



## FOX NFL SUNDAY NOTES - 12/20/09

### **Glazer Reports Shanahan Being Aggressively Pursued by Redskins; Former Denver Head Coach Waiting to See If Dallas Job Becomes Available Bradshaw to Mike Tomlin: Deliver on Your Promise Long: Patriots Know They Need Randy Moss In Order to Be Successful**

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**NFL Insider Jay Glazer reports on how long Redskins owner Dan Snyder has been pursuing Mike Shanahan to coach the Redskins:** "Dan Snyder has never made an attempt to hide his love for Mike Shanahan, even in the face of his head coach Jim Zorn. Back during the owner's meeting in March, FOX Sports broadcaster John Lynch was summoned over to Dan Snyder and the Redskins' contingent including Jim Zorn. And right there, in front of his head coach he said, 'John, tell me everything you can about Mike Shanahan, your former head coach.' John looked over at Jim Zorn and Zorn gave him look as if to say, 'it's ok John, I'm used to it.' At that time, Dan Snyder offered the job to Mike Shanahan and Shanahan said the Redskins have to give Jim Zorn more than just one year."

**Glazer reports that while Shanahan is being aggressively pursued by Washington, he still has an eye on another head coaching job:** "Shanahan is calling around the league, trying to assemble his staff to go out to Washington. However, I'm hearing that he wants the Dallas job and that is why Dan Snyder is acting so quickly. Although, I don't think Dallas has any interest in him."

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**With severe weather and major snow accumulation on the East Coast this weekend, climate and field conditions will be a factor in many of today's games. Co-host Terry Bradshaw and analysts Michael Strahan and Jimmy Johnson discuss the impact.**

**Johnson:** "In a lot of those games it's going be sunny and look nice, but the footing is going to be a problem. You don't want to force the action. The one thing that we did do is play what we called umbrella coverage, where we had safeties back deep. That way, if one of our cornerbacks went down, he has a safety there to cover for him."

**Strahan:** "At Giants Stadium, a lot of areas freeze so there are patches of the field that are slippery. You have to change your cleats and alter your stance. It affects you, not so much against the run but against the pass. You can't really cock back and go. For all of you fans out there that are wondering about the guys who don't wear sleeves, you know what that means? It means you're a fool. It's cold out there man, put on some sleeves!"

**Bradshaw:** "I was blessed with the ability to throw the ball when it's wet. My receivers Lynn Swann and John Stallworth had confidence in me. We became aggressive because the defense had to be cautious, they had to react, and that's why we had the advantage."

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**Co-Host Terry Bradshaw on Steelers coach Mike Tomlin delivering on his promise to, "unleash hell in December":** "Tomlin said 'we're going to make wholesale changes and everybody is going to be evaluated.' Nothing happened so after awhile you lose that locker room."

You have to make something happen. If you said it, deliver on your promise. Tomlin is a great coach but to me that was a big mistake.”

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**Co-host Terry Bradshaw believes that when it comes down to it, the 49ers are going to need Alex Smith to lead them to victory:** “Eventually that quarterback has to win a football game; I just don’t see that happening. I’m not turning the channel to watch him. Are you?”

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**This week, Patriots WR Randy Moss was accused of quitting by the Panthers’ Chris Gamble in last week’s game. Analyst Howie Long weighs in on the situation:** “He’s heard this before, but it’s typically been from the media. When it comes from an opponent it stings. But Robert Kraft, Bill Belichick and Tom Brady quickly jumped on Randy Moss’ bandwagon and they understand for them to succeed down the road, they’ll need Randy Moss.”

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**Co-host Terry Bradshaw was happy by what he saw from the Cowboys in Saturday night’s victory over the Saints:** “If you had any doubts about Wade Phillips’ ability to coach this team up, finally we saw it. They went out with enthusiasm and determination. You saw it in the way they performed - running and throwing it and making plays. Just showing emotion in the game alone, to be on the road against a team that was undefeated, was inspiring. It was very impressive.”

**Analyst Howie Long on the Saints offense:** “Since that New England game they’ve been streaky on offense; quarter to quarter. It’ll be interesting to see how they refocus after this loss.”

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