



By Justin Sanchez

AMONG ALL THE TURKEY, cranberry sauce and endless amounts of other food in all shapes and sizes, there's one thing that takes precedence over Thanksgiving traditions — football.

I might not be the biggest sports nut in town, but Thanksgiving games get me a bit more excited for football than just about any other week.

However, it really shouldn't be thought of in terms of food over football or vice versa. It's better to look at the food as a compliment to the game.

Sitting back and reflecting on the

Turkey, yams and pigskin ... Oh yeah!



Adam Ledoux celebrates during a last-minute drive in a close holiday NFL game that came down to the wire.

holiday as a whole, it's really no wonder why it ranks so highly among American men. It certainly has less to do with pilgrims and Indians, and more to do with being as lazy as humanly possible.

THINK ABOUT IT. Our only responsibility is to wake up, eat, lay around and watch TV. Add football into the mix and it's the ideal American man-day.

It's even better for us in the Lone Star State because we're treated with an annual Thanksgiving game with the Dallas Cowboys.

Dating back to the 60s, the Cowboys have hosted annual Thanksgiving games alongside the Detroit Lions. Although Cowboys have seen some highs, and some really, really low lows — think Leon Lett against Miami

Dolphins — every game has fans on the edge of their seats.

THIS YEAR SHOULD be no different as the 'Boys take on the New York Jets, which should be another W for Dallas.

Naturally, Detroit will be hosting its annual game as well, but I'm not sure how many people care down here in Texas — well, I guess there is always fantasy football to worry about. There's something that's a bit more special about the Thanksgiving games. Maybe it's because it's the best time of year, or because my family watches the Dallas game every year as a tradition. Eating everything in sight and sitting on the couch while watching TV doesn't hurt, either.

So get the bibs ready and undo the top button of your pants, Thanksgiving is coming quick and it's sure to be filled with football and food for all.

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