NFL GAMEDAY

Week 9

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS

REDSKINS LINEBACKERS BRIAN ORAKPO AND RYAN KERRIGAN ARE SIMILAR WHEN STOPPING THE RUN.

BUT THEY'RE A BIT DIFFERENT IN HOW THEY EXPRESS THEMSELVES.

WASHINGTON'S OFFENSE LOOKED A LOT LIKE IT DID LAST YEAR FOR MUCH OF THE GAME AGAINST THE CHARGERS.

MANY REDSKINS HAD A CHANCE TO GET TO PHILIP RIVERS.

RIVERS RAN HIS TEAM INTO POSITION TO WIN WITH UNDER A MINUTE LEFT.

THE REDSKINS GOT THE BALL FIRST IN OVERTIME AND RAN AWAY WITH THE GAME.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

WHEN THE DAYS GROW SHORTER, NEW ENGLANDERS KNOW BILL BELICHICK'S PATRIOTS TEAMS WILL LENGTHEN THEIR STRIDE.

WITH MOST OF HIS TOP TARGETS ROUNDING INTO FORM, TOM BRADY PASSED FOR 432-YARDS AND FOUR TOUCHDOWNS.

BEN ROETHLISBERGER ALSO THREW FOUR TOUCHDOWN PASSES, INCLUDING THE 200TH OF HIS CAREER.

NEW ENGLAND SACKED ROETHLISBERGER FIVE TIMES.

THE PATRIOTS OUTSCORED PITTSBURGH 28-7 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER AND FINISHED WITH 610-YARDS OF TOTAL OFFENSE.

CINCINNATI BENGALS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS

AFTER A HORROR SHOW OF FOUR STRAIGHT LOSSES, THE DOLPHINS RESURRECTION WAS HELPED BY BRENT GRIMES.

GIOVANI BERNARD RAN FOR 2 TOUCHDOWNS AND TIED THE GAME IN THE 4TH QUARTER.

BUT IN OVERTIME, CAMERON WAKE PUT THE FINAL NAIL IN THE COFFIN.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

THE COWBOYS SQUANDERED A 10-POINT LEAD, AS THE VIKINGS POWERED THROUGH THE DALLAS DEFENSE.

MISTAKES THROUGHOUT THE GAME JEOPARDIZED A COWBOYS WIN.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANNEERS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

IN PRO FOOTBALL AN 0-7 TEAM SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM FOR A 7-1 OPPONENT, BUT IN THE FIRST HALF IT WAS THE SEAHAWKS WHO APPEARED OVERMATCHED.

SWITCHING TO "BEAST MODE" PROVED A WINNING STRATEGY IN SEATTLE'S HISTORIC COMEBACK.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ NEW YORK JETS

REX RYAN'S CONCERN WAS NOT HIS PERFECT RECORD AGAINST HIS BROTHER ROB, BUT RATHER THE DAUNTING TASK OF STOPPING DREW BREES.

THE JETS NOT SO SECRET AGENT IS THEIR DEFENSE, WHICH LEFT THE SAINTS 'SHAKEN, NOT STIRRED'.

NEW ORLEANS' DEFENSE HAD TROUBLE STOPPING THE RUN AGAINST FORMER TEAMMATE CHRIS IVORY WHO HAD A SEASON HIGH 139 YARDS.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ HOUSTON TEXANS

HOMETOWN HERO CASEY KEENUM HIT ANDRE JOHNSON 3 TIMES TO GIVE THE TEXANS A COMMANDING FIRST HALF LEAD.

HALFWAY THROUGH THE GAME, HEAD COACH GARY KUBIAK COLLAPSED AND WAS RUSHED TO THE HOSPITAL SUFFERING FROM STROKE LIKE SYMPTOMS.

ANDREW LUCK RALLIED HIS TEAM, THROWING 3 SECOND HALF TOUCHDOWN PASSES TO T.Y. HILTON.

AFTER MISSING 2 FIELD GOALS EARLIER, RANDY BULLOCK HAD A CHANCE TO TIE THE GAME WITH 5 SECONDS LEFT.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ BUFFALO BILLS

BUFFALO HAD AN ANSWER FOR ALEX SMITH, ALLOWING THE CHIEFS JUST 210 YARDS OF OFFENSE.

RELAX, ALEX. YOUR DEFENSE HAS THE SCORED THE MOST TOUCHDOWNS IN THE LEAGUE.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ OAKLAND RAIDERS

IT'S SAFE TO SAY THAT NO ONE WAS EXPECTING A RECORD SETTING DAY FROM NICK FOLES.

FOLES THREW FOR OVER 400 YARDS AND BECAME 1 OF ONLY 7 QUARTERBACKS IN THE HISTORY OF THE NFL TO THROW FOR 7 TOUCHDOWN PASSES IN ONE GAME.

CHICAGO BEARS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

GREEN BAY GUNSLINGER AARON RODGERS WAS READY FOR A SHOWDOWN AGAINST THE BEARS.

BUT RODGERS' NIGHT ENDED AFTER HE WAS SACKED ON THE PACK'S FIRST SERIES. RODGERS SUFFERED A BROKEN COLLARBONE THAT COULD SIDELINE HIM UNTIL DECEMBER.

GREEN BAY LEANED HEAVILY ON A GROUND GAME THAT ACCOUNTED FOR NEARLY 200 YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWNS.

JOSH MCCOWN'S THIRD QUARTER SCORING PASS PUT CHICAGO AHEAD TO STAY.

THE BEARS' WIN PUT THEM IN A 3-WAY TIE FOR FIRST IN THE NFC NORTH.

<u>WHIPAROUND</u>: Atlanta @ Carolina; Baltimore @ Cleveland; Tennessee @ St Louis

THE SAGA OF MAN TAKING FLIGHT HAS ALWAYS BEEN INSPIRATIONAL. THE PANTHERS' WINGS WERE CLIPPED BY MATT RYAN'S TOUCHDOWN PASS TO TONY GONZALEZ.

BUT THE FALCONS EVENTUALLY ENCOUNTERED TURBULENCE, COURTESY OF DRAYTON FLORENCE.

WHEN THE BROWNS WENT AIRBORNE, THE RAVENS SUFFERED SEVERE MOTION SICKNESS.

DESPITE THE NFL'S AERIAL THRILL SHOW, CHRIS JOHNSON DEMONSTRATED THAT THERE'S MUCH TO BE SAID FOR STAYING GROUNDED.