

# **NFL GameDay**

## **Week 17**

### **GREEN BAY PACKERS @ CHICAGO BEARS**

AARON RODGERS STRUGGLED IN HIS FIRST GAME SINCE EARLY NOVEMBER. BUT DEEP INTO THE GAME THE BEARS HELD ONLY A SMALL ADVANTAGE. ON THE DRIVE TO DECIDE THE SEASON THE PACKERS WOULD FACE 3 FOURTH DOWNS. THE BEARS WOULD FACE THE INCOMPARABLE AARON RODGERS.

### **NEW YORK JETS @ MIAMI DOLPHINS**

*[IMMEDIATELY AFTER ED REED'S PREGAME SPEECH, AFTER INITIAL MUSIC HIT]*

DESPITE KNOWING THAT HIS JOB AS HEAD COACH WAS SAFE, REX RYAN CHOSE NOT TO INFORM HIS TEAM, WHO PLAYED LIKE **THEIR** JOBS WERE ON THE LINE.

*[SHOULD BE OUT BEFORE MUSIC HIT/GENO SMITH'S COLLISION]*

*[AFTER COACH DUNBAR'S SOUNDBITE TO RICHARDSON, "YOU CAN'T GO TO THE GROUND AFTER A TOUCHDOWN...**EITHER YOU BE HURT OR YOU BE PRAYING...**"]*

BY THE END OF THE GAME, DOLPHINS FANS WERE BOTH.

*[AFTER INTERCEPTION RADIO CALL, IMMEDIATELY AFTER SHOT CHANGE TO WS OF TANNEHILL ABOUT TO TAKE THE SNAP]*

RYAN TANNEHILL'S THREE INTERCEPTIONS ENSURED A 2<sup>ND</sup> STRAIGHT LOSS TO END AND RUINED ANY CHANCE OF A PLAYOFF BERTH.

**CLEVELAND BROWNS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS**

THE STEELERS' OFFENSE SCORED 20 POINTS FOR THE NINTH STRAIGHT GAME, A BIG REASON THEIR PLAYOFF HOPES REMAINED ALIVE AFTER AN 0 AND FOUR START.

**KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

THE CHARGERS TRAILED BY 10 IN THE FOURTH QUARTER. AFTER THE FIRST THREE PLAYS IN OVERTIME, SAN DIEGO STALLED AND WAS SET TO PUNT.

**BALTIMORE RAVENS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS**

IN A CLASH OF RIVALS, THE BENGALS FLASHED THE EYE OF THE TIGER—AND THE RAVENS RAN OUT OF TIME.

**SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ ARIZONA CARDINALS**

SOME THINGS IN LIFE ARE JUST THAT SIMPLE.

THE 49ERS PRESSED THE 'EASY BUTTON' TO PRODUCE A 17-0 FIRST QUARTER LEAD.

DESPITE A VALIANT COMEBACK, THE SUN SADLY SET ON THE CARDINALS SEASON. COLIN KAEPERNICK ORCHESTRATED A GAME WINNING DRIVE THAT GAVE ARIZONA THE UNFORTUNATE DISTINCTION OF BEING THE BEST TEAM NOT TO MAKE THE PLAYOFFS.

**WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ NEW YORK GIANTS**

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### **CAROLINA PANTHERS @ ATLANTA FALCONS**

THE ATLANTA FALCONS THREW QUITE A RETIREMENT PARTY FOR TONY GONZALEZ.

THE BOSS DIDN'T GIVE HIM A GOLD WATCH BUT THE TIGHT END EARNED A SILVER MEDAL, FINISHING HIS CAREER WITH 1,325 CATCHES. // ONLY JERRY RICE HAS MORE.

THE PANTHERS WERE HAPPY TO BID GONZALEZ FAREWELL, SACKING MATT RYAN NINE TIMES.

ATLANTA HAD A CHANCE TO PLAY THE SPOILER BUT SELF-DESTRUCTED AND SPOILED THE GONZALEZ GOODBYE.

### **PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ DALLAS COWBOYS**

NO ONE DOES DRAMA LIKE DALLAS. FOR THE THIRD YEAR IN A ROW IN THE REGULAR SEASON FINALE, THE COWBOYS WERE TRYING TO AVOID A LOSS TO A DIVISION RIVAL WITH A PLAYOFF BERTH AT STAKE.

(EAGLES HUDDLE)

WITH TONY ROMO RECOVERING FROM BACK SURGERY, UNDERSTUDY KYLE ORTON TOOK CENTER STAGE. // HIS GOAL WAS TO FLIP THE SCRIPT.

(RADIO...ESCOBAR TD)

PHILADELPHIA'S LEADING MAN IS NICK FOLE. HE'S BEEN GIVEN THE KEYS TO THE RACE CAR THAT IS CHIP KELLY'S HIGH OCTANE OFFENSE.

(FOLES "RICKY BOBBY FAST")

KELLY SAW THE NFL'S HIGHEST RATED PASSER THROW TWO MORE TOUCHDOWNS TO GIVE HIM 27 WITH JUST TWO INTERCEPTIONS.

(RADIO MCCOY)

BUT HE ALSO SAW THE NFL'S LOWEST RANKED DEFENSE SACK FOLE 5 TIMES.

(RADIO SACK MONTAGE AND FUMBLE)

LEADING BY ONE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER THE EAGLES EMBARKED ON AN 11 PLAY DRIVE FEATURING NFL RUSHING CHAMPION LESEAN MCCOY. HE RAN FOR 131 YARDS AGAINST DALLAS.

(STALEY BENCH SOUND WITH MCCOY...ORTON SOUND)  
MCCOY'S RUNNING MATE HELPED THE EAGLES TAKE AN 8 POINT LEAD.  
(RADIO BRYCE BROWN TD...ORTON/ROMO...BRYANT TD...GARRETT)  
THE STAGE WAS SET FOR THE COWBOYS WHEN THEY GOT THE BALL BACK  
WITH UNDER TWO MINUTES TO GO.  
(GARRETT SOUND...RADIO SETTING UP BOYKIN INT)  
BUT FOR DALLAS, THE END TO THIS DRAMA WAS LIKE WATCHING A RE-RUN.

**WHIPAROUND (Detroit @ Minnesota; Tampa Bay @ New Orleans; Buffalo @ New England; St Louis @ Seattle; Jacksonville @ Indianapolis; Houston @ Tennessee; Denver @ Oakland):**

IN TRUE 80'S FASHION, MINNESOTA WAVED GOODBYE TO THE METRODOME,  
THE VIKINGS HOME SINCE 1982.

IT WAS ALSO **THE LAST STAND** FOR **SCHWARTZ'N'FRAZIER**. JIM AND LESLIE  
HAD THEIR JOBS **TERMINATED** ON MONDAY.

GREG SCHIANO JOINED THE GROWING CAST OF **THE EXPENDABLES** AS THE  
BUCS FINISHED 4-12.

IN A **COMMANDO** PERFORMANCE, DREW BREES HAD 5 TOUCHDOWNS.

IT SEEMED LIKE THE **END OF DAYS** IN NEW ENGLAND, BUT THE FOOTING WAS  
JUST FINE.

LAGARRETTE BLOUNT OUT-DID JACKSON WITH 334 TOTAL YARDS AND 2  
TOUCHDOWNS.

IN SEATTLE, THE SEAHAWKS LOCKED UP THE NUMBER 1 SEED IN THE NFC.  
THOSE WITH **TOTAL RECALL** KNOW, THE LAST TIME THEY DID THAT WAS IN  
2005, WHEN THEY WENT TO THE SUPER BOWL.

**JUNIOR** HERE NEEDS ANOTHER SCHWARZENEGGER REFERENCE LIKE HE NEEDS A **KINDERGARTEN COP**.

**PREDATOR** ROBERT MATHIS FINISHED AS THE SACK CHAMPION AND THE COLTS MADE THE PLAYOFFS.

THE TEXANS DID NOT. LOSERS OF 14 STRAIGHT, THEY'D PROBABLY LIKE TO TAKE AN **ERASER** TO THEIR ENTIRE SEASON.

FINALLY, THE RAIDERS WERE **COLLATERAL DAMAGE AS THE LAST ACTION HERO** SET HIS SIGHTS ON THE SINGLE SEASON PASSING RECORD.