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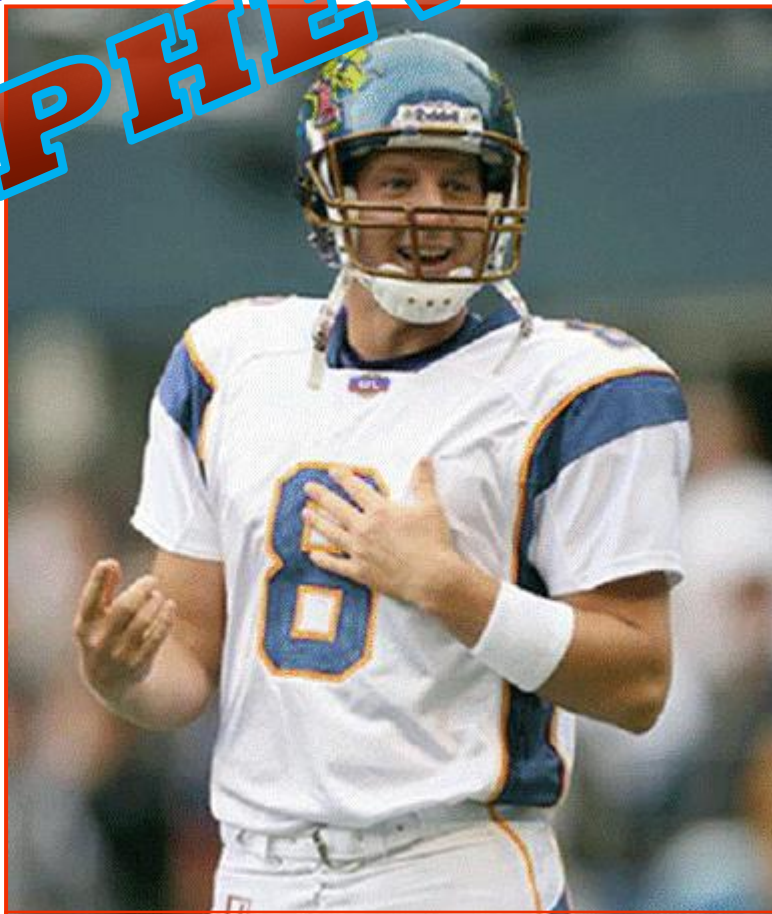
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WEEK THIRTEEN IN REVIEW

January 9th, 2011



PHEW!



Florida's Ryan Longwell looks pleased after kicking a 49-yard field goal in overtime to beat the LA Knights. Down to the wire; the Dragons may have been lucky that Kurt Warner was not in the field for LA. (STORY INSIDE)

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COMMENT

"PHALLIC-LIKE STRUCTURES," "GROWING PAINS," "KUTZTOWN ON THE MOVE," "SIR CLAUSED THE UNREADY," – Spats McChad

PREDICTIONS

Charleswood clinches, Markham falls, Cubs flail wildly to beat the spread and everyone else does what's expected of them. – Jim the Geek



*Who was slick
in Week
Thirteen?*

**"BRYLCREEM" THE
EFL'S OLDEST SPONSOR**



Chris Johnson
RB
Pickering
Spartans

177 total yards, 3 more TDs to
spark win and set new EFL record.



Louis Delmas
S
Markham North
Stars

5 tackles, 1 pass defended and a
huge "pick six" to turn the tide.

IMPOSSIBLY CLOSE!

RYAN LONGWELL KICKS 49-YARD GAME-WINNING FG IN O.T.



FLORIDA

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LOS ANGELES

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LOS ANGELES – It was not supposed to be so difficult. Florida went to Los Angeles riding a wave of supreme confidence, well-earned after twelve weeks of perfection. The re-match of the 2009 Championship was no longer expected to be the dramatic showdown predicted at the start of the season – the Knights had struggled all year and, due to the loss of their starting quarterback, a raw rookie would start at the most important position. But the LA defence rose to the occasion and the rookie led one clutch scoring drive to push the Dragons to the edge of their first defeat of the season.

Florida showed a penchant for mistakes early when **Ray Rice** fumbled away the ball on the Dragons first possession. The Knights would not capitalize on that turnover, but they would overcome an early 3-0 deficit by taking advantage of two others; both in the 2nd quarter. **Darius Butler** picked off **Aaron Rodgers** at the Florida 26 yard line, leading to a 30-yard **Dan Carpenter** field goal. Then **Courtney Roby** fumbled the ensuing kickoff at the Florida 30, setting up a 46-yard boot by Carpenter to make it 6-3 for LA. It was a good start for the LA defence but the three Florida turnovers had translated into just 6 points for the Knights due to the struggles of rookie quarterback **Jimmy Clausen**, who was ineffective outside short range.

The Dragons scored the game's first major with less than one minute remaining in the 1st half when Rodgers hit Rice on a quick slant for a 6-yards to give Florida a 10-6 lead at half time. **Steve Weatherford** fumbled away the snap on LA's first possession of the second half to set up a 35-yard field goal by **Ryan Longwell** to give Florida a 7 point lead, 13-6. It looked as if the Dragons would begin to pull away from the wounded Knights at that point, but the stubborn LA defence stood its ground and forced consecutive three-and-outs. That was enough to tilt the field position battle in their favour and the offence managed to scrape out another Carpenter field goal, narrowing the gap to 13-9. But Florida got the 3 points back two drives later when Rodgers completed a pair of passes each to **Heath Miller** and **Brandon Marshall** for a total of 37 yards and Ray Rice carried 8 times for 20 yards to get within striking distance for Longwell's 3rd field goal of the day.

With time running out, the Knights' offence got on track when they needed to with the help of **Jamaal Charles**, who gained 41 yards on 8 carries on the drive and scored on a 4-yard TD run on to tie it at 16 apiece with 1:27 left in the game. The momentum had shifted to LA and that was confirmed when the Knights won the toss to begin overtime. But Charles could not repeat his clutch performance in overtime and the Knights punted the ball to the Florida 22. The Dragons made slow but sure headway against the entrenched Knights' 'D' but were finally stopped at the LA 32 yard line. Longwell, who had missed just one field goal all year, nailed it home from 49 yards for the win, keeping Florida's quest for perfection alive.

01-08-2011 Round Table Stadium Temp: 65 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Heath Miller

	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
2009 Florida (13-0)	3	7	3	3	3	19
2009 Los Angeles (5-8)	0	6	3	7	0	16

1 5:15 Florida	FG Longwell 34 (11-43-5:15)	3-0
2 6:55 Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 30 (7-14-2:56)	3-3
2 5:38 Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 46 (4-1-1:02)	3-6
2 0:48 Florida	TD Rodgers 6 pass to Rice	10-6
3 11:46 Florida	FG Longwell 35 (4-10-1:21)	13-6
3 0:53 Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 39 (8-31-4:10)	13-9
4 4:05 Florida	FG Longwell 28 (13-57-9:46)	16-9
4 1:27 Los Angeles	TD Charles 4 run (Carpenter) (13-55-2:27)	16-16
5 7:11 Florida	FG Longwell 49 (12-46-5:36)	19-16

	FLD	LAK
First Downs	18	13
Rushes	35-148	35-81
Passes	34-21-195	30-13-117
Sacked	0-0	2-13
Fumble	3	1
Penalties	11-68	9-59
Turnovers	3	1
Time	37:18	30:31
Third Down	6-15	4-18
Fourth Down	0-1	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/1/3	2/1/1
Net Offense	343	185

< Florida >

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate
Rodgers	34	21	195	0	1	1	1	75.0

Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD
Rice	23	86	3.7	4	2	13	0
Stewart	7	59	8.4	1	1	41	0
Rodgers	1	3	3.0	0	0	3	0
Polite	1	2	2.0	1	0	2	0
Jackson	3	-2	-0.7	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No	Dp	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD
Miller	8	0	14	85	10.6	5	1	26	0
Rice	5	0	5	34	6.8	1	0	10	1
Jackson	4	0	9	38	9.5	1	0	14	0
Marshall	3	0	4	29	9.7	2	0	12	0
Cotchery	1	0	2	9	9.0	1	0	9	0

< Los Angeles >

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate
Clausen	27	12	110	2	0	1	0	40.7
Jackson	3	1	7	0	0	0	0	42.4

Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD
Charles	22	68	3.1	3	1	10	1
Greene	6	21	3.5	1	1	13	0
Clausen	2	3	1.5	0	0	3	0
Jackson	4	0	0.0	0	0	1	0
Weatherford	1	-11	-11.0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No	Dp	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD
Smith	6	1	11	62	10.3	3	0	19	0
Charles	5	1	10	42	8.4	2	0	14	0
Benson	1	0	1	6	6.0	0	0	6	0
White	1	1	6	7	7.0	0	0	7	0
Heap	0	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

MARKHAM UPENDS MOHAVE

GAME POINTS: Louis Delmas intercepted Matt Schaub with 42 seconds remaining in the 1st half and returned it 43 yards for a TD to give Markham a sudden 10-point advantage in a tightly contested battle at the Dawg Pound. A pick from Hellfire corner **Leon Hall** on Markham's second possession had led to the game's first points; a 10-yard TD pass from Schaub to **Donald Driver**. The Stars came right back with **Jason Campbell** completing 4 of 5 for 41 yards on the next drive to help set up a 4-yard TD run by **Jahvid Best** to tie it. The teams exchanged TDs before Markham took a 3-point lead on a 47-yard **Rian Lindell** FG set up by a 39-yard kickoff return by **Chad Simpson** and a 15-yard run by **DeAngelo Williams**. Staked to a lead, the Markham defence stiffened in the 2nd half while Campbell sealed the game with a 23-yard TD pass to **Devery Henderson** in the 4th.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Jason Campbell** completed 16 of 24 for 159 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT, **DeAngelo Williams** gained 119 yards on 21 carries, **Devery Henderson** caught 5 balls for 61 yards and 1 TD; **Matt Schaub** went 21 of 32 for 190 yards, 3 TDs and 1 INT. **Donald Driver** caught 6 passes for 71 yards and 2 TDs.



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MOHAVE



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MARKHAM

01-05-2011 The Dawg Pound Temp: 31 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: DeAngelo Williams

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Mohave (6-7)	7	7	3	7	24
2009 Markham (5-8)	7	17	0	7	31

1 11:06 Mohave	TD Schaub 10 pass to Driver	7-0
1 4:28 Markham	TD Best 4 run (Lindell) (12-83-6:30)	7-7
2 11:37 Markham	TD Campbell 6 pass to Thomas (Lindell) (12-53-6:15)	7-14
2 3:57 Mohave	TD Schaub 7 pass to Mendenhall (Bironas) (12-65-7:29)	14-14
2 1:40 Markham	FG Lindell 47 (6-25-2:04)	14-17
2 0:42 Markham	TD Delmas 43 interception return (Lindell) (0-0-0:49)	14-24
3 4:50 Mohave	FG Bironas 40 (13-57-4:57)	17-24
4 9:52 Markham	TD Campbell 23 pass to Henderson (Lindell) (9-90-3:16)	17-31
4 3:42 Mohave	TD Schaub 4 pass to Driver (Bironas) (11-70-5:54)	24-31

	MOH	MAR
First Downs	17	22
Rushes	25-131	35-161
Passes	32-21-190	24-16-159
Sacked	2-10	0-0
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	5-48	3-25
Turnovers	1	1
Time	29:20	30:40
Third Down	5-13	9-11
Fourth Down	4-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	3/2/0
Net Offense	311	320



YORK

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RINGGOLD

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BIG BEN BEATS DOWN YORK

GAME POINTS: Ben Roethlisberger lobbed a ball behind the York coverage and **Andre Johnson** reeled it in for a 42-yard TD pass to draw even at 7 in the 1st quarter. The free-throwing Hawks' QB added a 2nd TD pass to **James Casey** to gain a 13-7 lead, but stalled when **Jonathan Wilhite** intercepted him at the Ringgold 37, leading to a 40-yard FG by **Shayne Graham** to tie the game 13-13. But the vertical passing attack of the Hawks was too much for the Excaliburs. Big Ben struck suddenly with less than 2 minutes left in the 1st half, making York pay for a failed 4th down conversion at the Ringgold 49 with a 23-yard TD pass to **Santonio Holmes** to make it 20-13. Before the end of the 1st half they were on the board again after a 30-yard pass to Johnson set up an 11-yard TD pass to Holmes to make it 27-13. York was out of the game after that.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Ben Roethlisberger** completed 19 of 28 for 305 yards, 5 TDs and 1 INT, **Andre Johnson** caught 7 for 152 yards and 1 TD. **Maurice Jones-Drew** gained 104 yards on 15 carries; **Tom Brady** went 21 of 33 for 213 yards, 1 TD & 1 INT.

01-05-2011 The Hawk's Nest Temp: 30 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Ben Roethlisberger

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 York (3-10)	7	6	0	7	20
2009 Ringgold (6-7)	13	14	10	3	40

1 10:48 York	TD Brady 6 pass to Shockey (Graham,S) (8-71-4:00)	7-0
1 9:28 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 42 pass to Johnson (Suisham) (4-58-1:06)	7-7
1 3:51 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 6 pass to Casey (no good) (8-53-4:33)	7-13
2 12:58 York	FG Graham 41 (11-53-5:46)	10-13
2 8:47 York	FG Graham 40 (8-14-1:58)	13-13
2 1:51 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 23 pass to Holmes (Suisham) (2-51-0:19)	13-20
2 0:02 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 11 pass to Holmes (Suisham) (4-62-1:00)	13-27
3 11:08 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 14 pass to Murphy (Suisham) (8-80-3:52)	13-34
3 3:32 Ringgold	FG Suisham 25 (9-80-5:24)	13-37
4 9:00 Ringgold	FG Suisham 35 (12-49-6:56)	13-40
4 4:52 York	TD Garrard 31 pass to Jenkins (Graham,S) (8-71-3:56)	20-40

	YOR	RCH
First Downs	17	28
Rushes	18-49	37-191
Passes	36-23-259	29-20-314
Sacked	3-19	1-2
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	8-56	9-67
Turnovers	1	1
Time	26:09	33:51
Third Down	5-14	6-11
Fourth Down	1-2	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	5/3/2
Net Offense	289	503

PATS PUMMEL DINOS

GAME POINTS: **Adrian Peterson** tore a strip through a converging gang of Durham defenders for a 45-yard run; the highlight in a 91-yard scoring drive that ended with a 7-yard TD pass from **Peyton Manning** to **Sydney Rice** to open the scoring. Charleswood would not look back. **Jon Beason** intercepted **Philip Rivers** and returned it 28 yards to the T-Lizards' 37 yard line to set up a 37-yard FG by **Stephen Gostkowski** early in the 2nd. After a crazy sequence of 4 consecutive turnovers by both teams, Peterson took control again with a 46-yard sweep to the Durham 7-yard line and finished the job with a 4-yard TD run to make the score 17-0. The Dino's hole got a little deeper when they failed to convert a 4th down and 4 at their own 33, setting up a 43-yard Gostkowski FG as time expired in the 1st half. The rout was officially on after **Danny Amendola** fumbled the opening kickoff of the 2nd half, leading to a 6-yard TD pass to **Ovie Mughelli**.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Peyton Manning** went 20 of 30 for 203 yards and 2 TDs, **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 113 yards and 1 TD on 29 carries, **Sydney Rice** caught 8 passes for 79 yards and 1 TD; **Philip Rivers** went 9 of 22 for 81 yards and 2 INTs.



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DURHAM



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CHARLESWOOD

01-06-2011 Patriot Place Temp:75 Wind: MVP: **Peyton Manning**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Durham (9-4)	0	0	0	3	3
2009 Charleswood (10-3)	7	13	7	3	30

1 6:00 Charleswood	TD Manning 7 pass to Rice (Gostkowski) (12-91-5:21)	0-7
2 13:26 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 37 (5-17-2:00)	0-10
2 1:13 Charleswood	TD Peterson 4 run (Gostkowski) (4-53-1:18)	0-17
2 0:00 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 43 (3-7-0:23)	0-20
3 11:20 Charleswood	TD Manning 6 pass to Mughelli (Gostkowski) (7-30-3:28)	0-27
4 14:56 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 44 (10-47-5:50)	0-30
4 1:01 Durham	FG Crosby 30 (5-57-1:01)	3-30

	DTL	CHP
First Downs	11	20
Rushes	19-81	42-144
Passes	38-17-185	30-20-203
Sacked	2-14	0-0
Fumble	3	3
Penalties	7-46	3-23
Turnovers	5	3
Time	22:58	37:02
Third Down	5-13	10-17
Fourth Down	0-3	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0	3/3/0
Net Offense	252	347



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GWINNETT



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IOWA CITY

ONE TD ENOUGH FOR GLADS

GAME POINTS: **Terrence McGee** intercepted **Brodie Croyle** then **Eli Manning** connected with his favourite target, **Reggie Wayne** for a 41-yard TD pass with less than one minute remaining in the 1st half to give the Glads all the points they would need on a cold day at Joe Ferguson Stadium. Although it was the Cubs' offence that carried the balance of play, it was the Gwinnett offence that scored all of the points. Iowa City squandered an opportunity to take an early lead in the 1st quarter when they failed to punch it home after gaining 1st and goal at the Glads' 2 yard line. During the ill-fated series they lost starter **Sam Bradford** on a 3rd down sneak and saw **Brandon Jacobs** stuffed for a 1-yard loss on 4th and inches to leave them shutout for points on the 75-yard drive. In the 2nd half, **Daryl Smith** blocked a long Iowa FG attempt and Manning hooked up with rookie **Demaryius Thomas** for a 44-yard pass play to set up a 24-yard FG by **Josh Brown**. Despite opportunities, Croyle was unable to mount a Cubs comeback.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Eli Manning** went 11 of 25 for 180 yards and 1 TD, **Jim Laurinaitis** made 11 tackles, 2 stuffs and 1 forced fumble; **Brodie Croyle** went 12 of 23 for 118 yards and 1 INT, **Demeco Ryans** made 11 tackles, 2 PDs and 3 stuffs.

01-08-2011 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 31 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Eli Manning**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Gwinnett (5-8)	0	7	6	0	13
2009 Iowa City (4-9)	0	0	0	0	0

2 0:40 Gwinnett	TD Manning 41 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (1-41-0:13)	7-0
3 6:40 Gwinnett	FG Brown 24 (7-48-3:24)	10-0
3 0:49 Gwinnett	FG Brown 44 (11-36-4:47)	13-0

	GWG	ICC
First Downs	9	17
Rushes	26-44	41-134
Passes	25-11-180	29-16-162
Sacked	1-6	1-6
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	4-23	4-20
Turnovers	0	1
Time	26:00	34:00
Third Down	6-15	6-16
Fourth Down	0-0	0-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/1	1/0/0
Net Offense	218	290

CONVICTS "CUT" APART MUSTANGS

GAME POINTS: Jay Cutler overcame an early interception that led to Garland's only TD to throw 3 TD passes in an easy win for the Convicts on the road at The Corral. The Mustangs looked sharp early – **Brian Cushing** picked off Cutler on Chino's second possession and on the very next play **Matt Ryan** exploited the aggressive Convicts' secondary with a 45-yard TD pass on a long slant to **Wes Welker**. But that was all the home team would have to cheer about. Chino dominated from that point, scoring 27 unanswered points as Cutler combined with **Hines Ward** and **Randy Moss** for 153 yards and 3 TDs while **Steven Jackson** kept the sticks moving with 5 first down rushes. The Convicts took the lead on a 9-yard pass to Ward to cap off a drive that featured three conversions on 3rd down. **Nick Collins** squelched a late 1st half Garland rally with his 4th pick of the season and 45-yard return to set up a 25-yard **Jeff Reed** FG.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Jay Cutler went 26 of 32 for 217 yards, 3 TDs and 1 INT, **Hines Ward** caught 10 passes for 77 yards and 2 TDs; **Matt Ryan** completed 11 of 27 for 179 yards, 1 TD and 3 INTs, **Brian Cushing** made 13 tackles, 2 stuffs, 1 FF and 1 INT.



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CHINO



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GARLAND

01-06-2011 The Corral Temp: 65 Wind: Calm None MVP: Hines Ward

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Chino (10-3)	3	17	10	0	30
2009 Garland (2-11)	10	0	0	0	10

1 8:11 Chino	FG Reed 36 (13-47-5:29)	3-0
1 3:11 Garland	FG Gould 23 (12-58-4:54)	3-3
1 2:38 Garland	TD Ryan 45 pass to Welker (Gould) (1-45-0:13)	3-10
2 11:03 Chino	TD Cutler 13 pass to Moss (Reed,J) (8-62-3:59)	10-10
2 1:27 Chino	TD Cutler 9 pass to Ward (Reed,J) (14-79-7:44)	17-10
2 0:00 Chino	FG Reed 25 (5-18-0:37)	20-10
3 8:51 Chino	TD Cutler 6 pass to Ward (Reed,J) (4-38-1:51)	27-10
3 1:45 Chino	FG Reed 31 (11-33-4:43)	30-10

	CHI	GDM
First Downs	22	8
Rushes	40-135	16-29
Passes	32-26-217	27-11-179
Sacked	3-21	1-5
Fumble	5	0
Penalties	4-25	4-35
Turnovers	3	4
Time	38:29	21:31
Third Down	10-16	1-11
Fourth Down	1-1	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	6/3/3	1/0/1
Net Offense	331	203



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COWTOWN



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KUTZTOWN

KUTZTOWN KICKS ASIDE COWTOWN

GAME POINTS: Nate Kaeding had to kick the winning FG twice after a holding penalty nullified a successful 34-yard effort and pushed him back 10 yards for another try. The Bears kicker was perfect on the day, turning sputtering drives into points by hitting 4 of 4 FG attempts, the longest from 48 yards away, to lead Kutztown to a scrappy 19-10 victory over the punchless Corn Kings. It looked like the Golden Bears would have a fight on their hands in the 1st half. **Marion Barber** ploughed through a stacked line for a 1-yard TD run to cap off the day's longest scoring drive and give Cowtown a 7-3 lead. Kutztown answered with their own 1-yard TD run by **Le'Ron McClain**, set up nicely by 3 rushes for 30 yards by **Garrett Wolfe**. **Olindo Mare** booted a 37-yard FG to tie it at 10 each but missed from 49 yards as time expired in the 1st half. In the 2nd half, the Kutztown defence shut down the Cowtown attack, holding **Joe Flacco** to just 1 completion in 10 attempts.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Tony Romo went 22 of 29 for 220 yards, **Greg Jennings** caught 8 passes for 94 yards, **Garrett Wolfe** rushed 4 times for 32 yards, **Richard Seymour** logged 2 sacks; **Joe Flacco** went 13 of 31 for 120 yards.

01-06-2011 Lincoln Financial Temp: 43 Wind: 0-5 MVP: Nate Kaeding

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Cowtown (2-11)	7	3	0	0	10
2009 Kutztown (7-6)	3	7	3	6	19

1 8:37 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 48 (10-44-4:38)	0-3
1 2:31 Cowtown	TD Barber 1 run (Mare) (11-82-6:00)	7-3
2 10:04 Kutztown	TD McClain 1 run (Kaeding) (9-61-4:56)	7-10
2 4:49 Cowtown	FG Mare 37 (11-43-5:03)	10-10
3 3:14 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 44 (11-35-5:46)	10-13
4 2:27 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 35 (12-49-8:09)	10-16
4 0:30 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 40 (5-10-1:22)	10-19

	COW	KUT
First Downs	14	20
Rushes	21-74	34-108
Passes	31-13-120	29-22-220
Sacked	2-12	1-4
Fumble	2	2
Penalties	4-31	10-75
Turnovers	0	1
Challenges	0-0	1-1
Time	23:52	36:08
Third Down	5-16	5-13
Fourth Down	0-2	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	3/1/2
Net Offense	182	324

JOHNSON SETS TD RECORD

GAME POINTS: Chris Johnson set a new EFL touchdown record with 3 rushing TDs to account for all of Pickering's scoring in a surprisingly close contest with Virden at Thermopylae Stadium. Johnson has 28 TDs so far this year, 26 rushing and 2 receiving. The previous record of 26 was held by **DeAngelo Williams**, who recorded all of those on the ground. Johnson can break the single season record for rushing TDs with one more in the next 3 games. The win and the record brought a shine to an otherwise sloppy performance by the Spartans against a team they were expected to beat handily. The Violators capitalized on a 1st quarter kickoff return fumble by **Percy Harvin** when **Lawrence Tynes** hoofed a 32-yard FG to give Virden an early 6-0 lead. An interception by Virden's **Nate Clements** and a lost fumble by Pickering's hero, Johnson, led to no more Virden points but helped keep Pickering off the scoreboard until the final minute of the 1st half when **Brett Favre** hooked up for a 32-yard pass to **Vincent Jackson** to set up the first of Johnson's 3 TDs; a 4-yard pitch to make it 7-6 for the Spartans. After a 2nd half opening TD drive by Pickering made it 14-6, Virden drew within 1 point when **Ricky Williams** barrelled through the line from 1 yard out to make it 14-13. The Spartans got their final score after Tynes missed a 51-yard FG trying to take the lead and Johnson topped off a 59-yard drive with a 6-yard TD run off left tackle.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Chris Johnson rushed for 130 yards and 3 TDs on 22 carries, Brett Favre completed 15 of 21 for 272 yards and 2 INTs, Vincent Jackson caught 5 passes for 137 yards; Drew Brees went 22 of 31 for 253 yards, Ricky Williams gained 59 yards on 23 carries with 1 TD, Fred Davis caught 6 passes for 66 yards.



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VIRDEN



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PICKERING

01-06-2011 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 34 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Chris Johnson

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Virden (5-8)	6	0	7	0	13
2009 Pickering (12-1)	0	7	7	6	20

1 9:39 Virden	FG Tynes 44 (10-50-5:08)	3-0
1 5:49 Virden	FG Tynes 32 (7-21-3:39)	6-0
2 0:43 Pickering	TD Johnson 4 run (Kasay) (5-52-2:25)	6-7
3 10:31 Pickering	TD Johnson 5 run (Kasay) (7-75-4:18)	6-14
3 3:06 Virden	TD Williams 1 run (Tynes) (14-64-7:11)	13-14
4 4:44 Pickering	TD Johnson 6 run (no good) (7-59-3:32)	13-20

	VV	PIC
First Downs	19	23
Rushes	30-90	27-124
Passes	31-22-253	21-15-272
Sacked	1-8	0-0
Fumble	2	2
Penalties	5-35	2-14
Turnovers	1	4
Time	36:21	23:39
Third Down	6-14	4-7
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	4/3/0
Net Offense	335	396

WEEK THIRTEEN LEADERS

Passing

Roethlisberger (RCH)	28-19-305
Favre (PIC)	21-15-272
Brees (VV)	31-22-253
Romo (KUT)	29-22-220
Cutler (CHI)	32-26-217

Rushing

Johnson, C (PIC)	22-130
Williams, D (MAR)	21-119
Peterson, A (CHP)	29-113
Jones-Drew (RCH)	15-104
Mendenhall (MOH)	22-89

Receiving

Johnson, A (RCH)	7-152
Jackson, V (PIC)	5-137
Holmes (RCH)	6-105
Jennings, G (KUT)	8-95
Miller, H (FLD)	8-85

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood (y)	10	3	0	0.769	423	32.5	224	17.2	15.3	6 0 0	2 1 0	5 2 0
Kutztown	7	6	0	0.538	290	22.3	314	24.2	-1.8	4 3 0	1 2 0	4 3 0
Mohave	6	7	0	0.462	265	20.4	325	25	-4.6	5 2 0	3 0 0	5 2 0
Virden	5	8	0	0.385	288	22.2	348	26.8	-4.6	3 3 0	0 3 0	1 6 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino (z)	10	3	0	0.769	352	27.1	185	14.2	12.8	6 1 0	3 0 0	7 0 0
Los Angeles	5	8	0	0.385	272	20.9	276	21.2	-0.3	2 4 0	0 3 0	2 5 0
Iowa City	4	9	0	0.308	232	17.8	344	26.5	-8.6	1 5 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
York	3	10	0	0.231	249	19.2	398	30.6	-11.5	2 5 0	2 1 0	2 5 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering (y)	12	1	0	0.923	412	31.7	193	14.8	16.8	5 1 0	3 0 0	6 1 0
Durham (y)	9	4	0	0.692	307	23.6	238	18.3	5.3	6 0 0	1 2 0	4 3 0
Markham	5	8	0	0.385	251	19.3	336	25.8	-6.5	4 3 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
Cowtown	2	11	0	0.154	195	15	379	29.2	-14.2	2 5 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida (z)	13	0	0	1	368	28.3	160	12.3	16	7 0 0	3 0 0	7 0 0
Ringgold	6	7	0	0.462	310	23.8	312	24	-0.2	4 2 0	2 1 0	4 3 0
Gwinnett	5	8	0	0.385	284	21.8	349	26.8	-5	3 3 0	1 2 0	2 5 0
Garland	2	11	0	0.154	272	20.9	389	29.9	-9	1 6 0	0 3 0	1 6 0

z-clinched division

y-clinched wildcard berth

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Favre	PIC	359	240	66.9	3253	9	2.5	53	24	6.7	107.4
2	Manning, P	CHP	419	288	68.7	3465	13	3.1	73	26	6.2	101.6
3	Rodgers	FLD	324	211	65.1	2539	6	1.9	75	18	5.6	99.8
4	Brees	VV	408	267	65.4	3332	10	2.5	51	21	5.1	97.6
5	Romo	KUT	388	258	66.5	3011	8	2.1	60	16	4.1	95
6	McNabb	CHI	343	209	60.9	2531	7	2	64	19	5.5	93.6
7	Roethlisberger	RCH	386	249	64.5	2969	14	3.6	53	23	6	92.6
8	Manning, E	GWG	391	233	59.6	2796	10	2.6	78	25	6.4	92.2
9	Schaub	MOH	414	265	64	3036	12	2.9	56	22	5.3	91.6
10	Campbell, J	MAR	335	216	64.5	2374	10	3	64	16	4.8	88.8
11	Rivers, P	DTL	384	223	58.1	2744	14	3.6	86	25	6.5	86.8
12	Warner	LAK	327	198	60.6	2152	10	3.1	74	19	5.8	86.6
13	Brady	YOR	475	302	63.6	3135	14	2.9	55	23	4.8	86.4
14	Bradford	ICC	259	157	60.6	1570	6	2.3	53	9	3.5	79.8
15	Ryan, M	GDM	340	213	62.6	2356	14	4.1	68	11	3.2	76.8

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Johnson, C	PIC	283	1690	6	55	26	8	Rice, R	FLD	185	850	4.6	58	5
2	Jones, T	GWG	264	1189	4.5	83	7	9	Charles	LAK	180	812	4.5	17	6
3	Peterson, A	CHP	278	1152	4.1	48	17	10	Williams, D	MAR	139	794	5.7	54	3
4	Williams, R	VV	252	1063	4.2	68	8	11	McCoy, L	KUT	192	746	3.9	75	4
5	Jones-Drew	RCH	217	1035	4.8	94	3	12	Brown, R	ICC	167	727	4.4	50	8
6	Jackson, S	CHI	206	884	4.3	50	2	13	Best	MAR	185	707	3.8	56	5
7	Mendenhall	MOH	205	869	4.2	49	4	14	Barber	COW	156	647	4.1	40	2
8	Rice, R	FLD	185	850	4.6	58	5	15	Thomas, P	YOR	137	621	4.5	36	3

Yards/Game				Rushing			Gains of 10+		Rushing First Downs		
1	Johnson, C	PIC	130	1	Johnson, C	PIC	51	1	Johnson, C	PIC	101
2	Jones, T	GWG	91.5	2	Jones, T	GWG	27	2	Peterson, A	CHP	65
3	Peterson, A	CHP	88.6	3	Charles	LAK	26	3	Jones, T	GWG	64
4	Williams, D	MAR	88.2	4	Peterson, A	CHP	25	4	Williams, R	VV	53
5	Williams, R	VV	81.8	5	Williams, R	VV	24	5	Jones-Drew	RCH	47

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Welker	GDM	84	1110	13.2	68	5	8	Jennings, G	KUT	72	1079	15	60	2
2	Rice, S	CHP	83	1088	13.1	28	5	9	Smith, S	LAK	70	781	11.2	55	9
3	Holmes	RCH	79	1094	13.8	40	8	10	Ward, H	CHI	67	807	12	64	9
4	Moss, R	CHI	74	1033	14	51	12	11	Johnson, A	RCH	67	1031	15.4	53	8
5	White, R	LAK	73	807	11.1	49	3	12	Clark, D	GWG	65	651	10	25	6
6	Witten	CHP	72	777	10.8	73	10	13	Colston	CHP	65	875	13.5	32	5
7	Wayne	GWG	72	1107	15.4	78	15	14	Driver	MOH	63	885	14	39	6
8	Jennings, G	KUT	72	1079	15	60	2	15	Crabtree	YOR	61	808	13.2	55	7

RAC Yards				Yards/Game						Receiving	First	Downs
1	Jennings, G	KUT	513	1	Welker	GDM	111	1	Holmes	RCH	68	
2	Jones-Drew	RCH	418	2	Hester, D	VV	85.9	2	Rice, S	CHP	60	
3	Jackson, V	PIC	408	3	Wayne	GWG	85.2	3	Wayne	GWG	51	
4	Welker	GDM	382	4	Holmes	RCH	84.2	4	Moss, R	CHI	50	
5	Moss, R	CHI	380	5	Rice, S	CHP	83.7	5	Witten	CHP	47	



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – The Egyptians are angry with us. What’s new? Fanatics bombed a Coptic Christian church in Alexandria on New Year’s Day for no other reason than they blame us for a myriad of misfortunes; ones as long ago as the burning of their library by a Christian Patriarch to ones as recently as five minutes ago when who knows which unnamed and ephemeral Jewish-influenced Western Christian puppet in the Egyptian Government acted Crusader-like by making a legal ruling that did not suit some good Muslim fanatic, thereby justifying bloody murder of anyone near or in a place identified with the Christian faith. Makes sense to lunatics and fanatics. Unfortunately, lunatics and fanatics seem to be in the majority these days, no matter where you look.

The most recent Egyptian complaint is more mundane and, for a change, actually reasonable. It appears that we have one of their ancient obelisks in Central Park. Not many people know this. Why would they? The thing is perched one block away from the Metropolitan Museum of Art on a hill which is rarely visited except by joggers and bikers – and we all know how oblivious to their surroundings *they* are. This 68-foot tall monument to Thutmosis III was crafted in 1450 BC and was gifted to the US by the Egyptians in 1879 to promote “friendship and trade” – in other words a bribe. The Egyptian Secretary General of the Supreme Council of Antiquities (‘Head of Old Things’) is demanding that we take better care of this precious historical artefact or return it to Egypt. Apparently, our *weather* and *pollution* is damaging it! If our weather and pollution can harm, in 132 years, a relic that has been on the Earth for 3,461 years, imagine what the weather and pollution is doing to New Yorkers! Maybe it’s time to move.

GROWING PAINS

It seems like yesterday, but in fact it was 4 years ago in February, that the old NFL came crashing down in a sports scandal of unparalleled scope and magnitude. Since that time, professional football has taken on a new, but somewhat fragmented face, with no less than 4 professional leagues competing for our entertainment dollars. Although it’s not encouraged by my Editor to devote any significant space, or to even *mention*, the other leagues; to pretend that they do not form part of the landscape of the EFL is to bury one’s head – ostrich-like – in the sands of journalistic irrelevance. With FOX recently investing \$50 million in a new contract with the SFL and Versus doling out \$20 million for the American rights to the Tex-Mex Football League, the smaller markets in the EFL are feeling the pinch of a CBS and NBC TV contract that guarantees national exposure, but a smaller proportion of cash directly to the teams. The gross money numbers going into the EFL dwarf those of their competition, but the costs of running an EFL franchise are higher since the players have so many viable options elsewhere and demand top dollar for their services.

In a surprise announcement that shocked the EFL even more than Virden and Los Angeles nearly pulling off upsets of Pickering and Florida this week, **Tim Molinaro** – owner, manager and coach of the Ringgold Crimson Hawks – declared his immediate sale of the Crimson Hawks to **Chris Wadley**, President of *Wadley Western Alliance Confederated Co-operative Optimum Insurance Company* of Chicago. At the same time, he announced his purchase of the Tijuana Tacos of the Tex-Mex League. According to sources close to Molinaro, the allure of a new stadium in Tijuana, a guaranteed TV contract, and a 60% stake in the Manchester Mermaids, an elite English women’s Octopush team, was enough for him to turn his back on the unpredictable and disturbing antics of **“Big Ben” Roethlisberger** and the generally crazy inconsistency of the Crimson Hawks as they struggled to establish a following in the small market on the Georgia-Tennessee border.

Signs that Molinaro had been frustrated with his team were evident last year, when failed experiments in extreme blitzing and a hard core commitment to the vertical passing game that maximized receiving options and minimized the number of pass blockers were exacerbated by maddeningly bad luck and unsympathetic officials. Hopefully, 2010 was to be the year that everything came together for the cursed offspring of the Meadowlands franchise, but despite an impressive array of offensive and defensive weapons, the inexplicable volatility of the Hawks’ performance – high or low from week-to-week – continued without any apparent remedy. With the Hawks sitting at 6-7 and coming off a strong win over York, Molinaro could foresee the inevitable crash coming against Florida and

Gwinnett and obviously did not want to be on the sideline to witness it.

At the same time that Molinaro announced his exit, Wadley announced his early entrance into the league. Previously awarded an expansion franchise by the EFL Board, Wadley rescinded his expansion application and signed an agreement that would keep the Crimson Hawks in Ringgold for the remainder of the 2010 season but allow him to move the franchise to the more lucrative Chicago market at year's end. This leaves the EFL's 2011 expansion plans up in the air. EFL Board member, **Seamus O'Coghlin** released a terse statement late Sunday simply saying, *"Our priority is the health of the EFL's existing 16 franchises. We are pleased to approve the sale of the Ringgold Crimson Hawks to the Chicago ownership group headed by Mr. Wadley. The addition of new franchises in 2011 will be a matter for discussion."*

KUTZTOWN ON THE MOVE

As reported last week, Golden Bears owner, **Pete Katsafanas** left Jurassic Park abruptly in the wake of his team's blowout loss to the Durham Thunder Lizards in Week 12. The next day he released his entire coaching staff by internal memo (written on a napkin), ordering them to *"destroy all records."* According to my sources in Kutztown, all funds held in the team's various accounts were moved *en masse* the next day to an offshore account on the Caribbean Island of Nevis, the headquarters of Katsafanas' financial empire as well as 'Poker World,' a private offshore casino where sports franchise owners meet to bet and trade. (Katsafanas purportedly owns over 36 professional sports teams, ranging from football to water polo). The Bears players, understandably, wondered whether or not they were going to be paid for their Week 13 match-up against Cowtown and initially refused to report to Lincoln Financial Field for practice on Monday (although there was nobody to report to except for Albert the Cleaner, who had cleaned the Kutztown locker room very thoroughly using a bio-degradable and scent-free, anti-allergen detergent). The legal situation surrounding the Kutztown franchise is uncertain and yet to be resolved in the courts, but the EFL appointed **Hal "The Colonel" Corson** of 'Corson Cotton' as the interim owner of the Golden Bears, pending a final resolution. Corson has guaranteed the player's salaries for the remainder of the 2010 regular season in exchange for credit on the sale of the Bears or against the entrance fee for Corson's expansion franchise bid should the league proceed with their original plans.

SIR CLAUSEN THE UNREADY AND OTHER TALES

The villagers flee as the smoking winged saurian circles above their thatched huts, its spiral tail and webbed wings silhouetted against the blood red moon, foretelling certain death to all. Emerging to fight this primeval harbinger of doom stands Little Jimmy of Clausenshire, armed with a sharp spoon and protected by the lid of a giant soup pot and a skirt of hickory twigs. Jimmy was recently knighted by a desperate King who happens, at this moment, to be escaping from the virtuous Kingdom of Eversafe disguised as a dung shoveller. In the fairy tales, Little Jimmy would prevail by scooping out the Dragon's eye with the spoon as it made its final dive to devour the little hero, thus saving the Kingdom and winning the love of Beth, the local Princess; previously betrothed to the evil Prince Faldred of Igornorth, who had, earlier in the story, tried to kill Little Jimmy to satisfy a grudge against him after Jimmy had bested him in the Royal Joust disguised as the heroic Blue Knight. By contrast, in real world Los Angeles, Little **Jimmy Clausen** fell a little short. Despite the Royal Guard tying the Dragon down with catapulted giant bolos, Jimmy dropped the spoon on his way to scope out the Dragon's eye. The village was burned down and all who remained in it were eaten or fried to a crisp. The Dragon flew on, having eaten and burned a perfect 13 out of 13 villages attacked.

In Pickering, a young boy named **Jack of Brees** climbed a massive beanstalk to rescue the goose that laid the golden eggs from **Giant John, son of Chris the Spartan**. Jack seemed to have the goose rescue well in hand, but as he was preparing his descent down the beanstalk, Giant John snatched him up in his huge hand and bit his head off. In tribute to Giant John, the goose promptly laid a dozen golden eggs, one for each boy's head he had bitten off since he had bought the goose.

In Kutztown, **Goldicornlocks** wandered into the Bear's Den to find three chairs, three bowls of porridge, three beds, and three really angry Bears, who, after she had tasted a bit of their porridge, crushed her to death, sold her flesh to the Big Bad Wolf, used her bones for kindling and hung her yellow petticoat over their fireplace as a warning to all.

In Charleswood, an asteroid impacted the earth near Patriot Place, killing off all the dinosaurs and draining the rivers, but miraculously leaving the people and their buildings intact.

In Markham, the Devil came to town and offered the home team 3 quarters of competitive football. "You may sell many pints of ale and sausages in 3 quarters if the people are interested in the contest," the Devil suggested, "but in exchange, the 4th quarter is *mine*." He smiled, knowing he had the advantage. "Let's discuss this over a drink," countered Mr. Jones, "otherwise I fear I would be a bad host." "Certainly," replied the Devil, who drank of the Dawg Pound Ale, a concoction straight from a level of Hell even the Devil himself had forgotten about. When the Devil awoke later, he found he had lost the game and had a pounding headache to boot.

A cutthroat thief named Jay, sentenced to 30 years hard labour under the whip of **Warden McNabb**, escaped his prison camp but soon found himself hungry and lost. He came upon a corral in a nearby peaceful town and stole all the horses, selling them to a glue factory and buying himself a really good time for a week until he was re-captured by the warden.

Once upon a time there was a sword in a stone that only the true King of York could remove. To everyone's surprise, a red-winged hawk swooped down and snatched it up in its beak, completely ruining the story.

Seeing Goldicornlocks' yellow petticoat hanging over the Bear's fireplace, an outraged **Eli the Gladiator** snatched Baby Bear from his crib and decapitated him with one sweep of his Gladius.

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JIMMY'S WEEK FOURTEEN PICKS

VIRDEN @ CHARLESWOOD (line – PATRIOTS by 12)

The Pats can clinch the East Division with a win here and there is no obvious cause to believe they will not do so – apart from the fact that the Violators gave the powerhouse Pickering Spartans more than they bargained for in Thermopylae Stadium last week. Amazingly, Virden ranks second in total offence riding the arm of Drew Brees, who is getting the job done almost entirely on his own. The reason the Violators are only 5-8 is because their defence is ranked dead last, surrendering yards both on the ground and through the air with equal inefficiency. The Pats blew out the Thunder Lizards in Week Thirteen, using the turnover advantage they have benefitted from all season, but they also moved the ball better in all phases of the offence. Look for the Pats to move the ball with ease against the “violatable” Virden defence while their defence bends but does not break against Drew Brees and his gang of mediocre henchmen. The Pats will clinch and romp over their outclassed neighbours.

Pick: CHARLESWOOD

KUTZTOWN @ MOHAVE (line – HELLFIRE by 2)

Mohave won the first match-up between these two teams during their early season blitz of the East Division. Not much has changed since that game except that the Hellfire are in a 4-game tailspin while the Bears are keeping it together by beating the teams they need to beat, while getting man-handled by the league’s Big Boys. The Hellfire desperately need a win here and if they get it they will draw even with Kutztown and clinch the tie-breaker with them. A loss and....well, they can’t really afford

one of those; but such misfortune will not eliminate them. Both teams are missing important offensive linemen but are otherwise healthy. I like the Hellfire because of the home field and not much else. **Pick: MOHAVE**

YORK @ LOS ANGELES (line – KNIGHTS by 8)

Kurt Warner returns to action one week too late for glory, but he cannot dwell upon what might have been against the dreaded Dragons. The Knights need to run the table and also want revenge against the Excaliburs, a team that shook them early in the season with a dramatic upset in Week 3 at Camelot. York is riding a 7-game losing streak and Tom Brady is looking spent these days. LA wins at home here, beating the spread and setting up an interesting showdown over the final two weeks of the season. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

IOWA CITY @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 12)

The Cubs' playoff hopes are barely alive. In a nutshell, they need a win and a Mohave loss to stay in the hunt. While possible, it is unlikely. However, in the desperate attempt to survive, the Cubs will do what they always do in these situations – play hard. The Convicts have clinched the West Division but want the guarantee of home field advantage in the playoffs; so they are not ready to back off. It will be a full value competition with the out-gunned Cubs leaning on their defence to keep it close in a losing cause. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

PICKERING @ DURHAM (line – SPARTANS by 2)

The Lizards hope that their wet and inhospitable home field will slow down the Pickering powerhouse, but if the Theory of Relativity has any meaning at all, that will mean the plodding Durham offence will slow down as well – and slowing down is the last thing they need. Coming off a humiliating spanking last week in Charleswood, where they averted a shutout with a last minute field goal, the Dinosaurs need to rebound strongly to build their confidence heading into the post-season. The Spartans can clinch the Division with a win here and will also need it to earn the top seed in the Can-Am Conference. The home field here means virtually nothing and the Spartans machine will buzz on. **Pick: PICKERING**

COWTOWN @ MARKHAM (line – NORTH STARS by 8)

These two rivals in obscurity do not like each other but the North Stars are the angrier team right now. Humiliated at Tillman Field in Week Three, Markham is even more outraged at that loss now that they know how bad Cowtown really is. Although theoretically weaker with Kurt Warner gone, the Stars, as they proved last week against Mohave, are perpetually dangerous in spite of appearances. Adding to their motivation to punish the Corn Kings is an outside shot at a playoff spot. The Stars will bring everything they have but, curiously, the Corn Kings will kick their asses anyway in a surprise upset win. **Pick: COWTOWN**

GWINNETT @ GARLAND (line – GLADIATORS by 1)

The Gladiators are still alive in the wildcard hunt, but they face an uphill battle and will need help to snatch the prize. They cannot be eliminated if they lose, but a win would be preferable to start this final round of Divisional match-ups. Garland is mercifully out of the picture, eliminated with force last week by Chino. They are playing for pride at this point and the satisfaction of inflicting a humiliation instead of being on the receiving end of one for a change. The Glads cannot afford to take any team lightly at this point (if they ever could) and Garland is one of those teams that could surprise them. The Glads will look for their passing game to stake them to an early lead to force Matt Ryan to play catch-up. **Pick: GWINNETT**

FLORIDA @ RINGGOLD (line – DRAGONS by 4)

Having locked up their Division for weeks now, the Dragons may be showing signs of losing their focus. They still have lots to play for – top seed in the playoffs and the prestige of being the first team to ever achieve a perfect regular season record – but recent lacklustre performances by their offence against Iowa City and Los Angeles have some pundits predicting an upset at the hands of Ringgold this week. If that were to happen, it would be the shock of the season, especially with the Hawks missing key players Corey Webster, Domata Peko and Brodney Pool on defence. Mike Thomas and Eddie Royal are both questionable at wide receiver and if they cannot go, Big Ben will literally have only 3 wide receivers to throw to. Still, a positive reaction to the coaching change in Ringgold could work a minor miracle....but I doubt it. **PICK: FLORIDA**