

2018



WEEK

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EFL

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

In our 11th season and still going strong!

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EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



NEVER SURRENDER!



Philip Rivers

It has been a tough season for the Spartans given their high pre-season hopes, but nobody in Pickering is surrendering yet. **Philip Rivers** celebrates after completing a 14-yard TD pass to **Demaryius Thomas** to finish off a dramatic and crucial 31-28 win over division rival Brooklin. Rivers' big-time throw turned back the tide of a furious comeback that witnessed the Hawks score 21 4th quarter points to take the lead for the first time in the game with 2 minutes left. The Spartans' win and Brooklin loss tightens up a very close race in the Coastal Division.

In other critical EFL action the Wolverines lost to Cowtown and Aurora defeated the Aaron Rodgers-led Blue Eagles to create a deadlock at the top of the South Division; while Virden and Twin Cities both won to stay tied at the top of the Central Division. (See all game recaps and Spats McChad's analysis inside)



*Who was slick
in Week Ten?*

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



Josh Rosen
QB
Buffalo
Derailers

25 of 37, 376 yds, 4 TDs, 1 INT.
Breakout game in win over Seattle.



Cameron Jordan
DE
Budapest
North Stars

7 Tkles 2 Sacks, 1 STF, 1 PD, 1 FF.
Notched rare game-winning safety.

OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

2nd & 1, 10:06 OT: **Royce Freeman** (TCT) off right tackle breaks 2 tackles in 48-yard TD run to beat Patriots in OT.

GAME CENTER 2018 Week Ten

By Chris Sherman



DEFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

2nd & 7, OWN 37, 2nd Qtr. **Minkah Fitzpatrick** (BUD) picks off **Tom Brady** (YOR) for 44-yard INT return for TD in 9-7 win.

	20	Durham RB, Carlos Hyde scored first on a 4 th down, 2-yard TD catch and scored last on a 2-yard TD run with 2:00 left in the 4 th . But in-between those scores the Crusaders controlled the play. Joe Haden's interception of Josh Allen at the Durham 27 led to a 27-yard TD pass to Devin Funchess to tie the game then Luke Kuechly's endzone interception set up an 80-yard TD drive and 9-yard Chris Ivory TD run to give Cincinnati the 14-7 half time lead. An Allen fumble in the 3 rd set up the first of 2 Blair Walsh FGs, while the Cincy defence sacked Allen 8 times and shut down the Durham passing attack to hold on to the lead.
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	34	Sam Bradford was the surprise starter at QB for St. Charles. He led the Chargers 90 yards in 16 plays on the opening drive to take the lead on a 4-yard TD run by Frank Gore. After a three-and-out for Chino, the Chargers assembled another long drive – 79 yards in 15 plays – and converted on a 15-yard TD pass to Roger Lewis for a 14-0 half time lead. The Convicts could do nothing with the opening series of the 2 nd half and fell further behind when Travis Benjamin returned the ensuing punt 76 yards for a TD. Marcus Williams' pick of Dak Prescott led to a St. Charles FG late in the 3 rd and an insurmountable 24-0 lead.
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	20	Both offences were shutout until 15 seconds before half time when Blake Bortles threw a hitch to Alvin Kamara that the RB broke for a 34-yard TD catch to make it 7-0 Charleswood. Carson Palmer tied it on the 1 st series of 2 nd half with a 20-yard TD pass to Antonio Brown then took the lead on a 7-yard TD pass to Brown to start the 4 th quarter. The Pats tied the game with 0:15 left on a 5-yard TD pass to Mohamed Sanu to send the game to OT. The Pats got the ball first but a 3 rd down Jurrell Casey sack of Bortles forced a punt, setting up a sudden Triumph victory when Royce Freeman ran off tackle for a 48-yard TD.
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	17	Aaron Rodgers celebrated his return with a 3-yard TD pass to Brandon LaFell to open the scoring. Meanwhile, the Scarborough D fended off two 4 th down attempts by Aurora in their territory to hold the Mustangs to 0 points in the 1 st half. After a Mason Crosby FG made it 10-0 Aurora charged back with 17 straight points, accelerated by a successful onside kick that set up a 9-yard TD pass to Kyle Rudolph for the go-ahead score. Jordan Howard tied the game at 17 with a 23-yard TD run at the 2:07 mark of the 4 th . With time running out, a 17-yard pass to Tyrell Williams set up Wil Lutz for the 46-yard game winning FG.
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	31	Philip Rivers threw for 363 yards and 3 TDs, including a 14-yard cross to Demaryius Thomas for the game-winning TD with 0:18 left, to lead the Spartans to a much-needed divisional victory. Devonta Freeman scored on a 23-yard dump-off and a 11-yard run to spur Pickering to a 17-0 halftime lead. A different Hawks offence came to play in the 2 nd half. Alex Smith threw a pair of TD passes, including a 65-yarder to DeAndre Hopkins, and Janoris Jenkins returned an interception 55 yards for a TD for 21 4 th quarter points and a 28-24 lead. But Rivers executed a perfect 11-play two-minute drill to set-up the pivotal pass.
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	6	Ezekiel Elliott was injured on the first play from scrimmage and his loss slowed down the Virdean offence. Punts and missed FGs kept this one scoreless until Virdean gained a slight upper hand with a 46-yard bomb from Derek Carr to Juju Smith-Schuster setting up a 32-yard Zane Gonzalez for the only points of the half. Erieau jumped out on front, 6-3 on a 25-yard TD pass from Matt Stafford to Jordy Nelson but Gonzalez tied it late in the 3 rd on a 47-yrd FG. Another completed bomb by Carr, this time going for 51-yards to Eric Ebron, set up a 17-yard TD pass to AJ Green in the 4 th , which proved to be the game-winner.
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	7	The Knights' 'Blue Shield' rebuffed Jared Goff and the Wrecking Balls, picking him off 3 times and limiting LeSean McCoy to 1.8 yards-per-carry, to take a leading role in LA's third victory of the season. Andy Dalton started at QB for the Knights and threw a 2 nd quarter TD pass to Brandin Cooks to give his team a 10-7 halftime lead. But after consecutive 3 rd quarter turnovers, Josh McCown came on and tossed a 7-yard TD pass to DeVonte Parker late in the 3 rd to increase the LA lead to 17-7. A missed FG by Chris Boswell and a Kenny Vaccaro interception at mid-field helped keep NJ off the scoreboard in the 2 nd half.
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	28	In a game where both teams struggled to gain traction in the run game, Drew Brees out-dueled Ben Roethlisberger 4 TDs to 3 in a back-and-forth contest. The punters were busy in the 1 st half but the QBs did trade a TD pass each and Giorgio Tavecchio made a 34-yard FG to give the Glads the 10-7 halftime edge. Brees came fast out of the gate in the 3 rd with 4 straight passes leading to the first of 2 TD catches for Jermaine Kearse. Big Ben countered with a TD pass to Jarvis Landry, but two more Brees TDs gave Sebastian a 28-17 lead with 4:19 left. The Glads got one TD back but could not recover the onside kick.
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	7	Tom Brady capped a 75-yard opening drive with a 17-yard check down to Zach Ertz for a TD and a 7-0 York lead. That would turn out to be all of the scoring by either offence on the day. The teams combined for six consecutive punts before a missed FG attempt by Kai Forbath late in the 2 nd broke the string. North Stars' safety, Minkah Fitzpatrick took matters into his own hands with a 44-yard pick six to even the score at 7 heading into halftime. The 2 nd half saw a battle for field position gradually tilt in favour of Budapest. Starting at his own 4, Brady was sacked in the end zone by Cameron Jordan for the game-winning safety.
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	6	Todd Gurley scored twice in the 1 st quarter – on an 8-yard catch in the end zone and a 48-yard off tackle run – to get the shocking rout started. Toronto couldn't move the ball on offence and couldn't stop the Corn King's offence. LeGarrette Blount scored on a 4-yard trap run and Joe Flacco capped a 13-play, 77-yard drive with a 7-yard TD pass to Larry Fitzgerald to end the half with a 28-0 lead. Dwayne Harris fumbled away the opening kickoff of the 2 nd half to set up Gurley's second rushing TD to make it 35-0. Matt Moore came in and drove Toronto to their only TD of the game but also gave up a pick-six to Aqib Talib.
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	27	After the Bombers took a 10-3 lead off of two Russell Wilson interceptions, the Cubs strung together 24 straight points. Starting with a 56-yard Justin Tucker FG as time expired in the 1 st half and finishing with a 93-yard punt return by Trevor Davis early in the 4 th quarter, the Cubs' scoring streak was fueled by the rushing of Bilal Powell, who finished with 110 all-purpose yards and a TD to earn the Game MVP honours. Wilson, despite 3 picks on the day, made plays with his legs, rushing for 72 yards on 5 carries. Marcus Mariota struggled against the Cubs' secondary, finishing 19 of 41 for 198 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT.
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	30	Rookie QB, Josh Rosen threw for 376 yards and 4 TD passes to 4 different receivers to lead the Derailers to victory over Seattle in a battle of last place teams. His opponent, Eli Manning had a good day as well, throwing for 299 yards and 3 TD passes; but his red zone interception late in the 1 st quarter handed Buffalo an extra possession in a hot back-and-forth 1 st half battle that ended with the Derailers holding a 20-14 edge after 30 minutes. Both offences died down in the 2 nd half, exchanging FGs before Buffalo gained the decisive upper hand with a WR screen to Julio Jones for an 11-yard TD in the 4 th .
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CRUSADERS



20

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 16 of 31, 202 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Peyton Barber, 9C, 70yds, (7.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Devin Funchess, 6 for 81yds, 27LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Shaq Lawson, 6 T, 3 SK, 1 STF
KICKING: Blair Walsh, 2 of 2 XP, 2 of 2 FG, 8 Pts

THUNDER LIZARDS



14

PASSING: Josh Allen, 9 of 25, 101 yds, 1 TD, 3 INT
RUSHING: Carlos Hyde, 19C, 98yds, (5.2), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Theo Riddick, 2 for 18yds, 12LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Tyrann Mathieu, 10 T
KICKING: Phil Dawson, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 2 Pts

Jurassic Park Temp: 84 Wind: Calm

MVP: Lawson

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Cincinnati (3-7)	7	7	3	3	20
Durham (3-7)	7	0	0	7	14

Scoring Summary

1 6:55 Durham	TD Allen 2 pass to Hyde (Dawson) (6-35-1:56)	0-7
1 2:42 Cincinnati	TD Cousins 27 pass to Funchess (Walsh,B) (3-27-0:26)	7-7
2 11:08 Cincinnati	TD Ivory 9 run (Walsh,B) (13-80-5:21)	14-7
3 5:16 Cincinnati	FG Walsh 20 (9-34-4:25)	17-7
4 11:38 Cincinnati	FG Walsh 22 (11-62-7:34)	20-7
4 2:00 Durham	TD Hyde 2 run (Dawson) (16-65-6:15)	20-14

	CIN	DTL
First Downs	17	17
Rushes	31-166	28-149
Passes	16-31-202	9-25-101
Sacked	2-13	8-54
Fumble	1	2
Penalties	9-105	7-39
Turnovers	2	4
Missed Tackles	4	5
Dropped Passes	1	2
Bad Passes	4	4
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	4	5
Blitzers	1	11
Time	33:17	26:43
Third Down	4-13	3-12
Fourth Down	1-1	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/2	3/2/0
Net Offense	355	196

CHARGERS



34

PASSING: Sam Bradford, 14 of 17, 120 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Frank Gore, 12C, 41yds, (3.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Rogers Lewis, 4 for 37 yds, 15LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Demario Davis, 10 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 4 of 4 XP, 2 of 2 FG, 10 Pts

CONVICTS



8

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 20 of 29, 132 yds, 0 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Mark Ingram, 18C, 51yds, (2.8), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Christian McCaffrey, 7 for 23yds, 7LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Craig Robertson, 11 T, 2 STF
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 0 of 0 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 0 Pts

The Big House Temp: 73 Wind: 5-15

MVP: Leonard

	1	2	3	4	Tot
St. Charles (8-2)	7	7	10	10	34
Chino (6-4)	0	0	0	8	8

Scoring Summary

1 7:18 St. Charles	TD Gore 2 run (Hauschka) (16-90-7:35)	7-0
2 13:33 St. Charles	TD Bradford 15 pass to Lewis (Hauschka) (15-79-7:44)	14-0
3 13:56 St. Charles	TD Benjamin 76 punt return (Hauschka)	21-0
3 2:37 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 37 (14-44-7:22)	24-0
4 12:17 Chino	TD Ingram 8 run (2 - Ingram) (12-73-5:14)	24-8
4 6:07 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 45 (4--8-2:01)	27-8
4 4:43 St. Charles	TD Leonard 30 yd fumble recovery (Hauschka)	34-8

	STC	CHI
First Downs	15	14
Rushes	37-116	29-75
Passes	16-19-145	20-29-132
Sacked	2-13	2-12
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	7-65	5-43
Turnovers	0	3
Missed Tackles	2	6
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	1	1
Passes 25+	0	0
Runs 10+	1	2
Blitzers	10	6
Time	31:47	28:13
Third Down	7-15	2-12
Fourth Down	2-3	4-5
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/2	1/1/0
Net Offense	248	195

TRIUMPH



20

PASSING: Carson Palmer, 15 of 26, 177 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Royce Freeman, 14C, 114yds, (8.1), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Antonio Brown, 7 for 77yds, 20LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Jurrell Casey, 7 T, 2 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Dustin Hopkins, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 2 Pts

PATRIOTS



14

PASSING: Blake Bortles, 22 of 36, 242 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Blake Bortles, 4C, 41yds, (10.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Mohamed Sanu, 8 for 85yds, 23LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Jerome Baker, 9 T
KICKING: Ryan Succop, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 2 Pts

Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: None

MVP: Freeman


	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
Twin Cities (6-4)	0	0	7	7	6	20
Charleswood (4-6)	0	7	0	7	0	14

Scoring Summary

2 0:03 Charleswood	TD Bortles 34 pass to Kamara (Succop) (8-87-1:50)	0-7
3 11:49 Twin Cities	TD Palmer 20 pass to Brown (Hopkins,D) (6-53-3:06)	7-7
4 12:35 Twin Cities	TD Palmer 7 pass to Brown (Hopkins,D) (5-48-2:38)	14-7
4 0:19 Charleswood	TD Bortles 5 pass to Sanu (Succop) (11-87-5:45)	14-14
5 10:06 Twin Cities	TD Freeman 48 run	20-14

	TCT	CHP
First Downs	20	21
Rushes	35-221	27-110
Passes	15-26-177	22-36-242
Sacked	4-29	2-14
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	3-15	9-64
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	7	11
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	4	3
Passes 25+	1	1
Runs 10+	4	3
Blitzers	6	4
Time	34:58	29:56
Third Down	6-14	5-13
Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	1/1/0
Net Offense	369	338

BLUE EAGLES



17

PASSING: Aaron Rodgers, 18 of 34, 171 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jordan Howard, 21C, 117yds, (5.6), 1 TD
RECEIVNG: Brandon LaFell, 5 for 71yds, 35LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Deion Jones, 14 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 2 of 2 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 5 Pts

MUSTANGS



20

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 29 of 48, 319 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Kenyan Drake, 11C, 66yds, (6.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Danny Woodhead, 12 for 125yds, 19LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Preston Brown, 7 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Wil Lutz, 2 of 2 XP, 2 of 3 FG, 8 Pts

Magna Park	Temp: 7	Wind: None	MVP: Ryan			
		1	2	3	4	Tot
Scarborough (1-9)		7	0	3	7	17
Aurora (7-3)		0	0	14	6	20
Scoring Summary						
1 2:10	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 3 pass to LaFell (Crosby) (9-64-6:00)	7-0			
3 11:42	Scarborough	FG Crosby 39 (7-50-3:06)	10-0			
3 9:11	Aurora	TD Ryan 11 pass to Woodhead (Lutz) (7-60-2:31)	10-7			
3 5:45	Aurora	TD Ryan 9 pass to Rudolph (Lutz) (5-54-3:18)	10-14			
4 7:55	Aurora	FG Lutz 33 (12-64-5:19)	10-17			
4 2:07	Scarborough	TD Howard 22 run (Crosby) (7-59-1:54)	17-17			
4 0:19	Aurora	FG Lutz 46 (8-47-1:44)	17-20			

	SBE	AUR
First Downs	20	26
Rushes	27-154	19-98
Passes	18-34-171	29-48-319
Sacked	1-6	5-43
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	8-54	6-27
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	5	10
Dropped Passes	1	3
Bad Passes	3	1
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	5	4
Blitzers	30	7
Time	29:26	30:34
Third Down	5-12	6-14
Fourth Down	1-2	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/1	4/2/1
Net Offense	319	374

SPARTANS



31

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 25 of 48, 363 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Devonta Freeman, 14C, 68yds, (4.9), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Golden Tate 6 for 126yds, 45LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Xavien Howard, 10 T, 2 PD
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 4 of 4 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 7 Pts

HAWKS



28

PASSING: Alex Smith, 27 of 38, 291 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Matt Breida, 6C, 49yds, (8.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DeAndre Hopkins, 11 for 165yds, 65LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Devon House, 8 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Cody Parkey, 4 of 4 XP, 0 of 1 FG, 4 Pts

Optimist Park	Temp: 52	Wind: Calm	MVP: Rivers		
	1	2	3	4	Tot
Pickering (5-5)	10	7	0	14	31
Brooklin (6-4)	0	0	7	21	28
Scoring Summary					
1 10:48	Pickering	FG Zuerlein 28 (12-69-4:02)	3-0		
1 2:38	Pickering	TD Rivers 16 pass to Freeman (Zuerlein) (9-64-3:30)	10-0		
2 0:31	Pickering	TD Freeman 11 run (Zuerlein) (5-67-1:22)	17-0		
3 9:44	Brooklin	TD Stewart 7 run (Parkey) (8-75-5:16)	17-7		
4 12:50	Pickering	TD Rivers 15 pass to Tate (Zuerlein) (12-80-5:04)	24-7		
4 12:29	Brooklin	TD Smith 65 pass to Hopkins (Parkey) (2-75-0:21)	24-14		
4 9:03	Brooklin	TD Jenkins 55 interception return (Parkey)	24-21		
4 2:02	Brooklin	TD Smith 9 pass to Hopkins (Parkey) (10-59-4:03)	24-28		
4 0:18	Pickering	TD Rivers 14 pass to Thomas (Zuerlein) (11-78-1:39)	31-28		

	PIC	BRH
First Downs	27	22
Rushes	21-87	21-96
Passes	25-48-363	27-38-291
Sacked	0-0	2-13
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	8-75	9-90
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	4	6
Dropped Passes	3	2
Bad Passes	7	1
Passes 25+	3	1
Runs 10+	2	3
Blitzers	0	3
Time	28:36	31:24
Third Down	11-17	3-10
Fourth Down	0-0	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/4/1	3/2/0
Net Offense	450	374

CADILLAC



6

PASSING: Matt Stafford, 19 of 24, 107 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Marshawn Lynch, 12C, 94yds, (7.8), 0 TD
RECEIVNG: Jordy Nelson, 3 for 42yds, 25LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Joey Bosa, 10 T, 1 STF, 2 HUR
KICKING: Steven Gostkowski, 0 of 1 XP, 0 of 3 FG, 0 Pts

VIOLATORS





13


PASSING: Derek Carr,15 of 28, 240yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Jamaal Charles, 19C, 44yds, (2.3), 0 TD
RECEIVNG: JuJu Smith-Schuster, 7 for 127yds, 46LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Leonard Floyd, 10 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Zane Gonzalez 1 of 1 XP, 2 of 3 FG, 7 Pts

TERRORDOME	Temp: 10	Wind: None	MVP: Smith-Schuster		
	1	2	3	4	Tot
Erieau (3-7)	0	0	6	0	6
Virden (6-4)	0	3	3	7	13
Scoring Summary					
2 1:32	Virden	FG Gonzalez 32 (7-62-2:57)	0-3		
3 8:01	Erieau	TD Stafford 25 pass to Nelson (no good) (4-44-2:25)	6-3		
3 2:03	Virden	FG Gonzalez 47 (8-36-2:25)	6-6		
4 11:56	Virden	TD Carr 17 pass to Green (Gonzalez) (2-68-1:06)	6-13		

	ERI	VV
First Downs	9	15
Rushes	21-113	29-72
Passes	20-27-117	15-28-240
Sacked	3-26	3-21
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	8-112	9-82
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	2	4
Dropped Passes	1	1
Bad Passes	1	2
Passes 25+	1	2
Runs 10+	3	1
Blitzers	17	5
Time	29:24	30:36
Third Down	0-14	4-16
Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0	5/1/1
Net Offense	204	291

WRECKING BALLS		PASSING: Jared Goff, 18 of 35, 227 yds, 1 TD, 3 INT RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 23C, 41yds, (1.8), 0 TD RECEIVING: Eric Decker, 9 for 97yds, 28LG, 1 TD DEFENCE: Adrian Clayborn, 7 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 FF KICKING: Chris Boswell, 1 of 1 XP, 0 of 2 FG, 1 Pt		KNIGHTS		PASSING: Josh McCown, 7 of 9, 113yds, 1 TD, 0 INT RUSHING: Le'Veon Bell, 25C, 64yds, (2.6), 0 TD RECEIVING: DeVante Parker, 5 for 67yds, 20LG, 1 TD DEFENCE: Tramon Williams, 8 T, 1 PD, 1 IN T KICKING: Ka'imi Fairbairn, 2 of 2 XP, 2 of 2 FG, 8 Pts	
	7				20		
Round Table Stadium		Temp: 69 Wind: Calm		MVP: Bell			
		1	2	3	4	Tot	
New Jersey (5-5)		0	7	0	0	7	
Los Angeles (3-7)		3	7	7	3	20	
Scoring Summary							
1 10:01 Los Angeles		FG Fairbairn 27 (4-7-1:21)		0-3			
2 8:22 Los Angeles		TD Dalton 16 pass to Cooks (Fairbairn) (8-64-2:47)		0-10			
2 2:40 New Jersey		TD Goff 3 pass to Decker (Boswell) (10-75-5:42)		7-10			
3 0:05 Los Angeles		TD McCown 7 pass to Parker (Fairbairn) (9-69-4:52)		7-17			
4 5:44 Los Angeles		FG Fairbairn 20 (9-65-4:13)		7-20			

WOLVERINES



6

PASSING: Matt Moore, 4 of 6, 74 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT


RUSHING: Mike Gillislee, 7C, 39yds, (5.6), 0 TD

RECEIVING: Adam Thielen, 5 for 78yds, 47LG, 2 TD

DEFENCE: Erik Walden, 9 T

KICKING: Daniel Carlson, 0 of 1 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 0 Pts

CORN KINGS



45

PASSING: Joe Flacco, 11 of 17, 111 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT

RUSHING: LeGarrette Blount, 23C, 110yds, (4.8), 1 TD

RECEIVING: Mike Evans, 5 for 65yds, 15LG, 0 TD

DEFENCE: T.J. Watt, 9 T, 1 STF

KICKING: Matt Bryant, 6 of 6 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 9 Pts

Tillman Field

Temp: 51

Wind: 15-25

MVP: Gurley II

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Toronto (7-3)	0	0	6	0	6
Cowtown (8-2)	14	14	14	3	45

Scoring Summary

1 8:49 Cowtown

TD Flacco 8 pass to Gurley II (Bryant,M) (11-67-6:06)

0-7

1 0:07 Cowtown

TD Gurley II 48 run (Bryant,M) (5-62-2:16)

0-14

2 6:32 Cowtown

TD Blount 4 run (Bryant,M) (11-80-5:12)

0-21

2 0:24 Cowtown

TD Flacco 7 pass to Fitzgerald (Bryant,M) (13-71-5:01)

0-28

3 13:29 Cowtown

TD Gurley II 2 run (Bryant,M) (3-9-1:23)

0-35

3 12:15 Toronto

TD Moore 16 pass to Roberts (no good) (3-75-1:08)

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3 6:32 Cowtown

TD Talib 45 interception return (Bryant,M)

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4 3:57 Cowtown

FG Bryant 27 (4-4-1:25)


6-45

TOR

COW

First Downs	7	23
Rushes	29-63	51-236
Passes	9-15-107	11-17-111
Sacked	1-10	1-9
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	5-48	1-10
Turnovers	3	1
Missed Tackles	10	4
Dropped Passes	2	0
Bad Passes	2	1
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	1	6
Blitzers	6	15
Time	24:23	35:37
Third Down	2-11	8-14
Fourth Down	0-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	5/4/1
Net Offense	160	338

CUBS



27

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 13 of 22, 111 yds, 1 TD, 3 INT


RUSHING: Bilal Powell, 13C, 75yds, (5.8), 1 TD

RECEIVING: Mike Wallace, 4 for 37yds, 12LG, 0 TD

DEFENCE: Alec Ogletree, 13 T, 1 STF

KICKING: Justin Tucker, 3 of 3 XP, 2 of 2 FG, 9 Pts

BOMBERS



13

PASSING: Marcus Mariota, 19 of 41, 198 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING: Leonard Fournette, 22C, 84yds, (3.8), 0 TD

RECEIVING: Travis Kelce, 6 for 110yds, 52LG, 0 TD

DEFENCE: Terrell Suggs, 12 T, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 FF

KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro, 1 of 1 XP, 2 of 5 FG, 7 Pts

The Fortress

Temp: 77

Wind: None

MVP: Powell

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Iowa City (5-5)	3	3	14	7	27
Bruxelles (5-5)	7	3	0	3	13

Scoring Summary

1 11:38 Iowa City

FG Tucker 29 (4-7-2:07)

3-0

1 6:02 Bruxelles

TD Mariota 14 pass to Johnson (Cantanzaro) (7-50-2:45)

3-7

2 1:09 Bruxelles

FG Cantanzaro 43 (13-28-4:05)

3-10

2 0:00 Iowa City

FG Tucker 56 (6-30-1:00)

6-10

3 6:05 Iowa City

TD Powell 3 run (Tucker,J) (11-90-5:14)

13-10

3 1:01 Iowa City

TD Wilson 8 pass to Lee (Tucker,J) (8-85-3:57)

20-10

4 14:36 Iowa City

TD Davis 93 punt return (Tucker,J)

27-10

4 1:27 Bruxelles

FG Cantanzaro 56 (16-51-5:04)


27-13

ICC

BRX

First Downs	15	19
Rushes	27-160	37-159
Passes	13-22-111	19-41-198
Sacked	1-8	2-15
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	8-70	8-59
Turnovers	3	1
Missed Tackles	11	4
Dropped Passes	0	4
Bad Passes	1	4
Passes 25+	0	1
Runs 10+	6	6
Blitzers	3	21
Time	26:44	33:16
Third Down	1-8	4-19
Fourth Down	0-0	3-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	5/1/1
Net Offense	263	342

DERAILERS



30

PASSING: Josh Rosen, 25 of 37, 376yds, 4 TD, 1 INT


RUSHING: Jay Ajayi, 11C, 79yds, (7.2), 0 TD

RECEIVING: Julio Jones, 7 for 92yds, 20LG, 1 TD

DEFENCE: Bruce Irvin, 12 T, 2 SK, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 FF

KICKING: Jake Elliott, 3 of 4 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 6 Pts

PILOTS



24

PASSING: Eli Manning, 25 of 34, 299 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT

RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 19C, 149yds, (7.8), 0 TD

RECEIVING: Kareem Hunt, 5 for 55yds, 21LG, 1 TD

DEFENCE: Kareem Jackson, 10T, 2 PD, 1 INT

KICKING: Josh Lambo, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 6 Pts

Kingdome

Temp: 70

Wind: None

MVP: Rosen

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Buffalo (3-7)	7	13	3	7	30
Seattle (2-8)	7	7	0	10	24

Scoring Summary

1 12:01 Seattle

TD Manning 23 pass to Hurns (Lambo) (4-63-1:52)

0-7

1 7:39 Buffalo

TD Rosen 14 pass to Woods (Elliott,J) (9-69-4:13)

7-7

2 14:02 Buffalo

TD Rosen 31 pass to Coleman (Elliott,J) (7-97-3:51)

14-7

2 9:34 Seattle

TD Manning 21 pass to Lewis (Lambo) (9-75-4:28)

14-14

2 7:26 Buffalo

TD Rosen 15 pass to Anderson (no good) (5-80-2:02)

20-14

3 2:12 Buffalo

FG Elliott 25 (13-75-5:51)

23-14

4 13:37 Seattle

FG Lambo 21 (6-72-3:32)

23-17

4 7:53 Buffalo

TD Rosen 11 pass to Jones (Elliott,J) (10-91-5:37)

30-17

4 0:03 Seattle

TD Manning 14 pass to Hunt (Lambo) (7-57-1:52)

30-24

BUF

SEA

First Downs	26	20
Rushes	22-119	21-164
Passes	25-37-376	25-34-299
Sacked	2-16	4-31
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	10-75	4-34
Turnovers	1	1
Missed Tackles	6	9
Dropped Passes	2	0
Bad Passes	0	1
Passes 25+	2	1
Runs 10+	4	4
Blitzers	25	9
Time	31:31	28:29
Third Down	5-11	4-10
Fourth Down	0-0	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/1	3/1/1
Net Offense	479	432

WEEK TEN

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
St. Charles	8	2	0	.800	215	21.5	151	15.1	6.4	4 0 0	2 1 0	7 1 0
New Jersey	5	5	0	.500	178	17.8	188	18.8	-1.0	3 2 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
Bruxelles	5	5	0	.500	224	22.4	197	19.7	2.7	3 3 0	1 2 0	4 4 0
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	139	13.9	206	20.6	-6.7	2 3 0	1 2 0	3 5 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Virden	6	4	0	.600	211	21.1	158	15.8	5.3	4 1 0	2 2 0	5 3 0
Twin Cities	6	4	0	.600	210	21.0	167	16.7	4.3	3 2 0	2 2 0	5 3 0
Charleswood	4	6	0	.400	162	16.2	182	18.2	-2.0	3 2 0	2 2 0	3 5 0
Erieau	3	7	0	.300	112	11.2	229	22.9	-11.7	2 3 0	2 2 0	3 5 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	6	4	0	.600	243	24.3	207	20.7	3.6	2 3 0	2 1 0	5 3 0
Iowa City	5	5	0	.500	202	20.2	187	18.7	1.5	1 3 0	1 2 0	4 4 0
Los Angeles	3	7	0	.300	144	14.4	200	20.0	-5.6	2 2 0	1 2 0	3 5 0
Seattle	2	8	0	.200	190	19.0	251	25.1	-6.1	1 6 0	2 1 0	2 6 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE												
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	8	2	0	.800	274	27.4	153	15.3	12.1	5 0 0	3 0 0	6 2 0
Sebastian	7	3	0	.700	238	23.8	166	16.6	7.2	5 0 0	2 1 0	5 3 0
Durham	3	7	0	.300	193	19.3	254	25.4	-6.1	2 4 0	1 2 0	2 6 0
Scarborough	1	9	0	.100	76	7.6	198	19.8	-12.2	0 4 0	0 3 0	0 8 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Brooklin	6	4	0	.600	267	26.7	246	24.6	2.1	3 2 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
York	6	4	0	.600	200	20.0	151	15.1	4.9	3 2 0	1 3 0	5 3 0
Pickering	5	5	0	.500	230	23.0	221	22.1	0.9	3 2 0	3 1 0	4 4 0
Budapest	5	5	0	.500	137	13.7	159	15.9	-2.2	3 2 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora	7	3	0	.700	249	24.9	187	18.7	6.2	6 0 0	2 1 0	6 2 0
Toronto	7	3	0	.700	210	21.0	167	16.7	4.3	5 0 0	2 1 0	5 3 0
Georgia	6	4	0	.600	218	21.8	211	21.1	0.7	3 2 0	2 1 0	5 3 0
Cincinnati	3	7	0	.300	193	19.3	279	27.9	-8.6	1 3 0	0 3 0	2 6 0

TOP PASSERS												
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Smith,A	BRH	354	221	62.4	2637	6	1.7	76	24	6.8	100.7
2	Cutler	TOR	212	127	59.9	1710	6	2.8	71	16	7.5	99.0
3	Prescott	CHI	320	210	65.6	2268	5	1.6	60	17	5.3	97.5
4	Brady	YOR	317	192	60.6	2248	8	2.5	53	21	6.6	93.7
5	Ryan,M	AUR	347	215	62.0	2484	6	1.7	66	18	5.2	93.6
6	Brees	SS	355	228	64.2	2349	8	2.3	52	20	5.6	92.6
7	Flacco	COW	236	148	62.7	1543	4	1.7	68	12	5.1	91.5
8	Roethlisberger	GEO	346	201	58.1	2432	8	2.3	62	22	6.4	91.3
9	Carr,D	VV	280	156	55.7	2156	7	2.5	61	14	5	86.8
10	Rivers,P	PIC	342	190	55.6	2532	10	2.9	73	18	5.3	84.6
11	Taylor,T	BUD	239	141	59.0	1476	4	1.7	62	9	3.8	82.6
12	Mariota	BRX	312	184	59.0	2255	16	5.1	62	18	5.8	79.2
13	Dalton	LAK	213	121	56.8	1240	3	1.4	50	7	3.3	78.8
14	Manning	SEA	326	183	56.1	2110	9	2.8	57	14	4.3	78.6
15	Goff	NJ	295	167	56.6	1842	10	3.4	59	13	4.4	75.8
16	Cousins	CIN	363	198	54.5	2339	11	3.0	58	14	3.9	74.6
17	Wentz	STC	279	150	53.8	1628	7	2.5	52	10	3.6	72.7
18	Trubisky	TCT	179	92	51.4	1260	8	4.5	63	8	4.5	70.5
19	Wilson,R	ICC	277	154	55.6	1655	10	3.6	41	10	3.6	70.3
20	Rosen	BUF	168	94	56.0	1032	7	4.2	55	6	3.6	68.8
21	Bortles	CHP	356	198	55.6	1983	11	3.1	42	10	2.8	68.1
22	Stafford	ERI	202	103	51.0	1016	5	2.5	64	6	3	65.1
23	McCown	LAK	168	92	54.8	994	8	4.8	42	6	3.6	64.4
24	Newton,C	DTL	300	154	51.3	2047	17	5.7	66	11	3.7	61.9
25	Garoppolo	COW	44	33	75.0	485	0	0	43	7	15.9	150.1

KICKOFF RETURNERS								PUNT RETURNERS								
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Patterson	BUF	27	841	31.1	47	0	1	Campanaro	COW	19	15	261	13.7	86	2
2	Cooper,P	ERI	43	1178	27.4	90	1	2	Davis,T	ICC	24	10	297	12.4	93	1
3	Lockett	ICC	23	616	26.8	43	0	3	Cooper,P	ERI	29	3	293	10.1	22	0
4	Grant,C	CHP	20	528	26.4	79	0	4	Agnew	SEA	13	14	130	10.0	36	0
5	Smith-Schuster	VV	18	471	26.2	94	1	5	Jones,A	NJ	20	1	171	8.6	25	0
6	Bray	CHI	24	624	26.0	36	0	6	Jackson,A	STC	27	3	229	8.5	16	0
7	Williams,K	GEO	16	412	25.8	42	0	7	Sherels	BUD	36	13	292	8.1	17	0
8	Hunt,A	BRX	15	368	24.5	39	0	8	Erickson	BUF	20	9	160	8.0	17	0
9	Switzer	PIC	18	432	24.0	41	0	9	Roberts,A	LAK	21	13	168	8.0	17	0
10	Lewis,D	STC	17	389	22.9	31	0	10	Ervin	VV	24	12	190	7.9	44	0
11	Bolden Jr.	YOR	18	409	22.7	35	0	11	Amendola	YOR	35	10	273	7.8	20	0
12	Moore,C	SS	14	317	22.6	36	0	12	McCaffrey	CHI	17	11	126	7.4	23	0
13	Roberts,A	LAK	29	649	22.4	36	0	13	Alexander	TCT	35	12	249	7.1	17	0
14	Barner	BRH	13	284	21.8	35	0	14	Taylor,T	DTL	23	8	148	6.4	15	0
15	Agnew	SEA	13	280	21.5	42	0	15	Barner	BRH	22	10	130	5.9	17	0
16	Langley	CIN	12	256	21.3	43	0	16	Callaway	SS	17	14	95	5.6	15	0
17	Lewis,T	SBE	21	441	21.0	29	0	17	Crowder	SBE	24	11	134	5.6	12	0
18	Ballage	AUR	14	270	19.3	31	0	18	Switzer	PIC	19	7	104	5.5	15	0
19	Harris,D	TOR	13	230	17.7	25	0	19	Richard	CHP	35	12	183	5.2	16	0
20	Booker	DTL	13	225	17.3	31	0	20	Sutton,C	CIN	19	7	62	3.3	9	0

RUSHING LEADERS								RECEIVING LEADERS							
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Gurley II	COW	183	1041	5.7	66	8	1	Landry	GEO	83	975	11.7	54	11
2	Bell,L	LAK	246	933	3.8	30	2	2	McCaffrey	CHI	73	702	9.6	41	3
3	Gordon,M	TCT	205	898	4.4	47	6	3	Allen,K	CIN	69	928	13.4	51	6
4	Hunt,K	SEA	189	891	4.7	76	4	4	Hopkins,D	BRH	63	991	15.7	76	9
5	McCoy,L	NJ	226	876	3.9	40	4	5	Tate,G	PIC	56	959	17.1	73	11
6	Howard,J	SBE	177	834	4.7	58	3	6	Witten	SS	55	510	9.3	36	2
7	Elliott,E	VV	220	794	3.6	35	7	7	Kearse,J	SS	55	639	11.6	34	9
8	Collins,A	GEO	156	720	4.6	55	3	8	Baldwin,D	SS	55	753	13.7	52	6
9	Barkley	TOR	150	682	4.5	37	4	9	Brown,A	TCT	54	772	14.3	63	7
10	Fournette	BRX	166	670	4.0	26	5	10	Cooks	LAK	54	652	12.1	39	6
11	Michel	GEO	117	647	5.5	50	1	11	Sanu	CHP	53	568	10.7	23	2
12	Crowell	BUD	138	644	4.7	49	3	12	Kelce,T	BRX	53	667	12.6	52	5
13	Lynch,M	ERI	146	616	4.2	56	1	13	Smith-Schu	VV	53	993	18.7	61	7
14	Drake	AUR	116	598	5.2	70	2	14	Parker,D	LAK	52	619	11.9	42	3
15	Ingram,M	CHI	140	594	4.2	33	6	15	Gronkowski	BRH	52	618	11.9	44	5
16	Penny	DTL	108	580	5.4	21	1	16	Fitzgerald	COW	51	588	11.5	43	6
17	Freeman,D	PIC	110	561	5.1	28	7	17	Bell,L	LAK	51	541	10.6	50	4
18	Powell,B	ICC	95	553	5.8	55	4	18	Bryant,D	AUR	48	630	13.1	41	6
19	Anderson,C	SS	134	534	4.0	19	2	19	Hill,T	TOR	47	803	17.1	52	7
20	Breida	BRH	92	480	5.2	38	1	20	Stills	GEO	46	715	15.5	62	7
21	Freeman,R	TCT	93	470	5.1	48	2	21	Jones,J	BUF	45	498	11.1	35	2
22	Lewis,D	STC	107	470	4.4	34	3	22	Funchess	CIN	45	666	14.8	53	4
23	Henry,D	YOR	126	454	3.6	17	2	23	Kamara	CHP	45	447	9.9	42	3
24	Ajayi	BUF	95	431	4.5	44	1	24	Green,A	VV	45	595	13.2	54	5
25	Jones,A	CIN	61	427	7.0	27	3	25	Decker,E	NJ	44	479	10.9	28	2

INTERCEPTION LEADERS								SACK LEADERS				TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Slay	TCT	6	57	9.5	37	0	1	Heyward	CHP	12	1	Ogletree	ICC	90
2	Williams,M	STC	5	66	13.2	35	0	2	Morgan,D	SBE	11	2	Smith,J	TOR	86
3	White,T	LAK	5	103	20.6	63	1	3	Lawrence	CHP	10	3	Jones,D	SBE	84
4	Weddle	TOR	5	74	14.8	44	1	4	Jones,C	SS	9	4	Mathieu	DTL	75
5	Ramsey	TOR	5	32	6.4	16	0	5	Smith,P	BRX	8	5	Kuechly	CIN	74
6	Howard,X	PIC	4	78	19.5	42	1	6	Judon	NJ	8	6	Barrett	STC	74
7	Jackson,J	CHI	4	114	28.5	47	2	7	Campbell,C	BUD	8	7	Mosley	CHP	71
8	Robertson	CHI	4	86	21.5	37	1	8	Kerrigan	COW	7	8	Mingo	SEA	70
9	Joyner	SBE	3	26	8.7	26	0	9	Jordan,C	BUD	7	9	Reid,E	ERI	70
10	Robinson,P	SS	3	37	12.3	24	0	10	Suggs	BRX	7	10	Clowney	SS	70
11	Mills,J	CHP	3	68	22.7	42	1	11	Davenport	AUR	7	11	Jackson,K	SEA	69
12	Smith,H	BRX	3	9	3.0	9	0	12	Peppers	STC	6	12	Irvin	BUF	69
13	Grimes	BRH	3	78	26.0	59	0	13	Wake	NJ	6	13	Morgan,D	SBE	68
14	Burns	BRX	3	39	13.0	39	0	14	Houston,J	ERI	6	14	Brown,P	AUR	68
15	Fuller,K	BRX	3	2	0.7	2	0	15	Ingram,M	VV	6	15	Suggs	BRX	65
16	Shazier	CHI	3	29	9.7	16	0	16	Houston,L	BUD	6	16	Woodyard	ERI	64
17	Evans,R	BUF	3	29	9.7	26	0	17	Clayborn	NJ	6	17	Jewell	ICC	64
18	Bouye	ICC	3	58	19.3	25	1	18	Clowney	SS	6	18	Howard,X	PIC	63
19	Hayward	ICC	3	34	11.3	30	0	19	Quinn,R	LAK	6	19	Watt,T	COW	63
20	Butler,M	NJ	3	84	28.0	43	0	20	Donald	BUF	6	20	Ward,D	PIC	62

SCORING LEADERS

Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Gurley II	COW	0	0	0	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	78
2	Hauschka	STC	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
3	Bryant,M	COW	13	31	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70
4	Landry	GEO	0	0	1	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	68
5	Tate,G	PIC	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	66
6	Gonzalez	VV	14	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
7	Tucker,J	ICC	13	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
8	Lutz	AUR	9	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
9	Hopkins,D	BRH	0	0	1	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	56
10	Vinatieri	SS	11	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
11	Zuerlein	PIC	10	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
12	Bailey,D	CHI	9	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
13	Catanzaro	BRX	9	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
14	Hyde,C	DTL	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
15	Kearse,J	SS	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
16	Parkey	BRH	9	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
17	Boswell	NJ	11	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
18	Tavecchio	GEO	10	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
19	Forbath	BUD	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
20	Elliott,J	BUF	14	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51
21	Gano	YOR	9	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
22	Lambo	SEA	10	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
23	Hunt,K	SEA	0	0	1	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	50
24	Carlson	TOR	9	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
25	Succop	CHP	11	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
26	Freeman,D	PIC	0	0	0	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	48
27	Thielen	TOR	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
28	Smith-Schuster	VV	0	0	0	0	7	0	1	0	0	0	48
29	Fournette	BRX	0	0	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	44
30	Walsh,B	CIN	7	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
31	Hopkins,D	TCT	6	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
32	Jones Jr.	CHI	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
33	Stills	GEO	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
34	Brown,A	TCT	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
35	Fairbairn	LAK	9	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42

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	Hauschka	STC	22	19	86.4	8	2	53	77	1	Kern	BRX	46	2300	5	14	71	0	50.0
2	Bryant,M	COW	18	13	72.2	2	0	44	70	2	Lee,A	BUF	46	2261	1	10	64	0	49.2
3	Gonzalez	VV	17	14	82.4	3	0	49	64	3	Colquitt,B	SEA	43	2106	1	16	58	0	49.0
4	Tucker,J	ICC	18	13	72.2	7	4	56	62	4	Hekker	COW	52	2505	2	25	61	0	48.2
5	Lutz	AUR	14	9	64.3	2	0	46	57	5	Morstead	DTL	39	1870	3	14	67	0	47.9
6	Vinatieri	SS	13	11	84.6	6	1	51	56	6	Kaser	BUD	62	2970	9	19	61	0	47.9
7	Zuerlein	PIC	18	10	55.6	4	2	51	56	7	O'Donnell	NJ	52	2485	5	18	77	0	47.8
8	Bailey,D	CHI	15	9	60.0	4	1	51	55	8	King,M	TOR	71	3347	2	33	70	0	47.1
9	Catanzaro	BRX	20	9	45.0	5	3	57	54	9	Colquitt,D	SBE	63	2957	4	18	70	0	46.9
10	Parkey	BRH	15	9	60.0	2	1	55	53	10	Lechler	STC	55	2566	2	26	62	0	46.7
11	Boswell	NJ	18	11	61.1	5	0	46	52	11	Huber	CHP	53	2452	8	19	58	1	46.3
12	Tavecchio	GEO	17	10	58.8	2	0	45	52	12	Jones,D	YOR	52	2398	1	25	55	0	46.1



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Occasionally, a reader will ask me why I often start my weekly column with a non-football topic. The question is not always politely posed. One reader, commenting on my “obituary” for George H.W. Bush last week, accused me of being a “closet Trumpist” and claimed that people like me were dividing the country. One veteran accused me of “disrespecting war vets” for implying that Desert Shield (the codename for the first Iraq war) was not a good thing for the people of Iraq and the United States. Another veteran wrote to thank me for “raising awareness of the plight of veterans” for the same reason. This prompted me to look back at my column. I was unable to discern the “veteran thread” in my story. But it just goes to show that people will see what they want to see when looking at the ink blot. This is the basis of what news people call “spin” – an attempt to influence people’s perceptions of objective reality using their innate biases as leverage. Anyway, I digress...

The reason I often start with non-football commentary is because I believe it is beneficial for football fanatics to occasionally think about and discuss things other than football. Full immersion in the EFL Universe is not healthy. Whether your game is fantasy sports, office pools, sports betting, or simply being a devout and crazy fan, you need to turn away and resist the mania from time to time. There are too many Americans who have stopped exercising their critical thinking skills on matters that have far more bearing on our day-to-day lives than a football game. The mind that can grasp how the lack of pass rush pressure from the Cubs’ front seven and the casual play of their safeties is hanging their top-flight corners out to dry can surely use those powers of observation and understanding of cause and effect to hold our politicians accountable for their greed and corruption.

If the performance of our country’s economy and our foreign policy represented the offence and defence of a football team, how would we rate them? Are people better off now than they were 25 years ago when George H.W. left office? How much actual “democracy” have we spread since then and has any of it made the world a safer and more prosperous place? How did we end up having to choose between two completely corrupt clowns for President in the last election? Has anybody seen or heard of any *real evidence* that Trump “colluded” with Russia in the last election, or is it all a distraction? If so, what is it distracting us from? What is collusion supposed to mean in legal terms anyway – is it the same thing as the owners getting together to keep **Colin Kaepernick** out of the EFL? Why are we so damn mad at each other these days?

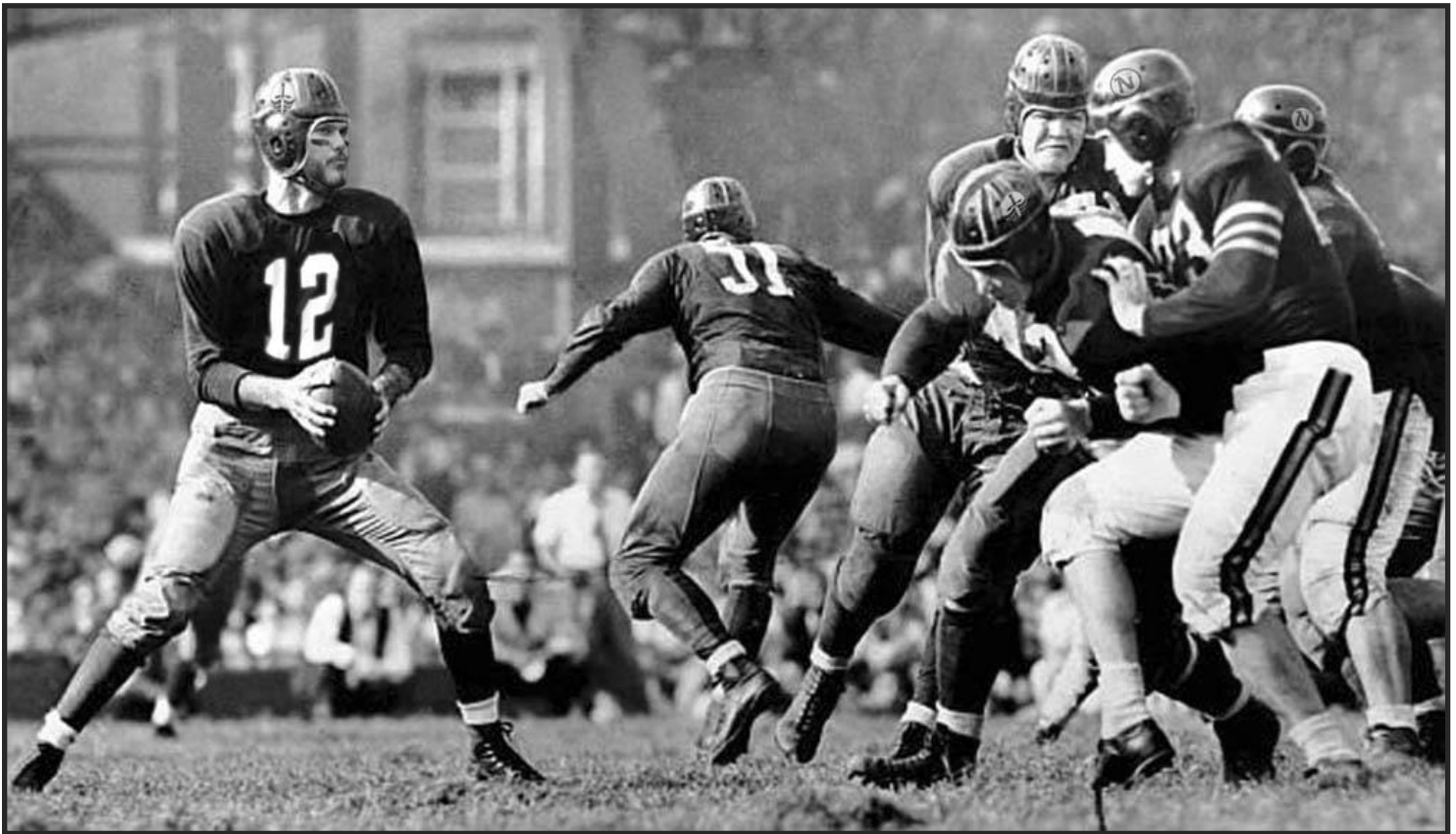
It is worth pausing to ponder these and other questions. Think of finding the answers as gaining first downs on the drive to making the country great again. Imagine real, thinking people getting engaged again in the political process instead of abandoning it to the grifters and special interests. It is a vision worth contemplating and acting on. Try it on. We have nothing to lose by trying. And if it gets too hard and depressing, take a break and enjoy some football!

ROSEN RISING

It is just one game, but what a game it was for Buffalo’s rookie quarterback, **Josh Rosen**. After just one win and a paltry 2 touchdown passes in 6 starts, the possible future of the Derailers’ franchise provided a more optimistic glimpse into that future by throwing for 376 yards and 4 TD passes in his team’s 30-24 victory over Seattle. Okay, so Seattle doesn’t exactly have the most talented or accomplished groups of defenders in the league. But with **Khalil Mack** and **Marshon Lattimore** in the line-up the Pilots have played with tenacity at times. Not to mention that Rosen, prior to this outing, had shown no flashes of the kind of ability needed to put up such big numbers against *any* defence. His performance came out of nowhere and was something of a coming out party for the 7th overall pick out of UCLA.

While it is too early to declare Rosen the next coming of **Jim Kelly**, Buffalo media and fans are doing just that. Starved for a quarterback since the Hall-of-Famer hung up his cleats following the 1996 season, the city is abuzz with comparisons in the wake of Rosen’s big game. If callers to *WGR 550’s* post-game show, *Mike Shop & The Pitbull* are any indication, Derailers’ fans have gone completely off the rails for Rosen, a guy most Buffalo fans did not care for when **Daryl Brothers** made him the team’s second first round pick in the 2018 draft. Rosen was a polished, Californian “golden boy” considered too frail for the playing conditions in Buffalo. Buffalo fans preferred Wyoming’s **Josh Allen**.

Not one to suffer fools lightly, Shop had his hands full dealing with crazed callers, such as Amedeo from Eggertsville, who attempted to name the new Rosen offence in the style of Jim Kelly’s ‘K-gun’ offence: “*I like it that he got da ball out quick, ya know, like ‘zap!’ like a ray-gun. Hehe! The Ray-Gun Offence, Hehe!*”



York's **Tom Brady** drops back 5½ yards to pass in 1st quarter action in Budapest. Brady made it look easy on the opening drive of the Excaliburs' Week 10 match-up against the North Stars, finishing off a 75-yard drive with a 17-yard TD pass to **Zach Ertz** for an early 7-0 lead. Chalk up the early success to beginner's luck, as there would be no more points scored by any offence. The league's first "throwback rules game" finished with a very 1920s score, with Budapest prevailing 9-7 on the strength of two defensive scores.

Others, like Ron from Williamsville, weighed in with the idea that the Derailers should; *"trade for DeAndre Hopkins. That would give us an unstoppable offence don't you think? Imagine Rosen having both of those guys, Julio Jones and Hopkins! That would be sumthin'. Do you think we could still make a playoff run this year with those guys?"*

After Shop pointed out that the trade deadline had passed, he challenged the caller by asking Ron what he thought Brooklin would want in return for their best offensive player. Ron replied, without a hint of irony or sarcasm, that **Cordarrell Patterson** *"is a game-breaker type, but he's doin' nuthin' for us right now"* and that Brothers could *"sweeten the deal with a couple of young prospects like that Riley kid, the linebacker, and that running back Green. Brooklin needs a running back to back up Stewart."*

There was not much a thinking man could say to that proposal so Shop peremptorily dismissed him with, *"okay, let's move along here to Pam in Kenmore...Pam, go ahead, you're on with Shop and the Pitbull..."*

I know about these exchanges because I tuned in to the Buffalo station, WGR after the game with my new XM satellite radio package. In my opinion, radio call-in shows are the best vehicle to get the pulse of a fanbase. I wanted to hear the reaction of local fans and sportscasters to Rosen's unforeseen success. What I found was that Buffalo's pulse was racing and along with it their collective minds. It was comical and pathetic at the same time. That is one horribly desperate group of fans that clings so hopefully to a single game. Time will tell what the future holds for **Josh Rosen** in Buffalo, but I am betting on **Andrew Luck** finally getting healthy and making the whole discussion moot.

BUDAPEST RULES FOOTBALL

Concerns about flagging attendance at North Stars' games prompted a bizarre gambit by the league to generate fan interest in Budapest. The Week Ten match between the Excaliburs and North Stars at Ferenc-Liszt International Airport Stadium featured 'Throwback Rules' dating back to the dawn of the NFL in the 1920s.

The decision to stage a game using original American Professional Football Association (APFA) rules was based primarily on negative feedback from Budapestian focus groups about the high scores of North Stars games compared with those of **MTK Budapest** and **Újpest** football (soccer) clubs. Locals were skeptical of what they perceived in the EFL as *"an arcade game"* or an *"American game show with big numbers to impress you."* While I can't think of an American game show that ends in scores of 28-21 and 40-9, (two actual scores from Budapest home games this year) the important point is that the locals didn't feel they were watching a serious sport when the scores regularly hit double-digits – or even high single digits.

The EFL Rules Committee mulled over the problem. They considered altering the scoring rules to award 2 points for a touchdown, 1-point for an extra point and 1-point for a field goal for Budapest home games only. They also came up with the idea of

changing the word “touchdown” to “goal” and floated the possibility of deciding games in overtime by penalty kicks, when played in Budapest only. Other alterations included the referees flashing colour-coded cards for infractions instead of throwing flags and having the quarterback “free throw” the ball back into play after a player went out of bounds, as long as the throw did not move forward. These and other rules modifications were incorporated into an appendix to the *Official Rules of Football* called ‘Budapest Rules Football’ and were tabled for adoption at a recent meeting of The Committee of 13.

The Committee debated for several hours and were reportedly evenly divided on the ‘Budapest Rules.’ The proposal was eventually shot down when the thirteenth member of the Committee, *The Dark Entity*, was summoned to break the tie. *It* was not amused and reportedly threatened the rest of the Committee with the “complete obliteration of your puny souls” if they dared to summon *It* to debate such foolishness again.

The Committee – minus *The Dark Entity*, of course – were in agreement on one thing: *something* had to be done. Some members of The Committee reasoned that, since creating a new set of rules for Budapest was objectionable to a few because “it took American heritage out of the game,” why not return to that heritage for a week? That should not be offensive to football “purists” who had objected to the attempt at “re-Europeanizing Americanized European football.” Not all agreed with this compromise – citing concerns that bringing back anachronistic rules would be a huge leap backwards – but a majority concurred with the motion. And so, plans were set in motion while the North Stars were in the midst of their four-game road trip to prepare for the special Throwback Rules Game.

The league first approached the Spartans to participate, but **Gus Konstantakos** wanted no part of a game where the rules played to the advantage of an arch-rival. “Budapest already plays 1920s football! Why would I want to help them at their game?” he barked. But the Excaliburs were all for it. “Football is football,” **Jay Hammond** remarked drolly. “Our offence always sucks against the North Stars anyway. Why not have fun with it?”

The league went all out on this one. They hired experts from the Pro Football Researchers Association (PFRA) and brought in historians from the Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton to oversee the practices of both teams in the week leading up to the contest. They paid for costume makers from the film industry to produce authentic replicas of 1920s-era football uniform and equipment. They even decked out the referees, coaches, training staff and camera crews in authentic period costume. The original *American Professional Football Association Rulebook: 1920 Edition*, was retrieved from under its glass case in Canton and scanned into a PDF file for distribution to the teams and the referees. **Jasper Hubbard**, a rules expert from the PFRA, gave lectures to both teams and the officials on the rulebook, focusing on the most significant “changes” from the game we know today.

Rules training proved challenging. For example, there were no hash marks in 1920. The ball was placed at the spot of the tackle and if a ball-carrier went out of bounds the ball was placed one yard from the sideline. How was the offensive line supposed to line up properly if there was no room for the Center to be at the center?

The quarterback was required to pass from at least five yards behind the line of scrimmage and could be hit after the throw.

“But don’t worry, Tyrod,” Hubbard teased Budapest quarterback **Tyrod Taylor**. “You can throw the ball as far as you like. You see, the rule that the pass could not carry further than 20 yards was rescinded in 1912.” This caused laughter in the North Stars’ classroom. Nobody could remember the last time Tyrod had thrown a pass more than 20 yards down field.

North Stars’ defenders **Cameron Jordan** and **Calais Campbell** giggled like school girls at the prospect of hitting **Tom Brady** after the throw. But Hubbard cautioned them not to get carried away: “you can hit him after he throws, but you can’t chase him down and hit him. The ‘Roughing the Passer’ rule they used in 1920 allows the referee to penalize a defender for hitting a quarterback if he is obviously out of the play.”

It was clear that the above rules would create problems for the offences. But there were also a couple of doozies that hurt the defence to even things out:

A ball-carrier could get up after being knocked to the ground by a defender and try for additional yards until his forward progress was stopped. “What you know as ‘down by contact’ wasn’t a rule until 1932,” Hubbard explained. This meant the heavy-hitters in the secondary were going to have to wrap up their tackles.

The offence was allowed to concede a safety and take over at their own 25-yard line. “Have you ever wondered why they call it a ‘safety’ in the first place?” Hubbard asked his perplexed class of York Excaliburs defenders. “It was considered a ‘safe’ play back in the day when winning the field position battle usually meant winning the game. Giving up two points for a chance at better field position was a safe bet late in the game.”

Crack back blocks and clipping were legal in 1920, as was hitting an opponent in the head, neck or face. All penalties were enforced to their limit – no half distance to the goal line. No coaching from the sidelines, no forward handoffs, and incomplete passes in end zones resulting in touchbacks were just a few more of many rules oddities that players had to absorb on short notice. The only relief from the headache of cramming to learn all of the out-dated rules was the trimming of the playbooks for both sides to less than one-tenth of their original sizes. Complex blitz packages and pick routes were not nearly as effective when the blockers could punch you in the face and defenders could grab receivers at the line. The game was going to be a brawl.

The funny thing was that very few people noticed the rule changes – York and Budapest always played this way against each other. It was the sight of **Tom Brady** in a leather helmet and the black & white footage that caught everyone’s attention. The league had decided to record the game in black & white to make it a more authentic experience for the fans. Strictly speaking, a truly authentic



Old uniforms and equipment were used in the Week 10 York-Budapest game. Referee uniforms (above) have not changed much since the dawn of the NFL in the 1920s. However, the ball and helmet are very different. The slightly larger, melon-shaped football (above right) posed a challenge for kicker, **Kai Forbath**.

1920s APFA experience would not have involved TV at all. At most, a few seconds of grainy footage for the movie theater newsreel would have been all that fans not in attendance at the game would have seen of professional football in the league's formative years.

The impossibility of telling the difference between the dark green jerseys of York and the brown jerseys of Budapest when viewed in black & white turned out to be the number one complaint of viewers on both continents, not the technical aspects of the rule changes. For example, the sight of **Nick Chubb** having to run sideways 20 yards before cutting back to gain 3 because the ball had been handed off to him one-yard to the left of the right sideline warranted a few comments on social media, but was not a focus of post-game analysis. That is because how the teams arrived at the final outcome was, as always, the most important part.

Scrimmaging the ball where it had been downed produced a natural flow and shape to the game that revealed much about the strengths and weaknesses of both teams; as did the rules – or lack thereof – around blocking and tackling. York came out of the gate strong, with **Tom Brady** looking quite comfortable in his deeper 5-yard pocket. He threw a check down to **Zach Ertz** for a 17-yard touchdown pass to close off the game's opening drive and give the Excaliburs a 7-0 lead. In the 1920s NFL, that would have been enough offence to win most games. This fact was not lost on the well-prepped mainstream media in all five major networks. Between the next two commercial breaks, media analysts in droves trumpeted the conviction that had Brady played "back then," he would have dwarfed the lesser known legends of the 1920s, **Paddy Driscoll** and **Jimmy Conzelman**.

Mark Stink, of FOX, smarmily remarked: "Hall-of-Famer Paddy Driscoll of the Racine Cardinals had 3 completions in all of 1920. Tom Brady just threw 4 completions on that drive! Who says now that he isn't the best quarterback of all time?"

Brady's star would wane quickly, however, as the game progressed. The brutality of 1920s football soon took its toll on the precious product of decades of rule changes designed to protect the quarterback and improve the passing game. The North Stars' pass rush was in his face in a literal way. Repeated calls for flags went unheeded. After a particularly savage series in which Brady took the full weight of **Calais Campbell** on a 15-yard sack at his own 1-yard line, and a punch in the chest from **Brooks Reed** a full second after releasing a pass to Ertz, he attempted to slow down the Budapest line by handing off the ball on the next series. But after three consecutive carries by **Derrick Henry**, the Stars caught on to their game and gang-tackled Chubb for a 1-yard loss on the next play. The Stars were taunting Brady, daring him to pass.

Angry and frustrated, but also proud, Brady called a pass in the huddle. It was his game – no coaching from the sideline permitted. York's tackles, **Kolton Miller** and **Mike McGlinchey** were getting mauled at the line of scrimmage. They slouched as they approached the line for the 2nd down play. Brady dropped back as Jordan and Campbell swooped in around the edges. Knowing what was coming, he fired the ball early, without getting set, and immediately turtled. The pass wobbled toward the intended receiver, **Danny Amendola**, who was attempting to run a hitch route while being grabbed, quite legally, by **Lavonte David**. Cornerback,

Minkah Fitzpatrick saw it all develop and jumped the route for an easy interception. With Brady under a pile and no running back in reserve, the Budapest corner had an unobstructed path to the end zone for a 44-yard touchdown return. The game was tied 7-7.

On the other side, the style of Budapest's **Tyrod Taylor** seemed far more adaptable to the 1920s game. He dodged, weaved and scurried around in and out of the pocket, his slipperiness protecting him from sustaining full force blows from the likes of **Von Miller** and **DeForest Buckner**. Although he helped the Stars gain the overall edge in the battle for field position, he was still unable to lead the offence to a score. This was in part due to kicker **Kai Forbath** missing two very makeable field goals. After the game Forbath admitted that he had had trouble guiding the slightly larger and slightly more rounded 1920s pigskin.

The game continued on after the pick-six, looking more like a rugby scrum than a football game. By the 4th quarter it was clear that neither offence was going to score unless something unusual happened. With 6 minutes left in the game (there was no overtime period in 1920), it looked as if the Stars would have the best shot at flipping the field enough to enable their offence to get close. The Excaliburs were backed up at their 4-yard line after a precision punt from **Drew Kaser**. A bloodied **Tom Brady** limped onto the field. His eyes were wild with fury and pain. Determined to put an end to the stalemate one way or the other he called a bomb post route to **Kelvin Benjamin**. Guard, **Brandon Scherff**, the only York lineman who had figured out that he could use his hands freely to ward off the pass rush, looked at Brady as if he had lost his marbles.

"Tom, it will take K-man time to get up the field. You're going to have to hang in there for at least five seconds," Scherff reportedly said. "We can't guarantee protection." The rest of the line nodded in agreement.

"I don't give a flying f^&k!" Brady allegedly replied. "They won't expect it. Let's finish this f*\$king thing!"

In a way, Brady got his wish. He dropped back into the end zone and scanned the field, looking for Benjamin, who was fighting off **Robert Alford** as he attempted to race up the field. For about 4 seconds the pocket held nicely. McGlinchey had poked Campbell in the eyes, temporarily blinding him; Scherff and center **Mason Cole** had crack-blocked both interior linemen. Only **Cameron Jordan** provided any push, but he was being blatantly held by Miller. The play was taking too long to develop, however. In a blind panic, Campbell had turned the wrong way and had inadvertently run over **Delanie Walker**, Brady's outlet on the play. Finally, Jordan, dragging Miller behind him, slammed into the immobile Brady and brought him crashing to the turf. Safety! 9-7 for Budapest.

The crowd at *Ferenc-Liszt International Airport Stadium* went wild. The pressure of waiting so long for a score was released in a thundering 'HUZZAHHH!' This was what they were accustomed to; this was what they wanted. Hours of maneuvering for field position had finally paid off – just like in soccer. It was not only joy in the score that prompted the delirium; it was appreciation for the dozens of tiny battles won to get them in position for the score. Ironically, in the most brutish contest of the year, the fans were wildly cheering the cruel art of the game.

Fittingly, there would be no more scoring. Driving the length of the field with so little time remaining was too daunting a task for the bruised and worn-out York offence. On the final play of the game, Brady went down for the last time seconds after hurling a 'Hail Mary' with all of his might from mid-field. The pass was nearly intercepted by **George Iloka**. Brady screamed at the referee from under the weight of **Calais Campbell** and **Brooks Reed**. There was no flag, however. The gun sounded – the game was over.

The fans of Budapest were ecstatic about the "new game." But the league and the Excaliburs were not so enamored with the experiment. There would be no more games like this one. Although the EFL had managed to pull off the "throwback game" in authentic style, the aftermath prompted a backlash from the player's union. Officially, the injury list from the game was short. Unofficially, nearly a dozen players required significant medical treatment for cuts, sprains, stingers and cracked bones. **Tom Brady** was treated in a Budapest hospital for multiple contusions requiring stitches, a nasty stinger and two cracked ribs. Amazingly, he had not suffered any clean bone breaks, but his body – and his ego – would be sore for a long time.

AROUND THE EFL

In more conventional Week Ten action, the Corn Kings bagged the Wolverines as if they were kittens in a 45-6 landslide victory at Tillman Field. Everything that usually goes right for Toronto didn't; and everything that usually goes wrong for their opponents went right for them this time. **Todd Gurley II** and **LeGarrette Blount** each rushed for over 100-yards and combined for 3 TDs on the ground. Gurley added a touchdown catch to give him 3 majors on the day and increase his league-leading total to 13. No.2 ranked passer, **Jay Cutler** was benched midway in the 2nd quarter with his team already trailing 21-0. The Toronto QB was not the reason the Wolverines were losing, but Coach **Ryan Preston** said afterwards that he pulled his veteran leader "as a precaution." **Matt Moore** came on and finished the game. Readers who did not like my pre-season prediction of a Toronto division title crowed afterwards about them being "exposed" for frauds and that the loss would signal the beginning of the end of their, so far, amazing run. I would not be so quick to dismiss Toronto, however. They ran into a hotter than hell Cowtown team on their own grass. Talk to me in a month.

At Optimist Field in Brooklin, the Spartans caught everyone off guard, including many of their own fans, by clipping the Hawks 31-28 in the game's dying seconds. **Philip Rivers**, who has been shouldered with a lot of the blame for Pickering's troubled season, can take his share of the credit this time. He atoned for a 4th quarter pick-six that got Brooklin back into the game with a 3rd & 10 crossing pass to **Demaryius Thomas** for the 14-yard, game-winning touchdown. This was no gift win against a weak opponent. The Hawks were flying in on a six-game win streak and were in a position to all but bury Pickering in the battle for the Coastal crown. Their second divisional victory in a row brings the Spartans' record to 5-5 and just one game behind York and Brooklin. "*I never doubted this team,*" said a glowingly happy Coach **Gus Konstantakos**, who had just two weeks ago, after their loss to Cincinnati, told confidantes that he was considering stepping down because he doubted his team. In 2018, you just never know what will happen next!

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BRUXELLES @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 4)

INJURIES: **Bruxelles** – Frank Ragnow (OUT), Chris Thompson (OUT), Chris Conley (OUT), Jason Verrett (IR); **York** –Denzelle Goode (OUT), William Hayes (OUT).

Both offences are coming off poor outings in Week Ten losses, reviving the hopes of flagging opponents while setting themselves back. Both teams have lost two-in-a-row and need a win to turn things around. The Bombers are three games out of first in the East and are in danger of falling out of a crowded wild card race, while the Excaliburs fall back into the middle of what is shaping up to be four-way mortal combat in the Coastal. York's two-game losing spell corresponds to a sharp drop-off in production from Tom Brady: a 46% completion rate, a 1-1 INT to TD ratio and 6 sacks in those games has knocked 12 points off his passer rating and dropped him from no.1 overall to no.4. His struggles are linked to a spotty run game that is recently losing steam. Marcus Mariota is struggling too: a 50% completion rate with 5 interceptions in that period can be partly blamed on problems at wide receiver. The offence that picks itself up off the ground first will prevail. But if neither can manage it, count on the York defence to prop up their offence more. **PICK: YORK**

BUFFALO @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 7)

INJURIES: **Buffalo** – Jordan Hicks (OUT), Jaquiski Tarrt (OUT), Whitey Mercilus (OUT); **Pickering** – Doug Martin (OUT), Ronald Leary (OUT), Dion Jordan (OUT), Ty Montgomery (OUT).

Out of nowhere, everything began clicking for the Buffalo offence and rookie Josh Rosen last week against Seattle, catching pundits off guard. Rosen rose to the challenge of a Seattle defence that had aimed to take away the running game. This sign of life from the Buffalo attack changes the equation here; but if Philip Rivers retains the form he displayed the past two weeks in back-to-back victories against divisional opponents, elevated play from Rosen won't alter the bottom line. The Derailers, however, have the front-line pass rush to make Rivers very uncomfortable in the pocket and we all know what that means. The Spartans' run game needs to be on track here to take the edge off Aaron Donald & Co. Not ruling out an interesting game, but not betting on it either. **PICK: PICKERING**

BUDAPEST @ ST. CHARLES (line – CHARGERS by 5)

INJURIES: **Budapest** – Jason Peters (DOUBTFUL), Jordan Reed (OUT), Chris Hogan (OUT); **St. Charles** – Tayler Decker (QUESTIONABLE).

The North Stars outdid themselves in winning "ugly" last week against York. Lovers of defence will think winning solely on a pick-six and a safety is a beautiful thing, but for 31 minutes there was no hiding the plodding lethargy of the offence, which subsists these days on Tyrod Taylor scrambles and 5-yard runs by Matt Forte. Stefon Diggs must be going crazy. Sadly for the league, this formula for success could work again at St. Charles. Sam Bradford was a surprise starter last week versus Chino and the Chargers have been tight-lipped about the status of Carson Wentz for this game. No matter, the North Stars' defence can handle either. The question will be whether or not the Budapest offence can regain the mediocre form it is capable of. Expect another 1920's score. **PICK: BUDAPEST**

BROOKLIN @ NEW JERSEY (line – HAWKS by 1)

INJURIES: **Brooklin** – Jake Ryan (QUESTIONABLE), Randall Cobb (OUT), Trai Turner (OUT), Vontaze Burfict (OUT); **New Jersey** – Kentrell Brice (OUT), Jeremy Maclin (OUT), Chidobe Awuzie (OUT), Jeremy Kerley (OUT).

The up-and-down Wrecking Balls' season took another downturn last week in LA where the offence slammed into a brick wall. The offensive identity the team is attempting to establish through feature back LeSean McCoy is not taking shape as hoped for. Jared Goff has shown flashes, but no consistency in directing the passing attack; while the offensive line, apart from Andrew Norwell, has been surprisingly shaky. The loosey goosey Brooklin defence offers an opportunity for an "on" week for the New Jersey attack, but whether that will be enough to keep pace with the league's most efficient offence is questionable. The Hawks' win streak ended at 6 games last

week vs an inspired Spartans team, but it was a cliff-hanger all the way. Expect the Hawks to resume their run. **PICK: BROOKLIN**

VIRDEN @ TORONTO (line – WOLVERINES by 3)

INJURIES: **Virden** – Ja’Wuan James (OUT), Deone Bucannon (OUT), Noah Spence (OUT), John Kuhn (OUT), Eric Berry (OUT), Ezekiel Elliott (OUT), Marshall Yanda (OUT), Neville Hewitt (OUT), Malik Hooker (OUT); **Toronto** – Tyreek Hill (OUT), Zach Vigil (OUT), Ryan Griffin (OUT).

The weaknesses that the Wolverines had successfully hidden for 9 weeks were exposed in humiliating fashion in a blowout loss to Cowtown last week. But one bad game in ten does not invalidate a season of remarkable success. Focusing on that big loss risks forgetting that the Toronto secondary has no equal and Virden suddenly has no running back with the injury to Ezekiel Elliott. Jamaal Charles will carry the load for Virden run game, but he is a shadow of his former self. That means the pressure will be on Derek Carr to sustain an air attack against a defence that has allowed opponents to complete less than 50% of their pass attempts. The Violators will hope for help from AJ Green but will rely on defence to keep them in it. The Wolverines will wait them out. **PICK: TORONTO**

CHARLESWOOD @ AURORA (line – MUSTANGS by 8)

INJURIES: **Charleswood** – Marcus Gilbert (QUESTIONABLE), Jamie Collins (DOUBTFUL), Marcus Cannon (OUT), Jamarco Jones (OUT); **Aurora** – Wayne Gallman (OUT), Duane Brown (OUT), Zach Miller (OUT).

DeShaun Watson was cleared for action less than 24 hours after Blake Bortles finished his best outing of the year in a loss to Twin Cities. After taking 10 weeks to figure out how to play in the EFL, Bortles will be sidelined this week for the more dynamic Watson. But whether Watson can hit the ground at full speed is an open question. If he does, the Mustangs may find themselves challenged in a way they did not expect. The Patriots’ defence is capable of limiting Matt Ryan and their committee of running backs, chaired by Kenyan Drake, to 20 points or less. Success for the Pats will depend on ball control and Watson’s ability to generate a dynamic passing attack with the likes of Mohamed Sanu, James Washington and some guy named Mike Gesicki. Fat chance of that! **PICK: AURORA**

TWIN CITIES @ GEORGIA (line – Pick ‘Em)

INJURIES: **Twin Cities** – Joe Thomas (OUT), CJ Beathard (OUT), Kwon Alexander (OUT), Montae Nicholson (OUT), Jake Fisher (OUT); **Georgia** – Reggie Ragland (QUESTIONABLE), Jahri Evans (DOUBTFUL), Jimmy Smith (OUT), Mike Iupati (OUT).

The Triumph celebrated the return of Carson Palmer with a heaping helping of the run game in their OT victory over the Pats last week. Palmer was effective, but he was not asked to carry the team. That is a telling indicator that the Triumph fear pass rush pressure will derail their immobile, but savvy and accurate veteran behind center. Going forward that might be a problem, but this week Palmer should have plenty of time to find Antonio Brown against a weak Georgia secondary supported by a lacklustre pass rush. The untalented Glads’ defence has been barely holding on. Big Ben’s late game heroics have papered over many defensive flaws. At some point, the Georgia QB will blow a tire trying to outrace his defence. This may be the week that happens. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

CHINO @ SEBASTIAN (line – CONVICTS by 2)

INJURIES: **Chino** – Ryan Kalil (OUT); **Sebastian** – Aaron Lynch (OUT), Shawn Lauvao (OUT), D’Onta Foreman (OUT), Arik Armstead (OUT), Menelik Watson (OUT), Darren Sproles (OUT).

The desert heat of Vegas probably fried the brains of the oddsmakers when they came up with this line. Dak Prescott & Co. had a great five-week run to capture first place in the West, but their collapse at home against St. Charles last week cannot be ignored. Nor can the Swordfish rebound last week – after an embarrassing loss the week before – be discarded as meaningless as they look to build momentum for a run at the North Division. Chino’s hopes rest in their offence while Sebastian can look to both phases to claim victory. Lost in the hype about Drew Brees is the quiet fact that the Sebastian defence has allowed the fewest yards per game in the league. They are exhausting to run against and fully capable of disrupting the passing game. Dak will have to be on his game for the Convicts to stand a chance. In the hostile, reverberating bowl of the Fish Tank, expect things to go awry for the visitors. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

SEATTLE @ COWTOWN (line – CORN KINGS by 12)

INJURIES: **Seattle** – None; **Cowtown** – Matt Ioannidis (OUT).

With mirror-image records and the visitors owning the lesser number in the ‘Win’ column, this looks like a slam-dunk slaughter for the Corn Kings at home. A blowout is certainly possible, since the Pilots do not pose close to the same challenge to Cowtown as the Wolverines did in the home team’s landslide win last week. But with the Corn Kings gearing up for a divisional game against Scarborough in Week 12, this contest has all of the makings of a classic “trap” game. The Seattle QB situation is baffling. Sam Darnold started in Week 10 and showed promise, but Eli Manning was back behind center in Week 11 for a lively loss to Buffalo. Seattle has not announced a starter for this game in an attempt to maintain a tactical edge. It is sort of like deciding whether or not to deploy

crossbows or slingshots against tanks. Fully knowing that the line is a “trap,” I will willingly fall into it. **PICK: COWTOWN**

ERIEAU @ CINCINNATI (line – CRUSADERS by 5)

INJURIES: Erieau – Eric Reid (OUT); Cincinnati – PJ Hall (OUT).

The Cadillac got their semi-weekly long pass from Matt Stafford to Jordy Nelson for a touchdown to account for their only score in last week’s loss to Virden. In that game, Erieau’s principals posted respectable averages on offence and the defence made plays, but they still lost. 0-for-14 on third down will do that to a team. Even when the Cadillac are “okay,” they are bad. The Crusaders are coming off a win over sickened Durham and have won 3 of their last 4. While they are unlikely to recover from their early season funk, they are motivated to do damage and finish strong. Getting up for a game against the Cadillac is a challenge for most, but not for a team playing for pride and destined to finish in the basement. Expect the 2019 audition to make an impact. **PICK: CINCINNATI**

DURHAM @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 6)

INJURIES: Durham – Devontae Booker (OUT), Terron Armstead (OUT), Josh Gordon (OUT), Ryan Kelly (OUT); Iowa City – None.

The last time these teams met was in 2015 when the Lizards exploded for 23 points in the 2nd quarter and won easily, 36-17. Drew Brees was Durham’s quarterback back then and the standards were higher than they are today. This year’s Durham QB, Cam Newton, is a disaster, ranked last among starting quarterbacks with 17 picks and 9 fumbles to his discredit. Despite these horrific numbers, the Lizards pass the ball 63.7% of the time, more than any other team in the league. That is the very definition of insanity. The Cubs tend to pass a lot as well, in spite of Russell Wilson’s struggles. They too could use a commitment to the run to perhaps change their team’s fortunes. In the end, it depends on what the defences give them. Both defences can strongly challenge the other’s passing attack, but the Cubs have one of the worst run defences in the league. If the Lizards can’t exploit it, shame on them. **PICK: DURHAM**

SCARBOROUGH @ LOS ANGELES (line – KNIGHTS by 6)

INJURIES: Scarborough – Cordy Glenn (DOUBTFUL), TJ Yeldon (OUT), Dont’a Hightower (OUT), Pierre Garcon (OUT); Los Angeles – Vernon Hargreaves III (QUESTIONABLE), Alex Boone (QUESTIONABLE), Bryan Bulaga (OUT), Terrance West (OUT), Weston Richburg (OUT), Sean Lee (OUT).

The return of Aaron Rodgers to the Scarborough line-up made a huge competitive difference in the Blue Eagles’ last-minute loss to Aurora last week. It is safe to say they are a different team with him behind center. But that may not be enough to win on the west coast over a relatively resurgent Knights gang that thinks it can still make a playoff run. LA, winners of two-in-a-row after losing 7 straight has the defensive capacity to keep their hit-and-miss offence close deep into this game, even if whoever ends up starting at quarterback struggles early. Looking for something good to say about the Blue Eagles, their defence is getting the job done against the run, holding runners to an average of 3.6 yards-per-carry. Le’Veon Bell will be challenged. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – Week Ten of the 2012 EFL season witnessed more sorcery from **Drew Brees** and the Undertakers in their 51-34 conquest of South Carolina. Brees set another EFL record, 8 TD passes in a single game, to increase his record-setting season total to 47. While the entire football world looked on in awe, there were some media detractors who took exception to the way Brees achieved his record. Trailing 27-24 late in the 3rd quarter, the Undertakers shifted into overdrive on offence, scoring 3 TDs (all passes of course) in a roughly 6-minute span. They were able to do this

thanks to the recovery of two consecutive inside kicks. Debate raged over whether this had been a viable tactic on a day when the Undertakers’ defence couldn’t stop granny in a wheelchair; or a purposeful run at the record and running up of the score. With the Undertakers going for two-points after every TD from the very beginning; and **Tony Romo** having a fine day passing for the Regulators, it is logical to assume it was both.

Week Ten marked the first of the many quarterback controversies around Cowtown’s **Joe Flacco**. Coming off an MVP year in 2011, one would think Joe would get the benefit of the doubt. But after struggling in 1st half against York, he was replaced by **Matt Moore**, who promptly led the Corn Kings back from a 21-3 deficit with 3 TD passes to force an improbable overtime period. York eventually won anyway, 27-24 on 35-yard **Blair Walsh** FG, but the spark provided by Moore caused a faction of fans to declare their desire to see him replace Flacco as the starter. Cowtown was in a playoff race and the decision could not be taken lightly.

In defensive news, the Week 10 standout was Chino’s **James Harrison**, who rung up 8 tackles, 4 sacks, 1 tackle-for-loss and 2 forced fumbles in a 27-20 win over Gwinnett.