

# **WEEK THREE**

October 21, 2007



Joseph Addai leaps over safety, Adrian Wilson for a 6-yard run in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter action Monday night. Addai would go on to rush for 128 yards and score 3 TDs to lead the Buccaneers to a 31-28 victory over the Thunder Lizards.

# BUCCANEERS PILLAGE DURHAM DEFENSE

JOSEPH ADDAI SCORES 3 TDS



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ANCHORAGE – In a game many considered to be a preview of the West Division Final, two of the more dangerous offenses in the league met under perfect environmental conditions in the comfortable new Great Northern Sports Complex in Anchorage. The hefty

betting line of 14 points in favour of the Home team bordered on the farcical, despite two shaky outings by Durham to start the season and a high-powered Anchorage offense that had hung 29 points on the vaunted Knights' defense the previous week. The smart money rightly flocked to Durham to cover the spread, but those who count a win as a win (you know, when the team with the *most points* wins!) were not so quick to jump on the Thunder Lizards' bandwagon.

Measured in terms of yards surrendered, the Durham defense was, at 473 yards a game, by far the worst in the EFL after two games. The secondary in particular had looked inept. The offense had performed significantly better than the defense, but had developed already a reputation for disappearing in the second half. On the other side, the Buccaneers defense had experienced similar problems stopping their opponents, especially on the ground, and analysts were quietly predicting a big day for Frank Gore. The highly rated Buccaneer offense had rebounded from a poor opening day outing against the Corn Kings and there was no reason to believe they would not continue to improve at home against the worst defense in the league. But was the Durham defense really that bad? In all it had seemed like an unpredictable situation heading into the game and the Monday Night Football panelists were deadlocked 2-2 in predicting who would actually win the game.

The Thunder Lizards stampeded out of the gate to start the contest with an offensive display so proficient that it looked for a while as if their defensive problems would not matter. While the Buccaneers focused attention on Frank Gore, the T-Lizards went to the air and flew down the field. Three of their first four possessions ended in touchdown passes from Philip Rivers – two of them to rookie, Calvin Johnson and another to Antonio Gates, to give the Visitors a 21-3 lead with 7 minutes remaining in the first half. To that point it was all Durham, except for a forced fumble by Anchorage's defensive MVP, Leonard Little that set up the lone Buccaneer score.

Durham fans could be forgiven, however, for not relaxing and thoroughly enjoying the moment. They had seen this before. In fact they had seen it in every game so far – early success followed by constipation on offense and breakdowns on defense. Unfortunately for them, the established pattern of the early season was about to repeat itself.

When the Bucs got the ball back with 6:10 remaining in the first half, they gave their young running back, Joseph Addai his chance to shine. The T-Lizards' defense committed against the pass and Addai made them pay for it, rushing for 41 yards in a 67-yard TD drive that ended with him galloping across the goaline after snagging a Drew Brees screen pass from 3 yards out. On their next possession, with only 50 seconds left in the half, Brees shredded the hapless Durham secondary for 67 yards on 5 completions, finally finding Andre Johnson in the endzone with a mere 7 seconds left on the clock to further narrow the gap and cause an apoplectic George Kaldis to throw his headset into the Gatorade bucket. At half time it was 21-17 for Durham, but the feeling in Anchorage had the air of victory.

The second half began tentatively for both teams, as if they were both still reeling from the intensity of the first half. But it was Anchorage, still buoyed by their inspirational one-minute drill that got rolling first. After Durham punter Kyle Larson had pinned the Bucs back at their 4 yard line, Tony Fenton went back to the ground game and it paid off with a masterful 96-yard drive to paydirt. Using short passes and alternating running backs to advance the ball, the Bucs ran 17 plays and ate up over 10 minutes of time off the clock before Joseph Addai busted it in behind guard, Chris Naeole from 1 yard out to give Anchorage their first lead of the game, 24-21.

While their exhausted and deflated defense sat on the bench, Durham's well-rested offense made one final thrust to gain back the lead. By sheer brute force, the T-Lizard offensive line pushed the Anchorage line backwards to pave the way for a Frank Gore/Michael Turner one-two punch that keyed a 74-yard drive to the endzone. With the Bucs' defense keying on Gore, Michael Turner took the pitch from Rivers 8 yards out and sprinted to the orange pylon for 6. With less than 6 minutes remaining, and a 28-24 lead, it would be now up to the Durham defense to make a stand and seal the win.

It was too much to ask. Drew Brees and the Buccaneer passing attack took control on the next possession and moved with apparent ease all the way from their own 27 yard line to the Durham 11 yard line. Switching gears, Joseph Addai finished the drive off with two straight rushes to cover the remaining distance and score the TD that would end the scoring and put Anchorage in the lead 31-28.

Before this one could go into the books however, there remained some drama to play out. After a Ricky Manning Jr interception appeared to ice the game away for Anchorage, a fumbled snap by punter Jason Baker handed the ball to Durham at the Bucaneers' 39 yard line with 49 seconds left in the game. Facing 4<sup>th</sup> & 6 at the 35, Coach Kaldis did not like his chances for a field goal and opted instead for a play on 4<sup>th</sup> down. A 12-yard pass to Calvin Johnson kept the drive alive and put the ball well within kicker, Josh Scobee's range at the 23 yard line. With 21 second left, there was still time to make a play for a touchdown and the outright win. A 15-yard pass to Hines Ward put the ball at the 8 yard line with 11 seconds left and time for one last stab at the endzone. Rivers took the snap, faked to Gore, and turned toward the right corner of the endzone. But charging like a runaway locomotive from his blindside came Leonard Little, who reached around Walter Jones and slapped the ball out of Rivers' hand. The Bucs and the Lizards jumped on the loose ball but at the bottom of the pile, Leonard Little hung on tight. As the referee signaled Anchorage ball, Coach Kaldis threw his headset into the Gatorade bucket and stormed off the field in disgust.

<u>BY THE NUMBERS</u> – Drew Brees completed 17 of 25 pass attempts for 178 yard and 2 TDs while his running backs combined for 180 yards rushing, including 128 by MVP, Joseph Addai. Frank Gore posted his third straight 100-yard game with 101 yards rushing on 19 carries. Calvin Johnson caught 5 passes for 80 yards and 2 TDs. Leonard Little continued to be a difference-maker on defense, forcing 2 fumbles.

10-19-2007 Tem	p:70 Wind: Line:Ever	n MVP:Addai	
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1 4:23 Anchorage	TD Rivers 7 pass to Johnso FG Stover 21 (9-41-5:08)	, , , ,	7-3
<ul><li>2 12:37 Durham</li><li>2 7:00 Durham</li><li>2 1:43 Anchorage</li><li>2 0:07 Anchorage</li></ul>	TD Rivers 8 pass to Gates TD Rivers 30 pass to Johns TD Brees 3 pass to Addai	(Scobee) (11-71-6:3 son (Scobee) (5-65-2 (Stover) (10-67-5:0 son (Stover) (6-67-0	34) 14-3 2:21) 21-3 0) 21-10 :56) 21-17
<ul><li>4 13:00 Anchorage</li><li>4 6:55 Durham</li><li>4 2:55 Anchorage</li></ul>	TD Addai 1 run (Stover) TD Turner 8 run (Scobee) TD Addai 6 run (Stover) (	(17-96-10:18) (9-74-5:56) 8-73-3:52)	21-24 28-24 28-31
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#### **QUOTABLES**

"It's great to get this win at home for us and our fans. This was a big game for us. We never gave up when we were down early and it paid off. I thought they would at least tie the game at the end, but Leonard made another play for us. I'm going to have to buy that guy a beer for sure." -Tony Fenton "You can say all you want about the final play, but we lost that game earlier when we couldn't stop them on the long We're not

anything right on defense. Helen Keller could find the holes in our secondary." – George Kaldis (part one)
"My headset? My headset?! Who needs a f&^\*ing headset when it doesn't matter what play I call?" – George Kaldis (part two)

# ...AND AROUND THE REST OF THE EFL...



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# FIELD GOAL ON FINAL PLAY CAUSES "CARNAGE" IN GWINNETT



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MOHAVE NOW SOLE UNBEATEN TEAM

GWINNETT - The Hellfire made their first trip to the Coliseum for the battle of the two remaining unbeaten teams. Although the Dawgs were favored by 8, that line was clearly unreliable as Vegas still attempts to figure out this fledging league. Most of the money was on the Hellfire and it proved to be a sound investment at the end of the day. But for those who expected Mohave domination, the game was a shocker. The home team battled down to the wire until a John Carney field goal with 20 seconds left in the game put the Hellfire ahead for good.

It was a very tight game all the way, but it could have been very different if not for the early tenaciousness of the Galdiators' defense. Although they would control the first half, Mohave could not punch it into the endzone, managing only 3 points on 3 trips inside the red zone. At half time, the score was 3-0, a virtual tie all things considered.

The second half featured almost all of the game's highlights. A fumble by Mohave's Marshawn Lynch gave the ball to Gwinnett in Hellfire territory half-way through the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Two plays later, Willie Parker busted a run on a delayed draw, sprinting 33 yards to paydirt to give Gwinnett the lead, 7-3. Mohave came right back with a 64-yard touchdown drive aided by a penalty on Gwinnett rookie Gaines Adams and a successful 4<sup>th</sup> down conversion inside the 5 yard line. It ended with Lynch crossing the plane for 6 and a 10-7 Mohave lead.

Gwinnett struck back quickly. A 38-yard return on a short kick put them in Mohave territory and a

10-19-2007 Tem	p:86 Wind:Calm Line:Even	MVP: Bulger	
	0 3 0 16 -19 0 0 7 10 -17		
2 6:56 Mohave	FG Carney 37 (8-35-4:30)	3-0	
3 4:22 Gwinnett	TD Parker 33 run (Gould) (2-35		
	TD Lynch 3 run (Carney) (15-6		-7
4 9:14 Gwinnett 4 4:06 Mohave 4 3:12 Mohave 4 1:58 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 3 pass to Gonzalez ( FG Carney 26 (12-71-5:08)		10-14
	MOH	GWG	
First Downs	28	15	
Rushes	33-130	28-147	
Passes	42-26-302	18-11-150	
Sacked	2-12	3-14	
Fumble	2	2	
Penalties Turnovers	3-15 2	6-32 2	
Time	34:08	25:52	
Third Down	8-16	3-9	
Fourth Down	3-3	0-1	
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33-yard pass from Carson Palmer to Reggie Wayne on the next play put them in the red zone. 4 plays later, Tony Gonzalez snatched a fade pass in the corner of the endzone to shoot Gwinnett back in front, 14-10.

A 71-yard drive and a recovered Terrence McGee fumble resulted in two Hellfire field goals and a 16-14 lead for the visitors. McGee made amends immediately with a 56-yard kickoff return to set up a Robbie Gould 24-yarder and a 17-16 Gladiator lead with 1:33 left in the game.

In what might be a defining moment for Marc Bulger as the leader of this team, the Mohave QB responded by engineering an almost flawless 2-minute drill to move his team 58 yards and bring John Carney into field goal range for the winning boot.

A tired and relieved-looking Bobby Elder praised his quarterback after the game, "Marc proved he can be a leader on that drive. That was MVP caliber for sure."

## LIGHTNING STRIKES ON DRAGONMOUNT JACKSON HAS BIG DAY

10-19-2007	Temp:89 Wind:0-10 Line:	Even MVP: Jackson	
2006 Meadowlan 2006 Florida (2-1	ds (0-3) 3 14 0 6 7 14 0 14	- 23 - 35	
1 9:47 Meadowl 1 0:00 Florida	ands FG Tynes 51 (8-38-5:0 TD Jackson 2 run (Nugent	00) 3-0 c) (6-45-2:40)	
<ul><li>2 9:09 Florida</li><li>2 3:40 Meadowl</li><li>14</li><li>2 1:34 Florida</li></ul>	TD Jackson 27 run (Nuger ands TD Roethlisberger 18	nt) (10-71-4:10) 3-14 pass to Taylor (Tynes) (11-66-5:20) 1 hery (Nugent) (4-77-2:01) 10-21	
4 9:03 Florida	TD Brady 27 pass to Coole	tt) (9-50-5:17) 17-28 ey (Nugent) (4-50-2:51) 17-35 urn (2 - failed) (0-0-0:00) 23-35	
First Downs Rushes Passes Sacked Fumble Penalties Turnovers Time Third Down Fourth Down	MSD 11 12-37 27-15-163 4-31 1 7-45 2 20:21 3-10 0-0	==-	
Net Offense	169	435	



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FLORIDA - The battle between the Dragons and the Swamp Dogs saw both teams put up highlight-reel touchdowns, but at the end of the day, it was the blue collar play of Steven Jackson and Tom Brady that would carry the day for Florida.

Jackson racked up 212 yards of total yards on the day, 146 rushing and 66 receiving, and scored 3 touchdowns. Quarterback, Tom Brady added 231 yards through the air while throwing 2 TD passes.

The Dogs struggled on offense, gaining only 169 net yards, but a pair of touchdowns coming from the special teams and the defense would keep the score respectable.

The Swampies actually drew first blood – a minor cut to the Dragons' left wing – on a 51-yard Lawrence Tynes field goal after the opening drive. They would be able to hold onto that 3-0 lead for most of the first quarter until the Dragons scored with 0 seconds remaining in the frame, on the first of Steven Jackson's 3 touchdowns, to take the lead 7-3. Florida added another touchdown on their next drive to widen the gap to 14-3.

However, Swamp Dogs would not roll over and play dead. Showing a sudden resurgence of life, the Dogs bared their teeth and answered with an 11 play, 66-yard drive to close the gap again to 4 on an 18-yard pass from Big Ben to Chester Taylor. Florida fired back with a 53 yard touchdown pass from Brady to Cotchery. Ahead 21-10 with 20 seconds left in the first half, the Dragons got greedy, Brady throwing deep with only 20 seconds left on the clock. The snarly Dogs bit back hard when Demarcus Ware stepped up, picked off the pass and rambled into the end zone to close the gap again to just 4 points at half time.

The third quarter was a "dog fight" that saw some big defensive plays on both sides, but no scoring. But with the Swamp Dogs unable to gain even one first down over that span, it was a matter of time before Florida broke out, and break out they did early in the final period. Back-to-back 50-yard TD drives over an eight minute span put the game out of reach for slow-moving swampies. A late kickoff return for a touchdown by Justin Miller was mere window-dressing on another loss for the league's only winless team.

Although the statistical disparity between the teams was obvious, it was a hard fought physical contest. The intensity would cost Florida linebacker, Clark Haggans and safety, LaRon Landry for at least one game due to injury and the Dogs would lose right tackle, Khalif Barnes for the same period.



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CHINO – Donovan McNabb atoned for an early miscue and went on to play an almost flawless game to lead the Convicts past their arch-rival, the Iowa City Cubs, by a score of 27-14.

On the first series of the game McNabb slung a short pass from his back foot toward the flat that was snagged in Convict territory by Cub line-backer, Mike Vrabel. Then, in a quick series reminiscent of last week's upset of the Corn Kings, starter Jeff Garcia connected 3 plays later with Lee Evans 22 vards downfield for the TD and an early 7-0 lead for the Cubs.

# McNABB & TOMLINSON DO IT AGAIN – LEAD CONVICTS TO SECOND STRAIGHT VICTORY

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2006 Chino (2-1)	7 10 3 7 - 27	
1 12:19 Iowa City	TD Garcia 22 pass to Evans (R	ackers) (3-28-1:40) 7-0
1 3:04 Chino	TD McNabb 16 pass to Boldin (V	Vinatieri) (6-48-2:59) 7-7
2 10:15 Chino	TD McNabb 9 pass to Boldin (V TD Brown 7 run (Rackers) (13-	Vinatieri) (9-80-4:52) 7-14 -80-7:54) 14-14
2 0.15 Chino	FG Vinatieri 40 (10-49-1:56)	14-17
3 10:04 Chino	FG Vinatieri 33 (8-58-4:10)	14-20
	TD Tomlinson 4 run (Vinatieri) (	
	ICC	CHI
First Downs	18	25
Rushes	27-106	24-159
Passes	27-14-167	33-22-268
Sacked Fumble	2-16 1	1-3 1
Penalties	7-55	8-62
Turnovers	2	1
Time	29:02	30:58
Third Down	3-10	5-10
Fourth Down	2-3	1-2
Net Offense	257	424

Unfazed, (and under direct orders from Coach Nazar to get his butt in gear) McNabb came back with touchdown passes of 16 yards and 9 yards on consecutive possessions, both to favourite wide receiver, Anquan Boldin, to put the home team on top, 14-7.

The Cubs would come right back with an impressive 80-yard drive, ending with Ronnie Brown running it in from 7 yards out, to tie the game 14-14. A late field goal from Adam Vinatieri put the home team back on top at half time, but it was clear that the Convicts were in a battle at home against the feisty Cubbies.

The Convicts' defense took charge for the remainder of the game, keeping Iowa City's offense in check, while the offense marked time with LT getting the call often. A 44-yard run by LT set up a field goal early in the third quarter to increase the home team's lead to 6 points.

That lead would be threatened with little more than 5 minutes remaining in the game by a Cubs drive that reached the Chino 8 yard line before a genuine convict, Pacman Jones, stole the game for the home team by intercepting Garcia in the endzone. Chino would leave nothing to chance, hanging on to the ball with LT leading the way 80 yards down the field for the final clinching touchdown.

After wild celebrating, spurred on by a personal rivalry with Iowa coach, Deron Redding, Coach Rob of the Convicts Nazar suffered what was thought to be a mild heart attack in the locker room. It was later reported to only be gas from his 6th chili dog of the day.

## CORN KINGS LAUNCH "FURREYOUS" ATTACK



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COWTOWN – Mike Furrey found the chinks in the Knight's armour by hauling in a league high 11 passes for 187 yards and 1 touchdown in leading the Corn Kings past the LA Knights, 24-13.

10-20-2007 Temp	p:62 Wind:0-10 Line:Ever	MVP: Furrey	,
	2) 0 3 3 7 - 1 3 7 7 7 - 2		
1 6:01 Cowtown	FG Hanson 19 (6-40-3:45)		0-3
2 13:32 Cowtown 2 1:50 Los Angeles	TD Pennington 6 pass to Fu FG Lindell 22 (9-53-4:53)	rrey (Hanson,J) (7	7-87-3:55) 0-10 3-10
3 5:24 Los Angeles 3 0:09 Cowtown	FG Lindell 30 (15-67-9:36) TD Barber 6 run (Hanson,J)	(8-64-5:02)	6-10 6-17
4 12:21 Los Angeles	TD Carr 6 pass to Glenn (L TD Barber 3 run (Hanson,J)	indell) (1-6-0:03)	13-17
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First Downs	22	21	
Rushes	25-116	25-123	
Passes	32-21-219	23-18-299	
Sacked	2-11	3-32	
	3	2	
Fumble	•	<del>-</del>	
Penalties	4-38	2-15	
Penalties Turnovers	4-38 2	2-15 1	
Penalties Turnovers Time	4-38 2 33:13	2-15 1 26:47	
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The Knights obviously missed shutdown corner, Nnamdi Asomugha, as Furrey ran free for most of the night, not just scoring the first Cowtown touchdown, but making several clutch catches on third down to move the chains. Marion Barber added 2 touchdowns on the ground to round off the major scoring on the night.

The Knights' offense showed some flashes of life, but their finest sustained performance, a 50-yard drive on four plays in the first quarter, was snuffed out at the Cowtown 13 yard line by Robert Mathis' first interception of the season. The Corn Kings' offense would take the ball back down the field all 87 yards to score the first TD of the game on a 6-yard pass from Chad Pennington to Furrey.

The Knights finally managed to find the endzone in the fourth quarter after Pennington fumbled on his own 6 and David Carr made him pay for it with a 6-yard pass to Terry Glenn to bring the visitors to within 4 points. But the Corn Kings offense, spurred by a 23-yard run by Marion Barber to get them close, pushed one more over the goal line to take control of the game for good.

## PATRIOTS KNOCK MONKEY OFF BACK WITH LAST SECOND FIELD GOAL TO BEAT KUTZTOWN

10-20-2007 Temp:	75 Wind: Line:Even	MVP: Johnson	
2006 Kutztown (1-2)	7 3 7 7	- 24	
2006 Charleswood (1-2)	0 3 14 10	- 27	
	TD Hill 14 yd fumble recov		
2 15:00 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 36 (10-32-4:5	7)	10-0
2 3:05 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 34 (5-71-	2:27)	
	TD Jones 9 run (Gostkow		10-10
3 7:51 Kutztown T	D Romo 23 pass to Harris	on (Kaeding) (6-76-	2:35) 17-10
3 5:45 Charleswood	TD Jones 19 run (Gostkov		
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CHARLESWOOD – The Patriots finally prevailed at home on a game ending 25 yard FG by Stephen Gostkowski. In the process, the team many predicted to win the Division threw a big monkey off of its back and put themselves back in the race.

The game started off with Kutztown receiving the ball but failing to score. In fact both teams did fairly little until the midway point of the 1st quarter when Peyton Manning was sacked by Kutztown (EJ Henderson, one of three on the day for Kutztown) and fumbled. The ball was picked up by Leroy Hill who ran it in for a TD to put Kutztown up 7-0. It was a bad start that was about to get a little worse. On the ensuing kickoff, Wes Welker fumbled at his own 33 yard line, where the Golden Bears

recovered and looked to put the game out of reach early. But the Charleswood defense prevailed and forced a Tony Romo fumble the ball at the Charleswood 8.

The Patriot offense was once again stymied and Kutztown would get the ball back and drive the short field, settling for a 36-yard field goal by Nate Kaeding to start the 2nd quarter. Charleswood would manage to erase the goose egg near the end of the 1st half on a 43 yard completion to Chad Johnson, setting up a 34 yard field goal and cutting the score to 10-3 with 3 minutes left in the half. Kutztwon drove the field quickly but Charleswood's Chris Hope picked Romo off in the endzone to close out the 1st half.

Coach Findlay, with visions of a season slipping away, must have given a good pep talk at half time as his Patriots came out possessed, driving the field quickly and scoring their 1st TD of the game on a 9 yard run by Thomas Jones. That tied the score at 10, but only for a moment as Kutztown just as quickly regained the 7 point lead with a 23 yard TD strike to Marvin Harrison. Not to be out down, Manning once again drove the field and Thomas Jones ran in a 19 yarder to tie the score at 17.

Neither team did anything after this until the 4th quarter when Tony Romo was picked off by Bart Scott. He would return the ball 31 yards to the house to put Charleswood up for the 1st time in the game 24-17. Kutztown would tie the score with 4:28 left in the game on a 1 yard TD pass to Eddie Kennison. Manning though for the 1st time in the young season came through in the clutch as he drove Charleswood the field all the way to the Kutztown 7 before taking a knee with 50 seconds left in the game to set up the game winning FG by Gostkowski to end the game.

A virtual must-win game for Cahrleswood ended happily for the home team as Coach Findlay, the fans, and Peyton Manning celebrated as if the Championship had been on the line.

# LEADER BOARD

### **STANDINGS**

East	W	L	Т	Pct	Pts	Ave	Орр	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Mohave	3	0	0	1	72	24	52	17.3	6.7	1 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0	3 0 0
Florida	2	1	0	0.667	80	26.7	75	25	1.7	2 0 0	2 1 0	2 1 0	1 1 0
Gwinnett	2	1	0	0.667	70	23.3	39	13	10.3	2 1 0	2 1 0	2 1 0	1 1 0
Charleswood	1	2	0	0.333	64	21.3	66	22	-0.7	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 2 0
Kutztown	1	2	0	0.333	108	36	81	27	9	0 0 0	1 2 0	1 2 0	0 2 0
Meadowlands	0	3	0	0	50	16.7	131	43.7	-27	0 1 0	0 3 0	0 3 0	0 0 0
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# PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	ln	<b>l</b> %	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Brees	ANC	71	47	66.2	547	0	0	40	5	7	112.8
2	McNabb	CHI	102	65	63.7	898	1	1	43	7	6.9	110.7
3	Rivers	DTL	76	43	56.6	633	1	1.3	40	7	9.2	109.2
4	Carr,D	LAK	90	66	73.3	652	3	3.3	26	6	6.7	101.7
5	Romo	KUT	100	62	62	826	5	5	53	10	10	100.7
6	Garcia,J	ICC	87	55	63.2	623	1	1.1	29	4	4.6	95.1
7	Bulger	MOH	103	59	57.3	831	3	2.9	65	5	4.9	87.5
8	Brady,T	FLD	81	53	65.4	613	6	7.4	53	6	7.4	82
9	Pennington	COW	94	59	62.8	797	5	5.3	52	3	3.2	78.2
10	Palmer,C	GWG	63	34	54	448	3	4.8	33	4	6.3	78
11	Manning,P	CHP	99	53	53.5	685	3	3	43	1	1	66.3
12	Roethlisbe	MSD	74	39	52.7	527	7	9.5	50	3	4.1	49.8
13	Beck	COW	1	1	100	15	0	0	15	0	0	118.8
14	Boller	ANC	1	1	100	3	0	0	3	0	0	79.2
15	Kolb	DTL	9	5	55.6	41	0	0	12	0	0	67.4

### RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Gore	DTL	60	388	6.5	56	0	8	Bell,T	LAK	62	274	4.4	20	0
2	Jackson,S	FLD	80	373	4.7	27	3	9	Jones,T	CHP	49	213	4.3	19	4
3	Parker,W	GWG	68	357	5.3	33	2	10	Barber	COW	23	174	7.6	23	4
4	Tomlinson	CHI	65	316	4.9	44	2	11	Washington	GWG	30	172	5.7	17	0
5	Westbrook	MOH	53	298	5.6	76	0	12	Norwood	COW	13	170	13.1	71	1
6	Addai	ANC	49	295	6	46	2	13	Maroney	COW	36	167	4.6	14	0
7	Johnson,L	KUT	64	282	4.4	16	2	14	Bush,R	ICC	34	141	4.1	12	1
8	Bell,T	LAK	62	274	4.4	20	0	15	Lynch,M	MOH	30	139	4.6	18	2

#### RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Boldin	CHI	23	393	17.1	43	4	8	Heap	LAK	17	172	10.1	26	3
2	Furrey	COW	22	319	14.5	42	1	9	Harrison,M	KUT	16	250	15.6	53	3
3	Johnson,C	CHP	18	331	18.4	43	0	10	Holt,T	CHI	15	212	14.1	43	1
4	Tomlinson	CHI	18	180	10	18	1	11	Johnson,L	KUT	15	156	10.4	26	0
5	Winslow	ICC	18	204	11.3	22	1	12	Westbrook	MOH	14	181	12.9	31	1
6	Jackson,S	FLD	17	146	8.6	26	0	13	Johnson,A	ANC	14	162	11.6	19	4
7	Smith,S	LAK	17	188	11.1	25	1	14	Bush,R	ICC	14	130	9.3	24	0
8	Heap	LAK	17	172	10.1	26	3	15	Glenn.T	LAK	14	166	11.9	25	1

## JIMMY'S WEEK FOUR PICKS

#### MOHAVE @ CHINO (LINE - CONVICTS BY 9)

The offensive triumvirate of McNabb, Tomlinson and Boldin, combined with a two-game total of +4 in takeaways, have lifted the Convicts to 2 straight convincing home victories. This week, they continue their home stand against the sole remaining unbeaten team in the EFL. The Hellfire have not quite found their red zone touch on offense, but they have been dominant defending the pass, holding opponents to under 150 yards a game. The key to the game for Chino will be LT and whether he can open up room for the passing game. Mohave will need to stop Tomlinson and get an early lead. The 9-point line in favour of Chino is generous – too generous. **PICK: MOHAVE** 

#### MEADOWLANDS @ IOWA CITY (LINE - CUBS BY 15)

The Swamp Dogs are last in the league in offense and are not getting it done consistently enough on defense to make them competitive. Their two best runs from scrimmage are by their wide receivers and Big Ben is being sacked at a 50+ pace for the season. On top of all that they are missing their best offensive lineman (although that's not saying much). It would not normally be a good time to go out on a limb and pick the Swampies on the road against the "never-say-die" Cubbies, but the line is ridiculously high to begin with and Iowa City will be missing a top wide receiver and their starting strong safety. So here I go...out on a limb! **PICK: MEADOWLANDS** 

#### FLORIDA @ LOS ANGELES (LINE - DRAGONS BY 7)

Both teams are banged up with key injuries: Florida will be missing rookie safety, LaRon Landry and line-backer, Clark Haggans. Los Angeles will be missing the heart of their defense, Shawne Merriman, and two of their three starting halfbacks. The loss of Merriman could be the difference maker, turning the Knights into Squires against the scorching Dragon assault. The Dragons will be vulnerable to the pass, but who cares – it will be David Carr throwing at them. There will be no slain Dragon sprawled across the Round Table this time. **PICK: FLORIDA** 

### ANCHORAGE @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE - PATRIOTS BY 6)

Inter-divisional play gets really interesting with this quarterback showdown between the league's #1 and #2 overall picks. On paper the advantage has to go to Peyton Manning

considering that he is at home and the Patriots' defense is one of the top-rated in the league. However, Manning has been struggling of late and currently sits at #11 in passer rating. Conversely, Drew Brees leads the league in that category and he arguably has more offensive weapons at his disposal. The difference will be the Bucs defense – it will bring Manning out of his slump and make it a long day for Anchorage.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

#### COWTOWN @ GWINNETT (LINE - GLADIATORS BY 2)

The Gladiators are off to a hot start, narrowly losing to Mohave last week after posting strong wins in their first two contests. A defense that was not given much credit heading into the season is performing at a championship level and the running game is in high gear. Cowtown will miss defensive tackle, Tommie Harris – lost last week for 3 games – and that spells difficulty for the run defense. To make things worse, their secondary has been underachieving, to say the least. The Corn Kings will put up a good fight, but the Gladiators are riding a crest of confidence and should win by a field goal.

PICK: GWINNETT

#### KUTZTOWN @ DURHAM (LINE - GOLDEN BEARS BY 3)

The mystifying ineptness of the Thunder Lizard defense is making believers out of the Vegas odds-makers as the Golden Bears give away 3 points on the road to Durham. As ridiculous as this may have looked before the season started, one has to wonder what is happening to the Thunder Lizards when their opponents have the ball. Kutztown and Tony Romo are racking up big time passing yards and that has to be making George Kaldis very nervous heading into this game. So nervous that he just may try something really crazy on game day and it just might work.

PICK: DURHAM

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

LAST WEEK: 5-1-0 OVERALL: 11-7-0



### BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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DEFENSE



RB –Steven Jackson, Florida Dragons 24 carries, 146 yards, 3 TDs, 8 rec., 66 yards He dominated the Meadowlands Swamp Dogs in Week 3

DEFENSE



LB – EJ Henderson, Kutztown G. Bears 7 Tackles, 3 Stuffs, 1 Sack, 1 Forced Fumble, 1 Def Forced a fumble that lead to Golden Bears first TD vs Patriots

SDECIAL TEAMS



K – John Carney, Mohave Hellfire 5 Field Goals, 1 Extra Points, 13 points He kicked a 33-yard game winning FG vs Gwinnett in Week 3