

Playoffs!!!

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There are some great games on tap this weekend. Denver-Baltimore and Greenbay vs SF. The great part...there's not one team on the docket that is completely dominant over the others. Even lowly Seattle is playing well. The only team I see heading in the wrong direction is Houston. How would you like to be a Texans Fan. 4 weeks ago the Texans had the best record in football. They appeared to be cruising to home field advantage. Then they lost 3 out of the last 4 games to back into the number 3 seed. What did that buy them? A frigid trip to NE this weekend....a team that utterly crushed them there 4 weeks ago. I think I'll call that in a yawner to my least favorite team...NE. Seattle has the next toughest job going into the Falcons back yard and trying to out dirty bird the dirty birds. I expect a nasty fight with the always steady Falcons to come out on top. Denver always has a tough time with Baltimore, but Peyton owns them. I expect Baltimore to bow out again this year even with Ray Lewis's "win-one-for-the-gipper" speeches. Adios Ray, you had a great career.

The last matchup I expect to be the best. Greenbay and SF. San Fran won at Greenbay earlier in the year but Greenbay is suddenly one of the hottest teams in the NFL. They've won 5 of their last 6 and avenged their only loss to the Vikings by eliminating them last week. SF has been its steady self and won't go down easy. I expect Greenbay to win this because SF doesn't have a legit NFL QB on the roster. Anyway, buckle your seatbelt, lean the easy chair forward and don't spill the Doritos because there will be some bone crushing hits.

On Miami, well it would be an easy week to look past them. But, here's one nugget of hope. Ryan Tannehill at one time had 5 TDs versus 9 INTs...entering the 11th game of the season. He finished with 12 TDs and 13 Picks. That means through the final 6 games he was 7-4 in TD to INT ratio. If you're not remembering well...that was also the toughest part of their schedule. So if you're going to hang your hat on something, hang it on that. Miami did get better toward the end of the season. Miami went 3-3 during that stretch which included 2 losses to NE.

I live in Denver. While I'm a Miami Fan through and through, I do pull for the Broncos when Miami is clearly done. Peyton Manning is a class act. I'd love to see him win one more.