NFL GameDay

Week 19

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

JUST LIKE A WEEK EARLIER, THE COLTS WOULD HAVE TO OVERCOME A TERRIBLE START.

HOLDING TIGHTLY TO THEIR CHAMPIONSHIP DREAMS, INDIANAPOLIS KEPT COMING BACK.

THE COLTS TRIED TO CONTAIN THE PATRIOTS RUNNING GAME.

NEW ENGLAND RUSHED 34 TIMES IN THE FIRST THREE QUARTERS, BUT AVERAGED JUST 3 YARDS PER CARRY.

ANDREW LUCKS 4 INTERCEPTIONS ULTIMATELY RUINED THE COLTS COMEBACK.

IN THE 4TH QUARTER THE PATRIOTS RAN FOR 126 YARDS AND PUT THE GAME AWAY.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

THEY CALL DEFENSIVE END GREG HARDY "THE KRAKEN".

BUT AGAINST SAN FRANCISCO, THE PANTHERS DID THEIR CRACKIN' TOO LATE (PAUSE) AND WERE FLAGGED THREE TIMES.

IN HIS FIRST PLAYOFF START, CAM NEWTON LED TWO PROMISING FIRST HALF DRIVES. BUT ON BOTH, WITH 7 SNAPS INSIDE THE 5 YARD LINE, THE PANTHERS COULDN'T SCORE A TOUCHDOWN.

ON THEIR LAST 17 POSSESSIONS AGAINST CAROLINA, THE 49ERS HAD FAILED TO SCORE A TOUCHDOWN. WITH TIME RUNNING OUT IN THE HALF, THAT DROUGHT ENDED IN DRAMATIC FASHION.

THE 49ERS LEAPED AT THEIR CHANCE TO WIN THIS CRITICAL GAME AND THE PANTHERS COULDN'T WITHSTAND SAN FRANCISCO'S SECOND HALF SURGE.

ANQUAN BOLDIN CAUGHT 8 PASSES FOR 136 YARDS AND SAN FRANCISCO RUSHED FOR 126. THE NFL'S NUMBER 2 DEFENSE WAS BEING WORN DOWN.

THE PANTHERS WERE SHUT OUT IN THE SECOND HALF. THE 49ERS WON THEIR 8TH STRAIGHT AND ADVANCED TO THE NFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ DENVER BRONCOS

"GETTING THEM" WASN'T THE PROBLEM FOR SAN DIEGO -- SCORING WAS.

THE OFFENSE FOUGHT HARD, BUT IT WAS DEFENSE THAT KEPT THEM IN THE GAME.

THERE WAS NO RABBIT IN THEIR HAT, NO SLEIGHT OF HAND. 3RD QUARTER MAGIC BELONGED TO THE BRONCOS.

PHILLIP RIVERS HAD LED HIS TEAM TO 5 STRAIGHT COMEBACK WINS IN THE 4TH QUARTER. HE WENT FOR 6.

THERE WAS NO QUIT, BUT THERE WOULD BE NO WIN EITHER.

DENVER STILL NEEDED TWO CRITICAL CONVERSIONS. THEY GOT 'EM.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

EXTREME WEATHER CONDITIONS FORCED THE SEAHAWKS AND SAINTS TO RUN THE BALL FOR MOST OF THE FIRST HALF.

WITH THE WIND AT HIS BACK, DREW BREES FINALLY FOUND SUCCESS THROUGH THE AIR AND NEW ORLEANS CUT INTO SEATTLE'S LEAD.

SHAYNE GRAHAM'S FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT WAS NOWHERE <u>NEAR</u> THE UPRIGHTS AND THE SEAHAWKS MAINTAINED THEIR 8 POINT ADVANTAGE.

WITH AN OPPORTUNITY TO CLOSE OUT THE GAME, PETE CARROLL WASN'T GOING TO TAKE ANY CHANCES WITH THE WIND. HE DECIEDED TO UNLEASH HIS FORCE OF NATURE..THE BEAST.

WITH TIME RUNNING OUT ON HIS SEASON, BREES PUT THE PEDAL TO THE METAL AND EMPTIED THE TANK.