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Jets fly high in the playoffs



The Jets were the only team not able to get a win during the regular season. Despite their record no ever questioned if they were a good team or not. The Jets were in every game they played and take away a mistake or two, they would have won many of them. The play-offs began with the winless Jets taking on the Titans. The Jets scored first when QB Matt Savery went to his high producing WR, Emmanuel Bradley. Bradley took the pass in for the days first TD. The Jets found themselves up 7 - 0 when Savery found Marlon Salmon in the back corner of the end zone. Salmon stretched out and made a finger tip catch, while managing to keep both feet in bounds. This was not a huge surprise as the Jets frequently took the lead on their opponents. The second score was also by the Jets, when Savery ran in the keeper from about ten yards out. The Jets enjoyed great up front blocking from Joe DiFrancesco, Ron Houlihan, and Jerry Opalecky. The second half had some Jets fans fearing the worst, when the Titans came storming back with a very impressive drive. Titans QB, Bill Titus, did a good job mixing things up. He first started by having WR, Jeff Blizzard run the ball. Blizzard's first carry was for 18 yards and his next had him picking up the first down. Then Titus went to the air and used RB, Todd Shropshire, as a WR. Titus hit Shropshire deep and Shropshire did a great job freeing himself from a would be deflagger, to score. Bradley made a great play on the ball and deflected the extra point just before getting to the receiver. The Jets did the best they could to answer back. Savery ran, Salmon made a nice reception, but the Titans defensive line (John Pierre, Jay Corey, and

Mark Hernandez) started to turn up the heat and forced the Jets to punt. The Jets then did what they had not done prior to this game, answer back on both sides of the ball. The Jets drive was a long steady one that had Savery running, Salmon catching a key. The Jets defense came up big on the Titans next drive. Otis Jefferson, and Danny Olmo made good plays to keep the Titans from gaining big yards and Adam Wagner made a tremendous stop on Blizzard, who had the whole field open in front of him. On forth Down and about a yard, Chip Turner de-flagged a Titan before they could get the first and the Jets had the ball back and time on their side. The Titans came with an even more tenacious pass rush that saw Hernandez get in for a sack on first down. The Titans then called for a blitz that sent safety, Jeff Blizzard. Savery heaved a desperation pass just before the sack and Bradley made the reception in the midst of three defenders. Pierre gets a sack to prevent the extra points. The Jets then finished the game in a dominating fashion. Opalecky breaks through for a sack, and then Hayes makes a great read to intercept a pass. Savery wasted no time in putting the game away when he hit Hayes on a slant. What was ironic, was Dimitrus Lewis was heard shouting to watch for the slant to his teammates throughout the second half. Savery ran it in for the extra point attempt. Elmer Swift, sacked the QB as the Jets defense ended things by keeping the Titans from any type of long play.

Two messages - Three changed lives

Ron Houlihan, forth year player, currently on the Jets, spoke to us about what happened to him two years ago. Ron said that while he was seeking advice and counsel for a close friend, some of the leadership within this ministry, asked Ron about his relationship with Jesus Christ. Ron had admitted that he did not have what the Bible says we all must have. Ron got some questions answered and realized what must be done. He believed what the Bible says, he repented of his sins, and asked Jesus Christ to be the Lord of his life. Ron shared how much fulfillment he now has in a relationship with Jesus Christ. Even though there are still many very difficult days in his life, Ron now clearly sees his purpose and knows his future. Over the past two years, many of us have had the privilege in seeing the obvious changed life of Ron Houlihan. Ron is currently a big part of what goes on with this ministry. Another big part of this ministry is the presence of the Titans John Bianca. John is currently in his eighth season and has participated in just about every facet of the ministry. Although John has sure seen his share of success on the field, he counts the victories off the field as his sweetest memories. The friendships he has had and still has, the times he has seen God move and change the hearts of men, are what John sees as true victories. John has worn the word Repent on his jerseys, more importantly he has experienced repentance (sincere sorrow over his sins against God, along with the willingness to turn away from his sins, and towards God), in his own life. One can only imagine the rewards that wait in heaven for a guy like John Bianca. The greatest reward will be when he sees Jesus Christ, the one who died and rose again, not only for John's sins, but also, yours and mine. During the second game, the Saints Rick Benedetto came and delivered a very powerful testimony. Rick shared with us that he strived for and experienced the good times that sin can offer. Rick also shared that he tasted the very real, bitterness that sin leaves when a man eyes are opened. Rick knew truth, but felt he could partake in what the world has to offer, while still having the blessings of God. Rick is one of the fortunate ones that believed God, turned to Him and away from his sins. Rick now enjoys the only fulfillment that will last for all eternity, God's grace and mercy. The same grace and mercy that awaits every one of us, if only we would believe, repent, and ask. Three different men, different situations, but the same God, the same result, and the only way - true salvation, through Jesus Christ



Bradley has another big game



Ron Houlihan, John Bianca, and Rick Benedetto all spoke this week



The Cowboys zoned in on what had to be done



Church Service Times

Sunday AM Worship Services

- **8:00** Nurseries are provided for all three services.
- **9:30** Graded Sunday School Children's Ministry
- **11:30** PromiseZone Children's Ministry for ages 3 through 6th grade

Sunday PM Family Service 6:00

Wednesday PM Family Service 7:00

Next weeks Championship games	Time
Cowboys vs. 49ers	1:00
Jets vs. Raiders	2:30



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Cowboys rise for the occasion

The Saints knew they had a tough task ahead of them. Rarely can one team defeat another team, three times in a season, especially as talented as these two teams are. Both these teams have big play makers on offense, but the problems is that they are equally as loaded on defense. With these two teams going at it you know that a big play could happen at any time and that the team that shows the most patience, will most likely come out ahead. The first big play that we saw came from the Saints defense. Jimmie Stupp intercepted a pass to give the Saints the ball and more importantly keep the Cowboys from scoring. The next big play came with Brett Grape made a sensational stop by de-flagging a Saint while reaching backwards from the ground. Big brother Ryan had to get in on the action and did when he knocked away a potential deep pass at the last second. In the midst of some great defensive plays, arguably the two best RBs in the league (The Cowboys Carl Fantauzzo and the Saints Rodric Cox-Cooper), were showcasing their stuff. It was the Cowboys who struck first as QB Frank Selvaggio hit Fantauzzo,

from the slot, on a short in. Selvaggio capped the drive by finding a wide open Nelson Rivera for the extra point. The Saints trailed 7 -0 at the half but answered back in the second. QB, Rob Benedetto hit his TE, Ken Henry for a big gain and set up the Cowboys defense nicely when he took the keeper in for a score. The extra point attempt was successful, as Benedetto found Martinez on a fade. The Saints defense did a good job from letting to Cowboys get going and were feeling pretty good about things before Todd Petroske boomed a crushing punt down to the Saints 4 yard line. The Saints would have gotten out of the horrible field position if it weren't for Brian Schilling making a great play to deflect a "would have been" first down pass. The Saints were not as fortunate with their punt and turned the ball over to the Cowboys in their own territory. With time winding down the Saints came up with three great goal line plays, but on forth down the Cowboys called the same play that got them their first TD. Selvaggio to Fantauzzo 2, worked like a charm. Selvaggio then shuffled a pass to Ryan Grape, as he scrambled from pressure, for the extra point. Grape ended the Saints chances with an interception off a tipped pass.