



2008

# WEEK EIGHT

November 16, 2008



Peyton Manning gets ready to throw the ball in Week 8 action against Anchorage, one of 60 pass attempts he would make in the game. The Pats went on to win 24-17.

## MANNING TO JOHNSON BESTS LUCKLESS BUCS!

*Peyton Manning has 400-yard passing day, Johnson snares 2 TD passes in leading Pats to 8<sup>th</sup> straight victory*



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CHARLESWOOD – It was a game that should have been won or lost, depending on your point of view, much earlier. A glance at the usual indicators of game day competitiveness is puzzling: Total offense – Pats 511 vs Bucs 150. First Downs – Pats 31 vs Bucs 9. Time of Possession – Pats 34 minutes vs Bucs 26 minutes. Score with just over 2 minutes left to play in the game: Bucs 17, Pats 14! Obviously a closer look at this contest is in order.

It started off with a bang, as **Devin Hester** took the opening kickoff 97 yards to put Anchorage up by 7 before a single play from scrimmage. On the ensuing drive, **Peyton Manning** hit his first two passes, but when **Adrian Peterson** touched the ball for the first time in the game he quickly coughed it up and Anchorage took over at the Charleswood 29. Two plays later the Pat's defense stepped up with what looked like a big interception, but it was wiped out by a Derrick Burgess offside penalty. **Drew Brees** took advantage and ended the drive by finding **Kevin Curtis** open down the seam for a 14-yard score. Quickly the Buccaneers were up 14-0 barely 5 minutes in.

With the Buccaneer defense focusing early on Peterson, the Patriot offense went to 3 wide receiver sets to try and take advantage of favourable match-ups through the air. This proved successful in moving the chains, but not as successful in putting points on the board for Charleswood. An impressive 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 stand at the goal line by the Buc's 'D' and a missed 23-yard field goal attempt by **Stephen Gostkowski** kept a goose egg on the board for the home team until Manning found **Chad Johnson** in the end zone from 4 yards out for 7 points at the 7:16 mark of the second quarter.

The Bucs adjusted their defense to play the pass but the Pats stayed with their aerial assault. Manning went 5 for 8 for 63 yards on their first possession of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, finishing with a 7-yard TD pass to tie the game. The Bucs answered with a **Matt Stover** 27-yard field goal to regain the lead. After Gostkowski missed another field goal attempt, Anchorage scratched out a tentative push into Pat's territory that kissed the edge of Stover's range, but a holding penalty on **Brandon Moore** drove them back and killed the drive. The Pats took over at their own one yard line, after a brilliant punt by Jason Baker, and marched 88 yards to the Anchorage 11, where Gostkowski finally made a kick, tying the game at 17 with a 28-yard FG.

The play of the game came with only 24 second left on the clock. With the Bucs defenders playing way off the Patriots receivers, Manning hit 'Ocho Cinco' underneath and he sprinted, ducked, and weaved his way the rest of the distance for a 47-yard TD pass and a 24-17 Charleswood victory. Manning would finish 34 of 60 for 424 yards and 3 TDs through the air, while Johnson racked up 134 yards on 8 receptions. The Bucs did not turn the ball over once – a first this season.

11-13-2008 Patriot Place	Temp: 75 (Dome)	MVP: Manning				ANC	CHP
2007 Anchorage (2-6)	14 0 3 0 - 17					First Downs 9	31
2007 Charleswood (8-0)	0 7 7 10 - 24					Rushes 23-81	18-107
						Passes 27-13-93	60-34-424
						Sacked 3-24	3-20
1 14:46 Anchorage	TD Hester 97 kick return (Stover) (0-0-0:00)	7-0				Fumble 4	1
1 9:59 Anchorage	TD Brees 14 pass to Curtis (Stover) (7-29-3:09)	14-0				Penalties 4-30	4-20
2 7:16 Charleswood	TD Manning 4 pass to Johnson (Gostkowski) (9-58-4:16)	14-7				Turnovers 0	2
3 11:02 Charleswood	TD Manning 7 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (9-79-3:43)	14-14				Time 25:59	34:01
3 3:06 Anchorage	FG Stover 27 (15-48-7:48)	17-14				Third Down 5-15	7-15
4 2:09 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 28 (14-88-7:32)	17-17				Fourth Down 1-1	2-3
4 0:24 Charleswood	TD Manning 47 pass to Johnson (Gostkowski) (4-64-0:39)	17-24				Net Offense 150	511



LOS ANGELES



DURHAM

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## RIVERS RALLIES DINOS IN 2<sup>ND</sup> HALF

**GAME POINTS:** A short toss from **Tavaris Jackson** to **Steve Smith** turned into a thrilling 71-yard TD pass that opened the scoring for LA and helped build a 13-3 lead for the visitors as the 2<sup>nd</sup> half came to a close. But **Philip Rivers** executed a perfect "40 second drill," hitting multiple long passes to complete a 34-second TD drive to end the half with a 26-yard pass to Jerry Porter. Rivers continued his hot hand in the second half, hitting the short routes for long gains and throwing a 7-yard TD pass to **Frank Gore**. The Knights fought back and closed the gap to 3 points on a 13-yard pass from Jackson to **Roddy White**, but both defenses took over after that, keeping the score 23-2 for Durham.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Philip Rivers** finished 21 of 32 for 286 yards and 2 TDs. Durham rushed for a season-low 42 yards. **Tavaris Jackson** completed 12 of 23 for 187 yards and 2 TDs.

11-13-2008 Jurassic Park	Temp: 73 Wind: Calm	MVP: Rivers				LAK	DTL
2007 Los Angeles (3-5)	7 6 0 7 - 20					First Downs 17	17
2007 Durham (4-4)	3 7 13 0 - 23					Rushes 32-146	24-42
						Passes 23-12-187	32-21-286
						Sacked 1-7	1-5
1 5:35 Durham	FG Crosby 31 (11-42-7:13)	0-3				Fumble 1	3
1 4:18 Los Angeles	TD Jackson 71 pass to Smith (Brown,K) (2-75-1:00)	7-3				Penalties 5-35	2-10
2 11:42 Los Angeles	FG Brown 26 (9-61-5:15)	10-3				Turnovers 0	0
2 1:06 Los Angeles	FG Brown 50 (8-52-4:44)	13-3				Time 29:35	30:25
2 0:14 Durham	TD Rivers 26 pass to Porter (Crosby,M) (4-70-0:34)	13-10				Third Down 3-11	5-14
3 10:48 Durham	FG Crosby 18 (6-32-3:56)	13-13				Fourth Down 0-2	0-1
3 6:31 Durham	TD Rivers 7 pass to Gore (Crosby,M) (8-82-3:07)	13-20				Net Offense 326	323
3 2:32 Durham	FG Crosby 35 (6-43-2:09)	13-23					
4 9:57 Los Angeles	TD Jackson 13 pass to White (Brown,K) (15-84-7:23)	20-23					



CHINO



COWTOWN

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## CORN KINGS UPSET CONVICTS

**GAME POINTS:** Two costly interceptions by **Jay Cutler** allowed Cowtown to take an early 6-3 lead before a lucky bounce allowed them to extend it. **Chad Pennington** was sacked by **Pat Williams** deep in Chino territory and fumbled, but the ball came back into his arms and he ran it in to the end zone past a surprised Convict defense. **Jake Delhomme**, relieving Cutler, put Chino in the lead with 2 TD passes in the second half. After 2 picks in two possessions, Pennington was pulled for **Chris Redman**, who went for 6 for 8 for 73 yards on the game-winning field goal drive.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Both starting QBs needed to be pulled due to ineffectiveness. Chino back-up, **Jake Delhomme** completed 9 of 13 passes for 91 yards and 2 TDs. **LaDainian Tomlinson** rushed for 115 yards on 20 carries. **Marion Barber** collected 118 total yards for 7 first downs to spark the Kings.

11-15-2008 Tillman Field   Temp: 57 Wind: 10-20   MVP: Barber							CHI	COW	
						First Downs	16	22	
2007 Chino (5-3)		3	0	7	7	- 17	Rushes	23-117	34-106
2007 Cowtown (3-5)		3	10	3	3	- 19	Passes	28-15-169	33-24-258
						Sacked	0-0	4-26	
						Fumble	1	3	
						Penalties	5-25	5-40	
						Turnovers	3	2	
						Time	24:10	35:43	
1 9:59 Chino		FG Reed 31 (11-66-5:01)				3-0	Third Down	7-12	8-14
1 3:34 Cowtown		FG Hanson 44 (10-45-6:05)				3-3	Fourth Down	0-0	1-2
2 8:45 Cowtown		FG Hanson 28 (5-18-3:08)				3-6	Net Offense	286	338
2 1:00 Cowtown		TD Pennington 12 yd fumble recovery (Hanson,J) (17-71-5:5				3-13			
3 8:17 Cowtown		FG Hanson 37 (12-60-6:43)				3-16			
3 2:00 Chino		TD Delhomme 1 pass to Boldin (Reed,J) (11-73-6:06)				10-16			
4 5:13 Chino		TD Delhomme 13 pass to Boldin (Reed,J) (7-53-3:36)				17-16			
4 1:55 Cowtown		FG Hanson 31 (11-66-3:11)				17-19			



IOWA CITY



KUTZTOWN

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### CUBS RECOVER FROM EARLY SETBACK

**GAME POINTS:** Tony Romo connected for 2 TD passes to Greg Jennings, and Glenn Dorsey returned a Brandon Jacobs fumble 17 yards for another to stake the Golden Bears to a 21-6 first half lead. Cubs QB, Trent Edwards, in relief of injured Jeff Garcia, started a 28-point comeback with a 7-yard pass to Lawrence Vickers to start the second half. Ronnie Brown added a 28-yard run and DeAngelo Hall a 46-yard interception return to turn a close game into a laughter for the 6-2 Cubbies.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Trent Edwards "managed" the game for Iowa City, completing 17 of 29 for 169 yards and 1 TD. Ronnie Brown and Brandon Jacobs combined for 151 yards on the ground in support. Tony Romo had a miserable second half to finish 15 of 34 for 217 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs.

11-13-2008 Lincoln Financial Field		Temp: 46 Wind: 0-10		MVP: Hall			ICC	KUT	
2007 Iowa City (6-2)		3	3	10	18	- 34	First Downs	23	13
2007 Kutztown (4-4)		14	7	0	0	- 21	Rushes	38-155	15-35
							Passes	32-20-199	34-15-217
							Sacked	1-6	0-0
1 7:49 Iowa City		FG Feely 20 (11-55-5:52)				3-0	Fumble	2	0
1 6:01 Kutztown		TD Romo 72 pass to Jennings (Kaeding) (4-80-1:45)				3-7	Penalties	6-31	7-53
1 5:32 Kutztown		TD Dorsey 17 yd fumble recovery (Kaeding) (0-0-0:00)				3-14	Turnovers	2	2
2 13:42 Iowa City		FG Feely 38 (12-72-6:44)				6-14	Time	35:52	24:08
2 1:02 Kutztown		TD Romo 18 pass to Jennings (Kaeding) (10-59-5:19)				6-21	Third Down	9-14	5-11
3 9:20 Iowa City		TD Edwards 7 pass to Vickers (Feely) (9-65-5:26)				13-21	Fourth Down	1-1	1-2
3 4:32 Iowa City		FG Feely 22 (7-33-3:26)				16-21	Net Offense	348	252
4 10:43 Iowa City		TD Brown 28 run (2 - Brown) (13-78-4:44)				24-21			
4 9:30 Iowa City		TD Hall 46 interception return (Feely) (0-0-0:00)				31-21			
4 2:38 Iowa City		FG Feely 24 (5-25-4:33)				34-21			



WINNEMUCCA



FLORIDA

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### FLORIDA SLEEP WALKS TO 8<sup>TH</sup> WIN

**GAME POINTS:** Three TDs in an eleven minute span in the first half provided the Florida Dragons with more than enough offence for the entire game, as the league's top team improved to 8-0 over the expansion Winnemucca Outlaws. The kind and gentle Dragons started to run out the clock beginning late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, leading to an actual field goal by the Outlaws midway through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Florida added 10 points without trying to finish off the scoring.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Tom Brady did less damage than he could have, finishing 21 of 27 for 237 yards and 1 TD. Two rookies, Jonathan Stewart and Ray Rice combined for 119 yards rushing. Will Witherspoon notched 11 tackles, 1stuff, and 1 QB Pressure. Antonio Cromartie made his 6<sup>th</sup> pick of the year, returning it for a TD. David Garrard completed 13 of 18 passes for 124 yards and 1 INT before giving way to Patrick Ramsey late in the game.

11-15-2008 Dragonmount	Temp: 84 Wind: 0-5	None	MVP: Rice		
2007 Winnemucca (1-7)	0	0	3	0	- 3
2007 Florida (8-0)	14	7	0	10	- 31
1 6:28 Florida	TD Brady 9 pass to Cotchery (Nugent) (13-57-6:25)			0-7	
1 4:55 Florida	TD Cromartie 21 interception return (Nugent) (0-0-0:00)			0-14	
2 11:17 Florida	TD Rice 12 run (Nugent) (11-91-6:58)			0-21	
3 5:37 Winnemucca	FG Vinatieri 21 (15-76-7:34)			3-21	
4 13:34 Florida	TD Rice 8 run (Nugent) (13-79-6:49)			3-28	
4 1:57 Florida	FG Nugent 53 (9-47-4:58)			3-31	
				First Downs	WMO 13 FLD 23
				Rushes	21-77 36-127
				Passes	31-19-173 27-21-237
				Sacked	5-31 1-8
				Fumble	0 1
				Penalties	5-23 2-15
				Turnovers	1 0
				Time	26:01 33:59
				Third Down	6-13 7-12
				Fourth Down	1-2 2-2
				Net Offense	219 356



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### GLADIATORS STORM SNOW

**GAME POINTS:** Carson Palmer connected on a 33-yard pass to Reggie Wayne to set up a Willie Parker TD run from 2 yards out to give the Glads an early 7-0 lead. Palmer then threw 4 TD passes to round off the major scoring as Gwinnett coasted to a 38-0 blowout of the Thundersnow. Colorado's offensive troubles worsened as the team did not record a first down until the third quarter. Gwinnett QBs attempted only 2 passes in the entire second half.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Carson Palmer completed 11 of 17 passes for 155 yards and 4 TDs. Willie Parker rushed for 110 yards on 26 carries and 1 TD. Four different Glads receivers scored TDs. Matt Ryan completed only 3 passes in 12 attempts for 28 yards. Matt Forte rushed for 52 yards on 20 carries.

11-15-2008 Gwinnett Coliseum	Temp: 73 Wind: 10-20	MVP: Palmer			
2007 Colorado (0-8)	0	0	0	0	- 0
2007 Gwinnett (5-3)	17	14	7	0	- 38
1 13:05 Gwinnett	TD Parker 2 run (Brown,J) (3-43-1:02)			0-7	
1 7:26 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 7 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (6-22-2:19)			0-14	
1 2:04 Gwinnett	FG Brown 40 (6-41-3:27)			0-17	
2 8:13 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 11 pass to Washington (Brown,J) (7-56-4:14)			0-24	
2 2:44 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 18 pass to Gonzalez (Brown,J) (8-66-4:25)			0-31	
3 0:26 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 7 pass to Edwards (Brown,J) (3-11-1:34)			0-38	
				First Downs	COL 4 GWG 17
				Rushes	28-78 43-159
				Passes	14-4-33 18-11-155
				Sacked	1-4 0-0
				Fumble	1 1
				Penalties	8-49 7-50
				Turnovers	2 0
				Time	24:44 35:16
				Third Down	2-14 9-15
				Fourth Down	0-0 0-0
				Net Offense	107 314



**MARKHAM**



**RINGGOLD**

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### HAWKS REACH FOR THE STARS

**GAME POINTS:** Aaron Ross picked off Matt Hasselbeck on the North Star's second play from scrimmage to set up a 5 -yard TD pass from Ben Roethlisberger to Chris Chambers and give Ringgold an early 7-0 lead. The Crimson Hawks would go on to dominate the game, scoring 26 unanswered points and finally winning 29-3, dominating a punchless Markham offense.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** "Big Ben" completed 16 of 28 passes for 212 yards and 2 TDs for a game day QB rating of 105.1. Maurice Jones-Drew rushed for 52 yards on 14 carries to lead the rushing attack. Chris Chambers caught 5 passes for 82 yards and 1 TD. Gary Brackett made 12 tackles and forced one fumble. Matt Hasselbeck had a terrible day completing 9 of 23 pass attempts for 74 yards and 1 INT. Jamal Lewis rushed for 49 yards on 16 carries.



11-13-2008	The Hawk's Nest	Temp: 65	Wind: 0-10	MVP: Roethlisberger			
2007 Markham (2-6)	0	0	0	3	-	3	
2007 Ringgold (3-5)	10	10	6	3	-	29	
1 12:54 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 5 pass to Chambers (Suisham) (4-27-1:46)	0-7					
1 3:20 Ringgold	FG Suisham 36 (14-39-8:01)	0-10					
2 14:53 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 5 pass to Watson (Suisham) (6-71-1:43)	0-17					
2 9:36 Ringgold	FG Suisham 51 (6-18-3:41)	0-20					
3 11:37 Ringgold	FG Suisham 30 (6-54-3:11)	0-23					
3 6:40 Ringgold	FG Suisham 29 (5-19-3:08)	0-26					
4 14:19 Markham	FG Lindell 44 (15-42-7:07)	3-26					
4 8:40 Ringgold	FG Suisham 40 (8-18-5:30)	3-29					
					First Downs	MAR	RCH
					Rushes	6	17
					Passes	27-83	35-109
					Sacked	23-9-74	28-16-212
					Fumble	1-7	0-0
					Penalties	2	1
					Turnovers	7-65	6-35
					Time	2	0
					Third Down	23:48	36:12
					Fourth Down	3-16	4-15
					Net Offense	2-3	1-1
						150	321



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## WESTBROOK ON FIRE FOR HELLFIRE

**GAME POINTS:** Brian Westbrook scored on a 2-yard TD run and then on a 22-yard TD pass to give the Mohave Hellfire a 14-0 1<sup>st</sup> quarter lead that they would not relinquish. The Spartans rallied to within 4 points with 4:39 left in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on a 34-yard Lawrence Tynes field goal, but Mohave held on to the ball enough to give the Spartans scant opportunity for a late comeback.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Brian Westbrook rushed for 124 yards and 1 TD on 20 carries and caught 2 passes for 44 yards and 1 TD to lead the Hellfire attack. Kurt Warner had a mediocre day, completing 9 of 18 passes for 152 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs. Julian Peterson had 7 tackles and 3 sacks. Fred Taylor rushed for 109 yards on 16 carries and scored a TD on a pass catch. Donovan McNabb completed 13 of 29 passes for 171 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT.

11-15-2008	The Fiery Depths	Temp: 96	Wind: Calm	Very Dry	MVP: Westbrook		
2007 Pickering (3-5)	0	10	7	6	-	23	
2007 Mohave (7-1)	14	10	3	0	-	27	
1 6:04 Mohave	TD Westbrook 2 run (Bironas) (11-79-6:44)	0-7					
1 2:52 Mohave	TD Warner 22 pass to Westbrook (Bironas) (3-32-0:45)	0-14					
2 10:33 Mohave	FG Bironas 31 (8-56-4:15)	0-17					
2 6:10 Pickering	TD McNabb 7 run (Tynes) (11-80-4:20)	7-17					
2 1:52 Mohave	TD Warner 8 pass to Daniels (Bironas) (8-75-4:08)	7-24					
2 0:03 Pickering	FG Tynes 51 (5-37-1:34)	10-24					
3 12:33 Pickering	TD McNabb 8 pass to Taylor (Tynes) (5-28-2:17)	17-24					
3 4:26 Mohave	FG Bironas 18 (13-83-7:59)	17-27					
4 6:05 Pickering	FG Tynes 22 (10-49-3:59)	20-27					
4 4:39 Pickering	FG Tynes 34 (4--7-0:58)	23-27					
					First Downs	PIC	MOH
					Rushes	19	21
					Passes	26-171	43-216
					Sacked	29-13-171	18-9-152
					Fumble	5-40	0-0
					Penalties	3	0
					Turnovers	5-32	7-48
					Time	1	2
					Third Down	26:54	33:06
					Fourth Down	4-11	5-11
					Net Offense	3-4	2-3
						302	368

## INJURY REPORT - Out in Week Nine

**ANCHORAGE** – Ogden (finger), Jeanty (finger), D. Smith (knee), Naeole (knee); **CHARLESWOOD** – None; **CHINO** – D. Jackson (stomach); **COLORADO** – Pryce (hand), Vasher (shaken), Vilma (knee), A. Johnson (knee); **COWTOWN** – Hackett (knee), Pashos (knee); **DURHAM** – Stroud (knee); **FLORIDA** – None; **GWINNETT** – None; **IOWA CITY** – J.P. Losman (shaken), Fitzgerald (arm), Lawson (achilles); **KUTZTOWN** – M. Harrison (elbow), L. Johnson (knee); **LOS ANGELES** – None; **MARKHAM** – Sproles (shaken), D. Harvey (shaken); **MOHAVE** – J. Mathis (neck), Ellison (eye); **PICKERING** – Sensabaugh (hand); **RINGGOLD** – Ugoh (shoulder), C. Benson (neck); **WINNEMUCCA** – Leftwich (hamstring), M. Brown (shaken), W. Anderson (stinger), Jansen (knee), Tinoisamoa (knee), P. Thomas (elbow), T. Kelly (shaken), Dawkins (hamstring), Giordano (neck), Hayward (shoulder).



# AROUND THE



## With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – New York is still the place to be. That means over 4 billion people on the Earth are not where they should be.

### **CHARLESWOOD CONTROLLED MEDIA STRIKE AGAIN!**

I see **Peyton Manning** made the cover of the official EFL Weekly Newsletter....*again!* Gee, what a surprise! He also won the EFL Offensive Player of the Week Award - a complete shock to anyone who heard about it while simultaneously receiving electric shock therapy to treat delusional beliefs of Media Objectivity.

What led to such lionization in the Press *this* week? – A 424-yard passing day against a weak secondary more interested in stopping **Adrian Peterson**. It took him 60 tries to do it. Give any decent QB 60 shots at the Buc's secondary and 400 yards is a starting point for bets on performance. Sure, he threw 3 TD passes, but he also threw a pick and they almost lost the game - at home!

In spite of the ubiquitous fawning by Charleswood-controlled plants in the Sports Media, I have to admire the **Patriots** organization. Not only are they undefeated (largely because of the defense), but they have everyone in the Press playing along with the idea that their quarterback is a God and their team the rightful EFL Champions. If the **Chino Convicts**, the actual EFL Champions, are mentioned, it is usually in the context of what a great *year* they had, not what a great '*Franchise*' they are. (The Bad Boys of the EFL get no respect!). Yes, the Pats are the Media Darlings of the EFL – 'North America's Team.'

I can hardly wait to see the outcome of their Week Ten game at **Florida**. The Dragons, though feared, are not respected in the same way as the "Model Franchise" Patriots. **Tom Brady**, I hear, is counting cover shots against **Peyton Manning** in major football publications and is quietly seething. **Antonio Cromartie**, tied for the league lead in interceptions, is un-talked about outside of Dragonmount. He is apparently salivating at the prospect of padding his pick stats at the expense of Manning. A seismic shift in respect and recognition could occur if the Dragons beat the Patriots convincingly in that game. Or else the Media will rationalize and/or ignore the outcome and continue to heap laurels on the greatest ever non-Champion of the EFL.

### **DAYS OF OUR SFL LIVES**

The Soap Opera that is the collapse of the Stupendous Football League took a bizarre turn last week as ex-Commissioner of the SFL and current Commissioner of the TFL, Scott Basilisk tried to intervene to prevent EFL Teams from approaching apparently unemployed SFL players, despite having recently severed all formal ties with the league he formerly controlled.

The **Gwinnett Gladiators** and **Durham Thunder Lizards** had both made approaches to **Phoenix Roadrunner's** star defensive lineman, **Albert Haynesworth**, in an effort to bolster flagging run defenses. Other EFL teams soon followed suit, targeting other SFL stars whose contracts were apparently now void. When word of these talks leaked out last week, Basilisk, dressed in a yellow rain coat, called a Press Conference in which he spent the first several minutes just staring from the podium, apoplectic with rage, before launching into a tirade that made former NFL coach, Dennis Green's famous "they-were-who-we-thought-they-were" rant look tranquil in comparison. Much of what he said remains undecipherable, even to modern technological analysis of the tapes, however the point was made that he was angry about something.

Soon afterwards, "interim" SFL Commissioner, Greg III, announced that his league is examining a restructuring plan in an attempt to finish the season and avoid breach-of-contract penalties with the networks, stadium corporations, and other parties with a legal financial interest in the SFL. This announcement, however, came weeks after league play had abruptly ended and most SFL players had stopped reporting to their team's facilities on the advice of their agents. In the background, behind III during his announcement, a man in a raincoat and fisherman's hat pulled down over his eyes could be seen pacing

agitatedly back and forth, muttering furiously, and gesticulating to nobody in particular.

In the mean time, the TFL continued play with a game between the Driftwood Bullies and Big Pond Pandas ending in a 34-10 win for the Bullies. They are now 3-0 on the season and 3-0 against these same Pandas. Albert Haynesworth was reportedly at that game speaking with representatives from the Bullies and Basilisk himself, who has recently filed two personal lawsuits; one claiming contract rights to all SFL players and the other leveled against the EFL commissioner for tampering.

What does all this mean? I contacted my colleague, Specks O'Callaghan, who covers the SFL for 'Mega Sports' magazine to get his opinion. Specks (who finds his personal movement somewhat restricted due to bail conditions attached to charges against him of pirating sports DVDs), was unable to attend either Press Conference, but offered his insight into Basilisk, Ill, and the whole SFL/TFL scenario:

"Spats," he said. "Don't try to make sense of it. There is no sense to it. I have been following the SFL since the beginning and it may as well have been the Tiny Football League all along. There were, in reality only two teams in the SFL. Those two teams have moved to the TFL. So the TFL is now the SFL and the SFL is the former TFL. If you think about it way, your head will hurt, but you'll have it right."

#### **WINNEMUCCA COACH NOT EXACTLY "IN THE GAME"**

Did anybody else notice how **Winnemucca** head coach, **Pierce Roberts**, sat on one spot on the bench for the entire game against Florida? Yes, including half time, when all of the players and the other coaches were in the locker room. Did anyone also notice how he didn't move the entire game? At the end of the game, a clutch of trainers sidled over and appeared to lift Roberts from his seat and "move" him off the field. It was not clear if Roberts was actually walking, due to sight obstructions, but he certainly wasn't holding his head up under his own power, as evidenced by the two hands of one trainer positioned behind his ears the entire time. This begs the question that nobody wants to ask: what the f&\*\$ is going on with Roberts? Is he dead, drunk, drugged on tranquilizers, or just really tired? In his defense, I can't imagine what it would be like to coach the woeful Outlaws, especially against the Dragons, but a coach has to be there for his team.

#### **EXPANSION TEAMS STRUGGLING**

The best of the four expansion teams has a 3-5 record; the worst sits at 0-8, and a *bad* 0-8 at that! Was the expansion draft unfair to the expansions teams? This is the ridiculous question being asked by – you guessed it – sports journalists covering the expansion teams. A friend of mine covers the **Pickering Spartans** and he is frustrated at the clear disparity between established teams and the newcomers. All I have to say is this: expansion teams *should* suck. That's the price of expansion. It's like joining the company that others built – you start at the bottom. Get over it! The expansion teams should be happy they have a Division all to themselves. It means one of them will make the playoffs while a better team in their Conference sits on the sidelines.

#### **NEW YORK GRIPES**

Two games this week were not really games; Florida vs. Winnemucca and Gwinnett vs. Colorado. They were more like warm-ups for the Dragons and Gladiators. Professional football should not be like this. Gwinnett was so confident they actually let Daunte Culpepper take the field when Carson Palmer was hurt.

## **WEEK EIGHT LEADERS**

### **Passing Yards**

Manning,P (CHP)	60-34- <b>424</b>
Rivers,P (DTL)	32-21-286
Brady,T (FLD)	27-21-237
Romo (KUT)	34-15-217
Roethlisberg (RCH)	28-16-212

### **Rushing Yards**

Westbrook (MOH)	20-124
Tomlinson (CHI)	20-115
Parker,W (GWG)	26-110
Taylor,F (PIC)	16-109
Peterson,A (CHP)	16-99

### **Receiving Yards**

Johnson,C (CHP)	8-134
Welker (CHP)	11-120
Smith,S (LAK)	6-119
Jennings,G (KUT)	4-115
Driver (CHP)	8-94

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

### PACIFIC - ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	3	5	0	0.375	142	17.8	188	23.5	-5.8	2 1 0	3 0 0	3 2 0
Markham	2	6	0	0.250	111	13.9	169	21.1	-7.3	1 2 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Winnemucca	1	7	0	0.125	79	9.9	182	22.8	-12.9	0 4 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
Colorado	0	8	0	0.000	40	5	228	28.5	-23.5	0 4 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	6	2	0	0.750	200	25	140	17.5	7.5	3 1 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Chino	5	3	0	0.625	223	27.9	139	17.4	10.5	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Los Angeles	3	5	0	0.375	203	25.4	214	26.8	-1.4	2 1 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Anchorage	2	6	0	0.250	123	15.4	195	24.4	-9	1 3 0	0 3 0	2 3 0

### CAN - AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	8	0	0	1.000	202	25.3	78	9.8	15.5	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Durham	4	4	0	0.500	156	19.5	164	20.5	-1	3 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Kutztown	4	4	0	0.500	183	22.9	171	21.4	1.5	3 2 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Cowtown	3	5	0	0.375	126	15.8	163	20.4	-4.6	2 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	8	0	0	1.000	256	32	107	13.4	18.6	4 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Mohave	7	1	0	0.875	250	31.3	174	21.8	9.5	4 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Gwinnett	5	3	0	0.625	196	24.5	121	15.1	9.4	3 2 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Ringgold	3	5	0	0.375	142	17.8	199	24.9	-7.1	2 3 0	0 3 0	0 5 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Brady,T	FLD	217	143	65.9	1705	2	0.9	56	15	6.9	108.9
2	Warner,K	MOH	200	129	64.5	1705	6	3	48	17	8.5	107.2
3	Garcia,J	ICC	127	88	69.3	1154	3	2.4	51	7	5.5	106.2
4	Jackson,T	LAK	122	76	62.3	1002	3	2.5	71	9	7.4	102.6
5	Rivers,P	DTL	230	144	62.6	1791	5	2.2	47	11	4.8	93.6
6	Garrard	WMO	163	106	65	1055	2	1.2	29	7	4.3	92.4
7	Manning,P	CHP	245	150	61.2	1942	9	3.7	48	14	5.7	89.9
8	Cutler	CHI	185	126	68.1	1421	10	5.4	34	9	4.9	84.5
9	Palmer,C	GWG	234	139	59.4	1635	9	3.8	75	12	5.1	81.8
10	Roethlisberger	RCH	191	113	59.2	1439	10	5.2	54	11	5.8	80.2
11	Romo	KUT	287	165	57.5	1972	12	4.2	72	14	4.9	77.5
12	McNabb	PIC	225	129	57.3	1387	6	2.7	50	8	3.6	76.3
13	Brees	ANC	273	158	57.9	1598	14	5.1	50	11	4	66.8
14	Pennington	COW	190	112	58.9	1216	10	5.3	30	6	3.2	66.5
15	Hasselbeck	MAR	220	128	58.2	1249	10	4.5	46	7	3.2	65.9



## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Tomlinson	CHI	156	841	5.4	49	11	8	Parker,W	GWG	124	465	3.8	32	1
2	Barber,M	COW	152	767	5	56	4	9	Jones-Drew	RCH	96	431	4.5	59	0
3	Peterson,A	CHP	127	678	5.3	72	5	10	Williams,D	FLD	75	418	5.6	53	3
4	Taylor,F	PIC	120	674	5.6	83	2	11	Davenport	LAK	77	412	5.4	41	3
5	Westbrook	MOH	110	596	5.4	36	2	12	Brown,R	ICC	56	406	7.3	60	1
6	McGahee	ANC	119	517	4.3	16	1	13	Gore	DTL	87	386	4.4	21	5
7	Young,S	LAK	99	469	4.7	44	0	14	Mendenhall	MOH	80	374	4.7	56	1
8	Parker,W	GWG	124	465	3.8	32	1	15	Lewis,J	MAR	87	355	4.1	54	1

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Ward,H	WMO	46	497	10.8	24	1	8	Wayne,R	GWG	38	579	15.2	55	1
2	Welker	CHP	45	545	12.1	33	2	9	Edwards,B	GWG	37	503	13.6	75	6
3	Smith,S	LAK	43	581	13.5	71	5	10	Gates,A	DTL	37	538	14.5	35	1
4	Holt,T	CHI	42	534	12.7	34	1	11	Witten	CHP	37	484	13.1	48	4
5	Johnson,C	CHP	40	631	15.8	47	6	12	Moss,R	ANC	36	501	13.9	44	3
6	Gonzalez,T	GWG	40	357	8.9	21	4	13	Stallworth	MAR	36	418	11.6	29	2
7	Fitzgerald	ICC	39	575	14.7	42	4	14	Houshmandz	FLD	36	482	13.4	37	4
8	Wayne,R	GWG	38	579	15.2	55	1	15	Marshall,B	FLD	34	490	14.4	56	4



## BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK EIGHT?

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### OFFENSE



### QB – Peyton Manning, Charleswood Pats

60 Att., 34 Comp., 424 yds, 3 TDs, 1 INT 88.5 Rating  
Carried the load and threw winning TD against the Bucs.

### DEFENSE



### LB –Julian Peterson, Mohave Hellfire

7 Tackles, 3 Sacks, 1 Def., 1 QB Pressure.  
Harrassed Spartan's QB all day and more in 27-23 win.

### SPECIAL TEAMS



### K –Jason Hanson, Cowtown Corn Kings

4 for 4 FGs, 1 XP, 13 Points.  
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**JIMMY'S WEEK NINE PICKS**

**MOHAVE @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 6)**

Mohave continues to lead the league in most offensive categories; a real testament to Kurt Warner and Brian Westbrook. A higher than average sack rate and lots of penalties have held them back just enough to yield overall scoring honours to Florida, but the Hellfire have firepower to be reckoned with. They will need every bit of it to mount a consistent assault on a Charleswood defense that is developing into arguably the best in the league. The young offensive line will feel pressure against a vigorous Charleswood pass rush, giving Warner less time to find his receivers. Mohave will lean on their running game more than usual to try to bring the Patriot's linebackers in and open up some room for the passing game. Peyton Manning will also face a challenge against the Hellfire 'D', which ranks 3<sup>rd</sup> overall and is best in the league in pass percentage allowed. Jamal Williams anchors the center of the line, but there is some room on the outside for Peterson and Norwood if they can outrun Julian Peterson and London Fletcher. These teams are very evenly matched and a good coaching effort by Bobby Elder could win the day, but the Pats have a slight edge in overall talent and they are at home. I will take North America's Team in this one.

**PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

**FLORIDA @ DURHAM (LINE – DRAGONS BY 6)**

Durham's big stars on defense, Patrick Kerney and Bob Sanders, are not doing enough. Kerney has one sack and Sanders, one pick. The Lizards are near the bottom of the league pile in total defense and go into Week Nine facing their sternest test of the season against Tom Brady. The good news for Durham is that, for all of the Dragon's weaponry, they are a philosophically conservative team. Although there are times when conservatism is a virtue, there are other times when it is an impediment to success. Aside from a 45-6 drubbing of Pickering two weeks ago, the Dragons have not really blown away any good team. Nor, in fairness, have they tried. Fair enough, but at some point they have to dominate a respectable team in order to garner the proper amount of league-wide envy and respect. They also have to look at it from the pragmatic perspective of keeping a good team down whenever possible. Durham is one of those teams both respectable and vulnerable at the same time. They have a pronounced home field advantage, but it could turn against them if they fall behind by a lot early. Look for the Thunder Lizards to mostly use Frank Gore and Clinton Portis and try to keep Antonio Cromartie out of the picture. Look for Florida to play their game at a little higher level than usual and look for them to win.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

**COWTOWN @ RINGGOLD (LINE – CRIMSON HAWKS BY 2)**

Both of these teams are on 3-game winning streaks and something has to give. If I were a betting man (and I am), I would put my money squarely on the Crimson Hawks for the obvious reasons; they have a better QB, an equally good running back, better wide receivers, a dangerous defense and....they are at home. The only aspect of this game going against Ringgold is Ringgold itself. The Hawks have been turning the ball over almost twice as many times as they have been taking the ball away. The Corn Kings have turned the ball a whopping 21 times, but have also taken the ball away 17 times, third in the league. The teams are aware of this and will try to maintain ball control, but that is easier said than done for both of these squads. Ringgold may be turning the corner on a terrible start and this is a game to affirm the change in direction. The Corn Kings are also turning it around, but are still getting shaky play from the QB position. On the road, it's a death warrant.

**PICK: RINGGOLD**

### **KUTZTOWN @ GWINNETT (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 6)**

After dropping their first three games of the season, the Glads are winners of five straight and are back in the hunt for a playoff position. In fact, if the season were to end today, they would be in and playing one of either Florida or Charleswood in the quarter finals. So why do they bother trying to get into the playoffs when the “reward” is to play one of the league’s elite teams? – Because, *anything can happen in one game*. This week, the Glads are hosting the top “anything can happen” team in the league, the Kutztown Golden Bears. The pass-first, run-never Bears are a whacky 4-4 and in the thick of the wildcard race in the Can-Am Conference despite erratic play. They are in the middle or top third in almost all statistical categories, presenting the illusion of steadiness, but they are anything but steady. Be prepared to see Tony Romo air it out again, not because it is an easy thing to do against the Glads, but because it is the only thing he can do. Look for the Glads to camp out in the secondary on defense and drop bombs on the Kutztown corners while on offense.

**PICK: GWINNETT**

### **LOS ANGELES @ MARKHAM (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 3)**

To give you an idea of how bad the LA defense is, the team has a +8 turnover differential on the season but is still struggling with a 3-5 record. The Knights are dead last in yards per game allowed and opposing quarterbacks are passing at a 105.4 QB rate. Awful numbers, especially when you consider that it is a defense with Nnamdi Asomugha and Charles Woodson in the secondary, Shawne Merriman at LB, and Kevin Williams at defensive tackle. Markham has scored just 10 points in their last 3 games and they seem to be getting worse, not better. Matt Hasselbeck is feeling the pain of having no reliable threat at wide receiver. His main threat, Deion Branch, often finds himself overmatched against the league’s better corners. Still, a vet like Hasselbeck, who has been sacked only 7 times all year, could find the holes against the notorious LA blitz. The North Stars have been surprisingly stingy on defense, enough to pose a threat to Tavaris Jackson and the LA Running-Back-by-Committee led by Selvin Young. This game will not be as easy as LA might think, but it still one of those games you expect the Knights to win easily.

**PICK: LOS ANGELES**

### **CHINO @ PICKERING (LINE – CONVICTS BY 3)**

The Convicts are coming off a tough loss to the Corn Kings and are looking for revenge. If they go to Thermopylae Stadium thinking it will be easy, the Spartans will make them think again. Pickering is playing respectable football – they can run the ball and pass the ball, and their defense is holding its own against some challenging opponents. A slight weakness against the run will open up opportunities for LaDainian Tomlinson, but Jay Cutler should not see the threat of LT as an invitation to go deep with impunity. The Spartans have one of the better safety tandems in the EFL and two good corners, putting the big interception in play against the young Brett Favre-like Chino QB. As for his opponent, Donovan McNabb will be looking for revenge against the team that rode him to a Championship then let him go. He may deny it, say all of the right things to reporters, and talk of concentrating on the future and not the past, but you know McNabb is dying to make a statement against Chino. It will be tough without good wide receivers, but he’s worked with less before and come out on top. Upset of the week.

**PICK: PICKERING**

### **WINNEMUCCA @ ANCHORAGE (LINE – BUCCANEERS BY 5)**

The Bucs secondary looked like the Bucs secondary of old last week against Charleswood. It was like a trip down Memory Lane seeing the blue-and-gold running around like chickens with their heads cut off trying to find the Patriot’s receivers. Luckily for the Bucs this week they should have no trouble finding the Outlaw’s wide-outs, since there are only four of them. One of them is Hines Ward, but Dre’ Bly should be able to shadow him. Defensively, the Winnemucca secondary is decimated by injuries, with all 3 safeties out. In all there are ten players sitting on the bench for Winnemucca. They would have had a tough time against Drew Brees and Randy moss before the injuries – now it is hopeless.

**PICK: ANCHORAGE**

***COLORADO @ IOWA CITY (LINE – CUBS BY 19)***

When are we likely to see a spread as high as nineteen points ever again? When Colorado visits Dragonmount or Patriot Place next year perhaps? Who knows, maybe the Thundersnow will be good by then and we'll have to take them seriously and mark the spread in single digits. It would be nice if they were competitive actually. I've run out of things to say about this shambles of an offense. The Cubbies third stringers could see some game day action....yippee!

***PICK: IOWA CITY***

***SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????***

***HOW I'M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD***

***LAST WEEK: 5-3-0***

***OVERALL: 50-14-0***

