

NFL GAMEDAY

Week 8

DALLAS COWBOYS @ DETROIT LIONS

CALVIN JOHNSON'S FIRST CATCH WENT FOR 87 YARDS, AND STARTED THE RECEIVER'S RUN AT HISTORY.

(LIONS SOUND – HOW BIG WAS THAT GORILLA THAT JUMPED ON YOUR BACK?)

THE COWBOYS HAVE THEIR OWN BEAST OF A RECEIVER IN DEZ BRYANT.

BRYANT'S SCORE WAS HIS ONLY CATCH OF THE FIRST HALF. / IN THE GAME, HE WAS TARGETED SIX TIMES AND FINISHED WITH THREE RECEPTIONS.

JOHNSON CAUGHT 14 PASSES FOR 329 YARDS / THE SECOND-HIGHEST YARDAGE TOTAL IN NFL HISTORY. IN ALL, THE LIONS HAD 623 YARDS OF OFFENSE, BUT TRAILED 30 TO 24 IN THE FINAL MINUTE.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ DENVER BRONCOS

MIKE SHANAHAN SPENT HIS MOST SUCCESSFUL YEARS IN DENVER WITH ONE OF THE BEST QUARTERBACKS IN HISTORY. BUT HE NEVER HAD A WIDE RECEIVER LIKE WES WELKER...FEW HAVE.

WELKER CAUGHT SIX PASSES AGAINST THE REDSKINS, INCLUDING HIS LEAGUE-LEADING NINTH TOUCHDOWN.

DENVER MANAGED ONLY THOSE SEVEN POINTS IN THE FIRST TWO-AND-A-HALF QUARTERS.

IN THE FOURTH QUARTER, THE BRONCOS RETURNED TO THE BLISTERING SCORING PACE THAT HAS EARNED THEM A 43-POINTS PER GAME AVERAGE.

KIRK COUSINS REPLACED AN INJURED RG3, AND THE BRONCOS MADE I-N-T-3...OF THE GAME.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

THE PATRIOTS HAVE OWNED THE AFC EAST FOR SO LONG IT'S A SURPRISE WHEN A RIVAL LOOKS BETTER THAN THEY DO.

THE DOLPHINS MAY HAVE GOTTEN JUSTICE, BUT THE PATRIOTS GRABBED MOMENTUM BY SELLING OUT/ AND HUNKERING DOWN.

FACE IT, PATS FANS HAVEN'T GOTTEN BIG HEADS WITHOUT A REASON.

ARMED WITH A LEAD, THE PATS DEFENSE MADE UP FOR THEIR POOR FIRST HALF.

BUFFALO BILLS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

CAMERON JORDAN'S LABEL IS THE FLEUR DE LEIS, WHICH HE STITCHES ON OPPONENTS PERSONALLY.

FOR THE EIGHTH TIME IN HIS CAREER, DREW BREES PASSED FOR 5 TOUCHDOWNS, MOST IN NFL HISTORY.

NEW YORK JETS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS

THIS WEEK IN THE NFL, MARVIN LEWIS ARRIVED. MARVIN LEWIS JONES, THAT IS.

THE JETS TRIED TO HOLD STAR WIDE OUT A.J. GREEN IN CHECK, BUT COULD NOT KEEP JONES FROM HAVING A CAREER DAY.

IN A DAY FOR INTRODUCTIONS, THE JETS GENO MET THE BENGALS GENO...

AND LEFT A PARTING GIFT FOR A FELLOW MOUNTAINEER.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES

NEW YORK'S SPECIAL TEAMS GAVE EAGLES FANS THE DAY'S ONLY *HIGH*.

NOT EXACTLY. THE GIANTS DEFENSE RECORDED FOUR SACKS AND THREE TURNOVERS ON TWO QUARTERBACKS, GIVING NEW YORK ITS SECOND STRAIGHT WIN AFTER AN OH AND 6 START.

CLEVELAND BROWNS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

CORNERBACK BRANDON FLOWERS HELPS LEAD A CHIEFS DEFENSE THAT GIVES UP THE FEWEST POINTS PER GAME IN THE NFL.

KANSAS CITY SCORED FIRST NEVER LOST THE LEAD.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

IN THEIR NEW HOME AWAY FROM HOME THE JAGUARS HAVE DRAPED THEMSELVES WITH THE UNION JACK – BUT THEY NEVER QUITE COULD COVER THE 49ERS.

NOR WAS ALL THAT SPACE BETWEEN THE TACKLES ON THE WEMBLEY STADIUM TURF.

COLIN KAEPERNICK PASSED FOR ONE TOUCHDOWN AND RAN FOR TWO MORE AS SAN FRANCISCO PUT THE GAME AWAY SHORTLY AFTER HIGH TEA.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

THE PACKERS AND VIKINGS COMBINED FOR 75 POINTS. (pause, await cue)
GREEN BAY SCORED MOST OF THEM.

MINNESOTA KEPT THINGS CLOSE.

BUT THE PACKERS SIMPLY POSSESS TOO MANY PLAYMAKERS.

AND MICAH HYDE WASN'T THE ONLY ONE.

IN WHAT WAS LIKELY THEIR FINAL VISIT EVER TO THE METRODOME, THE GREEN BAY PACKERS MADE A BIG PLAY STATEMENT.

WHIPAROUND: Atlanta @ Arizona; Pittsburgh @ Oakland; Carolina @ Tampa Bay; Seattle @ St Louis

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE MORE POWERFUL THAN A LOCOMOTIVE TO BE A GRIDIRON HERO, BUT IT DOES HELP TO HAVE X-RAY VISION. (ELLINGTON CUTS OUTSIDE FOR 80 YARD TD RUN)

THE RAIDERS CAUGHT THE MEN OF STEEL WITH *THEIR* PANTS DOWN ON A SUPER RUN BY TYRELLE PRYOR.

BUT SUPERMAN ISN'T DEAD -- THERE'S A JOB FOR HIM WITH CAROLINA WHERE HE STILL RELIES ON HIS OLD PAL OLSEN.

IT WASN'T QUITE A SPEEDING BULLET, BUT GOLDEN TATE'S OTHER WORLDLY REFLEXES PROVED KRYPTONITE TO THE RAMS.