

NFL GAMEDAY

WEEK 19

BALTIMORE RAVENS @ NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS

NEITHER THE COLD NOR THE WEIGHT OF THE GAME SEEMED TO HAVE ANY EFFECT ON BALTIMORE'S JOE COOL.

JOE FLACCO THREW TWO TOUCHDOWNS IN THE GAME'S FIRST TEN MINUTES.

THE RAVENS HAD TOM BRADY AND THE PATRIOTS DOWN. THEY TRIED TO KEEP IT THAT WAY.

TOM BRADY HAS ALSO BEEN COACHED, TO GET OUT OF TROUBLE, START BY FINDING ROB GRONKOWSKI.

AT THE END OF THE HALF, BRADY MADE A BAD THROW...// AND FLACCO MADE A GOOD ONE.

DOWN AGAIN BY 14, BILL BELICHICK STAYED THE COURSE ON DEFENSE, BUT USED AN OFFENSIVE FORMATION NO ONE HAD EVER SEEN IN AN NFL GAME BEFORE./ THE PATRIOTS EMPLOYED FOUR LINEMEN. THE FIFTH WAS AN INELIGIBLE RECEIVER IN THE SLOT, COVERED ON THE END BY JULIAN EDELMAN.

THE ONLY PENALTY WAS ON JOHN HARBAUGH FOR COMING ONTO THE FIELD TO PROTEST.

THE PATRIOTS HAD ONE MORE TRICK, AND IT INVOLVED A DIFFERENT QUARTERBACK.

WITH TEN MINUTES LEFT AND THE GAME TIED, THE RAVENS NEEDED ANOTHER SCORE.// THEY HAD TO SETTLE FOR 3.

HE USED TO BE KNOWN AS THE COMEBACK KID./ HE'S NOW 37 YEARS OLD./ FATHER TIME MAY BE APPROACHING BUT WHEN THE MOMENT DEMANDS A CHAMPIONSHIP THROW, TOM BRADY CAN STILL DELIVER.

CAROLINA PANTHERS @ SEATTLE SEAHAWKS

CENTURY LINK FIELD HAS BEEN A HOUSE OF PAIN FOR OPPONENTS, BUT THE PANTHER OFFENSE WENT ON A 14 PLAY DRIVE THAT TOOK OVER 8 MINUTES, PROVING THEY CAME TO GET DOWN, THEY CAME TO GET DOWN.

THE DEFENDING CHAMPS DID NOT PACK IT UP, OR PACK IT IN. INSTEAD KAM CHANCELLER GOT OUT HIS SEAT, AND JUMPED AROUND.

DALLAS COWBOYS @ GREEN BAY PACKERS

IN THE FIRST HALF, SOMETHING SEEMED WRONG WITH THE PACKERS//THEY LOOKED OUT OF SYNC, AND OVERMATCHED.

AARON RODGERS LOOKED LIKE A SITTING DUCK//AND HE WAS THROWING DUCKS, PASSING FOR JUST 90 YARDS IN THE FIRST HALF.

HE SEEMED UNCOMFORTABLE IN THE POCKET, AND UNABLE TO OVERCOME AN INJURY TO HIS LEFT CALF.

TWO TONY ROMO TOUCHDOWN PASSES GAVE DALLAS THE LEAD.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER IT LOOKED LIKE THE COWBOYS WOULD LOSE THEIR GRIP ON THE GAME.

BUT NFL RUSHING LEADER DEMARCO MURRAY RAN 25 TIMES FOR 123 YARDS AND HELPED THE COWBOYS EXTEND THEIR LEAD.

WHEN GREEN BAY GETS TENSE, AND THE PRESSURE MOUNTS, IT'S AARON RODGERS WHO HELPS THEM RELAX.

WINNING FOR THE COWBOYS WOULD COME DOWN TO ONE FINAL DRIVE LATE IN THE 4TH QUARTER.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS @ DENVER BRONCOS

FIVE MVP AWARDS. A SUPER BOWL RING. NEARLY EVERY PASSING RECORD IMAGINABLE. BUT AT AGE 38, THERE WERE SKEPTICS WHO WONDERED ABOUT PEYTON MANNING'S HEALTH AND ARM STRENGTH. ON THE OPENING DRIVE AGAINST THE COLTS, MANNING WAS SHARP.

THE NEXT MANNING....PERHAPS ANDREW LUCK. THIS SEASON, LUCK LED THE NFL WITH 40 TOUCHDOWN PASSES. HE LED THE COLTS ON A GAME TYING DRIVE.

AFTER HIS FIRST DRIVE, MANNING'S DEEP PASSES WERE WOEFULLY OVERTHROWN WOBBLERS. HE AND EMANUAL SANDERS WERE OUT OF SYNC.

MANNING WASN'T THE ONLY ONE TO BLAME. HIS RECEIVERS DROPPED 6 PASSES, 3 BY DEMARIUS THOMAS. JUST WHEN IT SEEMED IT COULDN'T WORSE...IT DID.

WHILE MANNING'S PASSES WERE OFF THE MARK, LUCK'S WERE ACCURATE. WITH PERFECT AIM ON A DEEP OUT AND A BULLET THROUGH A TIGHT WINDOW, HE PASSED THE COLTS TO THE LEAD.

IN THE THIRD QUARTER, THE COLTS LED BY JUST 4. (PAUSE AND WAIT FOR CUE). LUCK FACED A CRITICAL 3RD AND 16.

LUCK FINISHED THE DRIVE WITH HIS SECOND TOUCHDOWN PASS OF THE GAME AND INDIANAPOLIS EXTENDED ITS LEAD TO 21 TO 10.

THERE WOULD BE NO COMEBACK FOR THE REIGNING AFC CHAMPIONS.

JERELL FREEMAN AND THE COLT DEFENSE ALLOWED JUST THREE SECOND HALF POINTS.

FOR A RECORD NINTH TIME, MANNING WENT "ONE AND DONE" IN THE PLAYOFFS...ANOTHER SEASON OF HIGH HOPES ENDING IN DISAPPOINTMENT.

WHILE ONE QUARTERBACK'S FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN, THE OTHERS IS NOT. HE'LL FACE ANOTHER LEGEND, TOM BRADY, IN THE AFC CHAMPIONSHIP GAME.