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Johnson: Eagles Will Win the NFC East; The Giants are Done
Bradshaw: I'd Like to See Holmgren Coach. The NFL Needs His Offensive Mind.
Long: I Was Shocked When I Heard Ward Criticizing Roethlisberger for Sitting Out
Strahan: Saints & Colts Will Not Go Undeclared

FOX NFL SUNDAY Analyst Jimmy Johnson on the NFC East: "I think most everyone feels the NFC East belongs to the Cowboys because they're leading the division right now, but the Cowboys are going to have to settle for being a wild card because the Philadelphia Eagles will win the NFC East. As far as the New York Giants go, you can stick a fork in them, they're done!"

FOX NFL SUNDAY Insider Jay Glazer reports on the Seahawks following GM Tim Ruskell resignation: "With Tim Ruskell out as GM, the Seahawks have hired a search firm to identify potential candidates for the GM and/or president job. As far Mike Holmgren goes, he wants to go to Seattle with a Bill Parcells-type of head-honcho role."

Analyst Jimmy Johnson on whether Mike Holmgren returning to Seattle is a done deal following the resignation of Ruskell: "No, because they need a GM. They don't need a football czar like Parcells."

Co-host Terry Bradshaw added: "I would like to see Holmgren coach because he's a great offensive mind and the NFL doesn't have enough great offensive minds."

Analyst Michael Strahan, Jimmy Johnson, Terry Bradshaw remark on the likelihood of both the Indianapolis Colts & New Orleans Saints remaining undefeated.

Strahan: "Wanting to go undefeated and actually accomplishing it are two different things. I don't see it happening for either team. I have a feeling the Indianapolis Colts are going to rest guys."

Johnson: "Don't play hurt players just to go undefeated."

Bradshaw (reacting to Johnson): "That's some bull. Tony Dungy did that and it cost them. Don't forget about that."

Analyst Howie Long & Co-host Terry Bradshaw reacted to comments made by Steelers WR Hines Ward criticizing QB Ben Roethlisberger for not playing last week against the Ravens:

Long: "I was shocked when I heard Hines Ward's statement on the news. A player questioning whether you could go if you chose not to go is the last thing you want to happen."

Bradshaw: "Should he have said that about Ben? No. But I guarantee that half of the NFL was thinking like Hines Ward. That's the mentality of a football player from the time he's a kid. You don't cry and you always play hurt."

Co-host Terry Bradshaw on Michael Vick's future: "I don't think he'll be an Eagle next year. He's had his grace period and he's proven to be a good citizen. I think the Eagles will move him."

Analyst Michael Strahan on whether or not Brian Urlacher, who has been out of the Bears lineup since Week 1 with a wrist injury, should be commenting on the play of his teammates: “Brian Urlacher probably should not be making public comments about his team while he’s out hurt. I was out one year after I tore my pectoral muscle and Plaxico Burress didn’t go after a ball against the Titans and it was intercepted by Pacman Jones. I said ‘I know Plaxico is better than that, he’s not a quitter’...I found that I was a distraction. If you’re not on the field to help, you should be quiet.”

Co-host Terry Bradshaw added: “Yeah, I agree. When you’re hurt you’re really not part of the football team anyway, that’s the way they treat you. I do see something good coming from what Urlacher said and that’s Cutler’s response. I like what he said, I liked his response. He seemed very humble.”

Bradshaw, Johnson & Long agree on picking Stanford RB Toby Gerhart as their Heisman winner.

Long on Gerhart: “He’s been as dominate a guy at his position than anyone.”

Strahan: “After his performance yesterday, I’m going with Mark Ingram.”

Co-Host Bradshaw sat down with Saints QB Drew Brees and asked Brees about going undefeated.

Brees: “You get this close, we’re 11-0 and it’s not that far fetched but we’re not going to let it cloud our vision or focus. We understand the opportunity we have. Foot on the gas.”

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