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EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



Adam Thielen



WOLVE PACK!

Toronto Wolverine wide receiver **Adam Thielen** carries the ball into the end zone against the Erieau Cadillac for his second touchdown catch of the day to lead his team to a 24-20 victory on the road. Thielen and **Tyreek Hill** combined for 286 yards and 16 receptions and **Saquon Barkley** added 113 yards and 1 TD on the ground to account for most of Toronto's 446 yards of offence. Toronto holds a share of first place in the South Division with the Gladiators, who lost this week to the Pats, 16-14. In other news, the Chargers edged Pickering 21-10 and the Triumph dispatched the Crusaders 24-13 to maintain their unbeaten streaks to start the season. Virden came up big at home against the Mustangs, tying the game with 0:18 left and taking it in the final minute of OT for a 30-24 final. (See story inside)



*Who was slick
in Week Four?*

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OFFENCE



Todd Gurley II
RB
Cowtown
Corn Kings

14 Carries, 172 yards, 2 TDs
Exploded in 2nd half to upset Chino



DEFENCE



Roquan Smith
ILB
Cowtown
Corn Kings

17 tackles, 1 PD, 2 STFs 1 INT.
Always around the ball and spied too

OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

1st & 10, OWN 34, 3rd quarter, CHI 10, COW 10: **Todd Gurley** (COW) trap run for 66-yards and a TD.



GAME CENTER 2018 Week Four

By Chris Sherman



DEFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

PIC 20, STC 18, 1:51 4th quarter. **Ron Parker** (STC) picks **Philip Rivers** (PIC) & 38-yd RET sets up FG win.

	27	With Marcus Lattimore and Kam Chancellor out for Seattle, Drew Brees had his best start with the Swordfish, completing 25 of 34 for 307 yards and 3 TDs. Eli Manning's top receiver, Michael Crabtree, went out early in the second half, stunting the Pilots downfield attack. A meaningless late TD pass from Manning to Hollins made this one look closer than it was. Sebastian continued to dominate the clock with their daring play calling, going for it on 4 th down another five times, converting on four. Tre' Flowers was a tired man after this one as he was forced to make 10 tackles while knocking down only one Brees pass all day.
	17	
	27	The Corn Kings went into this one looking for Joe Flacco to rebound from a poor Week 3 outing against Budapest. It was not to be as Flacco was largely ineffective, allowing Chino to focus on Gurley, limiting him to 4 carries for 12 yards. Trailing 10 - 3 to start the 2 nd half the Corn Kings turned to Jimmy Garoppolo and the offense caught fire, with Garoppolo completing 11 of 13 passes for 144 yards and a TD and Gurley carrying the rock 10 times for 159 yards and 2 TDs. Chino was paced by Mark Ingram who rushed 17 times for 108 yards. Prescott had a pedestrian outing, going 23 of 39 for 182 yards.
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	17	An early Cam Newton INT in the end zone by Tre' Davious White squelched an 8 play 60-yard opening drive. Los Angeles takes the ball at the 25 and methodically marches down the field, punching it in from inches out on a Le'Veon Bell dive early in the 2 nd quarter. With the Knights spying on Newton, Rashaad Penny ran wild and the Lizards held a late 21-17 lead. With 4 th and 7 from LA's 47 yd line and 15 sec left in the game Dalton looked to go long but checked down to Bell who zig-zagged down the field, getting knocked OOB at the 3 with 2 sec on the clock. Goldman tackled Bell at the 1 for the win.
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	31	Another lost season for Scarborough. Having mismanaged their QB situation in the off-season the Blue Eagles went with their 4 th QB in 4 games, starting newly acquired Brett Hundley. The results were the same, bad. Hundley went 21 of 37 for 123 yards and 3 INTs. The Cubs' A.J. Bouye accounted for 2 of the INTs, including a Pick 6. The only bright spot for Scarborough was the running of Jordan Howard who rushed for 118 yards on 21 carries and a TD against a vanilla Iowa City defense which all but ignored the pass. Iowa City is now firmly in charge of the West while Scarborough, with 30 offensive points scored in 4 games, is winless..
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	24	The duo of Adam Thielen and Tyreek Hill combined for 286 yards on 16 receptions, with Thielen hauling in 2 TD passes from Jay Cutler as Toronto moved into a tie for first place with Georgia at 3-1. The Wolverines also received a solid effort from Saquon Barkley who tallied 113 yards on 21 carries and a TD. For Erieau it was the 3 rd straight poor performance for Matthew Stafford as he once again failed to hit on 50% of his passes, killing drive after drive. The only bright spots for the Cadillac was Marshawn Lynch who managed 104 yards on 17 carries and Jordy Nelson who hauled in 3 passes for 84 yards and 2 TDs.
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	14	Cincinnati headed to Twin Cities hoping to register their first win, while knocking the Triumph out of the undefeated ranks. It was not to be as Mitch Trubisky had the best day of his young career hitting on 17 of 22 passes for 240 yards and 2 TDs. Rookie Royce Freeman chipped in 99 yards on the ground as the Crusaders quickly fell behind 17 - 0 and could not recover. Nothing of note can be said about Cincinnati's offense, except that it was not very good. Akiem Hicks did all he could to keep Cincy in the game as he notched 12 tackles, 2 sacks and a hurry to no avail. Twin Cities has not lost, Cincinnati has not won.
	23	
	14	Winless Charleswood played host to undefeated Georgia and managed to hold on for a tight 16-14 win. The Patriots, led by Alvin Kamara who rushed for 85 yards on 12 carries and brought in 7 of 11 targets for 69 yards and a TD in the passing game, controlled the clock and never let Georgia find their stride. Ben Roethlisberger had his poorest outing of the season as he accounted for only 178 yards through the air, 134 of which landed in the arms of Jarvis Landry. Trailing 14 - 13 with just over 2 minutes left in the game Blake Bortles moved the Patriots from their own 37 to the Georgia 30 from where Ryan Succop hit the game winning 48-yard FG.
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	14	When Jared Goff hit LeSean McCoy with a 20-yard TD pass to increase NJ's lead to 17 - 0 with just over 10 minutes left to play things appeared to be well in hand for the Wrecking Ball crew. Appearance can be deceiving, however, as the old vet Tom Brady led a furious York comeback, hitting on TD passes to Kelvin Benjamin and Zach Ertz on back to back possessions to make the score 17 - 14 with 2:35 left on the clock. York forced a NJ punt with just under 2 minutes to play and it looked like Brady would complete the comeback. But alas, Jamal Adams tipped a Brady pass headed to Paul Richards and Bashaud Breeland picked it off ending the game.
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	20	St. Charles jumped out to a quick 10 - 0 lead when Carson Wentz, set up by a Philip Rivers INT, hit Jimmy Graham with an 18-yard TD midway through the 1 st quarter. Pickering came back on the strength of Rivers' arm as he connected with Golden Tate on 17 and 52-yard TDs but Greg Zuerlein missed an XP and had a FGA attempt blocked, allowing the Chargers to tie it before the half at 13. The errors kept coming for the Spartans in the 2 nd half as the inconsistent Zuerlein had his 2 nd FGA blocked and with under 2 minutes left and leading 20 -18 Rivers was picked off by Ron Parker who returned it to Pickering's 18 yd line, setting up Hauschka's GW FG.
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	3	Fales Fails. After a decent outing in Week 3, Fales' bubble burst as he went 18 of 33 for 157 yards with 3 INTs and 6 sacks. Budapest controlled this one from start to finish, building up a 22 - 0 lead with the help of Mike Davis' 97 rushing yards. Budapest's defense played it safe against the inexperienced Fales, only bringing the blitz 3 times, but it was more than enough to shut down Buffalo's offense. The Derailers fall to 2 - 2 and hope to have Rosen back for Week 5. The North Stars, as is their custom, have bored their way to a division leading 3 - 1 record, heading into their Week 5 matchup with divisional opponent Brooklin.
	22	
	24	Bruxelles' week 3 win over Charleswood appears to be a one-off as the Bombers fall to Brooklin squad that came into the game winless. Alex Smith had his first decent outing of 2018 for the Hawks as he completed 15 of 24 passes for 158 yards and 3 TDs and added another 67 rushing yards on 6 carries. Jonathan Stewart chipped in with a 23 carry / 133 yard / 1 TD performance as Brooklin never trailed in this one. Marcus Mariota had another poor outing for the Bombers as he was intercepted twice and managed only 18 yards rushing on 8 carries. Leonard Fournette was equally disappointing as he managed a paltry 49 yards on 16 attempts.
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	24	Aurora opened the scoring with a nine-minute drive, capped by a Jaylen Samuels 1-yard run. Two Derek Carr TD passes gave the Violators the lead before Matt Ryan connected with Davante Adams to tie the game at the half. A second Ryan to Adams TD strike gave the Mustangs a 21-14 lead heading into the 4 th quarter. The teams traded FGs in the 4 th quarter, preserving Aurora's 7-point lead as time wound down. Needing a TD, the Violators went 63 yards for the game tying 7-yard TD run by Ezekiel Elliott with 18 ticks left on the clock. Carr's second TD pass to JuJu Smith-Schuster, a 20-yard strike, ended it with 38 seconds left in overtime.
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SWORDFISH



27

PASSING: Drew Brees, 25 of 34, 307 yds, 3 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: C.J. Anderson, 15C, 48yds, (3.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jermaine Kearse, 6 for 65yds, 14LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jadeveon Clowney, 11T, 1 SK, 3 STF
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri, 3 of 3 XP, 2 of 3 FG, 9 Pts

PILOTS



17

PASSING: Eli Manning, 16 of 26, 173 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 16C, 70yds, (4.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Allen Hurns, 4 for 44yds, 18LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Tre Flowers, 10T, 1 PD
KICKING: Josh Lambo, 2 of 2 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

Kingdome Temp:70 Wind: None

MVP: Brees

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Sebastian (3-1)	7	14	6	0	27
Seattle (1-3)	0	10	0	7	17

Scoring Summary

1 2:56 Sebastian	TD Brees 13 pass to Baldwin (Vinatieri) (8-93-4:54)	7-0
2 11:42 Sebastian	TD Brees 4 pass to Everett (Vinatieri) (9-49-4:00)	14-0
2 6:15 Seattle	TD Hunt 8 run (Lambo) (8-78-5:22)	14-7
2 2:58 Sebastian	TD Brees 33 pass to Callaway (Vinatieri) (6-71-3:12)	21-7
2 0:07 Seattle	FG Lambo 22 (13-61-2:39)	21-10
3 9:39 Sebastian	FG Vinatieri 27 (11-49-5:12)	24-10
3 3:00 Sebastian	FG Vinatieri 40 (13-52-5:56)	27-10
4 2:27 Seattle	TD Manning 22 pass to Hollins (Lambo) (11-61-6:10)	27-17

	SS	SEA
First Downs	26	16
Rushes	38-138	17-66
Passes	25-34-307	16-26-173
Sacked	1-6	4-32
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	6-47	5-30
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	5	3
Dropped Passes	1	2
Bad Passes	0	1
Passes 25+	2	0
Runs 10+	3	2
Blitzers	24	9
Time	37:52	22:08
Third Down	3-12	5-12
Fourth Down	4-6	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	5/2/1
Net Offense	439	207

CORN KINGS



27

PASSING: Jimmy Garoppolo, 11 of 13, 144 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Todd Gurley II, 14C, 171yds, (12.2), 2 TD
RECEIVING: Larry Fitzgerald, 7 for 69yds, 14LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Roquan Smith, 17 T, 1 PD, 2 STF
KICKING: Matt Bryant, 3 of 3 XP, 2 of 2 FG, 9 Pts

CONVICTS



10

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 23 of 39, 182 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Mark Ingram, 17C, 108yds, (6.4), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Christian McCaffery, 11 for 69yds, 13LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Trumaine Johnson, 8 T
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 1 of 1 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 4 Pts

The Big House Temp:91 Wind: 5-15

MVP: Gurley II

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Cowtown (3-1)	3	0	14	10	27
Chino (1-3)	0	10	0	0	10

Scoring Summary

1 10:13 Cowtown	FG Bryant 29 (10-66-4:35)	3-0
2 12:00 Chino	FG Bailey 49 (10-55-4:51)	3-3
2 3:19 Chino	TD Prescott 8 pass to Agholor (Bailey,D) (12-75-6:31)	3-10
3 4:23 Cowtown	TD Gurley II 16 run (Bryant,M) (5-51-2:15)	10-10
3 0:38 Cowtown	TD Gurley II 66 run (Bryant,M) (4-98-2:36)	17-10
4 11:48 Cowtown	TD Garoppolo 33 pass to Nelson (Bryant,M) (5-71-3:00)	24-10
4 3:28 Cowtown	FG Bryant 19 (9-63-5:38)	27-10

	COW	CHI
First Downs	18	20
Rushes	20-192	28-158
Passes	22-32-242	23-39-182
Sacked	1-6	3-19
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	4-25	2-25
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	7	9
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	2	1
Passes 25+	2	0
Runs 10+	5	4
Blitzers	14	8
Time	27:35	32:25
Third Down	2-10	4-15
Fourth Down	0-0	2-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/2	1/1/0
Net Offense	428	321

KNIGHTS



17

PASSING: Andy Dalton, 28 of 44, 326yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Le'Veon Bell, 27C, 77yds, (2.7), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Le'Veon Bell, 12 for 135yds, 50LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Robert Quinn, 9 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Ka'imi Fairbairn, 1 of 1 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

THUNDER LIZARDS



21

PASSING: Cam Newton, 15 of 27, 215 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Rashaad Penny, 18C, 97yds, (5.4), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Cooper Kupp, 6 for 97yds, 22LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Oren Burks, 10 T, 1 HUR
KICKING: Phil Dawson, 3 of 3 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 3 Pts

Jurassic Park Temp:81 Wind: Calm

MVP: Penny

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Los Angeles (1-3)	0	10	0	7	17
Durham (3-1)	0	7	7	7	21

Scoring Summary

2 13:35 Los Angeles	TD Bell 1 run (Fairbairn) (13-80-6:16)	7-0
2 6:43 Durham	TD Newton 22 pass to Kupp (Dawson) (7-74-2:40)	7-7
2 2:09 Los Angeles	FG Fairbairn 35 (11-58-4:30)	10-7
3 9:54 Durham	TD Newton 11 pass to Penny (Dawson) (9-70-4:59)	10-14
4 11:26 Durham	TD Hyde 5 run (Dawson) (12-86-5:13)	10-21
4 7:52 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 9 pass to Bell (Fairbairn) (8-75-3:34)	17-21

	LAK	DTL
First Downs	25	22
Rushes	32-87	26-135
Passes	28-44-326	15-28-215
Sacked	2-9	1-13
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	4-45	3-22
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	2	5
Dropped Passes	1	2
Bad Passes	1	4
Passes 25+	2	1
Runs 10+	1	6
Blitzers	22	16
Time	33:58	26:02
Third Down	7-16	2-10
Fourth Down	2-4	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/1	3/2/0
Net Offense	404	337

CUBS



31

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 16 of 26, 179 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Jerrick McKinnon, 2C, 33yds, (16.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Christian Kirk, 5 for 45yds, 13LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: A.J. Bouye, 9T, 2 INT (39yds), 1 TD
KICKING: Justin Tucker, 4 of 4 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 7 Pts

BLUE EAGLES



9

PASSING: Brett Hundley, 21 of 37, 123 yds, 0 TD, 3 INT
RUSHING: Jordan Howard, 21C, 118yds, (5.6), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Tyler Kroft, 6 for 27yds, 7LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Logan Ryan, 8 T
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 0 of 0 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 3 Pts

Bluffs Stadium Temp: 65 Wind: 10-20

MVP: Bouye

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Iowa City (3-1)	7	10	7	7	31
Scarborough (0-4)	0	0	0	9	9

Scoring Summary

1 5:43 Iowa City	TD Wilson 1 run (Tucker,J) (11-80-6:08)	7-0
2 14:52 Iowa City	TD Wilson 13 pass to McKinnon (Tucker,J) (8-71-3:45)	14-0
2 2:18 Iowa City	FG Tucker 32 (5-4-0:58)	17-0
3 0:30 Iowa City	TD Bouye 14 interception return (Tucker,J)	24-0
4 13:05 Scarborough	TD Howard 9 run (2 - failed) (5-75-2:25)	24-6
4 8:17 Scarborough	FG Crosby 28 (13-41-4:39)	24-9
4 3:09 Iowa City	TD Wilson 1 run (Tucker,J) (2-10-0:51)	31-9

	ICC	SBE
First Downs	18	21
Rushes	21-81	37-208
Passes	16-26-179	21-37-123
Sacked	3-17	2-14
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	6-40	9-78
Turnovers	2	3
Missed Tackles	6	5
Dropped Passes	1	2
Bad Passes	0	5
Passes 25+	0	0
Runs 10+	3	6
Blitzers	2	30
Time	24:07	35:53
Third Down	2-7	6-18
Fourth Down	0-1	0-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	6/3/1	4/1/1
Net Offense	243	317

WOLVERINES



24

PASSING: Jay Cutler, 17 of 30, 293 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Saquon Barkley, 21C, 113yds, (5.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Adam Thielen, 9 for 156yds, 42LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Danny Trevathan, 9 T
KICKING: Daniel Carlson, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 6 Pts

CADILLAC



20

PASSING: Matt Stafford, 8 of 22, 132 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Marshawn Lynch, 17C, 104yds, (6.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jordy Nelson, 3 for 84yds, 64LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Eric Reid, 12 T, 1 PD, 2 STF
KICKING: Steven Gostkowski, 2 of 2 XP, 2 of 2 FG, 8 Pts

Kelly-Burke Field Temp: -2 Wind: None

MVP: Thielen

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Toronto (3-1)	7	0	10	7	24
Erieau (2-2)	7	0	7	6	20

Scoring Summary

1 5:15 Toronto	TD Cutler 6 pass to Thielen (Carlson) (11-83-5:40)	7-0
1 1:01 Erieau	TD Stafford 10 pass to Nelson (Gostkowski) (2-20-0:46)	7-7
3 14:39 Erieau	TD Stafford 64 pass to Nelson (Gostkowski) (1-64-0:13)	7-14
3 5:16 Toronto	FG Carlson 23 (7-68-2:40)	10-14
3 3:07 Toronto	TD Cutler 40 pass to Thielen (Carlson) (2-65-0:23)	17-14
4 14:10 Erieau	FG Gostkowski 44 (9-44-3:38)	17-17
4 4:11 Toronto	TD Barkley 3 run (Carlson) (5-75-2:19)	24-17
4 2:05 Erieau	FG Gostkowski 54 (5-16-1:53)	24-20

	TOR	ERI
First Downs	21	14
Rushes	36-163	29-154
Passes	17-30-293	8-23-132
Sacked	1-10	3-21
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	9-86	8-58
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	12	6
Dropped Passes	3	2
Bad Passes	0	1
Passes 25+	5	1
Runs 10+	5	4
Blitzers	2	13
Time	33:09	26:51
Third Down	3-15	0-13
Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	1/1/0
Net Offense	446	265

CRUSADERS



14

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 16 of 32, 177 yds, 1 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Kirk Cousins, 4C, 43yds, (10.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Devin Funchess, 4 for 63yds 39LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Akiem Hicks, 12 T, 2 SK, 1 HUR
KICKING: Blair Walsh, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 1 FG, 2 Pts

TRIUMPH



23

PASSING: Mitch Trubisky, 17 of 22, 240 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Royce Freeman, 16C, 99yds, (6.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Antonio Brown, 8 for 123yds, 24LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Bobby Wagner, 9 T, 1 PD, 2 STF
KICKING: Dustin Hopkins, 2 of 2 XP, 3 of 3 FG, 11 Pts

Wilhalla Stadium Temp: 70 Wind: None

MVP: Trubisky

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Cincinnati (0-4)	0	0	7	7	14
Twin Cities (4-0)	7	10	3	3	23

Scoring Summary

1 1:00 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 21 pass to Brown (Hopkins,D) (10-91-5:44)	0-7
2 8:34 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 26 (11-33-6:05)	0-10
2 1:13 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 28 pass to Golladay (Hopkins,D) (6-66-2:35)	0-17
3 10:45 Cincinnati	TD Cousins 39 pass to Funchess (Walsh,B) (7-51-4:10)	7-17
3 0:08 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 23 (11-66-6:23)	7-20
4 8:35 Cincinnati	TD Barber 4 run (Walsh,B) (14-75-6:33)	14-20
4 1:55 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 24 (13-87-6:29)	14-23

	CIN	TCT
First Downs	15	20
Rushes	25-88	33-158
Passes	16-32-177	17-22-240
Sacked	0-0	3-20
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	4-25	4-27
Turnovers	2	0
Missed Tackles	7	9
Dropped Passes	0	0
Bad Passes	5	0
Passes 25+	2	2
Runs 10+	3	5
Blitzers	18	0
Time	26:35	33:25
Third Down	3-13	4-11
Fourth Down	4-5	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/0	6/1/3
Net Offense	265	378

GLADIATORS



14

PASSING: B. Roethlisberger, 17 of 29, 178 yds, 1 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Alex Collins, 12C, 42yds, (3.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jarvis Landry, 12 for 134yds, 36LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jimmy Smith, 8 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Giorgio Tavecchio, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 2 FG, 2 Pts

PATRIOTS



16

PASSING: Blake Bortles, 20 of 43, 226 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Alvin Kamara, 12C, 85yds, (7.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Alvin Kamara, 7 for 69 yds, 24LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Desmond Trufant, 11 T, 1 FF
KICKING: Ryan Succop, 1 of 1 XP, 3 of 3 FG, 10 Pts

Patriot Place Temp:75 Wind: None

MVP: Kamara

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Georgia (3-1)	7	0	7	0	14
Charleswood (1-3)	0	10	0	6	16

Scoring Summary

1 8:58 Georgia	TD Roethlisberger 11 pass to Stills (Tavecchio) (11-75-6:	7-0
2 11:41 Charleswood	FG Succop 22 (18-73-7:21)	7-3
2 1:58 Charleswood	TD Bortles 24 pass to Kamara (Succop) (9-69-4:56)	7-10
3 6:26 Georgia	TD Michel 6 run (Tavecchio) (4-39-1:49)	14-10
4 4:11 Charleswood	FG Succop 31 (10-53-5:17)	14-13
4 0:00 Charleswood	FG Succop 48 (10-33-2:13)	14-16

	GEO	CHP
First Downs	17	24
Rushes	19-61	28-150
Passes	18-30-183	20-43-226
Sacked	4-24	3-20
Fumble	1	2
Penalties	5-42	9-91
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	9	2
Dropped Passes	1	4
Bad Passes	0	2
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	1	8
Blitzers	2	1
Time	26:43	33:17
Third Down	3-12	6-15
Fourth Down	1-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	3/0/2
Net Offense	220	356

EXCALIBURS



14

PASSING: Tom Brady, 21 of 37, 229 yds, 2 TD, 4 INT
RUSHING: Derrick Henry, 9C, 32yds, (3.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Zach Ertz, 5 for 56yds, 15LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Tyson Alualu, 8 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Graham Gano, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 1 FG, 2 Pts

WRECKING BALLS



17

PASSING: Jared Goff, 12 of 20, 115 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 27C, 103yds, (3.8), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Eric Decker, 4 for 29yds, 8LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: James Bradberry, 8 T
KICKING: Chris Boswell, 2 of 2 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

Stone Pony Shore Temp:72 Wind: 0-10

MVP: McCoy

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 York (2-2)	0	0	0	14	14
2017 New Jersey (2-2)	7	3	0	7	17

Scoring Summary

1 1:43 New Jersey	TD McCoy 1 run (Boswell) (17-98-9:08)	0-7
2 12:10 New Jersey	FG Boswell 43 (4-0-1:05)	0-10
4 10:18 New Jersey	TD Goff 20 pass to Maclin (Boswell) (10-80-5:09)	0-17
4 8:01 York	TD Brady 20 pass to Benjamin (Gano) (3-23-0:32)	7-17
4 2:35 York	TD Brady 13 pass to Ertz (Gano) (7-66-1:39)	14-17

	YOR	NJ
First Downs	18	19
Rushes	23-74	43-179
Passes	21-37-229	12-20-115
Sacked	4-25	2-10
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	7-45	6-50
Turnovers	4	2
Missed Tackles	11	0
Dropped Passes	1	0
Bad Passes	3	2
Passes 25+	0	1
Runs 10+	0	5
Blitzers	27	45
Time	26:45	33:15
Third Down	9-16	6-15
Fourth Down	0-0	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	3/2/0
Net Offense	278	284

SPARTANS



20

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 19 of 33, 230 yds, 2 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Devonta Freeman, 20C, 155yds, (7.8), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Golden Tate, 5 for 106yds, 22LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Tahir Whitehead, 9 T, 1 STF
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 2 of 3 XP, 0 of 3 FG, 2 Pts

CHARGERS



21

PASSING: Carson Wentz, 24 of 46, 253 yds, 1 TD, 3 INT
RUSHING: Dalvin Cook, 14C, 86yds, (6.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jimmy Graham, 7 for 83 yds, 18LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Shaquil Barrett, 11 T
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 1 of 1 XP, 4 of 4 FG, 13 Pts

St.Charles Stadium Temp: 72 Wind: None



MVP: Graham



	1	2	3	4	Tot
Pickering (1-3)	7	6	0	7	20
St. Charles (4-0)	10	3	3	5	21



Scoring Summary

1 7:43 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 25 (14-82-4:18)	0-3
1 6:28 St. Charles	TD Wentz 18 pass to Graham (Hauschka) (2-18-0:17)	0-10
1 4:29 Pickering	TD Rivers 17 pass to Tate (Zuerlein) (4-57-1:54)	7-10
2 6:20 Pickering	TD Rivers 52 pass to Tate (no good) (6-75-3:25)	13-10
2 1:25 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 45 (11-48-4:51)	13-13
3 8:37 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 39 (9-34-3:50)	13-16
4 9:08 Pickering	TD Freeman 8 run (Zuerlein) (6-60-2:45)	20-16
4 5:23 St. Charles	Safety Peppers (Holding-Offense)	20-18
4 1:25 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 29 (4-3-0:23)	20-21

	PIC	STC
First Downs	19	22
Rushes	24-166	29-114
Passes	19-33-230	25-47-262
Sacked	1-6	1-7
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	9-90	5-35
Turnovers	3	3
Missed Tackles	5	8
Dropped Passes	0	3
Bad Passes	2	1
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	6	3
Blitzers	0	19
Time	25:31	34:29
Third Down	5-12	7-18
Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	5/1/2
Net Offense	390	369

<div>DERAILERS</div>		<div>PASSING: David Fales, 18 of 33, 157 yds, 0 TD,3 INT RUSHING: Jay Ajayi, 11C, 36yds, (3.3), 0 TD RECEIVNG: Jay Ajayi, 4 for 42yds, 38LG, 0 TD DEFENCE: Bruce Irvin, 10T, 1 PD, 1 STF KICKING: Jake Elliott, 0 of 0 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 3 Pts</div>		<div>NORTH STARS</div>		<div>PASSING: Tyrod Taylor, 14 of 22, 120 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT RUSHING: Mike Davis, 19C, 97yds, (5.1), 0 TD RECEIVNG: Andre Ellington, 8 for 63yds, 19LG, 0 TD DEFENCE: Benny Logan, 8 T, 2 SK, 2 STF KICKING: Kai Forbath, 1 of 2 XP, 3 of 4 FG, 10 Pts</div>	
<div><div></div><div>3</div></div>				<div><div></div><div>22</div></div>			
<div>Ferenc-Liszt IntlTemp: 64Wind: 0-10MVP: Logan</div>							
		1	2	3	4	Tot	
Buffalo (2-2)		0	0	0	3	3	
Budapest (3-1)		0	16	6	0	22	
<div>Scoring Summary</div>							
2 12:02	Budapest	TD Taylor 13 pass to Moncrief (Forbath) (3-9-0:52)				0-7	
2 6:11	Budapest	TD Crowell 23 run (no good) (6-62-2:15)				0-13	
2 0:48	Budapest	FG Forbath 52 (5-18-1:30)				0-16	
3 9:47	Budapest	FG Forbath 46 (10-51-4:59)				0-19	
3 3:38	Budapest	FG Forbath 44 (8-39-4:42)				0-22	
4 0:00	Buffalo	FG Elliott 54 (7-30-1:49)				3-22	
		BUF		BUD			
First Downs		7		14			
Rushes		19-42		38-175			
Passes		18-33-157		14-23-120			
Sacked		6-39		2-17			
Fumble		1		0			
Penalties		5-53		8-45			
Turnovers		3		0			
Missed Tackles		5		4			
Dropped Passes		1		2			
Bad Passes		2		1			
Passes 25+		2		0			
Runs 10+		1		4			
Blitzers		28		3			
Time		27:30		32:30			
Third Down		3-14		3-15			
Fourth Down		1-5		1-4			
Red Att/Td/Fg		0/0/0		2/2/0			
Net Offense		160		278			

<div>BOMBERS</div>		<div>PASSING: Marcus Mariota, 18 of 29, 241 yds, 1 TD, 2 INTs RUSHING: Leonard Fournette, 16C, 49yds, (3.1), 0 TD RECEIVNG: Chris Thompson, 9 for 119yds, 37LG, 1 TD DEFENCE: Bud Dupree, 1 T, 1 SK, 1 STF KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 6 Pts</div>		<div>HAWKS</div>		<div>PASSING: Alex Smith, 15 of 24, 158 yds, 3 TD, 1 INT RUSHING: Jonathan Stewart, 23C, 133yds, (5.8), 1 TD RECEIVNG: Alshon Jeffery, 5 for 65yds, 21LG, 1 TD DEFENCE: Vontaze Burfict, 7 T, 1 PD, 1 FF KICKING: Cody Parkey, 2 of 4 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 5 Pts</div>	
<div><div></div><div>24</div></div>				<div><div></div><div>29</div></div>			
<div>Optimist ParkTemp:12Wind: NoneMVP: Smith</div>							
		1	2	3	4	Tot	
Bruxelles (1-3)		0	3	7	14	24	
Brooklin (1-3)		3	13	7	6	29	
<div>Scoring Summary</div>							
1 3:40	Brooklin	FG Parkey 39 (11-67-6:36)				0-3	
2 13:10	Bruxelles	FG Catanzaro 39 (10-50-5:18)				3-3	
2 8:32	Brooklin	TD Smith 3 pass to Cobb (Parkey) (9-70-4:32)				3-10	
2 0:46	Brooklin	TD Smith 15 pass to Gronkowski (no good) (9-61-2:53)				3-16	
3 5:29	Bruxelles	TD Mariota 6 run (Catanzaro) (3-19-1:01)				10-16	
3 2:43	Brooklin	TD Smith 21 pass to Jeffery (Parkey) (6-69-2:41)				10-23	
4 12:50	Bruxelles	TD Mariota 14 run (Catanzaro) (10-63-4:46)				17-23	
4 9:12	Brooklin	TD Stewart 4 run (no good) (10-65-3:31)				17-29	
4 1:50	Bruxelles	TD Mariota 3 pass to Thompson (Catanzaro) (9-62-3:18)				24-29	
		BRX		BRH			
First Downs		20		23			
Rushes		27-84		29-200			
Passes		21-32-274		15-24-158			
Sacked		4-33		2-11			
Fumble		2		1			
Penalties		7-55		6-60			
Turnovers		2		1			
Missed Tackles		13		5			
Dropped Passes		0		2			
Bad Passes		1		2			
Passes 25+		4		0			
Runs 10+		2		8			
Blitzers		30		5			
Time		33:11		26:49			
Third Down		4-10		5-11			
Fourth Down		1-2		0-0			
Red Att/Td/Fg		4/3/0		4/3/1			
Net Offense		325		347			

<div>MUSTANGS</div>		<div>PASSING: Matt Ryan, 22 of 35, 242 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT RUSHING: Kenyan Drake, 18C, 56yds, (3.1), 0 TD RECEIVNG: Davante Adams, 7 for 161yds, 66LG, 2 TD DEFENCE: NaVorro Bowman, 13 T, 2 PD KICKING: Wil Lutz, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 6 Pts</div>		<div>VIOLATORS</div>		<div>PASSING: Derek Carr,27 of 38, 240 yds, 3 TD, 0 INT RUSHING: Ezekiel Elliott, 30C, 151yds, (5.0), 1 TD RECEIVNG: Ezekiel Elliott, 7 for 39yds, 14LG, 0 TD DEFENCE: Johnathan Hankins, 8 T, 1 STF, 1 HUR KICKING: Zane Gonzalez 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 6 Pts</div>	
<div><div></div><div>24</div></div>				<div><div></div><div>30</div></div>			
<div>TERRORDOMETemp:68Wind: CalmMVP:Elliott</div>							
		1	2	3	4	5	Tot
Aurora (2-2)		7	7	7	3	0	24
Virden (2-2)		7	7	0	10	6	30
<div>Scoring Summary</div>							
1 6:05	Aurora	TD Samuels 1 run (Lutz) (13-80-8:30)				7-0	
1 3:17	Virden	TD Carr 21 pass to Green (Gonzalez) (1-21-0:09)				7-7	
2 12:09	Virden	TD Carr 18 pass to Smith-Schuster (Gonzalez) (8-85-3:29)				7-14	
2 9:27	Aurora	TD Ryan 66 pass to Adams (Lutz) (5-75-2:42)				14-14	
3 7:16	Aurora	TD Ryan 27 pass to Adams (Lutz) (12-97-5:36)				21-14	
4 9:42	Virden	FG Gonzalez 23 (19-75-8:31)				21-17	
4 6:07	Aurora	FG Lutz 46 (6-21-3:25)				24-17	
4 0:18	Virden	TD Elliott 7 run (Gonzalez) (16-63-5:38)				24-24	
5 0:38	Virden	TD Carr 20 pass to Smith-Schuster				24-30	
		AUR		VV			
First Downs		22		30			
Rushes		29-107		37-174			
Passes		22-35-242		27-38-240			
Sacked		1-5		3-20			
Fumble		2		1			
Penalties		12-89		9-72			
Turnovers		1		0			
Missed Tackles		6		7			
Dropped Passes		1		1			
Bad Passes		0		1			
Passes 25+		2		0			
Runs 10+		3		4			
Blitzers		5		5			
Time		33:48		40:34			
Third Down		6-14		4-15			
Fourth Down		0-1		2-3			
Red Att/Td/Fg		1/1/0		4/3/1			
Net Offense		344		394			

WEEK FOUR

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
St. Charles	4	0	0	1.000	85	21.3	64	16.0	5.3	2 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0
Buffalo	2	2	0	.500	72	18.0	60	15.0	3.0	2 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
New Jersey	2	2	0	.500	63	15.8	92	23.0	-7.3	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
Bruxelles	1	3	0	.250	89	22.3	79	19.8	2.5	1 1 0	0 2 0	1 2 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Twin Cities	4	0	0	1.000	127	31.8	60	15.0	16.8	3 0 0	1 0 0	3 0 0
Erieau	2	2	0	.500	62	15.5	91	22.8	-7.3	2 1 0	1 0 0	2 1 0
Virden	2	2	0	.500	100	25.0	84	21.0	4.0	1 1 0	0 1 0	1 2 0
Charleswood	1	3	0	.250	60	15.0	100	25.0	-10.0	1 1 0	0 1 0	0 3 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	3	1	0	.750	96	24.0	67	16.8	7.3	0 1 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Los Angeles	1	3	0	.250	63	15.8	81	20.3	-4.5	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
Chino	1	3	0	.250	69	17.3	111	27.8	-10.5	0 2 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
Seattle	0	3	0	.250	91	22.8	104	26.0	-3.3	0 3 0	1 1 0	1 2 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE												
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	3	1	0	.750	71	17.8	49	12.3	5.5	2 0 0	2 0 0	2 1 0
Sebastian	3	1	0	.750	108	20.7	74	18.5	8.5	2 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Durham	3	1	0	.750	84	21.0	63	15.8	5.3	2 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Scarborough	0	4	0	.000	32	7.0	107	26.8	-18.8	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 3 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	3	1	0	.750	71	17.8	41	10.3	7.5	2 1 0	1 0 0	2 1 0
York	2	2	0	.500	82	20.5	49	12.3	8.3	0 1 0	0 1 0	2 1 0
Pickering	1	3	0	.250	77	19.3	93	23.3	-4.0	1 1 0	1 0 0	1 2 0
Brooklin	1	3	0	.250	89	22.3	116	29.0	-6.6	1 1 0	0 1 0	0 3 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Georgia	3	1	0	.750	89	22.3	73	18.3	4.0	1 0 0	2 0 0	3 0 0
Toronto	3	1	0	.750	86	21.5	68	17.0	4.5	1 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Aurora	2	2	0	.500	83	20.8	77	19.3	1.5	2 0 0	1 1 0	2 1 0
Cincinnati	0	4	0	.000	66	16.5	112	28.0	-11.5	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 3 0

TOP PASSERS												
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Roethlisberger	GEO	130	73	56.2	947	0	0.0	50	10	7.7	104.9
2	Cutler	TOR	87	50	57.5	746	2	2.3	52	7	8	102.9
3	Manning	SEA	129	77	59.7	923	1	0.8	53	8	6.2	99.1
4	Carr,D	VV	130	78	60.0	1000	1	0.8	54	7	5.4	98.9
5	Trubisky	TCT	105	64	61.0	876	2	1.9	48	6	5.7	98.8
6	Brees	SS	149	94	63.1	1023	2	1.3	44	7	4.7	93.3
7	Brady	YOR	119	72	60.5	917	5	4.2	53	9	7.6	92.3
8	Dalton	LAK	77	45	58.4	507	0	0.0	50	3	3.9	91.2
9	Ryan,M	AUR	131	83	63.4	926	4	3.1	66	7	5.3	89.4
10	Taylor,T	BUD	116	69	59.5	698	1	0.9	56	5	4.3	87.5
11	Newton,C	DTL	126	72	57.1	900	4	3.2	53	8	6.3	87.4
12	Prescott	CHI	142	85	59.9	945	3	2.1	56	6	4.2	85.0
13	Stafford	ERI	88	46	52.3	511	1	1.1	64	5	5.7	84.0
14	Smith,A	BRH	144	77	53.5	932	3	2.1	76	7	4.9	81.1
15	Flacco	COW	110	67	60.9	628	2	1.8	56	3	2.7	78.1
16	Wentz	STC	131	74	56.5	792	3	2.3	36	5	3.8	77.5
17	Goff	NJ	118	59	50.0	673	2	1.7	59	5	4.2	74.6
18	Rivers,P	PIC	133	72	54.1	891	6	4.5	67	7	5.3	73.9
19	Wilson,R	ICC	106	62	58.5	735	5	4.7	37	4	3.8	72.6
20	Mariota	BRX	119	70	58.8	840	8	6.7	53	6	5	69.3
21	Cousins	CIN	152	78	51.3	989	6	3.9	58	5	3.3	66.5
22	Fales	BUF	84	55	65.5	547	4	4.8	38	0	0	63.9
23	McCown	LAK	79	43	54.4	485	5	6.3	42	3	3.8	59.3
24	Bortles	CHP	159	81	50.9	800	7	4.4	42	4	2.5	55.5
25	Garoppolo	COW	13	11	84.6	144	0	0.0	33	1	7.7	138.5

KICKOFF RETURNERS								PUNT RETURNERS								
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Cooper,P	ERI	21	650	31.0	90	1	1	Davis, T	ICC	10	3	133	13.3	20	0
2	Williams,K	GEO	10	283	28.3	42	0	2	Ervin	VV	10	5	109	10.9	44	0
3	Lockett	ICC	6	169	28.2	37	0	3	Cooper,P	ERI	11	3	106	9.6	17	0
4	Bray	CHI	13	366	28.2	33	0	4	Jackson,A	STC	10	1	96	9.6	16	0
5	Switzer	PIC	8	216	27.0	41	0	5	Jones,A	NJ	19	1	172	9.1	25	0
6	Hunt,A	BRX	10	252	25.2	39	0	6	Fuller V	GEO	4	3	35	8.8	13	0
7	Roberts,A	LAK	9	221	24.6	34	0	7	Alexander	TCT	9	3	75	8.3	12	0
8	Moore,C	SS	9	218	24.2	36	0	8	Erickson	BUF	12	5	99	8.3	17	0
9	Grant,C	CHP	12	289	24.1	39	0	9	Amendola	YOR	16	6	132	8.3	15	0
10	Lewis,D	STC	8	192	24.0	31	0	10	Callaway	SS	6	5	49	8.2	15	0
11	Agnew	SEA	6	142	23.7	42	0	11	McCaffrey	CHI	8	7	61	7.6	23	0
12	Barner	BRH	10	220	22.0	35	0	12	Crowder	SBE	7	5	53	7.6	11	0
13	Ballage	AUR	5	109	21.8	28	0	13	Sherels	BUD	17	2	120	7.1	17	0
14	Smith-Schu	VV	11	225	20.5	32	0	14	Roberts,A	LAK	9	6	63	7.0	14	0
15	Erickson	BUF	7	137	19.6	25	0	15	Campanaro	COW	10	4	62	6.2	12	0
16	Foster,D	NJ	6	115	19.2	23	0	16	Pettis	BRX	8	6	49	6.1	14	0
17	Harris,D	TOR	7	131	18.7	25	0	17	Switzer	PIC	8	2	49	6.1	13	0
18	Lewis,T	SBE	11	204	18.5	28	0	18	Richard	CHP	12	5	57	4.8	9	0
19	Booker	DTL	7	80	11.4	18	0	19	Taylor,T	DTL	9	5	42	4.7	13	0
20	Callaway	SS	1	36	36.0	36	0	20	Hill,T	TOR	9	6	28	3.1	10	0

RUSHING LEADERS								RECEIVING LEADERS							
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Elliott	VV	100	437	4.4	31	4	1	McCaffrey	CHI	34	328	9.6	24	1
2	Barkley	TOR	68	396	5.8	37	3	2	Adams,D	AUR	32	531	16.6	66	4
3	McCoy,L	NJ	95	395	4.2	28	1	3	Landry	GEO	31	443	14.3	50	5
4	Bell,L	LAK	117	387	3.3	30	2	4	Brown,A	TCT	30	416	13.9	36	3
5	Gurley II	COW	63	383	6.1	66	3	5	Bell,L	LAK	30	315	10.5	50	4
6	Howard,J	SBE	71	370	5.2	58	2	6	Thompson,C	BRX	26	290	11.2	53	2
7	Hunt,K	SEA	83	344	4.1	21	1	7	Gronkowski	BRH	25	293	11.7	22	2
8	Lynch,M	ERI	75	307	4.1	24	0	8	Fitzgerald	COW	24	221	9.2	20	1
9	Freeman,D	PIC	51	283	5.5	28	2	9	Baldwin,D	SS	24	390	16.3	44	3
10	Collins,A	GEO	55	279	5.1	55	1	10	Allen,K	CIN	24	389	16.2	51	3
11	Crowell	BUD	59	276	4.7	23	2	11	Witten	SS	23	219	9.5	36	0
12	Ingram,M	CHI	59	271	4.6	33	2	12	Kearse,J	SS	22	236	10.7	34	2
13	Drake	AUR	63	271	4.3	17	0	13	Green,A	VV	22	299	13.6	54	2
14	Penny	DTL	56	267	4.8	14	0	14	Tate,G	PIC	21	371	17.7	67	6
15	Gordon,M	TCT	71	264	3.7	20	3	15	Thomas,M	STC	21	272	13	24	0
16	Gallman	AUR	39	245	6.3	24	0	16	Hill,T	TOR	21	385	18.3	52	3
17	Fournette	BRX	63	235	3.7	26	1	17	Kamara	CHP	20	167	8.4	42	1
18	Michel	GEO	42	231	5.5	50	1	18	Jones,J	BUF	20	197	9.9	35	1
19	Powell,B	ICC	39	223	5.7	46	2	19	Stills	GEO	20	281	14.1	38	5
20	Ajayi	BUF	48	219	4.6	20	0	20	Funchess	CIN	20	273	13.7	39	1
21	Stewart,J	BRH	48	216	4.5	27	1	21	Smith-Schuster	VV	20	376	18.8	46	5
22	Anderson,C	SS	57	208	3.6	19	2	22	Gurley II	COW	20	169	8.5	56	1
23	Smith,A	BRH	24	198	8.3	26	1	23	Kupp	DTL	18	240	13.3	22	1
24	Lewis,D	STC	42	194	4.6	22	0	24	Crabtree	SEA	18	258	14.3	49	1
25	Miller,L	CHP	50	192	3.8	18	0	25	Agholor	CHI	17	199	11.7	32	2

INTERCEPTION LEADERS								SACK LEADERS				TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Bouye	ICC	3	58	19.3	25	1	1	Morgan, D	SBE	5	1	Reid, E	ERI	41
2	White,T	LAK	3	40	13.3	40	0	2	Judon	NJ	4	2	Kuechly	CIN	41
3	Neal,K	NJ	2	31	15.5	29	1	3	Dupree	BRX	4	3	Smith,R	COW	39
4	Bradberry	NJ	2	21	10.5	21	0	4	Jones,C	SS	4	4	Poole	ERI	34
5	Butler,M	NJ	2	41	20.5	32	0	5	Lawrence	CHP	4	5	Barrett	STC	33
6	Darby	COW	2	36	18.0	29	0	6	Heyward	CHP	4	6	Judon	NJ	33
7	Trufant	CHP	2	0	0.0	0	0	7	Houston,L	BUD	4	7	Shazier	CHI	33
8	Reid,E	ERI	2	6	3.0	6	0	8	McCoy,G	BRH	4	8	Mingo	SEA	33
9	Wagner,B	TCT	2	0	0.0	0	0	9	Smith,P	BRX	3	9	Clowney	SS	33
10	Howard,X	PIC	2	33	16.5	24	0	10	Peppers	STC	3	10	Ogletree	ICC	32
11	Hyde,M	YOR	2	16	8.0	16	0	11	Dumervil	DTL	3	11	Smith,J	TOR	32
12	Davis,J	BRX	2	8	4.0	8	0	12	Houston,J	ERI	3	12	Mosley	CHP	31
13	Hayward	ICC	2	4	2.0	4	0	13	Ingram,M	VV	3	13	Bowman	AUR	31
14	Fuller,K	BRX	2	2	1.0	2	0	14	Longacre	NJ	3	14	Dupree	BRX	30
15	McCourty,J	AUR	2	77	38.5	46	0	15	Campbell,C	BUD	3	15	Harris Jr.	TCT	29
16	Weddle	TOR	2	44	22.0	44	0	16	Clowney	SS	3	16	Davis,D	STC	28
17	Newman,T	DTL	1	25	25.0	25	0	17	Quinn,R	LAK	3	17	Jewell	ICC	28
18	McCourty,D	DTL	1	10	10.0	10	0	18	Zettel	TOR	3	18	Trufant	CHP	28
19	Sherman,R	DTL	1	40	40.0	40	0	19	Chubb,B	BUF	2	19	Jackson,K	SEA	28
20	Burks	DTL	1	59	59.0	59	1	20	Pierre	SBE	2	20	Jones,D	SBE	28

SCORING LEADERS													
Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Trubisky	TCT	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
2	Tate,G	PIC	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
3	Bell,L	LAK	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	36
4	Hauschka	STC	9	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35
5	Smith-Schu	VV	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
6	Landry	GEO	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
7	Stills	GEO	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
8	Parkey	BRH	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
9	Gostkowski	ERI	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
10	Elliott,J	BUF	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
11	Gonzalez	VV	5	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
12	Hopkins,D	TCT	3	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
13	Graham,J	STC	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
14	Nelson,J	ERI	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
15	Gurley II	COW	0	0	0	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	24
16	Tucker,J	ICC	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
17	Wilson,R	ICC	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
18	Foreman	SS	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
19	Adams,D	AUR	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
20	Elliott,E	VV	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
21	Vinatieri	SS	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
22	Thielen	TOR	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
23	Forbath	BUD	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
24	Bryant,M	COW	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
25	Catanzaro	BRX	4	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
26	Lambo	SEA	5	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
27	Gano	YOR	4	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
28	Boswell	NJ	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
29	Hunt,K	SEA	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	20
30	Carlson	TOR	3	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20
31	Ginn Jr.	NJ	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
32	Thompson,C	BRX	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	18
33	Baldwin,D	SS	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
34	Brown,A	TCT	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18
35	Ertz	YOR	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	18

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	10	9	90.0	4	0	45	35	1	Colquitt,B	SEA	14	689	0	6	54	0	49.2
2	Parkey	BRH	10	7	70.0	2	1	55	29	2	Kern	BRX	20	982	2	5	58	0	49.1
3	Elliott,J	BUF	10	7	70.0	2	2	55	26	3	Lechler	STC	20	976	0	8	55	0	48.8
4	Gostkowski	ERI	10	7	70.0	5	3	58	26	4	Lee,A	BUF	17	822	0	4	64	0	48.4
5	Hopkins,D	TCT	4	3	75.0	0	0	26	25	5	Colquitt,D	SBE	22	1061	2	7	70	0	48.2
6	Gonzalez	VV	6	5	83.3	2	0	49	25	6	Kaser	BUD	22	1055	3	7	58	0	48.0
7	Vinatieri	SS	6	4	66.7	3	0	41	24	7	Huber	CHP	17	815	3	5	57	1	47.9
8	Tucker,J	ICC	7	4	57.1	1	0	44	24	8	Morstead	DTL	16	763	1	5	67	0	47.7
9	Catanzaro	BRX	6	4	66.7	0	0	39	23	9	Hekker	COW	27	1271	1	13	60	0	47.1
10	Bryant,M	COW	6	5	83.3	0	0	38	23	10	King,M	TOR	24	1123	1	8	57	0	46.8
11	Forbath	BUD	8	6	75.0	6	2	54	23	11	O'Donnell	NJ	26	1212	2	11	63	0	46.6
12	Lambo	SEA	10	5	50.0	0	0	39	23	12	Jones,D	YOR	21	972	0	12	54	0	46.3



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Whether you are on the right or the left of the migrant caravan issue, one point on which all can agree is that it is highly unusual to see a caravan of roughly 5,000 people marching more than 1,000 miles over the course of several weeks to crash a border armed to the teeth with Military, ICE, Homeland Security and Border Patrol, all determined to keep them out. It is precisely because it is such an unusual event, if not unprecedented on this scale, that I suspect something is up and it has to do with the upcoming mid-term elections.

These aren't refugees being forced from a war zone – they are a collection of mostly Honduran nationals, all poor, who seemed to have spontaneously decided to band together and immigrate, illegally, to the United States. What's up with that? Americans of Honduran descent make up 0.29% of the US population; the eighth largest Hispanic Group in the United States. By comparison, the largest group, Mexicans, make up 11.3%. Although Hondurans have come to the U.S. both legally and illegally since 1820, they have never crashed the border by the thousands all at once. But it may happen in the near future.

The reaction of the President is predictable. It should come as no surprise to anyone that the guy who campaigned on building a wall at the border with Mexico is taking a hardline stance on this bold and theatrical challenge to border integrity. The law and common sense support his stance, yet many liberals are criticizing his policy as “racist” and his deployment of the military a “political stunt” in the run-up to the US midterm elections. But Trump's measures are a typical ‘Trumpian’ *reaction* to what he suspects is a politically-timed provocation. And, as in sports, when the player retaliating is invariably penalized for doing so, the focus of the media's attention is on his reaction and not on the absurdity of 5,000 migrants spontaneously assembling to march over a thousand miles to provoke a confrontation at the border.

Rather than fretting, fussing and fuming over the President's predictable hardline reaction – one supported by many people who aren't crazy, I would add – we should all be asking what the heck is going on in Honduras to provoke such a movement? And, if the answer does not include anything new and compelling apart from the usual “life is depressing there, the government is corrupt and everyone's poor,” then we should be asking: “how did this happen and *why now?*”

HOOSEGOW OF THE GODS

The Pickering Spartans are going through a rough patch during the first quarter of the season, both on and off the field as the losses mount and the fallout from their loss to the Thunder Lizards last week continues.

The entire officiating crew in that game was suspended pending a league investigation into the refereeing irregularities that marred that contest. The mandate of the investigation has been expanded to include the Spartans' home season opener against the Hawks, in which the visitors were penalized 15 times for over 120 yards, many of the calls controversial. A police investigation was launched into the drugging and confinement of the referee of the crew, **Clay Martin**, by person(s) unknown. The league also announced that it is conducting an internal investigation into allegations of attempted game-fixing by an unnamed figure connected with Greek Football operating through Greek-Canadian members of the *Hellenic Cultural Centre*.

Civil suits are being thrown around like tomatoes at *La Tomatina*, with the largest one a class action suit being brought against the Pickering Spartans, Durham Thunder Lizards and Thermopylae Stadium for damage to the hearing of fans who were too close to **Celine Dion** when she unleashed her highest vocal range, hitting B7 above High-C, in panic after a bright blue energy beam from **Gus Konstantakos'** helmet head sheared through the glass and walls of her luxury box during the game.

To make matters worse, the beleaguered Pickering coach was summarily suspended from all EFL stadiums until he could certify that appropriate safety measures were in place (in addition to the protective helmet covering his naked, blue energy-infused brain), to prevent his head from erupting in a shower of deadly laser beams whenever things went badly for the Spartans. This was a condition that had prompted loud and bitter objection from the Spartans, as fulfilling it was thought to be impossible.

In the only good piece of news for the Spartans in the week leading up to their game against St. Charles, it turned out that an extremely expensive solution was readily available for protecting fans and players from Gus' deadly, mis-firing brain.

It is a little-known and even less talked-about fact that the phenomena of Ancient Greek Gods attempting to re-enter the world of man through living humans is not uncommon in Greece, where the Greek Gods once reigned supreme. It is rare for the phenomenon to occur outside of Greece, having been documented only once before when *Aphrodite* attempted to enter the body



Pickering coach **Gus Konstantakos** coaches from inside “Zeus’ Dungeon” to protect fans from the laser beams coming out of his head.

of actress, **Nia Varadlos**, only to withdraw in horror after looking in a mirror. But apparently it is a common enough occurrence in Greece that a company called *Olympia Solutions* has produced the ‘Fylaki tou Dia’, “Zeus’ Dungeon,” to house and protect Greek citizens temporarily or permanently possessed by an Ancient Greek God. The portable dungeon is relatively lightweight, but durable. It is fashioned from a plastic-metal alloy with patented properties that make it “highly resistant to God Ether.” ‘God Ether’ is described by the manufacturer as: “*the medium through which God power connects to the physical world and enables impacts and alterations in physical systems.*” Aaaalrighty then! It sounds like a huge scam, except for the fact that *something* came out of Gus’ head last Sunday that cannot be easily explained. Writing it off as possession by a Greek God makes as much sense as anything else at this point.

The base Zeus’ Dungeon bears a sticker price of €3,286,999, or roughly \$3,750,000 US. But due to fact that Gus had been purportedly possessed by one of the *major* Greek Gods, **Ares** – God of War, the heavy-duty version had been recommended at an additional premium of \$1,000,000 US. Add in shipping costs of approximately \$500,000 and you have a total outlay of

\$5,250,000 US. That’s a lot of tzatziki sauce!

The result of all of this was that Coach **Gus Konstantakos** was able to take the field for Sunday’s game against St. Charles and the fans and players at St. Charles Stadium were properly protected when a sack of **Philip Rivers** by **Julius Peppers** on the final play of a 21-20 Pickering loss provoked another laser light show to flare up from the vents in Gus’ helmet, absorbed by the Dungeon.

This game pitted two potential contenders going in completely opposite directions against each other. Both teams duly continued along their early-season paths: The Chargers made key plays at crucial times, blocking two field goal attempts and forcing three turnovers that led to 13 points, including the game-winning field goal; the Spartans continued to move the ball but negated their successes with critical errors, while their defence continued to struggle.

The cloud that hangs over the Spartan franchise is palpable. Charger QB, **Carson Wentz** did not have one of his better games. He was intercepted 3 times, twice inside the Pickering red zone, and posted a woeful 42.3 QB rating on third down. That his team was able to survive and win after such an outing is a testament to how unlucky the Spartans are and how their quarterback seemingly drops the ball whenever his team seems to have the advantage. The inconsistent and often poor play of Rivers, ranked 18th overall statistically among quarterbacks, was not factored into pre-season projections of success for Pickering. But the trade deadline is past and there is nobody behind him. For the Spartans it is Rivers, or bust, for the rest of the year.

TERRIFIC AT TERRORDOME

In the obscure world of Manitoba football politics, the Patriots always win the popular vote. That is no surprise. The Pats are an original EFL franchise, a competitive team year-in year-out, boasted a Hall-of-Fame quarterback on their roster for most years of the team’s existence, and have two Championship banners hanging from the rafters of Patriot Place.

The Violators, by comparison, are generally regarded by the majority of football fans in the province as an embarrassment, a misfit organization supported by the dregs of Manitoba society. It doesn’t help that the team’s wealthy owner, **Vance Barrate**, father of coach and GM **Lance Barrate**, is not well-liked by the Manitoba elite, due to his reputation for ruthlessness in business, and that he doesn’t even attend Violator home games.

The team was a gift to his son, Lance, “to keep him busy so he doesn’t mess up my oil business,” he once said in an interview for the *Virden Eviscerator*. “If the boy can make this team work out, maybe he’ll get a spot on my Board of Directors.”

Vance prefers the CFL and is a Saskatchewan Roughrider season ticket holder. He often “jokes” that he wouldn’t waste any more of his precious fortune on the Violators than he already has, although he does continue to bankroll the Virden payroll.

But with the Patriots languishing in mediocrity the past two seasons and the Violators finishing first in the Central Division in 2017, the team from Virden is making popular inroads locally and with the non-aligned fans across the province of Manitoba and Eastern Saskatchewan. This rising popularity of the team that even its owner doesn’t like was in evidence this past week at the old insane asylum known as **TERRORDOME**, where the Violators hosted the Champion Aurora Mustangs. It was the first time these

teams had faced each other since the 0-16 Violators of 2015 dropped a 35-9 decision to the 15-1 Mustangs in a game notable only for the fact that Virden had not been shutout and had held the Mustangs to less than 40 points. That season was the low-point of football in Virden. Had it not been for the stubbornness of Lance's father, it likely would have been the team's last year in that small Manitoba community. But **Vance Barrate** had railed to the Press that "Barrates don't give up that easily. Of course, the team is terrible now and not worth paying to see. But Lance is determined to turn this thing around – or he had *better* be, gawl dash it!"

Two years, a combined 18 wins, and an all-time sack record by **Melvin Ingram** later and the Violators are, all of a sudden, a hot ticket – or at least a very warm ticket. Hot or warm, there were no tickets available except from scalpers in the days leading up to the team's Week Four contest against the Mustangs. A sellout crowd of over 41,000 got to see the most exciting game of a pretty impressive week. Best of all, the home team won.

Although the Violators played tough from the get-go, capitalizing on an Aurora fumble and a third down pass interference penalty on **Jason McCourty** for its first two touchdowns, this game had all the makings of another Aurora "make-win project." The team unveiled the latest unknown member of its Running Back Committee, **Jaylen Samuels** for their first touchdown of the game, a 1-yard dive that seemed to catch the Violators' defence off guard. Then there was the familiar two-touchdown catch game for **Davante Adams**, both scores coming on medium routes with plenty of room across the middle resulting in big-gainers of 66 and 27-yards. The 46-yard **Wil Lutz** field goal that put the visitors in front by a touchdown, 24-17 with 6:07 left to play in the 4th quarter, felt like the customary late game final momentum shift that seemed to always favour the Mustangs in any close game they ever played.

But not this time. The Virden offence showed patience in handing the ball to **Ezekiel Elliott** three times to start the subsequent series, grinding out a first down, but then got bogged down by uncertain execution on three pass plays in the face of a determined Aurora defence. The punting team came onto the field to the sound of silence. The previously raucous crowd was not in a position to boo the decision to not go for a 4th and 10 at mid-field with 2:51 left; but nor could they get excited about giving the ball back to the Mustangs – the best team in recent memory at putting a game away. But an offsides call on over-eager Aurora rookie lineman, **Marcus Davenport** during the punt changed the equation. 4th & 5 at the Aurora 44-yard line was worth a gamble.

David Carr dropped back deep in the pocket and heaved a missile in the direction of **JuJu Smith-Schuster**, who was trying unsuccessfully to gain separation from corner **Josh Norman**. The ball sailed past his back shoulder, incomplete, prompting a moan from the crowd. But a flag was down in the secondary. Veteran safety **Earl Thomas** was called for illegal contact on **AJ Green**. The call appeared to be technically correct, but borderline and away from the play. It was the kind of contact that could easily, and often was, ignored. But referee **Ed Hochuli** had seen fit to call it and the end result was new life for the Violators at the Mustangs' 39.

The precarious Virden drive continued. They were up against a motivated and strong Aurora defence and nothing looked like it would come easily. On 2nd & 10, finding his receivers again blanketed and the rush bearing down, Carr took off running and dashed through a wide but quickly closing gap at the second level. With linebacker **Shaq Thompson** honing in on him, Carr slid as he attained the marker for a first down at the Aurora 29. The clock stopped at the two-minute warning. The Violators had two minutes and two timeouts remaining to cover the remaining distance and hopefully tie the game.

The crowd was into it. The "mosh pit" behind the north end zone rocked with bodies slamming into each other. The half-punk, half-goth Virden fan groupies known as '*The Defilers*' were leading the friendly violence. The digital scoreboard exhorted the crowd to SCREAM!! The *Virden Vixens* cheerleaders looked like anything but foxes as they swirled their plastic scythes in unison, their chalk white make-up, thick black eye-shadow and bright red lipstick making them appear more like blade-wielding, thirsty vampires. Every day is Halloween at the **TERRORDOME**.

On the first play from scrimmage after the break, Carr fired a quick out pass to **Amari Cooper**, who side-stepped a charging Norman and dashed forward to the 18 for an 11-yard gain. As the crowd howled its approval, the Violators took their time strolling up to the line. If they were destined to tie the game, they were not going to give the Mustangs time to avert overtime and a clean slate.

On the next play, another offsides penalty on Davenport gave the Violators a 1st & 5 at the 13 then a draw to Elliott yielded 3 yards to the 10. With the clock ticking under one minute it was time to pick up the pace. The Violators hustled to the line. Carr took the quick snap, took 3 steps backwards and lofted a high arcing pass to the back of the end zone. The ball hung up a little too long and **NaVorro Bowman** was able to tip it away from intended target **AJ Green**, bringing up 3rd & 2.

With time and opportunity dwindling, Carr dropped back to find blanket coverage by the Mustangs' secondary and defensive end, **Denico Autry** hot on his tail. As he neared the sideline he fired the ball to Elliott at the first down marker. The Virden running back made the catch but was immediately wrapped up by Bowman while still in bounds. With the ball at the 7 and 0:25 left Virden called a timeout. They now had one remaining.

That timeout gave the Violators the option to run the ball, but it also gave them an extra opportunity or two, with a fresh set of downs, to throw into the end zone. The Mustangs gambled on the latter strategy. Their linemen rushed the passer and the back-seven dropped into short pass coverage as Carr wheeled and pitched the ball to Elliott. The Violator star quickly turned the corner and raced toward the pylon, crossing the front corner of the end zone untouched for the major. A great '*HURRAH*' burst from the crowd. But one more small but critical task remained. Kicker, **Zane Gonzalez** stepped up and to the relief of the home side, drilled home the extra point to make it official: The Violators had tied the game.

The Mustangs got the ball back at their 25 with 0:18 left in regulation. In keeping with their character, they conceded nothing. **Matt Ryan** managed to get off 4 pass attempts in the time remaining, completing just one for a 3-yard gain. The remainder of the

passes were broken up by a lively Virden secondary inspired by the performance of their teammates on offence.

The Mustangs got the ball to start the overtime. But after a 14-yard pass to Adams and an encroachment penalty on **Melvin Ingram** yielded two quick first downs, the Violator defence stiffened and did not allow another yard. Aurora was forced to punt from their 40 and it was not a particularly great punt, travelling just 34 yards before rolling out of bounds at the Virden 26. The Violators responded with a heavy dose of **Ezekiel Elliott**. He was handed the ball 6 straight times for 32 yards before he was forced to take a breather. **Jamaal Charles** followed up with two more carries for 9 yards to bring up 4th & 1 at the Aurora 25 and a 43-yard, game-winning field goal attempt for Gonzalez.

With the game on the line and the crowd on its feet, defensive tackle **Malik Jackson** broke through the Virden line and got a hand on the ball, knocking Gonzalez's kick off course. The crowd groaned while the Aurora sideline celebrated. It would be a short reprieve, however. The Aurora offence went three-and-out, its receivers unable to gain separation from the cling-on Virden secondary. Punter, **Sam Koch** booted a towering 51-yard punt that was fair caught at the Virden 14.

With only 4:28 remaining in the extra frame, it looked as if this would be the final chance for the home team. That was enough time to cover the distance needed for a field goal attempt, but it was also enough time for the Mustangs to charge back if the Violators were unable to sustain a drive. This made the 6-yard catch by Cooper underneath the zone coverage on 3rd and 5 a crucial play in this situation. It gave the Violators a new set of downs and breathing room at their own 25.

The teams broke for the two-minute warning with the Violators facing 2nd & 8 at their 27. The break served to reset the Virden offensive strategy, as **Derek Carr** came out of the break on fire. He completed his next 4 attempts for a total of 47 yards, bringing his team to within field goal range at the Aurora 26. With 0:59 remaining the Violators called a timeout. The next play was a pitch to Elliott for 6 yards to the 20-yard line. What happened next was the very definition of "bold."

With memories of Elliott sheering through their defence for the tying touchdown, the Mustangs loaded the box and focused on the Virden running back. They assumed, as everyone in the stadium did, that the Violators would be conservative and attempt to preserve the makeable field goal opportunity they had in their grasp. But the Virden offensive coordinator had a different idea. With memories of **Malik Jackson** blowing through the Virden offensive line to block the last field goal attempt, Carr dropped back deep in the pocket and launched a high-flying missile down the center of the field. With no safety playing over the top, corner **Jason McCourty** found himself alone in a footrace with **JuJu Smith-Schuster**. He was just half a step behind, but that was enough. Carr led Smith-Schuster perfectly, allowing him to make a sure-handed grab in the end zone on the dead run. No flag. Game over.

Virden fans were in an uproar. Ecstasy at the **TERRORDOME** looked a lot like a riot anywhere else. The 'mosh pit' exploded into a frenzy of good-humored brutality. The Violators' mascot, the **Hooded Hangman**, pulled the trap door of his portable gallows, causing an effigy of **Matt Ryan** to drop to its simulated execution. The *Virden Vixens* swirled their scythes, streams of fake blood flowing from the tips creating fleeting red circles as they danced like pagan nymphs.

On the Aurora sideline there was stunned silence. In a rare display of emotion, coach **Rich Liotta** tore off his headset and let it drop to the turf. **Malik Jackson** was still down on one knee where he had been when the pass had been completed, his head bowed. He was not hurt physically, merely drained emotionally.

This was both an important win for Virden and a significant loss for the Mustangs. It is clear from the way the battle was fought that the winning culture is still very much alive in Aurora. But the personnel may not be quite good enough to live up to the team's winning tradition. It is still early and things can change. But this group will need to find its identity over the course of the next eight games if they intend to repeat as Conference Champions.

AROUND THE EFL

Time and space constraints prevent me from elaborating more thoroughly on football events this week, but here are some of my more important quick observations on a competitive and interesting Week Four:

The 9-year streak of **Joe Flacco** as the official starting QB for the Corn Kings may have come to an end at the Big House in Chino this week as back-up **Jimmy Garoppolo** entered the game to start the second half and turned a 10-3 deficit into a 27-10 victory over the Convicts. It has been clear since the pre-season that something is not right with Flacco. He managed to muddle through two victories to start the season but his shortcomings were glaringly obvious in the Budapest game and in the first half of this contest. All Garoppolo did was complete 11 of 13 pass attempts for 144 yards and 1 TD; and light a fire under **Todd Gurley II**, who suddenly had room to run in the second half and piled up 171 yards and 2 TDs rushing for the day. Garoppolo will see action against the Mustangs next week at Tillman Field.

At Optimist Field in Brooklin the Hawks finally won a game, knocking the struggling Bombers down another peg by a 29-24 score. **Jonathan Stewart** looked like his old self, tearing up the turf for 133 yards and a TD. This took pressure off of **Alex Smith** and he delivered his most productive scoring day of the season, throwing 3 TD passes and rushing for 67 yards. The shaky Hawks' defence wobbled a bit in the 4th quarter, surrendering 2 TDs to make the score close, but the offence looked just fine.

At Stone Pony Shore in New Jersey, the Wrecking Balls surprised the Excaliburs and just about everyone else with a 17-14 victory that was made possible by intercepting **Tom Brady** 4 times. A disturbing Jekyll & Hyde pattern is becoming evident in the play of York's reputed superstar QB and it is having a direct effect on the team's fortunes. In two losses, Brady has thrown 2 TD passes and 5 picks; in two victories he has thrown 7 TDs and no picks. The victories have come against two teams that, combined, have zero victories. The two losses against teams with a combined 5 wins. This is not a good sign for York's playoff prospects.

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BUFFALO @ NEW JERSEY (line – DERAILERS by 1)

INJURIES: Buffalo – Josh Rosen (DOUBTFUL), DJ Fluker (OUT), Jordan Hicks (OUT); New Jersey – Shamar Stephen (PROBABLE), Matt Longacre (OUT).

Buffalo fans are counting the minutes until Josh Rosen returns from injury after David Fales threw 3 picks against Budapest last week. I am not sure it makes much difference who is at quarterback for Buffalo. This is not a strong offence, despite the presence of Julio Jones and two strong tackles, and neither QB looks ready to elevate it. Rosen is listed as 'doubtful' so Fales will probably start against a New Jersey D that came out of nowhere to intercept Tom Brady four times in a rebound win over York last week. Getting a handle on the Wrecking Balls is proving a challenge early in the year with so many changes to the roster. LeSean McCoy is holding up as the feature back but Jared Goff has been a disappointment. A lack of reliable targets may be the problem. I have been dead wrong about the Derailers before, but I think favoring them to snatch one on the road is a long reach. **PICK: NEW JERSEY**

LOS ANGELES @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 10)

INJURIES: Los Angeles – Bryan Bulaga (OUT), Weston Richburg (OUT); Virden – Leonard Floyd (OUT), Shane Ray (OUT), Ja'Wuan James (OUT), John Kuhn (OUT), Eric Berry (OUT), Marshall Yanda (OUT).

Both teams are coming off emotionally-draining matches with different emotional outcomes. The Violators' morale will be fortified by their last-minute overtime victory over the defending champs, while the Knights will be looking for positives after falling, literally, one-yard short of victory against the Lizards. The best of Virden's offence was on display last week, resulting in the double-digit line this week. One thing I have learned, however, is that the Violators rarely put two such performances together back-to-back. The Knights are in a battle to stay relevant in the West. Andy Dalton looked like the lesser of two humdrum options at QB in that near-win; expect him to get the start. His job will be to re-establish the passing game to open the door a crack for Le'Veon Bell, who is redefining the term "workhorse" and currently on pace for 468 carries. Expect no break for him here. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

SEATTLE @ CHARLESWOOD (line – PILOTS by 4)

INJURIES: Seattle – Marshon Lattimore, Kam Chancellor (OUT); Charleswood – Brandon Linder (OUT), Deshaun Watson (OUT), Marcus Gilbert (OUT), Jamie Collins (OUT).

The Pats pulled off a huge and desperately needed win last week against the undefeated Gladiators. They did it with defence and the versatile offensive threat of Alvin Kamara. Blake Bortles was well-protected in the offence and helped contribute with some key throws and a couple of first down scrambles to extend scoring drives. As long as DeShaun Watson remains out, this is Charleswood's formula for success; and a formula they can replicate against the Pilots. While Seattle's offence is looking much more robust this year, it is still a fragile eco-system that requires all parts to be working and the defence to give them the ball in good situations. The defence hasn't been doing that since Marshon Lattimore went down. Kareem Hunt will be called on to keep the dangerous pass-rushers on the Pats' line from taking liberties with Eli, or else a three-pick performance is possible. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

ERIEAU @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 4)

INJURIES: Erieau – Jabrill Peppers (OUT), Stephon Gilmore (OUT); Chino – Ali Marpet (OUT), Ryan Kalil (OUT).

Michael Dickson's name has been called more often than Jordy Nelson's on Cadillac broadcasts this year which will give you an idea of the sorry state of the Erieau offence. Despite its moribund qualities it managed to do enough last week to give a much more vigor-

ous Toronto offence a run for its money in a tightly-contested loss. They were able to get Marhsawn Lynch going, which provided opportunities for Matt Stafford and Jordy Nelson to connect for a pair of touchdowns. They will have to do the same this week to stand a chance against a Convicts team smarting and angry following a second half collapse against Cowtown. Chino has the tools, in Christian McCaffery and Mark Ingram, to defeat the Erieau pass rush and set up the big pass. Execution is the key. **PICK: CHINO**

DURHAM @ GEORGIA (line – Pick 'Em)

INJURIES: **Durham** – Thomas Davis (QUESTIONABLE), Laurent Duvernay-Tardif (OUT), Richard Sherman (OUT).; **Georgia** – Reuben Foster (OUT).

The Thunder Lizards' rebuild is not going according to plan. At 3-1, they could the playoffs at their current victory rate. But this early success is an illusion that appears to have confused the Vegas odds-makers, who see an even chance for the Lizards on the road against a first-place team. Durham's three victories have come against struggling opponents and the Gladiators don't fit that category. Big Ben is leading the league in TD passes and passer rating and has turned Kenny Stills and Jarvis Landry into the most menacing wide receiver scoring combo in the league. On the flip side, the Glads' defence is vulnerable to attack in two dimensions. Cam Newton could be a problem since he adds a third – the scramble. This one could get dicey, but not too dicey. **PICK: GEORGIA**

SCARBOROUGH @ TORONTO (line – WOLVERINES by 14)

INJURIES: **Scarborough** – Cam Robinson (PROBABLE), Brock Osweiler (OUT), Aaron Rodgers (OUT), Earl Watford (OUT), Cordy Glenn (OUT), Dont'a Hightower (OUT); **Toronto** – Billy Price (PROBABLE), Shawn Williams (OUT), John Feliciano (OUT), John Simon (OUT).

With the Blue Eagles "curse" still alive and well, Brett Hundley will likely get injured in the 1st quarter and Sean Mannion will have to return to action. Honestly, Mannion has not been worse than Hundley's debut against the Cubs. The only advantage Hundley has over him is the ability to scramble – an option he should probably consider first over throwing the ball against the Toronto secondary. Expect to see lots of running plays from the Scarborough offence – *lots* of running plays. The two-TD betting line is a heavy one to cover for a neophyte contender with an offensive line barely more effective than 5 tackling dummies. But it is certainly possible if the Eagles get too aggressive and pick-sixes come into play. For that reason, I expect a conservative game plan from the visitors to try to keep the score close for as long as possible in hopes of inducing a tide-turning "Cutlerian" error. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

AURORA @ COWTOWN (line – CORN KINGS by 4)

INJURIES: **Aurora** – Trent Williams (OUT); **Cowtown** – Trey Burton (QUESTIONABLE), Greg Mancz (OUT), Ronald Darby (OUT).

The Corn Kings look like a different team with Jimmy Garoppolo at quarterback and that is why the coach finally gave in to pressure and named him the starter this week against the Mustangs. This makes Cowtown a legitimate favourite at home against always dangerous and never-to-be-taken-lightly Aurora. The Mustangs are in unfamiliar psychological territory, having already lost as many games as they did in their worst season under Rich Liotta. But that will not affect their approach of using deception to misdirect then circling back to attack the weakness, which in this case will be the 3rd and 4th ranks of the Cowtown secondary. If Matt Ryan can avoid the pass rush, he will get chances through the air. Cowtown will use all of their weapons equally and challenge the Aurora defence to guess which one is coming. Expect this to be a close game with a field goal making the difference. **PICK: AURORA**

CINICNNATI @ SEBASTIAN (line – SWORDFISH by 10)

INJURIES: **Cincinnati** – None; **Sebastian** – Derrick Johnson (PROBABLE), Ramon Foster (OUT), Aaron Lynch (OUT), Arik Armstead (OUT);

The Crusaders' defence is ranked dead last in efficiency and second-to-last in points allowed. Their struggles to get off the field are putting the offence in catch-up situations early and, since they have no single running "threat" worthy of the word, opposing defences are teeing off on Kirk Cousins and bottling up Keenan Allen. There is no easy solution to the conundrum and finding one this week on the road against a team as loaded as the Swordfish will be next to impossible. This would be a good time for Cincy to experiment with different formations and play calls in the hope of finding something that might work against other teams. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

BUDAPEST @ BROOKLIN (line – NORTH STARS by 8)

INJURIES: **Budapest** – Orlando Scandrick (OUT), Martellus Bennett (OUT), Jason Peters (OUT), Jordan Reed (OUT).; **Brooklin** – Janoris Jenkins (OUT).

The Hawks got a 100-yard rushing day out of Jonathan Stewart and, presto, their first victory of the season. It is no secret that Alex Smith is a great game manager, but he cannot do it alone. Establishing the ground game against Budapest will not be so easy, but it is

possible against the moveable interior of the Stars' defensive line. Darrin Jones has his defence playing at a high level; it leads the league in sacks and defensive efficiency. The Tyrod Taylor-led offence takes its sweet time moving the ball, helping to keep defence rested. Holding both teams to under 20 points is the goal of North Stars' football. Take the under. **PICK: BROOKLIN**

PICKERING @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 6)

INJURIES: Pickering – Tyvon Branch (OUT), Dion Jordan (OUT); York – Kolton Miller (OUT), Mason Cole (OUT), Denzelle God (OUT).

A lot of high-profile sports analysts are looking stupid at the moment for having touted Pickering as one of the top contenders for the Atlantic Conference Championship. I was never 100% sold on this crew, but I did expect them to come out of the gate hard, which they sort of did if one counts slipping and falling hard on one's face. The defence is struggling and Philip Rivers is doing his bit to disrupt his own offence with interceptions. The offensive numbers are otherwise good, which means a change is possible if they cut down on errors. York is rising and falling with Tom Brady. The Sword star is beating up on the weak but getting suckered by the strong, as his 4 picks last week versus New Jersey attest. This week he will bounce back in a nasty shootout. **PICK: YORK**

TWIN CITIES @ IOWA CITY (line – TRIUMPH by 6)

INJURIES: Twin Cities – Carson Palmer (OUT), Joe Thomas (OUT); Iowa City – None.

Triumph fans are suddenly in love with Mitch Trubisky. It is not hard to tell why; the second-year pivot is leading the league in rushing TDs with 6 and has matched that number through the air. He is looking like his counterpart in this game, Russell Wilson, at his best. If Trubisky maintains his current form and the Cubs get into a groove, this could well be a preview of the Conference Final. But don't expect many miracles from Trubisky here. The Triumph will be squeezed into a one-dimensional game plan due to the weakness of the Cubs' run defence and the strength of its secondary, which leads the league in picks. On the other side, Wilson will find the Triumph defence a tough nut to crack. Expect a tight defensive struggle with a home field edge. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

ST. CHARLES @ BRUXELLES (line – CHARGERS by 1)

INJURIES: St. Charles – Tyler Decker (OUT); Bruxelles – Terrelle Pryor Sr (OUT), Anthony Walker Jr (OUT), Kyle Long (OUT), Dede Westbrook (OUT), Mitch Morse (OUT);

The Chargers continue to roll and the Bombers continue to roil. St. Charles' winning streak is not easily explained. They made many mistakes in last week's 1-point win over Pickering, but little things went their way and turned into big things. In the end they were the team kicking a game-winning FG inside the final two minutes. Bruxelles is looking ragged in their sophomore season in Belgium. Could it be the pressure of expectations is weighing heavily on Marcus Mariota; or that two-thirds of the receiving corps that helped carry the offence last year is either injured or not performing? One thing is certain: Mariota will have to do something to kickstart the offence because the defence will not turn this team around. Can you say, "five-in-a-row?" **PICK: ST. CHARLES**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – Week Four of the 2012 EFL Season saw the sharpshooting Undertakers narrowly hold on to their early season unbeaten streak with a 31-28 besting of the Cubs at The Graveyard. For those opponents who had been overawed by Death Valley's scorching start, this game brought hope that the offensive juggernaut could be beaten. The Cubs were not a very good football team but had come within a *LaMichael James* fumble of doing to the Undertakers what Undertaker kicker, *Graham Gano* eventually did to them: kick a 55-yard field goal in the final

seconds to win the game. On a side note, Death Valley running back *Willis McGahee* set an EFL record with 249 yards rushing. Setting offensive records was becoming a weekly occurrence in Death Valley.

As part of a deal to bail out Cowtown owner, Farmer Brown from financial difficulties, **Ryan Rich**, the 10-year old son of multi-billionaire former Harvey Comics star, **Richie Rich** (now known as Richard), was permitted to run the Corn Kings' offence for a game. Many feared a disaster. Instead, a bold game plan consisting of many long passes shredded the Triumph defence for 24 points in the *first quarter*. Cowtown turned off the jets in the 2nd half and went on to win the game 34-7 while little Ryan jumped up and down on the sideline.

For Scarborough fans with short memories, it was just 6 years ago when the Blue Eagles were dishing out the kind of beatings they are now routinely subjected to. **Aaron Rodgers** threw for 257 yards a 4 TDs in a 38-0 trouncing of the Regulators to lift Scarborough to a perfect 4-0.

And finally, the 2011 Champion Knights continued to struggle, losing 24-20 to York in the final minute on a 70-yard pass to **Anquan Boldin** and a 17-yard TD pass to **Victor Cruz**.