

NFL Extra

Week 22

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2:34:05:20 - CROSSING THE LINE

REGULATOR MOUNT UP! WE'RE COMING!

IN A SPORT WHERE PHYSICALITY AND INTIMIDATION PLAY A LARGE ROLE, IT ISN'T HARD TO IMAGINE THAT ONCE THESE GREATS OF THE GRIDIRON GET BETWEEN THE LINES IT'S ALL BUSINESS.

I'M COMING. I'M COMING! YA ALL... I'M COMING.

LINEBACKER LONDON FLETCHER JUST COMPLETED A 16 YR. CAREER; AND MORE OFTEN THAN NOT, HE LET HIS ACTIONS DO THE TALKING.

...DOG... YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN? YOU KNOW WHAT I'M SAYING?

WE'RE IN A BATTLE SO THERE'S NOT REALLY A WHOLE LOT TO TALK ABOUT. DEFINITELY NOT THE MAN THAT COULD BE CONSIDERED FRIENDLY. FOR ME, I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HOW YOU'RE DOING. I'M NOT INTERESTED IN HOW YOUR FAMILY'S DOING. MY NAME IS FLETCHER! I'M NOT INTERESTED IN CHATTING WITH YOU.

I DON'T LIKE TALKING TO THE OPPONENT'S QB. JUST WANT TO PLAY FOOTBALL.

BUT ON OCCASION EVEN THE FIERCEST FOES EXCHANGE PLEASANTRIES. BUT WHAT EXACTLY DO THEY TALK ABOUT?

OLD MAN, GOOD LUCK MAN.

THE NFL. IT'S A LOT OF CHIT-CHATting. FRIENDLY TALK I SHOULD SAY.

WHAT'S UP MATT? I MISSED YOU IN WARM-UPS MAN. HOW YOU DOING? ALRIGHT.
(YEA. HOW YOU DOING?) GOOD. TENNESSEE OK? MIKED UP? YEA, I KNOW. YOU
GOTTA LET ME KNOW ABOUT THAT.

HEY LES. WELCOME TO DETROIT. (YEA. GOOD TO BE BACK.)

HEY CORY. THAT'S JIMMY SPENCER. OH WELL, WRONG GUY.

HEY JER! HOW YOU DOING? I'M DOING GREAT. HOW YOU DOING? GOOD LUCK, O.K.
HE'S THE BEST.

WHEN DID YA ALL GET IN? FRIDAY? (FRIDAY. FRIDAY LATE.)

WE TRAVEL ON FRIDAYS ALL THE TIME. YOU KNOW WHAT, I THINK IT'S DIFFERENT
MORE FROM WEST TO EAST. (IT IS BECAUSE YOU LOSE 3 HRS. YOU KNOW?

WHERE'D YA ALL STAY? WE STAYED AT THE HILTON TOWERS. (CAPITOL GRILL
THERE?) I THINK SO. I DON'T GO OUT.

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? YEA, IT RANGES. I MEAN IT DEPENDS ON HOW THE GAME'S
GOING. MAYBE TALKING ABOUT YOUR FAMILY.

HEY MAN. HOW YOU FEELING? GOOD LUCK TO YOU. HANGING IN THERE. HANGING
IN THERE? HOW'S YOUR LITTLE BOY AND GIRL? AWESOME. PRETTY AWESOME. IT
ONLY GETS BETTER. IT ONLY GETS BETTER. HOW'S ASHLEY? SHE'S GOOD. YEA.
HELL OF A THING, BEING A MOM. GOOD LUCK. SEE YA OUT THERE.

I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM WITH IT. YOU BECOME FRIENDS WITH THE GUYS YOU'RE
PLAYING WITH SO YOU CAN'T JUST TURN IT OFF.

HOW YA BEEN MAN?

IT'S NOT SO BAD TO JUST GO AND SAY HOW YA DOING?

WHAT UP LANCE BRIGGS? WHAT'S UP MAN? HOW YOU DOING? HEY MAN, HOW YOU DOING BROTHER? DOING ALRIGHT. I LOOKED FORWARD TO PLAYING YOU FOR A LONG TIME MAN. ME TOO MAN. ME TOO. I LOVE WATCHING YOU BROTHER. THANK YOU. WHAT'S UP JOE? WHAT'S UP BRO? HOW YOU DOING MAN? YOU GET BACK TO JERSEY AT ALL? YEA. YOU GO BACK IN THE OFF-SEASON? YEA. I'M UP THERE MOST OF THE TIME. YOU GOT A PLACE UP THERE? YEA. A LITTLE PLACE.

MAN, I TALK TO ANYBODY MAN!

...STINKS.

AND SOMETIME I JUST TALK TO THE REFS AND SEE HOW THEIR DAY GOING.

WHERE YOU FROM? I'M FROM NEW ORLEANS BUT I BE IN AZ IN THE OFF-SEASON WORKING OUT. YOU KNOW AZ. ARIZONA. OH YEA, ARIZONA. OH IT'S NICE DOWN THERE.

HEY, WHAT PART OF ARIZONA YOU LIVE? IN PHOENIX. I'M IN SCOTTSDALE. OH YEA, VERY GOOD. YEA. I'M AN OLD-TIMER. YOU'RE GETTING AWAY FROM THE COLD THE REST OF THE YEAR. ABSOLUTELY. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DO IT. I LIVE INDOORS! AHH, THAT'S GOOD THINKING MAN.

HEY. HEY, I FIGURE ONE GUY. YOU GOTTA GET ON HIM MAN. HE'S BEEN HITTING THE SPRAY CAN OR THE TANNING BED. WHICH ONE? THE LITTLE SKINNY WHITE GUY.

PUT YUE ON MY CHRISTMAS LIST. HOW'S THAT? YOU WANT A GOOD CHRISTMAS CARD? YEA A REAL NICE ONE. ALRIGHT. I'LL SEE YOU AT CHRISTMAS. ALRIGHT, COOL.

I CUT MY HAIR OFF YESTERDAY. WHY? I'M TIRED OF IT MAN. GOOD LOOK. I'M TIRED OF PUTTING MY HELMET ON... THEY GAVE ME A REAL WIDE HELMET. I'M LIKE COME ON OLD MAN! I DON'T EVEN FEEL RIGHT IN THIS HELMET, MAN. YOU DON'T LOOK THE SAME ETHER. NO? NO.

HEY, WE'RE TALKING ABOUT POLITICS. THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO SEE MAN. THAT'S WHAT I LIKE TO SEE. YOU CAN NEVER TELL IF THEY'RE FRIENDS OR FOE. THEY WERE JUST TALKING ABOUT REPUBLICANS VS. DEMOCRATS. SEE, HE'S A REPUBLICAN AND HE'S A DEMOCRAT, AND THEY WERE TALKING ABOUT THEIR POLITICAL DIFFERENCES. YOU'RE A... I'M IN THE GREEN PARTY.

I CAN TALK FOREVER.

SO WHETHER IT'S POLITICS OR WEATHER.

HEY THIS IS GORGEOUS. I KNOW!

TRAVEL OR FAMILY. WHEN IT COMES TO SMALLTALK, NFL PLAYERS ARE NO DIFFERENT THAN THE REST OF US.

STILL HAVE YOUR OLD YEARS HELMET? OH YEA. YEA. GOT MY HELMET. GOT MY JERSEY. ALRIGHT.

2:39:03:19 - SHEA'S LAST GAME

30 YRS. AGO JETS FANS POURED INTO FLUSHNG QUEENS IN NEW YORK FOR THE FINAL HOME GAME AT SHEA STADIUM.

MY SEATS WERE IN THE UPPER DECK ON I WOULD SAY SOMEWHERE AROUND THE 20 YD. LINE.

OUR SEATS WERE IN THE LOW SECTION WHICH WAS BEHIND HOME BASE WHICH WAS 30 YD. LINE.

FANS HAD PREPARED THEIR GOODBYES TO SHEA BUT NOT YET TO THE SEASON. FOR THE 7 & 7 JETS, TO KEEP THEIR PLAYOFF HOPES ALIVE, THEY NEEDED TO BEAT THE 5 & 5 PITTS. STEELERS. WE REALLY WEREN'T FOCUSED ON THE SITUATION IN N.Y. OUR MAIN FOCUS WAS ON OUR OWN INTER TURMOIL. WE WERE STARTING TO BE AN OLDER TEAM, AND INJURIES AND OTHER THINGS PLAY A FACTOR IN WHO GOES AND WHO STAYS.

TERRY BRADSHAW WAS MAKING HIS FIRST APPEARANCE OF THE SEASON AFTER UNDERGOING ELBOW SURGERY.

IF TERRY BRADSHAW CAME IN, TERRY BRADSHAW WAS GOING TO BE TERRY BRADSHAW. HE THREW 8 PASSES THAT DAY. 5 WERE COMPLETED AND 2 WERE FOR TDS. AND THE JETS DEFENSE, WE DIDN'T HAVE ANY ANSWERS THAT DAY.

AFTER HIS 2ND TD. PASS, BRADSHAW REINJURED HIS ELBOW. IN HIS ABSENCE, THE STEELERS TURNED TO FRANCO HARRIS. HARRIS RAN FOR OVER 100 YDS. WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A TIGHTLY CONTESTED GAME DISINTEGRATED INTO A ROUTE.

THE CROWD WAS STARTING TO GET A LITTLE RESTLESS IN THE END. WE KNEW IT WAS OVER. WE KNEW IT WAS DONE.

IN N.Y. CITY THEY HAVE TO FEEL AN EMPTINESS. THE JETS ARE GONE TO N.J. AND THEY GO AWAY A LOSER.

IT WAS A VERY EMOTIONAL DAY. US LOSING A CHANCE TO MAYBE GETTING INTO THE PLAYOFFS AND US LOSING AT HOME. YOU WOULD FEEL LIKE YOU WERE ROBBED KIND OF... YOU WERE VIOLATED IN SOME WEIRD WAY.

AT ONE POINT I REMEMBER LOOKING TO THE RIGHT WHICH WOULD'VE BEEN THE CENTER FIELD BLEACHERS. THEY WERE JUMPING UP AND DOWN SO HARD. THEY WANTED PART OF THE STADIUM.

RADIO - THEIR TEARING APART APPEARS SOME OF THE BLEACHERS OUT UNDER THE SCOREBOARD. YEA, THEY'RE THROWING IT OUT TO THEIR BUDDIES OUT THERE I GUESS. THEY GOT THE TRUCK BACKED UP.

ABOUT 2 SECTIONS AWAY FROM ME, THERE WAS ACTUALLY GUYS WITH LIKE SCREWDRIVERS. YOU KNOW HAMMERS, TRYING TO LIKE TAKE THE SEATS AND LIFT THEM OUT OF THE STADIUM.

IT FELT LIKE PART OF MY CHILDHOOD WAS BEING TAKEN AWAY. I SEE A GUY RUN OVER TO THE AUXILIARY SCOREBOARD AND RIPS OUT THE N.Y. THE PIECE OF SHEET METAL. SO I RUN DOWN THERE AND I GET THE VIS.

RADIO - FINAL PLAY OF THE 20 YRS. THAT THE N.Y. JETS HAVE OCCUPIED SHEA STADIUM AS THEIR HOME BASE.

JUST INSTINCTIVELY WE REALIZE WELL LETS GET OUT OF HERE QUICKER MAYBE THAN WE NORMALLY DO.

EVERYBODY STORMS THE FIELD.

PEOPLE ARE ON THE FIELD WITH POLICE AROUND, AND PEOPLE ARE TRYING TO TAKE LIKE DIRT OR WHATEVER IT WAS. GRASS.

THE SCENE I REMEMBER THE BEST WAS AROUND HOME PLATE POLICE COME OUT AND THEY MAKE A CHAIN, AND THEY JUST START MARCHING EVERYBODY TOWARDS THE CENTER FIELD FENCE.

I'VE ALWAYS SAID THAT THAT'S A CELEBRATION. IT WASN'T A RIOT. YOU DON'T SEE ANY FISTFIGHTS IN THAT VIDEO. YOU DON'T SEE ANY PUSHING AND SHOVING. THEY WERE DOWN THERE SINCERELY THANKING YOU FOR THE EFFORT. THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU WERE LEAVING. THEY WERE DISAPPOINTED THAT YOU LOST. BUT THEY WERE A PART OF US AND THEY WERE GONNA FOLLOW US, AND THEY TOOK A PART OF SHEA STADIUM WITH THEM.

I THOUGHT THIS. I SAID, "BOY, ONLY THE JETS. CAN WE HAVE A SCENARIO WHERE PEOPLE WILL TRY TO TAKE PART OF THE GOALPOSTS DOWN...FOR A TEAM THAT JUST LOST THE GAME; WASN'T GOING TO THE PLAYOFFS AND NOW WAS LEAVING TO GO SOMEWHERE ELSE!

WE ALL WANTED TO TAKE PART OF SHEA WITH US. WE COULDN'T AS A PLAYER. I THINK THAT THEY WANTED TO TAKE A PIECE OF SHEA NOT TO BE VIOLENT. NOT TO BE DESTRUCTIVE. THEY JUST WANTED A PIECE OF IT.

FOR PITTS. THE MOMENT WAS ALSO HISTORIC AND BITTERSWEET. TERRY BRADSHAW NEVER PLAYED AGAIN. FRANCO HARRIS SPENT THE NEXT SEASON IN SEATTLE. THE JETS HEADED TO N.J. TO PLAY THEIR HOME GAMES IN THE MEADOWLANDS; AND MANY OF THEIR FANS FROM SHEA FOLLOWED.

VERY LOYAL FANS. I THINK TO THIS DAY MOST OF THE FANS THAT ARE SEASON TICKET HOLDERS ARE STILL FROM LONG ISLAND. YOU STILL RUN ACROSS THOSE JETS FANS THAT WILL ASK YOU TO SIGN THE BACK OF A SEAT, AND IT'S THE SOUVENIR THAT THEY TOOK BACK IN DECEMBER OF '83 FROM SHEA STADIUM. IT'S A PART OF HISTORY THAT THEY CAN ALWAYS PASS ON TO THE NEXT GENERATIONS. SAY, "I TOOK THAT IN DEC. OF '83. THE LAST GAME THE JETS EVER PLAYED."

2:44:55:04 - AROUND THE LEAGUE IN A BUS

I TRULY HAVE BEEN A FOOTBALL FAN MY ENTIRE LIFE, AND THIS IS A BOOK MY MOM HAD KEPT FROM MY CHILDHOOD. WHEN I'D GO TO SEE MY GRANDMOTHER, I WOULD TAKE THEIR NEWSPAPERS AND CLIP OUT THE PICTURES OF FOOTBALL PLAYERS, AND THEN PUT THEM IN BOOKS LIKE THIS. WE MET STEVE SABOL AT SUPER BOWL 45 IN DALLAS. HE HAD HIS ART COLLECTION, AND IT WAS LIKE NOTHING ELSE I HAD EVER SEEN.

I LIKE TO BE ABLE TO TELL A STORY LIKE IN 6 WORDS OR LESS. THAT'S SORT OF THE CHALLENGE. SO I CAME UP WITH THIS PARTICULAR PHRASE. "WHISKEY MY VICE. SO WAS HE."

STEVE SABOL PLAYED SUCH AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MY LIFE AS A FOOTBALL FAN AND INSPIRED ME TO TAKE THIS TRIP.

YOU GOT ALL MY BEST MATERIAL.

HE INSPIRED ME TO GO ON AND ATTEMPT THIS PROJECT. GOING TO ALL 31 NFL STADIUMS IN 16 WEEKS IN A '67 VW BUS.

THAT WAS LIKE I LOVE FOOTBALL. WHY WOULD I NOT DO THIS? WHY WOULD I NOT QUIT MY JOB AND EVERYTHING TO GO DO THIS?!

HAIL MARY KIND OF REFLECTS OUR TRIP. SHE'S UNPRETENTIOUS. SHE GETS FROM POINT A TO POINT B, AND SHE'S LIKE MANY OF THE FANS WHO WE'RE TALKING TO ALONG THE WAY.

WHEN THIS VEHICLE ACTUALLY CAME OUT, YOU HAVE THE 0 TO 60 TIMES. IT DIDN'T LIST ONE BECAUSE IT COULDN'T GO 60 MILES AN HOUR. THIS IS WHERE WINDSHIELD WIPERS WOULD GO AND DID GO. SO WE CAN'T LIKE IT. WE CAN'T CLOSE IT. AND THAT'S AN ISSUE BECAUSE WHEN WE GO THROUGH LIKE A CAR WASH OR IT STARTS RAINING WE TAKE ON WATER. WHEN IT RAINS THE WATER GETS SUCKED IN THROUGH HERE, AND THEN DISPERSES THROUGHOUT THE BUS. THE EMERGENCY BRAKE. IT STOPPED WORKING A LONG TIME AGO. THE CARPETS. YEA, YOU CAN FEEL IT RIGHT NOW. IT'S STILL DAMP. WHEN'S THE LAST TIME IT RAINED? 2 WKS. AGO? OUR SPEEDOMETER DOESN'T WORK. I MEAN THERE'S LL KINDS OF THINGS BUT IT'S ALL PART OF THE TRIP MAN.

I'M WEARING MY UNDERWEAR FOR ABOUT 4 DAYS NOW. I'M WEARING THE SAME SHIRT FOR ABOUT 4 DAYS NOW. MY JEANS JUST SORT OF...THEY'RE JUST SORT OF HANGING ON MY HIPS AT THIS POINT. I COULD BE PANTSED AT ANY POINT.

WE'RE DRIVING NOW SINCE ABOUT 10:00 LAST NIGHT. ME AND GRAYSON HAVE BEEN SWITCHING PLACES TO SLEEP. BRETT HAS NOT BEEN WHICH IS INSANE.

BRETT WON'T LET ME DRIVE. BRETT IS GLUED TO HAIL MARY'S DRIVER'S SEAT.

I'M NOT CONCERNED FOR MY SAFETY BECAUSE HE'S DRIVING GREAT. BUT I'M CONCERNED FOR HIS SANITY.

HE WILL, AT SOME POINT, HAVE TO LET ME DRIVE BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY OTHER PERSON OF THE 3 THAT KNOWS HOW TO STANDARD, ALBEIT HAIL MARY IS A VERY SPECIAL KIND OF STANDARD TRANSMISSION.

THERE'S GRAYSON DRIVING THE BUS OR TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO DRIVE THE BUS. HE'S GOING BACKWARDS. HE'S GOING BACKWARDS.

O.K.

I'M TRYING TO GET AT THE HEART WHY FOOTBALL IS SO IMPORTANT TO THIS COUNTRY, TO THE WORLD REALLY AND WHAT IT MEANS TO THE PEOPLE INDIVIDUALLY.

WHAT DO YOU LOVE MOST ABOUT BEING A RAIDERS FAN?

WELL, IN SOCIETY I FEEL KIND OF LIKE AN OUTCAST SOMETIMES. AND THE RAIDERS HAVE ALWAYS BEEN KNOWN TO BE AN OUTCAST OUT OF THE REST OF THE 31 TEAMS OF THE NFL. THEY'VE BEEN DIFFERENT.

HE'S HOLDING THIS BEAUTIFUL PICTURE THAT HE'S DRAWN OF SEBASTIAN JANIKOWSKI, AND I FELT BAD FOR HIM. BUT I FELT GOOD BECAUSE THE RAIDERS BLACK HOLE TAILGATE AND FOOTBALL MADE HIM FEEL GOOD. MADE HIM FEEL LIKE HE WAS WORTH SOMETHING, AND EVERYBODY NEEDS TO FEEL LIKE THEY'RE WORTH SOMETHING.

THERE'S JUST SO MANY PEOPLE EXCITED AND HOPEFUL FOR THE GAME. I LOVE IT. IT'S COMMUNITY, RIGHT? YEA, YEA. IT'S LIKE EVERYONE'S LOOKING FOR COMMUNITY AND FAMILY. ESPECIALLY HERE. YOU ALWAYS TAILGATE AT THE SAME PLACE AND EVERYONE KNOWS YOU. THIS IS YOUR COMMUNITY. THESE ARE YOUR FRIENDS. THIS IS YOUR FAMILY.

IT'S A FAMILY EVENT. I COULD NEVER MOVE OUT OF THE BUFFALO AREA BECAUSE OF THIS. IT'S JUST WHAT WE DO IN THE FALL.

THE ROAD JUST SINGS TO YOU AFTER AWHILE AND IT'S GREAT AND IT'S ROMANTIC AND ALL THAT GOOD STUFF. THAT'S PROBABLY NOT THE RIGHT WORD FOR IT, 2 OTHER GUYS ON THE BUS. BUT THE OTHER THING ABOUT THE BUS IS YOU GET BLOWN AROUND A LOT. I FEEL LIKE I'M FLYING IN AN AIRPLANE AND WE'RE GOING DOWN, AND TRY TO MAKE IT THE BEST CRASH POSSIBLE.

LITTLE EXCITEMENT HERE ON A TUESDAY NIGHT IN ATLANTA GEORGIA. WE ARE ON OUR WAY AND WE'RE ABOUT 5 MILES FROM ... 'S HOUSE AND THE BRAKES GO OUT ON THE HAIL MARY; AND WE PULL INTO THIS RANDOM INDUSTRIAL PARKING LOT. WE'RE GOING ABOUT 5 MILES AN HOUR. JUMP OUT OF THE BUS TO TRY AND STOP THE BUS. NEXT THING I KNOW, ERIC AND RHETT ARE TELLING ME TO GET OUT OF THE WAY. WE COME DOWN THIS SLOPE RIGHT HERE, ALL THE WAY DOWN THIS DRIVEWAY ABOUT 70 YDS. INTO THOSE BUSHES DOWN THERE WHERE RHETT BRILLIANTLY MISSED THE LOGS HERE ALONG THE SIDE WHICH WOULD COMPLETELY RUIN THE BUS, AND DROVE INTO BASICALLY JUST SOME SOLID THICKET. SOLID BUSH. STOPPED THE BUS. THIS IS CRAZY. HAT WERE YOU THINKING ERIC? I WAS THINKING THIS IS IT.

MAYBE STEVE SABOL'S LOOKING OUT FOR US..MAKING SURE WE GET TO ALL THE STADIUMS, AND WE'RE TAKING STEVE WITH US TOO. SO HE'S GOT A VESTED INTEREST IN THE TOUR AS WELL.

WE TOLD GRAYSON HE CAN DRIVE THE BUS. SO WE'RE HAVING HAIL MARY TOWED TO GET THE CLUTCH FIXED. THE CLUTCH WENT OUT ON US LAST NIGHT. ANYWAY, WE HAVE 4 GAMES LEFT. WE'RE CONSIDERING GETTING A RENTAL CAR FOR THE LAST PART OF THE TRIP. THAT MAKES US ALL REALLY SAD.

YOU KNOW WE SPENT MONTHS OF OUR LIVES ON THAT BUS. WE SLEPT IN THAT BUS AND I MISS IT TERRIBLY. IT STILL IS PART OF THIS TOUR. IT STILL IS PART OF US. THIS IS UNLIKE ANYTHING I EVER EXPECTED OUT OF LIFE. STEVE SABOL PROBABLY

NEVER KNEW HOW HE SENT US ON A DIFFERENT TRAJECTORY ALTOGETHER. SOME HOW, SOME WAY, HE'S GONNA WATCH THIS, AND I CAN'T THANK HIM ENOUGH FOR WHAT HE DID.

ONE THING HE'S TAUGHT ME ABOUT THIS TRIP IS THE IMPORTANCE OF LIFE. YOU KNOW, ENJOY IT. SHARE IT WITH OTHERS. GO PURSUE YOUR DREAM.

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