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THE WEEK THAT WAS – WEEK 14

KEEPING IT CLOSE: Close contests remain a staple of the 2015 season as eight games were decided by seven points or fewer in Week 14, including the New York Giants’ 31-24 victory over Miami on *Monday Night Football*.

Through Week 14, there have been 108 games decided by seven points or fewer, the most through the first 14 weeks of a season in NFL history.

The most games decided by seven points or fewer through Week 14:

MOST GAMES DECIDED BY SEVEN POINTS OR FEWER	
SEASON	THROUGH WEEK 14
2015	108
2012	105
2011	103
2002	102
2013	102

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TDs GALORE: There have been 687 touchdown passes this season, tied for the most through the first 14 weeks in NFL history (2014).

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GREAT GREEN BAY: The **GREEN BAY PACKERS** defeated Dallas 28-7 in Week 14, the 750th total victory in franchise history. The Packers are 750-565-37 and joined the CHICAGO BEARS (757-571-42) as the only teams in NFL history to reach 750 total wins.

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SUPER STAFFORD: Detroit quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD** passed for 245 yards and two touchdowns against St. Louis, bringing his career total to 25,123.

Stafford reached 25,000 career passing yards in his 90th NFL game, surpassing Pro Football Hall of Famer DAN MARINO (92) for the fewest games to reach the milestone.

The quarterbacks to reach 25,000 career passing yards in the fewest games in NFL history:

PLAYER	FEWEST GAMES TO REACH 25,000 PASS YARDS
Matthew Stafford	90
Dan Marino	92
Peyton Manning	97
Kurt Warner	97
Aaron Rodgers	98

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SOARING SEAHAWK: Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** passed for 292 yards with five touchdowns and no interceptions for a 139.6 passer rating in the Seahawks' 35-6 win at Baltimore.

Wilson has passed for at least three touchdowns with no interceptions in four consecutive games, tied for the longest streak in NFL history with **TOM BRADY** (2007), **PEYTON MANNING** (2013-14) and **AARON RODGERS** (2014).

The players with the most consecutive games with at least three touchdown passes and no interceptions:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR(S)	CONSECUTIVE GAMES WITH 3+ TD PASSES AND 0 INTs
Tom Brady	New England	2007	4
Peyton Manning	Denver	2013-14	4
Aaron Rodgers	Green Bay	2014	4
Russell Wilson	Seattle	2015	4*

* Active streak

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COOL BREES: New Orleans quarterback **DREW BREES** passed for 312 yards and two touchdowns in the Saints' 24-17 win at Tampa Bay. Brees has 93 career 300-yard passing games, tied with **PEYTON MANNING** for the most in NFL history.

Brees has 421 career touchdown passes and surpassed Pro Football Hall of Famer **DAN MARINO** (420) for the fourth-most in NFL history.

The quarterbacks with the most touchdown passes in NFL history:

PLAYER	YEARS	CAREER TD PASSES
Peyton Manning*	1998-present	539
Brett Favre	1991-2010	508
Tom Brady*	2000-present	425
Drew Brees*	2001-present	421
Dan Marino	1983-1999	420

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MARCUS MARIOTA: Tennessee rookie quarterback **MARCUS MARIOTA** had a 41-yard touchdown reception in the Titans' loss at the New York Jets.

Mariota, who has scored touchdowns of at least 40 yards via passing (long of 61 yards), rushing (long of 87 yards) and receiving (long of 41 yards) this year, is the fifth player to accomplish the feat in a single season and the first since Pro Football Hall of Famer running back **WALTER PAYTON** in 1983.

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RISING ROOKIE: St. Louis rookie running back **TODD GURLEY** rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns in the Rams' 21-14 win over Detroit. The performance marked Gurley's fifth game with at least 125 rushing yards, trailing only Pro Football Hall of Famer **ERIC DICKERSON** (seven in 1983) for the most such games by a rookie in NFL history.

The rookies with the most games with at least 125 rushing yards:

PLAYER	TEAM	YEAR	GAMES WITH 125+ RUSH YARDS AS A ROOKIE
Eric Dickerson	Los Angeles Rams	1983	7
Todd Gurley	St. Louis	2015	5*
Doug Martin	Tampa Bay	2012	5
Mike Anderson	Denver	2000	5
Curtis Martin	New England	1995	5
Rueben Mayes	New Orleans	1986	5
Billy Sims	Detroit	1980	5

* Through Week 14

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WONDROUS WILLIAM: Pittsburgh cornerback **WILLIAM GAY** returned an interception 23 yards for a touchdown in the Steelers' 33-20 win over Cincinnati.

Gay has now scored a touchdown on each of his last five interceptions, surpassing **TEDY BRUSCHI** (four), **CHARLES TILLMAN** (four), and **CAPTAIN MUNNERLYN** (four) for the longest such streak in NFL history.

The players with the most consecutive interceptions returned for a touchdown in NFL history:

PLAYER	TEAM(S)	YEAR(S)	CONSECUTIVE INTs RETURNED FOR TD
<i>William Gay</i>	<i>Pittsburgh</i>	<i>2013-present</i>	5*
Tedy Bruschi	New England	2002-03	4
Captain Munneryn	Carolina	2012	4
Charles Tillman	Chicago	2012-13	4

* Active streak

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