NFL GAMEDAY WEEK 13

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

AARON RODGERS HADN'T THROWN THE BALL TO AN OPPONENT IN 11 STRAIGHT HOME GAMES, AND HIS PERFECTION CONTINUED.

BUT THE PACK COULDN'T PUT AWAY THE PATS, AND THEY ENTERED THE FOURTH QUARTER HOLDING A 23-14 LEAD.

NEW ENGLAND MADE IT A ONE SCORE GAME.

WITH JUST MINUTES REMAINING, THE PATRIOTS NEEDED A STOP, TO GET THE BALL BACK. AND HAVE A CHANCE TO FINISH THEIR COMEBACK.

DENVER BRONCOS @ KANSAS CITY CHIEFS

BRONCOS FANS HOPED THAT PEYTON MANNING'S SPELL OF 2 STRAIGHT WINS AT ARROWHEAD WOULD CONTINUE.

THE REAL WIZARD WAS UNDRAFTED, BACKUP RUNNING BACK C.J. ANDERSON. ANDERSON CARRIED THE BALL 32 TIMES, RUSHED FOR OVER 160 YARDS FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT GAME AND CAUGHT A TOUCHDOWN PASS.

<u>DENVER'S</u> DEFENSE WAS DOMINANT AS WELL SACKING ALEX SMITH 6 TIMES AND HOLDING THE CHIEFS TO JUST 151 YARDS.

THE BRONCOS' THIRD STRAIGHT WIN AT ARROWHEAD KEPT THEM A GAME UP ON THE CHARGERS IN THE AFC WEST.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES @ DALLAS COWBOYS

ON THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY FOR GLUTTONS, PHILLY FORCE FED DALLAS A STEADY DIET OF UP TEMPO OFFENSE, RESULTING IN TWO FIRST QUARTER TOUCHDOWNS.

LESEAN MCCOY BIT OFF A SEASON-HIGH 159 YARDS RUSHING.

LATELY IT SEEMS IT'S "ALWAYS SHADY IN PHILADELPHIA" --BUT THE EAGLE DEFENSE SHOWED A DARK SIDE TOO, BLOTTING OUT COWBOY STARS DEMARCO MURRAY AND TONY ROMO.

ROMO WAS SACKED FOUR TIMES AND THREW A PAIR OF INTERCPETIONS.

TENNESSEE TITANS @ HOUSTON TEXANS

(NO SCRIPT)

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS @ BALTIMORE RAVENS

PERHAPS THE CHARGERS SHOULD HAVE BROUGHT A SIX PACK, SEEING AS PHILIP RIVERS WAS NURSING A RIB INJURY AND PLAYING BEHIND HIS FOURTH-STRING CENTER.

TORREY SMITH'S PAIR OF TOUCHDOWNS HELP BALTIMORE TO A 23-13 LEAD AFTER THREE QUARTERS.

ARIZONA CARDINALS @ ATLANTA FALCONS

OF COURSE, WHAT DOES MOM KNOW, SHE NEVER HAD TO CATCH DEVIN HESTER.

MOMS INSIST EVERYONE BE ON THEIR BEST BEHAVIOR. THE BEST WAY TO DO THAT? // THROW THE BALL TO JULIO JONES.

THE CARDINALS HAD BEEN THE LEAGUE'S DARLING AND THE FALCONS ONE OF THE BIG DISAPPOINTMENTS. THIS PAST SUNDAY, IT WAS HARD TO TELL.

NEW YORK GIANTS @ JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS

IN A DOMINANT FIRST HALF, GIANT DEFENDERS RAN OVER ROOKIE QUARTERBACK BLAKE BORTLES... THEIR OFFENSE RAN THROUGH THE JACKSONVILLE DEFENSE AND NEW YORK SCORED THE GAME'S FIRST 21 POINTS.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER THE GIANTS' LEAD BEGAN TO SLIP OUT FROM UNDER THEM.

BORTLES' FIRST CAREER GAME-WINNING DRIVE COMPLETED THE LARGEST COMEBACK IN FRANCHISE HISTORY.

<u>NEW ORLEANS SAINTS @ PITTSBURGH STEELERS</u>

DREW BREES WON THE QUARTERBACK DUEL, AND TIED PEYTON MANNING'S RECORD WITH HIS NINTH CAREER FIVE TOUCHDOWN PERFORMANCE.

AFTER THROWING FOR <u>SIX</u> SCORES IN EACH OF HIS LAST 2 HOME GAMES, BEN ROETHLISBERGER DIDN'T FIND THE END ZONE UNTIL THE CLOSING MINUTES.

CINCINNATI BENGALS @ TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS

TAMPA BAY FIRED OUT TO A 10-0 LEAD.

THE BENGALS SCORED THE NEXT 14.

TRAILING BY ONE, THE BUCS THOUGHT THEY DROVE INTO FIELD GOAL RANGE.

OAKLAND RAIDERS @ ST LOUIS RAMS

RAMS ROOKIE TRE MASON PREDICTED A BIG GAME AGAINST THE RAIDERS. BUT EVEN HE COULD NOT HAVE FORESEEN HIMSELF GOING FOR A TREFECTA.

TRE WAS TRUMPED ONLY BY A DEFENSE THAT FORCED 5 TURNOVERS AS THE RAMS DEALT THE RAIDERS THEIR WORST LOSS SINCE THE AFL NFL MERGER.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS @ SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS

WHILE COLIN KAEPERNICK'S FEET WERE A GIVEAWAY FOR SEAHAWKS PASS RUSHERS, HIS **ARM** GAVE AWAY 2 PASSES TO CORNERBACK RICHARD SHERMAN. PICK NUMBER ONE BY THE 49ERS' ARCH-NEMESIS SET UP THE GAME'S ONLY TOUCHDOWN.

SEATTLE ADDED FOUR FIELD GOALS AND HELD AN OPPONENT WITHOUT A TOUCHDOWN FOR THE SECOND STRAIGHT WEEK.

CHICAGO BEARS @ DETROIT LIONS

DETROIT'S SUPERSTITIOUS RITUALS WERE SYMBOLIC OF A STAR ATHLETE IN MAGICAL FORM. AGAINST THE BEARS "MEGATRON" WAS UNSTOPPABLE – WHILE <u>ALSO</u> BECOMING THE FASTEST PLAYER TO REACH TEN THOUSAND RECEIVING YARDS IN NFL HISTORY.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS @ INDIANAPOLIS COLTS

ENROUTE TO THE BEST GAME OF HIS CAREER, WASHINGTON'S COLT McCOY PROVED TO BE "THE <u>REAL</u> McCOY."

BUT THE REDSKINS QUARTERBACK COULDN'T OVERCOME A POROUS PASS POCKET.

NOR WAS THERE MUCH HE COULD DO ABOUT WASHINGTON'S "MISSING-IN-ACTION SECONDARY, WHICH GAVE UP FIVE ANDREW LUCK TOUCHDOWN PASSES.

CLEVELAND BROWNS @ BUFFALO BILLS

BROWNS QUARTERBACK BRIAN HOYER <u>STARTED</u> THE BILLS GAME – BUT HE DIDN'T FINISH IT.

BUFFALO'S GAME-WINNING DEFENSE HOUNDED HOYER, KEEPING CLEVELAND OUT OF THE END ZONE UNTIL THE 4^{TH} QUARTER, WHEN THE BROWNS TURNED TO LITTLE-USED ROOKIE JOHNNY MANZIEL.

BROWNS COACH MIKE PETTINE NOW FINDS HIMSELF IN A QUARTERBACK QUANDRY.

CAROLINA PANTHERS @ MINNESOTA VIKINGS

AT THEIR COLDEST HOME GAME SINCE 1981, VIKINGS SPECIAL TEAMS MADE THE STADIUM WARM AND COMFY.

IT WAS THE FIRST GAME SINCE 1990 WHERE AN NFL TEAM BLOCKED TWO PUNTS THAT WERE RETURNED FOR SCORES.

MIAMI DOLPHINS @ NEW YORK JETS

THE JETS ARE LONGING FOR THE DAYS WHEN THEIR QUARTERBACK WAS THE BIGGEST STAR ON BROADWAY.

THIS SEASON JETS QUARTERBACKS HAVE BEEN JUST "PLAIN OLD JOES".

MEANWHILE, THE DOLPHINS DID JUST ENOUGH TO STAY IN THE PLAYOFF HUNT.