

NFL GAMEDAY

Week 4

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

NO SCRIPT

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ DENVER BRONCOS

THE BRONCOS GALLOPED AT A TORRID PACE, SETTING A FRANCHISE RECORD FOR POINTS SCORED IN A GAME.

FOUR OF THEIR TOUCHDOWN DRIVES DIDN'T REQUIRE A SINGLE THIRD-DOWN CONVERSION.

THEN THOMAS HELPED MANNING BREAK THE LEAGUE RECORD FOR MOST TOUCHDOWNS THROWN IN THE FIRST FOUR GAMES OF A SEASON.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

IN MEDIEVAL TIMES, VIKING WARRIORS EMERGED FROM NORTH SEA MISTS AND RAN ROUGHSHOD OVER THE ENGLISH COUNTRY-SIDE.

FOR THREE QUARTERS AT WEMBLEY, MODERN DAY VIKINGS DID THE SAME.

IN DAYS OF YORE, BIG BEN DIDN'T EXIST. ON SUNDAY, HE WAS SACKED REPEATEDLY BY THE VIKINGS PASS RUSH.

EVENTUALLY, PITTSBURGH RECOVERED FROM MINNESOTA'S INITIAL ONSLAUGHT.

TWICE IN TWO WEEKS, LESLIE FRAZIER'S VIKINGS BLEW FOURTH QUARTER LEADS. LATE IN THIS GAME, THEIR SEVEN POINT ADVANTAGE APPEARED TO BE IN JEOPARDY.

CHICAGO BEARS @ DETROIT LIONS

DETROIT'S RESOLVE WAS TESTED BY MATT FORTE.

THE LIONS' SCORED THE NEXT 27 POINTS.

MATTHEW STAFFORD DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THAT NOTHING COMES BETWEEN HIM AND HIS CALVIN.

DETROIT'S RUNNING GAME WAS STRICTLY "BUSH LEAGUE."

WHAT THIS PLAYMAKER DID WAS TORCH CHICAGO WITH 139 RUSHING YARDS. THE LIONS' MEATY TACKLE TANDEM OF NICK FAIRLEY AND NDAMUKONG SUH ALSO MADE IT A DIFFICULT DAY FOR THE BEARS.

JAY CUTLER SUFFERED 3 SACKS AND TURNED THE BALL OVER FOUR TIMES.

THE LIONS CASHED IN ON CUTLER'S MISTAKES TO THE TUNE OF 17 POINTS.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ HOUSTON TEXANS

AGAINST SEATTLE, HOUSTON ROLLED TO A 20 TO 3 HALFTIME LEAD.

A GAME THAT HAD RESTED COMFORTABLY IN THE TEXANS HANDS WAS SUDDENLY UP FOR GRABS. // THE SEAHAWKS SEIZED THE OPPORTUNITY.

RUSSELL WILSON WAS HELD TO JUST 3 YARDS RUSHING FOR 3 QUARTERS. IN THE 4TH, HE TURNED IT ALL AROUND WITH 74.

HOUSTON LED BY 7 WITH LESS THAN 3 MINUTES LEFT. BUT TROUBLE LOOMED FOR MATT SCHAUB.

THE NFL'S NUMBER ONE DEFENSE STUFFED 2 TEXANS DRIVES IN OVERTIME (PAUSE). IN A BEAST OF A PERFORMANCE DOWN THE STRETCH, MARSHAWN LYNCH CARRIED THE SEAHAWKS CLOSER AND CLOSER TOWARD A VICTORY THAT ONCE SEEMED IMPOSSIBLE.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

WHEN VINCE WILFORK, THE DOMINATING FORCE AT THE CENTER OF NEW ENGLAND'S DEFENSE, LEFT WITH A SEASON-ENDING ACHILLES INJURY, THE PATRIOTS ADDED "NOSE TACKLE" TO THEIR GROWING LIST OF ROSTER REPLACEMENTS, RIGHT NEXT TO TIGHT END.

NOT EVERYONE CAN BE AS DURABLE, OR AS PRODUCTIVE, AS FALCONS TIGHT END TONY GONZALEZ / WHO CAUGHT 12 PASSES FOR 149 YARDS.

FOR THREE QUARTERS, IT WAS A STALEMATE. IN THE FOURTH / LEGARRETTE BLOUNT HELPED BREAK OPEN A 17 POINT LEAD.

IN NEED OF A COMEBACK, GONZALEZ WAS THE MAIN TARGET FOR MATT RYAN'S CAREER HIGH 421 PASSING YARDS.

WITH THEIR LEAD CUT TO 7, THE PATRIOTS DOUBLED GONZALEZ / SO RYAN DOUBLED DOWN ON HIS WIDEOUTS.

NEW YORK JETS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

DERRICK MORGAN AND THE TITANS WERE FOCUSED ON COOLING GENO SMITH'S JETS.

JAKE LOCKER GOT OFF TO A HOT START TOO.

LOCKER THREW THREE TOUCHDOWNS IN JUST 2 AND A HALF QUARTERS.

THROUGH THE FIRST FOUR WEEKS, THE TITANS HAVE COMMITTED NO TURNOVERS. THE TENNESSEE DEFENSE FORCED FOUR GENO SMITH TURNOVERS IN JUST 48 MINUTES.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

PRO BOWL SAFETY ERIC BERRY IS ONE SICK PLAYER.

THE GIANTS' ARE JUST SICK, AND THEIR PROBLEMS SEEM INCURABLE.

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ BUFFALO BILLS

WITH THREE ONE-SCORE GAMES BEHIND THEM, THE BILLS HAD BEEN IN SOME NAIL-BITERS.

A 20-7 FIRST HALF LEAD OVER FAVORED BALTIMORE HAD BUFFALO FANS LICKING THEIR CHOPS.

THE RAVENS MANAGED TO PULL WITHIN THREE POINTS.

BUT WITH JOE FLACCO THROWING A CAREER-HIGH FIVE INTERCEPTIONS...

... BALTIMORE'S COMEBACK HAD NO TEETH.

CINCINNATI BENGALS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

FROM TEENAGE HEARTTHROB TO HOMETOWN HERO, BRIAN HOYER HAS LED A CLEVELAND TEAM THAT REFUSES TO KISS ITS SEASON GOODBYE.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS

PHILIP RIVERS HAS BEEN SO GOOD, OPPONENTS ARE FORCED TO GET CREATIVE IN TRYING TO STOP HIM.

IT WAS THE COWBOYS WHO SEEMED CURSED AS RIVERS OVERCAME A 21 TO 10 DALLAS LEAD WITH A 401-YARD, 3 TOUCHDOWN PERFORMANCE.

ARIZONA CARDINALS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

GOT TROUBLE? TRY THE FRENCH FOREIGN LEGION, OR MAYBE THE WINLESS BUCCANEERS, THEY KNOW HOW TO SURRENDER...LEADS. // SURE ENOUGH DESPITE HOLDING A LEAD INTO THE GAME'S 57TH MINUTE, TAMPA'S DEFENSE LOOKED MORE LIKE THE MAGINOT LINE WHEN IT ULTIMATELY COUNTED.

C'EST LA GUERRE.

WHIPAROUND: San Francisco @ St Louis; Indianapolis @ Jacksonville; Washington @ Oakland

HEY COACH, NICE HANDS. NO WORRIES, YOUR TEAM'S GOT YOU COVERED.

AND IF THE SWEET HANDS AREN'T ENOUGH, THEY'VE GOT GREAT LEGS TOO.

SOMETIMES THE SIMPLEST MOVES ARE THE BEST ONES. TAKE THE COLTS, WHO WENT STRAIGHT UP THE GUT AND RIGHT DOWN THE FIELD.

THERE ARE PROBLEMS IN THE SAME VEIN IN OAKLAND.