



## FOX NFL SUNDAY NOTES - 10/11/09

**Bradshaw on Cowboys: If you write them off, you're crazy. They will respond.**  
**Johnson to Snyder on the Redskins: I told you what to do six years ago – BLOW IT UP!**  
**Long on McNabb's Return: He has to play. He's the franchise quarterback.**  
**Strahan on Redskins QB Campbell: He's talented. Give him chance.**  
**Glazer: Everybody in the NFL thinks Shanahan will coach the Redskins.**

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**Co-host Terry Bradshaw & analyst Howie Long support Donovan McNabb's decision to play today vs. the Tampa Bay Buccaneers:**

**Bradshaw:** "It's amazing how well you heal if you've got your backup QB playing as well as Kevin Kolb has but it's a good thing to have McNabb back. He's the leader of that football team. Today, play your offense, run your offense and don't hold anything back."

**Long:** "Whenever McNabb gets dinged or he's struggling, they always work the short passing game. Doing that gets him on track and limits the number of hits on the quarterback. He's got to play. He's the franchise quarterback and he's the face of that football team."

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**Co-host Terry Bradshaw is confident that the Dallas Cowboys are a good football team despite their shaky start this season:**

**Bradshaw:** "Would you rather struggle now after four games or do what Dallas has done in the past and tease us and go 12-1 like they did two years ago and we're all thinking – 'they've got home field advantage and are going to beat Strahan's Giants and go to the Super Bowl' - you get lured into that mindset. I would rather struggle now. I know for a fact that this is a good football team. Tony Romo is a great player and they will respond. If you write them off, you're crazy!"

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**Analyst Howie Long on the notion that 'The Brady Rule' is only protecting some and not all quarterbacks:**  
"The NFL will do anything to protect the quarterback. They are the faces of the NFL. I'm not saying referees consciously go into a game planning on protecting one quarterback more than another based on the name on the back of the jersey. But it's the nickname of the penalty – 'The Brady Rule'. I agree that when New England plays Indy, fans want to see Manning vs. Brady and not Hoyer vs. Sorgi but they also want to see Joe Flacco vs. Matt Ryan when the Ravens play the Falcons. All I'm asking is to be consistent, even when you are getting that dreaded Brady stare."

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**Analyst Jimmy Johnson on if Cowboys Owner Jerry Jones should bring back WR Terrell Owens:**

**Johnson:** "He needs some big plays, maybe it'll work!"

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**Howie Long ranks the 5 unbeaten teams in order:**

- #5 – Denver Broncos**
  - #4 – New Orleans Saints**
  - #3 – Indianapolis Colts**
  - #2 – Minnesota Vikings**
  - #1 – New York Giants**
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**Analyst Jimmy Johnson lays out his plan to fix Redskins organization after another rocky start to their season:** "This team has enough talent to be in the middle of the pack but they're not going to win a championship

until they change their philosophy. I would put every coach and every player on notice. In the next three months, everyone is fighting for their job. They need to realize that a great 53-man roster is what wins championships not five or six high-priced stars. The Redskins need a GM that prevents Daniel Snyder from making decisions while letting him think he's involved. Hey Washington, you didn't want to listen to me six years ago can you hear me now? Blow it up."

**Analyst Michael Strahan on criticism of Redskins QB Jason Campbell:** "I played against him and have a lot of respect for him. He's had different coordinators and no consistency. Give him a chance. He's talented."

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**FOX NFL Insider Jay Glazer on reports that former head coach Mike Shanahan could be Washington Redskins:**

**Glazer:** "It doesn't matter if you talk to a head coach; a GM, a team president or team owner, everybody in this league believes Mike Shanahan will be the next head coach of the Washington Redskins and they think it'll happen this season. That's certainly exacerbated by the fact that Redskins Owner Daniel Snyder flew out to Denver following Washington's loss to the Detroit Lions, although he claims it wasn't to meet Shanahan. The league office said that the only thing the Redskins could do is hire Shanahan on an interim basis during this season because of the Rooney Rule."

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