



## FOX NFL SUNDAY NOTES - 10/18/09

**Long: Kyle Orton Looked More Like Tom Brady Last Week Than Brady Did**  
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**One of the NFL's surprise teams has been the undefeated Denver Broncos. Analysts Jimmy Johnson, Howie Long and Michael Strahan look into the job that first-year coach Josh McDaniels has done in Denver.**

**Johnson:** "The biggest surprise is Denver being undefeated. Let's look at the turnaround. They had a pretty good team last year; Shanahan left them in good shape. They were 8-8 and probably the best team not in the playoffs. A lot of these teams made changes in the offseason, involving coaches that they were familiar with and Denver was very objective about it. They went out and hired the best. When I say the best, Josh McDaniels is the best coach out of all the coaches that Bill Belichick has developed over the years. They brought in an outstanding defensive coordinator in Mike Nolan, they're playing good defense now. Denver made the right moves."

**Long:** "Think about what McDaniels went through in August. Jay Cutler wanted out of there before he contacted anyone about Matt Cassel, no question. Brandon Marshall wanted a new contract, was disgruntled and got suspended. You're talking about a new offense, a new defense with eight new players. Kyle Orton comes in as quarterback and no one is thinking that Orton is a great signing. Orton looked more like Tom Brady than Brady did last week. I think McDaniels has done a remarkable job."

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**Co-Host Terry Bradshaw and Strahan assess the biggest matchup today on FOX between the New Orleans Saints and New York Giants.**

**Bradshaw:** "Of all the defensive coordinators in the world that have frustrated Eli Manning, Saints defensive coordinator, Gregg Williams is the best. Eli once had 37 incompletions against his defense. Gregg Williams is brilliant."

**Strahan:** "Jeremy Shockey plays with a lot of pride and I'm sure he'd love to embarrass some of his old teammates and I'm sure some people upstairs."

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**FOX NFL Insider Jay Glazer on the latest trade rumors around the league:**

**Terrell Owens** – "The Ravens spoke with the Bills about the possibility of trading for the Pro Bowl wide receiver. Buffalo, however, rebuffed the inquiry and instead has been adamant that they have no interest in shipping their free-agent pickup out of town. Buffalo sources say that up to this point, Terrell Owens has been nothing short of a perfect teammate and is trying to be a happy camper."

"In addition to calling the Bills, Baltimore has been searching for a receiver to bolster their offense to give Joe Flacco another target to use."

**Shawne Merriman** – "Merriman told me he's learned to accept the ugly side, a.k.a. the business side of football, and if he's traded 'I'll bust my butt for them just like I do for the Chargers.' However, Merriman also admitted, in a



very honest moment, that due to his groin injury 'my trade value has to be down.' Still, a few teams have been sniffing around."

**Brady Quinn** – "Would they listen to trade offers? Of course but their phones haven't been burning up with any interest. Quinn's selling of his house had zero to do with him having any sort of inside knowledge that he would be moved."

**Anquan Boldin** – "The price tag for what he wants salary wise (\$9 mil/yr.) could preclude such a deal from happening."

**Fire Sale?** – "Last week, I reported the Raiders are having a fire sale and several GMs and personnel executives who have spoken with the Chiefs recently say they had a similar message: Look at our roster and make an offer for anybody besides our QB Matt Cassel."

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**Analyst Howie Long breaks down the NFC West:**

**49ers** – "How would you like to be at practice during the bye week with Mike Singletary after their performance last week? It's obvious the 49ers need something offensively because they can't come from behind. They're hoping Michael Crabtree is a big boost; he'll probably get 15 snaps coming out of the bye next week to go along with Vernon Davis as an emerging tight end."

**Seahawks** – "Seattle is a different football team with Matt Hasselbeck at quarterback."

**Cardinals** – "Arizona is still trying to find the switch once again early in the season. Arizona is the most-talented team in the division. I still like Arizona in the NFC West."

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**Johnson believes Florida quarterback Tim Tebow could compete in the NFL if the offensive style he runs at Florida is brought to the NFL.**

**Johnson:** "If Urban Meyer is brought along with Tim Tebow that would be the key. If you're going to bring in Tebow, you've got to make sure the offense comes with him because Tebow's not going to fit in with a pro-style offense."

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**Co-host Terry Bradshaw on the Vikings path to a division championship:** "Minnesota is fast inside the dome. They still have to go to Pittsburgh, go to Chicago and Green Bay is waiting on them. They're not going to sweep through this thing and control the NFC North. They better watch out for the Bears."