

2017



WEEK

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EFL

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

In our 11th season and still going strong!

January 14, 2018

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EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL

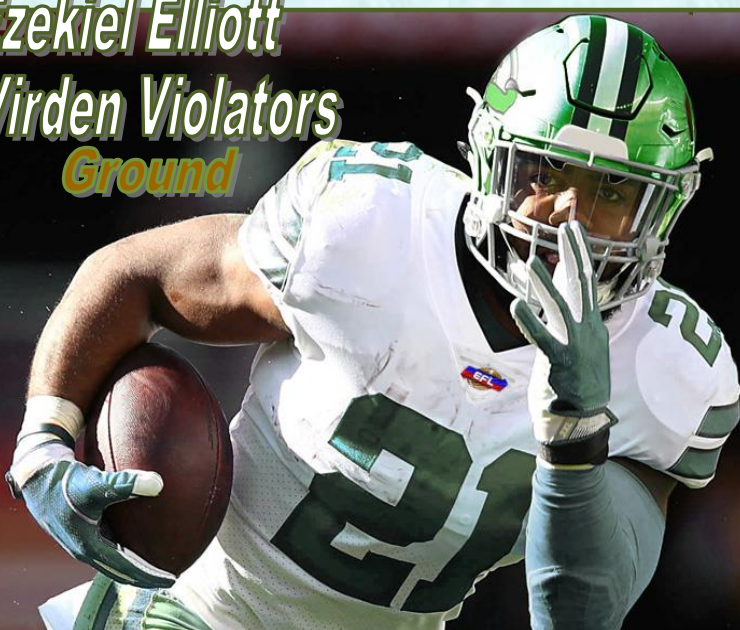


SOUTH



MASTERS OF THEIR DOMAIN!

Ezekiel Elliott
Viriden Violators
Ground



Davante Adams
Aurora Mustangs
Air

Two players are emerging as critical pieces for divergent strategies. *Ezekiel Elliott* (left) of Viriden is the league's rushing leader. He piled up 160 yards and scored 2 TDs on the ground to power the Central Division front-running Violators to a 26-21 win over Mohave. *Davante Adams* (right) of the Aurora Mustangs is leading the league in big gainers. He notched 171 yards and 2 TDs through the air to lead Aurora to a sizzling 45-28 victory over Toronto.



*Who was slick
 in Week
 Thirteen?*

**"Brylcreem" THE
 EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR**



OFFENCE



Ezekiel Elliott
 RB
 Viriden
 Violators

160 yards on 33 carries and 2 TDs
 was enough to snuff the Hellfire.



DEFENCE











Melvin Ingram
 OLB
 Viriden
 Violators

5 T, 5 Sacks, 2 PD, 2 Hur, 2 FF. He
 was a one-man wrecking crew in win.



4th Qtr, 12:53 left, tied 14-14, **Marcus Maye** (PIC) picked off **J. Flacco** (COW) for a 22-yard GW pick-6.

	7	The Triumph held on 4 th & inches inside their red zone to halt an early Hawks scoring threat then took a 7-0 lead in the 2 nd on a 1-yard sneak by Carson Palmer. Darius Slay blocked a punt that led to a TC FG in the 3 rd quarter then the TC defence dug in with a game plan to stop the Hawks passing game. It worked, as the Hawks ground game did not score a TD until there was 0:31 left in the game.
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	10	A tightly-contested defensive struggle broke in the latter half of the 2 nd quarter with a 19-yard TD pass to Sammy Watkins after a long drive to make it 10-0 Pats. The Chargers responded before half time with a 55-yard pass to Travis Benjamin to set up a 5-yard TD pass to Michael Thomas. St Charles tied it at 10 on their 1 st series of the 3 rd , but Ryan Succop nailed a 23-yarder in the 4 th for the win.
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	26	Melvin Ingram's second of 5 sacks went for a safety; and Ezekiel Elliot busted a 53-yard TD run to give Virden a quick 9-0 lead. Jay Ajayi scooted in from 11 yards for a TD but Virden got it back on a 2-yard run by Elliott after a 45-yard catch by Michael Floyd. Floyd added a 41-yard TD to make it 23-7. But Mohave made a game of it with a pair of TDs in the 2 nd half before the Virden pass rush ended their day.
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	0	A short slant to Terrelle Pryor Sr that he took 21 yards to the house broke up a scoreless, penalty-laden 1 st half in favour of the Bombers. In the 3 rd , back-to-back Marcus Mariota runs of 22 and 23 yards set up Chandler Cantanzaro's second FG to make it 13-0, where it stayed. The Cadillac stalled on 3 rd down, converting 1 of 12, while facing blitz pressure and an aggressive Bomber secondary
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	25	Sheldon Richardson blew up a screen to log a safety then the Cubs found the end zone on the ensuing possession for a 9-0 lead. Kareem Hunt broke a 30-yard run and later pounded it in from 3 yards for a Pilots' TD but a 69-yard bomb to Tyler Lockett early in the 3 rd made it 19-7 Cubs. Brice McCain's pick-six put Seattle within 5 but a pair of Justin Tucker FGs and a tight Cubs' defence put it away.
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	7	Jordan Matthews turned a medium cross into a 55-yard gain and Andy Dalton hit DeVante Parker for a 19-yard TD for an opening TD. That would be it for the LA offence. Chino chipped away with 2 Dan Bailey FGs before the half then converted 4 3 rd downs over a 95-yard drive ending with a 31-yard TD pass to AJ Green. Chino put it away with Kiko Alonso's 35-yard return of a Dalton fumble for a TD.
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	24	The Swordfish ran 52 plays, converted 5 4 th downs, and controlled the ball 26 minutes in the 1 st half to build up a 24-7 lead, while the Stars scored on 1 of just 3 1 st half possessions, on a 66-yard TD pass to Demaryius Thomas. The Stars scored a TD to start the 2 nd half then took a 28-24 lead on back-to-back TDs set up by a Fish turnover on downs and a George Iloka pick. The Stars then controlled the ball and add a FG for the win.
	31	
	14	Joe Flacco appeared in control through 2½ quarters, going 19 of 23 for 241 yards a 2 TDs in building up a 14-0 Cowtown lead. Meanwhile, Philip Rivers looked stymied and going nowhere. Then Flacco started throwing interceptions, 4 of them, including a pick-six, to set up all 24 Spartans points. Willie Snead caught a 42-yard TD pass and threw a 23-yard trick pass to star for the offence.
	24	
	14	Tom Brady caught the Lizards off guard twice resulting in a pair of 20-yard TD passes to Kelvin Benjamin to stake his team to a 14-3 lead. Cam Newton started the 2 nd half for Durham and got the comeback started with a 5-yard QB draw for TD. DaQuan Jones returned a fumble 32 yards for a TD and Drew Brees finished it off with a 36-yard TD pass to TY Hilton, his 16 th TD catch of the year.
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	10	A 53-yard run by Isaiah Crowell on the game's first play led to a New Jersey FG, but the Eagles would drive 75 yards on the next series for a TD. Late in the 2 nd , a huge PI penalty against NJ on 3 rd & 29 led to the second Scarborough TD, a 24-yard pass to Pierre Garcon. NJ started the 2 nd half with a 64-yard pass to Will Fuller to set up 7, but Aaron Rodgers' 2 nd TD pass and a Marcus Peters INT put the game away.
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	28	Matt Ryan connected on TD passes of 49 and 40 yards to Davante Adams to grab an early lead, but also threw 3 interceptions to help set up a Toronto comeback that had the Wolverines leading 21-14 before Julian Edelman tied it before half time. Mike Gillislee scored for Toronto on a 9-yard TD run to start the 3 rd , but the Mustangs then kicked into high gear with a pair of TD runs & a 4 th Ryan TD pass to pull away.
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	7	As the Glads' offence struggled to make any progress, the Regs slowly built up a 14-0 lead on a 1-yard QB sneak by Kirk Cousins and an 8-yard TD pass to Corey Davis, set up by Joe Haden's interception. A sack and fumble at the Regs' 27 led to a 10-yard TD pass to Jarvis Landry to get the Glads on the board, but a 45-yard bomb to Davis on the next play set up Cousins' 2 nd TD on a sneak to cap the scoring.
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<div>HAWKS</div> <div>7</div>		<div>PASSING: Alex Smith, 9 of 24, 63 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT</div> <div>RUSHING: Jonathan Stewart, 21C, 128yds, (6.1), 1 TD</div> <div>RECEIVNG: DeAndre Hopkins, 3 for 30 yds, 10LG, 0 TD</div> <div>DEFENCE: Vontaze Burfict, 10 T, 1 STF</div> <div>KICKING: Cody Parkey, 1 of 1 XPA, 0 of 1 FGA, 1 Pt</div>		<div>TRIUMPH</div> <div>10</div>		<div>PASSING: Carson Palmer, 13of 25, 128yds, 0TD, 0 INT</div> <div>RUSHING: Melvin Gordon, 24C, 89yds, (3.7), 0 TD</div> <div>RECEIVNG: Melvin Gordon, 4 for 27 yds, 14LG, 0 TD</div> <div>DEFENCE: Darius Slay, 5T, 1 PD, 1 P-BLK</div> <div>KICKING: Roberto Aguayo, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 4 Pts</div>																																																																
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CADILLAC

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PASSING: Matt Stafford, 18 of 37, 216 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Christine Michael, 10C, 33yds, (3.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jordy Nelson, 5 for 99yds, 43LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Myles Garrett, 5 T, 2 SK, 3 HUR
KICKING: N/A

BOMBERS

13

PASSING: Marcus Mariota, 16 of 33, 196 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Chris Thompson, 12C, 80yds, (6.7), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Chris Conley, 4 for 60yds, 38LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Emmanuel Ogbah, 6 T, 2 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro, 1 of 1 XPA, 2 of 3 FGA, 7pts

01-13-2018 The Fortress Temp: 77 Wind: MVP: **Marcus Mariota**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 Erieau (3-10)	0	0	0	0	0
2016 Bruxelles (11-2)	0	10	3	0	13

Scoring Summary

2 9:30 Bruxelles	TD Mariota 21 pass to Pryor Sr. (Catanzaro) (12-78-4:28)	0-7
2 0:05 Bruxelles	FG Catanzaro 38 (6-54-1:02)	0-10
3 6:11 Bruxelles	FG Catanzaro 19 (12-79-7:06)	0-13

	ERI	BRX
First Downs	18	21
Rushes	20-78	29-174
Passes	38-18-216	33-16-196
Sacked	4-24	3-29
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	11-103	11-114
Turnovers	2	0
Missed Tackles	3	4
Blitzes	9	45
Time	24:55	35:05
Third Down	1-12	4-15
Fourth Down	2-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/0	2/0/2
Net Offense	270	341

CUBS

25

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 10 of 25, 174 yds, 2 TDs, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Jeremy Hill, 20C, 75yds, (3.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Tavon Austin, 3 for 49 yds, 24LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Sheldon Richardson, 8T, 1 SK, 2 STF, SAFETY
KICKING: Justin Tucker, 2 of 2 XPA, 3 of 3 FGA, 11 Pts

PILOTS

17

PASSING: Eli Manning, 12 of 29, 90 yds, 0 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 19C, 99yds, (5.2), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Bilal Powell, 5 for 41yds, 20LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Brice McCain, 5 T, 1INT(33yds-TD)
KICKING: Josh Lambo, 1 of 1 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 7 Pts

01-13-2018 Kingdome Temp: 70 Wind: MVP: **Tyler Lockett**

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2016 Iowa City (10-3)	9	3	13	0	25
2016 Seattle (1-12)	7	0	7	3	17

Scoring Summary

1 8:26 Iowa City	Safety Richardson	2-0
1 4:08 Iowa City	TD Wilson 11 pass to Austin (Tucker) (8-58-4:12)	9-0
1 0:11 Seattle	TD Hunt 3 run (Lambo) (7-75-3:57)	9-7
2 9:13 Iowa City	FG Tucker 23 (10-55-5:55)	12-7
3 11:02 Iowa City	TD Wilson 69 pass to Lockett (Tucker) (2-76-1:05)	19-7
3 9:40 Seattle	TD McCain 33 interception return (Lambo)	19-14
3 6:24 Iowa City	FG Tucker 39 (4-9-1:32)	22-14
3 3:21 Iowa City	FG Tucker 24 (5-32-2:14)	25-14
4 5:35 Seattle	FG Lambo 24 (18-74-7:08)	25-17

	ICC	SEA
First Downs	15	12
Rushes	41-175	29-120
Passes	25-10-174	24-12-90
Sacked	0-0	2-10
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	6-30	3-25
Turnovers	2	3
Missed Tackles	4	1
Blitzes	9	7
Time	33:18	26:42
Third Down	6-17	6-14
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/1/2	2/1/1
Net Offense	349	200

KNIGHTS

7

PASSING: Andy Dalton, 20 of 43, 229 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Le'Veon Bell, 24C, 57yds, (2.4), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Le'Veon Bell, 6 for 59yds, 19 LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Kawann Short, 4 T, 3 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 Pt

CONVICTS

20

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 28 of 44, 273 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Christian McCaffery 9C, 26yds, (2.9) 0 TD
RECEIVING: AJ Green, 10 for 133yds, 31LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Robert Mathis, 6 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR, 2 FF
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 of 3 FGA, 8 Pts

01-13-2018 The Big House Temp: 58 Wind: 0-5 Light Rain MVP: **AJ Green**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Los Angeles (7-6)	7	0	0	0	7
2016 Chino (7-6)	3	3	7	7	20

Scoring Summary

1 13:43 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 19 pass to Parker (Zuerlein) (4-72-1:12)	7-0
1 7:26 Chino	FG Bailey 26 (15-67-6:14)	7-3
2 5:52 Chino	FG Bailey 38 (12-54-4:37)	7-6
3 2:55 Chino	TD Prescott 31 pass to Green (Bailey,D) (16-95-6:59)	7-13
4 11:56 Chino	TD Ward 35 yd fumble recovery (Bailey,D)	7-20

	LAK	CHI
First Downs	17	18
Rushes	27-66	26-64
Passes	44-20-229	44-28-273
Sacked	1-5	1-8
Fumble	2	2
Penalties	8-66	10-69
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	3	7
Blitzes	21	13
Time	25:39	34:21
Third Down	7-19	8-19
Fourth Down	3-7	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/0	2/0/2
Net Offense	290	329

SWORDFISH**24**

PASSING: Jameis Winston, 23 of 38, 255 yds, 3TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: CJ Anderson, 20C, 88yds, (4.4), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Odell Beckham Jr, 8 for 105yds, 24LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Carlos Dunlap, 3 T, 1 SK, 1 HUR
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri, 3 of 3 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 6 Pts

NORTH STARS**31**

PASSING: Brian Hoyer, 16 of 28, 290 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: David Johnson, 15C, 68yds, (4.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: DeMaryius Thomas, 5 for 111yds, 66LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: George Iloka, 5T, 1 INT (15yds)
KICKING: Brown, 4 of 4 XPA, 4pts / Forbath 1 of 1 FGA, 3pts

01-13-2018 Ferenc-Liszt Intl AP Temp: 40 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Brian Hoyer**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Sebastian (5-8)	14	10	0	0	24
2016 Budapest (10-3)	7	0	14	10	31

Scoring Summary

1 8:07 Sebastian	TD Winston 6 pass to Baldwin (Vinatieri) (12-88-6:46)	7-0
1 7:43 Budapest	TD Taylor 66 pass to Thomas (Brown,J) (1-66-0:16)	7-7
1 1:26 Sebastian	TD Winston 39 pass to Kears (Vinatieri) (12-96-6:10)	14-7
2 11:40 Sebastian	TD Winston 14 pass to Baldwin (Vinatieri) (9-64-3:36)	21-7
2 0:00 Sebastian	FG Vinatieri 27 (21-73-8:27)	24-7
3 10:16 Budapest	TD Johnson 16 run (Brown,J) (8-69-4:37)	24-14
3 5:39 Budapest	TD Hoyer 16 pass to Diggs (Brown,J) (6-44-2:09)	24-21
4 14:13 Budapest	TD Hoyer 3 pass to Hightower (Brown,J) (6-32-3:09)	24-28
4 1:38 Budapest	FG Forbath 26 (18-88-8:00)	24-31

	SS	BUD
First Downs	27	18
Rushes	39-151	19-76
Passes	38-23-255	27-19-256
Sacked	2-19	1-10
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	5-33	4-40
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	9	7
Blitzes	18	25
Time	36:33	23:27
Third Down	5-17	3-6
Fourth Down	6-8	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	7/3/1
Net Offense	387	322

CORN KINGS**14**

PASSING: Joe Flacco, 26 of 43, 315 yds, 2 TDs, 4 INTs
RUSHING: LeGarrette Blount, 15C, 47yds, (3.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Mike Evans, 7 for 115yds, 36LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: David Harris, 8 T, 2 STF
KICKING: Nick Novak, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 pts

SPARTANS**24**

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 9 of 24, 132 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Devonta Freeman, 23C, 106yds, (4.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Willie Snead, 3 for 80yds, 42LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Marcus Maye, 3T, 1 INT (22yds-TD)
KICKING: Caleb Sturgis, 3 of 3 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 6 Pts

01-13-2018 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 33 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Willie Snead**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Cowtown (7-6)	7	0	7	0	14
2016 Pickering (7-6)	0	0	7	17	24

Scoring Summary

1 2:03 Cowtown	TD Flacco 11 pass to Evans (Novak) (10-90-5:42)	7-0
3 11:50 Cowtown	TD Flacco 9 pass to Evans (Novak) (5-93-3:01)	14-0
3 2:17 Pickering	TD Savage 3 pass to Johnson (Sturgis) (5-29-2:31)	14-7
4 13:05 Pickering	TD Rivers 42 pass to Snead (Sturgis) (2-49-0:59)	14-14
4 12:46 Pickering	TD Maye 22 interception return (Sturgis)	14-21
4 11:01 Pickering	FG Sturgis 31 (4-2-1:26)	14-24

	COW	PIC
First Downs	20	14
Rushes	25-84	35-115
Passes	43-26-315	26-11-158
Sacked	1-6	0-0
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	8-73	3-22
Turnovers	5	1
Missed Tackles	4	6
Blitzes	20	5
Time	29:42	30:18
Third Down	7-14	3-14
Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	393	273

EXCALIBURS**14**

PASSING: Tom Brady, 19 of 37, 224yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Giovanni Bernard, 10C, 47yds, (4.7), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Kelvin Benjamin, 4 for 95yds, 49LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Von Miller, 6 T, 1 SK, 2 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Graham Gano, 2 of 2 XPA, 2pts

T-LIZARDS**29**

PASSING: Drew Brees, 15 of 27, 146yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Donnel Pumphrey, 21C, 100yds, (4.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: TY Hilton, 4 for 78yds, 36LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: D. Rodgers-Cromartie, 5T, 1 PD, 1 FF
KICKING: Phil Dawson 2 of 2 XPA, 3 of 3 FGA, 11 Pts

01-13-2018 Jurassic Park Temp: 61 Wind: Calm None MVP: **TY Hilton**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 York (5-8)	0	14	0	0	14
2016 Durham (7-5-1)	3	3	6	17	29

Scoring Summary

1 4:13 Durham	FG Dawson 31 (4--6-2:14)	0-3
2 13:52 York	TD Brady 20 pass to Benjamin (Gano) (11-60-5:21)	7-3
2 1:13 York	TD Brady 20 pass to Benjamin (Gano) (10-70-4:38)	14-3
2 0:00 Durham	FG Dawson 47 (7-26-1:01)	14-6
3 9:16 Durham	TD Newton 5 run (2 - failed) (8-75-5:44)	14-12
4 14:50 Durham	TD Jones 38 yd fumble recovery (Dawson)	14-19
4 9:04 Durham	TD Brees 36 pass to Hilton (Dawson) (7-86-3:58)	14-26
4 2:29 Durham	FG Dawson 40 (4-8-1:02)	14-29

	YOR	DTL
First Downs	15	19
Rushes	23-88	33-122
Passes	37-19-224	30-17-179
Sacked	3-28	3-25
Fumble	3	1
Penalties	7-75	2-15
Turnovers	2	0
Missed Tackles	3	6
Blitzes	23	9
Time	27:00	33:00
Third Down	7-16	4-15
Fourth Down	1-3	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	284	276

WRECKING BALLS**10**

PASSING: Sam Bradford, 22 of 35, 228 yds, 0 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Isaiah Crowell, 15C, 91yds, (6.1), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Will Fuller V, 5 for 93 yds, 64 LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: James Harrison, 12 T, 3 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Chris Boswell, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 4 Pts

BLUE EAGLES**20**

PASSING: Aaron Rodgers, 17 of 24, 191yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jordan Howard, 22C, 81yds, (3.7), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jamison Crowder, 4 for 47yds, 14 LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Marcus Peters, 5T, 1 INT (21yds)
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 2 of 3 XPA, 2 Pts

01-13-2018 Bluffs Stadium Temp: 25 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Aaron Rodgers**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 New Jersey (1-12)	3	0	7	0	10
2016 Scarborough (9-3-1)	7	7	6	0	20

Scoring Summary

1 10:53	New Jersey	FG Boswell 21 (8-75-3:56)	3-0
1 2:54	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 1 run (Crosby) (14-75-7:59)	3-7
2 1:49	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 24 pass to Garcon (Crosby) (13-96-7:02)	3-14
3 7:14	New Jersey	TD Crowell 9 run (Boswell) (4-81-2:27)	10-14
3 4:13	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 34 pass to Jackson (no good) (5-60-3:01)	10-20

	NJ	SBE
First Downs	18	22
Rushes	19-107	37-136
Passes	35-22-228	24-17-191
Sacked	0-0	3-36
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	5-51	9-78
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	4	8
Blitzes	19	23
Time	23:02	36:58
Third Down	3-11	7-15
Fourth Down	0-1	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/1	1/1/0
Net Offense	335	291

WOLVERINES**28**

PASSING: Matt Moore, 16 of 23, 166 yds, 3 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: DeMarco Murray, 14 C, 92yds, (6.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Adam Thielen, 5 for 70yds, 19LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Shawn Williams, 5T, 2 PD, 1 INT (8yds)
KICKING: Zane Gonzalez, 4 of 4 XPA, 0 of 1 FGA, 4pts

MUSTANGS**45**

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 30 of 48, 438 yds, 4 TDs, 3 INTs
RUSHING: Rashad Jennings, 10C, 67 yds, (6.7), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Davante Adams, 7 for 171yds, 49LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Josh Norman, 1 T, 1 INT (30yds)
KICKING: Wil Lutz, 6 of 6 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 9 pts

01-13-2018 Magna Park Temp: 61 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Matt Ryan**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 Toronto (2-11)	7	14	7	0	28
2016 Aurora (13-0)	14	7	7	17	45

Scoring Summary

1 10:03	Aurora	TD Ryan 49 pass to Adams (Lutz) (5-78-2:32)	0-7
1 5:41	Aurora	TD Ryan 40 pass to Adams (Lutz) (7-78-3:27)	0-14
1 0:20	Toronto	TD Moore 11 pass to Thielen (Gonzalez) (8-75-5:21)	7-14
2 7:52	Toronto	TD Moore 19 pass to Thielen (Gonzalez) (5-65-3:05)	14-14
2 5:49	Toronto	TD Moore 16 pass to Hill (Gonzalez) (3-54-1:06)	21-14
2 1:57	Aurora	TD Ryan 8 pass to Edelman (Lutz) (9-75-3:52)	21-21
3 11:37	Toronto	TD Gillislee 9 run (Gonzalez) (8-73-3:15)	28-21
3 6:53	Aurora	TD Tolbert 2 run (Lutz) (9-75-4:44)	28-28
4 14:44	Aurora	TD Jennings 1 run (Lutz) (14-82-5:47)	28-35
4 6:27	Aurora	TD Ryan 10 pass to Rudolph (Lutz) (11-74-5:38)	28-42
4 3:29	Aurora	FG Lutz 33 (4-3-0:58)	28-45

	TOR	AUR
First Downs	20	33
Rushes	23-172	19-98
Passes	23-16-166	48-30-438
Sacked	1-12	3-24
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	6-45	3-25
Turnovers	1	3
Missed Tackles	5	7
Blitzes	13	24
Time	25:59	34:01
Third Down	3-9	7-8
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/4/0	6/4/1
Net Offense	326	512

GLADIATORS**7**

PASSING: Blaine Gabbert, 11 of 34, 101 yds, 1 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 13C, 44yds, (3.4), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jarvis Landry, 5 for 59yds, 17LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Mike Daniels, 9T, 2 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Cairo Santos, 1 of 1 XPA, 0 of 1 FGA, 1pt

REGULATORS**21**

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 20 of 41, 2256yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Zach Zenner, 15C, 46yds, (3.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Corey Davis, 7 for 117yds, 45LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Joe Haden, 5 T, 3 PD, 1 INT (7yds)
KICKING: Jason Myers, 3 of 3 XPA, 0 of 2 FGA, 3 Pts

01-13-2018 Carolina Slammer Temp: 74 Wind: 10-20 None MVP: **Corey Davis**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Georgia (5-8)	0	0	7	0	7
2016 South Carolina (4-9)	7	7	7	0	21

Scoring Summary

1 1:23	South Carolina	TD Cousins 1 run (Myers,J) (11-61-4:20)	0-7
2 0:22	South Carolina	TD Cousins 8 pass to Davis (Myers,J) (6-30-0:49)	0-14
3 9:31	Georgia	TD Gabbert 10 pass to Landry (Santos) (3-32-1:45)	7-14
3 5:52	South Carolina	TD Cousins 1 run (Myers,J) (6-75-3:39)	7-21

	GEO	SC
First Downs	9	23
Rushes	20-59	40-109
Passes	34-11-101	41-20-256
Sacked	1-5	2-14
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	6-44	6-41
Turnovers	2	2
Missed Tackles	4	2
Blitzes	14	1
Time	22:46	37:14
Third Down	5-15	7-18
Fourth Down	0-1	3-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/0	4/3/0
Net Offense	155	351

WEEK THIRTEEN

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Bruxelles (z)	11	2	0	0.846	356	27.4	220	16.9	10.5	6 0 0	4 0 0	9 1 0
Brooklin	8	5	0	0.615	323	24.8	218	16.8	8.1	5 2 0	2 2 0	6 4 0
Mohave	7	6	0	0.538	244	18.8	269	20.7	-1.9	3 3 0	1 3 0	4 6 0
St. Charles	5	8	0	0.385	207	15.9	240	18.5	-2.5	4 1 0	1 3 0	4 6 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Virden	9	4	0	0.692	282	21.7	239	18.4	3.3	5 2 0	3 1 0	6 4 0
Charleswood	6	7	0	0.462	287	22.1	276	21.2	0.8	3 3 0	2 2 0	5 5 0
Twin Cities	6	7	0	0.462	224	17.2	238	18.3	-1.1	5 1 0	2 2 0	5 5 0
Erieau	3	10	0	0.231	138	10.6	263	20.2	-9.6	2 5 0	1 3 0	3 7 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	10	3	0	0.769	317	24.4	231	17.8	6.6	4 1 0	4 0 0	9 1 0
Chino	7	6	0	0.538	285	21.9	295	22.7	-0.8	4 3 0	3 1 0	4 6 0
Los Angeles	7	6	0	0.538	277	21.3	260	20	1.3	4 3 0	1 3 0	5 5 0
Seattle	1	12	0	0.077	142	10.9	295	22.7	-11.8	1 6 0	0 4 0	0 10 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE												
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	9	3	1	0.731	215	16.5	176	13.5	3	5 2 0	2 1 1	8 1 1
Durham	7	5	1	0.577	320	24.6	285	21.9	2.7	5 1 1	2 1 1	5 4 1
Cowtown	7	6	0	0.538	275	21.2	241	18.5	2.6	5 0 0	1 3 0	4 6 0
Sebastian	5	8	0	0.385	261	20.1	314	24.2	-4.1	4 3 0	2 2 0	4 6 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	10	3	0	0.769	272	20.9	209	16.1	4.8	6 0 0	4 0 0	8 2 0
Pickering	7	6	0	0.538	288	22.2	254	19.5	2.6	4 3 0	3 1 0	5 5 0
York	5	8	0	0.385	190	14.6	231	17.8	-3.2	3 3 0	1 3 0	4 6 0
New Jersey	1	12	0	0.077	174	13.4	284	21.8	-8.5	1 6 0	0 4 0	1 9 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora (z)	13	0	0	1	464	35.7	258	19.8	15.8	8 0 0	4 0 0	10 0 0
Georgia	5	8	0	0.385	205	15.8	257	19.8	-4	3 3 0	2 2 0	5 5 0
South Carolina	4	9	0	0.308	194	14.9	274	21.1	-6.2	4 3 0	2 2 0	3 7 0
Toronto	2	11	0	0.154	222	17.1	335	25.8	-8.7	1 6 0	0 4 0	2 8 0

(z)-clinched division

(y)-clinched wildcard

TOP PASSERS												
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Ryan,M	AUR	455	290	63.7	3915	12	2.6	86	39	8.6	108.6
2	Mariota	BRX	322	172	53.4	2453	3	0.9	86	22	6.8	97.2
3	Palmer,C	TCT	333	194	58.3	2337	6	1.8	72	19	5.7	91.4
4	Smith,A	BRH	426	248	58.2	3123	6	1.4	58	19	4.5	90.1
5	Carr,D	VV	318	184	57.9	2302	4	1.3	64	14	4.4	89.9
6	Brady,T	YOR	297	163	54.9	2119	5	1.7	75	15	5.1	87.4
7	Wilson,R	ICC	364	211	58	2642	7	1.9	69	15	4.1	86.4
8	Prescott	CHI	478	299	62.6	3230	10	2.1	69	17	3.6	85.5
9	Luck	MOH	252	143	56.7	1724	7	2.8	75	11	4.4	80.9
10	Taylor,T	BUD	268	150	56	1535	2	0.7	66	8	3	79.4
11	Tannehill	TOR	236	138	58.5	1598	8	3.4	56	10	4.2	79
12	Brees	DTL	458	255	55.7	3268	18	3.9	91	23	5	78.6
13	Winston,J	SS	442	227	51.4	2659	9	2	60	22	5	78.1
14	Flacco	COW	330	203	61.5	2096	13	3.9	68	14	4.2	77.5
15	Dalton	LAK	463	260	56.2	2981	17	3.7	79	23	5	77
16	Wentz	STC	402	221	55	2402	7	1.7	57	12	3	75.5
17	Rodgers,A	SBE	369	197	53.4	2166	8	2.2	57	14	3.8	74.6
18	Rivers	PIC	369	193	52.3	2532	12	3.3	59	15	4.1	74.3
19	Bradford	NJ	492	313	63.6	2512	13	2.6	64	12	2.4	73.5
20	Cousins	SC	483	269	55.7	2898	16	3.3	81	18	3.7	72.1
21	Roethlisberger	GEO	390	211	54.1	2255	13	3.3	63	13	3.3	68.5
22	Watson,D	CHP	364	188	51.6	2044	13	3.6	82	13	3.6	65.5
23	Stafford	ERI	413	213	51.6	2096	12	2.9	65	10	2.4	62.2
24	Manning	SEA	314	167	53.2	1520	12	3.8	84	5	1.6	56
25	Foles	BRX	52	33	63.5	528	1	1.9	59	6	11.5	127.7

KICKOFF RETURNERS								PUNT RETURNERS								
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Lee,M	ICC	20	670	33.5	101	2	1	Roberts,A	LAK	29	30	389	13.4	90	2
2	Patterson	MOH	40	1192	29.8	44	0	2	Sproles	STC	14	9	167	11.9	20	0
3	Erickson	CHI	38	1109	29.2	77	0	3	Jackson,A	STC	19	6	206	10.8	87	1
4	Langley	DTL	14	370	26.4	44	0	4	Ervin	VV	25	11	249	10	29	0
5	Huff	SEA	39	1010	25.9	109	3	5	Lockett	ICC	31	16	301	9.7	71	0
6	Smith-Schu	VV	16	405	25.3	34	0	6	Richard	CHP	42	12	403	9.6	53	1
7	Richard	CHP	31	746	24.1	54	0	7	Crowder	SBE	37	22	350	9.5	82	1
8	Thompson,D	GEO	30	720	24	62	0	8	Humphries	COW	25	20	221	8.8	18	0
9	Peppers,J	ERI	32	755	23.6	40	0	9	Peppers,J	ERI	38	11	333	8.8	74	1
10	Harris,D	TOR	23	538	23.4	36	0	10	Tate,B	BUD	24	11	205	8.5	41	0
11	Weems,E	NJ	30	698	23.3	40	0	11	Landry	GEO	26	20	210	8.1	18	0
12	Thomas,D	YOR	23	529	23	34	0	12	Sherels	BUD	14	2	110	7.9	63	1
13	Roberts,A	LAK	24	546	22.8	60	0	13	Hester	MOH	24	9	186	7.8	19	0
14	Hill,T	TOR	18	407	22.6	38	0	14	Weems,E	NJ	14	15	105	7.5	14	0
15	Shepherd	BRH	17	382	22.5	44	0	15	Hill,T	TOR	25	5	185	7.4	19	0
16	Whitehead	COW	16	359	22.4	38	0	16	Brown,A	TCT	33	19	220	6.7	27	0
17	Tate,B	BUD	24	536	22.3	47	0	17	Edelman	AUR	17	5	112	6.6	13	0
18	Switzer	PIC	17	376	22.1	50	0	18	Ginn Jr.	SC	27	14	171	6.3	18	0
19	Mariani	STC	14	307	21.9	32	0	19	Amendola	YOR	34	12	205	6	15	0
20	Clement	SBE	22	458	20.8	54	0	20	Rogers,C	BRX	32	17	185	5.8	17	0

RUSHING LEADERS								RECEIVING LEADERS							
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Elliott,E	VV	322	1429	4.4	95	13	1	Crabtree	NJ	106	1048	9.9	58	2
2	Johnson,D	BUD	273	1259	4.6	36	6	2	Hilton	DTL	88	1643	18.7	91	16
3	Howard,J	SBE	259	1252	4.8	50	6	3	Cooper,A	VV	79	1149	14.5	64	8
4	Freeman,D	PIC	229	1251	5.5	62	8	4	Edelman	AUR	77	1062	13.8	86	16
5	Crowell	NJ	267	1204	4.5	53	7	5	Landry	GEO	77	884	11.5	63	7
6	Ajayi	MOH	240	1156	4.8	59	5	6	Diggs	BUD	73	761	10.4	33	3
7	Hunt,K	SEA	260	1059	4.1	58	3	7	Hopkins,D	BRH	73	1172	16.1	58	6
8	Bell,L	LAK	237	1058	4.5	54	3	8	Baldwin	SS	70	871	12.4	60	7
9	Murray,D	TOR	268	1007	3.8	39	5	9	Adams,D	AUR	70	1378	19.7	53	13
10	Blount	COW	206	1002	4.9	43	14	10	Evans,M	COW	70	977	14	54	10
11	Hyde,C	DTL	199	977	4.9	39	7	11	Jones,J	MOH	69	1135	16.4	75	9
12	McCoy,L	GEO	214	880	4.1	50	7	12	Beckham Jr	SS	67	946	14.1	50	7
13	Stewart	BRH	178	831	4.7	22	5	13	Fitzgerald	COW	66	654	9.9	47	3
14	Mathews,R	BRH	134	800	6	37	9	14	Brown,A	TCT	66	950	14.4	58	10
15	Fournette	BRX	165	794	4.8	24	9	15	Davis,C	SC	64	888	13.9	81	6
16	Cook,D	STC	168	739	4.4	32	6	16	Jeffery	BRH	63	909	14.4	46	6
17	Miller,L	CHP	188	738	3.9	55	2	17	McCaffrey	CHI	63	457	7.3	42	0
18	Gordon,M	TCT	158	726	4.6	53	5	18	Thomas,D	BUD	61	750	12.3	66	4
19	McCaffrey	CHI	167	686	4.1	34	1	19	Cooks	LAK	61	882	14.5	40	9
20	Foreman,D	SS	127	654	5.1	40	1	20	Kerley	SC	60	666	11.1	39	4
21	Ingram,M	VV	122	606	5	55	5	21	Nelson,J	ERI	59	764	12.9	65	6
22	Mariota	BRX	72	576	8	43	5	22	Matthews,J	LAK	58	721	12.4	52	4
23	Coleman,T	MOH	102	564	5.5	67	9	23	Beasley,C	GEO	56	584	10.4	48	5
24	Henry,D	YOR	141	558	4	22	3	24	Olsen	CHI	55	597	10.9	63	4
25	Michael	ERI	143	549	3.8	32	1	25	Ertz	YOR	55	618	11.2	32	3

INTERCEPTION LEADERS								SACK LEADERS				TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Peters,M	SBE	7	97	13.9	31	0	1	Ingram,M	VV	20	1	Mack	SEA	115
2	Rodgers-Cr	DTL	6	46	7.7	34	0	2	Miller,V	YOR	17	2	Ogletree	ICC	114
3	Jackson,A	STC	4	95	23.8	48	1	3	Harrison,J	NJ	14	3	Lee,S	LAK	97
4	Quin	COW	4	86	21.5	30	0	4	Morgan,D	SBE	13	4	Wagner,B	TCT	97
5	Watt,T	COW	4	116	29	53	1	5	Young,W	AUR	13	5	Timmons	YOR	93
6	Jenkins,J	BRH	4	41	10.3	21	0	6	Garrett,M	ERI	12	6	Brown,Z	ERI	93
7	Collins,L	SBE	4	56	14	51	1	7	Hunter,D	TCT	12	7	Posluszny	SS	90
8	Burns,A	BRX	4	60	15	37	0	8	Ogbah	BRX	11	8	Harrison,J	NJ	87
9	Worley	SS	4	100	25	61	1	9	Flowers,T	ERI	11	9	Alexander	TCT	86
10	Collins,J	CHP	4	46	11.5	21	1	10	Murphy,T	DTL	10	10	Alonso	CHI	80
11	Brown,Z	ERI	4	19	4.8	13	0	11	Kerrigan	COW	10	11	Murphy,T	DTL	80
12	Timmons	YOR	4	44	11	43	0	12	Bosa	ERI	10	12	Collins,J	CHP	79
13	Young,T	LAK	4	35	8.8	14	0	13	Orakpo	LAK	10	13	Dansby	AUR	78
14	Smith,S	GEO	4	52	13	27	0	14	Dunlap,C	SS	10	14	Woodyard	ERI	77
15	Williams,S	TOR	4	68	17	35	0	15	Beasley Jr	GEO	10	15	Kendricks	PIC	77
16	Compton,W	TOR	4	36	9	19	0	16	Donald	MOH	9	16	Cox,F	ICC	76
17	Newman	COW	3	53	17.7	22	0	17	Peppers	LAK	9	17	Vernon	SEA	76
18	Revis	MOH	3	104	34.7	50	1	18	Casey	TCT	9	18	Bradham	TCT	75
19	Berry,E	VV	3	53	17.7	53	0	19	Griffen	PIC	9	19	Shaw,J	BRX	75
20	David	BUD	3	36	12	27	0	20	Atkins	YOR	9	20	Wright,K	NJ	75

SCORING LEADERS													
Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Tucker	ICC	26	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	111
2	Lutz	AUR	16	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	106
3	Edelman	AUR	0	0	1	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	98
4	Hilton	DTL	0	0	0	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	96
5	Succop	CHP	21	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	93
6	Catanzaro	BRX	17	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92
7	Sturgis	PIC	19	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	90
8	Blount	COW	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
9	Elliott,E	VV	0	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	0	0	84
10	Dawson	DTL	14	38	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
11	Folk	VV	16	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
12	Bailey,D	CHI	17	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
13	Adams,D	AUR	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	78
14	Gonzalez	TOR	17	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	74
15	Mathews,R	BRH	0	0	1	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	68
16	Crosby	SBE	14	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
17	Zuerlein	LAK	10	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
18	Novak	COW	11	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65
19	Janikowski	MOH	12	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
20	Vinatieri	SS	12	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63
21	Gano	YOR	14	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
22	Jones Jr.	CHI	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
23	Brown,A	TCT	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
24	Sanders,E	BRX	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
25	Hyde,C	DTL	0	0	0	7	3	0	0	0	0	0	60
26	Santos	GEO	13	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
27	Vinatieri	SS	11	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
28	Parkey	BRH	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
29	Coleman,T	MOH	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
30	Lee,M	ICC	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	54

KICKING LEADERS										PUNTING LEADERS									
Rk	Player	Team	FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yards	Tb	20	Lg	Bk	Ave
1	Tucker	ICC	32	26	81.3	16	7	56	111	1	Lee,A	MOH	61	3007	8	17	79	0	49.3
2	Lutz	AUR	19	16	84.2	6	0	49	106	2	McAfee	BRX	61	3006	11	22	58	0	49.3
3	Succop	CHP	23	21	91.3	5	1	51	93	3	Morstead	DTL	50	2410	4	21	57	0	48.2
4	Catanzaro	BRX	21	17	81	2	0	44	92	4	King,M	TOR	70	3355	6	26	60	0	47.9
5	Sturgis	PIC	23	19	82.6	6	1	51	90	5	Hekker	COW	60	2860	0	30	65	0	47.7
6	Folk	VV	19	16	84.2	5	1	50	80	6	Lechler	STC	76	3585	3	30	56	0	47.2
7	Dawson	DTL	21	14	66.7	3	0	47	80	7	Martin,S	LAK	60	2820	11	27	60	0	47
8	Bailey,D	CHI	21	17	81	4	2	50	79	8	Nortman	BRH	62	2901	6	18	64	1	46.8
9	Gonzalez	TOR	25	17	68	6	2	54	74	9	Jones,D	YOR	67	3127	4	26	60	0	46.7
10	Crosby	SBE	17	14	82.4	4	2	54	65	10	Huber	CHP	69	3213	3	25	57	0	46.6
11	Novak	COW	14	11	78.6	4	2	52	65	11	Bosher	VV	54	2499	2	24	59	0	46.3
12	Zuerlein	LAK	16	10	62.5	4	1	54	65	12	Anger	ICC	59	2723	3	31	57	0	46.2
13	Janikowski	MOH	18	12	66.7	3	1	51	64	13	Dixon,R	GEO	74	3403	7	26	59	0	46
14	Vinatieri	SS	14	12	85.7	2	0	44	63	14	Jones,C	TCT	85	3903	3	22	56	1	45.9
15	Gano	YOR	22	14	63.6	0	0	38	62	15	Berry,J	SS	59	2687	0	19	55	0	45.5



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Week 13 Analysis

It was not a particularly good week for the tight end position. The top point-getter was **Kyle Rudolph** (11FP) and the next highest was **Lardarius Green** (9FP) (who is he?) High profilers like **Zach Ertz** (4FP), **Jordan Reed** (4FP), and **Travis Kelce** (3FP) performed like back-ups.

My Smart Play for Week 13, **Le'Veon Bell** (12FP), got a lot of action but not much traction against Chino. More receiving yards than rush yards and 0 TDs.

In a year when kickers are struggling across the league, **Justin Tucker** (11FP), **Wil Lutz** (9FP) and **Ryan Succop** (7FP) continue to deliver consistently.

The **Bruxelles Defence** (18FP) delivered a shutout while the **Aurora Defence** (2FP) got shelled by **Matt Moore** (17FP) and the Wolverines. Defence is the most unpredictable fantasy component from week-to-week.

Might as well enjoy it now as it is unlikely to be repeated. **Aaron Rodgers** (25FP), **Kirk Cousins** (23FP) and **Kelvin Benjamin** (22FP) each bucked season-long slumps to shine in Week 13.

Week 14 Forecast



Who's Hot?

Ezekiel Elliott (VIR)

33 – 160, 2 TDs **29FP**

The most consistent and explosive runner of the year so far keeps blazing along.

Davante Adams (AUR)

7-171yds, 2TDs, **29FP**

Another pair of big gainers to add to his league-leading total. Not done yet!

Mike Evans (COW)

7-115yds, 2 TDs, **24FP**

Under-the-radar creeper moving up draft boards with 3-straight 20+ point games.



Who's Cold?

Alex Smith (BRH)

9 of 24, 63yds, 1INT, **1FP**

Only 1 TD pass in the 3 weeks, now hurt. Late-season funk is hurting standing.

LeSean McCoy (GEO)

13 – 44, **0 TDs 6 FP**

Has not found the end zone in 5 weeks. As Glads fall so are "Shady's" numbers.

Jason Witten (CHP)

1-10yds, 0 TD, **1FP**

This once fantasy mainstay has not scored a TD this year. Forgotten man in Pats' 'O.'

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

I am picking last in my league for defence in Week 14. Are there any bargains to be had? – Manny (St. Louis)

The defences that don't get much credit but can be effective are the St. Charles Defence, the Bruxelles Defence and the Seattle Defence. Each of these present certain risks. This week the Chargers face Shaun Hill and an injured WR corps. Go with them.

SMART
PLAY



Kevin White, WR (DTL). Few will remember how effective he was back in Week One prior to getting injured. With TY Hilton getting the attention, White will have lots of room to roam.



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Of all the weeks to take off from my now self-imposed sports-writing duties, skipping Week 13 would have been the most suitable, given my current frame-of-mind. There comes a time, Dear Readers, when a writer who writes mostly about one thing hits a wall. In the absence of a compelling race for any of the six divisions, I am left with the wearisome job of stringing together verbs, adjectives and adverbs to describe a generally lackluster competition for the four wildcard playoff spots. The teams involved are neither bad, nor good – they merely *are*. Any one is just as likely to beat any other in a variety of ways, by wide or narrow point-margins, on “any given Sunday.” This does add an element of drama and uncertainty to each contest, but it also creates a sense of randomness that ultimately induces fatalism. How can the loser be properly excoriated and the winner duly applauded when *anything*, no matter how strange, can happen and often does to alter the course of games? Don’t even get me started talking about the role of the officials or replay review in these outcomes; I don’t want to start something I cannot finish and which will likely end up with me being branded a “conspiracy nut” and relegated permanently to the alt sports world currently dominated by the likes of **Sperl Sponefritter** and **Mash Dude 7.0**.

As for the teams on the fringes of those wildcard races, whether leading their respective divisions or trailing far behind, what more can be written about them that has not already been covered in these pages? For example;

- There are only so many ways to describe the tire fire that is the Wrecking Balls’ season (“tire fire” being the most apt).
- I have run out of superlatives for Aurora’s 13-week run of perfection.
- Grasping Big Ben’s quarterbacking issues is a task for a thousand shrinks, not me.
- Why the Football Gods love **Kenny Main** and his Bruxelles Bombers so much is a mystery for the ages, inexplicable within the confines of a weekly sports column.
- How many times must I point out that **Russ Lemmon**’s 4th down playbook is the work of a madman without sounding like a broken record?
- Can somebody please give me a word with a meaning stronger than “depressing” to describe the South Carolina Regulators?
- This will be the last time I point out the irony of the Wolverines and their defense-oriented coach and GM having the worst defence in the league.
- Evidence of the “*The Curse*” on the Blue Eagles is re-emerging after a promising start to the season – but what exactly is this “evidence” and where can we find it? Still no definitive answers to reveal.
- My long-standing observation that York coach and GM **Jay Hammond** appears to think, erroneously, that **Tom Brady** can do it all by himself continues to fall on deaf ears.
- Monitoring the progress (or lack thereof) of the Seattle offence is no longer fun now that it appears it will end the year as *one* of the worst offences in EFL history, as opposed to *the* worst.
- At some point – probably now – I will have to concede that the Chargers’ defence is better than anyone thought and not just “playing over their heads” for the past 13 weeks.
- “Stalling,” “sputtering,” “chugging,” “skidding,” “backfiring,” are just some of the seemingly endless car analogies that can be rolled out to describe the Cadillac offence as it drives slowly toward the ditch.
- “*Blitz? I don’t need no stinkin’ blitz,*” says **Deron Redding** and **Guy Williams**, the newest members of the ‘Hal Corson Blitz Temperance Society.’
- The change of home has not changed the overall ugliness of North Stars football.

And the beat goes on. There is much more to repeat. At various points throughout the remainder of the year, perhaps even in this very article, I will trot out more observations I have made before...just to confirm that nothing much has changed in a season tortured by the league’s darling attribute and the fan’s curse: *parity*!

SPART-O MAN

Some are calling it a miracle of modern science. Others are simply calling it a miracle, in the classic divine intervention sense of the word. But Spartans’ defensive coordinator, **General Pausanias** believes it is the work of *Ares*, God of War. And that belief has dramatically changed the approach of **Gus Konstantakos**’ inner circle to Pickering’s one and only coach.



Pickering coach, **Gus Konstantako**, sporting his new skull helmet, observes the field with consternation. His team did not get off to a good start in their Week 13 game versus Cowtown, but things finished well thanks to the arrival of a surprise ally.

It has been 4 weeks since **Gus Konstantakos'** head exploded in a spray of blood and skull fragments in the visitor's locker rooms at Stone Pony Shore. Defying conventional medicine and science, Gus not only survived the experience, he appeared to have been possessed and nurtured by a supernatural force that increased his energy and desire for violence to what can only be described as a superhuman level.

Strapped tightly to a bed in the Intensive Care unit of a New Jersey hospital, threatening to slaughter the medical staff *"like goats"* and smiling beguilingly at the terrified candy-stripers while promising *"a great reward"* to *"she who would be the first to loosen these bonds,"* the Pickering coach was apparently sustained by an unknown force that manifested itself as an unearthly blue light enveloping his exposed brain and repelling all attempts to cover it.

The standard greeting of *"You shall die horribly at my hand foul physician!"* whenever a doctor came to his bedside made treating this bizarre patient tricky to say the least. Further

complications arose when it became obvious that Gus' shattered skull could not be reconstructed from the fragments retrieved from the accident site. But in the end a team of brain surgeons, drawn from the best medical institutions across the continent, settled on a course of treatment. Simply put, they would build Gus a new skull and graft it on to the still intact occipital bone.

This was easier said than done. A number of materials were tested and prototypes constructed – all of which were ultimately repelled by the blue light. For a period of time they were at a loss. But happenstance would deliver a solution in short order. One of the paramedics who had tended to Gus at the stadium discovered some of his belongings that, in the confusion, had been left behind in the ambulance. Among them was the ceremonial Spartan helmet the Pickering coach had been wearing at the time his head exploded. Although warped and damaged, it retained its contiguity.

When the paramedic brought it to Gus' room to see what should be done with it the reaction was extraordinary. The blue light bathing Gus' brain began to pulsate and Gus himself made a Herculean effort to sit up, nearly snapping his restraints. *"Release me, Sorcerer, or suffer the fate of Prometheus!"* Gus bellowed in a raspy baritone, his voice scarred by two weeks of shouting at hospital staff. The frightened paramedic dropped the bag with the helmet and fled the room. In his absence, somehow the helmet found its way off the floor and on to the bed where it was observed by an alarmed nurse to be moving, as if being drawn by an invisible thread, over Gus' body. Ever so slowly it moved, finally ending up perched above his pulsating brain, where it wobbled slightly.

The doctors were informed of this phenomenon and within a week they had fashioned a new "skull" from the bronze Spartan helmet. The operation to attach it lasted more than 15 hours but, in the end, it was a success. The moment the brain was fully encased in bronze the electromagnetic activity of Gus' brain fell to what they termed "normal" levels for an average person in a deep sleep.

Gus awoke the next day with apparently no memory of the strange events that had brought him to Hackensack Meridian Health Centre in New Jersey. A source inside the room reports that Gus woke up cursing Philip Rivers and his team, appalled that they were about to lose to the Wrecking Balls. The story of his head exploding came as a complete and unbelievable shock to him – one that he absolutely refused to believe until a mirror was placed in front of his face and he could see for himself that it was, in fact, true.

In shock and unable to truly grasp his situation, he was nevertheless bolstered by the news that his Spartans had recovered to beat New Jersey that day and had gone on to win two of their next three games to put them within a game of Cowtown, the team they would play in Week 13. This was a "can't miss" game for the resilient Pickering coach and, against the advice of doctors, he decided to take the field.

News of the amazing surgery and Gus' phenomenal recovery made headlines across the football world. However, the true extent of the injury and the methods used to sustain him for three weeks were obfuscated by the mainstream media: the Spartans coach had suffered a "stroke" in Week 9 and had undergone "experimental brain reconstruction surgery" performed by Navy Doctors from Bethesda. Very feel-good, Patriotic and "normal" story line. Only in my column, and in *'Echo of Sparta'* – a recent feature piece by **Aristedes Kalogiannis**, will you read anything about the connection with Greek Mythology and Spartan Lore. And speaking of which...

Gus was given a reception at Thermopylae Stadium that was fit for the Gods – literally! Defensive Coordinator, **General Pausanias**, who had been acting as head coach; and Offensive Coordinator, **Commander Dercylidas** – both devout followers of the Cult of *Ares* – had spent time at Gus' bedside in New Jersey. After observing his behaviour and the eerie ethereal force that had bathed his brain, they believed with every fibre of their beings that *Ares* had in fact intervened to save Gus from certain death by *possessing his body* until he recovered. They believed this signalled impending success on the battlefield (football field) for their Spartans.

Gus returned to his locker room office one day before his team's game against Cowtown. He was astonished to find his two coordinators presiding over a grim ceremony in the shower area, flanked by two large thymiateria each of which was producing a thick,

pungent smoke. At their feet rested the bloody carcass of what appeared to be a small goat and in the hands of **General Pausanias** what looked like the still beating heart of said goat.

"Oh Blessed of Ares, Chosen One, please accept this sacrifice so that we may destroy our enemies!" Pausanias implored earnestly, stepping toward Gus and holding the heart up close to his face. *"You're supposed to take a bite!"* he whispered under his breath.

The Pickering coach was horrified. He reared back from the offering and, struggling to find words, finally stammered: *"You...you...you expect me to do what? Have you lost your....your very minds?"*

General Pausanias looked crestfallen. **Commander Dercylidas** looked annoyed. *"I told you we should have sacrificed a bull!"* he hissed at Pausanias. *"What God of War settles for a stringy old goat?"*

General Pausanias bristled at the reproach. He then lowered his hand, bowed his head and said: *"I'm sorry, Chosen One! I beg your forgiveness. We could not sneak a bull into the stadium – there is, as you know, but one entrance. The goat was hard enough. If it pleases you, however, I shall obtain a bull."*

Gus looked at his two coordinators, dressed in full ceremonial armour, and tried to fathom what they might be thinking. He quickly gave up. *"Look guys, if this is some kind of joke then you've gone too far,"* he finally said, one eye on the goat and the other on the hand that held its bleeding heart. *"I'll forgive you if you clean this up right now and get working on the game plan to crush the Corn Kings!"*

Using the word "crush" seemed to instantly inspire both of them. *"Straight away, My Liege,"* Pausanias snapped, his boot clicking on the shower tiles. *"Consider it done, My Lord!"* Dercylidas added brusquely, his hand extended in the Spartan Salute.

As if this all wasn't already weird enough, it was about to get even weirder in a way that even the mainstream media would be hard-pressed to suppress.

An air of festivity rose from the stands at Thermopylae Stadium. The Spartans were on a bit of a roll, their coach had undergone a life-crisis and had emerged as something of a hero, and the team had a chance to take control of its destiny with a win over the hated Corn Kings. The pre-game ceremony was a little over-aweing for the visitors, with the crowd chanting *'SPART-ANS! SPART-ANS! SPART-ANS!'*; the '300 Spartans' fan club clapping their shields with wooden spears, and the scantily-clad Spartan cheerleaders – *The Nymphettes* – swirling frenetically to the blood-raising 300 Spartans movie soundtrack, *'To Victory.'* It was all building up to the climactic entrance of Coach **Gus Konstantakos** himself, who entered the stadium from the tunnel to the strains of *'Returns a King,'* flanked by his coaching in full Spartans regalia. Gus himself, was dressed modestly in his usual game-day attire, which had the effect of drawing attention to the gleaming bronze "helmet" encasing his head (which effect may or may not have been intended). It prompted a swell of cheering that shook the rafters of Thermopylae Stadium.

'The Spartans better win after all this,' I remember thinking to myself when I settled in to watch the game Sunday night.

As it turned out, the game unfolded like so many have this crazy season, with fortunes shifting dramatically for both teams from one half to the next. Perhaps intimidated by the pre-game ceremony of a magnitude and drama not witnessed since the Spartans' 'Golden Age' of 2010-2011, the home team played stiff for the entire first half and better part of the third quarter. **Philip Rivers** was off-target, **Devonta Freeman** couldn't break tackles, the line struggled to block and there was clearly a limit to how many times fullback, **Kyle Juszczyk** would surprise the Cowtown secondary by sneaking downfield. The Corn Kings looked loose by comparison. **Joe Flacco** was dialed in early, hitting his targets with an accuracy not often seen these days. **Mike Evans** did his part to get the Corn Kings on the board first, breaking a short slant for a 36-yard gain, hauling in an 11-yard pass on 3rd & 5 and finishing off an impressive 90-yard drive with a nice grab in the end zone for a 7-0 1st quarter lead.

Although it was still early, there was a hint of impending disaster in the air in Pickering. Fans had seen this version of **Philip Rivers** before and it usually ended badly for the Spartans. Fortunately, the defence, under a fiercely animated **General Pausanias**, bent some more but did not break again for the remainder of the 1st half. *"Ares is watching you!"* he barked at his squad. *"Spartans, hold!"*

Hopes for a better 2nd half from the fans all but vanished with Cowtown's opening drive of the 3rd quarter. After back-up guard, **Tyler Shatley** was flagged for holding, **Steve Smith** got it back and more with a 68-yard catch-and-run that set the Kings up at the Spartans' 25-yard line. Four plays later, Flacco again found Evans' 6'5" frame half a step ahead of corner, **Tony Lippett** in the end zone for a touchdown to give the visitors a 14-0 lead.

The Spartans countered with a long drive, fueled by a heavy dose of Freeman and a successful trick pass from **Willie Snead** to **Ty Montgomery**, good for 23 yards. It electrified the crowd momentarily, but the balloon of optimism broke when the drive stalled and **Caleb Sturgis** missed the 42-yard field goal attempt. It was appearing to Spartan coaching staff and thousands of fans that the Football Gods were prevailing over the Gods of Ancient Greece on this day. It happened – Greek Gods were notoriously fickle.

"I told you we should have sacrificed a bull!" **Commander Dercylidas** said to **General Pausanias**, his voice tainted with acrimony. *"Ares is punishing us for our insult to his emissary!"*

General Pausanias turned to Coach **Gus Konstantakos**, who stood stoically in his usual spot close to the sideline, his midriff protruding ever so slightly onto the field of play. *"My Liege! Blessed deputy of the Gods. Has Ares abandoned us?"* he asked.

Gus did not respond. He stared across the field at the Corn Kings' sideline, where a relaxed **Joe Flacco** appeared to share a joke with Coach **Jim Coghlin** as he put his helmet on before taking the field at the spot where the Spartans' field goal kicker had missed his mark. With grim intensity he stared at the Cowtown quarterback as he approached the huddle, clapping his hands. Suddenly, Gus' eyes began to glow with a faint blue light. A wave of heat wafted through the air around him. His coaches took a step back in

alarm as he uttered in an otherworldly voice: *'I am Spart-o-man!'*

With those three words his helmet began to crackle with the sound of gathering energy. His eyes turned a deep blue. He lowered his forehead a touch and squared his body in the direction of the Cowtown quarterback. There was a sudden, short burst of blue light accompanied by a barely audible *'zzzpppp!'* The beam came from the holes in the capped "vent" affixed to the front center of his helmet and appeared to strike the Cowtown quarterback directly in the face. It lasted a fraction of a second, but long enough to be visible on video. (This video will certainly be reviewed extensively by experts in wake of Cowtown's post-game protest, but determining exactly what happened and how it occurred may be beyond the league's best science).

Almost immediately the momentum changed. Flacco threw wildly in the direction of **Todd Gurley** to botch a screen pass. Left tackle **Ryan Schraeder** was flagged for holding on a play in which it appeared he did not even contact the defender. Then Flacco misfired on a short slant intended for **Adam Humphries**, rifling it straight into the hands of safety, **TJ McDonald** instead. The interception set up the Spartans inside the Cowtown 30 and in short order they were in the end zone on a **Tom Savage** (in the game for Rivers who had been shaken up on the previous play) 3-yard check down to **Chris Johnson**. When **Tom Savage** throws a touchdown against you, you know you are in for trouble.

From that point on, Cowtown fans would not recognize their quarterback of the first two quarters-and-a-half. Flacco's throws were all over the place. He was intercepted by **Gareon Conley** on the next series, setting up a 42-yard TD pass from Rivers to Snead. He was again picked off on the next possession, this time by safety **Marcus Maye**, who returned it 22 yards for a touchdown. And yes, picked again on the second snap of the ensuing Corn King possession, with corner **Tony Lippett** getting his revenge on **Mike Evans** with a clean snare on a deep hitch. The 18-yard return would set up Sturgis for an easy field goal and, in the space of 8 minutes from the time of the first interception, **Joe Flacco** had thrown 4 picks leading to all of Pickering's 24 points.

The shell-shocked Corn Kings never recovered, although they tried to make a game of it. The Spartans were too fired up to let that happen. The crowd was going berserk. The Spartan coaching staff proclaimed victory in the name of **Ares** well before the final gun. And **Gus Konstantakos**, apparently as surprised as anyone, bounced around on the sideline like a kid at Christmas. The defence snuffed out two developing Cowtown drives before they drew blood and the offence ran out the clock for a 24-14 victory.

The media ran with the "feel-good" story of Gus' triumphant return to the Spartan sideline, which was a compelling take. The noise of it drowned out the bitter protests of the Corn Kings and their media allies. Something very strange had happened, they claimed, and the league needed to investigate. This was portrayed by some as sour grapes.

"As if Joe Flacco hasn't thrown dumb interceptions before!" Cowan Bullherd hissed sarcastically the next day on *Morning Bull*. *"Ooooh, it's got to be that mind-control laser beam that did it to poor old Joe! Yeah, right! Move on Cowtown fans. You're fitting right in with the alien abduction crowd!"*

But video stills popping up on YouTube clearly show *something* emanating from **Gus Konstantakos'** helmet and that something appearing to contact the Cowtown quarterback immediately prior to his epic meltdown. I am sure we have not heard the end of this story.

AROUND THE EFL

At The Fiery Depths in Mohave, Hellfire fans (such as there are these days) were unusually lively in anticipation of their team's Week 13 contest against Virden. It had been too long, longer than most could remember, since the Hellfire had played a meaningful game this late into the season. But a wildcard spot was within grasp if they could pull off a win. The Violators, for their part, were also in an unusual position – leading their division with their destiny in their hands. These two teams, unused to pressure, put on a pretty good show, despite Mohave's loss of **Andrew Luck** – again – for a portion of the game. In the end, the outcome boiled down to **Ezekiel Elliott** running for 160 yards and 2 touchdowns, including a 53-yard scoring burst, to put the Hellfire into a 23-7 hole from which they could not extricate themselves. They came oh so close, however, bouncing back to within 2 points with 4:02 remaining. But a couple of clutch throws from **David Carr** set up a late FG to make it a 26-21 final in favour of Virden.

The strange roller-coaster of a season continued for the Triumph as they scraped out a 10-7 victory over the Hawks to keep their playoff hopes alive. With Brooklin's receiving corps short-staffed due to injuries, it was a simple matter of the Triumph clamping down on superstar **DeAndre Hopkins**. He was given what is now referred to as the *'Odell Beckham treatment'* – virtually constant double-coverage – and it shut down the Brooklin offence. **Alex Smith** finished just 9 of 24 for 63 yards and 1 pick in his worst outing of the year by far. Brooklin is in a mini-tailspin, having lost two-in-a-row, and now Smith has been declared injured for Week 14.

At The Big House in Chino, the Convicts drew back into the thick of the playoff hunt with a surprisingly painless 20-7 subdual of the LA Knights. **Dak Prescott** and **AJ Green** got it going, hooking up for 10 catches, 133 yards and a dazzling 31-yard TD pass to lead the offence. **Andy Dalton** improved on his 5-interception performance of Week 12, throwing just one in this game. But clearly the memory of last week's catastrophe remained in his mind. He also gave up a fumble on a sack by **Robert Mathis** that was scooped up by **TJ Ward** for a touchdown and generally stunk up field with bad passes.

And finally, the amazing Bruxelles Bombers put an early lock on the East Division with a not-so-amazing, but nevertheless effective, 13-0 smothering of the Cadillac. This was one of uglier games of Week 13. The teams combined for 22 penalties (11 each) and could manage just five 3rd down conversions (1 for Erieau and 4 for Bruxelles) in 27 combined attempts. The one highlight reel play was a nice one, however. On 3rd & 7, **Marcus Mariota** dropped back, side-stepped a charging **Myles Garrett** and slung a dart through the upraised arms of **Trey Flowers** to **Terrelle Pryor Sr.**, who scampered 21-yard for the game's only touchdown.

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Jimmy's WEEK FOURTEEN PICKS

GAMES TO WATCH

BROOKLIN @ ST. CHARLES (line – HAWKS by 4)

INJURIES: **Brooklin** – Charles Johnson (PROBABLE), Randall Cobb (OUT), Rob Gronkowski (OUT), Alshon Jeffery (OUT), Quintin Damps (OUT), Randall Cobb (OUT), Alex Smith (OUT), Manti Te'o (IR); **St. Charles** – Jordan Jenkins (PROBABLE), Shaquill Griffin (DOUBTFUL).

While a loss for the Chargers here would not necessarily spell their doom, they would need help to stay alive and, if so, hope for a favourable match-up at 7-9 to slip into the final wild card berth. Not ruling out that scenario with the pack of mediocrity in the running with them, but highly unlikely. So, in terms of keeping the odds real, this is a must-win for John Clingan's crew. The Hawks cannot catch the Bombers but a wild card berth is in the cards if they can take care of business against teams like the Chargers. Unfortunately, the Chargers are a different team at home and Hawks' team leader, Alex Smith, is ruled 'out' for this game. Veteran, Shaun Hill will call the signals, but will be missing three important targets in the passing game. Can DeAndre Hopkins do it all himself in the air phase? With the right QB, perhaps; but Hill will likely check down rather than risk throwing into almost certain double-coverage and there are no good receiving options at running back. The Chargers are healthy by comparison

and playing for their survival. If they are going to get 'er done, this is their chance to do it. **PICK: ST. CHARLES**

VIRDEN @ COWTOWN (line – VIOLATORS by 2)

INJURIES: Virden – Jared Cook (OUT), Dexter McCluster (OUT), Caraun Reid (OUT), Chance Warmack (OUT); **Cowtown** – Derrick Carrier (OUT), Aaron Colvin (OUT), Cre'von LeBlanc (OUT), Benson Mayowa (OUT), Patrick Onameh (OUT), Julius Thomas (OUT).

Virden can clinch the Central Division with a win while the Corn Kings can sneak back into a wild card spot with a win and a Durham or Pickering loss. The Atlantic wild card race is essentially down to those three teams, although a resurgent Sebastian refuses to go away quietly and could catch up. The bottom line for Cowtown is that they cannot afford to have Joe Flacco throw another 4 interceptions, as he did last week, if they hope to make the post-season. The Violators are riding Ezekiel Elliott like a rented mule and getting the most out of him so far, but concerns that he is wearing down have been voiced by local media. I have seen no evidence of fatigue yet, and I expect we will get ample opportunity to evaluate his energy levels this week. Derek Carr will take his shots, but won't want to fling the ball deep under pressure against the second-ranked intercepting defence in the league. Injuries are not a major factor for either team, but Cowtown would feel better if they had their nickel and dime corners available in case the Virden game plan goes airborne. This one is a tough call. Go with the desperate home team. **PICK: COWTOWN**

DURHAM @ TWIN CITIES (line – Pick'Em)

INJURIES: Durham – Geno Smith (QUESTIONABLE); Brian Cushing (DOUBTFUL), Terron Armstead (OUT), Eric Decker (OUT), Eddie Goldman (OUT), Austin Hooper (OUT), Eric Rowe (OUT); **Twin Cities** – Charles Clay (PROBABLE), Phillip Gaines (PROBABLE), Joel Bitonio (DOUBTFUL), Byron Maxwell (DOUBTFUL), Brendel (OUT), Doug Martin (OUT).

This is a fitting line for two of the most unpredictable teams in the league this year. Even Vegas cannot decide which way this will go or even how it will get there. The Triumph need this one more. They are looking forward to the probable return of Charles Clay and are confident that Melvin Gordon is fully recovered from a knee sprain suffered in Week 9. The Thunder Lizards are slowly on the mend and get two important pieces of their offence back this week: Kevin White, a dangerous complement to TY Hilton when he was on the field; and Theo Riddick, a lurking duo-weapon threat out of the backfield. Both defences are in decent shape, although Triumph corner Byron Maxwell is listed as 'doubtful,' as is Lizards linebacker Brian Cushing. This last could pose a problem for Durham as back-up BJ Goodson is no more than a special teamer. Both defences have playmakers capable of turning games around, but expect this game to turn on which of these error-prone, but sometimes inspired QBs, screws up the least. **PICK: DURHAM**

PICKERING @ LOS ANGELES (line – SPARTANS by 1)

INJURIES: Pickering – Tyvon Branch (PROBABLE), Xavien Howard (OUT), Jacquizz Rodgers (OUT). **Los Angeles** – Maurice Alexander (OUT), Robert Quinn (OUT);

Andy Dalton's meltdown in Week 12 seemed to impact last week's conservative and tentatively-executed 7-point performance against Chino. The Knights are suddenly in trouble after putting together a six-game win streak that had them threatening the Cubs at one point. This is a chance to regain their footing against a team that has wobbled serendipitously into a wildcard spot. The flagging Spartans were revived last week by their opponent's sudden self-immolation in the second half of a game that had looked lost. With Dalton pitching for the Knights, a similar scenario is possible here and it may be the one they need in order to prevail. Philip Rivers has done little to inspire confidence lately and cannot be counted on to regain his better form against the 'Blue Shield.' With the passing game in a funk, Devonta Freeman is not running as freely as he was early in the season. The Spartans are favoured, likely due to hysteria over Dalton's 11 picks in the past 5 games. Remember: Rivers is just as capable. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

GAMES OF NOTE

MOHAVE @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 9)

INJURIES: Mohave – Daryl Williams (PROBABLE), Vladimir Ducasse (DOUBTFUL), Kendall Reyes (OUT), Robert Woods (OUT); **Bruxelles** – Josh Kline (PROBABLE), Jack Mewhort (DOUBTFUL), Donte Moncrief (DOUBTFUL), Cory Harkey (OUT), Matt Kalil (OUT), Jason Verrett (OUT).

The Bombers have already clinched the East Division but still covet the no.1 seed and the resultant home field advantage throughout the playoffs. Don't expect a let-up here from the coaching staff against division rival Mohave, but whether the players will retain the burning need to prove themselves after locking-up a playoff spot remains to be seen. The Hellfire have truly gutted it out the past few weeks, winning two of three with back-up QB, Connor Cook seeing far more action than fans would like. But it seems that Andrew Luck is fully healthy, at least for now, and ready to test a Bruxelles secondary that is surrendering plenty of yards between the twenties before tightening up in the red zone. Jay Ajayi remains a force in the running game, but Telvin Coleman is showing a nose

for the end zone, meaning double-barrel trouble for the Bombers inside the 20 if Luck can get them there. The fuse was damp for the explosive Bomber attack last week with Leonard Fournette out. But he is back and with him the fireworks. **PICK: BRUXELLES**

SCARBOROUGH @ CHARLESWOOD (line – BLUE EAGLES by 2)

INJURIES: **Scarborough** – Charles Sims (PROBABLE), Solomon Thomas (PROBABLE), La’el Collins (OUT), Cordy Glenn (OUT), Derrick Morgan (OUT); **Charleswood** – Aqib Talib (PROBABLE), Leon Hall (OUT), Leonard Johnson (OUT), Vance McDonald (OUT), Harlan Miller (OUT).

The Blue Eagles staunched the bleeding with a much-needed win over the humble Wrecking Balls last week. Aaron Rodgers looked sober in that contest, steadied by New Jersey’s focus on Jordan Howard. The Pats’ secondary will be a tougher nut to crack, however, provided Aqib Talib returns to action as expected. If not, lack of depth, with four bodies unavailable, could be a game-changer if Scarborough becomes in dire need of offence. But with DeShaun Watson matched against the scary Scarborough secondary the game is unlikely to turn into a shootout. Expect to see a trio or more of Pats’ running backs in action, fed into the meat grinder at the line of scrimmage to chew up turf and time off the clock. The slender line is due to an anticipated low-scoring affair. Expect a couple of scoring drives and a pick-six to seal this one for Scarborough....and take the “under.” **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

YORK @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 9)

INJURIES: **York** – Paul Richardson (DOUBTFUL), Tyson Alualu (OUT), Danny Amendola (OUT), Josh Doctson (OUT), Denzelle Good (OUT), William Hayes (OUT), Quinton Patton (OUT), Mike Williams (OUT); **Iowa City** – None.

York is still in the race, but considering their 5 victories have come against teams with a combined .200 winning percentage, it is obvious that they are pretenders rather than contenders. They have enough stars to beat the dregs of the league, but not enough depth to handle the mid to upper tier teams. On the road, against the first place Cubs, a win looks unlikely, especially taking into account the slew of injuries to the receiving corps. Thin to begin with, it is decimated heading into Week 14, with Kelvin Benjamin virtually alone on an island. However, with the Cubs seemingly going through the motions from week-to-week and either unwilling, or unable, to put opponents away with the force of a front-runner, the Swords could hang around long enough to easily finish within the very generous spread. Tom Brady can expect little pressure, which will give him time to find...somebody; and the Cubs have proven vulnerable enough to the ground game that Derrick Henry and Eddie Lacy could find traction. Will probably be boring. **PICK: YORK**

HOLIDAY LEFTOVERS

ERIEAU @ SEBASTIAN (line – SWORDFISH by 7)

INJURIES: **Erieau** – Deshawn Shead (PROBABLE), Daniel Kilgore (DOUBTFUL), King Dunlap (OUT); **Sebastian** – Kenneth Dixon (OUT), Clive Walford (OUT), Delvin Breaux (IR), Shariff Floyd (IR).

Erieau is out, but the Swordfish are still alive and can gain a measure of control over their fate with a win here. While not a meaningless game, it is still one that most people will avoid. The Cadillac are running on fumes and few serious analysts believe in the ultimate viability of the Swordfish with Jameis Winston at quarterback. A daring coaching style that can knock an opponent off balance as often as it puts the defence in a bad position has worked overall for the Fish, but against good teams it has proven to be a losing strategy. Luckily, the Cadillac do not fall into that category. Erieau’s front seven will create some anxious moments in the pocket for Sebastian’s hyper QB, but the corners will be hard-pressed to keep pace with studs, Odell Beckham Jr and Doug Baldwin. Expect Winston to keep flinging the ball in their general direction in the hope they will make some plays. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

CHINO @ NEW JERSEY (line – CONVICTS by 6)

INJURIES: **Chino** – Terrell McClain (DOUBTFUL), Vernon Butler (OUT), Leodis McKelvin (OUT); **New Jersey** – Derrick Johnson (PROBABLE), James Bradberry (OUT).

Like the game above, this contest has playoff implications for one of the combatants and probably shouldn’t be a “leftover.” But so strong is the stench of death rising from the carcass of the Wrecking Balls that most fans will give the game a pass and assume the worst for the home team. Of course, there is some entertainment value as well as an historian’s curiosity in learning, after the fact, how New Jersey let another one get away. But watching their debacles in real time is simply too sad for any fan with a spark of empathy and humanity. Go ahead and mark this as loss for New Jersey but hold off throwing your money down on the Convicts until certain that the dead body won’t have one of those sudden Hollywood zombie resurrection moments that puts a scare into everybody just when the movie appears to be ending. The Balls are at home, where they have their single win, and they have a, sometimes, respectable defence. Okay, that’s it for plusses. On the negative side, they have an uninspiring quarterback, a dog-tired running back, and a lazy ‘prima dona’ at wide receiver. Conversely, the Convicts have a real quarterback and a team of options. **PICK: CHINO**

SEATTLE @ BUDAPEST (line – NORTH STARS by 14)

INJURIES: **Seattle** – Dakota Dozier (PROBABLE), Kareem Jackson (QUESTIONABLE), Derek Newton (QUESTIONABLE), Josh Huff (OUT), Allen Hurns (OUT), Luke Joeckel (OUT), DJ White (OUT), Scooby Wright III (IR). **Budapest** – Orlando Scandrick (QUESTIONABLE), Stefon Diggs (OUT), Bennie Logan (OUT), Ryan Ramczyk (OUT).

It is a 12½-hour flight from Seattle to Budapest and, sadly, likely to be the most enjoyable part of this week's trip to Europe for the Pilots. Obscured by their league-worst record is the fact that Seattle has been showing up and making things difficult for their opponents the past four weeks. One has to admire their gumption. But the North Stars are not only in a difference league from the Pilots; they're in another continent. One shudders to think of what a jet-lagged Eli Manning will do with one of his playmakers (and I use that term loosely) at WR injured and the other showing signs of fatigue. The Seattle defence will have to make a stand if they hope to keep the score respectable. The talk is Tyrod Taylor might start; but don't buy it – the Stars can clinch. **PICK: BUDAPEST**

AURORA @ GEORGIA (line – MUSTANGS by 11)

INJURIES: **Aurora** – JJ Watt (PROBABLE); **Georgia** – Reuben Foster (PROBABLE), Mike Iupati (QUESTIONABLE), Jimmy Smith (QUESTIONABLE), Darius Butler (OUT), DJ Hayden (OUT), Maurkice Pouncey (OUT), Nick Vannett (OUT).

I never gave Georgia much of a shot to win the division, but I did think they might put a scare into the Mustangs at some point in the season. That has not happened; the Mustangs had the South clinched in Week 11 and the Glads appear lucky to have won five games. By some divine grace they are still in the hunt for a wildcard and can stay alive with a win here. Big Ben is healthy again and reportedly feeling much better about his crap season now that his back-ups have sufficiently horrified the fan base enough to have them clamouring for his return. Will this be “the moment?” It would not be surprising if the Glads' occasional superstar picked up his game at the last moment and, in the process, killed Aurora's perfect season bid. He is that kind of d*ckhead. **PICK: GEORGIA**

SOUTH CAROLINA @ TORONTO (line – REGULATORS by 1)

INJURIES: **South Carolina** – Ameer Abdullah (OUT), Keenan Allen (OUT), Cameron Brate (OUT), Shea McClellin (OUT), Sterling Moore (OUT); **Toronto** – Tim Williams (DOUBTFUL), Ibraheim Campbell (OUT), Su'a Cravens (OUT), Corey Linsley (OUT), John Simon (OUT), Ryan Tannehill (OUT), Trent Cole (IR)

The Regulators are teetering on the edge of elimination and will suffer that fate if they lose here or two of the three front-runners for the wildcard win this week. The Wolverines hope to give them that little push off the ledge, for no other reason than the modest satisfaction of feeling that they achieved ‘something’ and have a purpose. Knocking the Regulators out of the playoffs in 2017 is not a banner-worthy achievement, however. It's kind of like putting that final bullet through the brain of a suffering animal – if it could speak it might just thank you for it. Looking at it with a mind to the future, neither team has a burning interest in winning this game – it could only hurt draft position. But the Wolverines promised their fans progress this year and the Regs have to put on a show of trying to make the playoffs, however unlikely the prospect. So, expect these teams to go at it like a couple of rabid hamsters. Toronto looked dangerous for more than a half against Aurora last week. Did they shoot their bolt doing it? **PICK: SOUTH CAROLINA**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – In Week Thirteen of the 2011 EFL Season, the Durham Thunder Lizards faced elimination against the “powerful” Blue Eagles. Scarborough was still being billed as the most potent force in the league, despite trailing Gwinnett in their own division. The Eagles' misfortunes continued to snowball with a 34-23 loss to a spirited Durham squad “led” by **Tim Tebow**. The cult figure only attempted 2 passes and rushed just 3 times, but since he had scored on a 14-yard run he had led the Lizards to the win. **Philip Rivers'** 3 TD passes were a mere footnote in the game.

The Death Valley Undertakers made it 3 wins in a

row with a 26-20 whipping of the Patriots. Although the score suggested a close contest, this was far from the reality for most of the game. Death Valley had a 23-0 lead heading into the 4th quarter before **Peyton Manning** suddenly woke up and started passing, seemingly at will. A recovered inside kick helped and next thing the ‘takers knew they were clinging to a 3-point lead, 23-20. But a time-consuming drive assisted by the fresh legs of rookie **DeMarco Murray** burned off most of the clock and added an insurance FG. Hyper-hyped linebacker, **Clay Matthews**, the media darling for Defensive MVP on the worst defensive team in the league, had 1 tackle in the contest that was explained by apologists as due to the Pats avoiding him.

The most exciting game of the week meant zilch in the standings. The 2-11 Mohave Hellfire bumped off the 4-9 Iowa City Cubs, 23-22 on a 54-yard **Rob Bironas** FG with just 0:42 left in the 4th quarter. The lead changed hands 6 times and had the fans at the half empty Joe Ferguson Stadium on the edge of their seats.

Individuals recognized in Week 13 were **Frank Gore** of the Regulators, 188 total yards and 3 TDs versus Markham; and **Robert Mathis** of Gwinnett, with 2 sacks and 1 stuff.