

WEEK 14

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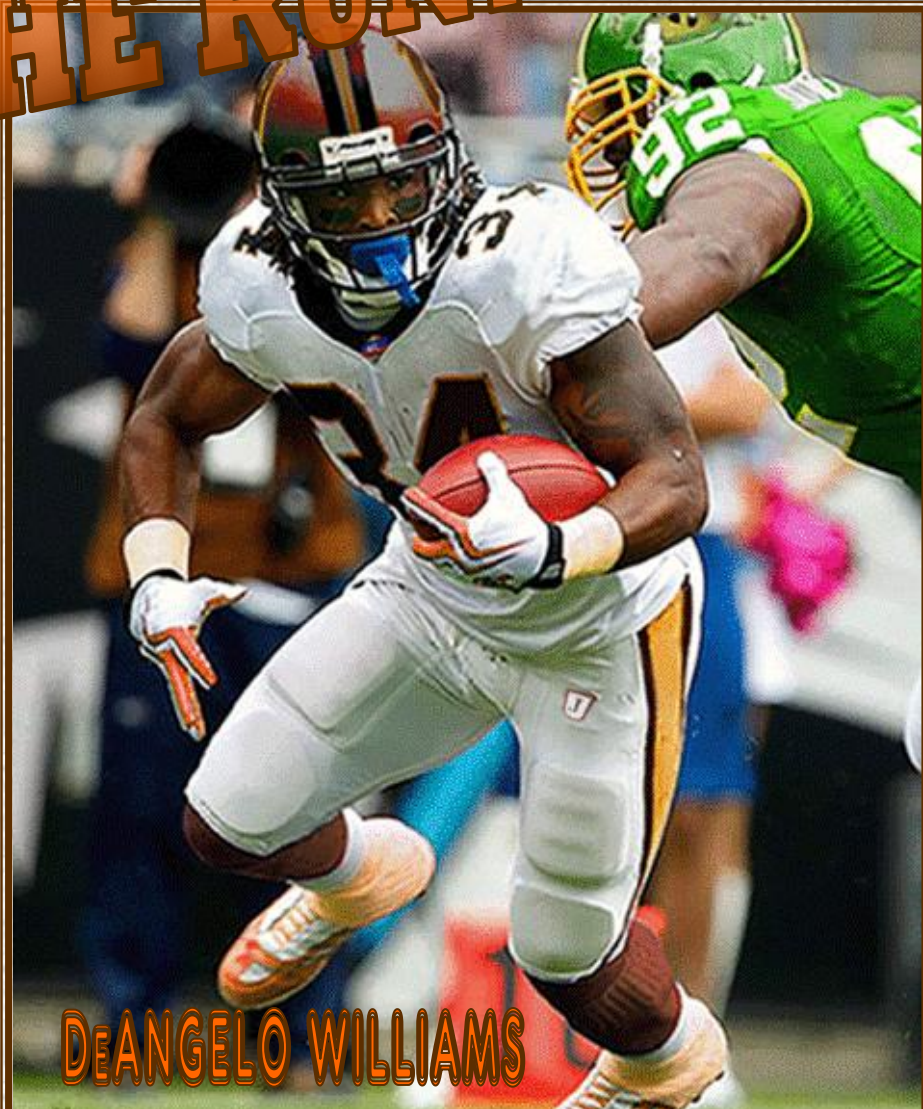
EAST				WEST				NORTH				SOUTH			
Virden	11	3	0	Death Valley	13	1	0	Durham	13	1	0	Scarborough	13	1	0
York	11	3	0	Los Angeles	9	5	0	Markham	10	3	1	Garland	7	7	0
Commonwealth	6	8	0	Chino	8	6	0	Cowtown	7	6	1	Gwinnett	7	7	0
Mohave	3	11	0	Mission Viejo	2	12	0	Pickering	5	9	0	South Carolina	5	9	0
Charleswood	1	13	0	Iowa City	1	13	0	Twin Cities	4	10	0	Sebastian	3	11	0

ON THE RUN!



Who was slick
in Week
Fourteen?

**"BRYLCREEM" THE
EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR**



DEANGELO WILLIAMS

Markham running back *DeAngelo Williams* sidesteps Cowtown's *Randy Starks*. Williams rushed for 153 yards to lead the North Stars to a 32-21 win. (MORE INSIDE)

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OFFENSE



DeAngelo Williams
RB
Markham
North Stars

23 Carries, 153 yards, 1 TD.
Carried Markham offence vs Cows

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DEFENSE



DeMarcus Ware
OLB
Virden
Violators

5 tackles, 4 Sacks, 1 Hurry.
Unstoppable pass rusher in Wk 14.



10-3-1

32

EFL

GAME OF THE WEEK



7-6-1

31

STARS IN PLAYOFFS!

ELI AND DEANGELO ENGINEER SCRAPPY
COMEBACK IN COWTOWN!

NORTH STAR OF THE GAME

DeAngelo Williams

23 Carries, 153 yards, 1 TD

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Markham	14	6	3	9	-	32
Cowtown	7	14	10	0	-	31

CORN KING OF THE GAME

Joe Flacco

19 of 36, 292 yards, 4 TDs, 1 INT

GAME SUMMARY: Corn Kings' cornerback **Corey Webster** picked off **Eli Manning** to set up a 43-yard TD pass from **Joe Flacco** to **Malcolm Floyd** that gave Cowtown a 31-23 lead, and the apparent momentum, late in the 3rd quarter of a hard-fought contest at Tillman Field. But on the North Stars' next possession, Manning kept the drive alive in Markham territory on 3rd and 7 with a 10-yard scramble away from blitz pressure that set the stage for 5 consecutive runs by **DeAngelo Williams** for 39 yards to reach the Cowtown 4 yard line. There, it appeared as if the Kings had stopped the scoring drive in its tracks with an apparent sack and fumble by Manning that was recovered by the Corns Kings. But the play was over-turned on a challenge and Manning got two more chances, converting the second one on a 4th down dump-off to **Jordy Nelson** for a 4-yard TD pass. The 2-point convert attempt failed, leaving Cowtown clinging to a 31-29 lead. Cowtown got the ball back, but after a 32-yard completion to Floyd put the ball near mid-field, the Markham defence stood its ground, shutting down **Maurice Jones-Drew** for 0 yards on consecutive carries and forcing a difficult throw from Flacco that sailed just beyond reach of **Santana Moss**. Starting at their own 10, the Stars went to work with a quick first down but then faced another 3rd and 7 two plays later. Against seemingly blanket coverage, **Steve Breaston** shook off his man to snare a hitch pass and race for a 44-yard gain to the Cowtown 30. It was a huge play to get into field goal range but it was not the end of the Markham drive – they would make it to the Cowtown 1 yard line on a 3rd down, 14-yard check down to **Jared Cook**. With their backs to the wall, the Corn Kings stood their ground, stopping Williams and **Jonathan Stewart** on three straight carries to set up a go-ahead 20-yard field goal by **David Akers**. Trailing 32-31, at their 10 yard line with one timeout left and 1:50 remaining, Cowtown was still very much in the game. But a personal foul penalty against guard **Andy LeVitre** got the drive off to a bad start and four plays later a 4th down dump-off to MJD went through his hands, sealing the victory for Markham. With the win, the North Stars clinched a playoff berth while the Corn Kings lead by ½ a game in a 3-way fight for the last wild card spot.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"It was a great effort from DeAng and the offensive line. We knew we had to run and we did that. This is a great day for our franchise. I'd like to dedicate this game to all those other teams that gave their all but fell short." – *Markham coach, Darrin Jones*, on making the playoffs for the first time.

"To let it slip away like that is tough, but you have to give them credit for making the plays when they needed them." – *Cowtown coach, Jim Coghlin*.



FANS' THUMB UP

Back-and-forth scoring frenzy

FANS' THUMB DOWN

Corn Kings' 12 missed tackles



FAN RATING



01-17-2013 Tillman Field Temp: 38 Wind: 10-20 MVP: DeAngelo Williams

1 8:32 Cowtown	TD Flacco 13 pass to Fitzgerald (Kasay) (11-71-6:22)	0-7
1 6:49 Markham	TD Manning 5 pass to Spaeth (Akers) (3-66-1:35)	7-7
1 4:08 Markham	TD Williams 1 run (Akers) (6-22-2:30)	14-7
2 11:27 Cowtown	TD Flacco 29 pass to Moss (Kasay) (3-25-0:56)	14-14
2 6:57 Markham	FG Akers 44 (9-44-4:19)	17-14
2 1:46 Cowtown	TD Flacco 38 pass to Jones-Drew (Kasay) (10-80-5:11)	17-21
2 0:00 Markham	FG Akers 51 (7-26-1:35)	20-21
3 11:12 Cowtown	FG Kasay 44 (6-32-2:51)	20-24
3 8:49 Markham	FG Akers 38 (6-33-2:14)	23-24
3 2:13 Cowtown	TD Flacco 43 pass to Floyd (Kasay) (1-43-0:12)	23-31
4 11:16 Markham	TD Manning 4 pass to Nelson (2 - failed) (12-67-5:55)	29-31
4 1:57 Markham	FG Akers 20 (15-88-6:49)	32-31

	MAR	COW
First Downs	20	17
Rushes	35-193	23-63
Passes	35-16-222	36-19-292
Sacked	0-0	0-0
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	4-40	4-29
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	6	12
Blitzes	15	34
Time	31:37	28:23
Third Down	9-16	7-15
Fourth Down	2-2	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	7/3/2	1/1/0
Net Offense	415	355



QUICK COUNTS!!

Blue 35, Blue 35, hut, hut hut! Red 23, 3, Red 23, 3, hut, hut, hut! Green 49, hut!



HELLFIRE

3-11-0

14

0

7

3

0

24

OT

Andrew Luck

29 of 39, 281 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT



PATRIOTS

1-13-0

0

10

7

7

6

30

Michael Vick

219 pass yds, 63 rush yds, 2 TDs

Pats' QB, **Michael Vick** connected with **Santonio Holmes** for a 17-yard TD pass 4 minutes into the overtime period to lift Charleswood to their first victory of the 2012 season. **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 90 yards and counted his 2nd and 3rd TD runs of the season to help his team bounce back from an early 14-0 deficit. Mohave QB **Andrew Luck** hooked up with **Hakeem Nicks** on TD passes of 26, 10 and 6 yards to help build up a 24-17 lead for Mohave after 3 quarters. The Pats sent the game to OT by tying it up with 2:12 to go after Peterson broke through left tackle for a 4-yard TD run.



MONARCHS

2-12-0

3

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0

14

0

17

OT

TJ Yates

15 of 25, 269 yards, 1 TD



UNDERTAKERS

13-1-0

10

10

7

7

0

34

Mario Manningham

7 Receptions, 185 yards, 2 TDs

Top-rated QB **Drew Brees** fired a 4-yard slant to **Alshon Jeffery** in the end zone, his first of 3 TD passes on the day, to take a 10-0 lead in the 1st quarter. Brees would add 2 more TD passes, both to **Mario Manningham**, and **Willis McGahee** would find the end zone on a 19-yard run off tackle to account for all of the major scoring for the Undertakers. The Monarchs were able to slow down, but not stop the powerful Death Valley offence, falling behind 27-3 after 3 quarters before scoring 2 TDs in the 4th quarter. **TJ Yates** threw for big yardage but was sacked 5 times.



VIOLATORS

11-3-0

7

10

7

0

0

24

OT

Matt Stafford

20 of 29, 282 yards, 3 TDs



COLONIALS

6-8-0

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10

0

10

Fred Jackson

11 Carries, 101 yards

Viriden scored on their first 3 possessions, getting two TD passes from **Matt Stafford** – the second on a completion to **Justin Blackmon** who tossed it to **LaDainian Tomlinson** to carry it the final yard into the end zone – and a FG to lead it 17-0. Three Colonials QBs saw action and all 3 felt the presence of Viriden linebacker **DeMarcus Ware** who had 4 sacks, dumping **Jake Locker** twice. Stafford connected with **Dez Bryant** for his 37th TD pass of the year, a 48-yarder to give Viriden a 24-0 lead in the 3rd quarter. Commonwealth added 10 points in the 4th, but were too late to make a difference.



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CUBS

1-13-0

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3

OT

Russell Wilson

14 of 24, 156 yards



KNIGHTS

9-5-0

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3

9

3

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15

Earnest Graham

15 Carries, 88 yards

Alex Smith connected with **Steve Smith** for a 17-yard TD pass to break a 3-3 tie in the 3rd quarter and put the Knights in front of the Cubs for good. Two Cubs' possessions later, LA linebacker **Brian Orakpo** tore through a hole in the Cubs' offensive line and brought down **Russell Wilson** in his own end zone for a 6-yard loss and a safety to increase their lead to 12-3. **Darren Sproles** sprung a 27-yard return on the free kick to set up a 36-yard **Rian Lindell** FG and give the Knights a 15-3 lead. That would be the final score as **LeMichael James** could not get the Cubs back in the game running the ball.



EXCALIBURS

11-3-0

7

10

0

3

0

20

OT

Michael Crabtree

3 Receptions, 75 yards, 1 TD



CONVICTS

8-6-0

0

3

0

10

0

13

Cam Newton

10 Carries, 62 yards, 1 TD

Michael Crabtree got behind coverage and hauled in an easy 26-yard TD pass from **Tom Brady** to open the scoring then turned a short slant into a 43-yard gain to set up a **Brandon Jacobs** dive across the goal line for their 2nd TD to help build a 17-3 lead for the Excaliburs. The Convicts finally got their offence rolling early in the 4th quarter, sustaining a 14-play drive ending on a 2-yard **Cam Newton** scramble for a TD. Chino added a FG shortly afterwards following an onside-kick recovery but could not complete the comeback after missing a pass on 4th and inches, leading to a final York FG.



SPARTANS

5-9-0

0

10

3

7

0

20

OT

Robert Griffin

23 of 331, 272 yards, 2 TDs



TRIUMPH

4-10-0

0

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7

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0

7

Tim Tebow

17 Carries, 91 yards

After a scoreless 1st quarter the Spartans drew first blood early in the 2nd quarter with a 38-yard medium slant to **Vincent Jackson** from **Robert Griffin III**. **Josh Scobee** added a 36-yard FG just before the half to take a 10-0 lead. The Triumph came back with a TD at the 9:12 mark of the 3rd quarter when a scrambling **Tim Tebow** checked down to **Dwayne Allen** who barreled 24 yards to the end zone. Scobee kicked a 52-yard FG before the end of the 3rd quarter then the Spartans put the game away in the 4th with Jackson's 2nd TD catch of the day, a 39-yard long slant from Griffin.



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SWORDFISH

3-11-0

0	0	7	0	0	7
					OT

Doug Martin
85 total yards (61 run, 24 rec)



BLUE EAGLES

13-1-0

7	14	3	10	0	34
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Jonathan Stewart
5 Carries, 59 yards, 1 TD

Scarborough's **Ray Rice** rushed for 2 TDs and **Aaron Rodgers** rushed for a third to give the Blue Eagles a 21-0 lead at half time. After a pair of FGs, receiver **Brandon Marshall** shook off a tackle and took a short pass 20 yards for a TD to cap the scoring for Scarborough. The Eagles controlled both sides of the line of scrimmage all game except for a momentary lapse in the 3rd when **Andy Dalton** defeated the Scarborough blitz with a 55-yard screen pass to **Roy Helu** for a TD and almost half of their total yards. The Swordfish made only 3 first downs and possessed the ball for just 20 minutes.



T-LIZARDS

13-1-0

3	16	7	6	0	32
					OT

Reggie Bush
13 Carries, 58 yards, 2 TDs



MUSTANGS

7-7-0

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Darrius Heyward-Bey
4 Receptions, 111 yards

Reggie Bush rushed for 2 TDs in the 2nd quarter, the second coming after **Kam Chancellor** picked off **Matt Ryan** and returned it to the Garland 33 yard line, to build a 19-0 lead at half time. On the T-Lizards first possession of the 3rd quarter **Matt Schaub** hooked up with **Calvin Johnson** for a 40-yard completion to the 1-yard line setting up a TD run by **Michael Bush** on the next play to make it 26-0. The Mustangs were unable to muster any threat on offence, making 7 1st downs and entering the red zone just once resulting in an end zone interception by **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie**.



REGULATORS

5-9-0

0	7	0	0	0	7
					OT

Tony Romo
21 of 36, 199 yards, 1 INT



GLADIATORS

7-7-0

7	10	3	7	0	27
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Ben Roethlisberger
16 of 22, 210 yards, 2 TDs

Gladiators' receiver **Jeremy Maclin** caught a 37-yard bullet from **Ben Roethlisberger** then kept his feet in-bounds as he snared a 9-yard out pass for a TD to give Gwinnett a 7-0 lead in the 1st. The Regulators tied it on a 3-yard scramble by **Tony Romo** following a 93-yard drive that lasted over 10 minutes. After a 28-yard FG by **Josh Brown** gave the Glads back the lead, **Thomas DeCoud** picked off Romo on South Carolina's next possession to set up an 8-yard TD run by **LeSean McCoy**. Gwinnett's defence took control in the 2nd half while Maclin made his 2nd TD catch to round off the scoring.



BODY COUNT



WEEK FOURTEEN INJURY REPORT



CHARLESWOOD	Marcus Gilbert, T – PROBABLE; Louis Delmas, S – OUT (Season); Jon Beason, ILB – OUT (Season); Marcus Trufant – OUT (Season); Jerraud Powers, CB – OUT (Season)
CHINO	Danny Woodhead, RB – PROBABLE
COMMONWEALTH	Stephen Nicholas, OLB – OUT (Season); Josh Morgan, WR – OUT (Season); Kevin Smith, RB – OUT (Season); Dannell Ellerbe, LB – OUT (Season)
COWTOWN	None.
DEATH VALLEY	Jerod Mayo, LB – DOUBTFUL
DURHAM	None
GARLAND	Quinn Johnson, FB – PROBABLE; Julian Edelman, WR – OU T (4 games); Jahvid Best – OUT (Season),
GWINNETT	Dwight Bentley, CB – DOUBTFUL; Dallas Clark, TE – DOUBTFUL
IOWA CITY	Mario Williams, OLB – OUT (2 games)
LOS ANGELES	Osi Umenyiora, DE – OUT (3 Games); Sam Young, T – OUT (3 Games)
MARKHAM	Justin King, CB – PROBABLE
MISSION VIEJO	Aaron Maybin, LB – OUT (2 games); Derek Cox, CB – OUT (Season); Tim Hightower, RB – OUT (Season); Ovie Mughelli, RB – OUT (Season)
MOHAVE	Chris Houston, CB – OUT; Ben Graham, P – OUT; Chris Hope, S – OUT (3 games); Chris Massey, LS – OUT (Season)
PICKERING	Joe Adams, WR – QUESTIONABLE
SCARBOROUGH	Kris Dielman, G – PROBABLE
SEBASTIAN	Leonard Hankerson, WR – OUT; Leon Hall, CB – OUT (3 games); Zach Strief, T – OUT (Season); Kenny Britt, WR – OUT (Season); Carlos Dunlap, DE – OUT (Season); Mike McGlynn, C-G – OUT (Season)
SOUTH CAROLINA	Glenn Dorsey, DL – OUT; Brandon Spikes, ILB – OUT (2 games); Patrick Chung, S – OUT (3 games); Brandon Graham, DE – OUT (Season); Major Wirght, S – OUT (Season)
TWIN CITIES	Jason Campbell, QB – PROBABLE; Jason Worlds, LB – PROBABLE; Antoine Winfield, CB – OUT (2 games); Mike Jenkins, CB – OUT (2 games); Jay Cutler, QB – OUT (3 games); Jerome Felton, RB – OUT (Season)
VIRDEN	Shawne Merriman, DE-LB OUT (4 games); Fred Davis, TE – OUT; Anthony Castonzo, T – OUT (4 games); Eric Berry, S – OUT (Season); Jeff Otah, T – OUT (Season)
YORK	Anthony Herrera, G – OUT; Juron Criner, WR – OUT (3 games)



STATS



WEEK FOURTEEN

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Virden (y)	11	3	0	0.786	436	31.1	292	20.9	10.3	6 1 0	7 0 0	9 1 0
York (y)	11	3	0	0.786	386	27.6	244	17.4	10.1	6 1 0	4 2 0	8 2 0
Commonwealth	6	8	0	0.429	280	20	400	28.6	-8.6	4 3 0	2 4 0	5 5 0
Mohave	3	11	0	0.214	234	16.7	442	31.6	-14.9	4 3 0	2 4 0	3 7 0
Charleswood	1	13	0	0.071	170	12.1	470	33.6	-21.4	1 6 0	1 5 0	1 9 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Death Valley (z)	13	1	0	0.929	553	39.5	324	23.1	16.4	7 0 0	6 0 0	9 1 0
Los Angeles	9	5	0	0.643	388	27.7	228	16.3	11.4	4 3 0	5 1 0	7 3 0
Chino	8	6	0	0.571	335	23.9	283	20.2	3.7	3 4 0	3 3 0	5 5 0
Mission Viejo	2	12	0	0.143	186	13.3	457	32.6	-19.4	1 6 0	2 5 0	2 8 0
Iowa City	1	13	0	0.071	224	16	339	24.2	-8.2	1 6 0	0 7 0	1 9 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham (z)	13	1	0	0.929	448	32	218	15.6	16.4	7 0 0	5 1 0	9 1 0
Markham (y)	10	3	1	0.75	393	28.1	234	16.7	11.4	5 1 1	5 1 1	8 1 1
Cowtown	7	6	1	0.536	355	25.4	279	19.9	5.4	5 2 0	2 3 1	4 5 1
Pickering	5	9	0	0.357	280	20	326	23.3	-3.3	2 5 0	3 4 0	4 6 0
Twin Cities	4	10	0	0.286	243	17.4	318	22.7	-5.4	3 4 0	0 6 0	2 8 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough (z)	13	1	0	0.929	423	30.2	205	14.6	15.6	7 0 0	6 0 0	9 1 0
Garland	7	7	0	0.500	321	22.9	288	20.6	2.4	4 3 0	2 4 0	3 7 0
Gwinnett	7	7	0	0.500	310	22.1	302	21.6	0.6	4 3 0	3 3 0	5 5 0
South Carolina	5	9	0	0.357	259	18.5	362	25.9	-7.4	3 4 0	3 4 0	3 7 0
Sebastian	3	11	0	0.214	199	14.2	412	29.4	-15.2	1 6 0	2 5 0	2 8 0

(z)-clinched division

(y)-clinched wildcard

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Brees	DVU	528	380	72.0	4923	7	1.3	59	66	12.5	135.0
2	Stafford	VV	448	318	71.0	4230	7	1.6	64	37	8.3	121.6
3	Schaub	DTL	173	116	67.1	1710	2	1.2	66	11	6.4	115.5
4	Smith,A	LAK	472	321	68.0	3571	5	1.1	51	31	6.6	107.8
5	Brady	YOR	393	257	65.4	3616	13	3.3	75	28	7.1	104.9
6	Cutler	TCT	290	191	65.9	2135	3	1.0	55	17	5.9	102.9
7	Rodgers,A	SBE	437	303	69.3	3621	9	2.1	78	22	5.0	102.6
8	Rivers,P	DTL	274	174	63.5	2442	10	3.6	53	20	7.3	101.3
9	Manning,E	MAR	374	226	60.4	3289	14	3.7	75	21	5.6	92.2
10	Luck	MOH	396	259	65.4	2790	10	2.5	52	19	4.8	91.4
11	Flacco	COW	400	220	55.0	2838	10	2.5	81	29	7.3	91.2
12	Romo	SC	438	288	65.8	3366	16	3.7	75	22	5.0	90.4
13	Ryan,M	GDM	461	293	63.6	3326	9	2.0	81	18	3.9	90.0
14	Newton,C	CHI	376	237	63.0	2557	9	2.4	75	18	4.8	88.9
15	Roethlisbe	GWG	437	279	63.8	3131	15	3.4	80	22	5.0	87.6
16	Wilson,R	ICC	335	200	59.7	2481	10	3.0	71	14	4.2	84.2
17	Dalton	SS	419	256	61.1	2426	12	2.9	59	11	2.6	73.9
18	Vick	CHP	284	166	58.5	1796	10	3.5	71	9	3.2	73.0
19	Griffin,R	PIC	340	193	56.8	2413	19	5.6	93	13	3.8	68.4
20	McCoy,C	MVM	190	108	56.8	956	6	3.2	44	5	2.6	66.0
21	Freeman,J	COM	342	200	58.5	2220	19	5.6	61	11	3.2	65.4
22	Tannehill	MVM	145	80	55.2	877	9	6.2	77	3	2.1	54.3
23	Henne	DVU	6	6	100.0	101	0	0.0	36	1	16.7	158.3
24	Naanee	CHI	1	1	100.0	15	0	0.0	15	0	0.0	118.8
25	Hill,Sh	LAK	2	2	100.0	29	0	0.0	24	0	0.0	118.8

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Rice, R	SBE	279	1442	5.2	70	12	13	Jackson, S	CHI	197	780	4.0	52	1
2	Jones-Drew	COW	317	1429	4.5	61	5	14	Newton, C	CHI	133	770	5.8	25	16
3	Turner, M	YOR	254	1202	4.7	43	7	15	Johnson, C	PIC	189	690	3.7	36	2
4	Jackson, F	COM	223	1046	4.7	74	6	16	Sproles	LAK	84	677	8.1	34	1
5	McCoy, L	GWG	213	973	4.6	67	10	17	Stewart, J	MAR	127	647	5.1	25	6
6	Bush, R	DTL	198	904	4.6	44	13	18	Murray, D	MVM	140	642	4.6	24	5
7	McGahee	DVU	173	885	5.1	66	3	19	Gore	SC	168	583	3.5	15	6
8	Mathews, R	DVU	186	873	4.7	36	1	20	Tate, B	VV	116	575	5.0	27	1
9	Brown, D	ICC	162	870	5.4	72	6	21	Thomas, P	SS	127	547	4.3	31	5
10	Williams, D	MAR	138	863	6.3	73	10	22	Mendenhall	MVM	140	505	3.6	23	2
11	Wells, B	VV	200	846	4.2	63	7	23	Thomas, D	MOH	154	484	3.1	27	2
12	Martin, D	TCT	197	842	4.3	55	1	24	Helu	SS	124	461	3.7	28	2

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Graham, J	MOH	96	997	10.4	52	4	13	Gonzalez	LAK	64	619	9.7	36	7
2	Gronkows, R	DVU	84	1205	14.3	54	11	14	Jackson, D	SBE	62	866	14.0	73	6
3	Fitzgerald	COW	83	1304	15.7	87	14	15	Bryant, D	VV	61	996	16.3	64	11
4	White, R	LAK	82	1037	12.6	48	8	16	Cruz	YOR	61	1332	21.8	75	12
5	Johnson, C	DTL	73	1349	18.5	66	12	17	Hernandez	DVU	61	666	10.9	54	15
6	Nicks, H	MOH	71	1176	16.6	51	12	18	Marshall, B	SBE	60	724	12.1	44	5
7	Bowe	DTL	70	948	13.5	53	13	19	Wayne	GWG	59	902	15.3	80	8
8	Welker	MAR	70	1014	14.5	73	5	20	Green, A	SC	59	947	16.1	75	10
9	Smith, S	LAK	69	975	14.1	51	10	21	Jones, J	VV	58	961	16.6	35	7
10	Wallace, M	ICC	68	1330	19.6	71	12	22	Pettigrew	SC	58	554	9.6	26	4
11	Colston	DVU	66	923	14.0	59	9	23	Witten	CHP	58	577	9.9	50	4
12	Winslow	YOR	66	726	11.0	35	3	24	Williams, M	MVM	56	683	12.2	37	1

KICKING

			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Tynes	VV	30	27	90.0	9	0	49	130
2	Akers	MAR	33	29	87.9	13	2	51	129
3	Crosby	DTL	30	26	86.7	5	3	54	128
4	Janikowski	SBE	29	24	82.8	9	3	52	121
5	Carpenter	LAK	30	26	86.7	7	5	57	119
6	Bailey, D	CHI	30	23	76.7	10	2	51	107
7	Gano	DVU	19	14	73.7	3	3	55	107
8	Gostkowski	COM	30	26	86.7	9	1	54	106
9	Gould	GDM	27	23	85.2	6	1	50	105
10	Scobee	PIC	29	26	89.7	13	4	58	104
11	Walsh	YOR	20	15	75.0	3	1	54	92
12	Kasay	COW	21	16	76.2	5	1	52	89
13	Brown, J	GWG	20	17	85.0	5	1	52	88
14	Zuerlein	ICC	29	21	72.4	12	3	51	86
15	Vinatieri	SS	20	20	100.0	7	0	49	75
16	Longwell	SC	18	14	77.8	7	1	50	73
17	Rackers	MVM	22	17	77.3	9	4	59	68
18	Bironas	TCT	13	11	84.6	4	2	53	63
19	Cundiff	MOH	9	8	88.9	3	0	48	54
20	Folk	CHP	11	8	72.7	4	0	48	44

INTERCEPTIONS

															No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD																No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Webster	COW	5	99	19.8	41	1	13	Reed,E	MAR	3	0	0.0	0	0	2	Chancellor	DTL	5	18	3.6	15	0	14	Matthews	DVU	3	56	18.7	31	0								
3	DeCoud	GWG	5	52	10.4	29	0	15	Allen,J	DVU	3	4	1.3	4	0	4	Barron	CHP	4	122	30.5	45	2	16	Woodson	LAK	3	24	8.0	21	0								
5	Barnett	VV	4	64	16.0	35	1	17	Webb,L	MVM	3	60	20.0	36	0	6	Sherman	DTL	4	52	13.0	29	1	18	Cromartie	SBE	3	111	37.0	57	1								
7	Brown,T	MAR	4	3	0.8	3	0	19	Williams,T	VV	3	90	30.0	66	0	8	Revis	SBE	4	94	23.5	72	1	20	Griffin,M	SBE	3	21	7.0	9	0								
9	Weddle	GDM	4	40	10.0	19	0	21	Cushing	GDM	3	10	3.3	9	0	10	Flowers	COW	4	68	17.0	27	1	22	Manning,D	YOR	3	50	16.7	29	0								
11	Newman	VV	3	87	29.0	50	1	23	Polamalu	GWG	3	33	11.0	33	1	12	Tillman	MAR	3	34	11.3	34	0	24	Phillips,K	COW	3	42	14.0	42	0								

SACKS

1	Allen,J	DTL	16	10	Barnes,A	GWG	9	19	Carter,A	LAK	6
2	Babin	YOR	14	11	Avril	GDM	8	20	Tuck	SBE	6
3	Ware,D	VV	14	12	Cole,T	MAR	8	21	Suh	SBE	6
4	Pierre-Pau	ICC	14	13	Seymour	SC	8	22	Smith,A	VV	6
5	Suggs	SBE	13	14	Campbell,C	SBE	7	23	Dumervil	DTL	6
6	Peppers	CHI	11	15	McDonald	PIC	7	24	Johnson,M	YOR	6
7	Freeney	TCT	10	16	Atkins	YOR	7	25	Mathis,R	GWG	6
8	Sheard	PIC	10	17	Miller,V	YOR	7	26	Abraham	MAR	6
9	Harrison,J	CHI	9	18	Jones,C	SS	7	27	Anderson,M	COW	6

TACKLES

1	Laurinaiti	GWG	145	10	Kuechly	SC	112	19	Angerer	MAR	91
2	McClain,R	MOH	139	11	Lofton	DTL	111	20	Henders,EJ	SC	89
3	Barnett	VV	130	12	Pierre-Pau	ICC	109	21	Hall,D	GDM	86
4	Washington	PIC	123	13	Hawthorne	COM	108	22	Martin,S	MVM	83
5	Cushing	GDM	120	14	Briggs	GWG	107	23	Bowman	GDM	83
6	Johnson,D	COW	118	15	Conner	SS	99	24	Taylor,P	CHP	82
7	Smith,D	CHI	118	16	Chaney	SS	95	25	Sheard	PIC	80
8	Jackson,D	LAK	117	17	Mayo	DVU	92	26	Phillips,K	COW	80
9	Burnett,K	TCT	113	18	Maulaluga	MVM	92	27	Curry,A	CHP	79

KICK RETURNS

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	McKnight	MAR	39	1189	30.5	100	1	13	Logan	GWG	46	1074	23.3	42	0
2	Harvin	PIC	37	1126	30.4	109	2	14	Banks	MOH	61	1393	22.8	47	0
3	Ginn Jr.	TCT	47	1339	28.5	106	1	15	Cobb	DVU	48	1093	22.8	35	0
4	Sherels	SS	47	1326	28.2	76	0	16	Weems	COW	38	857	22.6	35	0
5	Stroughter	CHP	77	2113	27.4	104	1	17	Tate,B	MVM	69	1554	22.5	52	0
6	Sproles	LAK	38	1041	27.4	82	0	18	Mariani	YOR	42	927	22.1	49	0
7	Karim	GDM	25	630	25.2	35	0	19	Lefeged	VV	32	621	19.4	51	0
8	Cribbs	CHI	37	903	24.4	58	0	20	Boykin	PIC	15	282	18.8	32	0
9	Gates,C	ICC	56	1350	24.1	75	0	21	Rogers,J	ICC	2	63	31.5	33	0
10	Scott,D	SBE	38	894	23.5	100	1	22	Skrine	MVM	1	30	30.0	30	0
11	Hester,D	DTL	27	633	23.4	52	0	23	Cosby	MOH	1	28	28.0	28	0
12	Washington	COM	58	1356	23.4	42	0	24	Miller,L	CHP	2	55	27.5	31	0

PUNT RETURNS

			No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Peterson,P	GDM	33	7	581	17.6	80	4	13	Bryant,D	VV	14	9	143	10.2	46	0
2	Bess	DTL	20	16	279	14.0	40	0	14	Banks	MOH	18	3	179	9.9	23	0
3	Sproles	LAK	38	9	520	13.7	84	3	15	Cribbs	CHI	41	6	397	9.7	18	0
4	Jones,J	CHP	33	1	435	13.2	75	2	16	Adams,J	PIC	28	13	239	8.5	15	0
5	Arenas	SC	21	10	268	12.8	31	0	17	Edwards,A	ICC	38	3	321	8.4	41	0
6	Mariani	YOR	27	11	342	12.7	69	1	18	Tate,B	MVM	21	3	176	8.4	22	0
7	Crayton	MAR	17	8	191	11.2	40	0	19	Jackson,D	SBE	31	21	237	7.6	23	0
8	Ginn Jr.	TCT	37	5	410	11.1	25	0	20	Sherels	SS	19	7	129	6.8	13	0
9	Cobb	DVU	19	11	201	10.6	62	1	21	Parrish	MAR	1	1	29	29.0	29	0
10	Logan	GWG	26	15	274	10.5	27	0	22	Decker	DTL	2	0	37	18.5	21	0
11	Washington	COM	35	3	367	10.5	19	0	23	McKelvin	GWG	1	0	18	18.0	18	0
12	Weems	COW	44	10	456	10.4	65	0	24	Pettis	SBE	1	1	16	16.0	16	0



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Yes, I am in New York and I don't care who knows it – not even the evil Red Pimple. Pseudo King Ferraro can hide behind his secret society of pustule-faced, equally delusional lackeys; but I will stand tall, in the sun, head bare and bellow for all to hear that I will *not take this anymore, I will no longer hide!* Come and get me if you dare despicable agent of tyranny. I know you will *not* dare, because your debauchery runs so deep in your black-blooded veins that you cannot bear to enter the City of the Free, the harbour of which is guarded by Freedom's Lady Liberty. You who would enslave others would soon find yourself slave to freedom's flow – stuck in traffic, unable to park or hail a cab, lost on the subway with nobody willing to stop and give you directions, dollar-by-dollar your savings vanishing into the open palms of aggressive panhandlers. Lost in Gotham, it would not take long before you met your match in the form of a cunning thief, cold-blooded mugger, or worse: one of New York's Finest. Yes, come, my carbuncle-nosed foe; come to New York. *I love New York....does New York love you?*

SLOW-MO RODEO

Imagine going to the rodeo to watch bronco-busting riders get violently tossed in the saddle, hurled to the ground and trampled by wild horses; but when the event starts instead find the rider almost immediately in total control of the horse and riding at a cantor with equestrian-like precision around the corral. As unlikely as that would be, it would be no more surprising than what transpired at 'The Corral' in Garland this week as the Durham Thunder Lizards trampled the Mustangs 32-0. In front of a sellout crowd too stunned and humiliated to even boo, the Lizards navigated a steady and rare Texas rain to dominate the Horses so totally that the word "game" would not apply to the 60 minutes the teams co-occupied the field. Perhaps Durham took comfort in the wet weather conditions, perhaps the Mustangs were bothered by them, but weather alone does not explain how the Mustangs have repeatedly come up lame for the past four weeks of a four-game losing streak.

Billed as a possible playoff preview, this game garnered much interest in the days leading up to it, with many analysts predicting Garland would come up big on their home field with their playoff prospects at risk; but that was far from the case. This show was a dud in so many ways that even the victorious Dinosaurs could not muster more than a casual celebration after shutting out a highly-regarded opponent.

"We want the home field advantage throughout the playoffs so this was an important win for our team," explained a subdued Durham coach **George Kaldis** after the game. "I thought we executed the game plan, but I don't think the team we played today showed us what they are capable of by a long shot, so we cannot let this win go to our heads. It is my job to keep our players focused on the next game."

In Garland, where the 'Grandmaster of Garland,' local hero **Doug Shirley** still controls the press and the local police department, the four-game losing streak set against the backdrop of pre-season expectations is finally starting to cause some grumbling in the Garland media. Already a source of open derision in the wider Texas media, blame for the plight of the Mustangs seems to be landing equally on the shoulders of their head coach and quarterback **Matt Ryan**; whose 5 of 14, 1 interception performance against Durham earned him the hook at half time.

When things fall apart, everyone has an opinion and sometimes they are humorously at odds. **Granny Gee** of the Garland Gazette, a staunch Shirley supporter, put the blame squarely on Ryan and voiced rare criticism of Shirley for waiting an entire half to yank him from the game; while **Gerald Jones** of the Dallas Star criticized Shirley for taking Ryan out of the game, not just this week, but in previous weeks. "*If y'all are wonderin' why Matt looks like a racehorse that hasn't had a piss yet it's 'cause his coach is feedin' him with one hand and whippin' 'm with the otha.*" Don't let the tendency of certain Texas sports columnists to write like they talk distract you from Jones' key point: Ryan is undergoing a crisis of confidence now that the coach who brought him to Garland seems to be wavering in his commitment to him.

As for Shirley, he was, as usual, unwaveringly optimistic as he responded patiently to all questions posed to him, even the provocative one from 'Deathspun' columnist, **Tarkin Smith-Abdullah**, who asked what medications Shirley might be taking to keep his temper in check on the field. "No medication young man, other than a good night's sleep, a balanced breakfast, and strict abstinence from tabloid-style internet journalism," Shirley responded with a hint of a wry smile on his face. Having interviewed Shirley last year, I must admit having a large measure of admiration for the man. However, his Saintly stoicism in the face of

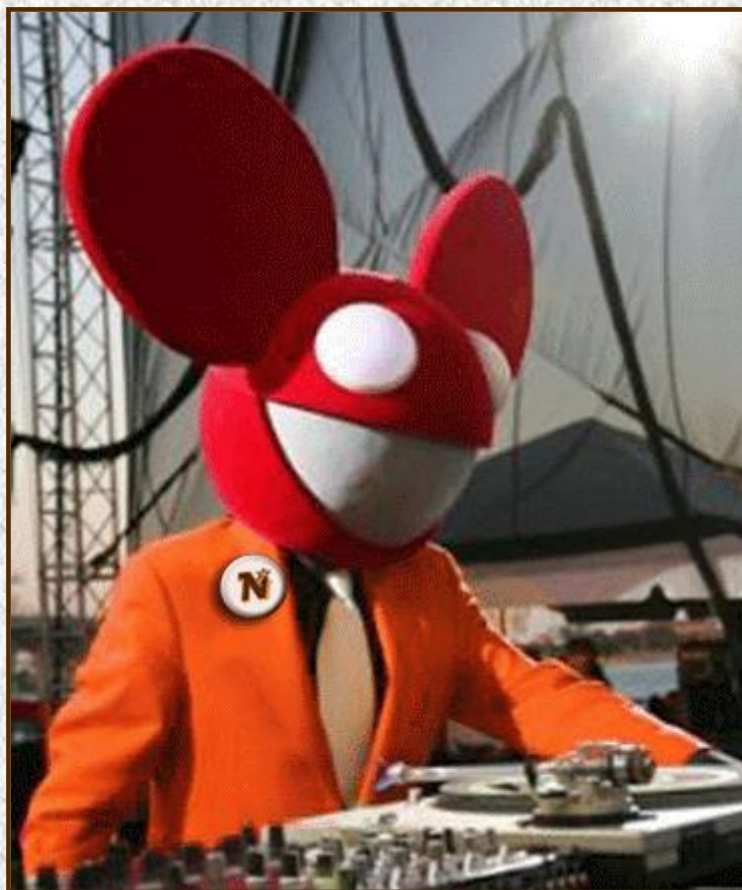
steady mediocrity may have actually filtered down to his defence. They are no longer furiously demonstrative on the field when things go against them. The sight of **JJ Watt** shaking **Reggie Bush's** hand and congratulating him on a good run after the Durham running back broke through the Garland line for a 2-yard TD run to take a 19-0 lead was a worrisome sign that there may be too much sportsmanship on the Mustangs' sideline and not enough nastiness.

MARKHAM LOOKING LIKE STARS

After experiencing early growing pains while the Markham coaching staff learned, for the first time, how to manage an offence capable of execution, it appears that the North Stars are finally getting into a groove. Since dropping a 25-24 heartbreaker at Virden in Week 8, the North Stars are winners of six straight after coming from behind to win a 32-31 photo finish over Cowtown, in Week 14. In two games between Markham and Cowtown this year the North Stars have the slimmest of advantages, 52-51, but the separation is cavernous in its effect on their respective playoff fortunes – Markham is in while Cowtown is hanging by a thread to the final wild card berth.

Advancing to the playoffs for the first time in the team's history was an emotional experience for coach and owner **Darrin Jones** and his team's long-suffering fans. A florid-faced Jones fought back tears of joy as he addressed the media after the game:

"This is for all the fans who stuck by us through thick and thin. Your loyalty has been rewarded. This is for



Toronto-born **DJ Deadmouse** shows his support for the Markham North Stars at a recent performance. "This is no longer a Mickey Mouse team, this is a Deadmouse team," he said.

all North Stars' players of the past, who fought hard during the lean years and never got the recognition they deserved – once a North Star always a North Star. This is for all of our players in the locker room, who have worked hard for this achievement. This is for all the team's employees, who have been like a family to me and the teams over the years. This if for..." and on and on it went, for 23 minutes, until Jones caught himself about to dedicate the game to the Cowtown players and suddenly came to his senses. "I could go on, and if I've missed anybody I'm sorry, I'm just a little overwhelmed at the moment. Any questions?"

The North Stars have emerged from the muck of EFL irrelevance this year like a Creature from the Brown Lagoon. Despite publicity surrounding bold off-season acquisitions that included paying a steep price to bring **Eli Manning** over from Virden, the reputation of the franchise was so entrenched in the minds of commentators and fans alike that it did not seem possible that the team would rise above their traditional losing pedigree. Early season difficulties reinforced the pessimistic view. But people are starting to believe and everyone who loves an "underdawg" is jumping on the North Stars' bandwagon. Toronto born *electro-house* music artist **DJ Deadmouse**, in a recent performance at the Rogers Centre, came on stage wearing an orange blazer and sporting a North Stars button. He got a bit of a roar from the crowd when he dedicated the song "Professional Griefers" to the North Stars. "They aren't Mickey Mouse any more, they're Deadmouse!" he cried.

ONE FOR THE GIPPER

The sudden death of competitive football in Charleswood shocked and saddened a fan base that had become accustomed to clinching a playoff berth around this time every season. The nightmare had continued through 13 torturous weeks of horrible losses, the closest one a 10-point deficit in a Week 4 loss to expansion Commonwealth. The Pats weren't simply losing, they were losing big. With **Peyton Manning** out for the season the team had lost direction. **Michael Vick** was a liability; the body-double wearing **Adrian Peterson's** jersey looked, but did not perform like him; and **Jason Witten** was proving that great tight ends cannot do it alone. The prospect of a winless season hung like a poisonous cloud over the once-proud franchise and their loyal fans. No team had ever been so bad that they could not accomplish even *one* win. Even the pathetic Winnemucca Outlaws had managed a win in each of two sad seasons before packing up and moving to York. Mission Viejo, a team probably worse on paper than those Winnemucca teams, already had *two* wins. Charleswood football would never outlive the shame of a winless season. With the Patriots' football legacy on the line, the team was forced to look to their former leader for inspiration and he delivered; but at a grave cost.

In a shocking development that could leave more of a stain on Charleswood football than a winless campaign, it appears that individuals connected to the team may have perpetrated a hoax on the players that, if true, would offend the moral sensibilities

of virtually everyone connected with the sport; even **Chris Worthley**. Reports out of Charleswood claim that the Patriots' players were exceedingly emotional emerging from the tunnel onto the field before their Week 14 game against Mohave. Linebacker **Shaun Phillips**, teary-eyed, sported "18" in eye-black under his eyes. **Adrian Peterson** (or somebody who looked remarkably like him) had written "18" in marker on his shoes. In fact, everyone on the team, from the quarterback to the punter to the equipment manager, had "18" in some form displayed on their person.

The Pats fell behind the Hellfire 14-0 in the 1st quarter, which wasn't overly surprising, except that it was the Hellfire doing the damage. The really surprising part was the attitude on the Pats' sideline to the early deficit. Instead of folding their tent (the usual response this year), the Pats got angry. Rookie safety **Mark Barron**, one of the few good news stories on the Pats this year, made a big play by picking off **Andrew Luck** in the red zone to put an end to another Mohave scoring threat. Mid-way through the 2nd quarter Charleswood got on the board with a rare touchdown run by Peterson (just his second of the season), who barreled 10 yards around the left end – like the real Peterson might have done – for the score. They fought back, but while the Pats showed tenacity in their feisty attitude, it looked as if their performance would fall short for the 14th time this season after Mohave's **Billy Cundiff** put the Hellfire ahead by 7 points, 24-17, with a 32-yard field goal at the 6:38 mark of the 4th quarter.

With diehard Pats fans at Patriot Place going through the motions of cheering what was shaping up to be another failed comeback attempt, **Sidney Rice** gave them something to actually cheer about when he snatched a short pass from Vick on 3rd and 10 and darted 32 yards to the Mohave 19 yard line. With faint hope brimming, Vick kept the drive alive with a 10-yard scramble then Peterson tied the game with his second touchdown run. The game went into overtime, with the Pats winning the toss and promptly marching 65 yards up the field to finish off their first win of the 2012 season with a 17-yard touchdown pass from Vick to **Santonio Holmes**. The crowd, about two-thirds of its original strength, jumped to its feet and gave the Pats a standing ovation while the players celebrated like they had won the Championship. A number of players pointed to the "18s" written on their uniforms or tattooed on their bodies. A circle of Pats players gathered at the 50-yard line and knelt to say a prayer and then exited the field pointing to the sky and waving to the fans. But many of them looked angry as well and several pointed angrily to the scoreboard and the press box as they trudged off the field.

The strange behaviour continued with a loud uproar in the Patriots' locker room when **Peyton Manning** appeared to congratulate his teammates. It was, by the sound of it, the kind of outburst frantic parents might make when their missing child is found safe and sound, but in some kind of trouble. The ESPN audio catches a voice from inside the Patriots' locker room clearly exclaim, "*I THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD,*" before the door is hastily shut and locked by a trainer and the sound from inside becomes muffled and unintelligible.

Team officials are not officially talking about any of this and **Jason Findlay** skipped his post-game scrum, leaving assistant coach **Mike Mularkey** to fend off the tough questions. But the team did release a written statement that said little but because of that will likely provide plenty of fodder for "tabloid-style internet journalists" to ponder this week: "*There was a miscommunication before the game that led some players to believe that Peyton's life was in serious danger, but this information soon was known to be false. Unfortunately, not all of the players were aware that the information was incorrect until after the game. The Patriots wish to thank their fans for their continued support and remind them that the last week of the season is Football Giveaway Day for the first 30,000 fans to arrive at Patriot Place.*"

My sources inside the team say that assistant trainer, **Bogan Findlay-Czumak**, a cousin of Patriots' owner Jason Findlay, told the players and coaches a story just before the game of how Peyton, in a neck brace, had shifted a vertebra in his neck while chewing on a piece of pork and was paralyzed from the nose down with no chance of survival. Further, that this had just happened and nobody officially knew about it, but that Archie had been called by somebody "high up" in the team to fly up to Winnipeg. It may be a while before we know the source of Bogan's misinformation, because he has since disappeared. But we do know that Peyton missed seeing almost the entire game because he was, according to his own account, locked for nearly three hours inside a private washroom on the executive level of the team's offices next to the stadium.

AROUND THE EFL

Following Virden's systematic 24-10 neutralization of Commonwealth, Coach **Will Blandford** took the podium after the game and graciously acknowledged that "Virden honestly had the better team" before launching into a bitter diatribe about how everything from fate to the referees had conspired to prevent his team from prevailing. Details, schmetails, Will! They are but individual trees in a big, dark and scary forest. You had the game pegged totally right with your first sentence.

The Excaliburs won ugly in Chino, 20-13, which was to be expected. **Cam and the Convicts** were no match for the league's top pass rush and formidable front seven. With no reliable offence, apart from an escape artist like Newton, the Chino defence was forced to do double-duty against **Tom Brady**. The slightly aged but crafty Brady was just good enough to stay comfortably in front of a team that moved the ball just as far, but turned it over twice.

The psychological impact of playing the Cubs took its toll on the Knights as their offence turned ultra-conservative in eking out a 15-3 victory. The defence pitched in with a rare safety from **Brian Orakpo**, who sacked **Russell Wilson** in the end zone after punter **Steve Weatherford** had pinned the Cubbies back inside their 10 yard line. If anyone unfamiliar with the Cubs was wondering why their jersey sales are high but fans are calling for their coach's head, just pause and think about the final offensive play call for

the Cubs that resulted in rookie running back **LeMichael James** running a 4-yard draw into a 4-3 front on 4th and 14.

Drew Brees threw 3 TD passes to bring his league-leading season total to 66 as the Undertakers buried the Monarchs 34-17 at the Graveyard. The sneaky Undertakers pretended to run out the clock, calling 7 consecutive running plays as time ticked away; but, with just seconds remaining, they suddenly hustled to the line and Brees threw a pass as time expired. Coach Worthley had tried to be “a good boy” but couldn’t help himself from reaching in to steal a pie as the window closed.

Tim Tebow was the best rusher on the Triumph, carrying the ball 17 times for 91 yards, but his passing left much to be desired in a 20-7 loss to the Spartans at the Metrodome. Neither of these teams blitzed all game and as a result **Robert Griffin III** completed two nice-looking long touchdown passes to **Vincent Jackson**.

The Gladiators pummelled the weak-kneed Regulators 27-7, but not before **Tony Romo** had led an epic 18-play touchdown drive that covered 93 yards and burned up 10:40 off the clock to tie the game at 7 in the 2nd quarter. The Glads’ defence recovered, thanks to an offence that had no trouble holding onto the ball long enough to give them a rest, and held South Carolina scoreless the rest of the way.

Finally, the sorry Swordfish made just 3 first downs in a 34-7 loss to the Blue eagles at Bluff’s Stadium. Sebastian’s sole score came on a big play, a 55-yard screen pass to **Roy Helu** that caught the defence napping. No wonder they were napping – the Swordfish offence could put anyone to sleep.

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JIMMY'S WEEK FIFTEEN PICKS

YORK @ MOHAVE (line – EXCALIBURS by 7)

Tom Brady's ability to find the end zone is what separates him statistically from Mohave's Andrew Luck. Otherwise the rookie is looking a lot like a very young Brady, but without the supporting cast or the experience. If these teams were more evenly matched in other areas this game would be an interesting match-up between a current and a future legend; but they aren't close to being evenly matched. The first time they met the Excaliburs pulverised Mohave 42-0 at Camelot in Week One. With the Hellfire enjoying a legitimate home field advantage for just the second time this year and with thirteen more weeks of experience for Luck, this contest should be a lot closer than the season opener but don't expect a nail-biter. Corner Chris Houston is out for Mohave which will make an easy job that much easier for Brady while the Mohave offensive line is still not competent to protect the future of their franchise from the predatory York pass rush. **PICK: YORK**

CHARLESWOOD @ COMMONWEALTH (line – COLONIALS by 7)

Last week's emotional overtime win over Mohave removes the gorilla of a winless season off the back of the Patriots; but at 1-13, with nothing else to play for, the relaxation in the locker room is more likely to make them flat-footed than inspired on the road against a team gunning to become the first expansion team in EFL history to finish with a .500 record. The Colonials can run the ball against almost anybody, let alone the cardboard Pats' line, but mistakes in the passing game have cost them dearly. Fortunately for the home team, both of Charleswood's starting corners are out of action, leaving rookies Jayron Hosley and Leonard Johnson to cover Lance Moore and Doug Baldwin – not exactly a titanic match-up in absolute terms but heavily in favour of the Colonials in relative terms. Nobody outside of Commonwealth, and seedy bettors, cares about the outcome of this dog. With only one team truly motivated, there is only one way to go. **PICK: COMMONWEALTH**

LOS ANGELES @ DEATH VALLEY (line – UNDERTAKER by 5)

The Undertakers embarrassed the Knights on opening day with a record-setting 669 yards of total offence and an unprecedented 49 points against the legendary 'Blue Shield.' There is no explanation for such total dominance other than a phenomenal performance by Drew Brees that will never be equalled. Given that it will never be equalled, it is pertinent to note that the Knights racked up 575 yards and 41 points against the much less legendary Death Valley defence. The Undertakers have improved since that game while the Knights have stabilized after a rocky start, so don't expect the same degree of fireworks. But in games where Brees is involved so far this season there is a 93% chance that his team will score more than 30 points, so don't expect any less even against the no longer legendary, but still stout, LA defence. The Undertakers can clinch the first seed in the playoffs with a win while the Knights can clinch a wild card berth with a win. With so much on the line, bet on a great game. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

IOWA CITY @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 11)

The Cubs have taught me, more than any other team, how talent means nothing all by itself. With lots of talent and a lot of highlight reel plays this season, the Cubs are still in a tie for the worst record in the EFL with Charleswood. Many think that as long as Deron Redding remains the coach this team will continue to wallow, and there is a lot of evidence to support the hypothesis, so much so that it has finally affected the betting line. The Violators are in control of their own destiny and that means they can guarantee an East Division title with back-to-back victories against 1-13 teams. There is no doubt they will win the first of these two freebies, the only question is whether they will keep the foot on the gas long enough to beat the spread, or will they hand the ball off 40 times to Beanie Wells. It's a valid concern. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

MISSION VIEJO @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 11)

The Monarchs have picked up their game offensively in recent weeks but that is not saying very much for the second worst point-producing offence in the league. Still, with an 11-point spread in favour of a one-man offence that has padded its stats with two blowout wins over the weakest the East Division has to offer, the ability of Mission Viejo to mark up the scoreboard is important to the pocket book of anybody looking to place a friendly wager on this game. The over-matched Monarchs' offensive line will make it difficult for whoever starts at quarterback to sustain an attack, but with Devery Henderson and DeMarco Murray in the arsenal a long strike is always in play. The leading receiver on the Convicts is Steven Jackson, which should tell you all you need to know about the quick strike capacity of the Chino offence. Cam is it. If he is on his game, he can carry a team. If not, it's in the hands of the brutal and nasty 'Lockdown Crew.' Either way, the Convicts will win, but be careful of the spread. **PICK: CHINO**

COWTOWN @ TWIN CITIES (line – CORN KINGS by 2)

Last week the Triumph saw the kind of wrinkle that Tim Tebow brings to the offence and it is one that can be ironed out with a standard basic defence, as the Spartans demonstrated. The trick is not to get too focused on Tebow's "intangibles" and just cover your man or stay in your gap. Of course, Tebow will only play if Jason Campbell cannot and the real quarterback is listed as "probable" to play. The Corn Kings are coming off a disappointing loss to Markham and are riding a three-game losing streak, but seemed to have settled on Joe Flacco as their starter the rest of the way. The last time these teams met the Corn Kings jumped out of the gate with an offensive blitz, scoring 31 points in the first half, but settled down after that and finished with 34, the highest point total against the Triumph this season. Unlike last time, this will be a low-scoring game, even in dome conditions, as the Corn Kings struggle to pull away but the Triumph struggle to keep pace. **PICK: COWTOWN**

DURHAM @ MARKHAM (line – NORTH STARS by 2)

When these teams met to start the season Philip Rivers came off the bench to finish off a game that Matt Schaub couldn't due to injury and they still won by 5 points. With the Lizards in high gear and Schaub in the driver's seat, it is hard to imagine what caused the Vegas bookmakers to spot them 2 points on this line, other than as a tip-of-the-hat to home field advantage. The North Stars squeaked by Cowtown on the road last week and earned a playoff berth in the process; but they cannot catch the Dinosaurs and cannot be caught by the final wild card contender, meaning their playoff seed is set. Division-winning Durham, on the other hand, has their sights set on the #1 seed and needs a win to ensure their playoff standing. The Lizards have the best pass defence in football and Eli, for all his scrappy 'chutzpah,' has an unnerving pick problem. The North Stars can't afford those mistakes against a top tier team and will need to run first and effectively if they hope to win this week. This becomes a lot more difficult if they plan to rest their money guy, DeAngelo Williams, for the post-season run. **PICK: DURHAM**

SOUTH CAROLINA @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 5)

Both of these 5-9 teams are mercifully out of the playoff race and looking to play the spoiler the rest of the way. Unfortunately for both, the only possible spoiling either can accomplish this week will be of their own respective draft positions if they win. Not that any team wants to lose, but when the present is bleak but the future hopeful, coaches and GMs tend to look to the future by testing their back-ups. But assuming both these combatants want to win (and it is a good assumption since both of them hate to lose), the Spartans have to like their chances against a team missing its top defensive lineman and two of its top three safeties. The Regulators have shown flashes of toughness against good opponents, but those have been infrequent and always at home. The Spartans have been a quarterback away from contention all year, and that quarterback is finally starting to look like the real deal when facing feeble opposition. **PICK: PICKERING**

SEBASTIAN @ GARLAND (line – MUSTANGS by 9)

The thoroughness of the beating administered against them by Durham last week has me re-thinking everything I thought I knew about the Mustangs. It is strongly tempting to pick an upset here because Garland is in free fall and the Swordfish are, as always, due for a good performance. But my common sense reins me in and tells me that the Thunder Lizards are probably the top team in football at the moment and if anyone was going to humiliate Matt Ryan, Coach Shirley, and everyone else on the team except punter Sam Koch, it would be the Dinosaurs. Quinn Johnson, Garland's long forgotten fullback, is listed as "probable" for this game, meaning a possible return of a serious running game to their depleted offensive arsenal a little less pressure on their drowning quarterback. For the Swordfish, as usual they will need the schizophrenic Andy Dalton to be on his meds if they hope to stay in the game offensively against a still dangerous defence. **PICK: GARLAND**

GWINNETT @ SCARBOROUGH (line – BLUE EAGLES by 9)

After a loss to Durham and a narrow escape from Twin Cities the 13-1 Blue Eagles appear to be flying high again after easily dispatching Garland and Sebastian the past two weeks. With the Division locked up and the only mountain left for Scarborough to climb being the top seed in the Can-Am Conference, they find themselves staring up at the back end of a brontosaurus and it just farted. Durham is also 13-1 but controls their destiny with the tie-breaker in hand. Scarborough cannot control their own destiny but if they hope to regain the top seed they must win at least one of their remaining two games. The Gladiators are experiencing a bit of a resurrection, with a three-game winning streak putting them back in the playoff race, but their next two games are as brutal as they are critical to their fate. With no notable injuries to report on either side, this will be a straightforward, unencumbered battle for survival with the more talented team prevailing, but not by so many as 9 points. **PICK: GWINNETT**