NFL GAMEDAY

Week 7

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

THE NINERS KILLED EVERYWHERE. AT THE LINE. // IN THE AIR // AND AFTER A TWEAK, ON THE GROUND TOO.

WHEN YOU'RE KILLING IT WHY CHANGE A THING?

COLLAPSE HIS POCKET AND A QUARTERBACK'S GOT TROUBLE AND NOT MUCH ELSE./ THANKS TO CONSTANT PRESSURE / JAKE LOCKER FELL FLAT ON HIS FACE.

AND IN NO MAN'S LAND, YOU'RE AS GOOD AS DEAD.

CINCINNATI BENGALS @ DETROIT LIONS

ANDY DALTON'S THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES GAVE THE BENGALS A 21 TO 10 LEAD.

MATTHEW STAFFORD HAD THREE SCORING STRIKES OF HIS OWN / INCLUDING TWO TO CALVIN JOHNSON THAT TIED THE SCORE AT 24.

A GAME THAT SHOWCASED GREAT <u>HANDS</u>, WAS ULTIMATELY DECIDED BY <u>FEET</u>. / A 28-YARD LIONS PUNT GAVE THE BENGALS A SHORT FIELD IN THE FINAL MINUTE.

(RADIO - PASS AND WINNING FIELD GOAL)

HOUSTON TEXANS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

CASE KEENUM, COLLEGE FOOTBALL'S ALL-TIME LEADER IN COMPLETIONS, YARDAGE AND TOUCHDOWNS, PASSED THE TEXANS TO AN EARLY LEAD.

KANSAS <u>CITY</u> QUARTERBACK ALEX SMITH RESPONDED, NOT WITH HIS <u>ARM</u> -- BUT WITH HIS <u>FEET</u> -- TO PUT THE CHIEFS ON TOP AT HALFTIME.

ANDY REID THEN PUSHED HIS DEFENSE TO TURN UP THE HEAT. THE LEAGUE'S SACKMASTERS MADE KEENUM A "CLOSED" CASE -- THAT LEFT KANSAS CITY AS THE NFL'S LAST REMAINING UNBEATEN TEAM.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

IT JUST <u>DIDN'T</u> HAPPEN FOR THE EAGLES AGAINST THE COWBOYS, IN A GAME OF MISSED OPPORTUNITIES...AND MISSING FUNDAMENTALS.

DALLAS MADE JUST ENOUGH PLAYS WHEN IT HAD TO.

FOR THE EAGLES, ANONYMITY WAS PREFFERABLE.

DENVER BRONCOS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

IT'S NOT EVERY DAY THAT A STADIUM FULL OF FANS GET TO CHEER FOR TWO QUARTERBACKS AT ONE GAME. THEN AGAIN, IT'S NOT EVERY DAY A PLAYER LIKE PEYTON MANNING RETURNS TO A TOWN LIKE INDIANAPOLIS.

IT WAS BILLED AS "LUCK VS. THE LEGEND." BUT THE REAL INTRIGUE WAS WHETHER THE COLTS DEFENSE COULD STOP MANNING AND HIS RECEIVERS FROM SCORING AT WILL.

WHILE THE QUARTERBACK OF THE PAST WAS HELD FROM THE END ZONE, THE QUARTERBACK OF THE PRESENT LED THE COLTS TO THREE STRAIGHT SCORES AND A 19-POINT LEAD.

TOUCHDOWNS DON'T NEED TO BE PRETTY TO COUNT. TWO OF THEM IN THE 4TH QUARTER GOT THE BRONCOS BACK WITHIN SIX OF THE LEAD.

AFTER TWO LATE TURNOVERS, THE LEGEND LEFT INDY AS A VANQUISHED VISITOR / WHILE LUCK FURTHERED HIS LEGACY IN THE HOUSE THAT PEYTON BUILT.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

THE WINLESS JAGUARS MAY NOT FACE THE WRATH OF SHAD KHAN, BUT THEY DID SUFFER THE FURY OF THE CHARGERS.

PHILIP RIVERS HAD ANOTHER WHIZ-BANG DAY AS THE CHARGERS TOOK AN EARLY 14 TO NOTHING LEAD.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

MATT RYAN KNOWS ALL ABOUT INJURIES. PLAYING WITHOUT HIS STARTING RUNNING BACK AND HIS TOP TWO RECEIVERS, RYAN LOOKED ELSEWHERE FOR HELP.

HE FOUND JAQUIZZ ROGERS FOR A PAIR OF TOUCHDOWNS.

RYAN COMPLETED 20 PASSES INCLUDING 7 TO HARRY DOUGLAS.

ST LOUIS RAMS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

FOR PANTHERS LINEBACKER LUKE KUECHLY, MISSING TACKLES IS A RARITY.

AS THE LEADER ON DEFENSE, IT'S ALWAYS GOOD TO KNOW WHERE THE PLAYER MAKERS ARE.

THE RAMS LOST QUARTERBACK SAM BRADFORD FOR THE SEASON.

CLEVELAND BROWNS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

PACKERS HARD HITTING LINEBACKER AJ HAWK IS ALSO A THROWBACK.

JERMICHAEL FINLEY, ONE OF THE PACKERS BEST PLAYMAKERS HELPED GIVE THEM A COMMANDING LEAD.

IN THE 4TH QUARTER, FINLEY SUFFERED A SERIOUS INJURY. HIS FUTURE REMAINS UNCERTAIN.

CHICAGO BEARS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS

HEY, THAT'S PRETTY GOOD.

THIS? PRETTY BAD.

BRIAN ORAKPO'S FIRST CAREER TOUCHDOWN RETURN GAVE THE REDSKINS A SECOND-QUARTER LEAD – BUT HE'S STILL GOT A WAYS TO GO TO CATCH THE MASTER.

ROBERT GRIFFIN III THREW TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES, AND RUNNING BACK ROY HELU RAN FOR THREE MORE – INCLUDING THE DECISIVE SCORE WITH UNDER A MINUTE LEFT.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ NEW YORK JETS

THE PATRIOTS HOPED THE RETURN OF ROB GRONKOWSKI WOULD START A NEW CHAPTER IN THEIR SEASON – BUT HE AND TOM BRADY WEREN'T ALWAYS ON THE SAME PAGE.

WITH THE JETS TRAILING IN THE SECOND HALF, QUARTERBACK GENO SMITH WAS DETERMINED TO AUTHOR HIS OWN ENDING.

NEW YORK SENT THE GAME INTO OVERTIME, WHERE NICK FOLK MISSED A FIELD GOAL TRY BEFORE A CONTROVERSIAL PATRIOTS PENALTY BAILED HIM OUT.

FOLK AND THE JETS GOT A SECOND CHANCE - AND MADE THE MOST OF IT.

BUFFALO BILLS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

ONE WONDERS IF THERE'S A SERIES OF TINY DOLPHINS FANS IN THERE. IT'D BE APPROPRIATE, SINCE MIAMI IS A NESTING DOLL – ON THE OUTSIDE, A TEAM THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS.

BUT LURKING INSIDE, THERE'S A TEAM THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS.

THE BILLS SACKED RYAN TANNEHILL TWICE AND FORCED THREE TURNOVERS – INCLUDING ONE LATE THAT LET THEM STEAL THE GAME.

<u>WHIPAROUND</u>: Seattle @ Arizona; Baltimore @ Pittsburgh; Minnesota @ New York Giants

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE ARIZONA, ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE FROM THE EMERALD CITY – MAGICAL CREATURES WHO LAND ON THEIR FEET AND HIT THEIR RIVALS LIKE A TON OF YELLOW BRICKS.

THE PARTY'S NOT OVER! LOOK! A STREAMER!

AND THERE'S ALL SORTS OF FUN PARTY GAMES LIKE "FLIP THE RECEIVER" // AND "SHOVEL THE PASS." BUT TO BE NOISEMAKERS IN THE AFC NORTH, THE STEELERS STILL NEEDED TO PLAY "WIN THE GAME."

THIS PLACE HAD THE SANDMAN, AND IN A SNOOZER OF A GAME JARED ALLEN TRIED OUT HIS NEW SLEEPER HOLD.

SOONER OR LATER SLUMBERING GIANTS WAKE UP – AND WHEN THESE GIANTS DID, THEIR NIGHTMARE OF A WINLESS START WAS FINALLY OVER.