

## **NFL GAMEDAY**

### **WEEK 5**

#### **CHICAGO BEARS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS**

THE EXACT TRANSLATION FOR CARPE DIEM IS HARD TO IDENTIFY. IT COULD MEAN SEIZE THE DAY OR ENJOY THE DAY. OR IT COULD MEAN PICK UP THE FOOTBALL AFTER YOU HAVE BEEN TACKLED TRYING TO CATCH A PUNT AND RUN 79 YARDS FOR A TD.

THE BEARS SEIZED THEIR EARLY OPPORTUNITIES AND BUILT A TWO TOUCHDOWN LEAD.

THE PANTHERS CAME BACK TO TIE THE SCORE, BUT THEN FELL BEHIND BY THREE POINTS IN THE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER. BUT OVER THE LAST SIX MINUTES, CAROLINA WOULD DOMINATE, ONLY NO ONE WAS HEARD SCREAMING “CARPE URSUS”.

#### **HOUSTON TEXANS @ DALLAS COWBOYS**

THE EYES OF TEXAS WERE UPON A HOUSTON OFFENSE THAT COULD NOT “GET AWAY.”

THE FIRST HALF MOVED SLOWER THAN “ALL THE LIVE LONG DAYS” AS A LONE DALLAS FIELD GOAL ACCOUNTED FOR THE ONLY SCORING.

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TONY ROMO THREW FOR 324 YARDS AND A PAIR OF SCORES.

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### **BALTIMORE RAVENS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS**

THE COLTS ANDREW LUCK WAS RIDING A TWO GAME WINNING STREAK AND LEADING THE NFL IN TOUCHDOWN PASSES. HE WAS EXCITED.

THEN... THE GAME STARTED.

JOE FLACCO HAD IT EVEN WORSE. HE WAS SACKED 4 TIMES, THREW AN INTERCEPTION, AND THE RAVENS TRAILED 6 TO 3 AT HALFTIME.

LUCK WAS ABLE TO ADD ONE TOUCHDOWN PASS TO HIS LEAGUE LEADING TOTAL. IT GAVE THE COLTS A 13 TO 3 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER LEAD.

A JUSTIN FORSETT TOUCHDOWN RUN GOT THE RAVENS TO WITHIN 7.

LESS THAN 2 MINUTES REMAINED. LUCK HAD THE BALL AT THE BALTIMORE 10.

### **TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS**

THE SAINTS LOST THEIR TOP PLAYMAKER EARLY.

THE BUCS RALLIED WITH 24 UNANSWERED POINTS.

THE SAFETY HELPED SEND THE GAME INTO OVERTIME WHERE DREW BREES HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO WIN A GAME IN WHICH HE THREW 3 INTERCEPTIONS.

### **ARIZONA CARDINALS @ DENVER BRONCOS**

NARCISSISM DOESN'T EXIST IN DENVER -- THERE, THEY ONLY HAVE EYES FOR ONE MAN.

IT'S HARD HARD WORK TO MAKE THINGS LOOK THAT EASY.

RUNNING BACKS DIDN'T RUN THE BALL ON ARIZONA'S DEFENSE... RECEIVERS RAN PAST THEM.

TO BE FAIR, IT WASN'T ANYTHING THE CARDINALS DID -- IT WAS WHAT PEYTON MANNING DID THAT SEALED THEIR FATE.

### **NEW YORK JETS @ SAN DIEGO CHARGERS**

PHILIP RIVERS HAD THE CHARGERS OFFENSE FLOWING AS THEY POSTED THEIR HIGHEST YARD TOTAL OF THE SEASON.

THE JETS HAD A DICKENS OF A TIME STOPPING BRANDEN OLIVER WHO ADDED A TWIST TO THE SAN DIEGO OFFENSE.

THE BOLTS GROUNDED THE JETS AS THEY SHUT NEW YORK OUT AND LIMITED THEM TO ONLY SIXTY PASSING YARDS.

### **CINCINNATI BENGALS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS**

MANY SAID THE SUN WAS SETTING ON NUMBER 12 AND THE PATRIOTS DYNASTY.

THE CRITICISM HAD TOM BRADY STEWING LIKE A CUCUMBER SITTING IN BITTER BRINE.

THE PICKLE WAS STOPPING A TRANSFORMED BRADY, WHO LEFT A SOUR TASTE IN CINCINNATI'S MOUTH.

THE PATRIOTS RAN OVER THE BENGALS FOR A RESOUNDING VICTORY.

### **ST LOUIS RAMS @ PHILADELPHIA EAGLES**

THE EAGLES SCORED 42 SECONDS INTO THE GAME.

AND KEPT ON SCORING.

A BIG FAT 27 POINT SECOND HALF LEAD LOOKED PRETTY GOOD.

THE RAMS SCORED 21 FOURTH QUARTER POINTS TO MAKE IT CLOSE, BUT IN THE END THE EAGLES ESCAPED WITH A LESS-THAN-CONFIDENCE IN SPRING WINS.

### **CLEVELAND BROWNS @ TENNESSEE TITANS**

SOMETIMES EVEN WHEN YOU KNOW IT'S COMING THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO STOP IT.

THIS HIT WAS PENALIZED ANND WHILE IT WAS A THUMB INJURY THAT KNOCKED LOCKER FROM THE GAME, CHARLIE WHITEHURST PICKED UP THE SLACK BEAUTIFULLY.

A GOOD LEAD BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NFL HISTORY, NOT ENOUGH.

NOT JUST A WIN, A RECORD; NO ROAD TEAM HAD EVER BEFORE OVERCOME A 25 POINT DEFICIT TO WIN.

### **KANSAS CITY CHIEFS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS**

THE 49ERS HAVE ONE OF THE BEST AND TOUGHEST DEFENSES IN THE GAME. BUT EVEN THAT ISNT ALWAYS ENOUGH.

COLIN KAEPERNIK DID JUST ENOUGH TO GIVE THE NINERS A LEAD.

AND SAN FRANCISCO'S DEFENSE MADE IT STAND UP.

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### **MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS**

HERE'S WHAT INTENSITY LOOKS LIKE. HERE'S WHAT INTENSITY CAN DO.

IT WASN'T MUCH OF A HORSE RACE. MORE LIKE A STAMPEDE.

### **BUFFALO BILLS @ DETROIT LIONS**

HOPING TO LEND A HELPING HAND FOLLOWING CONSECUTIVE BILLS LOSSES, NEWLY ANNOINTED STARTING QUARTERBACK KYLE ORTON TOOK A WHILE TO SHAKE OFF THE RUST.

BUT DETROIT SQUANDERED NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES TO PUT THE GAME ON ICE.

PLAYING IN ONLY HIS 4<sup>TH</sup> GAME IN THE PAST TWO SEASONS, ORTON CAUGHT FIRE IN THE FOURTH QUARTER WITH AN IMPROBABLE LAST-SECOND RALLY.

### **PITTSBURGH STEELERS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS**

NO TEAM'S FANS TRAVEL IN SUCH ABUNDANT NUMBERS AS THE STEELERS – WHO TOOK OVER THE STANDS IN JACKSONVILLE – THEN WATCHED THEIR HEROES DO THE SAME ON THE FIELD AGAINST THE JAGUARS.

**ATLANTA FALCONS @ NEW YORK GIANTS**

THE PRIMO PHOTO OPS AT MET LIFE STADIUM WERE CREATED BY THE PHOTOGENIC FALCONS.

ATLANTA MAY HAVE PROVIDED PRETTIER TOUCHDOWNS, BUT THE GRITTIER GIANTS SCORED MORE OF THEM – RALLYING FROM A TEN-POINT DEFICIT TO POST THEIR 3<sup>RD</sup> CONSECUTIVE WIN.

**SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ WASHINGTON REDSKINS**

WITH A LITTLE MORE PRECISION, THE SEAHAWKS COULD HAVE ROUTED THE REDSKINS.

BUT RUSSELL WILSON SAVED THE DAY WITH OVER A HUNDRED RUSHING YARDS AND TWO TOUCHDOWN PASSES.