# NFL GAMEDAY

## Week 3

#### ATLANTA FALCONS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

SUNDAY WAS A REUNION FOR DOLPHINS CORNERBACK BRENT GRIMES, WHO FACED HIS FORMER FALCONS TEAMMATES.

LEVINE TOILOLO'S FIRST CAREER TOUCHDOWN GAVE ATLANTA A 10-POINT THIRD QUARTER LEAD.

LATE IN THE GAME, MIAMI TRAILED BY THREE. THE DOLPHINS NEEDED 75-YARDS FOR THEIR FIRST 3-AND-0 START SINCE 2002.

#### ST LOUIS RAMS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

YA GOTTA PUT IN THE LEGWORK TO GET THE JOB DONE – AND DEMARCO MURRAY DID JUST THAT BY SHREDDING ST. LOUIS FOR 175 YARDS.

TONY ROMO ADDED THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO PROPEL THE COWBOYS TO THE TOP OF THE NFC EAST.

## CLEVELAND BROWNS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

MANY SAID THE CLEVELAND BRASS HAD TARNISHED ITS TEAM, BUT IN A SEA OF CHANGE, THE BROWNIES DID A HECKUVA JOB.

IN THE SECOND HALF, THE VIKINGS <u>STARTED</u> TO COME ALIVE, CREATING WIGGLE ROOM IN THE BROWNS BACKFIELD.

THE BROWNS TRAILED THE VIKINGS 27 TO 24 WITH UNDER A MINUTE TO PLAY // JUST ENOUGH TIME FOR THE UNDERDOGS TO SEIZE THE DAY.

## JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

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### INDIANPOLIS COLTS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

SAN FRANCISCO'S PURSUIT OF VICTORY WAS DERAILED BY THE SURPRISINGLY PHYSICAL COLTS.

LED BY AHMAD BRADSHAW, INDY GASHED THE ONCE-FEARSOME, NOW FALLIBLE 49ERS RUN DEFENSE FOR 179 YARDS.

A FIRED-UP DEFENSE MADE LIFE MISERABLE FOR COLIN KAEPERNICK.

#### **GREEN BAY PACKERS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS**

COMPLETE PERFORMANCE? HOW ABOUT THE 12 SECOND SPAN IN THE FIRST QUARTER THAT SAW THE BENGALS SCORE 2 TDS?

AS USUAL CLAY MATTHEWS WAS FLYING.

THE BENGALS WERE BACKING THEMSELVES INTO A CORNER WITH TURNOVERS.

ROOKIE RUNNING BACK JONATHON FRANKLIN CAME ALIVE WITH A HUNDRED YARD DAY.

GREEN BAY SCORED 30 STRAIGHT POINTS.

CINCINNATI WENT ON A RUN OF ITS OWN.

THE GAME'S 8<sup>TH</sup> TURNOVER WAS ITS BIGGEST, AND MADE THE BENGALS THE FIRST TEAM IN A DECADE AND HALF TO GIVE UP 30 STRAIGHT POINTS AND STILL WIN.

#### CHICAGO BEARS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS

THE SPUTTERING STEELERS OFFENSE STUMBLED OUT OF THE GATE.

ANOTHER PITTSBURGH LOSS SEEMED IMMINENT UNTIL BIG BEN SPARKED A COMEBACK WITH A PAIR OF TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO ANTONIO BROWN.

THE BEARS <u>REGAINED</u> THEIR LOST MOMENTUM WITH AN IMPACTFUL PLAY BY THEIR QUARTERBACK.

CUTLER'S RESOUNDING RUN <u>STARTED</u> THE DRIVE. HIS RED ZONE RAINBOW <u>ENDED</u> IT.

## KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

ANDY REID IS NOT USED TO FACING THIS DIRECTION IN PHILADELPHIA, OR FACING THIS TEAM AS AN OPPONENT.

REID LED THE EAGLES TO 5 NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES. THURSDAY HE SAW HIS FORMER QUARTERBACK'S NUMBER 5 JERSEY BE RETIRED.

AND HE SAW HIS CURRENT TEAM FORCE 5 TURNOVERS.

LED BY ERIC BERRY AND NFL SACK LEADER JUSTIN HOUSTON -- WHO HAS 7 AND A HALF IN JUST 3 GAMES--THE CHIEFS FRUSTRATED PHILADELPHIA.

THE EAGLES HAD SEVERAL UNUSUAL SNAPS...// BUT EVENTUALLY THEY SIMPLIFIED THEIR COMPLEX OFFENSE BY GIVING THE BALL TO THE NFL'S LEADING RUSHER.

THE CHIEFS HAVE A SPEEDY BACK OF THEIR OWN IN JAMAAL CHARLES.

A VICTORY IN PHILADELPHIA IS NOTHING NEW FOR ANDY REID, THE EAGLES ALL-TIME WINNINGEST COACH. BUT THIS WIN HAS HIS KANSAS CITY CHIEFS AT 3 AND O.

## BUFFALO BILLS @ NEW YORK JETS

OPPONENTS WERE SUPPOSED TO FEAST ON THE JETS THIS YEAR.

IT HASN'T HAPPENED, THANKS IN PART TO ROOKIE QUARTERBACK GENO SMITH.

SMITH THREW FOR OVER 300 YARDS, BUT THE PERFORMANCE WAS NEARLY WASTED BECAUSE OF 20 JETS PENALTIES.

THE JETS WERE STEADIED BY THEIR MOST UP-AND-DOWN PLAYER, WIDE RECEIVER SANTONIO HOLMES.

AFTER BLOWING A 14-POINT SECOND HALF LEAD, SMITH AND HOLMES PUT THE JETS AHEAD TO STAY.

#### HOUSTON TEXANS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS

RAY LEWIS WAS A MAN OF MANY MOMENTS, BUT HIS REPLACEMENT WAS THE MAN OF THE MOMENT.

#### DETROIT LIONS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS

ROBERT GRIFFIN'S ELUSIVENESS CONTINUES TO BE A CONCERN. INSTEAD OF SLIPPING PAST DEFENDERS, HE'S JUST PLAIN SLIPPING.

IN ALL THEIR PREVIOUS VISITS TO WASHINGTON, THE LIONS LEFT WITH THEIR TAIL BETWEEN THEIR LEGS. FINALLY, THEY WERE THE CAT'S MEOW.

## NEW YORK GIANTS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

THEY SAY GAMES ARE WON IN THE TRENCHES, BUT IT'S HARD TO IMAGINE THE GIANTS DIGGING A DEEPER HOLE FOR THEMSELVES.

CAM NEWTON HAD 4 TOUCHDOWNS AS THE PANTHERS GOT THEIR FIRST WIN.

## <u>WHIPAROUND</u>: Oakland @ Denver; Arizona @ New Orleans; Tampa Bay @ New

#### England; San Diego @ Tennessee

REMEMBER LAST YEAR'S CROP OF HIGH-PERFORMING ROOKIE QUARTERBACKS? / SO FAR <u>THIS</u> YEAR, A FEW UNDEFEATED OLD TIMERS ARE MAKING THOSE YOUNG GUYS LOOK LIKE A PASSING FAD.

37-YEAR-OLD PEYTON MANNING IS ON PACE TO THROW 64 TD'S THIS SEASON.

34-YEAR OLD DREW BREES HAS THE SAINTS AT 3-0 FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THEIR 2009 SUPER BOWL RUN.

AND 36-YEAR-OLD TOM BRADY IS STARTING TO CONNECT WITH HIS TWO ROOKIE RECEIVERS.

OF COURSE, YOUTH CAN BE IRREPRESSIBLE, EVEN WITH JUST A FEW SECONDS LEFT IN A GAME. / WITNESS TENNESSEE'S JAKE LOCKER AND HIS BRAND NEW RECEIVING TARGET.