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ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

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In our 11th season and still going strong!
November 11, 2018

EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



CADILLAC ATTACK!



Desmond King

Cadillac safety, **Desmond King** finds room to run after jumping in front of Triumph receiver **Antonio Brown** and making the pick on a pressured pass from **Mitch Trubisky**. Nobody could get a hand on him as he dodged and weaved his way 78 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring. Erieau would go on to stun the previously perfect Triumph by a score of 17-10, to even their record at 3-3.

In other EFL action, Brooklin's **DeAndre Hopkins** set the pace in a 45-17 rout of Durham by hauling in the first 2 of 3 TD passes from QB, **Alex Smith** to make it 3-in-a-row for suddenly high-flying Hawks. The Convicts humbled the Wrecking Balls 24-13 in New Jersey behind an efficient 2-TD pass day from **Dak Prescott** to even the Convicts' record at 3-3 and keep them one game behind the Cubs, who won their game against Buffalo handily, 32-12. Toronto prevailed 24-10 over Georgia in the battle for the lead in the South Division.
(See inside for complete story)



Who was slick
in Week Six?

“Brylcreem”THE
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DeAndre Hopkins
RB
Brooklin
Hawks

12 Catches, 216 yds, 2 TDs. Caught
first 2 TDs of game. 10 first downs.



Jalen Ramsey
CB
Toronto
Wolverines

7 Tackles, 3 PD, 2 INTs and 1 FF.
Game MVP in big win over Georgia.



1st & 10, OPP 35,4th quarter: **Jay Cutler** (TOR) threads double-coverage for 35-yard GW TD pass to **Adam Thielen**.

Scoreless tie: 8:58^{2nd} quarter. **Desmond King** (ERI) picks **Mitch Trubisky** (TCTI) & returns it 78 yds for a TD.

	12	Coming off a tough loss last week, where the offence managed only 9 points, the Cubs bolted out of the gate against Buffalo with 21 points in the 1 st quarter. Russell Wilson ran it in from the 1 to open the scoring, let loose on play-action for a 33-yard TD pass to Marqise Lee for the second TD then Xavier Rhodes' interception set up Bilal Powell's 9-yard TD to drop the Derailers into a deep hole. Josh Rosen returned under center for Buffalo after a 3-game absence. He was mostly ineffective and over-reliant on a running game hampered by the loss of Jay Ajayi. He did lead a late TD drive to put Buffalo into double-digits.
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	9	Duke Johnson Jr. finished off an 8-play, 75-yard drive with a 5-yard run off right tackle for the only TD of the game to provide the needed offensive punch for the Pats to squeeze by the Violators and force a 3-way tie for second place in the Central. Alvin Kamara chipped in 72-yards on the ground and Blake Bortles kept mistakes to a minimum to set up 5 field goal opportunities, 3 of which Ryan Succop turned into points. Derek Carr had a rough day, finishing with just 122 yards passing and a QB rating of 17.5. Charleswood has now held opponents to under 275 yards per game during their current 3-game win streak.
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	17	An interception in the end zone by Brian Poole and a 78-yard interception return for a TD by Desmond King were the key plays that sparked the Cadillac to a stunning 17-10 upset of the previously undefeated Triumph at Wilhalla Stadium. Poole's pick snuffed the Triumph's early momentum. They did not regain it until a 30-yard slant from Mitch Trubisky to Kenny Golladay tied the game at 10 in the 4 th . Erieau seized it back, driving to the Triumph 2, where DeShone Kizer came in for Matt Stafford to convert 4 th & 1. He did, and 2 plays later he bootlegged 1-yard for the TD. The D then finished it off with a red zone stand.
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	45	Alex Smith and the Hawks made it three wins in a row by roughing up the Lizards on their own turf. Smith had one of his best days as a Hawk, throwing for 382 yards and 3 TDs while also leading the team in rushing with 56 yards and 1 TD. His 1 st quarter 47-yard bomb to DeAndre Hopkins to open the scoring put Durham's secondary on its back foot for the rest of the game. Cam Newton struggled in the attempted comeback, throwing 2 interceptions that led to 10 Brooklin points. Rookie Josh Allen finished the game to get experience and experienced a pick-six by lineman Gerald McCoy on a botched screen pass.
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	19	The York offence scored TDs on its first two series, with Nick Chubb's & Derrick Henry's running setting up opportunistic long strikes by Tom Brady and two red zone TD passes to Delanie Walker, to seize a 14-7 lead. Jimmy Garoppolo, making his second start for Cowtown, was knocked out of the game in the 2 nd . With Joe Flacco back under center, the Kings managed a FG before halftime but struggled offensively in the 3 rd . A 21-yard TD pass to Zach Ertz made it 21-10 for York before a 4 th quarter push by Cowtown led to a FG and a 23-yard TD pass to Todd Gurley that could have tied it but for a missed 2-pointer.
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	12	The Spartans opened with a methodical, 66-yard drive that ended with Kyle Juszczyk snaring a pass in the flat from Philip Rivers for a 3-yard TD catch and a 7-0 lead. Two possessions later Sebastian responded with a daring deep fly on 4 th & 1 that Doug Baldwin hauled in for a 52-yard score, but the extra point was blocked. The Spartans held their lead at half time by picking off Drew Brees twice and stopping Sebastian on 4 th down in the red zone. In the 3 rd , safety Marcus Maye snatched a tipped Brees pass and returned it 64 yards for a TD. Greg Zuerlein added a FG and the Spartans' D held off a late Fish challenge.
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	10	In a battle for first place in the South, the Wolverines' secondary proved too hazardous for Big Ben and Adam Thielen too slippery for the Glads' secondary as they played big roles in Toronto's 5 th win. The first two Glads' drives ended in interceptions, with the second leading to the first TD of the game on a 3-yard Saquon Barkley run. The teams traded FGs in the 3 rd then Georgia tied it at 10 in the 4 th on a 28-yard Reggie Ragland fumble return. Toronto roared back with Jay Cutler finishing an 86-yard drive with a 35-yard TD pass to Thielen then sealed the deal on Justin Bethel's 38-yard fumble return TD with 1:29 left.
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	27	After a 1 st quarter stalemate, Bruxelles' Chandler Cantanzaro made up for an earlier miss with a 57-yard FG to break a scoreless tie. The Knights responded with a drive to the Bombers' 7, where Josh McCown met hard resistance in the form of a Muhammad Wilkerson sack and a Harrison Smith interception at the goal line. Marcus Mariota finished off the turnover with a long drive and a 28-yard TD pass to Emmanuel Sanders and it was all Bruxelles after that. Forced to play catch-up in the 2 nd half, McCown was subject to constant pressure by the Bombers, who sacked him 6 times and hurried him 5 to help protect the lead.
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	14	The Chargers rebounded from their first loss of the season with a lop-sided victory over the flailing Pilots. The story of this game was told in a 2 nd quarter that started well for the visitors when Eli Manning fired an out pass that Torrey Smith carried 24 yards for a TD and a 7-3 lead. But the lead would not stand. The Chargers drove 86 yards in 12 plays and finished with Carson Wentz throwing to Kendall Wright for an 11-yard TD. Then interceptions of Eli on back-to-back series set up two more Charger TDs to make it 24-7 at the half. The Chargers' D held off the Pilots in the 2 nd half, allowing just one late TD to Kareem Hunt.
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	24	A Josh Jackson red zone interception and a failed 4 th & 2 conversion at the Chino 28 kept the Wrecking Balls from cashing in on their early opportunities while a 15-yard facemask penalty on Cameron Wake helped set up the only TD of the 1 st half – a 2-yard dive by Mark Ingram to give Chino a 7-0 lead. Convict LB, Craig Robertson picked off Jared Goff in the NJ's first possession of the 2 nd half to set up a 14-yard TD pass to Nelson Agholor one play later. NJ countered with a TD drive but Chino came back with a FG and a pick by Antoine Bethea that set up a final Convict TD and put the game out of reach.
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	16	Tyrod Taylor completed 4 of 5 for 45 yards on the game's opening possession, finishing with a 7-yard TD pass to Stephon Diggs, to give his team an early lead that they would not relinquish. The Blue Eagles' defence held its own after that, but the lack of offence – 6 three-and-outs and no drive longer than 6 plays – kept returning them to the field. Brooks Reed, Calais Campbell and Cameron Jordan had 2 sacks each, with Campbell and Reed each forcing a Brett Hundley fumble. Kai Forbath took care of the rest of the scoring, connecting on 4 of 5 field goal attempts. A sparse crowd of less than 10,000 watched
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	14	The Mustangs held their unprecedented losing streak to two games by easily dumping the winless Crusaders. Matt Ryan came out throwing, connecting on long passes of 23 yards to Davante Adams and 37 yards to Dez Bryant for a touchdown to grab a 7-0 lead off the opening series. A 4 th and inches sneak across the goal line by Ryan followed by TD runs of 1 and 7 yards by Jaylen Samuels rounded out a 27-point 1 st half for the home team while a 1-yard TD run by Samaje Perine kept the visitors from being shutout after 30 minutes. Aurora backed off in the 2 nd half but still managed to score 17 points to make it a rout.
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DERAILERS**12**

PASSING: Josh Rosen, 11 of 25, 131 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Tion Green, 7C, 20yds, (2.9), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Julio Jones, 4 for 42yds, 16LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Eddie Jackson, 8T
KICKING: Jake Elliott, 0 of 0 XP, 2 of 3 FG, 6 Pts

CUBS**32**

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 23 of 34, 235 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Bilal Powell, 8C, 44yds, (6.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Christian Kirk, 7 for 74yds, 20LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Alec Ogletree, 10T, 2 SK, 2 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Justin Tucker, 3 of 3 XP, 3 of 3 FG, 12 Pts

Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 55 Wind: 0-10

MVP: Wilson

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Buffalo (2-4)	3	0	3	6	12
Iowa City (4-2)	21	8	0	3	32

Scoring Summary

1 8:18 Iowa City	TD Wilson 1 run (Tucker,J) (13-71-5:40)	0-7
1 5:45 Iowa City	TD Wilson 33 pass to Lee (Tucker,J) (2-58-1:02)	0-14
1 3:54 Iowa City	TD Powell 9 run (Tucker,J) (3-23-1:01)	0-21
1 0:47 Buffalo	FG Elliott 57 (5-16-2:55)	3-21
2 8:32 Iowa City	FG Tucker 23 (16-70-7:12)	3-24
2 5:27 Iowa City	Safety Ogletree	3-26
2 2:25 Iowa City	FG Tucker 54 (5-20-2:47)	3-29
3 0:41 Buffalo	FG Elliott 31 (21-79-11:45)	6-29
4 5:24 Iowa City	FG Tucker 44 (8-29-3:59)	6-32
4 1:53 Buffalo	TD Green 5 run (2 - failed) (6-56-3:23)	12-32

	BUF	ICC
First Downs	13	21
Rushes	26-62	23-95
Passes	12-28-139	23-34-235
Sacked	3-13	4-28
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	6-35	3-25
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	5	2
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	1	2
Passes 25+	1	1
Runs 10+	2	5
Blitzers	24	5
Time	28:07	31:53
Third Down	3-14	3-11
Fourth Down	3-4	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	4/2/1
Net Offense	188	302

VIOLATORS**9**

PASSING: Derek Carr, 10 of 34, 122yds, 0 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Ezekiel Elliott, 17C, 89yds, (5.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: A.J. Green, 4 for 32yds, 11LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Kendall Fuller, 7 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Zane Gonzalez 0 of 0 XP, 3 of 3 FG, 9 Pts

PATRIOTS**15**

PASSING: Blake Bortles, 19 of 32, 188 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Alvin Kamara, 11C, 72yds, (6.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Mohamed Sanu, 5 for 54yds, 12LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Brandon Marshall, 9 T
KICKING: Ryan Succop, 0 of 1 XP, 3 of 5 FG, 9 Pts

Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: None

MVP: Kamara

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Virden (3-3)	3	3	0	3	9
Charleswood (3-3)	3	9	3	0	15

Scoring Summary

1 9:17 Charleswood	FG Succop 45 (10-48-3:42)	0-3
1 3:49 Virden	FG Gonzalez 23 (7-10-3:57)	3-3
2 13:15 Charleswood	FG Succop 47 (12-46-5:29)	3-6
2 7:38 Virden	FG Gonzalez 34 (9-59-5:33)	6-6
2 2:17 Charleswood	TD Johnson Jr. 5 run (no good) (8-75-5:21)	6-12
3 10:45 Charleswood	FG Succop 45 (11-50-4:02)	6-15
4 2:23 Virden	FG Gonzalez 33 (12-53-3:07)	9-15

	VV	CHP
First Downs	11	22
Rushes	18-110	38-153
Passes	10-34-122	19-32-188
Sacked	1-12	2-14
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	10-77	6-47
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	6	3
Dropped Passes	3	3
Bad Passes	0	2
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	3	3
Blitzers	0	1
Time	21:12	38:48
Third Down	2-12	8-18
Fourth Down	2-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/0/3	3/1/0
Net Offense	220	327

CADILLAC**17**

PASSING: Matt Stafford, 12 of 22, 119 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: DeShone Kizer, 9C, 42yds, (4.7), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Hunter Henry, 4 for 55yds, 22LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Alterraun Verner, 10 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Steven Gostkowski, 2 of 2 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

TRIUMPH**10**

PASSING: Mitch Trubisky, 11 of 23, 178 yds, 1 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Melvin Gordon, 21C, 118yds, (5.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Kenny Golladay, 5 for 99yds, 30LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Kwon Alexander, 12 T, 1 STF
KICKING: Dustin Hopkins, 1 of 1 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 4 Pts

Wilhalla Stadium Temp: 70 Wind: None

MVP: Poole

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Erieau (3-3)	0	10	0	7	17
Twin Cities (5-1)	0	0	3	7	10

Scoring Summary

2 8:58 Erieau	TD King 78 interception return (Gostkowski)	7-0
2 1:05 Erieau	FG Gostkowski 36 (11-54-6:00)	10-0
3 4:12 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 39 (8-45-3:58)	10-3
4 13:55 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 30 pass to Golladay (Hopkins,D) (6-73-4:02)	10-10
4 5:41 Erieau	TD Kizer 1 run (Gostkowski) (14-75-8:14)	17-10

	ERI	TCT
First Downs	17	19
Rushes	34-102	33-221
Passes	13-24-130	12-25-197
Sacked	0-0	3-27
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	5-30	8-73
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	7	3
Dropped Passes	1	4
Bad Passes	2	2
Passes 25+	0	2
Runs 10+	3	9
Blitzers	23	21
Time	30:24	29:36
Third Down	1-11	2-12
Fourth Down	1-1	2-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	4/0/1
Net Offense	232	391

HAWKS



45

PASSING: Alex Smith, 29 of 37, 382 yds, 3 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Alex Smith, 6C, 56yds, (9.3), 1 TD
RECEIVING: DeAndre Hopkins, 12 for 216yds, 47LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Clay Matthews, 12 T, 1 SK, 3 STF, 1 HUR, 1 FF
KICKING: Cody Parkey, 6 of 6 XP, 1 of 2 FG, 9 Pts

THUNDER LIZARDS



17

PASSING: Cam Newton, 17 of 32, 257 yds, 0 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Rashaad Penny, 11C, 51yds, (4.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: T.Y. Hilton, 6 for 100yds, 24LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Tyrann Mathieu, 10 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Phil Dawson, 2 of 2 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

Jurassic Park Temp: 83 Wind: Calm

MVP: Smith

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Brooklin (3-3)	7	10	7	21	45
Durham (3-3)	3	0	7	7	17

Scoring Summary

1 7:24 Durham	FG Dawson 27 (8-47-4:33)	0-3
1 5:38 Brooklin	TD Smith 47 pass to Hopkins (Parkey) (3-75-1:46)	7-3
2 9:56 Brooklin	FG Parkey 25 (6-18-1:15)	10-3
2 6:44 Brooklin	TD Smith 22 pass to Hopkins (Parkey) (3-56-1:07)	17-3
3 7:44 Durham	TD Hyde 1 run (Dawson) (14-68-7:09)	17-10
3 0:34 Brooklin	TD Smith 3 run (Parkey) (13-75-7:04)	24-10
4 13:27 Durham	TD Hyde 2 run (Dawson) (7-69-2:00)	24-17
4 9:42 Brooklin	TD Smith 1 pass to Gronkowski (Parkey) (7-75-3:45)	31-17
4 5:31 Brooklin	TD Stewart 1 run (Parkey) (6-32-3:15)	38-17
4 5:17 Brooklin	TD McCoy 9 interception return (Parkey)	45-17

	BRH	DTL
First Downs	27	29
Rushes	23-90	30-115
Passes	29-37-382	21-43-299
Sacked	1-3	1-7
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	3-27	7-48
Turnovers	0	4
Missed Tackles	2	2
Dropped Passes	4	1
Bad Passes	0	6
Passes 25+	2	1
Runs 10+	2	5
Blitzers	3	12
Time	30:50	29:10
Third Down	4-10	5-12
Fourth Down	0-1	3-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/1	5/2/1
Net Offense	469	407

CORN KINGS



19

PASSING: Joe Flacco, 15 of 25, 164 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Todd Gurley II, 24C, 151yds, (6.3), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Larry Fitzgerald, 7 for 75yds, 21LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: T.J. Watt, 7 T, 1 SK, 2 PD, 2 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Matt Bryant, 1 of 1 XP, 2 of 3 FG, 7 Pts

EXCALIBURS



21

PASSING: Tom Brady, 19 of 27, 229 yds, 3 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Nick Chubb, 12C, 50yds, (4.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Delanie Walker, 5 for 55yds, 14LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Kevin Byard, 9 T
KICKING: Graham Gano, 3 of 3 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 3 Pts

Camelot Temp: 71 Wind: 0-10

MVP: Brady

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Cowtown (4-2)	7	3	0	9	19
York (4-2)	7	7	7	0	21

Scoring Summary

1 9:32 York	TD Brady 13 pass to Walker (Gano) (9-77-5:22)	0-7
1 4:48 Cowtown	TD Gurley II 7 run (Bryant,M) (8-75-4:44)	7-7
2 12:39 York	TD Brady 4 pass to Walker (Gano) (14-93-7:03)	7-14
2 0:00 Cowtown	FG Bryant 44 (12-60-3:40)	10-14
3 7:57 York	TD Brady 14 pass to Ertz (Gano) (7-55-3:07)	10-21
4 13:15 Cowtown	FG Bryant 20 (11-65-5:04)	13-21
4 1:43 Cowtown	TD Flacco 23 pass to Gurley II (2 - failed) (15-91-6:37)	19-21

	COW	YOR
First Downs	21	20
Rushes	31-180	27-91
Passes	19-32-206	19-27-229
Sacked	3-19	3-21
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	8-60	4-32
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	2	5
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	1	1
Passes 25+	0	2
Runs 10+	6	1
Blitzers	29	6
Time	29:23	30:37
Third Down	7-16	6-12
Fourth Down	3-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/1	3/3/0
Net Offense	367	299

SWORDFISH



12

PASSING: Drew Brees, 28 of 48, 296 yds, 2 TD, 3 INT
RUSHING: C.J. Anderson, 12C, 39yds, (3.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Doug Baldwin, 11 for 161yds, 52LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Jadeveon Clowney, 7T, 4 STF
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri, 0 of 1 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 0 Pts

SPARTANS



17

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 10 of 28, 113 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: John Kelly, 10C, 30yds, (3.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Golden Tate, 4 for 57yds, 26LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Denzel Ward, 10 T, 3 PD
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 2 of 2 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 39 Wind: 5-15 Rain

MVP: Ward

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Sebastian (4-2)	6	0	0	6	12
Pickering (2-4)	7	0	7	3	17

Scoring Summary

1 8:54 Pickering	TD Rivers 3 pass to Juszczuk (Zuerlein) (11-66-6:01)	0-7
1 5:05 Sebastian	TD Brees 52 pass to Baldwin (no good) (4-61-1:43)	6-7
3 11:58 Pickering	TD Maye 64 interception return (Zuerlein)	6-14
4 12:15 Pickering	FG Zuerlein 20 (9-55-5:16)	6-17
4 4:37 Sebastian	TD Brees 30 pass to Baldwin (2 - failed) (14-75-7:38)	12-17

	SS	PIC
First Downs	21	11
Rushes	23-48	23-51
Passes	29-55-299	10-29-113
Sacked	3-20	1-8
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	10-77	9-86
Turnovers	4	0
Missed Tackles	0	6
Dropped Passes	1	1
Bad Passes	7	4
Passes 25+	2	1
Runs 10+	2	1
Blitzers	24	0
Time	35:39	24:21
Third Down	4-19	4-14
Fourth Down	5-9	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	327	156

GLADIATORS**10**

PASSING: B. Roethlisberger, 15 of 34, 208 yds, 0 TD, 4 INT
RUSHING: Alex Collins, 17C, 105yds, (6.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jarvis Landry, 6 for 44yds, 10LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jimmy Smith, 9 T
KICKING: Giorgio Tavecchio, 1 of 1 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 5 Pts

WOLVERINES**24**

PASSING: Jay Cutler, 16 of 24, 178 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Saquon Barkley, 16C, 72yds, (4.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Adam Thielen, 7 for 94yds, 35LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Jaylon Smith, 8 T, 1 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Daniel Carlson, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 6 Pts

The Wolverine's Den Temp: 59 Wind: 0-5 MVP: Ramsey

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Georgia (4-2)	0	0	3	7	10
Toronto (5-1)	7	0	3	14	24

Scoring Summary

1 0:37 Toronto	TD Barkley 3 run (Carlson) (10-53-6:07)	0-7
3 11:02 Georgia	FG Tavecchio 36 (7-57-3:55)	3-7
3 5:16 Toronto	FG Carlson 44 (11-49-5:42)	3-10
4 11:50 Georgia	TD Ragland 28 yd fumble recovery (Tavecchio)	10-10
4 7:46 Toronto	TD Cutler 35 pass to Thielen (Carlson) (6-86-3:58)	10-17
4 1:29 Toronto	TD Bethel 38 yd fumble recovery (Carlson)	10-24

	GEO	TOR
First Downs	15	16
Rushes	32-166	31-125
Passes	15-34-208	16-24-178
Sacked	1-5	3-32
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	5-37	7-60
Turnovers	5	1
Missed Tackles	10	12
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	2	2
Passes 25+	2	1
Runs 10+	4	2
Blitzers	2	2
Time	27:46	32:14
Third Down	4-13	2-12
Fourth Down	1-5	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/0/1	1/1/0
Net Offense	369	271

BOMBERS**27**

PASSING: Marcus Mariota, 19 of 26, 241 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Leonard Fournette, 16C, 44yds, (2.8), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Travis Kelce, 8 for 93yds, 20LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Artie Burns, 10 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro, 3 of 3 XP, 2 of 3 FG, 9 Pts

KNIGHTS**7**

PASSING: Josh McCown, 19 of 30, 168yds, 1 TD, 2 INT
RUSHING: Le'Veon Bell, 25C, 122yds, (4.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DeVante Parker, 8 for 76yds, 20LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Reshad Jones, 9 T, 1 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Ka'imi Fairbairn, 1 of 1 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 1 Pt

Round Table Stadium Temp:82 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Mariota

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Bruxelles (3-3)	0	10	7	10	27
Los Angeles (1-5)	0	0	0	7	7

Scoring Summary

2 10:56 Bruxelles	FG Cantanzaro 57 (12-53-5:54)	3-0
2 0:41 Bruxelles	TD Mariota 28 pass to Sanders (Catanzaro) (8-83-2:36)	10-0
3 12:19 Bruxelles	TD Thompson 19 run (Catanzaro) (5-75-2:41)	17-0
4 11:27 Bruxelles	FG Cantanzaro 50 (10-44-5:26)	20-0
4 10:09 Bruxelles	TD Fournette 8 run (Catanzaro) (1-8-0:12)	27-0
4 4:48 Los Angeles	TD McCown 10 pass to Cooks (Fairbairn) (18-75-5:21)	27-7

	BRX	LAK
First Downs	19	20
Rushes	31-101	31-154
Passes	19-26-241	20-35-177
Sacked	1-8	6-46
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	5-44	7-67
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	6	4
Dropped Passes	1	3
Bad Passes	1	4
Passes 25+	2	0
Runs 10+	2	3
Blitzers	33	10
Time	32:34	27:26
Third Down	5-13	6-16
Fourth Down	0-0	1-5
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/0	2/1/0
Net Offense	334	285

PILOTS**14**

PASSING: Eli Manning, 24 of 48, 198 yds, 1 TD, 4 INT
RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 16C, 48yds, (3.0), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Crabtree, 6 for 61yds, 14LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Barkevious Mingo, 9T, 1 STF
KICKING: Josh Lambo, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 2 Pts

CHARGERS**30**

PASSING: Carson Wentz, 14 of 23, 142 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Carson Wentz, 4C, 74yds, (18.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Kelvin Benjamin, 4 for 44 yds, 15LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Adoree' Jackson, 9 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 3 of 3 XP, 3 of 4 FG, 12 Pts

St.Charles Stadium Temp: 72 Wind: None MVP: Wentz


	1	2	3	4	Tot
Seattle (1-5)	0	7	0	7	14
St. Charles (5-1)	3	21	3	3	30

Scoring Summary

1 3:58 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 30 (4-5-1:20)	0-3
2 14:44 Seattle	TD Manning 24 pass to Smith (Lambo) (8-60-4:14)	7-3
2 8:23 St. Charles	TD Wentz 11 pass to Wright (Hauschka) (12-86-6:13)	7-10
2 1:21 St. Charles	TD Wentz 11 pass to Graham (Hauschka) (4-53-2:03)	7-17
2 0:18 St. Charles	TD Lewis 2 run (Hauschka) (2-22-0:15)	7-24
3 5:32 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 35 (12-25-5:26)	7-27
4 9:57 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 52 (7-24-3:09)	7-30
4 5:42 Seattle	TD Hunt 10 run (Lambo) (7-67-4:09)	14-30

	SEA	STC
First Downs	18	16
Rushes	21-93	39-159
Passes	24-48-198	14-23-142
Sacked	5-33	2-13
Fumble	3	2
Penalties	3-36	6-54
Turnovers	5	1
Missed Tackles	10	4
Dropped Passes	2	2
Bad Passes	4	0
Passes 25+	0	0
Runs 10+	3	4
Blitzers	4	9
Time	29:06	30:54
Third Down	5-19	8-17
Fourth Down	1-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/0	6/3/2
Net Offense	258	288

CONVICTS



24

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 21 of 27, 187 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Mark Ingram, 15C, 77yds, (5.1), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Christian McCaffrey, 6 for 65yds, 18LG, 2 TD
DEFENCE: Josh Jackson, 7 T, 1 PD
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 3 of 3 XP, 1 of 3 FG, 6 Pts

WRECKING BALLS



13

PASSING: Jared Goff, 19 of 33, 209 yds, 1 TD, 3 INT
RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 19C, 87yds, (4.6), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Jared Cook, 5 for 70yds, 41LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: K.J. Wright, 8 T
KICKING: Chris Boswell, 1 of 1 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 1 Pts

Stone Pony Shore Temp: 69 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Prescott


	1	2	3	4	Tot
Chino (3-3)	0	7	7	10	24
New Jersey (3-3)	0	0	7	6	13

Scoring Summary

2 0:36 Chino	TD Ingram 2 run (Bailey,D) (7-61-2:01)	7-0
3 9:02 Chino	TD Prescott 14 pass to Agholor (Bailey,D) (1-14-0:09)	14-0
3 3:09 New Jersey	TD Goff 1 run (Boswell) (11-75-5:53)	14-7
4 14:11 Chino	FG Bailey 47 (7-36-3:51)	17-7
4 4:41 Chino	TD Prescott 5 pass to Jones Jr. (Bailey,D) (12-76-7:47)	24-7
4 0:16 New Jersey	TD Goff 15 pass to Ginn Jr. (2 - failed) (13-75-4:25)	24-13

	CHI	NJ
First Downs	22	20
Rushes	26-128	30-131
Passes	21-27-187	19-33-209
Sacked	1-4	0-0
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	10-67	6-60
Turnovers	0	4
Missed Tackles	10	7
Dropped Passes	0	0
Bad Passes	0	4
Passes 25+	0	2
Runs 10+	4	2
Blitzers	8	20
Time	29:38	30:22
Third Down	3-9	7-14
Fourth Down	0-0	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/3/0	3/2/0
Net Offense	311	340


NORTH STARS



16

PASSING: Tyrod Taylor, 17 of 23, 214 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Isaiah Crowell, 14C, 49yds, (3.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Chris Hogan, 7 for 84yds, 16LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Brooks Reed, 6 T, 2 SK, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Kai Forbath, 1 of 1 XP, 3 of 4 FG, 10 Pts

BLUE EAGLES



0

PASSING: Brett Hundley, 16 of 22, 91 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jordan Howard, 12C, 49yds, (4.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: T.J. Yeldon, 5 for 28yds, 9LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Deion Jones, 13 T
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 0 of 0 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 0 Pts

Bluffs Stadium Temp: 59 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Taylor

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Budapest (4-2)	7	3	0	6	16
Scarborough (0-6)	0	0	0	0	0

Scoring Summary

1 9:17 Budapest	TD Taylor 7 pass to Diggs (Forbath) (10-70-5:29)	7-0
2 4:32 Budapest	FG Forbath 31 (15-72-8:41)	10-0
4 12:46 Budapest	FG Forbath 52 (6-12-2:23)	13-0
4 6:19 Budapest	FG Forbath 19 (8-43-4:42)	16-0

	BUD	SBE
First Downs	17	5
Rushes	38-114	16-54
Passes	17-23-214	16-22-91
Sacked	2-14	6-36
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	8-65	5-30
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	1	4
Dropped Passes	0	1
Bad Passes	0	2
Passes 25+	1	0
Runs 10+	4	2
Blitzers	0	35
Time	38:35	21:25
Third Down	5-15	0-11
Fourth Down	0-0	0-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/1/2	0/0/0
Net Offense	314	109

CRUSADERS



14

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 10 of 24, 104 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Samaje Perine, 10C, 58yds, (5.8), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Devin Funchess, 5 for 65yds, 17LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Luke Kuechly, 8 T
KICKING: Blair Walsh, 2 of 2 XP, 0 of 0 FG, 2 Pts

MUSTANGS



44

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 22 of 27, 352 yds, 2 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jaylen Samuels, 15C, 63yds, (4.2), 2 TD
RECEIVING: Dez Bryant, 9 for 132yds, 37LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Patrick Peterson, 6 T
KICKING: Wil Lutz, 5 of 6 XP, 1 of 1 FG, 8 Pts

Magna Park Temp: -3 Wind: None MVP: Ryan

	1	2	3	4	Tot
Cincinnati (0-6)	0	7	7	0	14
Aurora (3-3)	13	14	3	14	44

Scoring Summary

1 13:13 Aurora	TD Ryan 37 pass to Bryant (no good) (3-70-1:42)	0-6
1 0:19 Aurora	TD Samuels 1 run (Lutz) (5-62-2:58)	0-13
2 7:22 Aurora	TD Samuels 7 run (Lutz) (8-65-4:54)	0-20
2 3:34 Aurora	TD Ryan 42 pass to Adams (Lutz) (5-57-1:52)	0-27
2 0:26 Cincinnati	TD Perine 1 run (Walsh,B) (9-48-3:02)	7-27
3 7:26 Cincinnati	TD Cousins 17 pass to Funchess (Walsh,B) (12-82-7:27)	14-27
3 2:41 Aurora	FG Lutz 29 (11-70-4:36)	14-30
4 7:59 Aurora	TD Ballage 10 run (Lutz) (4-27-2:40)	14-37
4 3:35 Aurora	TD Brown 10 yd fumble recovery (Lutz)	14-44

	CIN	AUR
First Downs	17	24
Rushes	28-140	23-86
Passes	13-28-118	22-27-352
Sacked	5-41	2-12
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	9-78	2-23
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	3	7
Dropped Passes	0	0
Bad Passes	2	1
Passes 25+	0	2
Runs 10+	5	3
Blitzers	28	2
Time	30:58	29:02
Third Down	4-13	3-7
Fourth Down	0-3	0-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	5/3/1
Net Offense	217	426



WEEK SIX

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
St. Charles	5	1	0	.833	131	21.8	103	17.2	4.7	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
New Jersey	3	3	0	.500	107	17.8	116	19.3	-1.5	2 2 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Bruxelles	3	3	0	.500	141	23.5	102	17.0	6.5	2 1 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Buffalo	2	4	0	.333	84	14.0	123	20.5	-6.5	2 0 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Twin Cities	5	1	0	.833	147	24.5	86	14.3	10.2	3 1 0	1 1 0	4 1 0
Erieau	3	3	0	.500	79	13.2	129	21.5	-8.3	2 1 0	2 0 0	3 2 0
Charleswood	3	3	0	.500	104	17.3	119	19.8	-2.5	3 1 0	1 1 0	2 3 0
Viriden	3	3	0	.500	144	24.0	106	17.7	6.3	2 1 0	0 2 0	2 3 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	4	2	0	.667	137	22.8	89	14.8	8.0	0 2 0	1 2 0	1 1 0
Chino	3	3	0	.500	121	20.2	124	20.7	-0.5	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 1 0
Seattle	1	5	0	.167	115	19.2	163	27.2	-8.0	0 3 0	0 3 0	1 1 0
Los Angeles	1	5	0	.167	77	12.8	143	23.8	-11.0	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 1 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE												
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	4	2	0	.667	138	23.0	83	13.8	9.2	3 0 0	2 0 0	3 2 0
Sebastian	4	2	0	.667	151	25.2	98	16.3	8.8	3 0 0	1 1 0	3 2 0
Durham	3	3	0	.500	129	21.5	143	23.8	-2.3	2 1 0	1 1 0	2 3 0
Scarborough	0	6	0	.000	32	5.3	136	22.7	-17.3	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 5 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	4	2	0	.667	112	18.7	67	11.2	7.5	2 1 0	1 1 0	3 2 0
York	4	2	0	.667	131	21.8	88	14.7	7.2	2 1 0	1 1 0	4 1 0
Brooklin	3	3	0	.500	160	26.7	158	26.3	0.3	2 1 0	1 1 0	2 3 0
Pickering	2	4	0	.333	114	19.0	133	22.2	-3.2	2 1 0	1 1 0	2 3 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Toronto	5	1	0	.833	123	20.5	78	13.0	7.5	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Georgia	4	2	0	.667	134	22.3	125	20.8	1.5	2 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Aurora	3	3	0	.500	140	23.3	139	23.2	0.2	3 0 0	2 1 0	3 2 0
Cincinnati	0	6	0	.000	87	14.5	187	31.2	-16.7	0 2 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

TOP PASSERS

Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Brady	YOR	177	113	63.8	1377	5	2.8	53	15	8.5	104.2
2	Cutler	TOR	132	78	59.1	1073	2	1.5	52	8	6.1	99.1
3	Smith,A	BRH	215	128	59.5	1605	3	1.4	76	14	6.5	98.7
4	Taylor,T	BUD	162	101	62.3	1155	1	0.6	62	8	4.9	97.6
5	Prescott	CHI	204	132	64.7	1434	3	1.5	56	11	5.4	97.1
6	Roethlisberger	GEO	199	111	55.8	1489	4	2.0	62	13	6.5	93.1
7	Brees	SS	216	137	63.4	1479	5	2.3	52	12	5.6	92.3
8	Ryan,M	AUR	200	122	61.0	1506	5	2.5	66	10	5.0	90.5
9	Trubisky	TCT	150	85	56.7	1222	4	2.7	63	8	5.3	89.9
10	Carr,D	VV	181	100	55.2	1305	3	1.7	54	9	5.0	87.8
11	Mariota	BRX	178	108	60.7	1313	9	5.1	53	10	5.6	81
12	Flacco	COW	135	82	60.7	792	2	1.5	56	4	3.0	80.8
13	Newton,C	DTL	193	109	56.5	1425	7	3.6	53	9	4.7	80.3
14	Dalton	LAK	86	46	53.5	516	1	1.2	50	3	3.5	78.4
15	Rivers,P	PIC	196	104	53.1	1355	7	3.6	67	10	5.1	77.2
16	Manning	SEA	210	117	55.7	1310	7	3.3	53	10	4.8	76.5
17	Goff	NJ	177	95	53.7	1108	5	2.8	59	8	4.5	76.2
18	Wilson,R	ICC	168	98	58.3	1072	5	3.0	37	5	3.0	74.8
19	Wentz	STC	190	104	54.7	1074	5	2.6	36	7	3.7	72.6
20	Cousins	CIN	209	111	53.1	1363	8	3.8	58	7	3.3	68.7
21	Stafford	ERI	128	63	49.2	681	4	3.1	64	5	3.9	65.3
22	McCown	LAK	152	84	55.3	871	7	4.6	42	5	3.3	63.8
23	Fales	BUF	120	75	62.5	674	4	3.3	38	0	0.0	63.7
24	Bortles	CHP	216	117	54.2	1143	8	3.7	42	5	2.3	61.6
25	Garoppolo	COW	44	33	75.0	485	0	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	14	465	33.2	47	0	1	Davis,T	ICC	14	7	156	11.1	20	0
2	Cooper,P	ERI	24	731	30.5	90	1	2	Jackson,A	STC	15	2	146	9.7	16	0
3	Lockett	ICC	8	230	28.8	38	0	3	Cooper,P	ERI	15	3	143	9.5	17	0
4	Bray	CHI	14	402	28.7	36	0	4	Ervin	VV	14	7	128	9.1	44	0
5	Williams,K	GEO	13	350	26.9	42	0	5	Jones,A	NJ	19	1	172	9.1	25	0
6	Smith-Schuster	VV	13	347	26.7	94	1	6	Erickson	BUF	14	7	121	8.6	17	0
7	Hunt,A	BRX	10	252	25.2	39	0	7	McCaffrey	CHI	14	11	117	8.4	23	0
8	Grant,C	CHP	15	369	24.6	39	0	8	Sherels	BUD	25	4	202	8.1	17	0
9	Switzer	PIC	10	238	23.8	41	0	9	Amendola	YOR	18	9	145	8.1	15	0
10	Lewis,D	STC	13	307	23.6	31	0	10	Alexander	TCT	20	4	156	7.8	17	0
11	Bolden Jr.	YOR	10	236	23.6	35	0	11	Roberts,A	LAK	13	8	86	6.6	14	0
12	Moore,C	SS	10	233	23.3	36	0	12	Callaway	SS	9	8	59	6.6	15	0
13	Roberts,A	LAK	17	385	22.6	34	0	13	Campanaro	COW	13	6	80	6.2	12	0
14	Agnew	SEA	10	222	22.2	42	0	14	Crowder	SBE	14	8	79	5.6	12	0
15	Barner	BRH	10	220	22.0	35	0	15	Richard	CHP	17	9	90	5.3	12	0
16	Langley	CIN	9	179	19.9	43	0	16	Taylor,T	DTL	13	5	67	5.2	13	0
17	Lewis,T	SBE	14	274	19.6	28	0	17	Switzer	PIC	14	2	70	5.0	13	0
18	Harris,D	TOR	8	155	19.4	25	0	18	Pettis	BRX	12	8	57	4.8	14	0
19	Ballage	AUR	11	204	18.5	28	0	19	Barner	BRH	11	5	46	4.2	14	0
20	Erickson	BUF	8	144	18.0	25	0	20	Sutton,C	CIN	6	5	20	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	108	662	6.1	66	4	1	Landry	GEO	47	645	13.7	54	6
2	Bell,L	LAK	171	660	3.9	30	2	2	McCaffrey	CHI	46	436	9.5	24	1
3	Elliott,E	VV	141	596	4.2	35	5	3	Bell,L	LAK	39	392	10.1	50	4
4	McCoy,L	NJ	133	589	4.4	40	2	4	Fitzgerald	COW	39	440	11.3	43	3
5	Barkley	TOR	100	502	5.0	37	4	5	Gronkowski	BRH	37	464	12.5	44	5
6	Hunt,K	SEA	118	495	4.2	21	2	6	Baldwin,D	SS	37	567	15.3	52	5
7	Gordon,M	TCT	121	491	4.1	27	3	7	Witten	SS	37	348	9.4	36	1
8	Collins,A	GEO	90	455	5.1	55	2	8	Brown,A	TCT	37	570	15.4	63	4
9	Howard,J	SBE	100	451	4.5	58	2	9	Allen,K	CIN	37	551	14.9	51	4
10	Crowell	BUD	94	430	4.6	34	3	10	Adams,D	AUR	36	624	17.3	66	5
11	Penny	DTL	78	390	5.0	19	0	11	Tate,G	PIC	32	547	17.1	67	7
12	Drake	AUR	73	373	5.1	70	1	12	Hill,T	TOR	32	539	16.8	52	3
13	Michel	GEO	66	370	5.6	50	1	13	Kearse,J	SS	31	348	11.2	34	4
14	Ingram,M	CHI	87	369	4.2	33	4	14	Smith-Schuster	VV	31	556	17.9	46	6
15	Lynch,M	ERI	98	363	3.7	24	0	15	Hopkins,D	BRH	30	522	17.4	76	4
16	Fournette	BRX	92	359	3.9	26	2	16	Thompson,C	BRX	30	327	10.9	53	2
17	Freeman,D	PIC	69	325	4.7	28	2	17	Crabtree	SEA	29	364	12.6	49	1
18	Powell,B	ICC	56	311	5.6	46	3	18	Agholor	CHI	29	307	10.6	32	5
19	Lewis,D	STC	61	297	4.9	34	2	19	Green,A	VV	29	404	13.9	54	3
20	Chubb,N	YOR	77	284	3.7	22	0	20	Cooks	LAK	29	357	12.3	39	3
21	Wentz	STC	35	278	7.9	36	1	21	Sanu	CHP	29	307	10.6	17	0
22	Kamara	CHP	50	276	5.5	25	2	22	Parker,D	LAK	27	350	13.0	42	1
23	Miller,L	CHP	82	276	3.4	18	1	23	Amendola	YOR	27	253	9.4	22	1
24	Henry,D	YOR	75	271	3.6	17	2	24	Stills	GEO	27	428	15.9	62	6
25	Gallman	AUR	46	269	5.8	24	0	25	Gurley II	COW	27	230	8.5	56	2

INTERCEPTION LEADERS								SACK LEADERS				TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Weddle	TOR	4	74	18.5	44	1	1	Morgan, D	SBE	6	1	Kuechly	CIN	54
2	Ramsey	TOR	3	12	4.0	7	0	2	Jones,C	SS	6	2	Barrett	STC	49
3	White,T	LAK	3	40	13.3	40	0	3	Smith,P	BRX	5	3	Ogletree	ICC	48
4	Bouye	ICC	3	58	19.3	25	1	4	Suggs	BRX	5	4	Jones,D	SBE	47
5	Howard,X	PIC	3	36	12.0	24	0	5	Lawrence	CHP	5	5	Reid,E	ERI	47
6	Williams,M	STC	3	55	18.3	35	0	6	Houston,L	BUD	5	6	Smith,J	TOR	47
7	Smith,H	BRX	2	0	0.0	0	0	7	Campbell,C	BUD	5	7	Ward,D	PIC	45
8	Trufant	CHP	2	0	0.0	0	0	8	McCoy,G	BRH	5	8	Brown,P	AUR	43
9	Neal,K	NJ	2	31	15.5	29	1	9	Davenport	AUR	5	9	Poole	ERI	43
10	Ward,D	PIC	2	0	0.0	0	0	10	Dupree	BRX	4	10	Thomas,S	SBE	43
11	Mosley	CHP	2	13	6.5	13	0	11	Chubb,B	BUF	4	11	Mingo	SEA	42
12	Hyde,M	YOR	2	16	8.0	16	0	12	Judon	NJ	4	12	Judon	NJ	42
13	Burns	BRX	2	39	19.5	39	0	13	Heyward	CHP	4	13	Jewell	ICC	42
14	Parker,R	STC	2	75	37.5	38	0	14	Jones,N	CHP	4	14	Mathieu	DTL	42
15	Joseph,J	CHP	2	51	25.5	51	1	15	Houston,J	ERI	4	15	Hankins	VV	41
16	Slay	TCT	2	16	8.0	16	0	16	Peppers	STC	4	16	Clowney	SS	41
17	Butler,M	NJ	2	41	20.5	32	0	17	Reed,B	BUD	4	17	Jackson,K	SEA	40
18	Bradberry	NJ	2	21	10.5	21	0	18	Ngakoue	STC	4	18	Morgan,D	SBE	40
19	Robinson,P	SS	2	13	6.5	9	0	19	Barrett	STC	4	19	Irvin	BUF	40
20	Wagner,B	TCT	2	0	0.0	0	0	20	Alualu	YOR	4	20	Smith,J	GEO	40

SCORING LEADERS													
Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Hauschka	STC	14	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	53
2	Tucker,J	ICC	10	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
3	Bryant,M	COW	9	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
4	Tate,G	PIC	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
5	Smith-Schuster	VV	0	0	0	0	6	0	1	0	0	0	42
6	Parkey	BRH	8	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
7	Forbath	BUD	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
8	Gonzalez	VV	8	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
9	Catanzaro	BRX	7	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37
10	Stills	GEO	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
11	Gurley II	COW	0	0	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	36
12	Hyde,C	DTL	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
13	Trubisky	TCT	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	36
14	Bell,L	LAK	0	0	0	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	36
15	Landry	GEO	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
16	Carlson	TOR	6	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
17	Hopkins,D	TCT	5	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	33
18	Succop	CHP	8	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
19	Elliott,J	BUF	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32
20	Vinatieri	SS	5	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
21	Gostkowski	ERI	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
22	Zuerlein	PIC	6	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
23	Elliott,E	VV	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
24	Thielen	TOR	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
25	Agholor	CHI	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
26	Gronkowski	BRH	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
27	Tavecchio	GEO	5	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
28	Wilson,R	ICC	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
29	Foreman	SS	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
30	Adams,D	AUR	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
31	Ginn Jr.	NJ	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
32	Baldwin,D	SS	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
33	Graham,J	STC	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30
34	Gano	YOR	4	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
35	Boswell	NJ	6	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29

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	16	14	87.5	6	2	53	53	1	Hekker	COW	34	1639	2	15	60	0	48.2
2	Tucker,J	ICC	13	10	76.9	6	3	54	45	2	Kaser	BUD	33	1578	4	10	58	0	47.8
3	Bryant,M	COW	11	9	81.8	1	0	44	42	3	Colquitt,D	SBE	38	1771	2	11	70	0	46.6
4	Forbath	BUD	14	11	78.6	8	4	54	40	4	Dickson	ERI	43	1988	1	19	89	0	46.2
5	Parkey	BRH	12	8	66.7	2	1	55	40	5	King,M	TOR	41	1876	1	18	59	0	45.8
6	Gonzalez	VV	9	8	88.9	2	0	49	39	6	Kern	BRX	26	1297	4	7	71	0	49.9
7	Catanzaro	BRX	11	7	63.6	3	2	57	37	7	Colquitt,B	SEA	26	1265	0	9	58	0	48.7
8	Hopkins,D	TCT	6	5	83.3	0	0	39	33	8	Lee,A	BUF	26	1243	0	5	64	0	47.8
9	Carlson	TOR	10	6	60.0	4	1	51	33	9	Morstead	DTL	21	1002	1	9	67	0	47.7
10	Elliott,J	BUF	15	9	60.0	3	3	57	32	10	Huber	CHP	28	1334	5	10	57	1	47.6
11	Succop	CHP	14	8	57.1	4	0	48	32	11	O'Donnell	NJ	32	1515	3	11	63	0	47.3
12	Vinatieri	SS	7	5	71.4	3	0	41	31	12	Lechler	STC	30	1419	1	13	55	0	47.3



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – The all-important U.S. midterm elections have come and gone with the results providing fodder for both sides of the electoral divide while providing no clear vision of the way forward for the country. The referendum on Donald Trump’s Presidency resulted, effectively, in that most unsatisfactory of outcomes – a tie. The much anticipated “Blue Wave” turned out to be more of a ripple lapping over the Republican “sand-house” built too close to the shore, while failing to touch the much larger and, arguably, more important and sturdier “sand-senate” built on higher ground. The bottom line for Democrats is that they are now in a better position to harass the President and thwart his legislative agenda, while having no reasonable prospect of impeaching him – an outcome they are dying to achieve before the next general election.

Losing the House is no tragedy for the President. He now has a convenient excuse for why he cannot follow through on virtually all of his campaign promises, citing obstruction by the Democrat-controlled House. Having one or both of the House and Senate switch sides away from a sitting President in mid-term is common. The fact that Trump managed to not only hold his Senate majority, but increase it, mitigates, if not negates, the impact of the Democrats winning the House. In my opinion, this outcome actually improves Trump’s chances of re-election.

So, what does this mean for the EFL? Well, not much in terms of the league’s daily operations. The penalty flags will continue to fly randomly and prolifically, obstructing and reviving drives at the whim of the referees, who govern with apparent meticulous attention to detail some times and blatant indifference others. Replay reviews will continue to feature creative interpretations of both the rulebook and the video evidence. There will continue to be far too many commercial breaks in the first quarter of games as the Networks attempt to cram exposure of their sponsors into the tight competitive window before games start to get out of hand. The games will become increasingly difficult to predict as injuries play havoc with rosters....

...and....in Cincinnati, one of two retro locales (along with Buffalo) where the EFL is attempting to implement MAFGA – Make American Football Great Again – fans will continue to show up in ever fewer numbers from week-to-week as the football revival in that city flounders at the hands of a religious fanatic.

TRUST IN THE CRUSADING JESUS

The Cincinnati Crusaders are now 0-6 after getting dismantled by the Mustangs, 44-14. This was not a case of the Mustangs juggernaut overwhelming a combative, but overmatched opponent; the Mustangs, at 3-3, are competitive but no longer dominant. This game, like every other Crusader game so far this season, was not remotely competitive because the Crusaders are simply terrible. Beyond bad. But how did a team that the vast majority of analysts predicted would be competitive in the weak South Division get to such a low point so early, without an injury of major significance to bring them down?

The behind-the-scenes picture that is emerging from local Cincinnati media and my sources in the league is both alarming and bizarre. Yet, the knowledge that something was off should have caught the attention of all of us earlier, because the signs were there right from the beginning.

The “hiring” of **Tim Tebow** as Head Coach was a red flag that should have, in retrospect, raised more questions it did. Tebow was not only out of football entirely, he was (and still is) an active pro baseball prospect in the NY Mets organization.

“When God has a plan for you, time takes care of itself,” Tebow had replied when asked how he would balance full-time pro football coaching duties with full-time baseball development. His reply, delivered in such a self-assured and confident manner, seemed to hypnotize reporters into halting further pursuit of the question.

Tebow’s coaching style is as unique as his playing style. He dresses in full uniform – like a player would – wearing a team jersey with the word ‘GOD’ stitched on in place of a number. He carries no clipboard, wears no headphones, and his main function appears to be encouraging the players, as they go on and come off the field, to “trust in Jesus!”

The coaching staff – from the offensive and defensive coordinators down to the trainers – is composed almost entirely of unknowns. Retired Seminoles coach, **Bobby Bowden** – the only well-known figure – is listed as the offensive coordinator. However, he has reportedly not yet been seen at the Crusaders’ Paul Brown Stadium offices, nor on the field on game-days. The only evidence that he has anything to do with the Crusaders’ organization are photos of him in a prayer circle with Crusader’s owner and self-declared Minister of Football, **Bryan Menefee**, at the *Cincinnati Church of the Crusading Jesus* on Sunday morning prior to the team’s home opener against York.



The Cincinnati Crusaders line up in their faith-based version of a goal line defence. This formation was successful at preventing **Matt Ryan** from sneaking across the goal line on 4th and goal from half a foot away in the 1st quarter of their Week 6 game versus the Mustangs. The Crusaders got their one miracle for the day then got trounced 44-14.

Team practices, all of them closed entirely to the public and the media, are sources of mystery due to extremely tight information controls and the inaccessibility of the players to the media afterwards. When players are able to be accosted by reporters on their way out of the stadium, they are invariably either hostile or animated in their profession of faith in “Jesus and Reverend Menefee.”

But tightly managed press conferences and secret practices cannot hide the increasingly bizarre activities on the field on game day.

The Week Six contest at Aurora drew the attention of national media due to the Crusaders fielding a number of unorthodox formations as a feature of their new “FBF” (faith-based formation) strategy. That something new was coming to address the team’s lack of success had been hinted at by “Minister of Football,” **Bryan Menefee** in press briefings in the week leading up to the game.

“We are working on some things,” he answered in response to a question from Cincinnati

Enquirer reporter, **Paul Dehner Jr** about how the team would approach the game against the defending champion Mustangs. “We are bringing things together that we have been working on in practice. These are new things that have never been seen on a football field before. Brother Tim has been a great help in putting everything together. It is a faith-based system that puts Jesus in charge. Anything is possible when you have faith in Jesus Christ!”

Well, he did say that *anything* was possible. And among the infinite possibilities inherent in the word “anything,” getting one’s doors blown off by a hungry, tactics-based Mustang team is certainly one of them.

This game was just one more humiliation in a six-week long streak of futility for the Crusaders. The opening drive by the Mustangs covered 70 yards in 3 plays – all passes – and resulted in an easy 37-yard TD pass to **Dez Bryant** against something that might be loosely described as a short zone nickel package with a four-man front. The “faith-based” version of this defence, however, featured the front four kneeling in a “prayer stance” while the linebackers and safeties stood in an oblong formation behind them holding hands with closed eyes prior to the snap. The only defensive quality of this strange look was the moment of hesitation it produced in the Mustangs’ offence upon first seeing it. By the third play, however, they could see it for what it was and ripped it.

The Crusaders alternated between conventional looks and the new “faith-based” versions in an effort to keep the Mustangs off balance. But, with one exception, it was to no avail. A “faith-based” version of a dime prevent package appeared mid-way through the second quarter and provoked the following comment from the EFL on CBS broadcast crew:

“The Mustangs will get a new set of downs here at the Crusader 21 after that 20-yard pass to Tyrell Williams,” Ian Hawk observed.

“The Crusaders’ defence needs to tighten up here, Ian,” Evan Washboard commented as the Mustangs broke the huddle. *“They are already trailing 13-0. They cannot afford to get behind any further or else – “*

“Woah! This is a new look!” interjected Hawk. *“What do you make of this formation from the Crusaders’ defence, Evan?”*

“I’m not sure what Bryan Menefee is trying to do here, Ian,” Washboard remarked after a brief pause. *“He has the safeties lined up in the back of the end zone and the corners along the sideline, exposing the entire middle of the field. It almost looks like a prevent, but that’s a ridiculous formation inside your own 20-yard line. And it’s even worse because those linebackers behind the line have their heads down, looking like they are praying again. It looks like sheer craziness to me, Ian!”*

Craziness or incompetence, the result was that the Mustangs were able to cover the remaining distance with a screen pass and a draw to **Jaylen Samuels** for the TD. Most of the Cincinnati defence was nowhere near the point of attack.

There was, however, one sequence that provided a glimmer of hope for Menefee’s new “system.” The faith-based goal line defence – which outwardly resembled a densely-packed prayer circle with the forward edge touching the line of scrimmage – successfully repelled **Matt Ryan** twice from inside the 1-yard line on 3rd then on 4th-and-goal on back-to-back sneaks. This outcome almost never happens but it did on this occasion, prompting talk of *“the miracle of faith”* after the game.

“Jesus was certainly on the line with us on that sequence,” Tebow declared afterwards in the post-game presser. “I could feel him there, giving our players strength.”

And what about the other times when the new “faith-based” formations collapsed when confronted with the logic of basic football tactics?

“Everything God does has a purpose,” Tebow replied. “And that purpose is to strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ and save

the souls of man!” An outburst of ‘hallelujahs’ from **Bryan Menefee** and members of the coaching staff in the room followed. “These are all tests, not only of our resolve as players and coaches, but of our *faith*! Our players passed those tests with flying colours today, even if we didn’t win the game on the scoreboard.”

The tactical ineptitude of his opponent provoked a rare gesture of compassion from Mustangs’ coach, **Rich Liotta**. He called off the dogs early and ran the ball with his back-ups for the entire 4th quarter, but still managed to score 14 more points while doing so. In the post-game presser, he exuded no sense of satisfaction at the victory:

“We needed this game to stay in the race and we did what we needed to do,” Liotta said in his opening remarks. “It wasn’t as easy as it looked,” he added with a straight face. “It was actually easier. So, we need to get past this as a team and focus on the upcoming game against Erieau – a team that is better than its record, in our view.”

The debacle in Aurora was the third game of a three-game road trip for the Crusaders. They now return to Paul Brown Stadium to face the Patriots in Week Seven, looking for their first win in Cincinnati. But whether or not frustrated Cincy fans welcome them back warmly with open arms, or turn it into a real “Come-to-Jesus” moment, remains to be seen.

THE INTERCEPTION HALL OF FAME

The Parsnip ran a satirical piece earlier this year on the grand opening of the EFL Hall of Fun, purportedly set to open alongside the EFL Hall of Fame on the same date as the annual pre-season Hall of Fame Game in Canton. The purpose of the article was to mock the growing movement that seeks to stop keeping score in youth sports; to turn tournaments into sports “festivals;” and to redefine competition to mean “doing one’s best and having fun.” *The Parsnip* article takes that sentiment to the extreme by fictitiously reporting on a parallel institution to the pro football Hall of Fame that celebrates all aspects of professional competition, including traditionally negative things such as losing streaks, fumbles, missed tackles, well below average performance and, of course, interceptions thrown. Here is an excerpt from the article to give you an idea:

“This great sport of ours is about far more than winning and losing,” league spokesman **Cogswell Cogs II** explains. *“It is about the experience of football. The highs and the lows on both sides. We are simply acknowledging the role that all of our competitors play in making this sport great. That includes those players who contribute to the success of others. The Hall of Fun recognizes those contributions and allows those players to share the spotlight.”* [*The Parsnip Online*, “EFL Hall of Fun to Open Thursday,” August 30, 2018]

I found it an amusing article and noted that *The Parsnip*, in dressing up the story in reportable facts, had done some research into the careers of some well-known players, including Georgia’s **Ben Roethlisberger** and Toronto’s **Jay Cutler**. In the article, both were about to be inducted into the Interception Hall of Fame wing of the EFL Hall of Fun.

I immediately recalled the article when I sat down to make my pre-game notes on the Georgia-Toronto match-up in Week 6. I chuckled to myself as I realized that I was suddenly more interested in which quarterback would throw the most interceptions rather than which one of these teams would emerge from 4-1 to take sole possession of the South Division. The latter was the real story. But the article in *The Parsnip* had deflected me from the bigger picture. Of course, interceptions could very well play a role in the outcome of the game, but there were plenty of other areas to focus on. At least that’s what I reminded myself of as I looked at reports on the patchwork Toronto offensive line and the vulnerabilities of the Georgia defence...while looking out of the corner of my eye at the big ‘0’ in the INT column next to Ben Roethlisberger’s name at the top of the EFL passer rankings.

The battle for first place in the South between Georgia and Toronto had attracted no special attention in the national media in the lead-up to the game. It was as if everyone was in denial and believed that whatever early success these two teams were enjoying would not last for long. Of course, I knew better, having predicted a Toronto win in the South while acknowledging that the Division was up for grabs. For me, at least, this was a more critical contest than say, Cowtown at York or Sebastian at Pickering – the two games drawing most of the pre-game attention from the major networks.

The Wolverines Den in Toronto is a pit of restless energy with a ravenous appetite for action. EFL Fans in Toronto contradict the staid and overly well-mannered image of Toronto sports fans in general. They are a new breed, more akin to Toronto FC fans of the MLS and equally territorial. Part of what makes them this way is the facility itself. Built exclusively for American-style football, less than half a kilometer from BMO Field on the former site of the *Medieval Times* Restaurant, the Wolverines Den seems like an indulgence in a city with more than enough facilities to share. But Wolverine owner, **Ryan Rich**, the poor little rich boy of the EFL, wanted his own stadium and had the Trust Fund monies to build it. The result was a stadium built by a kid for kids, with all of the things teens and young adults like to do integrated within the space. It opens at 9:00 am and closes at 9:00 pm for a typical 1:00 pm Sunday game, making the place a virtual youth hangout on game day. That simple fact explains why the average Wolverine fan is a young adult in his or her early 20’s and comes to the game ready to party hard, whether the team is winning or not. Youthful exuberance fills the atmosphere when the Wolverines take the field; and with the team now winning, that unbridled excitement is turning into a weapon for the defence. **Big Ben** would discover the reality of that Wolverine defence the hard way.

Coming into Week Six at the very top of his game, **Big Ben** exuded confidence in the days leading up to the big showdown. He said all of the right things not to get his opponent riled up, of course. He lavished **Jalen Ramsey** with praise, paid due respect to the “veteran” **Eric Weddle** and noted that “Toronto always gives you their best game,” which was a back-handed compliment considering the team had won just 6 games in its first two seasons. Sub-text: *Toronto always tries hard, but we all know who the favourite is here.*

Two interceptions in his first two series was enough to wipe the cheesy grin off Big Ben’s face and trigger his transformation into the all-too familiar, but not yet seen in 2018, **Big Boob**. It was the second pick, a diving interception by **Eric Weddle** on an overthrown pass to **Jarvis Landry**, that set up to the only touchdown of the first half; a 3-yard run by rookie **Saquon Barkley** to cap a

53-yard drive. The score unleashed an unrelenting frenzy of excitement in the home crowd that only the stamina of youth could sustain. They bounced, they gyrated and they chanted *'Wolva-Wolva-Wolva-Wolva-Wolva-Wolva-RINES!'* non-stop at the top of their lungs to the point where even the TV announcers took note.

"The crowd is really into this game, Adam," CBS play-by-play caller, **Gyro Spedes** noted as Toronto kicker **Daniel Carlson** teed up the football in preparation for the second half kickoff.

"They don't seem to get tired of that chant, that's for sure, Gyro," replied colour commentator **Adam Archerletta**. "They've been going at it for the entire half time break. Amazing!"

"And irritating as well," Gyro added with a chuckle, before quickly adding the caveat, "for the opposing team, of course!"

The intensity of the crowd was unusual for a game that featured so little offence. The teams traded field goals in the third quarter and **Big Boob** was intercepted for a third time, setting up Toronto nicely in the Georgia zone. But they could not take advantage; and the teams entered the 4th quarter with Toronto still leading by a touchdown, 10-3.

All hell broke loose in the final frame, however. **Alex Collins** turned a check down pass into a 44-yard gain then followed that up with a 12-yard run into the Toronto red zone, only to have Toronto steal away the scoring opportunity with **Jalen Ramsey's** second interception. Four plays later, however, rookie **Rasheen Green** forced a Barkely fumble that **Reggie Ragland** picked up and returned 28-yards for the tying touchdown.

The TD seemed to wake up the Toronto offence. **Jay Cutler** suddenly went on the attack after having spent most of the game handing off the ball. He completed all four of his pass attempts on the short and swift drive, finishing off with a perfectly thrown pass to **Adam Thielen** that threaded the needle of double coverage for a 35-yard TD. The play turned out to be pivotal. From that point on the home team rode a wave of crowd intensity and elevated play from its defensive line to shut down the Georgia attack when it mattered most. With Georgia making one final charge inside the two-minute mark, Ramsey finished off his MVP day with a strip of **Jarvis Landry** that **Justin Bethel** scooped up for a 38-yard fumble return TD to make the final score, Toronto 24, Georgia 10.

There was another score of critical importance to me, however. In the *Interception Hall of Fame Game*, **Ben Roethlisberger** handily defeated **Jay Cutler** by the lop-sided score of 4-0, cementing his status in *The Parsnip's* fictitious Hall of Fun.

AROUND THE EFL

At Camelot in Avalon, the York Excaliburs held off a 4th quarter surge by **Joe Flacco** and the Corn Kings to come out on top, 21-19. Yes, you read that right: **Joe Flacco**. Cowtown started **Jimmy Garoppolo**, only to see him go down with 5 minutes left in the 2nd quarter when he sustained a shot in the ribs from York defensive end **Michael Johnson**. Garoppolo will be out for at least 3 weeks and probably longer, putting the "new era" on hold. Flacco came on and the offence immediately went "retro," allowing the Excaliburs to extend their lead to 21-7 on **Tom Brady's** third TD pass of the day. But flashes of a younger, snappier Flacco appeared on the team's final possession, highlighted by passes of 20 and 21 yards to **Larry Fitzgerald**, the second to convert a 4th & 11 in York territory. He finished off an impressive 91-yard, penalty-hampered drive, with a long hitch to **Todd Gurley II** for a 23-yard TD. But the two-point convert failed when Gurley slipped making his cut and he was touched down by **William Hayes**. **Tom Brady** made sure there would be no last second field goal attempt for Cowtown by completing a daring long crossing pass to **Josh Doctson** on 3rd & 19 with a full 1:15 left in the game. Cowtown could not stop the clock after that. Terrific Tom finished with a game-day QB rating of 133.1 and is looking as good as he has ever looked – a critical and welcome development for Swords fans dreaming of glory.

At Thermopylae Stadium in Pickering, the rain and poor field conditions played havoc with the offences of both teams as the Spartans emerged with a heaven-sent 17-12 win over Sebastian to stop their losing streak at 4 games. The EFL sent in their best, **Gene Steratore** and his crew, to officiate this game. They entered the stadium under tight security and a strict communication ban with Spartans employees of all ranks to avoid any appearance of impropriety as the league continues to investigate the events of Week Three. The result was that the refereeing was about the only thing that went smoothly on this cold, damp and miserable day. The "northern powerhouse" Sebastian which, at 27.8° latitude, is the second southernmost locale in the EFL, could not get out of its own way. Whether it was ill-advised 4th down gambles or **Drew Brees** gripping a slippery ball too tightly and throwing interceptions, the Swordfish essentially handed Pickering the win. A 64-yard interception return for a touchdown by safety **Marcus Maye** turned out to be the decisive blow on a day when the Spartans managed just 11 first downs and 156 yards of offence and *won!*

At Wilhalla Stadium in Twin Cities, the 'Curse of the Cadillac' struck again as the Triumph had their winning streak unexpectedly snuffed out by Erieau, 17-10. The team that punched the Triumph in the face with 13 sacks of **Carson Palmer** and **Jay Cutler** in the season opener last year managed just 3 sacks of the much more mobile **Mitch Trubisky** this time, but the defence shone in different ways. **Desmond King** returned an interception 78 yards for the opening score and **Brian Poole** picked off Trubisky in the end zone to end an early Triumph threat. The Cadillac was also sturdy on third down, holding the Triumph to just 2 of 12 attempts. For perhaps the first time ever, **DeShone Kizer** was mixed in effectively on offence for Erieau. He bootlegged for 15 yards to help set up a 2nd quarter field goal and finished off a 75-yard drive with a bootleg run from half a yard out for the winning score in the 4th.

And finally, to cap off a trio of "strange wins" this week, the Patriots took Round One of the Battle of Manitoba with a ball control masterpiece that saw them tally 22 first downs and over 38 minutes of possession to suppress the Violators, 15-9. **Blake Bortles** was the consummate "game manager" in this one, which is all one can reasonably hope for from him. On the other side, **Derek Carr** was simply as off as off gets, completing just 10 of 34 pass attempts for 122 yards and 2 picks. He played like a man under pressure, although the Pats blitzed just once the entire game. That **Demarcus Lawrence** is one scary dude!

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The story in sports wagering so far this year has been lines like this one popping up without an obvious explanation. The Excaliburs are coming off a big win over Cowtown while the Derailers are falling farther off the rails now that the adrenaline of playing in a new home and beating up on Erieau has worn off. Sure, the Buffalo pass rush is intimidating, but if anybody knows how to get the ball out of his hands quickly it is York QB, Tom Brady. The real problem is the Buffalo offence. Josh Rosen returned last week to applause born of fans' desperation at getting David Fales out of the lineup, only to discover that it was exactly like having Fales in the line-up. The York defence is not going to be any easier to move against, especially with Jay Ajayi out. So, swing the sword! **PICK: YORK**

ST. CHARLES @ BROOKLIN (line – HAWKS by 5)

INJURIES: St. Charles – Nick Kwiatkowski (OUT), Tyler Decker (OUT); Brooklin – Janoris Jenkins (OUT).

If Alex Smith keeps playing like he has been on this three-game winning streak the Hawks will be very difficult to beat down the stretch. They will need better play from their defence, which is ranked 23rd in efficiency and is surrendering too many points. They have a chance to build some confidence here against a Chargers offence troubled by fits and starts in the passing game. Carson Wentz has not yet delivered the aerial prowess many had expected from him. All he does is find ways to win, usually with his legs but also, at critical moments, with his arm. The Chargers are playing the best situational football in the league right now, reflected in the bottom line and their no.1-ranked defensive efficiency in the red zone. Brooklin will struggle to gain separation. **PICK: ST. CHARLES**

NEW JERSEY @ PICKERING (line – WRECKING BALLS by 1)

INJURIES: New Jersey – William Gholston (PROBABLE), Demar Dotson (OUT), Kentrell Brice (OUT), Jeremy Kerley (OUT); Pickering – Tyvon Branch (DOUBTFUL), Andre Branch (DOUBTFUL), Dion Jordan (OUT).

It came out of nowhere and it was not pretty but Pickering will take its win over Sebastian and call it a fresh start after a rough beginning to the season – anything to dispel the fog in the heads of players who are not performing up to expectations. But replicating last week's win will be impossible against any team other than "4th-and-go" Sebastian. The Wrecking Balls aren't so reckless – at least not by design. Jared Goff threw 3 picks last week; hopefully that was an anomaly, as there is an opportunity in the passing game if Goff can get his wide receivers involved. "Shady" McCoy will be used as bait for the play action against a group of corners that can be beaten. For the Spartans, a balanced attack is critical. There is no obvious ballhawk in the Jersey secondary but if there is one with hidden talent, Rivers will find him without a solid run game. It's a close call, so go with the home team discount. **PICK: PICKERING**

VIRDEN @ GEORGIA (line – Pick' Em)

INJURIES: Virden – Leonard Floyd (QUESTIONABLE), Shane Ray (OUT), Ja'Wuan James (OUT), Noah Spence (OUT), John Kuhn (OUT), Eric Berry (OUT), Marshall Yanda (OUT), Neville Hewitt (OUT); Georgia – Reuben Foster (QUESTIONABLE), Will Fuller V (OUT);

Two "pick'ems" in one week is rare. Things are so up in the air this season that when two teams with limited head-to-head history but similar results in common games meet, the margins are slim to nil. Vegas likes the Violators a tad better, so they have discounted the slight home field advantage enjoyed by the Glads. Both teams' quarterbacks are coming off atrocious games. Derek Carr completed just 29% of his pass attempts against the Pats for 122 yards and 2 picks. "Bad Ben" made his first start of the season, throwing 4 interceptions against the predatory Wolverines secondary. Both will bounce back this week but which one will bounce higher? Virden can control the ball with Ezekiel Elliott, but durability concerns limit his workhorse potential. The Glads have a one-two punch in Alex

Collins and Sony Michel and the surest set of hands in Jarvis Landry. Go with the Glads in a ball control game. **PICK: GEORGIA**

TWIN CITIES @ TORONTO (line – Pick’ Em)

INJURIES: **Twin Cities** – Rishard Matthews (QUESTIONABLE), Carson Palmer (OUT), Joe Thomas (OUT). **Toronto** – John Simon (QUESTIONABLE), Jermaine Gresham (QUESTIONABLE), Danny Trevathan (OUT), Zach Vigil (OUT).

Two “pick’ems” in the same week is rare. Three – that’s unheard-of! The line does not penalize the Triumph for traveling into the Wolverine’s Den, but appears to discount a significant gap in the relative strength of the non-skill players. Twin Cities wins the line battles on both sides of the ball and nowhere on their defence are they weak. Rishard Matthews is questionable, but they still have Antonio Brown and they may not wish to pass very often anyway. The Triumph are built to pound the ball if necessary and Mitch Trubisky has been inflicting as much damage with his legs as with his arm. Toronto has the best pure secondary in the league right now, but does that matter much if the opponent is wearing down the defence via the run. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

ERIEAU @ AURORA (line – MUSTANGS by 6)

INJURIES: **Erieau** – Stephon Gilmore (QUESTIONABLE); **Aurora** – None.

Somehow, Erieau is 3-3. It is now clear that any limited success the Cadillac may enjoy this season will be due to their defence. Not because the defence is very good, but because the offence is horrendous. On its good days, the defence has been opportunistic; players like Joey Bosa and Justin Houston are capable of the type of streaky domination that can turn things around in critical moments. It will require that and much more for the Cadillac to sandbag the Mustangs here the way they did last week to Twin Cities. A healthy Aurora team wants to build on last week’s demolition of Cincinnati and regain a lap in the race for the South Division. They cannot afford to drop the easy ones. They will be ready. Stephon Gilmore playing may improve the deficit, but not the bottom line. **PICK: AURORA**

IOWA CITY @ SEBASTIAN (line – SWORDFISH by 5)

INJURIES: **Iowa City** – None; **Sebastian** – Aaron Lynch (OUT), Shawn Lauvao (OUT), Arik Armstead (OUT), Darren Sproles (OUT);

Just when the Swordfish appeared geared up to go on an extended winning streak, they got netted by a Spartans team playing its worst football of the year. The 4th down follies of the Fish add an interesting twist that makes predicting their outcomes difficult. Regardless of success or failure of a given 4th down attempt, the mere attempt, in usually unconventional and tactically unsound situations, changes the rhythm of the game in random ways. The Cubs, having recovered their dignity with a sound thumping of Buffalo last week, are a team that can exploit a rogue 4th down attempt on both sides of the ball. But in a conventionally played game, the Swordfish have the edge defensively and, arguably, offensively as well. The Cubs will need to exploit their strong offensive line to control possession and blunt the Sebastian pass rush. The Fish might consider exercising patience. The advantage is theirs. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

LOS ANGELES @ COWTOWN (line – CORN KINGS by 16)

INJURIES: **Los Angeles** – David Bakhtiari (OUT), Vernon Hargreaves III (OUT), Bryan Bulaga (OUT), Terrance West (OUT), Weston Richburg (OUT); **Cowtown** – Greg Mancz (PROBABLE), Roquan Smith (QUESTIONABLE), Jimmy Garoppolo (OUT), Ronald Darby (OUT).

The Corn Kings are as much contenders as any other team this season. But the idea of it being par for the course for them to beat any team by more than 16 points, even against a struggling team like the Knights, strikes me as lunacy. The Jimmy Garoppolo Era turned into the Jimmy Garoppolo Moment last week when the new starter went down against York. Joe Flacco returns to center and with him a return to an uncertain offence that might deliver the goods or fail miserably, with equal probability. Cowtown missed Roquan Smith last week when the Excaliburs ran the ball effectively to set up the play-action pass. He is listed as ‘questionable’ this week. If he sits there is an opening for Le’Veon Bell to have free reign and give whoever the Knights’ quarterback is some extra time in the pocket. LA is staring at the West basement if they keep playing like they have. They know its time to turn things around. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

DURHAM @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 8)

INJURIES: **Durham** – Laurent Duvernay-Tardif (OUT), Richard Sherman (OUT); **Chino** – Ali Marpet (OUT), Spencer Long (OUT), Ryan Kalil (OUT);

Cam Newton faces his former team for the first time since signing a free agent deal with the Thunder Lizards last year. The decision in Chino to go with Dak Prescott made the signing possible and, while Newton landed a good deal, he enters this game with something to prove and a playoff race to stay in. In the battle of the quarterbacks, both are close to each other in raw production but Prescott is passing with more efficiency, due to an abundance of targets at the wings and out of the backfield, with RB Christian McCaffery leading the team in receptions. Newton has TY Hilton and Cooper Kupp and the ability to extend plays in order to find them, but Chino

has the clear edge defensively and a multi-faceted offence that should nab them a hard-fought, close win. **PICK: DURHAM**

SCARBOROUGH @ SEATTLE (line – PILOTS by 11)

INJURIES: **Scarborough** – Brock Osweiler (OUT), Aaron Rodgers (OUT), Earl Watford (OUT), Cordy Glenn (OUT), Dont'a Hightower (OUT); **Seattle** – Kam Chancellor (QUESTIONABLE), Josh Sitton (OUT), Olivier Vernon (OUT).

Scarborough remains in quarterback purgatory for at least one more game. A three-game assessment concludes, with confidence, that the Blue Eagles will most likely not win a single game with Brett Hundley at quarterback; even against a bottom-dweller like Seattle. The path to a Blue Eagles victory passes through its defence, and that is not likely to happen either against a retooled Seattle offence that, until last week's 5-turnover fiasco, had been maintaining reasonable ball security and scoring at a respectable clip. The return of Marshon Lattimore will help keep the Eagles in their place offensively and may even yield a score. **PICK: SEATTLE**

CHARLESWOOD @ CINCINNATI (line – PATRIOTS by 4)

INJURIES: **Charleswood** – Brandon Linder (QUESTIONABLE), Deshaun Watson (OUT), Marcus Gilbert (OUT), Jamie Collins (OUT), Marcus Cannon (OUT); **Cincinnati** – Joe Haden (OUT);

With Blake Bortles still leading the Pats' offence, this is a winnable game for the winless Crusaders, at least in the theoretical sense. Their last-in-everything defence, conversely, could turn the game into a rare "shining moment" for the dubiously competent Bortles. Charleswood is rightly favoured, but a look back to pre-season prognostication shows that the Crusaders, believe it or not, were considered by a few respectable Analysts to be in contention for their division. While that seems laughable now, it serves to remind us that there is offensive talent on the team that has been kept well-hidden by the miserable play of their defence. It is high time for that talent to show itself. An early lead is crucial, as the Pats' pass rush will devastate if fully unleashed. **PICK: CINCINNATI**

BUDAPEST @ BRUXELLES (line – NORTH STARS by 2)

INJURIES: **Budapest** – Orlando Scandrick (QUESTIONABLE), Martellus Bennett (OUT), Jason Peters (OUT), Jordan Reed (OUT); **Bruxelles** – Jarrad Davis (DOUBTFUL), Terrelle Pryor Sr (OUT), Anthony Walker Jr (OUT), Kyle Long (OUT), Dede Westbrook (OUT), Mitch Morse (OUT), Chris Conley (OUT), Jason Verrett (IR).

Budapest continues its long "road trip" with a return to Europe to face their EU rivals. The schedule-maker must have a sense of humour, or mischief, or both, because he also scheduled the Bombers to fly back all the way from Los Angeles, making them actually more jet-lagged than the visitors. At least they have an excuse if things, as I predict, go wrong for Bruxelles in this game. Budapest is ranked no.1 overall in the Power Rankings. This is due to both the strength of their defence and an offence that kills big chunks of time with long drives that chisel away at an opponent's will and stamina. The Bombers are hot right now, but they haven't faced a team like the Stars yet this year. The injury to Kyle Long will prove more significant than expected. **PICK: BUDAPEST**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – In Week Six of the 2012 EFL season, the Undertakers' **Drew Brees** continued his record-setting pace with 4 more TD passes, to bring his season total to 28, in a 41-10 rout of the wretched Patriots.

2012 was certainly a Golden Year for the Violators' **Matt Stafford**. If you are wondering, while watching him struggle in 2018, what all the fuss is about, then go back and take a look at his MVP-calibre year in 2012. In Week 6, Stafford threw his 17, 18 and 19th TD passes of the season, the last one a game-winner with 0:22

left, to lead Virden to a 31-27 victory over defending champion LA. While all eyes were on Brees, Stafford flourished.

Sparky McGillicuddy of *The Iowan* reported after the Cubs' Week Six 35-34 loss to 2-4 Mohave that Cubs' coach **Deron Redding** had been placed on the hotseat by 98-year old team owner, **Rodney Alberhasky Sr.** The Cubs of 2012, while certainly bad, were not thought, at the time, to be as bad as they were showing on the football field. In retrospect, history says that they were, in fact, as bad as their record, despite the presence of a few stars and an up-and-coming QB stud in **Russell Wilson**. The offensive line featured the worst starting interior combo in league history, which affected everything from the run game to the pass protection. Redding would, of course, survive the anger and coach another day.

Week Six was not a great week for competitive games. While the Commonwealth Colonials surprised Chino with a 23-20 OT victory at *The Big House*, the other expansion teams floundered – all losing by wide margins. The Sebastian Swordfish, scorers of just 3 TDs in 6 games, missed twice on 4th down converts inside the Durham 10 in a 24-6 loss. Even when they were bad, the Fish were testing the limits.