

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 8

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ DENVER BRONCOS

EMMANUEL SANDERS HAD NO TOUCHDOWNS IN HIS FIRST 6 GAMES. IN LESS THAN A WEEK, HE HAD 4.

WHILE SANDERS HAD AN EASY TIME OF IT, DEMARCUS WARE DID NOT.

HE WAS OFTEN CHIPPED AND DOUBLE TEAMED WHICH ALLOWED OTHERS TO POUND PHILIP RIVERS.

RIVERS EVADED WARE AND DENVER'S PASS RUSH FOR MUCH OF THE NIGHT AND FIRED THREE TOUCHDOWN PASSES, TWO TO ANTONIO GATES.

IN THE END, PEYTON MANNING AND HIS RED HOT RECEIVER PROVED TOO MUCH FOR THEIR DIVISION RIVALS.

GREEN BAY PACKERS @ NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

DREW BREES' INTENSE GAME FACE MIGHT BE DUE TO THE SAINTS SLOW START THIS SEASON... AARON RODGERS? STILL RELAXED.

DREW BREES HANDLED THE PRESSURE AND MANHANDLED THE PACKERS DEFENSE.

TAKING RODGERS OUT OF HIS COMFORT ZONE ISN'T EASY. BUT FOR MOST OF THE NIGHT HE LOOKED READY TO SNAP. IT WAS THE SAINTS WHO WERE ABLE TO RELAX AND BREATHE A BIG SIGH OF RELIEF WITH A BLOWOUT WIN.

DETROIT LIONS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

DETROIT'S ALARM CLOCK NEVER WENT OFF, AS THE LIONS DOZED THRU THE FIRST HALF OF THE EARLIEST NFL GAME EVER PLAYED.

THE LIONS GOT THEIR WAKEUP CALL AND "VAULTED" BACK INTO THE GAME.

A SECOND STAFFORD SCORE IN THE FINAL MINUTES TRIMMED ATLANTA'S LEAD TO 21-19.

STARTING AT HIS OWN SEVEN WITH BARELY 90 SECONDS LEFT AND NO TIMEOUTS, STAFFORD CLOSED IN **ON** HIS SECOND MAJOR COMEBACK VICTORY IN AS MANY WEEKS.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ CLEVELAND BROWNS

PLAYING THE OAKLAND RAIDERS CAN BE A TREAT ESPECIALLY WHEN THEY REACH INTO THEIR BAG OF TRICKS.

MIKE PETTINE'S DEFENSE FEASTED ON ANY FOOTBALLS THAT CAME THEIR WAY.

HOUSTON TEXANS @ TENNESSEE TITANS

TITANS DEFENSIVE END JURRELL CASEY LIKES TO FIX THINGS.

AGAINST THE TEXANS, HE TRIED TO FIX HIS DEFENSE.

ARIAN FOSTER HAD OTHER IDEAS.

FOSTER RUSHED FOR 151 YARDS AND SCORED ALL THREE OF HOUSTON'S TOUCHDOWNS.

ST LOUIS RAMS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

KANSAS CITY'S DEFENSE ALLOWED JUST 200 TOTAL YARDS, WHILE RACKING UP SEVEN SACKS.

TO START THE SECOND HALF THE CHIEFS RAN AWAY WITH THE KICKOFF, THEN THE GAME.

BUFFALO BILLS @ NEW YORK JETS

WHAZ UP IS THAT BUFFALO IS STILL LEADING THE LEAGUE WITH 28 SACKS...AND NOW THANKS TO A 6-TURNOVER DEBACLE BY THE JETS, THE BILLS ARE FIRST IN INTERCEPTIONS AS WELL.

MUHAMMAD WILKERSON MAY HAVE HAD HIS COFFEE, BUT THE JETS STILL GOT CREAMED.

IT'S BECOMING CLEAR THAT YOU CAN'T COVER BILLS WIDE OUT SAMMY WATKINS, WHO HAD 157 YARDS, 3 RECEPTIONS, AND A ROOKIE MOMENT.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ CAROLINA PANTHERS

THERE ARE NO GUARANTEES IN LIFE. //

STILL, PLAYERS CAN DREAM. //

BUT THE MOMENT YOU FIND FOCUS IN SLUMBER...

A KALEIDOSCOPE OF UNCERTAINTY CAN JAR YOUR VISION AWAKE.

LUCKY FOR CAM NEWTON, HE DOESN'T GET ALL THAT PHILOSOPHICAL ON THE FOOTBALL FIELD. HE JUST HAS FUN.

THEATRICALS ASIDE, THERE WASN'T MUCH OF A SHOW IN CAROLINA, EVEN FROM SOME OF THE GAMES' BIGGEST STARS.

NO GUARANTEES...JUST THE POWER OF POSITIVE THINKING.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS

THE STEELERS LOOKED LIKE BEES AND BIG BEN WAS MAKING A BUZZ.

THE PITTSBURGH DEFENSE SWARMED THE STUMBLING, BUMBLING COLTS.

IN THE FINAL MINUTES, ROETHLISBERGER DELIVERED THE FINAL STING.

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ CINCINNATI BENGALS

NEITHER VENUES... NOR VERBIAGE... WIN FOOTBALL GAMES. (PAUSE)
PLAYMAKERS DO.

A PAIR OF LONG-GAINERS B Y MOHAMMED SANU HELPED CINCINNATI BUILD A COMFORTABLE 17-TO-6 THIRD QUARTER LEAD.

BUT A FOURTH QUARTER MISTAKE BY ANDY DALTON ALLOWED BALTIMORE TO GET BACK IN THE GAME.

AFTER TRAILING FROM THE OUTSET, BALTIMORE TOOK THE LEAD.

IN THE END, ANDY DALTON REDEEMED HIMSELF.

CHICAGO BEARS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

THE RETURN TO PEAK FORM BY ROB GRONKOWSKI AND TOM BRADY HAS GONE FROM FANTASY TO REALITY.

ON AN OTHERWISE FORGETTABLE DAY FOR THE BEARS, THEIR TIGHT END DID ONE SPOT-ON GRONK IMPRESSION.

BRADY PASSED FOR 354-YARDS.

THREE OF HIS FIVE TOUCHDOWN PASSES WENT TO GRONK.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ ARIZONA CARDINALS

ON THE THIRD PLAY AFTER HALFTIME, THE CARDINALS BROKE A 7-7 TIE.

WHILE LARRY FITZGERALD HAS PREPARED A BANQUET OF BIG PLAYS THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER, THE EAGLES' VERSATILE JERRY MACLIN HASN'T YET REACHED FITZGERALD'S LEVEL, BUT IN THIS GAME, MACLIN PROVED THAT WHEN PUSH COMES TO SHOVE, HE DESERVES A PLACE AT THE TABLE OF THE LEAGUE'S MOST EXCITING PERFORMERS.

MACLIN MADE A SPLASH AGAINST ARIZONA WITH 12 RECEPTIONS FOR 187 YARDS AND 2 TOUCHDOWNS.

THE CARDINALS TRAILED 20-17 WITH TIME RUNNING OUT AND THE END ZONE 75 YARDS AWAY.

MINNESOTA VIKINGS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

CATCHING A TOUCHDOWN IN AN NFL GAME IS A ROOKIE'S SWEETEST DREAM.

BUT AUSTIN SEFARIAN JENKINS' DREAM GAME...TURNED INTO A NIGHTMARE.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

CHEERLEADERS IN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES ARE EYE-CATCHING, BUT BLAKE BORTLES NEEDED TO FOCUS LESS ON WHO WAS DRESSED AS WHAT, AND MORE ON WHO HE WAS THROWING THE BALL TO.

WATCHING PASSES GET INTERCEPTED...THEN RETURNED FOR TOUCHDOWNS...IS FRIGHTENING FOR ANY QUARTERBACK.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ DALLAS COWBOYS

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