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NORTH



ATLANTIC



SOUTH



Ryan Fitzpatrick

Mohave QB, *Ryan Fitzpatrick* raises his fists in triumph as he walks off the field following Mohave's stunning 45-38 upset of the Brooklin Hawks. Andrew Luck's replacement had struggled in the first two games of the season, but in Week Three he unleashed an aerial barrage on the Hawks, passing for 284 yards and 4 TD passes, 3 of those to *Julio Jones*.



*Who was slick
in Week Three?*

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Ryan Fitzpatrick
QB
Mohave
Hellfire

21 of 28, 284 yards, 4 TDs. Shredded
Hawks secondary for Mohave 1st win.



Kurt Coleman
S
York
Excaliburs

5 T, 3 PD, 2 INTs (31 yds). Ruled the
secondary for York in Aurora upset.

	6		45
	31		38
	13		21
	26		16
	25		3
	35		31

EFL ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE GAME CENTER 2016 Week Three

PLAY OF THE WEEK



Kirk Cousins 5-yard TD pass to Andre Johnson on 4th down to tie (1:50 left in 4th)

	10		3
	38		31
	17		13
	31		32
	35		24
	6		27

PASSERS

		YDS	PTD	RTD	INT
1	Smith,A	BRH	378	4	0
2	Fitzpatrick	MOH	284	4	0
3	Palmer	TCT	317	4	0
4	Bridgewater	LAK	306	3	0
5	Taylor	MAR	262	2	1
6	Brady	YOR	303	2	0

FANTASY ROUND-UP

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RECEIVERS

		YDS	TDREC	OTD	2pt
1	Jones,J	MOH	149	3	0
2	Brown,A	TCT	128	3	0
3	Gronkowski	BRH	153	2	0
4	Crabtree	MVM	135	2	0
5	Graham	STC	73	3	0
6	Hilton,TY	DTL	187	1	0

RUSHERS

		YDS	RTD	TDR	2pt
1	McCoy,L	GWG	115	2	0
2	Jennings,R	AUR	81	1	1
3	Peterson,A	CHI	156	1	0
4	Stewart,J	BRH	137	1	0
5	Hillman	MOH	91	1	0
6	Anderson,CJ	SEB	32	2	0

KICKERS

		PAT	1-49	50+
1	Bailey	CHI	1	4
2	Tucker	SC	2	1
3	Janikowski	MOH	6	1
4	Hocker	BRH	2	2
5	Lambo	MVM	2	2
6	Vinatieri	SEB	5	1

TEAM DEFENCE

		PA	TDs	INT	SK	FR
1	Sebastian	10	2	1	8	1
2	St. Charles	6	1	1	2	1
3	LA	3	1	1	1	1
4	York	13	0	4	4	1
5	Gwinnett	6	1	1	1	0
6	Iowa City	16	1	0	1/1S	1















GAME BLITZ!



When you're in a rush! 12 Games, 12 Highlights!

By Chris Sherman

Week 3 featured a few major upsets among a number of blowouts:  In York, **Josh Doctson** snared a pass over the middle from **Tom Brady** and sprinted 73 yards for a TD as the Excaliburs built up a 26-0 half time lead and went on to upset Aurora 32-13.  At the Slammer in Carolina, **Justin Tucker** booted a 53-yard FG with 0:01 remaining to cap a 4th quarter comeback and seal a clutch 27-24 win over the favoured North Stars.  In Brooklin, **Ryan Fitzpatrick** connected with **Julio Jones** for a 38-yard TD pass, the first of three on the day for Jones, as the Hellfire stunned the Hawks 45-38.  In Toronto, **Leonard Hankerson** grabbed a pass from **Ryan Tannehill** and scooted down the sideline for a 66-yard TD pass to spark the Wolverines to a 31-17 win over expansion rival New Jersey.  At Jurassic Park, **Geno Smith** turned the Lizards' fortunes around with 2 TD passes as Durham blew away Scarborough, 31-3.  In Mission Viejo, **Michael Crabtree** turned a short hitch into an 80-yard TD pass to ignite the Monarchs' offence and **Michael Brockers** led a 7-sack performance by the defence in a 26-13 dumping of the Violators.  At Twin Cities, **Carson Palmer** slung a pass through the middle that a streaking **Antonio Brown** carried 30 yards to the house for his third TD of the day, as the Triumph rolled over Chino, 35-25.  In Sebastian, safety **Walter Thurmond** intercepted **Joe Flacco** and returned it 19 yards for a pick-six and **CJ Anderson** rushed for 2 TDs as the Swordfish humbled the Corn Kings at the Fish Tank, 38-10.  In St. Charles, **Carson Wentz** finished the game's opening drive with an 11-yard TD pass to **Jimmy Graham**, the first of 3 TD passes for Graham, as the Chargers trounced a banged up Cannibals squad, 31-6.  In Pickering, **Calvin Pryor** picked off **Philip Rivers** on the game's first play and returned it 34 yards for a TD to launch the undefeated Gladiators to an easy 35-6 win.  In Charleswood, **Tyler Matakevich** scooped up a **Lamar Miller** fumble and ran it back 70 yards for a TD as the Cubs elbowed past the Pats, 21-16.  In LA, **Deone Bucannon** scored on a 26-yard fumble return, his second TD in 2 weeks, as the Knights crushed Erieau, 31-3.

CANNIBALS**6**

PASSING: Cardale Jones, 11 of 20, 109 yds, 0 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Jeremy Langford, 18C, 124yds, (6.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Donte Moncrief, 5 for 82 yds, 38LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Emmanuel Ogbah, 3 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro 2 of 2 FGA. 6 Pts

CHARGERS**31**

PASSING: Carson Wentz 13 of 20, 126 yds, 3 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jamaal Charles, 12C, 81yds, (6.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jimmy Graham, 6 for 73yds, 24LG, 3 TD
DEFENCE: Malcolm Smith, 11 T, 2 SK, 1 PD, 1 INT (34yds)
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 4 of 4 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 7 Pts

10-29-2016 St. Charles Stadium Temp: 72 Wind: MVP: **Jimmy Graham**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Carthage (1-2)	0	3	0	3	6
2016 St. Charles (2-1)	7	7	7	10	31

Scoring Summary

1 10:17 St. Charles	TD Wentz 11 pass to Graham (Hauschka) (8-80-4:43)	0-7
2 13:25 St. Charles	TD Wentz 24 pass to Graham (Hauschka) (11-80-6:14)	0-14
2 7:27 Carthage	FG Catanzaro 37 (12-61-5:54)	3-14
3 9:50 St. Charles	TD Wentz 9 pass to Graham (Hauschka) (5-37-1:11)	3-21
4 12:29 Carthage	FG Catanzaro 26 (12-79-4:48)	6-21
4 1:50 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 39 (8-45-4:03)	6-24
4 1:34 St. Charles	TD Smith 34 interception return (Hauschka)	6-31

	CAR	STC
First Downs	18	18
Rushes	24-117	31-173
Passes	40-20-212	20-13-126
Sacked	4-33	1-8
Fumble	2	2
Penalties	5-35	1-5
Turnovers	3	0
Missed Tackles	4	7
Blitzes	11	13
Time	31:45	28:15
Third Down	5-15	2-8
Fourth Down	2-3	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/0/2	3/2/1
Net Offense	296	291

HELLFIRE**45**

PASSING: Ryan Fitzpatrick, 21 of 28, 284 yds, 4 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Ronnie Hillman, 14C, 91yds, (6.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Julio Jones, 9 for 149yds, 38LG, 3 TDs
DEFENCE: Whitney Mercilus, 7 T, 2 SK, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Sebastian Janikowski. 6 of 6XPA. 1 of 1 FGA. 9Pts

HAWKS**38**

PASSING: Alex Smith, 26 of 39, 378yds, 4 TDs, 2 INT
RUSHING: Jonathan Stewart, 21C, 137yds, (6.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Rob Gronkowski, 9 for 153yds, 40LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Charles Johnson, 10 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Zach Hocker. 2 of 4 XPA. 1 of 1 FGA. 5 Pts

10-29-2016 Optimist Park Temp: 77 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Ryan Fitzpatrick**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Mohave (1-2)	0	10	14	21	45
2015 Brooklin (2-1)	12	3	9	14	38

1 8:35 Brooklin	TD Smith 6 pass to Gronkowski (no good) (10-80-6:25)	0-6
1 4:29 Brooklin	TD Smith 11 pass to Jeffery (2 - failed) (6-56-2:30)	0-12
2 13:55 Mohave	FG Janikowski 35 (10-36-5:25)	3-12
2 1:46 Mohave	TD Fitzpatrick 19 pass to Robinson (Janikowski) (10-80-5:	10-12
2 0:06 Brooklin	FG Hocker 34 (10-64-1:37)	10-15
3 12:56 Mohave	TD Fitzpatrick 38 pass to Jones (Janikowski) (5-69-1:56)	17-15
3 10:17 Brooklin	TD Smith 20 pass to Gronkowski (no good) (5-78-2:32)	17-21
3 7:42 Mohave	TD Hillman 54 run (Janikowski) (5-69-2:27)	24-21
3 2:55 Brooklin	FG Hocker 21 (12-87-4:35)	24-24
4 14:02 Mohave	TD Fitzpatrick 18 pass to Jones (Janikowski) (6-80-3:53)	31-24
4 9:06 Mohave	TD Fitzpatrick 2 pass to Jones (Janikowski) (7-31-3:04)	38-24
4 8:04 Mohave	TD Tartt 34 interception return (Janikowski)	45-24
4 3:47 Brooklin	TD Stewart 3 run (Hocker) (12-77-4:09)	45-31
4 1:22 Brooklin	TD Smith 64 pass to Hopkins (Hocker) (5-69-0:58)	45-38

	MOH	BRH
First Downs	19	32
Rushes	23-134	27-173
Passes	28-21-284	39-26-378
Sacked	4-26	2-14
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	6-79	4-35
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	8	6
Blitzes	50	26
Time	29:12	30:48
Third Down	5-10	6-11
Fourth Down	1-1	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/1	10/4/2
Net Offense	392	537

VIOLATORS**13**

PASSING: Derek Carr, 25 of 41, 251 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Ezekiel Elliott, 14C, 45yds, (53.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Martavis Bryant, 5 for 62 yds, 21LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Melvin Ingram, 7 T, 1 PD, 3 STF
KICKING: Nick Folk. 1 of 1 XPA. 2 of 3 FGA. 7 Pts

MONARCHS**26**

PASSING: Eli Manning 18 of 27, 227 yds, 3 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Matt Forte, 11C, 54yds, (4.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Micahel Crabtree, 6 for 135 yds, 80LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Michael Brockers, 5 T, 2 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Josh Lambo. 2 of 3 XPA. 2 of 2 FGA. 8 Pts



10-30-2016 HMK Royal Coliseum Temp: 66 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Michael Crabtree**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Virden (1-2)	3	7	3	0	13
2015 Mission Viejo (1-2)	7	3	6	10	26

Scoring Summary

1 4:38 Virden	FG Folk 33 (14-65-7:05)	3-0
1 4:21 Mission Viejo	TD Manning 80 pass to Crabtree (Lambo) (1-80-0:17)	3-7
2 5:00 Virden	TD Carr 2 pass to Cook (Folk) (11-64-6:53)	10-7
2 1:27 Mission Viejo	FG Lambo 44 (10-54-3:28)	10-10
3 10:42 Mission Viejo	TD Manning 25 pass to Crabtree (no good) (6-79-3:10)	10-16
3 6:06 Virden	FG Folk 22 (4-3-1:25)	13-16
4 9:15 Mission Viejo	TD Manning 5 pass to Huff (Lambo) (6-63-3:17)	13-23
4 1:49 Mission Viejo	FG Lambo 20 (5-13-1:43)	13-26

	VV	MVM
First Downs	18	19
Rushes	24-60	26-138
Passes	41-25-251	27-18-227
Sacked	7-52	0-0
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	7-55	5-40
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	12	2
Blitzes	20	28
Time	32:26	27:34
Third Down	6-17	3-11
Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/1/2	2/1/1
Net Offense	259	365

<div>CUBS</div> <div>  <div>21</div> </div>	<div>PASSING: Russell Wilson, 18 of 27, 193 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT RUSHING: Russell Wilson, 12C, 95yds, (7.9), 0 TD RECEIVING: Tyler Locket, 3 for 55yds, 39LG, 0 TD DEFENCE: Roy Miller III, 6 T, 1 SK, 1 SAFETY KICKING: Jason MYers.1 od 2 XPA. 2 of 2 FA. 7 Pts</div>	<div>PATRIOTS</div> <div>  <div>16</div> </div>	<div>PASSING: Blake Bortles 16 of 31, 204 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT RUSHING: Lamar Miller, 15C, 44yds, (2.9), 0 TD RECEIVING: Dez Bryant, 4 for 64yds, 27LG, 1 TD DEFENCE: LaVonte David, 10 T, 1 PD, 1 STF KICKING: Ryan Succop. 1 of 1 XPA. 1 of 1 FGA.4 Pts</div>

CORN KINGS**10**

PASSING: Joe Flacco, 16 of 27, 148 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: LeGarrette Blount, 5C, 64yds, (12.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Steve Smith Sr. 4 for 53yds, 17LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Arthur Moats, 6 T, 2 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Shavne Graham. 1 of 1 XPA. 1 of 2 FGA. 4 Pts

SWORDFISH**38**

PASSING: Andy Dalton, 11 of 18, 179 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: CJ Anderson, 7C, 32 yds, (4.6), 2 TD
RECEIVING: Doug Baldwin, 6 for 88yds, 37LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Chandler Jones, 3 T, 3 SK
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri 5 of 5 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 8 Pts

10-29-2016 The Fish Tank Temp: 76 Wind: MVP: **Ahmad Brooks**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Cowtown (2-1)	7	3	0	0	10
2015 Sebastian (2-1)	7	21	3	7	38

Scoring Summary

1 0:24 Sebastian	TD Anderson 4 run (Vinatieri) (12-96-5:18)	0-7
1 0:17 Cowtown	TD Ross 95 kick return (Graham,S)	7-7
2 10:16 Sebastian	TD Anderson 8 run (Vinatieri) (3-65-1:32)	7-14
2 9:23 Sebastian	TD Thurmond 19 interception return (Vinatieri)	7-21
2 3:12 Sebastian	TD Winston 20 pass to Coleman (Vinatieri) (8-76-4:28)	7-28
2 0:16 Cowtown	FG Graham 30 (13-68-2:47)	10-28
3 8:27 Sebastian	FG Vinatieri 34 (16-64-6:23)	10-31
4 13:25 Sebastian	TD Brooks 16 yd fumble recovery (Vinatieri)	10-38

	COW	SS
First Downs	13	22
Rushes	19-116	36-136
Passes	27-16-148	32-19-262
Sacked	8-63	0-0
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	4-32	5-35
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	4	1
Blitzes	25	31
Challenges	0-1	0-0
Time	27:25	32:35
Third Down	1-10	6-14
Fourth Down	0-1	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/0/1	4/3/1
Net Offense	201	398

BLUE EAGLES**3**

PASSING: Aaron Rodgers, 6 of 22, 34 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Charles Sims, 14C, 97yds, (6.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DeSean Jackson, 2 for 24yds, 13LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Derick Morgan, 7 T, 2 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Dan Carpenter, 1 of 2 FGA, 3 Pts

T-LIZARDS**31**

PASSING: Geno Smith, 13 of 20, 211 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Carlos Hyde, 18C, 140yds, (7.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: TY Hilton, 6 for 187yds, 17LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Tyrann Mathieu, 4 T, 1 PD, 1 INT (0yds)
KICKING: Phil Dawson, 4 of 4 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 7 Pts

10-29-2016 Jurassic Park Temp: 89 Wind: Calm None MVP: **TY Hilton**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Scarborough (2-1)	0	0	0	3	3
2015 Durham (1-2)	3	14	7	7	31

Scoring Summary

1 10:03 Durham	FG Dawson 24 (10-45-4:44)	0-3
2 9:51 Durham	TD McFadden 8 run (Dawson,P) (12-70-7:14)	0-10
2 2:04 Durham	TD Smith 29 pass to Johnson (Dawson,P) (9-97-5:52)	0-17
3 11:54 Durham	TD Smith 13 pass to Decker (Dawson,P) (5-36-1:57)	0-24
4 11:22 Durham	TD Mettenberger 71 pass to Hilton (Dawson,P) (4-82-2:08)	0-31
4 0:00 Scarborough	FG Carpenter 33 (8-78-3:45)	3-31

	SBE	DTL
First Downs	11	25
Rushes	22-177	35-204
Passes	27-10-60	31-18-320
Sacked	2-12	2-22
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	4-35	10-69
Turnovers	1	1
Missed Tackles	5	4
Blitzes	19	9
Time	22:46	37:14
Third Down	4-13	7-13
Fourth Down	0-1	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/1	4/2/1
Net Offense	225	502

WRECKING BALL**28**

PASSING: Jared Goff 22 of 41, 266 yds, 1 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Chris Johnson, 19C, 61yds, (3.2), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Antonio Gates, 11 for 93yds, 13LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: JT Thomas III, 10 T, 1 STF
KICKING: Chris Boswell. 2 of 2 XPA. 1 of 1 FGA. 5 Pts

WOLVERINES**14**

PASSING: Ryan Tannehill, 15 of 22, 250 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: DeMarco Murray, 20C, 83yds, (4.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Leonard Hankerson, 4 for 129yds, 66LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Danny Trevathan, 6 T, 1 INT (31 yds)
KICKING: Mike Nugent, 4 of 4 XPA, 1 of 4 FGA 7Pts

10-29-2016 The Wolverine's Den Temp: 74 Wind: Calm MVP: **Ryan Tannehill**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 New Jersey (0-3)	3	7	0	7	17
2016 Toronto (1-2)	3	7	7	14	31

Scoring Summary

1 7:59 Toronto	FG Nugent 42 (6-50-3:02)	0-3
1 3:33 New Jersey	FG Boswell 29 (8-69-4:23)	3-3
2 1:00 New Jersey	TD Goff 7 pass to Gates (Boswell) (12-69-5:36)	10-3
2 0:37 Toronto	TD Tannehill 66 pass to Hankerson (Nugent) (1-66-0:19)	10-10
3 1:36 Toronto	TD Tannehill 11 run (Nugent) (11-91-6:17)	10-17
4 9:30 Toronto	TD Trevathan 31 interception return (Nugent)	10-24
4 7:24 Toronto	TD Harris 61 punt return (Nugent)	10-31
4 2:41 New Jersey	TD Johnson 1 run (Boswell) (14-80-4:43)	17-31

	NJ	TOR
First Downs	22	18
Rushes	26-79	28-113
Passes	41-24-266	22-15-250
Sacked	0-0	1-9
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	8-60	5-38
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	7	4
Blitzes	16	8
Time	29:58	30:02
Third Down	6-14	2-10
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/1	2/1/0
Net Offense	345	354

MUSTANGS



13

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 21 of 44, 190 yds, 1 TD, 4 INTs
RUSHING: Rashad Jennings, 14C, 81yds, (5.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Corey Coleman, 6 for 49yds, 10LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jelani Jenkins, 14 T, 4 STF
KICKING: Stephen Gostkowski. 4 of 4 XPA. 4 Pts

EXCALIBURS



32

PASSING: Tom Brady, 14 of 22, 303 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Derrick Henry, 19C, 47yds, (2.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Josh Doctson 2 for 105yds, 73LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Kurt Coleman, 5 T, 3 PD, 2 INT (31 yds)
KICKING: Blair Walsh. 2 of 4 XPA. 2 of 2 FGA. 8 Pts

10-29-2016 Camelot Temp: 67 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Tom Brady**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Aurora (1-2)	0	0	7	6	13
2015 York (1-2)	13	13	3	3	32

Scoring Summary

1 8:26 York	TD Henry 4 run (no good) (8-67-5:03)	0-6
1 4:42 York	TD Brady 73 pass to Doctson (Walsh,B) (4-82-1:07)	0-13
2 8:57 York	TD Brady 10 pass to Walker (no good) (12-81-7:37)	0-19
2 2:39 York	TD Bernard 2 run (Walsh,B) (5-56-2:12)	0-26
3 9:42 Aurora	TD Ryan 10 pass to Jennings (Crosby) (11-67-3:29)	7-26
3 0:00 York	FG Walsh 45 (9-9-4:59)	7-29
4 9:58 York	FG Walsh 42 (9-43-2:20)	7-32
4 5:55 Aurora	TD Jennings 5 run (2 - failed) (11-67-3:55)	13-32

	AUR	YOR
First Downs	17	19
Rushes	16-86	40-93
Passes	44-21-190	22-14-303
Sacked	4-24	2-13
Fumble	4	1
Penalties	7-57	8-76
Turnovers	5	0
Missed Tackles	7	1
Blitzes	55	10
Time	24:30	35:30
Third Down	6-14	7-16
Fourth Down	2-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	8/3/1
Net Offense	252	383

GLADIATORS



35

PASSING: Big Ben, 22 of 29, 300 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 21C, 115yds, (5.5), 2 TDs
RECEIVING: Jarvis Landry 9 for 157yds, 65LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Kyle Williams, 4 T, 1 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Cairo Santos. 5 of 5 XPA. 0 of 1 FGA. 5 Pts

SPARTANS



6

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 10 of 24, 162 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Denard Robinson, 7C, 27 yds, (3.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Sterling Shepard, 2 for 73yds, 50LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Telvin Smith, 9 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Travis Coons, 0 of 1 XPA, 0 Pts

10-29-2016 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 57 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Ben Roethlisberger**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Gwinnett (3-0)	14	7	7	7	35
2015 Pickering (1-2)	0	6	0	0	6

Scoring Summary

1 14:48 Gwinnett	TD Pryor 34 interception return (Santos)	7-0
1 12:13 Gwinnett	TD McCoy 1 run (Santos) (3-70-1:43)	14-0
2 11:47 Gwinnett	TD Roethlisberger 10 pass to Mitchell (Santos) (8-76-5:02)	21-0
2 8:05 Pickering	TD Rivers 27 pass to Bennett (no good) (4-96-0:59)	21-6
3 6:29 Gwinnett	TD Roethlisberger 5 pass to Landry (Santos) (6-67-3:09)	28-6
4 9:42 Gwinnett	TD McCoy 3 run (Santos) (11-71-6:40)	35-6

	GWG	PIC
First Downs	25	8
Rushes	33-177	23-58
Passes	29-22-300	24-10-162
Sacked	4-30	1-12
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	7-58	11-82
Turnovers	1	1
Missed Tackles	3	12
Blitzes	4	17
Time	36:46	23:14
Third Down	4-13	1-12
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/4/0	0/0/0
Net Offense	447	208

NORTH STARS



24

PASSING: Tyrod Taylor, 25 of 42, 262 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: David Johnson, 8C, 30yds, (3.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Demaryius Thomas, 7 for 84 yds, 16LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Wesley Woodyard 5 T, 2 SK, 1 PD, 2 HUR
KICKING: Josh Brown 4 1 of 2 XPA. 1 of 2 FGA. 4 Pts

REGULATORS



27

PASSING: Kirk Cousins 27 of 44, 257 yds, 2 TDs, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Ameer Abdullah, 18C, 75yds, (4.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Devin Funchess, 4 for 80yds, 55LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Luke Kuechly 15 T
KICKING: Justin Tucker. 3 of 3 XPA. 2 of 2 FGA. 9 Pts

10-29-2016 Carolina Slammer Temp: 94 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Kirk Cousins

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2015 Markham (2-1)	7	9	0	8	24
2015 South Carolina (2-1)	3	7	7	10	27

Scoring Summary

1 11:09 South Carolina	FG Tucker 23 (10-55-3:47)	0-3
1 4:18 Markham	TD Taylor 3 run (Brown,J) (4-13-1:30)	7-3
2 6:38 Markham	TD Taylor 7 pass to Reed (no good) (14-99-8:42)	13-3
2 1:22 South Carolina	TD Cousins 55 pass to Funchess (Tucker,J) (6-67-0:54)	13-10
2 0:00 Markham	FG Brown 50 (8-48-1:21)	16-10
3 13:31 South Carolina	TD Greene 77 punt return (Tucker,J)	16-17
4 5:51 Markham	TD Taylor 10 pass to Thomas (2 - Johnson) (7-74-4:04)	24-17
4 1:50 South Carolina	TD Cousins 5 pass to Johnson (Tucker,J) (14-66-3:53)	24-24
4 0:01 South Carolina	FG Tucker 53 (6-43-0:57)	24-27

	MAR	SC
First Downs	27	18
Rushes	29-135	18-75
Passes	42-25-262	44-27-257
Sacked	1-7	2-8
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	6-33	3-15
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	4	7
Blitzes	14	16
Time	35:46	24:14
Third Down	4-13	7-15
Fourth Down	2-2	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	390	324

WEEK THREE

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Brooklin	2	1	0	0.667	118	39.3	100	33.3	6	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
St. Charles	2	1	0	0.667	60	20	65	21.7	-1.7	2 0 0	2 0 0	2 1 0
Carthage	1	2	0	0.333	78	26	88	29.3	-3.3	0 1 0	0 2 0	1 2 0
Mohave	1	2	0	0.333	70	23.3	74	24.7	-1.3	0 1 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Twin Cities	3	0	0	1	104	34.7	55	18.3	16.3	2 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0
Charleswood	1	2	0	0.333	53	17.7	56	18.7	-1	0 2 0	0 1 0	1 2 0
Virden	1	2	0	0.333	66	22	76	25.3	-3.3	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 2 0
Erieau	0	3	0	0	30	10	101	33.7	-23.7	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 3 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	3	0	0	1	73	24.3	42	14	10.3	1 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0
Los Angeles	3	0	0	1	100	33.3	13	4.3	29	2 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0
Mission Viejo	1	2	0	0.333	50	16.7	79	26.3	-9.7	1 0 0	0 2 0	1 2 0
Chino	0	3	0	0	37	12.3	90	30	-17.7	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 3 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	2	1	0	0.667	50	16.7	66	22	-5.3	1 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Scarborough	2	1	0	0.667	42	14	65	21.7	-7.7	1 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Sebastian	2	1	0	0.667	85	28.3	53	17.7	10.7	1 1 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Durham	1	2	0	0.333	59	19.7	54	18	1.7	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
Atlantic	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Markham	2	1	0	0.667	83	27.7	37	12.3	15.3	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 1 0
Pickering	1	2	0	0.333	50	16.7	82	27.3	-10.7	0 2 0	1 0 0	1 2 0
York	1	2	0	0.333	66	22	53	17.7	4.3	1 1 0	0 1 0	1 2 0
New Jersey	0	3	0	0	27	9	79	26.3	-17.3	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 3 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Gwinnett	3	0	0	1	103	34.3	42	14	20.3	2 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0
South Carolina	2	1	0	0.667	55	18.3	62	20.7	-2.3	1 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Aurora	1	2	0	0.333	56	18.7	67	22.3	-3.7	1 0 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
Toronto	1	2	0	0.333	62	20.7	78	26	-5.3	1 1 0	0 2 0	1 2 0

PASSING

Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Bridgewater	LAK	96	71	74	792	0	0	64	8	8.3	125.9
2	Smith,A	BRH	99	61	61.6	903	3	3	73	11	11.1	115.8
3	Taylor,T	MAR	95	60	63.2	649	0	0	26	8	8.4	111.3
4	Palmer,C	TCT	104	63	60.6	864	2	1.9	46	10	9.6	111.2
5	Wilson,R	ICC	78	47	60.3	695	0	0	73	4	5.1	106.5
6	Mariota	CAR	56	31	55.4	443	0	0	57	4	7.1	105
7	Roethlisberger	GWG	56	37	66.1	480	2	3.6	65	3	5.4	95.8
8	Manning,E	MVM	110	71	64.5	757	2	1.8	80	5	4.5	92.1
9	Brady,T	YOR	94	48	51.1	756	1	1.1	73	5	5.3	91.4
10	Rivers,P	PIC	78	47	60.3	559	2	2.6	50	4	5.1	88.6
11	Fitzpatric	MOH	102	57	55.9	702	2	2	55	5	4.9	85.5
12	Cousins,K	SC	115	76	66.1	751	5	4.3	55	5	4.3	80.7
13	Dalton	SS	87	50	57.5	683	3	3.4	55	3	3.4	79.8
14	Bortles	CHP	107	61	57	654	3	2.8	27	5	4.7	79
15	Carr,D	VV	115	65	56.5	710	3	2.6	42	5	4.3	78.5
16	Tannehill	TOR	71	41	57.7	600	2	2.8	66	1	1.4	78.4
17	Brees	DTL	60	31	51.7	337	2	3.3	26	4	6.7	76.9
18	Flacco	COW	76	47	61.8	440	3	3.9	47	3	3.9	74.5
19	Lynch,P	ERI	47	24	51.1	271	1	2.1	54	2	4.3	74
20	Goff	NJ	79	45	57	534	2	2.5	48	1	1.3	71.4
21	McCown,J	STC	50	30	60	324	3	6	31	2	4	67.4
22	Rodgers,A	SBE	96	48	50	529	2	2.1	71	2	2.1	65
23	Ryan,M	AUR	111	62	55.9	663	6	5.4	52	4	3.6	63
24	Newton,C	CHI	96	46	47.9	409	4	4.2	42	1	1	45.9
25	Bradford,S	GWG	25	17	68	234	0	0	78	3	12	137.3

Rk	Yards/Attempt	Team	Avg	Rk	Yards/Completion	Team	Avg	Rk	Times Sacked	Team	No.
1	Smith,A	BRH	9.1	1	Brady,T	YOR	15.8	1	McCown,J	STC	12
2	Wilson,R	ICC	8.9	2	Smith,A	BRH	14.8	2	Cousins,K	SC	10
3	Roethlisbe	GWG	8.6	3	Wilson,R	ICC	14.8	3	Flacco	COW	10
4	Tannehill	TOR	8.5	4	Tannehill	TOR	14.6	4	Carr,D	VV	9
5	Palmer,C	TCT	8.3	5	Mariota	CAR	14.3	5	Fitzpatric	MOH	9

Rk	Yards/Game	Team	No.	Rk	Pass Gains 25+	Team	No.	Rk	Bad Passes	Team	No.
1	Smith,A	BRH	301	1	Wilson,R	ICC	8	1	Carr,D	VV	15
2	Palmer,C	TCT	288	2	Brady,T	YOR	7	2	Newton,C	CHI	15
3	Bridgewater	LAK	264	3	Smith,A	BRH	6	3	Cousins,K	SC	9
4	Manning,E	MVM	252.3	4	Palmer,C	TCT	6	4	Wilson,R	ICC	8
5	Brady,T	YOR	252	5	Dalton	SS	6	5	Dalton	SS	8

RUSHING

RECEIVING

Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Stewart,J	BRH	51	324	6.4	41	4	1	Jones,J	MOH	26	348	13.4	38	4
2	Peterson,A	CHI	57	309	5.4	46	1	2	Brown,A	TCT	26	413	15.9	46	8
3	Elliott,E	VV	64	291	4.5	14	1	3	Matthews,J	LAK	24	226	9.4	19	5
4	McCoy,L	GWG	54	289	5.4	25	4	4	Gronkowski	BRH	20	307	15.4	40	5
5	Martin,D	TCT	43	251	5.8	21	4	5	Decker	DTL	19	218	11.5	26	3
6	Jennings,R	AUR	38	250	6.6	56	1	6	Gates	NJ	18	154	8.6	20	1
7	LangfordJ	CAR	37	248	6.7	24	2	7	Reed,J	MAR	18	189	10.5	16	1
8	Freeman,D	PIC	56	244	4.4	27	1	8	Landry,J	GWG	18	276	15.3	65	2
9	Ivory	MVM	38	244	6.4	39	0	9	Cooks	LAK	17	274	16.1	64	0
10	Hillman	MOH	34	239	7	62	1	10	Hurns	MVM	17	225	13.2	26	1
11	Miller,L	CHP	55	230	4.2	28	1	11	Fitzgerald	COW	17	142	8.4	16	2
12	Bernard	YOR	41	229	5.6	33	2	12	Maclin	GWG	17	285	16.8	78	3
13	McFadden,D	DTL	35	224	6.4	24	1	13	Bryant,M	VV	16	214	13.4	23	1
14	Sims,C	SBE	40	209	5.2	47	0	14	Sanders,E	CAR	16	175	10.9	22	0
15	Gurley	COW	41	209	5.1	17	0	15	Barnidge	LAK	15	179	11.9	43	1
16	Hyde,C	DTL	34	207	6.1	29	0	16	Woodhead	CHI	15	143	9.5	42	0
17	Murray,D	TOR	48	195	4.1	23	0	17	Hopkins,D	BRH	15	300	20	73	1
18	Johnson,C	NJ	60	188	3.1	10	1	18	Baldwin,D	SS	15	282	18.8	52	2
19	Blount	COW	30	163	5.4	46	1	19	Coleman,C	AUR	14	140	10	36	1
20	Wilson,R	ICC	20	154	7.7	30	1	20	Cooper,A	VV	14	213	15.2	34	2
21	Charles,J	STC	22	150	6.8	24	0	21	Powell,B	MVM	14	112	8	18	1
22	Howard,J	SBE	24	141	5.9	54	0	22	Thomas,D	MAR	13	137	10.5	16	1
23	Polk	GWG	30	136	4.5	19	2	23	Graham,J	STC	13	118	9.1	24	3
24	Allen,J	STC	30	131	4.4	39	0	24	Johnson,A	SC	13	100	7.7	21	1
25	Johnson Jr	CHP	24	115	4.8	18	1	25	Treadwell	SC	13	139	10.7	17	0

RETURNS

Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Players	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Patterson	MOH	10	329	32.9	46	0	1	Greene	SC	5	0	128	25.6	77	1
2	Cunningham	DTL	5	164	32.8	36	0	2	Lockett	ICC	4	2	98	24.5	89	1
3	Whalen	CHI	7	228	32.6	49	0	3	Amendola	SS	7	4	103	14.7	76	1
4	Harris,D	TOR	12	382	31.8	106	1	4	Brown,A	TCT	6	5	81	13.5	73	1
5	Abdullah,A	SC	5	154	30.8	46	0	5	Harris,D	TOR	7	2	83	11.9	61	1
6	Ellington	GWG	5	146	29.2	41	0	6	Hammond Jr	CHP	5	0	53	10.6	15	0
7	Ross,R	COW	10	289	28.9	95	1	7	Thomas,D	YOR	4	0	36	9	15	0
8	Jones,C	CAR	7	193	27.6	32	0	8	Crowder	SBE	6	2	52	8.7	26	0
9	Ross,J	CAR	5	136	27.2	53	0	9	Coleman,C	AUR	3	4	25	8.3	19	0
10	Drake	AUR	10	269	26.9	37	0	10	Marshall,J	ERI	7	0	50	7.1	13	0
11	Lockett	ICC	4	105	26.3	34	0	11	Ervin	MAR	9	3	59	6.6	13	0
12	Jones,T	SBE	9	210	23.3	37	0	12	Ginn Jr.	SC	3	1	19	6.3	9	0
13	Williams,D	PIC	8	173	21.6	35	0	13	Mumphery	BRH	8	1	50	6.3	11	0
14	Bolden,O	YOR	5	105	21	28	0	14	Jones,C	CAR	3	1	18	6	16	0
15	Mumphery	BRH	9	185	20.6	29	0	15	Tate,G	PIC	8	2	45	5.6	14	0

DEFENCE

INTERCEPTIONS								SACKS				TACKLES			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	Bo.
1	Burfict	BRH	2	45	22.5	23	1	1	Ogbah	CAR	5	1	Posluszny	SS	31
2	Tartt	MOH	2	55	27.5	34	1	2	Mercilus	MOH	5	2	Smith,D	ERI	30
3	Green,T	MOH	2	18	9	18	0	3	McCoy,G	BRH	4	3	Smith,M	STC	29
4	Talib	CHP	2	46	23	46	0	4	Dunlap,C	SS	4	4	Kuechly	SC	28
5	Coleman,K	YOR	2	31	15.5	27	0	5	Short	LAK	4	5	Harris Jr.	TCT	24
6	Woodson	LAK	2	0	0	0	0	6	Watt,J	AUR	4	6	Timmons	YOR	23
7	Thomas,E	AUR	2	33	16.5	33	0	7	Avril	AUR	4	7	WorriLOW	MOH	23
8	Thompson,D	STC	1	11	11	11	0	8	Casey,J	TCT	3	8	Ansah	TCT	22
9	Smith,M	STC	1	34	34	34	1	9	Woodyard	MAR	3	9	Misi	COW	22
10	Misi	COW	1	0	0	0	0	10	Kruger	MAR	3	10	Wright,K	MOH	22
11	Quin	COW	1	15	15	15	0	11	Lawson,S	PIC	3	11	Barwin	ICC	22
12	McLeod	COW	1	39	39	39	0	12	Miller,V	YOR	3	12	Mercilus	MOH	22
13	Hardy,G	COW	1	0	0	0	0	13	Jones,C	SS	3	13	Acker	STC	21
14	McCourty,D	DTL	1	4	4	4	0	14	Ansah	TCT	3	14	Wagner,B	TCT	21
15	Mathieu	DTL	1	0	0	0	0	15	Melton	TCT	3	15	Smith,S	GWG	21
16	Sherman,R	DTL	1	0	0	0	0	16	Hughes,J	TCT	2	16	Wilhoite	CAR	21
17	Hill III	SBE	1	4	4	4	0	17	Williams,M	STC	2	17	Trevathan	TOR	21
18	Jones,D	SBE	1	23	23	23	0	18	Smith,M	STC	2	18	Durant	STC	20
19	Posluszny	SS	1	16	16	16	0	19	Freeman,Ja	TCT	2	19	Harrison,J	NJ	20
20	Thurmond	SS	1	19	19	19	1	20	Kerrigan	COW	2	20	Smith,T	PIC	20

KICKING

Rk	Player	Team	FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Janikowski	MOH	7	7	100	1	0	46	28
2	Bailey,D	CHI	8	8	100	1	0	45	25
3	Santos	GWG	6	4	66.7	1	0	41	25
4	Folk	VV	6	5	83.3	0	0	34	22
5	Vinatieri	SS	4	3	75	0	0	39	19
6	Catanzaro	CAR	4	3	75	0	0	37	18
7	Carpenter	SBE	6	5	83.3	0	0	33	18
8	Walsh,B	YOR	5	4	80	2	0	45	18
9	Myers,J	ICC	5	4	80	1	0	43	17
10	Hocker	BRH	2	2	100	0	0	34	16
11	Zuerlein	LAK	1	1	100	0	0	30	16
12	Brown,J	MAR	3	2	66.7	2	2	54	15
13	Coons	PIC	4	3	75	0	0	38	14
14	Lambo	MVM	3	3	100	2	0	44	14
15	Crosby	AUR	5	3	60	0	0	21	14
16	Nugent	TOR	7	2	28.6	1	0	42	14
17	Tucker,J	SC	3	2	66.7	1	1	53	13
18	Hauschka	STC	3	2	66.7	0	0	39	12
19	Gostkowski	ERI	4	3	75	2	1	52	12
20	Dawson,P	DTL	3	1	33.3	0	0	24	11



FANTASY FREAKZ!

Week 4 Forecast



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Week 1 Analysis

While all eyes were focused on the amazing feats of **Julio Jones** (33 FP) you may not have noticed that **Allen Robinson**, who featured on my 'Cold' list last week, had a nice little game, finishing with 86 yards and 1 TD for 14.6 FP. Of course, these numbers had a lot to do with **Ryan Fitzpatrick** exploding on the scene with his first big game, 284 yards and 4 TDs for 30 FP.

On the other side of that crazy game in Brooklin, **Rob Gronkowski** returned to relevance with a 153-yard, 2 TD showing for 27 FP and **Alex Smith** overcame 2 INTs to post 30 FP thanks to 4 TD passes.

Amari Cooper did not pan out last week like I predicted, but it was not his fault. **Derek Carr** could not get him the ball.

If you started **Aaron Rodgers** in Week 3 you actually lost points – (-0.6) to be exact! This could hold up to be the worst single game performance by a Tier One Fantasy starter this year.

If you started **Matt Ryan** you finished in better shape, but not by much. The Mustang QB had his worst day in Aurora red, throwing 4 picks to 1 TD pass for 3.6 FP.



Who's Hot?

Julio Jones (MOH)

9-149, 3 TDs 33 FP
He has been teetering on the edge of a big pay day and he finally delivered vs the Hawks.

Antonio Brown (TCT)

9-128, 3 TDs 31 FP
He did not slow down against a good Chino defence. Will he ever take a week off?

LeSean McCoy (GWG)

21-115, 2 TDs 25 FP
One of the twin engines of the Glads offence is proving to be a must-start every week.



Who's Cold?

Aaron Rodgers (SBE)

6 of 24, 34 yds, 1 INT
He was useable but not great in the first two weeks. This week was a disaster.

Matt Ryan (AUR)

21 of 44, 190 yds, 1 TD, 4 INT
He has been pretty dreadful in both of his team's losses this year.

Devonta Freeman (PIC)

9 – 18
If you hoped for a breakout day from the up-and-comer, you were disappointed.

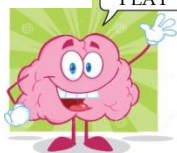
QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Should I dump Cam Newton and pick up Geno Smith from the waiver pool? – Phil (Nashville)

Phil, I share your worries about Cam Newton but now is not the time for a panic dump. Cam is about to face the Charger defence and if he is going to bounce back, this will be the week he does it. If you do end up dumping Cam, Geno Smith is NOT your answer. Drew Brees is back this week and you will never see Smith again.

Week 4

SMART
PLAY



Delanie Walker, TE (YOR). Not an intuitive pick for sure. But with less reliable targets at WR and a NJ safety injured, expect **Tom Brady** to seek out one of his favourite targets down the middle.



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK –and about those expansion teams: they are an assorted bunch. Where the EFL finds these owners is beyond me. As is typical, there are no Fortune 500 companies or CEOs in the latest mix, unless you count Wolverines owner, Toronto resident and British national, **Richard Rich**, who ranks 5th on the Forbes 500 wealthiest individuals in the world. However, the source of Rich's wealth is unclear. Forbes refers to him as '*Head of the Rich Foundation*,' vaguely described as a worldwide "philanthropic organization." The magazine does not touch on how the Rich Foundation became so rich.

Strictly speaking, Richard is *not* the owner of the Wolverines – he holds the team in trust for his 14-year old son Ryan, who received the Wolverines as a birthday gift for graduating in the top 10% of his English prep school class at the exclusive Weed School in Upper Snodshire-on-Puddly. While regular kids are playing Badden 2016 on their Sony Play Stations, **Ryan Rich**, the richest boy in the world, is playing with a real professional football team. But as is often the way with kids who get everything they want, Ryan is apparently already bored with his new toy. As a result, the team is being "co-coached" by **Ryan Preston**, a kid from the rough-and-tumble Pittsburgh neighbourhood of East Hills. The circumstances that brought these two boys together read much like a modern version of The Prince and the Pauper, even down to their uncanny physical resemblance. It is a story for another day, however.

A penchant for austerity, borne of early hardship in his life, was what led Preston to draft the smallest payroll of all of the expansion teams in the redistribution draft. The result was a stable of young talent with a lot of question marks and no proven commodities. **Ryan Rich** was forced to step in and spend some of his dad's money, shelling out a \$20 million bonus to **Danny Trevathan** and stealing **Everson Griffen** from Cowtown for \$13 million. **Ryan Preston** did his part by trading for "bargains" in quarterback, **Ryan Tannehill** and running back, **DeMarco Murray**. The resulting team thought by many to be incapable of winning a game. But after three weeks it has already won one and turned in respectable showings in the other two.

The expansion team with the greatest prospect of success on the field this year, relative to its expansion siblings, is the St. Charles Chargers, brought to us by **John Clingan**, the President of Clingan Products Ltd. Again, you probably haven't heard of Clingan or his company because Clingan Products is not a commercial brand. It is the controlling company for almost four

dozen smaller companies and a network of factories that produce a wide range of assorted "products" for retail sale in bargain stores and tourist shops all over the world – everything from plastic busts of Elvis to glow-in-the-dark cake plates. If you never thought you needed it, it is probably available somewhere from the manufacturing and distribution network of Clingan Products.

Clingan's bid for a franchise was attractive to the EFL in part because he promised to locate the Chargers in Washington DC. But at the 11th hour he decided to locate the team in nearby St. Charles, Maryland, carrying on the prevalent EFL practice of building stadiums in smaller communities next to large urban centers. Apparently the rent at spacious, drafty old St. Charles Stadium was a lot cheaper than the rent at refurbished RFK, former home of the Redskins, but now permanent home to the DC United soccer team and the First Nations Monster Truck Derby.

Clingan was not afraid of taking on large contracts in the redistribution draft if it meant attracting fans to the games with big name stars like **Mario Williams**, **Jamaal Charles** and **Jimmy Graham**, or veteran highlight reel features like **Jacoby Jones** and **Darren Sproles**. He planned to cash in on his investment through attendance and the sale of merchandise – Everything Chargers – from the Clingan



Jeff Cohen with 'The Boss' at the first Wrecking Balls Media Day. Cohen will handle the football and Springsteen the music in the development of this unique entertainment partnership.

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Tantalizingly close to my beloved New York City, but across the border in the Third World country of New Jersey, are the Wrecking Balls. I touched on them in my first column but did not elaborate on owner **Jeff Cohen's** relationship to mega rock star **Bruce Springsteen**.

Cohen's demolition company, Universal Destruction Ltd is pretty big. It essentially owns the New Jersey and Pennsylvania wrecking business. But it is not big enough on its own to bankroll a professional football franchise. Springsteen is the principal financial backer of the Wrecking Balls and he is apparently in the game for more than the love of football. The Wrecking Balls' season opener featured a concert by the *E Street Band* that attracted an audience that stretched along Stone Pony Shore far beyond the edges of the football stadium. As a promotional stunt it did the trick. More concerts are planned for future games, many of them featuring new bands signed to his record label High Hopes, eponymously named after his last album. The vision is to create market synergy through the interaction of a major



Geno Smith winds up to throw a deep pass to **TY Hilton** in Week Three action between Durham and Scarborough. Smith led the Lizards to a 31-3 victory, leading some fans calling for him to replace a slumping **Drew Brees**.

professional sports team with cutting edge American pop music to form, in Springsteen's words, a "uniquely American entertainment product."

It remains to be seen how the business side of that incredible idea will work out, but from a purely football angle it is already proving to be a distraction. Even though many football players prefer *Drake*, *Busta Rhymes*, *Wiz Khalifa* and the like, there is no indifference in the locker room to the iconic Springsteen. If Elvis were alive today, his presence in a sports locker room or on the practice field would have a similar effect. How often does one see pro a football player lining up for someone else's autograph? If you want to see such a rare event, attend a Wrecking Balls practice when 'The Boss' is there.

And then there is **Jamie Rilett**, the peculiar owner of the Erieau Cadillac. I suspect, without any proof, that this guy is a front man for an invisible partner behind the scenes with a hidden agenda because both he and the small town he picked to be the home of the Cadillac were virtually unknown before they landed a franchise. So obscure were they that by the time the EFL Committee announced the award publicly, reporters who had received the pre-release media briefing 24 hours in advance had not yet completed the background story for their audiences. Even Google failed to generate anything of significance.

Kelly-Burke Field, built in 7 days by Mennonites, is where the Cadillac play their home games. Located south of the town of Blenheim, halfway between the Lake Erie shore and the dreariest stretch of dreary Highway 401, the park can easily accommodate the combined populations of all the principal urban centers of the Regional Municipality of Chatham-Kent. So, the team will need to attract fans from as far away as Windsor and Detroit in order to be viable in the long term. How likely is it that anybody is going to travel 70 miles to see **Paxton Lynch** trying to find **Vernon Davis** running down the seam? It is about as likely as the Cadillac winning a single game this season.

I admit I am intrigued by the Cadillac experiment. And that's what I think it is: an experiment. If the team fails to generate a following in the next two or three years, expect the experiment to move elsewhere – perhaps to test the market potential of a place like Baffin Island or the like. I'll keep you all posted....

BAD AURA

It did not take long for things to start turning ugly in Aurora. The spoiled and pampered fans of Championship Land were in denial after the Mustangs' opening week loss to Gwinnett; willing to keep an open mind after their week two spanking of South Carolina; and suddenly outraged this week by the 32-13 walloping they received at York. In three weeks Aurorans have already gone through three of the five stages of grief, and the season isn't even one-quarter finished.

It is hard to blame them entirely. Auroran fans of the Mustangs have so far had a short but intoxicating ride down the road of success that most fans of other teams will never experience. The Mustangs' franchise has faced mostly hard times since the beginning of its EFL existence as the Colorado Thundersnow in 2008. But the move to Aurora in 2014, coupled with the sudden blossoming of **Matt Ryan** and a stable of young talent on defence, changed everything.

After completing the league's first, and probably last, perfect season in 2014, the Mustangs continued winning well into the 2015 season until a Karmic beat down by the Carthage Cannibals in Week 7 brought the Auroran winning streak to an end at 25 games. But the winning continued after that, only hitting a wall in the Final when they lost to an inspired Patriots team that did something no teams had done before to the Aurora version of the Mustangs – repeatedly knock Ryan on his backside. The season did not end perfectly, but with just 2 losses in 38 games, nobody was expecting less than a third straight trip to the final this year.

Now that the Mustangs have lost as many games in 3 weeks as they had over the previous two years, Aurorans are already in panic mode. Fans tweeting for a trade of **Matt Ryan** exchange comments under the hash-tag **#SackMatt**. The sports

section of *The Auroran* led Monday with the headline ‘YORK PUTS DOWN WOUNDED NAGS!’ and followed with a guest column by respected wine critic, **Felicia Purdy**, who watched the game while enjoying a bottle of 2014 Flat Rock Riesling with her partner over a bucket of KFC. In Aurora, *everyone* follows the Mustangs, even wine critics.

“Matt Ryan reminded me of a tired ‘Beaujolais Nouveau,’ aged too long and consumed out of season,” wrote Purdy. “His deep passes that once struck fear in opponents repeatedly missed their mark, like a 1993 Alexe-Corton pinot noir. The pairing of pass choice to defence was distasteful to the football palate and resulted in a disappointing finish.”

The Excaliburs sniffed out that a Mustangs offence without **Anquan Boldin** and **Arian Foster** was not the same Aurora offence that had terrorized opponents last year. The Swords made a decision to put the game in Ryan’s hands and the result was humiliation for the two-time MVP finalist and former Gale Sayers Trophy winner: he finished with 4 interceptions, 4 sacks, 3 fumbles and a dismal game-day QB rating of 29.5.

Sitting here in my New York condo I maintain enough distance from panicked Aurorans to see this as merely a long overdue slow start for the most dominant team of the last two seasons. But if Coach **Rich Liotta** doesn’t adjust the game plan to the reality of his 2016 team, this loss to York could end up being an extreme example of a worrying season-long trend.

AROUND THE EFL

Another proven quarterback on the early season hot-seat just got an extra burner turned up beneath his slumping posterior. **Drew Brees**, roundly blamed for the Thunder Lizards’ discouraging 0-2 start, continued concussion protocol throughout the week after having his bell rung on an uncalled late hit by Markham’s **Cameron Jordan** in Week Two. This forced Durham to trade for **Geno Smith**, ostensibly to back-up **Zach Mettenberger** for the Scarborough game in Week Three. However, Mettenberger was apparently so ineffective at running **George Kaldis’** new offensive plays designed for the Blue Eagles that Smith was named the surprise starter on the eve of the game. This seemed to catch Blue Eagles’ coach **Rex Ryan** completely off guard. Amazingly, he had no answer for Smith, who began the day somewhat tentatively but improved steadily as the game progressed. He was protected in the game plan by heavy doses of **Darren McFadden** and **Carlos Hyde**, but he was also given lots of room by the Blue Eagles to show-off his rather limited QB acumen. By the end of a 31-3 blowout in Durham’s favour, Smith had completed 13 of 20 for 211 yards, 2 TDs and no interceptions. After a 2-0 start, Scarborough’s implosion in Durham against a third string quarterback has revived the mocking snickers directed at **Chris Dickinson** from fans and media. Meanwhile, fickle and forgetful Durham fanatics are demanding Smith be the starter in Week Four. *Oh boy.....!*

At Optimist Park in Brooklin, the Mohave Hellfire had one of those random offensive explosions they pull off occasionally and buried the Hawks 45-38, handing **Tom Jones’** crew their first loss and giving Mohave’s **Ryan Fitzpatrick** his first win since replacing **Andrew Luck** at quarterback. The Hawks looked as powerful as ever on offence, but occasionally Mohave blitz pressure or the disruptive **Aaron Donald** got through, causing **Alex Smith** to uncharacteristically throw 2 interceptions and **Jonathan Stewart** to be stuffed on 4th and inches at his team’s own 32. Fitz did the rest, pulling off his best imitation of **Norm Van Brocklin** in throwing for 284 yards and 4 TD passes. I guess this is what **Bobby Elder** saw in the veteran when he snatched him in free agency. It certainly was a sterling enough performance to give long-suffering Hellfire fans hope. Sadly for Mohave, however, I have seen this movie before and it doesn’t end well.

At the Carolina Slammer in Columbia, SC, the Regulators defied the critics and knocked off a very strong North Stars team in dramatic style, 27-24. For the better part of the first half the game went as most would have expected: with Markham methodically building a 13-3 lead while South Carolina puddled around aimlessly. Then something totally unexpected happened. **Devin Funchess** caught a pass near the sideline, made **George Iloka** miss, and galloped 55 yards for a touchdown. It was the first of two big plays that would invigorate the crowd and turn the game around for the Regs. The other big play was a 77-yard punt return TD by **Rashad Greene** that put the South Carolina in front 17-16 early in the 3rd quarter. After that the teams locked horns on equal terms. The Stars appeared to finally gain the edge late in the 4th quarter when **Tyrod Taylor** lofted a fade to **Demaryius Thomas** in the end zone and **David Johnson** ran it in for the 2-point conversion to make it 24-17 Markham. With **Kirk Cousins** under center facing one of the top ranked defences in the league, the situation looked bleak for the Regs. But they somehow pushed the ball up the field all the way to the Markham 10. There they were granted a reprieve when an offside penalty on **Cameron Jordan** wiped out an incomplete pass on 4th & goal. Cousins came back with a 5-yard hitch to **Andre Johnson** for the game-tying TD. The shock and joy of the crowd carried the Regs the rest of the way. **Justin Tucker** finished off the upset with a dramatic 53-yard field goal with 0:01 on the clock. Just when you least expect it, the sagging Regs upend the rising Stars.

The Toronto Wolverines thrilled their home fans with their first win in franchise history, ambushing the Wrecking Balls 31-17. This was a closer game than the score indicates, with the teams virtually even in net yards gained and time of possession. But with New Jersey trailing by one score in the 4th quarter, the Wolverines suddenly pulled out of sight with a 31-yard pick-six by linebacker **Danny Trevathan** and a 61-yard punt return for a TD by **Dwayne Harris**. Toronto, picked by many to be the worst of the expansion teams this year, becomes the 2nd expansion team to win a game and raises the overall expansion record to 3-9.

Finally, in the last game worthy of my time, the Cubs scored a measure of revenge against the Pats for knocking them out in the Conference Final last year. But the 21-16 result against a limping Pats team led by the lackluster **Blake Bortles** did little to convince me that the Cubs are any better for the experience. A 70-yard **Tyler Matakevich** fumble return for a TD in the 4th turned out to be the difference. How often is that going to happen?

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BROOKLIN @ MISSION VIEJO (line – HAWKS by 9)

INJURIES: Brooklin – Jairus Byrd (OUT), Markus Golden (OUT), Alshon Jeffery (OUT); Mission Viejo – Pernell McPhee (OUT), Luke Willson (OUT).

The Hawks' defence let them down in a barn-burning loss to Mohave last week, but the offence continued to move the ball and score at a league-leading pace. The potential for more gaudy numbers from Alex Smith is very real here, provided his offensive line can hold up in pass protection. The talented Monarch front seven dumped and harassed Derek Carr to the tune of 7 sacks and 11 pressures last week, creating the conditions for their first win of the season. However, this week they have a freight train in Jonathan Stewart to worry about as well; if he and Smith are on, the game could get away from the Monarchs early. But with Eli Manning guiding the Mission Viejo offence, the Hawks will likely find themselves in another close firefight. **PICK: MISSION VIEJO**

CHARLESWOOD @ ERIEAU (line – PATRIOTS by 4)

INJURIES: Charleswood – Jamie Collins (OUT), Aqib Talib (OUT), Sammy Watkins (OUT); Erieau – Case Keenum (OUT), Daniel Kilgore (OUT), Frostee Rucker (OUT).

Blake Bortles took a step forward last week by avoiding the costly turnover but still wasn't able to lift the Pats over a Cubs defence that has been nothing better than average to this point. With Sammy Watkins out, the Pats' offence lacks the sting to knock out an opponent and so the pressure falls on their defence to keep them in games. This week that pressure relaxes considerably against an Erieau offence that lacks ability and identity with Tony Romo nursing a mysterious ailment on the sidelines. The Cadillac running game is non-existent, averaging a healthy sneak (1.7 yards) per carry, and the passing attack is too fragile to make up the difference. Injuries to Jamie Collins and Aqib Talib will not impact the scoreboard significantly. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

TWIN CITIES @ VIRDEN (line – TRIUMPH by 14)

INJURIES: Twin Cities – Tyler Eifert (OUT); Virden – Leonard Floyd (OUT), Ben Grubbs (OUT), Mark Ingram (OUT), Ja'Wuan James (OUT), Aldon Smith (OUT).

With the buzz around the league focused on the combo of Carson Palmer to Antonio Brown, the Triumph defence is flying under the radar. The pass defence is third in the league in QB rating allowed (67.0) and 1st overall in yards-per-completion allowed (9.2). They lead the league in sacks (13) and rank 2nd in passing yards surrendered per game (144). All this points to a severe test for 3-year QB, Derek Carr, who was unable to get the ball to Amari Cooper last week against the Monarchs due to happy feet. If he thought that was a rough dance, wait until he hears the beat laid down by Ziggy Ansah and Jurrell Casey. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

CHINO @ ST. CHARLES (line – CHARGERS by 4)

INJURIES: Chino – Jahri Evans (OUT), Ali Marpet (OUT), Sheldon Rankins (OUT), Ryan Shazier (OUT); St. Charles – None.

Two strong outings by the Chargers and no strong outings by the Convicts would appear reason enough to give the Convicts 4 points on the road against an expansion team, but it is still shocking just three weeks into a campaign many had thought would see Chino challenge the Cubs for top spot in the West. Cam Newton rebounded ever so slightly last week, throwing his first TD pass of the year, but his performance was still well below what we have come to expect from the perennial MVP-nominee. The Chargers

are healthy, but even a healthy Charger defence is, on paper, unimpressive (apart from safety Reggie Nelson). This is do-or-die time for Cam; if he cannot make a statement against the Chargers, his team is doomed. **PICK: CHINO**

LOS ANGELES @ CARTHAGE (line – KNIGHTS by 17)

INJURIES: Los Angeles – Bryan Stork (OUT); Carthage – Eddie Lacy (OUT), Marcus Mariota (OUT), Harrison Smith (OUT).

The Knights are the hottest of the undefeated teams right now and the reason is....well...everything. The ‘Blue Shield’ has allowed just 13 points in three games and Teddy Bridgewater holds a commanding lead over all other QBs with a 125.9 passer rating. This cannot last in the long term, of course, but there is no reason to think that the party can’t continue for one more week against a Cannibals squad crippled by injuries to Marcus Mariota, Eddie Lacy, and their most talented defender, Harrison Smith. Giving 17 points is a dangerous bet, especially on the road, but I just can’t see Cardale Jones getting anything done against the best defence in the league. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

SCARBOROUGH @ AURORA (line – BLUE EAGLES by 3)

INJURIES: Scarborough – Jaye Howard (PROBABLE), Davante Adams (OUT), Dont’a Hightower (OUT), Logan Mankins (OUT), TJ Yeldon (OUT); Aurora – Anquan Boldin (OUT), Trent Williams (OUT).

Both teams were humiliated last week and both need a bounce-back game here: Aurora to regain the swagger of top dog; and the Blue Eagles to regain the momentum built up over two hard-fought season-opening wins. Both quarterbacks played pivotal roles in their teams’ losses. Matt Ryan looked lost without Anquan Boldin and Aaron Rodgers just looked lost. With TJ Yeldon out and Charles Sims unaccustomed to a workhorse role, Rodgers will have to find his game big time if the Eagles hope to make progress against the top cornerback tandem in the league. Ryan was 1 for 11 with 2 interceptions throwing deep against York. He will have to dumb it down or risk another disaster against the ball-hawking Scarborough corners. **PICK: AURORA**

YORK @ NEW JERSEY (line – EXCALIBURS by 5)

INJURIES: York – De’Anthony Thomas (OUT); New Jersey – Brian Hartline (OUT), Brian Hoyer (OUT).

The gut-check performance by the Excaliburs against the Mustangs last week was very impressive, but apparently not impressive enough to wipe away Vegas’ memory of their 0-2 start. This line is curiously light, considering that the Wrecking Balls have looked very much like an expansion team so far, even when they played another expansion team. The injury to Brian Hoyer has forced Jared Goff into the spotlight a tad too early. Goff has not made maximum use out of his serviceable group of wide receivers, while Chris Johnson has yet to establish sufficient threat in the running game to get the pass rush to back off. Tom Brady doesn’t need to have a great day to beat the spread – a good day will more than suffice. **PICK: YORK**

PICKERING @ MARKHAM (line – NORTH STARS by 4)

INJURIES: Pickering – Mike Adams (PROBABLE), Andrus Peat (DOUBTFUL), Sen’Derrick Marks (OUT), Ty Montgomery (OUT); Markham – George Iloka (OUT), Corey Liuget (OUT), Bennie Logan (OUT).

The Spartans were soundly whipped by the Gladiators in the last of their two-game mini home stand and now they hit the road for three, starting with powerful Markham. Tyrod Taylor – the only question mark there – has held up over three weeks of play, putting his team in a position to win every week. It was the top-ranked defence in the league in yards-per-play (tied with LA) that faltered late in the Carolina heat last week to drop the Stars from the ranks of the undefeated. Talent-wise, this game is a mismatch. Even allowing for coaching ingenuity from Coach Konstantakos, it is hard to see how Markham will fail to cover without an injury coming into play or a very rare day from Philip Rivers exploding out of nowhere. **PICK: MARKHAM**

GWINNETT @ SEBASTIAN (line – GLADIATORS by 4)

INJURIES: Gwinnett – Darius Butler (OUT); Sebastian – Andy Dalton (OUT), Justin Pugh (OUT).

The Swordfish skewered the Corn Kings last week but it came at a price: Andy Dalton will be out of action for at least two weeks. That means Jameis Winston will get his first career start. He faces a veteran Glad coach who has raised eyebrows with his team’s 3-0 start: the defence has been better than advertised and the offence has been guided so far by the “Good Ben.” But it could come crashing down at any time if LeSean McCoy succumbs to what insiders are calling “nagging hamstring tightness”

that is limiting his practice time. Behind him is Chris Polk and nobody else. Odell Beckham's return is good news for Sebastian. Will the rookie QB be able to get the ball to him? If so, expect this to be closer than a field goal either way. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

TORONTO @ COWTOWN (line – WOLVERINES by 1)

INJURIES: **Toronto** – Brandon LaFell (OUT), Michael Schofield (OUT); **Cowtown** – Greg Hardy (OUT), Chris Long (OUT).

The Corn Kings did not look good last week against Sebastian and looked somewhat shaky in their two wins to start the season. The Wolverines, on the other hand, have looked plucky in all three contests they have played and took it to their expansion brethren Wrecking Balls last week for their historical first victory. The Corn Kings will be without both their starting defensive ends, which will hurt both the pass rush and run defence. But the offence is back intact and has the weapons to do some damage against the aggressive but vulnerable Toronto D. This might be too close for comfort for the Cowtown faithful, but expect Joe Flacco and his veteran wide-outs and rookie running sensation, Todd Gurley to prevail in the end. **PICK: COWTOWN**

MOHAVE @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 10)

INJURIES: **Mohave** – Jordan Hicks (OUT), Joseph Randle (OUT); **Iowa City** – None.

Last week's breakout by the Hellfire offence was a nice blip on the graph but don't expect the upward trend to continue this week. The Cubs have one of the nastiest front fours in the league and a pair of aggressive ball-hawking safeties drooling at the thought of Ryan Fitzpatrick firing one of his unguided rockets in their general direction. Yes, the Cubs' D has been pretty passive so far, but it has done the job to help get the team to 3-0 and it will find a way to limit the impact of Julio Jones and Allen Robinson. The Mohave defence has one ace up its sleeve, Aaron Donald, but expect a Travis Frederick/Kevin Zeitler double-team to take the edge off one of the league's most dominant defenders. As for the line: 10 points is just about right. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

DURHAM @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 5)

INJURIES: **Durham** – Cameron Fleming (OUT); **South Carolina** – Keenan Allen (OUT).

Kirk Cousins bought a few more weeks of patience from the Carolina crowd with his come-from-behind effort against a top-ranked Markham defence last week. Here, against the always imposing Durham secondary, he gets the chance to prove it was no fluke. While I am willing to keep an open mind about the quarterback's prospects, I cannot shake the preconception that the Regulators' front four will have a tough time containing Darren McFadden. That elite line-backing corps, led by Luke Kuechly, will have to play close to the line and that will open up space for Drew Brees in the passing game. The veteran pivot saw what one-week-wonder Geno Smith did with the same tools last week and will be burning inside to do the same. **PICK: DURHAM**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – The big news by Week Three of the 2010 EFL season was the slow start of the 2009 PAC Champion LA Knights. The double-blue fell to 0-3 after failing to complete a comeback against York. The Excaliburs were not a good team that year, but scored 19 unanswered points in the 1st half. The Knights charged back to take a 24-19 later in the 4th quarter, but **Tom Brady** had the final say, driving his team 69 yards in 10 plays to score the game-winning TD on a 3-yard run by **Pierre Thomas** to finish off a huge 25-24 upset. It was clear that the platoon of

Jason Campbell and **Tarvaris Jackson** was no longer working. A panicked **Jeff Dohrn** turned to Markham and made a deal for a languishing **Kurt Warner** in order to save his season.

LA was not the only team in panic mode by Week 3. The Durham Thunder Lizards found themselves at 1-2 after getting smoked by Pickering 34-17. The Spartans were already acknowledged as being no slouches that year, but the degree of their eventual dominance was not comprehended at the time. The Lizards were, on paper, supposed to be a dominant team in their own right. So getting pushed around handily by **Brett Favre & Co.** did not sit well in Jurassic Park. **Philip Rivers**, with 2 picks in that game, took his share of criticism, but so did the defence that gave up 401 yards.

Eli Manning threw 5 TD passes as the Gladiators outgunned the Mustangs 38-35. It was a must-win for the Glads, a team under fire in more ways than one. Their defence, thought to be one of its strengths, continued to struggle in this game. After three games they had surrendered an average of 37 points per game. Florida hanging 35 on them was almost expected. But Ringgold (40) and now Garland (35) having their way with them was outrageous to the Gwinnett faithful.