

NFL 2009, Week 8

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Last Week: 7-5-1

Overall: 56-46-1

The Smartest Thing I Said Last Week:

COLTS @ Rams +13

[H]ow high would this line have to be before you'd consider taking the Rams? 24? 30? Admit it: you'd have to stop and think about it for a bit before you took the Rams +30, wouldn't you?

The Colts would have covered that 30-point spread, it turns out. They beat the Rams 42-6.

The Dumbest Thing I Said Last Week:

FALCONS @ Cowboys -4

The 2009 Cowboys should not, under any circumstances whatsoever, be favored over a team as good as the Falcons. This is sheer lunacy, and it has to stop.

The Cowboys won, 37-21. I may have to concede the possibility, if not the probability, that somebody somewhere knows something I don't.

Okay. I'm afraid we're just going to have to plow through these, since it's been a busy week.

SEAHAWKS @ Cowboys -9.5

I need to see the Cowboys do it one more time before I'm actually convinced.

TEXANS @ Bills +3.5

Are the Bills currently on the least impressive two-game winning streak in NFL history? I say yes.

Rams @ LIONS -4

As fitting as it would be for these two horrible teams to play to a scoreless tie, I don't see that happening.

Broncos @ RAVENS -3.5

I think the Broncos go down, and we lose one more unbeaten team this weekend.

GIANTS @ Eagles +1

If you gave Philly fans the choice of which New York team

they'd rather beat on Sunday, I'm sure the overwhelming majority of them would choose the Yankees.

Dolphins @ JETS -3

I don't think the Dolphins will be able to recover after what happened to them on Wednesday's episode of "South Park."

Browns @ BEARS -13.5

I don't like to pick the Bears when the number is this high, but the Browns leave us no choice.

49ers @ COLTS -12.5

Just keep going with the Colts until they don't blow somebody out, I figure.

JAGUARS @ Titans -3

What possible reason would the Titans have to show up for this one, other than pride (which, as we all know, is one of the seven deadly sins)?

Raiders @ CHARGERS -16.5

They almost made this number high enough for me to consider taking the Raiders. Almost.

VIKINGS @ Packers -3

This is, quite simply, the biggest regular season game in Minnesota Vikings history. I can't even allow myself to entertain the notion that they might lose.

Panthers @ CARDINALS -10

It turns out that I may have been wrong about the Cardinals. They may actually be good.

FALCONS @ Saints -10.5

I still like the Saints to win, perhaps handily, but I decided that this Falcons team is juuuuust a little bit too good to be more than a ten point underdog to anybody.
