. THEY SAID, "WHY IS DAD SO MAD?"

SO YOU REMEMBER THE GUY THAT WENT UP AND MADE THAT CATCH? (NOO.) YOU KNOW HIS NUMBER BY ANY CHANCE? I DON'T. I CAN'T REMEMBER. NOT AT THIS MOMENT. AHH. NO I DON'T. MEMORY ESCAPES ME.

I HEARD HE WAS A NICE-LOOKING YOUNG MAN ALSO. ABOUT 6'2ISH. 205 LBS. I CAN'T REMEMBER THE RECEIVER. HE WAS RANDY MOSS'S ROOMMATE IN COLLEGE. SOME SAY HE WAS BETTER THAN RANDY. HE COULD THAT BE? FITZGERALD MAYBE? I'M NOT VERY GOOD AT NAMES. UM, I WANT TO SAY IT WAS ...FREDRICKSON OR SOMETHING LIKE THAT? CAN'T THINK OF WHO IT WAS.

HIS NAME WAS NATE POOLE. O.K. YOU REMEMBER THAT NAME? YEA, I REMEMBER NATE POOLE.

NATE POOLE RINGS A BELL TO YOU. YEA, YEA. NOW IT DOES. NOW WAS THAT GUY OUT OR IN? HE WAS OUT.

WOULD YA ALL BE BOOING NATE POOLE IF YOU ALL SEEN HIM ON THE STREETS NOW? IS IT SAFE TO SAY THAT NATE POOLE'S NOT ALLOWED HERE AT THIS TAILGATE PARTY? ABSOLUTELY NOT. SO IF NATE POOLE WAS TO

COME OVER HERE AND SHAKE YOUR HAND OR TRY TO SHAKE YOUR HAND, WHAT WOULD YOU DO? I...GOOD GAME. HI. NATE POOLE. NICE TO MEET YOU SIR. HEY!! OH, THAT'S GOOD!! VERY NICE TO MEET YOU! AWESOME!

OH, YOU GONNA DO THAT TO US MAN! I WAS LIKE HOLD ON! I'M JUST DOING MY JOB! I WAS JUST DOING MY JOB! GET OUT OF HERE! HOLY ...!

SORRY. YOU RUINED OUR LIVES THAT YEAR BUT...YOU'RE THE MAN?! YES SIR. NOO!! YOU ARE??! YES SIR. YOU RUINED MY 40TH BIRTHDAY. THANK YOU. I AM SO SORRY. CAN I HAVE A HUG? ON DEC. 28TH.

NATE POOLE BEGAN THE 2003 SEASON AT HOME BY THE PHONE AFTER BEING RELEASED FOR A 4TH TIME.

I WAS LIKE, "OH MAN, AM I GONNA GO BACK TO SCHOOL AND FINISH SCHOOL?" MY WIFE JUST KEPT SAYING, "YOU CHASE YOUR DREAMS. WE'RE GONNA BE FINE. YOU CHASE YOUR DREAM." POOLE'S PHONE EVENTUALLY DID RING BUT HE RETURNED TO A RULE THAT HAD HIM ON THE FIELD INFREQUENTLY. WE PLAYED MINN. OF COURSE I'LL BE THE RANDY MOSS GUY WITH THE BEANIE ON MY HELMET. OR IF WE PLAYED THE RAMS, I'LL BE THE ISAAC BRUCE. I'LL BE THAT GUY. LATER ON IN THE YEAR I STARTED PLAYING PASSING DOWNS. THEY STARTED PUTTING ME IN MORE. I DON'T KNOW IF THEY JUST GAVE UP ON THE SEASON.

MEANWHILE THE VIKINGS WERE IN A FREEFALL. THEY HAD STARTED THE YEAR 6-0 BUT THEIR PLAYOFF HOPES WERE ON THE LINE WHEN THEY TRAVELLED TO ARIZONA TO CLOSEOUT THE SEASON. TO NATE'S OLD FRIEND RANDY MOSS, BEATING THE 3-12 CARDINALS SEEMED LIKE A GIVEN.

WENT OVER TO THE HOTEL WITH RANDY BEFORE THE GAME. SAID, "MAN, YOU'RE SORRY! MAN, I LOOK ON THE DEPTH CHART AND YOU PLAY ALL

SPECIAL TEAMS." HE SAID, "ARE YOU GONNA PLAY WIDE RECEIVER TOMORROW?" I SAID, "YES, AND WE'RE GONNA BEAT YA ALL." HE FELL OUT LAUGHING. HE THOUGHT THAT WAS THE BIGGEST JOKE HE HAD EVER HEARD.

I'M TIRED OF TALKING TO THE MICROPHONE. WHAT DO YA ALL WANT? WE'RE TRYING TO GET TO THE PLAYOFFS. THAT'S ALL I CAN TELL YOU. HIT HIM RIGHT IN HISHEAD SHAKE AND BAKE. LET'S GO. WATCH OUT CAMERAMAN.

IT WAS A POP WARNER TEAM PLAYING AGAINST THE MINN. VIKINGS, IN RANDY EYES.

NO ONE COULD ARGUE AFTER 58 MINUTES. THE POP WARNER CARDINALS TRAILED 17-6 AND SEEMED READY FOR THE GOLF COURSE. BUT AFTER A TOUCHDOWN AND A SUCCESSFUL ONSIDE KICK, NATE POOLE TOOK CENTER STAGE.

WHAT HAPPENED WAS, ANQUAN BOLDEN SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN IN MY POSITION. JUST THE WAY IT PLAYED OUT COMING BACK TRYING TO HURRY UP, IT PUTS EVERYBODY ON THAT SIDE, AND I'M OVER HERE BY MYSELF. WHEN I CAUGHT THE BALL I KNEW THAT I WAS GONNA COME DOWN INBOUNDS.

RADIO - CAUGHT!! TOUCHDOWN CARDINALS!!

THE REFS RULED POOLE WAS FORCED OUT. A RULE THAT DOESN'T EXIST TODAY, AND ALLOWED THE TOUCHDOWN. LIKE THAT MINN. WAS GOING HOME AND G.B. WAS IN THE PLAYOFFS.

AND THE WHOLE TIME I SEE RANDY SAYING, "YOU SORRY. YOU DON'T EVEN PLAY OFFENSE." THE BIGGEST PLAY OF MY CAREER AGAINST RANDY MOSS. I

GOTTA TALK TO HIM AT ALL THIS SEASON. AT THE END OF THE GAME. NOW THIS IS MY BOY. DIDN'T SAY ONE WORD TO ME. IN A TOWN HIS COLLEGE ROOMMATE ONCE MOONED, NATE POOLE WAS A STAR.

NATE POOLE'S MY HERO! YOU'RE THE BEST. COME PLAY WITH US.

THE GREEN BAY MAYOR MADE NATHAN POOLE DAY IN G.B. WISCONSIN, AND THEY GAVE HIM A KEY TO THE CITY AND BROUGHT HIM TO A PLAYOFF GAME.

IN HONOR UPON YOU, AND THAT IS AS A SPECIAL GUEST, A KEY TO THE CITY. SO HERE'S A KEY TO THE CITY FOR NATHAN POOLE.

MAYOR SCHMIDT'S CALLED ME. HE SAID, "I'M JUST GLAD YOU'RE NOT LIVING HERE BECAUSE I DON'T WANT YOU TO RUN FOR MAYOR."

WE'RE SO GLAD THIS GUY'S IN TOWN.THE CITY OF GREEN BAY. THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING ME. THANK YOU ALL FOR HAVING ME HERE, MAYOR. THESE FANS ALL HERE IS TERRIFIC. I FEEL LIKE ONE OF THE PACKERS HERE MAN. IT'S JUST A GREAT FEELING. THEY EMBRACE YOU WITH ALL THIS LOVE. I JUST LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL.

GREEN BAY'S PLAYOFF RUN ENDED IRONICALLY. IT WAS 4TH & 25 THAT GOT THEM IN AND 4TH & 26 THAT KNOCKED THEM OUT.

RADIO - AND FREDDIE MITCHELL MAKES THE CATCH. THE FIRST DOWN AT THE G.B. 46 YD. LINE!

POOLE'S CATCH BUMPED ARIZONA FROM THE #1 DRAFT PICK. THEY TOOK LARRY FITZGERALD AT 3 WHILE TOP PICK, ELI MANNING ENDED UP GETTING TRADED TO THE GIANTS. AS FOR NATE POOLE, HE CAUGHT JUST 8 MORE

PASSES THE REST OF HIS CAREER. BUT HE'S THANKFUL TO HAVE HAD THAT 1
MOMENT.

YOU WANT TO LIVE LIFE WITH THE CARDS YOU'RE DEALT. O.K. AND NOT TO
SAY THAT MY CARDS WAS BAD, FOOTBALL-WISE, BECAUSE I HAD A GREAT
TIME PLAYING FOOTBALL. I MEAN, WAS I A PRO BOWLER? NO. BUT I AM
HAPPY WITH THE ONE MOMENT.

AND THAT ONE MOMENT STILL FOLLOWS HIM TO THIS DAY.

WE'RE RIPPING UP THROUGH THESE GUYS. THEY'RE SWIMMING. THEY 200
LBS. MORE THAN US. THEY'RE THROWING US OFF-TRACK.

NATE IS NOW AN ASST. COACH AT CHARLOTTE LATIN HIGH SCHOOL, AND HIS
CATCH FROM A DECADE AGO HELPED HIM LAND A JOB. YOU SEE, NOT
EVERYONE FORGETS THE NAME NATE POOLE.

I COME IN AND JUST TRY TO MAKE A GOOD IMPRESSION ON THE COACHING
STAFF. HE D. COORD. COMES IN. A ... PACKER FAN. WHOLE FACE LIT UP AND
HE WAS LIKE "YOU... YOU MADE THAT CATCH AGAINST THE MINNESOTA
VIKINGS. YOU PUT THE PACKERS IN THE PLAYOFFS ENDING THE ONE DAY
THAT HE HAVEN'T BRUNG IT UP."

NO, YOU AIN'T THANK ME ENOUGH COACH. THANK YOU. I'M A PACKER FOR
LIFE. I'M A PACKER FOR LIFE BABY. PACKER FOR LIFE BABY.

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