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THE WEEK THAT WAS – WEEK 7

COMEBACKS GALORE: The 2014 season has featured many close games and great comeback victories.

There have been 10 comeback victories of 14+ points, tied for the second-most such comebacks through Week 7 since 1970.

The most comeback wins of 14+ points through Week 7 since 1970:

THROUGH WEEK 7	
SEASON	14+ POINT COMEBACK WINS
2011	12
2014	10
1987	10
2012	9
1979	8

The **PITTSBURGH STEELERS** overcame a 13-point deficit on *Monday Night Football* to win 30-23 over Houston. There have been 20 comeback victories of 10+ points, the third-most such comebacks through Week 7 since 1970 (1987, 23; 2011, 21).

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PASSING FANCY: Quarterbacks have been historically efficient through Week 7 of the 2014 season, combining for a league-wide passer rating of 91.5 and a completion percentage of 63.3. Both are on pace to be the highest of any season in NFL history and would surpass records set in 2013 (86.0 passer rating; 61.2 completion percentage).

The league-wide yards-per-pass attempt average, currently at 7.28, is also on pace to be the highest of any season in the Super Bowl era.

The seasons with the highest league-wide yards-per-pass attempt average in the Super Bowl era (since 1966):

SEASON	YARDS/PASS ATTEMPT
2011	7.20
1983	7.18
1989	7.15
1984	7.14
2013	7.12
2014*	7.28

* Through Week 7

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QB MILESTONES: Below is a sampling of the quarterback milestones that were reached in Week 7:

- In Denver's 42-17 win against San Francisco on *Sunday Night Football*, Broncos quarterback **PEYTON MANNING** threw four touchdown passes, bringing his career total to 510, surpassing **BRETT FAVRE** (508) for the most career touchdown passes in NFL history.

Manning (33) extended his NFL record for the most career games with four or more touchdown passes.

- Detroit quarterback **MATTHEW STAFFORD** threw a five-yard touchdown pass with 1:48 remaining to give the Lions a 24-23 come-from-behind victory over New Orleans. It marked Stafford's sixth career game-winning touchdown pass inside the two-minute warning of the fourth quarter, the most in NFL history through a player's first six seasons.
- Green Bay quarterback **AARON RODGERS** passed for 255 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions for a 154.5 passer rating in the Packers' 38-17 win against Carolina. The performance marked Rodgers' fourth consecutive game with at least three touchdown passes and no interceptions, tied for the longest such streak in a single season in NFL history (TOM BRADY, 2007).

Rodgers is the only player in NFL history with at least 18 touchdown passes and one or zero interceptions through his team's first seven games to begin a season.

- Miami quarterback **RYAN TANNEHILL** became the third player in NFL history with at least 275 passing yards (277), a completion percentage of 78.0 or better (78.1) and 45+ rushing yards (48) in a single game, joining KEN ANDERSON (November 3, 1974) and JEFF GARCIA (December 14, 2003) as the only players to accomplish the feat.
- Seattle quarterback **RUSSELL WILSON** threw for 313 yards and rushed for 106 yards against St. Louis on Sunday to become the first player in NFL history to have 300+ passing yards and 100+ rushing yards in a single game.
- Pittsburgh quarterback **BEN ROETHLISBERGER** threw two touchdowns in the Steelers' 30-23 win against Houston on *Monday Night Football*. Roethlisberger has 10 touchdown passes this season and tied Pro Football Hall of Famer JIM KELLY (11) for the fourth-most consecutive seasons with 10 or more touchdown passes to start a career in NFL history.

The most consecutive seasons with 10+ touchdown passes to start a career:

PLAYER	TEAMS	YEARS OF STREAK	NO. OF CONSECUTIVE SEASONS WITH 10+ TDs
Fran Tarkenton	Minnesota, New York Giants	1961-76	16
Peyton Manning	Indianapolis	1998-2010	13
Warren Moon	Houston, Minnesota	1984-95	12
Ben Roethlisberger	Pittsburgh	2004-13	11*
Jim Kelly	Buffalo	1986-96	11
Dan Marino	Miami	1983-92	10

* Active Streak

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WAYNE'S WORLD: Indianapolis wide receiver **REGGIE WAYNE** had four catches for 15 yards in the Colts' 27-0 win over Cincinnati. Wayne (14,000) became the ninth player in NFL history to reach 14,000 receiving yards and only the fifth to do so with one franchise.

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AWESOME ANTONIO: Pittsburgh wide receiver **ANTONIO BROWN** caught nine passes for 90 yards in the Steelers' 30-23 win over Houston on *Monday Night Football*. It marked Brown's seventh consecutive game with at least five catches and 80 receiving yards, tying DWIGHT CLARK (1982) for the second-most consecutive such games to start a season in NFL history. Pro Football Hall of Famer MICHAEL IRVIN had nine consecutive such games to start the 1995 season.

Brown also threw a touchdown pass and became only the third player in NFL history to have at least nine catches and throw a TD pass in a single game (JAMES WILDER, 1984; Pro Football Hall of Famer JERRY RICE, 1995).

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CHIEF CHARLES: Kansas City running back **JAMAAL CHARLES** rushed for 95 yards and one touchdown in the Chiefs' 23-20 win at San Diego. Charles now has 6,113 career rushing yards, surpassing PRIEST HOLMES (6,070) for the most in franchise history.

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