



2008

WEEK TWO

October 5, 2008



Peyton Manning sets up to pass against Gwinnett. Manning rallied the Patriots late for a victory but added controversy with last second TD pass to Wes Welker.

## MANNING LEADS LATE RALLY TO RESCUE PATS

*4<sup>TH</sup> DOWN TD PASS TO WITTEN THE GAME WINNER WITH LESS THAN TWO MINUTES LEFT*



GWINNETT

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CHARLESWOOD

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**CHARLESWOOD** – For the second straight week, the Gwinnett Gladiators fell to a franchise quarterback with under two minutes left in the game. Last week it was Florida's Tom Brady who led the late charge to save the Dragons, this week it was the familiar face of Peyton Manning rescuing Charleswood from the edge of a loss in their home opener.

It happened in dramatic fashion, with the Pats trailing 13-9 and threatening 1<sup>st</sup> and goal at the five yard line with 2:49 remaining in the game. Three straight handoffs to Jerious Norwood netted only 2 yards, bringing up fourth down with 1:35 left on the clock. Down by 4 points, with little chance of getting the ball back after a field goal, the Pats kept the offence on the field to the roaring approval of the crowd. With the Gladiators looking for the pass all the way and the blitz coming, Manning fired a short quick to Jason Witten who fell forward across the goal line for the winning score.

Gwinnett's comeback attempt was squelched quickly when Carson Palmer was intercepted by Sheldon Brown in Gladiator territory. With 55 seconds left and only one timeout remaining for Gwinnett it looked like the end of the game and the scoring. But some controversy set in when Manning went immediately to the air on the next play, hitting Wes Welker for 12 yards. That seemed to arouse the Gladiators as they suddenly switched into an aggressive stance on defense, sending blitzers on the next two plays. Manning took advantage of the openings behind the line and tossed a short pass to Welker, who ran it into the end zone untouched to make the final score, 23-13 for the Pats.

GAME NOTES: **Peyton Manning** finished the day with 248 yards passing, 2 TDs and a 101.1 QB rating, compared with **Carson Palmer's** 157 yards, 1 TD and a rating of 57.3. Gwinnett was hammered by injuries, losing **Nick Hardwick, Willie Parker** and **Troy Polamalu** for extended periods.

10-02-2008 Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: MVP: Manning						GWG	CHP
2007 Gwinnett (0-2) 0 6 7 0 - 13						First Downs 18	27
2007 Charleswood (2-0) 3 0 3 17 - 23						Rushes 20-99	30-148
						Passes 39-19-157	34-20-248
						Sacked 1-5	2-9
1 3:17 Charleswood FG Gostkowski 29 (10-78-6:10) 0-3						Fumble 1	0
2 9:46 Gwinnett FG Brown 37 (17-59-8:14) 3-3						Penalties 4-30	3-25
2 0:12 Gwinnett FG Brown 30 (11-55-2:48) 6-3						Turnovers 1	0
3 10:35 Charleswood FG Gostkowski 40 (8-50-4:11) 6-6						Time 26:26	33:34
3 1:59 Gwinnett TD Palmer 7 pass to Gonzalez (Brown,J) (8-76-3:37) 13-6						Third Down 5-15	3-11
4 11:27 Charleswood FG Gostkowski 29 (11-71-5:26) 13-9						Fourth Down 0-0	2-3
4 1:30 Charleswood TD Manning 3 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (13-80-7:36) 13-16						Net Offense 251	387
4 0:31 Charleswood TD Manning 15 pass to Welker (Gostkowski) (3-27-0:33) 13-23							



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DEATH VALLEY



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LOS ANGELES

## KNIGHTS BURY UNDERTAKERS

**GAME POINTS:** Kevin Jones burst through an open hole for an 11-yard touchdown run to break a 13-13 deadlock and give the Knights a 20-13 half time lead over the Undertakers that they would not relinquish. **Ted Ginn's** 31-yard punt return in the third quarter set up a 40 yard LA drive that ended with **Tavaris Jackson** scrambling for a 4-yard touchdown that put the Knights in control, 27-16, as their defense buried Death Valley's comeback attempt. At the sound of the gun, witnesses say the Undertakers simply vanished in a cloud of mist.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Tavaris Jackson passed for 164 yards and a 99.5 QB rating to win the Game Ball for LA. **Donovan McNabb** eluded an aggressive Knight's pass rush but was unable to find the end zone through the air. **Chester Taylor** broke a 75-yard touchdown run for Death Valley's only major.

10-01-2008 Round Table Stadium Temp: 79 Wind: 0-5 MVP: Jackson						DVU		LAK					
2007 Death Valley (1-1)						3	10	3	3	- 19	First Downs	20	18
2007 Los Angeles (2-0)						3	17	7	3	- 30	Rushes	24-149	31-148
											Passes	35-23-238	19-14-164
											Sacked	0-0	0-0
1	9:49	Los Angeles	FG Brown 48 (8-49-5:11)						0-3	Fumble	0	0	
1	2:55	Death Valley	FG Scobee 44 (12-46-6:35)						3-3	Penalties	9-55	9-50	
2	12:38	Los Angeles	TD Davenport 7 run (Brown,K) (9-66-5:02)						3-10	Turnovers	0	0	
2	11:47	Death Valley	TD Taylor 75 run (Tynes) (2-80-0:51)						10-10	Time	31:58	28:02	
2	7:18	Los Angeles	FG Brown 46 (7-31-4:29)						10-13	Third Down	3-11	6-11	
2	2:44	Death Valley	FG Tynes 43 (14-42-4:16)						13-13	Fourth Down	2-4	1-1	
2	0:05	Los Angeles	TD Jones 11 run (Brown,K) (9-54-2:17)						13-20	Net Offense	387	312	
3	7:42	Death Valley	FG Tynes 35 (14-63-7:04)						16-20				
3	3:17	Los Angeles	TD Jackson 4 run (Brown,K) (3-40-1:25)						16-27				
4	11:25	Death Valley	FG Tynes 24 (12-65-6:39)						19-27				
4	4:40	Los Angeles	FG Brown 41 (10-24-6:34)						19-30				



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WINNEMUCCA



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CHINO

## CUTLER RULES IN HOME OPENER

**GAME POINTS:** Jay Cutler completed 7 of 9 pass attempts for 104 yards and two TDs during Chino's first two possessions to vault last year's champions ahead of expansion Winnemucca 14-0 in the first quarter. Outlaw starter, Byron Leftwich went down with a severe knee injury mid-way through the second quarter and was relieved by David Garrard. Down 28-0 at half time, the Outlaws could not mount a comeback against an effective, stay-at-home Convicts 'D.'

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Jay Cutler completed 24 of 29 passes for 245 yards and 3 TDs to win MVP honours. LT and LenDale White combined for 147 yards on the ground, with LT adding a TD. Adewale Ogunleye applied consistent pressure on Winnemucca QBs but did not register a sack. The Outlaws used 3 pivots in the game but none of them could get the offence moving. Laveranues Coles injury severely limited the passing game.

10-05-2008 The Big House Temp:97 Wind:0-5 MVP: Cutler					
2007 Winnemucca (1-1)	0	0	0	0	- 0
2007 Chino (1-1)	14	14	0	0	- 28
1 11:13 Chino	TD Cutler 11 pass to Tomlinson (Reed,J) (8-82-3:41)				0-7
1 4:30 Chino	TD Cutler 18 pass to Holt (Reed,J) (8-64-5:01)				0-14
2 10:56 Chino	TD Tomlinson 6 run (Reed,J) (12-65-6:46)				0-21
2 0:09 Chino	TD Cutler 24 pass to Brown (Reed,J) (9-79-2:40)				0-28
			WMO	CHI	
			First Downs	9	24
			Rushes	20-52	36-153
			Passes	27-18-134	29-24-245
			Sacked	0-0	1-2
			Fumble	1	3
			Penalties	4-25	3-25
			Turnovers	2	0
			Time	23:09	36:50
			Third Down	4-11	9-15
			Fourth Down	0-1	0-1
			Net Offense	186	396



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COWTOWN



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FLORIDA

## DRAGONS SING PUNCHLESS CORN KINGS

**GAME POINTS:** A 2-yard TD run by **Marion Barber** to open the scoring was the only highlight for the Corn Kings on a day when Florida would finally live up to pre-season expectations and dominate the line of scrimmage on both sides of the ball. A 32-yard pass from **Tom Brady** to **Brandon Marshall** tied the game, and a 2-yard run by **DeAngelo Williams** put the Dragons ahead for good. **Lofa Tatupu** intercepted **Chad Pennington** inside the Cowtown 10 yard line to set up Florida's third touchdown near the end of the first half. The Corn Kings offered little resistance and Florida coasted the rest of the way.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Tom Brady** completed 17 of 23 passes for 216 yards and 2 TDs. **Brandon Marshall** caught 4 passes for 80 yards. **Chad Pennington** finished with a 31.5 QB rating. **Kirk Morrison** notched 12 tackles.

10-03-2008 Dragonmount Temp: 91 Wind: Calm MVP: Brady					
2007 Cowtown (0-2)	7	0	0	0	- 7
2007 Florida (2-0)	7	14	6	0	- 27
1 8:54 Cowtown	TD Barber 2 run (Hanson,J) (1-2-0:09)				7-0
1 5:53 Florida	TD Brady 32 pass to Marshall (Nugent) (7-80-3:01)				7-7
2 10:44 Florida	TD Williams 2 run (Nugent) (12-80-6:39)				7-14
2 3:32 Florida	TD Brady 5 pass to Miller (Nugent) (1-5-0:07)				7-21
3 8:53 Florida	FG Nugent 21 (11-76-6:07)				7-24
3 2:09 Florida	FG Nugent 33 (9-36-5:01)				7-27
			COW	FLD	
			First Downs	7	25
			Rushes	19-95	43-169
			Passes	17-8-73	23-17-216
			Sacked	1-3	2-8
			Fumble	0	0
			Penalties	6-35	2-20
			Turnovers	1	1
			Time	19:56	40:04
			Third Down	2-10	4-12
			Fourth Down	0-1	2-2
			Net Offense	165	377



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ANCHORAGE



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COLORADO

## BUCS PUSH BY FEEBLE THUNDERSNOW

**GAME POINTS:** A 50-yard pass from **Drew Brees** to **Alge Crumpler** put Anchorage into Colorado territory on their second possession and four plays later, Brees hit **Kevin Curtis** at the right pylon from 2 yards away to give the Bucs the only score they would need. Colorado's defense kept the game within reach early with two first half interceptions, but their offense failed to reach the Buc's red zone all day and did not cross mid-field in the entire second half. **Willis McGahee** punched it through from 1 yard out for the Buc's other TD.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Drew Brees** threw for 234 yards and the game-winning TD, but was also picked twice. **Alge Crumpler** racked up 84 yards on 5 catches. **Keith Bullock** returned an interception of **Matt Ryan** 51 yards to the Colorado 5 yard line. Colorado running backs, **Matt Forte** and **Kevin Smith** combined for 31 yards on 20 carries for a 1.6 average. **Calvin Pace** continued to be a rare bright spot with 9 tackles and an interception for the defense.

10-04-2008 Toyota Thunderdome Temp:82 Wind:10-20 MVP: Brees						ANC		COL	
2007 Anchorage (1-1) 7 0 10 3 - 20 2007 Colorado (0-2) 0 0 0 0 - 0  1 1:18 Anchorage TD Brees 2 pass to Curtis (Stover) (5-71-2:55) 7-0 3 9:11 Anchorage TD McGahee 1 run (Stover) (12-80-5:44) 14-0 3 3:32 Anchorage FG Stover 44 (4-15-2:05) 17-0 4 7:25 Anchorage FG Stover 34 (12-46-4:56) 20-0						First Downs		19 10	
						Rushes		24-71 28-39	
						Passes		39-22-234 27-14-124	
						Sacked		1-8 2-14	
						Fumble		2 1	
						Penalties		6-40 7-70	
						Turnovers		2 4	
						Time		30:43 29:17	
						Third Down		3-13 6-17	
						Fourth Down		1-2 0-1	
						Net Offense		297 149	



DURHAM



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### WESTBROOK TURNS UP HEAT ON DURHAM

**GAME POINTS:** Back-up running back, **Jerome Harrison** capped a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter drive of 62 yards with an 11-yard sweep into the end zone to push the Hellfire ahead of Durham 20-17 with four minutes left in the game. A bad snap to punter, **Matt Turk** on Durham's next possession set up a Mohave field goal to extend the lead. The Hellfire added a late touchdown to **Brian Westbrook** after **Clinton Portis** came up 2 yards short on 4<sup>th</sup> down with one minute left.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Brian Westbrook** gained 210 total yards, 135 of those on the ground, and caught 2 TD passes to earn the 'Game Ball' for Mohave. **Jerome Harrison** had the best day of his career, gaining 109 yards on the ground and scoring the winning TD. **Philip Rivers** completed only two passes to a wide receiver, both to **Calvin Johnson**, for a total of 19 yards.

10-04-2008 The Fiery Depths Temp: 108 Wind: Calm MVP: Westbrook							
2007 Durham (0-2)	0	7	7	3	- 17	First Downs	DTL 12
2007 Mohave (2-0)	0	13	0	17	- 30	Rushes	MOH 39-246
						Passes	25-15-201
2 13:38 Mohave	FG Bironas 36 (9-49-5:26)				0-3	Sacked	2-11
2 4:30 Durham	TD Rivers 13 pass to Faulk (Crosby,M) (6-65-2:36)				7-3	Fumble	2
2 3:17 Mohave	TD Warner 31 pass to Westbrook (Bironas) (2-64-1:02)				7-10	Penalties	8-59
2 0:05 Mohave	FG Bironas 50 (6-57-1:07)				7-13	Turnovers	0
3 10:41 Durham	TD Rivers 35 pass to Gates (Crosby,M) (3-51-1:29)				14-13	Time	34:07
4 15:00 Durham	FG Crosby 35 (9-59-4:32)				17-13	Third Down	3-11
4 4:15 Mohave	TD Harrison 11 run (Bironas) (9-62-4:36)				17-20	Fourth Down	0-3
4 1:57 Mohave	FG Bironas 39 (3--2-1:04)				17-23	Net Offense	436
4 0:42 Mohave	TD Warner 18 pass to Westbrook (Bironas) (3-30-0:29)				17-30		



IOWA CITY



MARKHAM

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### MARKHAM TURNS OVER GAME TO CUBS

**GAME POINTS:** Sluggish starts by both offences led to a scoreless first quarter, but the Cubs found life at the start of the second when **Kenechi Udeze** forced a **Matt Hasselbeck** fumble on the North Star's 23 yard line. Four plays later **Lawrence Vickers** crossed the goal line for the Cub's opening score. **J.P. Losman**, in relief of starter **Trent Edwards**, engineered the best drive of the day on their next possession, hitting **Kellen Winslow** 33 yards downfield to kick start a 9-play, 80-yard TD drive that finished with Losman bootlegging it in from 2 yards out for a 14-0 Iowa City advantage. Markham would never recover.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **DeMeco Ryans** and **Patrick Willis** combined for 30 tackles and suffocated the Markham attack all day. **Matt Hasselbeck** had a hand in all four of Markham's turnovers, throwing 3 picks and fumbling once. **J.P. Losman** completed all 8 of his pass attempts for 99 yards.

10-04-2008 Cleveland Browns Stadium Temp: 68 Wind:10-20 MVP: Losman							ICC	MAR		
2007 Iowa City (2-0)						0 14 3 7 - 24	First Downs	15	14	
2007 Markham (0-2)						0 3 3 3 - 9	Rushes	34-101	31-116	
							Passes	15-13-143	27-15-138	
2 13:09 Iowa City						TD Vickers 1 run (Feely) (4-23-1:44)	7-0	Sacked	1-8	0-0
2 4:33 Iowa City						TD Losman 2 run (Feely) (8-80-5:00)	14-0	Fumble	2	2
2 0:41 Markham						FG Lindell 40 (4-17-0:34)	14-3	Penalties	5-41	8-70
3 6:22 Markham						FG Lindell 29 (14-57-8:24)	14-6	Turnovers	2	4
3 0:25 Iowa City						FG Feely 36 (8-49-5:43)	17-6	Time	31:35	28:20
4 12:10 Markham						FG Lindell 35 (7-62-3:12)	17-9	Third Down	4-11	3-12
4 3:03 Iowa City						TD Losman 3 run (Feely) (3-6-2:02)	24-9	Fourth Down	0-0	0-1
							Net Offense	236	254	



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**RINGGOLD**



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**KUTZTOWN**

## 21-POINT SURGE LIFTS BEARS

**GAME POINTS:** Capitalizing on good field position and Ringgold miscues, **Tony Romo** and Co. needed to move only 85 yards to score 21 points in the first 6 minutes of the game and set the stage for a day of offensive fireworks from both sides. Down 35-21 at halftime, Ringgold closed to within a TD when **Chris Chambers** scored on a 6-yard endaround in the third quarter, but Romo got that back with a 7-yard pass to **Kenny Watson** early in the fourth quarter. Kutztown salted the game away when **Darren Sharper** intercepted **Big Ben** and returned it to the Ringgold 5 yard line, setting up the final TD.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Tony Romo** threw for 357 yards and 3 TDs while **Ben Roethlisberger** threw for 353 yards and 3 TDs, but Romo avoided turnovers to earn Game MVP. **Chris Chambers** caught 7 passes for 117 yard and 2 TDs, one through the air and another on the ground.

10-05-2008 Lincoln Financial Field Temp: 79 Wind:0-5 MVP: Romo							RCH	KUT
2007 Ringgold (0-2)						7 14 7 0 - 28	First Downs	20 30
2007 Kutztown (2-0)						21 14 0 14 - 49	Rushes	19-111 25-122
							Passes	37-21-353 43-28-357
							Sacked	5-35 3-19
1 12:23 Kutztown	TD Romo 14 pass to Clark (Kaeding) (3-40-1:31)					0-7	Fumble	2 2
1 11:19 Kutztown	TD Romo 13 pass to Clark (Kaeding) (2-24-0:56)					0-14	Penalties	6-40 2-20
1 8:31 Kutztown	TD Johnson 5 run (Kaeding) (5-21-2:12)					0-21	Turnovers	3 1
1 3:32 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 30 pass to Chambers (Suisham) (9-80-4:5					7-21	Time	25:09 34:51
2 14:11 Kutztown	TD Johnson 3 run (Kaeding) (12-69-4:07)					7-28	Third Down	4-10 8-13
2 10:54 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 50 pass to Bowe (Suisham) (8-83-3:08)					14-28	Fourth Down	0-1 0-0
2 3:02 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 44 pass to Holmes (Suisham) (3-61-1:35)					21-28	Net Offense	429 460
2 1:05 Kutztown	TD Watson 1 run (Kaeding) (6-72-1:46)					21-35		
3 0:07 Ringgold	TD Chambers 6 run (Suisham) (5-88-2:18)					28-35		
4 11:27 Kutztown	TD Romo 7 pass to Watson (Kaeding) (8-76-3:33)					28-42		
4 10:53 Kutztown	TD Watson 5 run (Kaeding) (1-5-0:07)					28-49		

## INJURY REPORT - Out this Week

**ANCHORAGE** – J. Allen (wrist), D. Smith (shaken); **CHARLESWOOD** – Seymour (arm), Meester (arm), A. Peterson (neck); **CHINO** – None; **COLORADO** – D. Brown (shaken), S. Wells (knee); **COWTOWN** – Maroney (knee), Alexander (shoulder), Hackett (knee), W. Harris (shaken); **DURHAM** – A. Wilson (knee), Gore (knee); **FLORIDA** – Manuwai (hand); **GWINETT** – G. Wilson (knee), Polamalu (knee), Parker (neck), Hardwick (foot); **IOWA CITY** – Bush (neck), Youboty (shaken); **KUTZTOWN** – Sheppard (ankle); **LOS ANGELES** – None; **MARKHAM** – D. Branch (knee), C. Tillman (ankle); **MOHAVE** – J. Williams (hand); **PICKERING** – S. Taylor (wrist), F. Taylor (elbow), A. Smith (neck); **RINGGOLD** – None; **WINNEMUCCA** – Leftwich (hamstring), M. Brown (shaken), J. Walker (elbow), L. Coles (neck), Jansen (knee).



# AROUND THE



## With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – It's been overcast and miserable all week in New York City. I'll take that over living anywhere else, though.

### ***MAKING A STATEMENT OR MAKING A BET?***

Were the Charleswood Patriots sending a message to a hated rival and the league when they passed for a touchdown with seconds remaining in the game and a 16-13 lead over Gwinnett, or was something more questionable at the root of it? The controversy just won't go away. For those of you who were on Mars during game day, Carson Palmer had just been intercepted with 55 seconds left on the clock and the Pats took over at the Glad's 27 yard line with Gwinnett down to one timeout. The game looked like it would be over as soon as Manning kneeled down, but instead the Patriots lined up in a regular pro set and went to the air, taking the Gladiators by surprise. Two plays later they were in the end zone to make the final score 23-13. Manning would only say that, as competitors, both teams were playing to the wire and that he expected the Gladiators to do the same.

That explanation is not flying in some quarters, and now the whispering in chat rooms and on internet blogs is that Manning, or somebody in the Patriot's organization, had money on the game. The official Vegas line was Pats by 3 points. If the score had remained 16-13, it would have been a push. A 10-point margin, however, would cover those 3 points and the more generous early spreads (5 at the start of the week) as well. Jason Findlay is not saying much other than the thought of gambling having an influence on his play selection is "ridiculous." Dave Birdsall of Gwinnett said the call was "a bit odd," but fell short of accusing the Pats of trying to run up the score or trying to secure a bet.

What do I say? If the Pats were sending a message, they are playing with fire. The Gladiators will not soon forget and will be hoping to get another shot at Charleswood in the playoffs. If it were something else, then the whole league is in jeopardy. Either way, it's the kind of thing that makes one go, "hmmmmmm."

### ***EXPANSION CURSE? WELCOME TO THE 'TWILIGHT ZONE'***

Talk of an expansion curse in the EFL used to prompt loud guffaws here at the Empire Club. However, after the bizarre incident in Los Angeles this week, skeptics are raising an eyebrow or two. When the final gun sounded following the Knight's 30-19 victory over Death Valley, a heavy mist appeared on the field at Round Table Stadium. It rose rapidly, engulfing the entire field. Confused onlookers initially thought it a gimmick to promote Knights football, but quickly realized that it had nothing to do with the Knights. A bone-chilling scream pierced the air as the light dimmed and the mist turned to dense fog.

The cameras do not tell the whole story, capturing the fog but not much else. However, witnesses (and there are many of them) claim that an apparition coalesced above the fog in the area of midfield and that it looked like very much like Undertakers owner, Chris Worthley, except that he had a red hue to his skin and sported a pair of small horns protruding from his forehead. In apparent agony, the spirit bellowed, "*I will return to have my vengeance on you all!*" Seconds later, a tremendous vacuum momentarily drew air and matter toward the center of the field, pulling spectators out of their seats and spilling beer all over the place. Then, a blast of air sent it all backwards as the apparition of Worthley blew apart in all directions and an echoing siren of soul pain reverberated through the stands.

As suddenly as it all began, it ended. The lighting returned to normal and all who had been on the field found they were exactly where they had been before the change. Except for the Undertaker's players and staff, who were nowhere to be found. Really, nowhere!

It took several hours for order to be regained in Los Angeles. Then the reports started to reach the media that the Undertakers players had been found, dressed in black three-piece suits and asleep in a Pickering train station. Out of nowhere, a new franchise had appeared in the Southern Ontario community. Or was it actually new?

This is where the weird part starts. "New" team owner, Gus Konstantakos, claims that the team known as the Undertakers was never, actually, a team. He claims, bizarrely, that he had won the bid for the expansion Pickering Spartans before the EFL rookie draft – he has the notarized legal papers to prove it. Chris Worthley is, according to Konstantakos, an evil Warlock in league with the devil who signed a deal with Lucifer to allow him to steal the Spartans. The deal created an alternate reality in which Worthley became the owner of the Pickering Spartans as long as the team won. The spell would be broken, and Worthley returned to Hell, upon the team's first loss.

As strange as all of this sounds, it makes some sense. Worthley was the most aggressive of the expansion franchise owners in trying to cobble together a winner. He was the owner who offered DeMeco Ryans 9 million dollars to leave the Iowa City Cubs. Why else would he do this unless he was in it for the short term? In support of this apparently impossible situation, the legal documents certifying Konstantakos' ownership of the EFL franchise reportedly exist in all repositories where they could possibly be secured, *in their original forms*. Please, somebody, make a Discovery Channel documentary out of this so that I can believe it!

#### ***EXPANSION CURSE CONTINUED.....***

The Winnemucca Outlaws have lost their top two wide receivers to injury, leaving only two for their Week Three contest against Markham. The easiest position to fill for the rest of the league is apparently the toughest for Winnemucca, as they entered the season with only 4 wide receivers, but 10 linebackers.

The Colorado Thundersnow may have the best fans in the league. Despite no offence at all, the fans continued to "snow" on the opposition Buccaneers, throwing plastic confetti on the field up to the final two minutes of the most wretched game in Week Two, a 20-0 snore fest in favour of Anchorage.

The Markham North Stars got overwhelming fan support in their first "home" game in Cleveland but struggled to score a major despite hanging in with Iowa City's second team offence.

#### ***NEW YORK GRIPES***

I've picked the Crimson Hawks two weeks in a row and I am starting to get pissed off. This team has the talent but it gets lost somewhere between taking the field and leaving the field.

Where is the offense this week? Kutztown was the only team that bucked the overall trend toward 1970's style play.

## **WEEK TWO LEADERS**

### **Passing Yards**

Romo(KUT)	43-28- <b>357</b>
Roethlisbe(RCH)	37-21- <b>353</b>
Manning,P(CHP)	34-20- <b>248</b>
Cutler(CHI)	29-24- <b>245</b>
McNabb(DVU)	35-23- <b>238</b>

### **Rushing Yards**

Westbrook(MOH)	20-135
Harrison,J(MOH)	16-109
Rice,R(FLD)	31-99
Norwood(CHP)	18-95
Brown,C(MAR)	21-92

### **Receiving Yards**

Holmes,S(RCH)	5-120
Chambers,C(RCH)	7-117
Gates,A(DTL)	4-108
Smith,S(LAK)	8-105
Welker(CHP)	7-95

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

<b>East</b>	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Death Valley	1	1	0	0.5	52	26	50	25	1	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 1 0
Winnemucca	1	1	0	0.5	10	5	31	15.5	-11	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 1 0
Markham	0	2	0	0	29	14.5	57	28.5	-14	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 2 0
Colorado	0	2	0	0	3	1.5	30	15	-14	2 0 0	1 0 0	0 0 0
<b>West</b>	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	2	0	0	1	61	30.5	33	16.5	14	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Los Angeles	2	0	0	1	71	35.5	36	18	17.5	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Anchorage	1	1	0	0.5	37	18.5	41	20.5	-2	0 0 0	0 1 0	1 1 0
Chino	1	1	0	0.5	52	26	37	18.5	7.5	1 0 0	0 1 0	1 1 0
<b>North</b>	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	2	0	0	1	43	21.5	26	13	8.5	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Kutztown	2	0	0	1	62	31	37	18.5	12.5	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Cowtown	0	2	0	0	16	8	40	20	-12	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 2 0
Durham	0	2	0	0	30	15	50	25	-10	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 2 0
<b>South</b>	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	2	0	0	1	55	27.5	29	14.5	13	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Mohave	2	0	0	1	64	32	43	21.5	10.5	2 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
Gwinnett	0	2	0	0	35	17.5	51	25.5	-8	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 2 0
Ringgold	0	2	0	0	54	27	83	41.5	-15	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 2 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Garcia,J	ICC	25	20	80	280	1	4	40	3	12	136.3
2	Warner,K	MOH	44	27	61.4	376	0	0	48	4	9.1	119.1
3	Jackson,T	LAK	39	28	71.8	321	1	2.6	33	2	5.1	102.6
4	McNabb	DVU	70	48	68.6	523	1	1.4	32	3	4.3	98.7
5	Manning,P	CHP	57	36	63.2	460	1	1.8	35	3	5.3	98.6
6	Romo	KUT	76	45	59.2	528	0	0	46	4	5.3	97.9
7	Cutler	CHI	57	40	70.2	444	2	3.5	34	3	5.3	95.9
8	Brady,T	FLD	56	33	58.9	351	1	1.8	32	4	7.1	93.7
9	Leftwich	WMO	32	21	65.6	199	1	3.1	20	1	3.1	80.1
10	Rivers,P	DTL	57	33	57.9	352	2	3.5	35	3	5.3	79
11	Roethlisberger	RCH	74	41	55.4	526	4	5.4	52	4	5.4	73.4
12	Brees	ANC	63	39	61.9	473	5	7.9	50	3	4.8	67.8
13	Palmer,C	GWG	74	37	50	382	4	5.4	55	1	1.4	47.2
14	Ryan,M	COL	62	29	46.8	276	2	3.2	36	0	0	46.2
15	Pennington	COW	49	23	46.9	228	2	4.1	27	0	0	43.6

## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Williams,D	FLD	37	212	5.7	14	2	8	Jones,K	LAK	27	122	4.5	15	1
2	Barber,M	COW	37	200	5.4	56	1	9	Hightower	RCH	25	114	4.6	33	1
3	Tomlinson	CHI	30	184	6.1	14	2	10	Washington	GWG	18	114	6.3	20	0
4	Westbrook	MOH	31	183	5.9	22	1	11	McGahee	ANC	28	113	4	16	1
5	Taylor,F	DVU	31	154	5	18	1	12	Taylor,C	DVU	9	113	12.6	75	1
6	Brown,C	MAR	31	128	4.1	29	0	13	Peterson,A	CHP	28	109	3.9	14	1
7	Harrison,J	MOH	18	122	6.8	13	1	14	Gore	DTL	20	108	5.4	18	0
8	Jones,K	LAK	27	122	4.5	15	1	15	Portis	DTL	26	100	3.8	32	0

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Smith,S	LAK	14	186	13.3	22	1	8	Johnson,A	COL	10	114	11.4	16	0
2	Winslow	ICC	12	147	12.3	33	0	9	Wayne,R	GWG	10	163	16.3	55	0
3	Curtis,K	ANC	12	125	10.4	44	2	10	Chambers,C	RCH	10	153	15.3	30	1
4	Holmes,S	RCH	12	177	14.8	52	1	11	Boldin	CHI	10	133	13.3	30	0
5	Witten	CHP	11	128	11.6	19	1	12	Gonzalez,T	GWG	9	61	6.8	13	1
6	Welker	CHP	11	139	12.6	25	1	13	Westbrook	MOH	9	154	17.1	48	4
7	Ward,H	WMO	10	81	8.1	12	0	14	Edwards,B	GWG	9	83	9.2	19	0
8	Johnson,A	COL	10	114	11.4	16	0	15	Gates,A	DTL	9	169	18.8	35	1



## BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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### OFFENSE



#### QB – Tony Romo, Kutztown Golden Bears

43 Att., 28 Comp., 357 yds, 3 TDs, 114.2 Rating

He led an offensive blitz that overwhelmed the Crimson Hawks.

### DEFENSE



#### LB –DeMeco Ryans, Iowa City Cubs

17 Tackles, 1 Stuff, 1 Pass Def.

Earned his pay cheque with suffocating performance vs Stars.

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### **JIMMY'S WEEK THREE PICKS**

#### **CHARLESWOOD @ COWTOWN (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 4)**

The Corn Kings have not looked good offensively in two games this year while the Patriots have looked as good as they need to look to go undefeated. Cowtown needs to establish the run if they are going to have any hope of cracking the Patriot's pass defense, but they will find that task difficult with Shawn Alexander and Laurence Maroney out due to injury. The Pats are missing the jewel in their rushing crown, Adrian Peterson, and that will tell against them on the road against a stout Corn Kings run defense. However, Peyton Manning has more than enough offensive air weapons to make up the difference against a banged up and average Cowtown secondary. I would pick Cowtown to upset here but for the injuries.

**PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

#### **KUTZTOWN @ DURHAM (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 3)**

The 0-2 Thunder Lizards are looking to take aim at somebody and the 2-0 Golden Bears are a target that they can acquire. Lito Sheppard is out with an ankle injury and that means more room for Durham's beleaguered wide receiving corps. Adrian Wilson is out for the home team, but that will matter less as the Durham defensive line can contain the Kutztown running game while the secondary focuses on the pass. With Frank Gore out with a knee injury, Clinton Portis will have to carry the load on the ground. Kutztown will have to set up the run with the pass if they are to succeed offensively, and load up to stop the run and force Philip Rivers to the air if they are going to succeed defensively. These teams have opposite records but Durham is the more complete team and they are at home.

**PICK: DURHAM**

#### **FLORIDA @ RINGGOLD (LINE – DRAGONS BY 8)**

MENSA has a club within the organization that specifically examines how teams facing the Florida Dragons can beat them – in theory. The members of this club feel that Ringgold is one of the few teams in the EFL well positioned to upset the league's powerhouse. MENSA reasons that, while Florida has no offensive weaknesses against the top defenses in the league, *any* offense, including Florida's, can be induced into error if pressured and hurried. The Crimson Hawks have one of the few defenses equipped to pressure Florida's top notch offensive line, and therefore have the theoretical capability of stopping Tom Brady and his band of wide receivers. On the other side of the ball, Ringgold has the offensive weapons to move the ball against Florida's "firewall" defense if they can avoid the turnovers that have plagued them through the first two weeks of the season. In other words, Ringgold *can* win this game and beat the spread. But they won't.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

#### **MOHAVE @ GWINNETT (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 2)**

After losing two close contests to tough competition, the Gladiators are ready to beat the world in Week Three, and unfortunately for the Hellfire, they are in the firing line. Undefeated Mohave has the weapons to beat almost anybody, but this week they visit a hungry opponent. Fortunately for them, the force of Gwinnett's hunger will be mitigated by the absence of Willie Parker and Nick Hardwick on offence, and Troy Polamalu on defense. The Glads will have to rely on Dominic Rhodes and Leon Washington to carry the rushing load and hope that Anthony Smith can handle the starting free safety role. Mohave is missing Jamal Williams, a big part of their defense, but otherwise are healthy. Mohave deserve the nod based on previous performance, but Gwinnett is the better team and should prevail at home.

**PICK: GWINNETT**

**MARKHAM @ WINNEMUCCA (LINE – NORTH STARS BY 1)**

The Outlaws are banged up on offense and will head in to the game with only two 'bona fide' wide receivers. The North Stars are missing their top wide receiver, but that is not saying much given he is Deion Branch. If nothing else, Markham retains their balanced attack, even if it is a low-powered balanced attack. Winnemucca is crippled offensively and they do not have a defense equipped to stop a determined Markham push. The only thing going for the Outlaws is that it is their season opener at the 'Hole in the Wall.' It will be a close game, but Markham will prevail due to Matt Hasselbeck and a better offense.

**PICK: MARKHAM**

**COLORADO @ PICKERING (LINE – SPARTANS BY 8)**

The Spartans are missing some top players on offense and defense, but that should not matter at home against the Thundersnow. Pickering is well-positioned to notch their second victory of the season here. It would take quite a performance by Colorado's Matt Ryan to alter the obvious outcome, something I am not ready to bank on given that center, Scott Wells and tackle, Duane Brown, are both out this week. A Pickering victory is virtually guaranteed. The real question is whether or not Colorado will score their first touchdown of the season.

**PICK: PICKERING**

**CHINO @ ANCHORAGE (LINE – CONVICTS BY 2)**

The Bucs are missing Jared Allen and that is bad news for the defense since that unit does not have much else going for them. The Convicts are completely healthy and that is more bad news for the Anchorage defense, as the Convict's offense has a lot going for them. The Bucs have not looked impressive in two games, losing in humiliating fashion to Los Angeles, and winning by default against weakling Colorado. The Convicts are trying to prove something after winning the Championship last year and changing direction this year. Look for Torry Holt and Anquan Boldin to both have big days against the bend and break Anchorage defense.

**PICK: CHINO**

**LOS ANGELES @ IOWA CITY (LINE – CUBS BY 3)**

The perfect Knights take on the perfect Cubs in this week's battle of the undefeated. Reggie Bush is out for Iowa City, but he is a mere luxury in one of the league's better offenses. The Knights are healthy and will need every man to keep the Cubs at bay. It is hard to imagine how the Knights can extend their undefeated season on the road against Iowa City, but my new rule of thumb is to no longer underestimate Los Angeles or their quarterback, Tavaris Jackson. Even though it looks to *me* like Jeff Garcia will easily win this duel of the running quarterbacks, the fact that I'm thinking that means that it will not be that easy for Garcia and Iowa City. I don't normally let subjectivity get the better of me, but in this case, I have to go with the Knights, if the Cubs are going to win like I think they will.

**PICK: LOS ANGELES**

**SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????**  
**HOW I'M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD**

**LAST WEEK: 7-1-0**

**OVERALL: 13-3-0**