

## On Deck with Jim Henderson

In the early 80's, my Saints radio broadcast partner was Larry Matson. While we were both grateful for our good fortune of calling Saints games (though the team was often dreadful), Larry was enthralled. During one pre-season training camp, I noticed him making daily entries in a notebook. Asked what he was doing, he said he was keeping a diary. It would chronicle his wide-eyed appreciation for his great fortune to be an NFL broadcaster. The life it provided him was so constantly exhilarating, he would entitle his memoir "Every Day is Saturday."

I reminded him that with his consistently horrendous luck he might better title it "Every Day is Monday." Case in Point: Larry's one-time habit of gambling on NFL games. In 1980, the Bears opened the season against the Packers at Lambeau Field in Green Bay. Larry had the Bears and four points. In a low-scoring affair, the game went to overtime tied at 6-6...all the points on field goals. Chester Marcol had a pair for the Packers and the future Packer team Hall of Famer was about to make Lambeau and Larry ecstatic with a third.

Green Bay had driven deeply into Bear territory, bringing on their kicker for a 35-yard game winner...well within his range though his best years were behind him. This was perfect as Larry was already mentally cashing his bet. Field goal is good. Packers win by 3. Larry has the Bears and 4. What could go wrong? Only something that could only happen to Larry.

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Oh No! The kick is blocked. Oh No! No! Alan Page blocks the kick so perfectly it's sent directly back in the air to Marcol. With only a split-second to react, he catches the ball reflexively and takes it around left end. The Bears are so shell-shocked they can only watch Marcol chug 25 yards untouched...essentially kicking himself a touchdown to win the game 12-6. What would have been a 3-point win for the Packers and for Matson's bet became a 6-point win for the Packers and a Matson loss on his bet on the Bears and 4 points.

Some interesting post-scriptions on Marcol:

You might recall that 1980 was the year that the cocaine epidemic was first revealed in New Orleans and around the NFL. Marcol would later admit to being high on the drug during the 2nd half and overtime in the game of his life. His addiction to cocaine led to a suicide attempt in 1986 by ingesting a mixture of battery acid, rat poison, and vodka. Somehow his life was spared and he subsequently became a drug and alcohol counselor. Truth is stranger than fiction it's said, especially when "Saturday" turns into a "Monday" on a "Sunday" for my old friend at least.

God Bless,

*Jim Henderson*

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