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WEEK NINE IN REVIEW

December 5th, 2010



WILL HE BE EFL MVP?

Mohave's Matt Schaub rolls away from pressure with his eyes downfield. The Hellfire MVP posted his third 300+ yards passing game and threw 3 more TD passes in a 27-20 win over York. (STORY INSIDE)

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COMMENT

"WIKILEAKS," "WHY THE KNIGHTS SUCK," "YELLOW CONFETTI," "COACHES GUILLOTINE," – Spats McChad

PREDICTIONS

Jimmy the Geek gives you 3 guaranteed wins + 3 guaranteed yawners – two for the price of one!



Who was slick in Week Nine?

"BRYLCREEM" THE EFL'S OLDEST SPONSOR



Ben Roethlisberger
QB
Ringgold Crimson Hawks

33 of 44 for 465 yards, 4 TDs.
Career day may rescue season.



Brandon Graham
DE
Kutztown Golden Bears

2 Sacks, 3 Hurries, 1 FF. Two sacks in 2nd half preserved win over LA.

HELLFIRE HEATING UP AGAIN!

SCHAUB BACK IN FORM WITH 3 TD PASSES.



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MOHAVE – The return of **Bobby Elder** to the sideline brought a return of yellow confetti to the football field, but it was not enough to derail Mohave from the path to a second straight victory. The flags broke the flow of the game, to the displeasure of viewers, but they did not break the Mohave game plan and, on balance, tended to set the Excaliburs back more. Penalties to both sides and mistakes in execution on a perfect day for football in Mohave held the teams to a single field goal in the first quarter, a 42-yarder by Mohave's **Rob Bironas** after a 3rd down sack by York's **Antwan Odom** pushed the Hellfire out of the red zone. The Hellfire's first major score came after a pair of personal foul penalties on York linebacker, **Lawrence Timmons** netted them 26 yards and **Matt Schaub** took advantage by firing an 11-yard TD pass to **Donald Driver** to make it 10-0. Hobbled by holding penalties, York could not muster a reply and Schaub fired back by completing 6 of 6 passes for 56 yards on another scoring drive, finishing it off with a daring 1-yard TD pass to **Hakeem Nicks** into tight coverage at the goal line to make it 17-0 for Mohave at half time.

The Hellfire hit a speed bump on the road to an apparent easy win when York's **Kyle Wilson** intercepted Schaub in Mohave territory on the first series of the second half, setting up a York field goal. Mohave got that one back on their next possession, but York added a second three-pointer after a 55-yard pass from **Tom Brady** to **Michael Crabtree** put them into **Shayne Graham's** range to make it 20-6 for Mohave heading into the 4th quarter. Knowing they needed more than field goals to get back into the game, Brady finally kicked into gear on York's first possession of the final frame, hitting **Jeremy Shockey** deep for 23 yards and connecting on a pair of slants to **Laveranues Coles** to set up a 1-yard bootleg TD by Tom Terrific to make it 20-13 for Mohave. Schaub snapped into MVP form in response, connecting for 38 yards on a long hitch to Driver and following that up with 32-yard deep fly to **Terrell Owens** for a highlight reel TD that regained Mohave's two-score advantage, 27-13.

Despite 7 defensive backs patrolling the secondary for Mohave, Brady came back with a 43-yard pass to **Delanie Walker** and a couple of short throws to **Darren McFadden** to gain the Mohave red zone. But McFadden fumbled the ball on the Mohave 6 yard line to effectively deny the York comeback attempt. The Excaliburs added a late touchdown but were unable to recover the onside kick, giving Mohave their 6th win of the season.

12-03-2010 The Fiery Depths Temp: 85 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Matt Schaub**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 York (3-6)	0	0	6	14	20
2009 Mohave (6-3)	3	14	3	7	27

1 4:17 Mohave	FG Bironas 42 (12-69-5:45)	0-3
2 13:29 Mohave	TD Schaub 11 pass to Driver (Bironas) (10-83-2:55)	0-10
2 2:02 Mohave	TD Schaub 1 pass to Nicks (Bironas) (12-86-5:42)	0-17
3 10:29 York	FG Graham 52 (4-7-1:57)	3-17
3 5:19 Mohave	FG Bironas 44 (10-50-5:05)	3-20
3 2:05 York	FG Graham 34 (7-54-3:03)	6-20
4 7:19 York	TD Brady 1 run (Graham,S) (12-70-5:31)	13-20
4 5:36 Mohave	TD Schaub 32 pass to Owens (Bironas) (4-77-1:37)	13-27
4 0:36 York	TD Brady 4 run (Graham,S) (8-44-1:17)	20-27

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First Downs	16	26
Rushes	19-45	32-145
Passes	38-22-271	36-23-314
Sacked	1-4	2-11
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	13-102	11-90
Turnovers	1	2
Time	26:30	33:30
Third Down	5-15	3-12
Fourth Down	1-1	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/1	4/2/2
Net Offense	312	448

< York >

Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate
Brady	38	22	271	1	3	0	0	80.0

Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD
McFadden	7	24	3.4	0	0	5	0
Jones	7	17	2.4	0	0	8	0
Brady	4	6	1.5	2	0	4	2
Coles	1	-2	-2.0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No	Dp	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD
McFadden	5	1	6	29	5.8	1	0	11	0
Coles	4	1	8	37	9.3	2	0	19	0
Shockey	4	0	8	58	14.5	3	1	25	0
Gage	3	0	4	14	4.7	1	0	5	0
Jenkins	3	2	8	19	6.3	2	0	9	0
Crabtree	2	0	2	71	35.5	2	1	55	0
Walker	1	1	2	43	43.0	1	1	43	0

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Passing	Att	Cmp	Yds	Sk	25	In	Td	Rate
Schaub	36	23	314	2	3	2	3	96.3

Rushing	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	10	Lg	TD
Mendenhall	15	59	3.9	0	0	7	0
Harrison	13	43	3.3	2	0	8	0
Tolbert	2	37	18.5	2	2	20	0
Schaub	1	7	7.0	1	0	7	0
Owens	1	-1	-1.0	0	0	0	0

Receiving	No	Dp	Att	Yds	Ave	FD	25	Lg	TD
Driver	7	0	8	121	17.3	4	2	38	1
Owens	6	0	7	90	15.0	5	1	32	1
Nicks	4	0	9	31	7.8	3	0	14	1
Edwards	3	0	3	42	14.0	3	0	17	0
Harrison	2	0	3	20	10.0	1	0	12	0
Harris	1	0	1	10	10.0	1	0	10	0
Nelson	0	0	3	0	0.0	0	0	0	0
Tolbert	0	0	2	0	0.0	0	0	0	0

CUBS PLAY PATSIES TO PATS POWERHOUSE

GAME POINTS: The Cubs managed to keep this game close for one quarter then watched their grip slip on a possible upset when **Peyton Manning** took control. In the 2nd quarter Manning completed 4 consecutive passes for 51 yards to power the Pats ahead 13-3 on a 12-yard TD pass to **Jason Witten**. The Cubs responded with a gruelling 18-play drive but had to settle for a 26-yard FG by **Neil Rackers**. They never threatened again. A 31-yard hook-up from Manning to Marques Colston set up a 4-yard TD pass to Colston 3 plays later to put Charleswood firmly in command. The swarming Pats defence, led by linebacker, **Jon Beason**, held the Cubs at bay while the offence padded their stats. **Adrian Peterson** scored his 12th rushing TD of the year on a 31-yard burst behind guard, **Carl Nicks** and Manning added a 3rd TD pass, 14 yds to **Sidney Rice**, to round-up the scoring. **KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Peeyton Manning** completed 20 of 27 passes for 286 yards and 3 TDs, **Adrian Peterson** had 26 carries for 113 yards and 1 TD, **Sidney Rice** caught 8 passes for 133 yards and 1 TD; **Sam Bradford** went 16 of 26 for 171 yards, **Brandon Jacobs** rushed for just 27 yards on 10 carries.



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IOWA CITY



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CHARLESWOOD

12-03-2010 Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: Calm MVP: **Peyton Manning**

	1	2	3	4	Tot	
2009 Iowa City (2-7)	3	3	0	0	6	
2009 Charleswood (7-2)	3	10	14	7	34	
1 9:32 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 21 (13-47-4:30)					0-3
1 4:31 Iowa City	FG Rackers 21 (10-71-4:47)					3-3
2 13:51 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 40 (11-35-5:28)					3-6
2 9:26 Charleswood	TD Manning 12 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (4-51-2:01)					3-13
2 1:13 Iowa City	FG Rackers 26 (18-71-8:13)					6-13
3 10:52 Charleswood	TD Manning 4 pass to Colston (Gostkowski) (7-72-4:03)					6-20
3 4:59 Charleswood	TD Peterson 31 run (Gostkowski) (8-67-4:43)					6-27
4 8:39 Charleswood	TD Manning 14 pass to Rice (Gostkowski) (8-48-5:02)					6-34

	ICC	CHP
First Downs	14	22
Rushes	24-49	34-121
Passes	33-18-197	27-20-286
Sacked	1-5	1-5
Fumble	1	3
Penalties	6-41	5-35
Turnovers	2	2
Time	27:31	32:29
Third Down	4-12	8-14
Fourth Down	1-2	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/0/2	5/3/2
Net Offense	241	402



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GARLAND



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PICKERING

SPARTANS MARCH ON

GAME POINTS: **Anquan Boldin** and **Tony Gonzalez** combined for some razzle-dazzle on a 28-yard catch-and-lateral that set up a 1-yard TD run by **Chris Johnson** to give the Spartans a 13-3 lead late in the 1st quarter. The early blitz continued after a 3rd down sack by **Jason Taylor** forced a Garland punt and **Vincent Jackson** turned a short quick pass into a 33-yard gain to set up a 30-yard **Jon Kasay** field goal to make it 16-3. The Spartans finished the 1st half with a pair of long passes from **Brett Favre** to Boldin and Jackson that set up Johnson's second TD run from 9 yards out to take a 23-3 lead. A dreary 3rd quarter gave way to a pair of TDs in the final period – a 3rd TD run by Johnson and a consolation score for Garland on an 8-yard pass from **Matt Ryan** to **Wes Welker**.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Brett Favre** completed 23 of 29 for 275 yards and 1 TD, **Chris Johnson** rushed for 134 yards and 3 TDs on 23 carries, **Vincent Jackson** caught 4 passes for 88 yards; **Matt Ryan** went 13 of 22 for 112 yards and 1 TD, **Wes Welker** caught 6 passes for 60 yards and 1 TD, **Frank Gore** rushed for 37 yards on 14 carries.

12-03-2010 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 44 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Chris Johnson**

	1	2	3	4	Tot	
2009 Garland (1-8)	3	0	0	7	10	
2009 Pickering (8-1)	13	10	0	7	30	
1 9:13 Pickering	TD Favre 4 pass to Harvin (no good) (12-63-5:41)					0-6
1 5:24 Garland	FG Gould 25 (7-13-3:36)					3-6
1 1:55 Pickering	TD Johnson 1 run (Kasay) (6-84-3:21)					3-13
2 8:34 Pickering	FG Kasay 30 (9-55-4:37)					3-16
2 2:49 Pickering	TD Johnson 9 run (Kasay) (7-67-3:57)					3-23
4 14:13 Pickering	TD Johnson 1 run (Kasay) (10-70-4:58)					3-30
4 8:35 Garland	TD Ryan 8 pass to Welker (Gould) (11-68-5:18)					10-30

	GDM	PIC
First Downs	10	26
Rushes	22-43	35-167
Passes	22-13-112	29-23-275
Sacked	1-7	2-15
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	8-50	3-25
Turnovers	0	0
Time	22:24	37:36
Third Down	4-11	8-13
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	7/4/1
Net Offense	148	427

CONVICTS CUFF BREES FOR 7TH WIN

GAME POINTS: The Violators drew first blood with a 49-yard FG by **Lawrence Tynes** but it was Chino that inflicted the serious wounds over the course of the game. **Donovan McNabb** ignited a string of 23 unanswered points with a 40-yard TD pass to **Randy Moss** late in the 1st quarter. **Nick Collins** intercepted **Drew Brees** on Virden's next possession, putting the Convicts in range for the first of **Jeff Reed's** 3 FGs on the day. Brees fumbled the ball away twice, once leading to 3 points and the other snuffing out a golden scoring opportunity at the Chino 6 yard line in the 3rd quarter. **Steven Jackson**, who had a solid day running the ball, scored the second Chino TD on a short pass in the flat from 4 yards out.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Donovan McNabb** went 16 of 28 for 180 yards and 2 TDs, **Steven Jackson** rushed for 128 yards on 23 carries, 2 catches for 12 yards and 1 TD, **Randy Moss** had 5 catches for 71 yards and 1 TD, **James Harrison** made 5 tackles, 1 sack, 1 stuff, 2 forced fumbles; **Drew Brees** completed 22 of 34 for 281 yards, 1 INT, **Ricky Williams** had 21 yards on 15 carries, **Devin Hester**, 9 catches, 133 yards.



CHINO



VIRDEN

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12-03-2010 **TERRORDOME** Temp: 69 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Donovan McNabb**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Chino (7-2)	7	13	3	0	23
2009 Virden (3-6)	3	0	0	7	10

1 2:38 Virden	FG Tynes 49 (9-30-4:42)	0-3
1 0:44 Chino	TD McNabb 40 pass to Moss (Reed,J) (5-65-1:40)	7-3
2 13:58 Chino	FG Reed 26 (4-5-0:47)	10-3
2 5:46 Chino	FG Reed 43 (5-14-1:30)	13-3
2 0:39 Chino	TD McNabb 4 pass to Jackson (Reed,J) (9-51-3:19)	20-3
3 8:42 Chino	FG Reed 34 (13-57-6:07)	23-3
4 1:11 Virden	TD Williams 1 run (Tynes) (13-99-6:08)	23-10

	CHI	VV
First Downs	17	15
Rushes	32-154	19-20
Passes	32-18-200	34-22-281
Sacked	1-6	3-22
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	5-30	4-35
Turnovers	0	3
Time	30:15	29:45
Third Down	9-19	5-12
Fourth Down	2-2	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/2	2/1/0
Net Offense	348	279



FLORIDA



COWTOWN

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HALF GAME GOOD ENOUGH FOR DRAGONS

GAME POINTS: One half of devastatingly proficient offensive football was more than enough for the top team in the league against the struggling Corn Kings. **Aaron Rodgers** connected with **Brandon Marshall** for a 48-yard long slant to set up a 1-yard TD run by **CJ Spiller** on Florida's first possession. Spiller got the next drive started with 3 rushes for 26 yards then Rodgers went back to Marshall for 22 yards and then 10 yards for a TD to quickly make the score 14-0 for the Dragons. A budding Cowtown drive was shut down by the first of two sacks by **LaMarr Woodley** then the Dragons offence went back to work. Marshall turned a medium fly into a 75-yard pass play that set up an 8-yard screen pass for a TD to **Heath Miller**. The Dragons led 27-0 at half time and went through the motions the rest of the way as Cowtown battled to break the shutout with a 24-yard FG.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Aaron Rodgers** went 12 of 20 for 231 yards and 2 TDs, **Brandon Marshall** caught 4 passes for 155 yards and 1 TD, **Justin Tuck** made 9 tackles, 1 sack, 1 stuff, 2 forced fumbles; **Joe Flacco** went 22 of 37 for 193 yards.

12-03-2010 Tillman Field Temp: 44 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Brandon Marshall**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Florida (9-0)	14	13	0	0	27
2009 Cowtown (2-7)	0	0	3	0	3

1 11:55 Florida	TD Spiller 1 run (Longwell) (6-81-2:52)	7-0
1 6:23 Florida	TD Rodgers 10 pass to Marshall (Longwell) (6-58-3:40)	14-0
2 9:51 Florida	FG Longwell 40 (9-47-5:01)	17-0
2 6:16 Florida	TD Rodgers 8 pass to Miller (Longwell) (3-80-1:40)	24-0
2 0:00 Florida	FG Longwell 42 (6-20-3:25)	27-0
3 3:41 Cowtown	FG Mare 24 (7-21-3:55)	27-3

	FLD	COW
First Downs	16	16
Rushes	32-143	23-52
Passes	20-12-231	37-22-193
Sacked	0-0	5-29
Fumble	3	4
Penalties	6-41	5-39
Turnovers	1	1
Time	29:09	30:51
Third Down	2-8	5-16
Fourth Down	0-1	1-5
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	2/0/1
Net Offense	374	216

KUTZTOWN 'KALAMITY' SINKS KNIGHTS



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LOS ANGELES



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KUTZTOWN

GAME POINTS: It was an old-fashioned back-and-forth slugfest for one half in Kutztown but the Golden Bears defence took control in the 2nd half to preserve a precarious lead. The Knights responded to an opening FG by **Nate Kaeding** with an efficient 63-yard TD drive, keyed by a 25-yard pass to **Mark Bradley** and capped with a 4-yard pass from **Kurt Warner** to **Jamaal Charles**. The Bears matched with an 80-yard drive without a 3rd down, cashing in for 6 points on a 6-yard TD pass from **Tony Romo** to **Brandon Pettigrew** to make it 10-7. The Knights tied the game on a 50-yard FG by **Dan Carpenter**, but the Bears grabbed the lead 13-10 with 52 seconds left in the 1st half on the 2nd of 4 FGs for Kaeding. After another FG made it 16-10 for Kutztown, the turnover bug hit the Knights. **Shonn Greene's** fumble led to another FG by Kaeding to make it 19-10. **Antoine Winfield** intercepted Warner to end a red zone threat in the 4th quarter, then rookie end, **Brandon Graham** added a late sack to help thwart LA's comeback attempt.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Tony Romo** went 22 of 32 for 25 yards and 1 TD, **Brandon Graham** had 2 sacks, 3 pressures and 1 forced fumble; **Kurt Warner** went 12 of 23 for 105 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT, **Jamaal Charles** rushed for 156 yards on 23 carries.

12-04-2010 Lincoln Financial Temp: 61 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Tony Romo**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Los Angeles (2-7)	7	3	0	3	13
2009 Kutztown (5-4)	3	10	6	0	19

1 9:13 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 44 (6-4-2:48)	0-3
1 4:15 Los Angeles	TD Warner 4 pass to Charles (Carpenter) (9-63-4:42)	7-3
2 12:14 Kutztown	TD Romo 6 pass to Pettigrew (Kaeding) (12-80-7:01)	7-10
2 7:47 Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 50 (9-33-4:11)	10-10
2 0:52 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 30 (16-73-6:48)	10-13
3 6:17 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 21 (13-62-6:57)	10-16
3 4:35 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 34 (4-7-1:26)	10-19
4 4:07 Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 50 (8-32-2:14)	13-19

	LAK	KUT
First Downs	16	22
Rushes	27-170	36-120
Passes	23-12-105	32-22-256
Sacked	2-16	3-19
Fumble	3	1
Penalties	8-41	9-75
Turnovers	3	0
Time	21:07	38:53
Third Down	3-9	4-15
Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/0	6/1/4
Net Offense	259	357



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GWINNETT



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DURHAM

RIVERS ROCKS AS DURHAM DUMPS GLADS

GAME POINTS: The Thunder Lizards slashed through the Gwinnett defence on their first possession, covering 59 yards in only 3 plays as **Philip Rivers** hit **Vernon Davis** for a 28-yard TD pass to open the scoring. The Gwinnett offence was stymied on their first 5 possessions, allowing Durham to build a 17-0 lead on a 33-yard **Mason Crosby** FG and an 11-yard TD pass to **Calvin Johnson**. The Glads got a gift FG at the end of the 1st half when **Kareem Huggins** fumbled at his own 28 yard line while trying to run out the clock, setting up **Josh Brown** from 45 yards away. A fumble by **Kevin Smith** at his own 23 yard line led to a Glads major near the end of the 3rd on an 11-yard TD pass from **Eli Manning** to **Reggie Wayne** to narrow the gap to 10 points, but Durham got that back almost immediately with a 28-yard TD pass to Davis on the first play of the 4th quarter. **Jared Allen** picked off Manning in the 4th to end any chance of a Gwinnett comeback.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Philip Rivers** went 19 of 26 for 294 yards and 3 TDs, **Jared Allen** had 2 sacks, 1 forced fumble, 1 INT; **Eli Manning** went 19 of 34 for 159 yards, 1 TD and 2 INTs, **Thomas Jones** gained only 38 yards on 15 carries.

12-03-2010 Jurassic Park Temp: 64 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Philip Rivers**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2009 Gwinnett (3-6)	0	3	7	0	10
2009 Durham (6-3)	10	7	3	7	27

1 13:11 Durham	TD Rivers 28 pass to Davis (Crosby) (3-59-1:33)	0-7
1 5:20 Durham	FG Crosby 33 (10-73-4:46)	0-10
2 3:25 Durham	TD Rivers 11 pass to Johnson (Crosby) (11-95-6:15)	0-17
2 0:00 Gwinnett	FG Brown 45 (1-0-0:01)	3-17
3 9:53 Durham	FG Crosby 35 (7-37-2:57)	3-20
3 1:52 Gwinnett	TD Manning 11 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (4-33-1:52)	10-20
4 14:47 Durham	TD Rivers 28 pass to Davis (Crosby) (4-59-1:52)	10-27

	GWG	DTL
First Downs	12	25
Rushes	19-53	30-143
Passes	34-19-159	30-21-315
Sacked	3-14	2-12
Fumble	2	3
Penalties	9-70	3-35
Turnovers	2	2
Time	25:46	34:14
Third Down	3-15	3-10
Fourth Down	3-3	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	198	446

BIG BEN BREAKS OUT BIG TIME!

GAME POINTS: Ben Roethlisberger posted career numbers with 465 yards passing and 4 TDs to lead the Crimson Hawks to a white-washing of the North Stars at the Dawg Pound. It looked like the same old, same old at the beginning. **Barrett Ruud** forced a Roethlisberger fumble at the Ringgold 35 on the Hawks first possession then **Jason Campbell** hit **Devery Henderson** for passes of 28 yards and 8 yards for a TD to grab an early 7-0 lead. Passing on every down, Big Ben brought the Hawks back 76 yards in 12 plays, finding **Andre Johnson** open near the sideline for a 9-yard TD pass. A daring 4th and 7 gamble by Markham at the Ringgold 40 backfired as **Kerry Rhodes** sacked Campbell for a 7-yard loss. Roethlisberger followed up with a 53-yard bomb to Johnson on the next play, good for the go-ahead TD. A 3rd consecutive TD pass to Johnson helped stake the Hawks to a 24-14 half time lead. Markham fought back in the 2nd half. A 41-yard pass to Henderson set up a 1-yard TD run by Campbell to make it 24-21 Ringgold. But Big Ben found **Santonio Holmes** from 12 yards out to make it 31-21 Ringgold near the start of the 4th quarter. **DeAngelo Williams** broke a 40-yard run for a TD to pull back within 3 points, but the unstoppable Roethlisberger hit Johnson for 27 yards to set up a 1-yard TD plunge by **Tashard Choice** to end the scoring.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Big Ben completed 33 of 44 passes for 465 yards and 4 TDs, **Santonio Holmes** caught 11 passes for 202 yards and 1 TD, **Andre Johnson** caught 8 balls for 181 yards and 3 TDs, **Maurice Jones-Drew** had 143 all-purpose yards; **Jason Campbell** went 16 of 27 for 226 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT, **DeAngelo Williams** rushed for 103 yards and 1 TD on 20 carries. **Devery Henderson** caught 5 for 98 yards and 1 TD.



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RINGGOLD



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MARKHAM

12-01-2010 The Dawg Pound Temp: 50 Wind: 0-10 Heavy Rain MVP: Ben Roethlisberger								
	1	2	3	4	Tot			
2009 Ringgold (4-5)	14	10	0	13	37			
2009 Markham (4-5)	7	7	7	7	28			
1 12:16 Markham	TD Campbell 8 pass to Henderson (Lindell) (4-35-1:04)				0-7			
1 7:28 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 9 pass to Johnson (Suisham) (12-76-4:41)				7-7			
1 3:33 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 53 pass to Johnson (Suisham) (1-53-0:13)				14-7			
2 10:22 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 8 pass to Johnson (Suisham) (10-74-5:53)				21-7			
2 0:35 Markham	TD Campbell 1 pass to Williams (Lindell) (15-56-6:23)				21-14			
2 0:00 Ringgold	FG Suisham 43 (3-54-0:35)				24-14			
3 8:30 Markham	TD Campbell 1 run (Lindell) (12-76-6:22)				24-21			
4 13:02 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 12 pass to Holmes (Suisham) (10-84-4:41)				31-21			
4 11:10 Markham	TD Williams 40 run (Lindell) (3-73-1:37)				31-28			
4 7:50 Ringgold	TD Choice 1 run (no good) (7-69-3:06)				37-28			
						RCH	MAR	
						First Downs	26	18
						Rushes	19-59	31-123
						Passes	44-33-465	29-16-226
						Sacked	0-0	4-31
						Fumble	2	0
						Penalties	7-36	8-55
						Turnovers	2	1
						Time	28:02	31:58
						Third Down	7-12	7-14
						Fourth Down	0-3	2-4
						Red Att/Td/Fg	4/4/0	4/3/0
						Net Offense	524	318

WEEK NINE LEADERS

Passing

Roethlisberger (RCH)	44-33-465
Schaub (MOH)	36-23-314
Rivers, P (DTL)	26-19-294
Manning, P (CHP)	27-20-286
Brees (VV)	34-22-281

Rushing

Charles (LAK)	23-156
Johnson, C (PIC)	23-134
Jackson, S (CHI)	23-128
Peterson, A (CHP)	26-113
Williams, D (MAR)	20-103

Receiving

Holmes (RCH)	11-202
Marshall, B (FLD)	4-155
Johnson, A (RCH)	8-141
Hester, D (VV)	9-133
Rice, S (CHP)	8-133

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	7	2	0	0.778	308	34.2	170	18.9	15.3	5 0 0	2 1 0	5 1 0
Mohave	6	3	0	0.667	214	23.8	225	25	-1.2	5 0 0	3 0 0	5 1 0
Kutztown	5	4	0	0.556	203	22.6	203	22.6	0	3 3 0	1 2 0	3 3 0
Virden	3	6	0	0.333	203	22.6	256	28.4	-5.9	1 3 0	0 3 0	1 5 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	7	2	0	0.778	254	28.2	123	13.7	14.6	4 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
York	3	6	0	0.333	180	20	236	26.2	-6.2	2 2 0	2 1 0	2 4 0
Iowa City	2	7	0	0.222	172	19.1	265	29.4	-10.3	0 4 0	1 2 0	1 5 0
Los Angeles	2	7	0	0.222	202	22.4	235	26.1	-3.7	1 3 0	0 3 0	1 5 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	8	1	0	0.889	281	31.2	129	14.3	16.9	3 1 0	3 0 0	5 1 0
Durham	6	3	0	0.667	218	24.2	161	17.9	6.3	5 0 0	1 2 0	3 3 0
Markham	4	5	0	0.444	170	18.9	232	25.8	-6.9	3 2 0	1 2 0	2 4 0
Cowtown	2	7	0	0.222	130	14.4	255	28.3	-13.9	2 4 0	1 2 0	2 4 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	9	0	0	1.000	273	30.3	108	12	18.3	5 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
Ringgold	4	5	0	0.444	200	22.2	218	24.2	-2	2 1 0	2 1 0	3 3 0
Gwinnett	3	6	0	0.333	195	21.7	277	30.8	-9.1	3 1 0	1 2 0	2 4 0
Garland	1	8	0	0.111	191	21.2	301	33.4	-12.2	1 3 0	0 3 0	1 5 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Favre	PIC	254	167	65.7	2189	5	2	53	17	6.7	106.9
2	Rodgers	FLD	214	140	65.4	1768	4	1.9	75	12	5.6	101.9
3	Manning, P	CHP	280	192	68.6	2239	10	3.6	38	18	6.4	99.1
4	Brees	VV	260	170	65.4	2148	7	2.7	48	14	5.4	97.7
5	Schaub	MOH	306	202	66	2431	9	2.9	56	17	5.6	96.5
6	McNabb	CHI	272	164	60.3	2070	5	1.8	64	16	5.9	96
7	Romo	KUT	265	176	66.4	2140	6	2.3	60	9	3.4	93
8	Kolb	GDM	106	68	64.2	753	3	2.8	39	6	5.7	92.2
9	Rivers, P	DTL	269	157	58.4	2033	9	3.3	86	18	6.7	90.6
10	Roethlisberger	RCH	263	172	65.4	2001	9	3.4	53	13	4.9	90.5
11	Manning, E	GWG	268	160	59.7	1960	8	3	78	16	6	89.8
12	Warner	LAK	256	155	60.5	1706	8	3.1	74	15	5.9	86.8
13	Campbell, J	MAR	245	158	64.5	1754	8	3.3	64	9	3.7	84.3
14	Brady	YOR	318	204	64.2	2092	11	3.5	55	15	4.7	84.3
15	Ryan, M	GDM	210	134	63.8	1458	10	4.8	68	8	3.8	77

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Johnson, C	PIC	197	1125	5.7	40	16	8	Rice, R	FLD	120	600	5	58	5
2	Peterson, A	CHP	200	846	4.2	48	12	9	Jackson, S	CHI	133	599	4.5	38	2
3	Williams, R	VV	184	815	4.4	68	6	10	Charles	LAK	109	555	5.1	17	3
4	Jones, T	GWG	178	802	4.5	45	5	11	Thomas, P	YOR	118	524	4.4	36	3
5	Jones-Drew	RCH	138	682	4.9	94	3	12	Brown, R	ICC	111	451	4.1	50	6
6	McCoy, L	KUT	147	608	4.1	75	4	13	Barber	COW	98	409	4.2	27	1
7	Mendenhall	MOH	131	601	4.6	49	4	14	Best	MAR	125	409	3.3	15	3
8	Rice, R	FLD	120	600	5	58	5	15	Bush, R	ICC	58	403	6.9	80	4

Yards/Game			Rushing Gains			Of	10+	Rushing 1st		Downs	
1	Johnson, C	PIC	125	1	Johnson, C	PIC	33	1	Johnson, C	PIC	71
2	Peterson, A	CHP	94	2	Jones, T	GWG	21	2	Peterson, A	CHP	48
3	Williams, R	VV	90.6	3	Williams, R	VV	19	3	Jones, T	GWG	46
4	Jones, T	GWG	89.1	4	Peterson, A	CHP	19	4	Williams, R	VV	40
5	Jones-Drew	RCH	75.8	5	Jackson, S	CHI	19	5	Jackson, S	CHI	33

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Holmes	RCH	58	773	13.3	40	3	8	Smith, S	LAK	51	581	11.4	55	7
2	Moss,R	CHI	54	766	14.2	51	8	9	Johnson, A	RCH	49	729	14.9	53	7
3	Wayne	GWG	53	850	16	78	10	10	Colston	CHP	48	585	12.2	32	3
4	Welker	GDM	53	737	13.9	68	4	11	Witten	CHP	47	495	10.5	38	8
5	Rice, S	CHP	52	680	13.1	28	3	12	Ochocinco	MAR	45	496	11	39	2
6	Jennings, G	KUT	51	803	15.7	60	1	13	Fitzgerald	ICC	45	459	10.2	28	7
7	White,R	LAK	51	558	10.9	42	2	14	Walter	COW	44	462	10.5	49	3
8	Smith,S	LAK	51	581	11.4	55	7	15	Ward, H	CHI	44	570	13	64	6

RAC Yards			Yards/Game			Receiving 1st		Downs			
1	Jennings, G	KUT	408	1	Welker	GDM	123	1	Holmes	RCH	47
2	Moss, R	CHI	319	2	Wayne	GWG	94.4	2	Wayne	GWG	38
3	Welker	GDM	306	3	Jennings, G	KUT	89.2	3	Moss, R	CHI	35
4	Jones-Drew	RCH	296	4	Hester, D	VV	88.3	4	Jennings, G	KUT	34
5	Wayne	GWG	283	5	Holmes	RCH	85.9	5	Rice, S	CHP	34



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – You’ve got to love WikiLeaks! It is a newsman’s dream and a Government’s nightmare. Or is it? WikiLeaks came on suddenly, with the “Wiki” prefix lending it the same credibility as Wikipedia. The non-profit organization (yeah, sure! Like there is such a thing) publishes documents from anonymous sources. The purpose is to encourage whistle-blowing by essentially cutting out the middle man. The organization has won a couple of prestigious media awards before drawing the ire of the US Government for publishing documents concerning the war in Afghanistan. Now WikiLeaks founder, Julian Assange, is a wanted man; although nobody is sure exactly what crime he has committed. Strangely, as an enemy of “freedom,” Assange has found a haven in Britain, the country that invented democracy. He apparently holds an encryption key that will unlock thousands of uncensored government documents if he is prosecuted by any government for any real or imagined transgression. This scenario makes me very suspicious.

As a believer in the inviolate nature of our Government (just look at the IRS if you want an example everyone can relate to) I do not believe for a second that WikiLeaks emerged naturally as an independent media force in the information age. What good are the CIA and FBI if something like WikiLeaks can establish itself and wreak havoc with National Security? If it managed to do so against great odds, why would the easily controllable conventional media report on it, essentially aiding WikiLeaks in the leak? No, Wikileaks is being used to mitigate the impact of the bad news from Afghanistan – preparing us all for the inevitable withdrawal from poppy country. The man-who-would-be-President, Barack Obama, he who speaks but does nothing, needs you, my dear reader, to support the withdrawal plan – and above all, not to blame *him* for it! With WikiLeaks providing “secret” details about how the mission is failing, withdrawal will seem to be the only prudent decision in the end – almost heroic, in fact; and another condemnation of the evil Bush Regime before him.

WHY THE KNIGHTS SUCK!

Reporting that the Knights were *upset* by [\[insert any team here\]](#) every week is starting to ring hollow. At 2-7 it’s finally time to face the surprising reality that the Knights actually *SUCK!* Markham doesn’t look like such a giant-killer anymore and Cowtown looks much worse for having been blown out by this squad of ‘Don Quixotes.’

I’ve studied the stats, the game plans, and watched the film. The Knights are ranked 5th in offence and 4th in defence; not exactly the usual rankings for a 2-7 team. Apart from the obvious; 22 turnovers committed and a -6 turnover ratio, I am at a loss to provide a rational explanation for the weekly disasters on the field. After they fell to Markham in Week 6, I canvassed you, my dear readers, for the reasons why you might think the Knights suck. After ravaging Cowtown in Week 7 and losing a close one to Durham in Week 8, I put the discussion on hold, since it may have been premature. But after falling in ingenious fashion, 19-13, to rag-tag Kutztown this week, I am forced to open the floodgates of scorn upon them. It is not nice, but it *is* fair.

Many fans agree that the Knights suck. Many also do not. My inbox was jammed with vitriol from both sides and I found I was under attack almost as much as the Knights were. One reader named Chuck G., from LA County, summarized the general feeling from the West Coast by writing, “*you are the one who sucks, McChad. You’re a Peyton Manning-loving gaylord!*” Another, from Pickering, Ontario, Canada, said, “*You are like man from Athens. You like young boy to love you, no? Very bad!*” A well-meaning but clearly insane reader named “Bolbo” (from what I can discern from the shaky hand-writing) mailed me 27 hand-written pages in tiny scrawl with excerpts from the Bible and references to the ‘upward-downward path’ of Heraclitus in an effort to explain how I was, once again, missing the point.

Overall, I was quite disappointed with the calibre of analysis coming from the readership. If it is an indicator of the type of thought my writing provokes, I may as well quit this gig and turn to talk radio. I hear **Jim Rome** makes good dough refereeing smack and repeating himself over and over again. I could come up with a couple of lines every day and simply state them repeatedly at intervals between obnoxious callers and ass-kissing guests, and make a small fortune.



Mohave coach Bobby Elder looks down at a yellow flag thrown questionably close to the Hellfire bench by referee Bill Leavy. The referee fraternity takes care of its own.

Typical of the majority of responses were these childish offerings:

"The Knights don't suck, they BLOW!" – Rex from Atlanta.

"They all too tired from gang-banging that Vainluven chick!" – Freddy from Inglewood.

Others offered interesting explanations based on apparently nothing more than fancy or fantasy. One reader, calling himself "Ben" (not his real name) claimed to be an undercover cop in the LA Gang Unit. *"The Knights are a Crip gang! They're all hopped up on coke and ecstasy during the week. They crash on Sundays,"* writes Ben. *"The defence holds nightly meetings at the Avalon. [a Hollywood nightclub] Their primary purpose is to guard the drug shipments, not to stop opposing quarterbacks. Nnamdi Asomugha is the biggest coke dealer in the county. The DA won't touch it."*

Another reader, sounding like an "insider" on the outer fringe suggested that the vegetarian diet at the team's post game buffet is not nourishing enough for football players. *"They are showing signs of B-12 deficiency and depleted muscle mass,"* writes Laura. This has a ring of truth to it. I recall during my trip to LA that the players were not overly enamoured with the tofu and seaweed salad and papadam with hummus dip being offered by The Green Carrot, a Beverly Hills vegetarian caterer hired by **Gabrielle Laurent-Vainluven** to feed the team after games.

Sorting through all the garbage e-mail to find the nuggets of insight left me with a throbbing headache. It will probably be never again that I solicit input on a subject which really has no good answer apart from the one I received from a reader

named John in Washington State. John writes, *"The Knights aren't playing all that bad, they just can't get a break. It happens. Teams have bad games, teams have bad years. They've been a little unlucky and it's got into their heads. They'll work through this. They need to get a break, that's all. Everything will be fine."*

It's hard to argue with John's simple reasoning. It certainly looks that basic, but we in the serious media tend to reject hypotheses based on intangibles such as "luck." A string of bad luck implies something supernatural is going on, and goes against the premise that you make your own luck through hard work. Of course everything will be fine....*eventually*. But with 7 losses in the books, LA will need things to change *right now* and run the table or face the most embarrassing post-Championship season performance in history.

YELLOW CONFETTI CELEBRATES ELDER'S RETURN

Bobby Elder returned to the sideline this week after serving a one-game suspension for his Week Seven tirade against EFL officiating following a 16-13 loss to Ringgold. At the 12:34 mark of the 1st quarter against York, on Mohave's second play from scrimmage, **Rob Sims** was called for a false start – the kind of false start that nobody sees when it happens. Referee **Bill Leavy** threw the flag and it landed very close to the Mohave sideline, coincidentally, in front of Elder himself. And so began a long string of calls and non-calls that marred a perfectly good football game. In all, 24 flags were thrown, with the balance, 13, going against York. But the refs are smart. When they want to stick it to a team, it's not how many penalties they call, it's the kind of penalties they call and when they call them that makes the difference. Even more insidious than the bad call, is the *non-call*. If a ref really wants to screw you and get away with it, not calling a penalty is often better than manufacturing one. It's virtually untraceable and, when noticed, often gets excused with the explanation that, "the refs are letting them play the game."

With **Matt Schaub** having the kind of season that places him in the discussion for Offensive MVP, it might surprise you to learn that he was intercepted twice in the Hellfire's 27-20 win over York. The thieves were Excalibur safety, **Sabby Piscitelli** and cornerback **Kyle Wilson**. Who, you ask? Wilson is a rookie and Piscitelli is one of those plucky "second effort" guys who build careers on "heart" and borderline cheating. Piscitelli practically hung on **Donald Driver's** back as he tried to cross the middle of the field and gave him a stiff push for good measure prior to snaring Schaub's perfectly thrown ball. Driver immediately looked around for a flag. So did half the York defence. But there was no flag. With a very slight, but discernible smirk, Leavy signalled the change of possession and stopped the play clock. In the second half, with **Terrell Owens** trying to cut inside on a slant, Wilson stuck his foot in his path, sending Owens flying to the turf, then Wilson reeled in the quick throw for his first career pick. Owens went nuts, but because it was Owens nobody wanted to give him the benefit of the doubt, so the play stood as *not* called. Elder, his face as red as his pullover, was escorted by medics to the locker room to be treated with blood pressure meds, but kept silent.

WHO'S IN LINE FOR THE COACHES GUILLOTINE?

There are some very bad teams that were expected to be good teams....or at least not *bad* teams. When performance fails to meet expectations, heads will roll. There are several coaching heads on the chopping block already and we're only coming into Week

Ten! Here are my Top Five Heads most likely to roll into the bloody basket at the bottom of the Coaches Guillotine:

1. **Tim Molinaro – Ringgold.** The weight of past failures hangs as heavily on him as the current season's difficulties. Will the career performance by **Ben Roethlisberger** and the big win over Markham this week be enough to stay the execution? Perhaps. The Governor just phoned to say he is considering Molinaro's 11th hour appeal.
2. **Jeff Dohrn – Los Angeles.** If a coach's job is to get his team ready mentally as well as physically, Dohrn has failed to get the job done. Coming off an amazing accomplishment in 2009, the trials of 2010 look even more desperate than they are – and they are pretty desperate. Bewilderment is giving way to anger and frustration in the Knights camp. Reports of disunity in the locker room are not surprising but Dohrn better get it under control and help his team regain their 2009 focus or he will be focusing on a new career.
3. **Jim Coghlin – Cowtown.** A low profile and no significant moves during the off-season drew local criticism but the rest of the EFL hardly noticed. Such is the sudden irrelevance of this franchise that the only team that cared to notice what Cowtown was not doing was their equally irrelevant Division rival, Markham. It is now clear that this season was written off in advance but the reality of the disintegrating 2010 edition of the Corn Kings is still difficult to stomach and some disillusioned fans are calling for Coghlin's head. **Joe Flacco** better show some improvement before the end of the year or there will be a new crop of coaches planted in the Cowtown fields come springtime.
4. **Doug Shirley – Garland.** There is still a bank of goodwill in Garland for Shirley to draw on in these difficult times because of last year's success, but the balance is getting low. Nobody expected the Mustangs to break through this year in the competitive South Division but the way they have played is so dismally below expectations that fans are beginning to ask questions about the coach's plan. The defence has been horrible, on pace to give up over 500 points, and **Matt Ryan** looks suddenly lost. The good news is that Garland may end up with the first pick in the rookie draft. The bad news for **Doug Shirley** is that he may not be around to pick it.
5. **Deron Redding – Iowa City.** Rookie QB, **Sam Bradford** is at once the reason Redding is in trouble and the reason he will probably get a pass on his team's shoddy 2010 performance. Still, with so many weapons around him and a turnover-generating defence, fans expect better than 2-7 at this point in the season with or without a greenhorn at QB. Redding's enthusiasm is infectious and his subdued sideline manner this year as he watches Bradford screw up a dozen times per game may be unintentionally telegraphing pessimism to the rest of his team. Only league-leading tackler, **Demeco Ryans** seems determined to earn his hefty paycheque every week.

WEEK NINE HIGHLIGHTS

A clear-headed and fed up **Ben Roethlisberger** went nuts at the Dawg Pound, throwing for a career-high 465 yards and 4 TDs in a 37-28 thumping of Markham. Things did not start well for Big Ben – he fumbled the ball on the game's opening possession and that led to a North Stars' touchdown. The blunder appeared to wake Ben up. He started flinging the ball with abandon on the next series, ignoring plays called in by the coach and calling audibles at the line to lead an all-pass TD drive that evened the score. The turning point came on a botched 4th down gamble by the North Stars at the Ringgold 40 yard line. **Kerry Rhodes** sacked **Jason Campbell** for a 7-yard loss then Big Ben hit **Andre Johnson** from 53 yards away for the go-ahead TD on the next play. Curiously, the Fat Lady in Row 54 sat in silence while her team was raped by Big Ben, lending credence to the wild rumour that the Ringgold quarterback had paid a nocturnal visit to her trailer on the eve of the game.

Justin Tuck posted big numbers in the Dragons' 27-3 victory over Cowtown, making 9 tackles, 1 sack, 2 passes defended and 2 forced fumbles. But it was **Brandon Marshall** and his 155 yards receiving on only 4 catches that grabbed the media attention for all of about 7 seconds in the ESPN EFL wrap-up. There is only so much adulation you can bestow upon these accomplishments when they come against a team like the Corn Kings.

The **Chris Johnson** "TD Watch" in Pickering received three more reasons to stay vigilant this week. Johnson pushed the ball across the goal line 3 times as Pickering dismantled the Mustangs 30-10. He is on pace to decisively break the single season record of 26 set last year by **DeAngelo Williams**. He probably could have had 3 more if not for fear of a late injury and a **Brett Favre** tantrum.

Devin Hester returned to the Virden line-up and made 9 catches for 133 yards against the "Lockdown Crew," but the Violators could not score when it mattered. **Drew Brees** was humbled and the Convicts won 23-10 on the strength of a solid defensive performance and 128-yard rushing display by **Steven Jackson**. Nevertheless, **Donovan McNabb** won the game MVP award because Donovan McNabb always wins the game MVP award when he doesn't throw a pick.

In Durham, **Philip Rivers** added to the misery of Gwinnett's defence in a 27-10 win and in the process added 3 more TD passes to his season total to push his QB rating up a few more points. At this rate, Rivers should find himself back in respectable company by season's end after a wishy-washy start. Going in the opposite direction is Gladiator QB, **Eli Manning**. He finished with a game day QB rating of 53 and threw 2 interceptions.

The Pats had a good practice against the Cubs at Patriot Place. Oh, sorry, it was actually a game. Yes, a game – one in which one team decided to watch (Iowa) while the other played (Charleswood). The Team beat the Practice Squad 34-6 as **Peyton Manning** padded his stats with 3 easy TD passes. Oh, God, the playoffs can't come soon enough!

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JIMMY'S Week TEN PICKS

CHARLESWOOD @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 3)

This is a big game and a signature one for both teams. Neither the Pats nor the Convicts have beaten a “quality” opponent yet this year (i.e., one they are likely to meet deep in the playoffs), but after this game one of them will have. The Patriots have the edge behind center and at tailback but those are the only areas of advantage and the differences there are not cavernous. The Convicts are missing Cortland Finnegan, their top turnover generator, and fullback Mike Sellers, one of the better blockers in the league. But they do have James Harrison and Julius Peppers and that may be all they need to keep Peyton Manning off his game. The Pats are living off turnovers this year and they will need that help again this week at the unfriendly Big House. Adrian Peterson has to show that he can pick up the tough yards against a top calibre defence, not just for this game, but for the confidence of their offence moving forward. Meanwhile, McNabb is going to bide his time and wait for his chance to hit Randy Moss deep for the killing stroke. **Pick: CHINO**

KUTZTOWN @ YORK (line – GOLDEN BEARS BY 1)

For all the hullabaloo about Tom Brady resurrecting the former Winnemucca franchise he stands ranked at #14 among starting quarterbacks in the EFL statistically. Don't let the numbers fool you – Brady has thrown 15 TD passes and completed 64% of his passes while operating with a bargain basement group of wide receivers, a ramshackle offensive line that boasts Brian Waters as its top asset, and without a bona fide #1 running back to keep opposing linebackers honest. Placed in context, his performance has been almost miraculous. So what does that have to do with the game at hand? What I am trying to say is that with Brady at the helm, anything can happen on any given Sunday. The Golden Bears are on a bit of a roll, coming off a blowout of Gwinnett and a narrow win over LA. But they are missing their top defensive playmaker, Darren Sharper, which will give the sniper Brady a big opening. Look for Kutztown to hit the ditch at idyllic Camelot. **Pick: YORK**

MOHAVE @ LOS ANGELES (line – KNIGHTS by 1)

Somebody still likes the Knights. How else can you explain a 2-7 team being favoured over a 6-3 team? Sure, it's a home game, but LA is 1-3 at home and the fans there are getting past impatient. A slow start for the Knights could quickly snowball into a disaster as the fans turn ugly with the season collapsing entirely in front of their eyes. On the other hand, all 3 of Mohave's losses have come on the road and they are missing Owen Daniels and two key members of the offensive line in Rob Sims and Ryan Harris. Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on me. Fool me every week when I pick this cursed team to break out of their slump?? Call it insanity! **Pick: LOS ANGELES**

VIRDEN @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 1)

Forget the insignificance of this game to the greater playoff picture and it is an interesting match-up that could even be fun to watch. Cubs fans can be optimistic that their normally trudging, spluttering offence will move the ball and score points on the ever-yielding Virden defence. The Violators will simply move the ball

as they have against almost everybody but could get derailed by the savvy and turnover-hungry Iowa defence. Dez Bryant is listed as ‘probable’ for this game. If he returns, Virden could deploy a moderately menacing five wide receiver set that would pose a challenge for the Cubs’ Nickel and Dime packages. A Cubs team with unqualified confidence in their quarterback would be hard for Virden to beat in their home park, but the fragile development of rookie, Bradford matched against the cunning and dangerous Drew Brees will take away bit of their swagger and make the difference. **Pick: VIRDEN**

DURHAM @ GARLAND (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 5)

If you call “Ready Freddy’s Red Hot Line,” Durham at (-5) is his guaranteed EFL pick of the week. If you call it again you will get Florida (-13) vs. Markham. If you call it again you will get Pickering (-9) at Gwinnett. If you call it again....the point I’m making is that there is a big gap between the top five teams and virtually everyone else. If I was setting the lines, I would make them much more attractive to the underdogs – like Durham (-17) to provoke meaningful analysis about how the Mustangs could shrink the margin of loss to less than 17 points. At -5, there are no reasonable scenarios where Garland’s ‘Thoroughdead’ defence and misfiring Matt Ryan keep this one close. Like most of Durham’s woes, they will have to be self-made for Garland to stand any chance. **Pick: DURHAM**

COWTOWN @ RINGGOLD (line – CRIMSON HAWKS by 10)

Yes, you are seeing it: a 10-point spread in favour of Ringgold. Take a picture because you may never see it again; and it may even be on the light side. Last week, Markham got a taste of what many prognosticators expected from the Crimson Hawks’ at the start of the season and it was scary. Cowtown’s defence is in even worse shape than Markham’s, missing 4 starters from a defence that wasn’t impressive to begin with. The faint hope for the Corn Kings rests in their potential to force turnovers and score on them – something Big Ben’s offence has been vulnerable to over the years. But it is a faint hope. The Hawks are healthy except for Brodney Pool and they have the home field. I think that Ringgold has finally woken up and they are just at the start of a concerted run to the playoffs. **PICK: RINGGOLD**

MARKHAM @ FLORIDA (line – DRAGONS by 13)

As crazy as this might sound at first, the Dragons are not a lock to beat the spread here. Not that they couldn’t beat it easily if it meant the difference between a win and a loss, but Jim Heaton’s Dragons are not overly concerned about style points and making bold “statements” to the rest of the league by hammering the opposition. After jumping out to a 27-0 lead last week against Cowtown with awesome ease, the Dragons backed off enough to actually lose the second half, 3-0. Expect something similar this week, but with a little more effort by Florida in the second half to keep their fans interested and a lot more competition from feisty Markham. The North Stars will never surrender and you never know where extra effort will take you. Having said that for the record, I’ll bet my brain and go with the flying torches. **Pick: FLORIDA**

PICKERING @ GWINNETT (line – SPARTANS by 9)

When this game was originally scheduled for Monday Night Football it must have looked like a great contest between two evenly matched teams. Throw in a little “Eli’s Revenge” factor, Brett Favre travelling as close as he can get in this league to his Mississippi home, all the likely playoff implications of the outcome, and there would be no shortage of story lines or fan interest. Instead, ten weeks into the season it is clear that these teams are worlds apart: Gwinnett is crumbling while Pickering is aspiring to the Championship and looking like a good bet to succeed. The Gladiators are at home, where they have their only three wins, but when they finally hosted a team that wasn’t terrible they got their heads handed to them by Kutztown. The Spartans have the best offence in football while the Glads have given up the most net yards of any team. This one is shaping up to be a severe blowout and another Prime Time yawner featuring Gwinnett. **Pick: PICKERING**