

2013

Week Seven



# EFL NEWS

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2013

Week Seven

November 17, 2013



COW	24	GWG	20	PIC	23	MOH	3	TCT	38	SC	24	LA	17	DTL	21	MV	14	ICC	37
VV	0	YOR	23	CAR	33	GAR	47	CHP	35	DV	31	SS	9	CHI	24	MAR	35	SBE	17



Triumph running back **Doug Martin** breaks through the Patriots' line on his way to a 21-yard run in Week Seven 1<sup>st</sup> quarter action. Martin finished with 245 all-purpose yards and scored 3 touchdowns, but it was an interception of **Peyton Manning** by Triumph safety, **Eric Reid** that ultimately made the difference as Twin Cities upset the Patriots 38-35 in overtime. The Patriots' loss, along with Virden falling at home to Cowtown and Carthage surprising Pickering, creates a three-way tie for the top in the East Division. (see story inside).

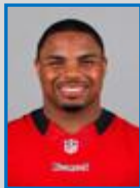
## LATEST EFL NEWS INSIDE

- PAT-THE TIC LOSS
- CANNIBALS DINE AT HOME
- RYAN RE-BORN
- STAFFORD STALKED
- KICKED IN CAMELOT
- FISH DROWN IN TANK
- BIG HOUSE THEFT SPREE and more....
- Also in this issue
- EFL FAN BLOG – CON.COM
- SPATS McCHAD
- JIMMY THE GEEK
- THIS WEEK IN EFL HISTORY



*Who was slick  
in Week Seven?*

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



**Doug Martin**  
RB  
Twin Cities  
Triumph

34 Carries, 180 yards, 3 TDs. Ran roughshod over the Patriots.



**Alterraun Verner**  
CB  
Chino  
Convicts

6 Tackles, 1 PD, 2 INTs Turned the tide in Chino's favour with 2 picks



3-4-0



## GAME OF THE WEEK



4-3-0

Twin Cities

38

MVP

Doug Martin

35

Charleswood

## TEAM LEADERS

Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD
Cutler	23	41	271	2
Rushing	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Martin	34	180	5.3	3
Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Kendricks	7	85	12.1	1

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Twin Cities	7	7	7	14	3	38
Charleswood	0	7	14	14	0	35

## TEAM LEADERS

Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD
Manning	32	48	346	4
Rushing	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Peterson	23	106	4.6	1
Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Crabtree	10	115	11.5	1

## Play of the Game

In Overtime, the Pats stopped the Triumph and got the ball at their 18. Three plays later, **Peyton Manning** was picked off by safety **Eric Reid**, who returned it to the 7, setting up the game-winning FG.

**SUMMARY:** Five punts in five possessions summed up the early going for the Pats, while a pair of long TD drives for the Triumph put them up 14-0. **Peyton Manning** finally got in synch, going 5 of 5 for 60 yards, and a 13-yard TD pass to **Jason Witten**, to score before half time. The Triumph regained their 2-score advantage on the first series of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, finishing an 80-yard drive with a 10-yard TD pass from **Jay Cutler** to **Lance Kendricks**. The Pats answered with their own long TD drive then got a break when **Kareem Jackson** picked off Cutler deep in Triumph territory, setting up a 3-yard TD pass to **Sidney Rice** to tie it at 21. The momentum turned to the Pats when **Michael Crabtree** hauled in his 8<sup>th</sup> TD pass of the year after a quick 72-yard drive for a 28-21 lead; but the Triumph charged back up the field to tie it on a 1-yard dive by **Doug Martin**. The Pats then gambled on 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 at midfield and lost, handing a short field to Twin Cities. They capitalized with a 34-yard pass to Martin setting him up for his 3<sup>rd</sup> TD of the day on a 3-yard run. An urgent Pats' TD drive, keyed by a 22-yard run by **Adrian Peterson**, tied the game and forced OT. The Pats took over after stopping the Triumph's opening series, but a bad throw by Manning was picked off by **Eric Reid**, setting up an easy game-winning FG.

**QUOTES:** "That's on Winnie! He made the play. He tipped that ball and I just happen to be there. Feels good to come here and come away with a win!" – Triumph safety, **Eric Reid**, commenting on his game-changing interception in overtime.

"That interception obviously hurt us – it was the turning point. But a lot of other problems put us in that situation to begin with – missed tackles, bad penalties, and the other team playing really, really well." – Charleswood coach, **Jason Findlay**.



## HAPPY FAN



titter

## ANGRY FAN



Jesse Ventura @JthebodyV

Football is break-dancing with violence.  
#Triumph rule!!



John2147 @PeytonforPres2016

I'm disappointed with the defence.  
Peyton wouldn't have had to throw that INT if the defence had done its job.

11-13-2013 Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind:

MVP: Doug Martin

1 9:17	Twin Cities	TD Martin 3 run (Gostkowski) (9-76-4:42)	7-0
2 8:02	Twin Cities	TD Cutler 9 pass to Eifert (Gostkowski) (9-80-4:42)	14-0
2 2:37	Charleswood	TD Manning 13 pass to Witten (Hartley) (5-60-1:52)	14-7
3 10:28	Twin Cities	TD Cutler 10 pass to Kendricks (Gostkowski) (13-80-4:32)	21-7
3 5:55	Charleswood	TD Peterson 1 run (Hartley) (13-78-4:28)	21-14
3 0:23	Charleswood	TD Manning 3 pass to Rice (Hartley) (2-2-0:47)	21-21
4 11:54	Charleswood	TD Manning 15 pass to Crabtree (Hartley) (9-72-2:50)	21-28
4 7:19	Twin Cities	TD Martin 1 run (Gostkowski) (9-61-4:29)	28-28
4 3:51	Twin Cities	TD Martin 3 run (Gostkowski) (4-46-2:18)	35-28
4 1:33	Charleswood	TD Manning 10 pass to Rice (Hartley) (9-74-2:10)	35-35
5 9:12	Twin Cities	FG Gostkowski 25 (1-0-0:00)	38-35

	TCT	CHP
First Downs	27	29
Rushes	38-188	25-110
Passes	41-23-271	48-32-346
Sacked	3-36	1-7
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	4-33	13-105
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	1	10
Blitzes	0	17
Time	37:59	27:49
Third Down	5-17	5-11
Fourth Down	4-4	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/5/0	5/5/0
Net Offense	423	449



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



## CORN KINGS

3-4-0

7	7	7	3	0	24
OT					

**Alfred Morris**  
20 Carries, 118 yards, 2 TDs



## VIOLATORS

4-3-0

0	0	0	0	0	0

**Torrey Smith**  
4 Catches, 61 yards

A crisp opening drive by the Corn Kings resulted in a 4-yard TD pass from **Joe Flacco** to **Larry Fitzgerald**. A punting duel followed until **Quentin Jammer** picked off **Matt Stafford** and returned it to the Virden 14. Four plays later, **Alfred Morris** followed left tackle **Ryan Clady** over the goal line for a 3-yard score and a 14-0 half time lead. Little changed in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half – the Corn Kings opened with a TD drive then both offences went silent until a failed 4<sup>th</sup> down convert attempt set up an easy **Nick Novak** FG. Stafford had a terrible day, getting sacked 6 times and posting a QB rating of 42.



## GLADIATORS

3-4-0

0	10	7	3	0	20
OT					

**Ahmad Bradshaw**  
24 Carries, 13 yards, 1 TD



## EXCALIBURS

3-4-0

3	7	7	3	3	23

**Tom Brady**  
21 of 38, 223 yards, 1 TD

An 80-yard drive taking 10 minutes of the clock ended with **Ahmad Bradshaw** diving over the top from one foot out to put the Gladiators in front 7-3. York responded with a 5-yard TD run by **Michael Turner** but Gwinnett replied to that with a FG to tie it at 10. The Glads took the lead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> on a 14-yard TD pass from **Big Ben** to **Reggie Wayne** but York evened the score on an 8-yard TD pass from **Tom Brady** to **Davone Bess**. A 51-yard Shaun Suisham FG sent the game into OT; and, on their 2<sup>nd</sup> possession, York drove to the red zone where **Blair Walsh** booted the 37-yard game-winner.



## SPARTANS

5-2-0

3	7	6	7	0	23
OT					

**Matt Schaub**  
32 of 64, 404 yards, 3 TDs, 5 INTs



## CANNIBALS

4-3-0

3	14	3	13	0	33

**Emmanuel Sanders**  
3 PR, 153 yards, 51 avg 1 TD

The Cannibals' **Emmanuel Sanders** exploded for an 87-yard punt return TD to tie the game at 10 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter then an end zone interception by **Lavonte David** stopped a Pickering scoring chance and set up the go-ahead TD for Carthage on a 32-yard TD pass from **Philip Rivers** to **Josh Morgan**. The game turned on an early injury to Pickering RB, **Steven Jackson**, and 5 interceptions thrown by **Matt Schaub**, two of them in the Carthage red zone and a 3<sup>rd</sup> returned for a TD by **Harrison Smith** to break a 23-23 tie in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Carthage won despite just nine 1<sup>st</sup> downs and 272 net yards.



**EFL**  
ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

# QUICK COUNTS!!

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



**HELLFIRE**

1-6-0

0	3	0	0	0	3
OT					

**Jimmy Graham**

6 Catches, 69 yards



**MUSTANGS**

4-3-0

14	13	14	6	0	47
OT					

**Arian Foster**

21 Carries, 140 yards, 3 TDs

A pressured **Andrew Luck** was picked off by safety **Eric Weddle** on Mohave's opening drive, setting the tone for a miserable afternoon for the Hellfire. 3 plays later, **Matt Ryan** connected with **Anquan Boldin** for a 20-yard TD pass to open the scoring. A sack of Luck and forced fumble on Mohave's next series set up a 2-yard TD run by **Arian Foster** to make the score quickly 14-0. The teams traded FGs as the pace slowed, but a 62-yard pass play to **Brandon Lloyd** set up a TD pass to Boldin before the half to make it 24-3. The Mustangs added 20 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half running out the clock.



**REGULATORS**

3-4-0

0	3	14	7	0	24
OT					

**Tony Romo**

18 of 28, 230 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT



**UNDERTAKERS**

4-3-0

7	7	0	17	0	31
OT					

**RGIII**

21 of 27, 245 yards, 2 TDs, 2 INTs

The Undertakers took 11 minutes to drive 84 yards to the game's opening TD, a 1-yard sneak by **RGIII**. They made it 14-3 on a 13-yard TD pass to **DeAndre Hopkins** after an 8-minute, 80-yard drive. But the Undertakers lost their grip on the ball in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter with a lost fumble and interception leading to a pair of Regulator TDs to make it 17-14. The teams exchanged TDs early in the 4<sup>th</sup>, with the Regs taking a 24-21 lead on a 55-yard screen pass to **Marcel Reece**; but DV notched the game-winner on a 50-yard bomb to **Andre Johnson** then held off the Regs with a pair of turnovers.



**KNIGHTS**

3-4-0

10	7	0	0	0	17
OT					

**Brandon LaFell**

4 Catches, 52 yards, 2 TDs



**SWORDFISH**

1-6-0

0	3	0	6	0	9
OT					

**Nate Washington**

5 Catches, 75 yards

Knights' RB **Shonn Greene** carried the ball 10 straight times to start the game, gaining 49 yards and setting up the only pass of the drive – a 13-yard slant to **Brandon LaFell** for a TD. After trading FGs, the Knights took over late in the 1<sup>st</sup> half after the Swordfish turned the ball over on downs at their 31. A 15-yard facemask penalty brought LA into Sebastian territory then a series of short passes set up another 13-yard TD pass to LaFell. After a scoreless 3<sup>rd</sup> the Fish made 2 trips inside the Knights' red zone but had to settle for FGs. LA eventually ran out the clock for their 3<sup>rd</sup> win of the year.

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



## T-LIZARDS

4-3-0

14	0	0	7	0	21
----	---	---	---	---	----

OT

Calvin Johnson  
8 Catches, 121 yards, 1 TD



## CONVICTS

5-2-0

0	10	7	7	0	24
---	----	---	---	---	----

Cam Newton  
13 Carries, 94 yards, 1 TD

**Cam Newton** threw 2 interceptions, to **Devin McCourty** and **Tyrann Mathieu**, setting up 2 Durham 1<sup>st</sup> quarter TDs. With **Kirk Cousins** in the game at QB the Convicts chipped away with the assistance of a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter pick by **Alterraun Verner** that set up a 2-yard TD pass to **Greg Olsen**. With Newton back, the Convicts took the lead after **Antoine Bethea** picked off a long pass by **Drew Brees** and Newton drove the half field, scoring on a 4-yard sweep. A 19-yard TD pass to **Megatron** gave Durham a lead, but Newton threw a 1-yard TD pass to **Danny Woodhead** with 0:07 left to steal the win.



## MONARCHS

2-5-0

0	14	0	0	0	14
---	----	---	---	---	----

OT

Bernard Pierce  
39 Carries, 162 yards



## NORTH STARS

6-1-0

14	0	7	14	0	35
----	---	---	----	---	----

Eli Manning  
10 of 19, 189 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT

A 35-yard TD pass from **Eli Manning** to **Marques Colston** and a 53-yard INT return for a TD by linebacker **Will Witherspoon** gave Markham an early lead. But grinding running by **Bernard Pierce** and a recovered onside kick set up a pair of TD passes from **Ryan Tannehill**, 3 yards to **Dennis Pitta** and 7 yards to Pierce, to tie the game 14-14. Despite throwing a pick in the red zone on the opening drive of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, Eli recovered on his next opportunity, hitting Colston for a 26-yard TD the first play after stopping the Monarchs on 4<sup>th</sup> down. It was all Markham from that point on.



## CUBS

6-1-0

7	3	17	10	0	37
---	---	----	----	---	----

OT

Steve Smith  
6 Catches, 184 yards, 2 TDs



## BLUE EAGLES

2-5-0

14	3	0	0	0	17
----	---	---	---	---	----

Aaron Rodgers  
39 of 64, 284 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT

A pick by Eagles' LB, **Sean Weatherspoon** on the game's opening play set up the first score – a 3-yard TD pass from **Aaron Rodgers** to **Wes Welker**. **Stephon Gilmore** struck back with a pick for the Cubs, setting up a 17-yard TD pass from **Colin Kaepernick** to **Steve Smith**. Scarborough regained the lead with a 31-yard TD pass to **Brandon Marshall** and held on until half time. The Cubs came on strong in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with a 35-yard TD run by **Darren Sproles** followed by a 76-yard punt return TD by **Tavon Austin** to make it 27-17. The Eagles' offence was shut out by the Cubs in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

## WEEK SEVEN

# STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	4	3	0	0.571	229	32.7	166	23.7	9	1 3 0	3 1 0	4 2 0
Virden	4	3	0	0.571	162	23.1	172	24.6	-1.4	2 2 0	3 1 0	4 2 0
Carthage	4	3	0	0.571	142	20.3	154	22	-1.7	4 0 0	2 2 0	3 3 0
York	3	4	0	0.429	185	26.4	174	24.9	1.6	2 2 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
Mohave	1	6	0	0.143	123	17.6	225	32.1	-14.6	0 3 0	1 3 0	1 5 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	6	1	0	0.857	186	26.6	123	17.6	9	3 0 0	4 0 0	5 1 0
Chino	5	2	0	0.714	210	30	145	20.7	9.3	3 1 0	2 2 0	4 2 0
Death Valley	4	3	0	0.571	211	30.1	219	31.3	-1.1	2 2 0	2 2 0	3 3 0
Los Angeles	3	4	0	0.429	158	22.6	206	29.4	-6.9	1 2 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
Mission Viejo	2	5	0	0.286	126	18	189	27	-9	0 3 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Markham	6	1	0	0.857	183	26.1	118	16.9	9.3	3 1 0	4 0 0	5 1 0
Pickering	5	2	0	0.714	169	24.1	152	21.7	2.4	2 1 0	3 1 0	5 1 0
Durham	4	3	0	0.571	187	26.7	163	23.3	3.4	3 0 0	2 2 0	4 2 0
Cowtown	3	4	0	0.429	171	24.4	140	20	4.4	1 2 0	0 4 0	2 4 0
Twin Cities	3	4	0	0.429	143	20.4	162	23.1	-2.7	2 1 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Garland	4	3	0	0.571	183	26.1	116	16.6	9.6	2 2 0	3 1 0	3 3 0
Gwinnett	3	4	0	0.429	157	22.4	143	20.4	2	2 1 0	3 1 0	3 3 0
South Carolina	3	4	0	0.429	141	20.1	156	22.3	-2.1	2 1 0	2 2 0	3 3 0
Scarborough	2	5	0	0.286	134	19.1	220	31.4	-12.3	1 3 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
Sebastian	1	6	0	0.143	87	12.4	144	20.6	-8.1	0 4 0	1 3 0	1 5 0

# PASSING

Passing	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1 Manning,P	251	182	72.5	1937	5	2.0	59	17	6.8	108.9
2 Smith,A	204	153	75.0	1566	5	2.5	54	13	6.4	107.6
3 Vick	95	49	51.6	787	1	1.1	82	9	9.5	106.8
4 Griffin II	165	108	65.5	1349	5	3.0	77	11	6.7	100.3
5 Roethlisbe	141	92	65.2	892	0	0.0	32	7	5.0	99.4
6 Wilson,R	157	102	65.0	1322	4	2.5	60	7	4.5	95.6
7 Brady	254	156	61.4	1944	2	0.8	64	10	3.9	95.0
8 Rodgers,A	267	176	65.9	1604	3	1.1	66	13	4.9	93.6
9 Newton,C	199	131	65.8	1552	8	4.0	51	12	6.0	92.8
10 Stafford	235	129	54.9	1779	6	2.6	54	16	6.8	91.4
11 Brees	271	161	59.4	2162	11	4.1	59	18	6.6	90.1
12 Tannehill	208	127	61.1	1388	5	2.4	78	11	5.3	88.4
13 Rivers,P	221	149	67.4	1397	3	1.4	57	6	2.7	88.0
14 Schaub	238	146	61.3	1744	8	3.4	73	13	5.5	87.9
15 Manning,E	184	102	55.4	1256	6	3.3	46	12	6.5	84.9
16 Cutler	223	134	60.1	1532	5	2.2	58	9	4.0	84.9
17 Ryan,M	211	138	65.4	1527	7	3.3	62	7	3.3	84.0
18 Romo	235	160	68.1	1591	8	3.4	78	5	2.1	79.9
19 Flacco	257	133	51.8	1689	8	3.1	71	11	4.3	73.9
20 Luck	195	100	51.3	1131	5	2.6	52	7	3.6	70.3
21 Dalton	225	134	59.6	1407	9	4.0	47	4	1.8	67.0
22 Kaepernick	48	29	60.4	419	1	2.1	53	3	6.3	101.0
23 Kolb	38	18	47.4	135	0	0.0	24	2	5.3	73.9
24 McElroy	34	21	61.8	143	0	0.0	15	0	0.0	71.1
25 Foles	11	6	54.5	33	0	0.0	12	0	0.0	60.0



## RUSHING

Rushing			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Morris	COW	167	917	5.5	44	7
2	Peterson,A	CHP	171	829	4.8	29	8
3	Martin,D	TCT	166	780	4.7	21	4
4	Jackson,S	PIC	153	777	5.1	27	2
5	Bush,R	DTL	105	620	5.9	27	3
6	Charles,J	VV	114	614	5.4	66	0
7	Johnson,C	CHI	113	560	5.0	60	3
8	Foster,A	GDM	124	548	4.4	50	11
9	Greene	LAK	148	547	3.7	19	1
10	Bradshaw	GWG	108	544	5.0	41	4
11	Gore	SC	105	465	4.4	38	6
12	Ball,M	MOH	119	442	3.7	27	5
13	Pierce	MVM	98	428	4.4	17	3
14	Ridley	DVU	113	404	3.6	17	1
15	Turner,M	YOR	86	391	4.5	17	6
16	Williams,D	MAR	89	366	4.1	26	4
17	Rice,R	SBE	79	332	4.2	49	2
18	Lacy	CAR	65	320	4.9	55	2
19	Bernard	YOR	62	318	5.1	44	3
20	Newton,C	CHI	62	313	5.0	27	3
21	Spiller	SBE	64	309	4.8	17	1
22	Richardson	ICC	64	289	4.5	33	1
23	Sproles	ICC	47	282	6.0	38	2
24	Green-Elli	CAR	80	276	3.5	12	2
25	Randle,J	GWG	49	275	5.6	21	1

## RECEIVING

Receiving			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Johnson,C	DTL	54	980	18.1	59	11
2	White,R	CHI	50	702	14.0	32	5
3	Crabtree,M	CHP	49	657	13.4	59	8
4	Welker	SBE	48	524	10.9	64	3
5	Johnson,A	DVU	46	1119	24.3	82	13
6	Graham,J	MOH	45	457	10.2	21	3
7	Witten	CHP	43	395	9.2	44	3
8	Jackson,V	PIC	42	644	15.3	73	5
9	Thomas,D	PIC	40	584	14.6	57	3
10	Bryant,D	VV	39	617	15.8	54	6
11	Decker	DTL	38	521	13.7	50	3
12	Jones,J	VV	37	564	15.2	26	7
13	Cobb	DVU	37	350	9.5	25	4
14	Scheffler	YOR	36	514	14.3	64	0
15	Wayne	GWG	36	429	11.9	24	5
16	Rice,R	SBE	36	196	5.4	16	2
17	Marshall	SBE	35	413	11.8	40	4
18	Cruz	YOR	35	592	16.9	54	6
19	Rudolph	CAR	34	294	8.6	29	1
20	Colston	MAR	32	485	15.2	46	6
21	Gonzalez	ICC	32	404	12.6	27	2
22	Lloyd,B	GDM	31	434	14.0	62	0
23	Martin,D	TCT	31	250	8.1	34	0
24	Williams,M	MVM	31	521	16.8	78	5
25	Pitta	MVM	30	254	8.5	25	3

## KICKING

Kicking			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Walsh	YOR	18	15	83.3	6	2	57	65
2	Zuerlein	ICC	18	13	72.2	6	0	49	60
3	Suisham	GWG	17	15	88.2	6	3	51	59
4	Hauschka	CAR	17	15	88.2	5	2	54	58
5	Folk	GDM	13	12	92.3	3	1	51	54
6	Henery	DVU	10	10	100.0	6	3	54	53
7	Bailey,D	CHI	13	9	69.2	5	1	50	52
8	Bironas	SC	15	12	80.0	8	0	47	51
9	Hartley	CHP	8	7	87.5	2	0	46	49
10	Dawson	DTL	10	9	90.0	2	1	54	49
11	Scobee	PIC	15	11	73.3	2	2	54	49
12	Tynes	VV	12	10	83.3	3	1	50	48
13	Prater	MOH	12	11	91.7	4	1	54	45
14	Lindell	LAK	11	9	81.8	6	2	54	44
15	Gostkowski	TCT	10	8	80.0	3	1	54	41
16	Graham,S	MAR	6	5	83.3	2	0	49	39
17	Vinatieri	SS	12	11	91.7	4	0	46	39
18	Novak	COW	11	9	81.8	4	1	53	37
19	Carpenter	MVM	9	7	77.8	4	2	53	36
20	Janikowski	SBE	8	5	62.5	0	0	37	32
21	Medlock	COW	4	3	75.0	0	0	38	18

## TACKLES

Tackles			
1	Kuechly	SC	80
2	Dunbar	CHI	74
3	Freeman, J	SBE	66
4	Mayo	DVU	59
5	Riley	SS	59
6	Willis, P	ICC	55
7	Posluszny	VV	54
8	Jackson, D	MAR	54
9	Woodyard	YOR	51
10	Ninkovich	MAR	51
11	Washington	PIC	50
12	Laurinaiti	GWG	50
13	Barnett	VV	49
14	Bailey, C	DTL	47
15	Barwin	LAK	47
16	Houston, J	MOH	45
17	Tulloch	COW	45
18	Hawk	MVM	43
19	Werner	CHP	42
20	Wagner	TCT	42
21	Hall, D	GDM	42
22	Cromartie	MAR	41
23	Gilmore	ICC	41
24	McClain, R	SC	40
25	Wake	MOH	40

## SACKS

Sacks			
1	Johnson, M	YOR	9
2	Ninkovich	MAR	8
3	Smith, A	VV	7
4	Quinn, R	LAK	7
5	Watt	GDM	7
6	Atkins	YOR	6
7	Abraham	MAR	6
8	Ware, D	MOH	5
9	Wake	MOH	5
10	Sheard	PIC	5
11	Peppers	CHI	5
12	Dunbar	CHI	5
13	Pierre-Pau	ICC	5
14	Kerrigan	COW	5
15	Griffen	COW	5
16	Hardy	CAR	4
17	Matthews, C	DVU	4
18	Johnson, C	DVU	4
19	Long, C	DVU	4
20	Houston, J	MOH	4
21	Dareus	COW	4
22	Bennett, M	LAK	4
23	Greenway	LAK	4
24	Wilfork	GDM	4
25	Avril	GDM	4

## INTERCEPTIONS

Interceptions			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Hayward, C	ICC	4	43	10.8	30	0
2	Sherman	DTL	3	40	13.3	16	0
3	Elam	DVU	3	54	18.0	26	0
4	Jackson, K	CHP	3	61	20.3	28	1
5	DeCoud	GWG	3	6	2.0	6	0
6	Barber	SS	3	44	14.7	34	0
7	Byrd, J	MAR	2	27	13.5	22	1
8	Tillman	MAR	2	0	0.0	0	0
9	Brown, S	PIC	2	20	10.0	11	1
10	Wilson, J	TCT	2	0	0.0	0	0
11	Slay	TCT	2	0	0.0	0	0
12	Winfield	TCT	2	33	16.5	33	0
13	Reid, E	TCT	2	29	14.5	29	0
14	Verner	CHI	2	29	14.5	29	0
15	Finnegan	CHI	2	68	34.0	63	0
16	Smith, H	CAR	2	49	24.5	49	1
17	Gilmore	ICC	2	34	17.0	34	0
18	Rhodes, X	ICC	2	0	0.0	0	0
19	Mathieu	DTL	2	47	23.5	47	1
20	Jones, R	ICC	2	51	25.5	43	0
21	McDonald, T	LAK	2	37	18.5	34	0
22	Wilson, T	MVM	2	16	8.0	16	0
23	Cox, D	SBE	2	32	16.0	32	0
24	Weddle	GDM	2	32	16.0	18	0
25	Clark, R	YOR	2	0	0.0	0	0



## KICK RETURNS

	Kick Returns	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	McKnight MAR	9	274	30.4	103	1
2	McKelvin GWG	20	582	29.1	57	0
3	Holliday, T CHI	20	581	29.1	102	2
4	Jones, J CHP	23	640	27.8	108	1
5	Cribbs LAK	32	866	27.1	72	0
6	Patterson MOH	27	718	26.6	62	0
7	Rainey COW	23	611	26.6	56	0
8	Hester DTL	20	514	25.7	34	0
9	Washington VV	24	603	25.1	60	0
10	Tate, B MVM	30	744	24.8	38	0
11	Austin, T ICC	9	222	24.7	36	0
12	Cobb DVU	13	319	24.5	38	0
13	Cadet CAR	19	444	23.4	37	0
14	Robinson, D PIC	11	252	22.9	29	0
15	Rodgers, J SC	12	274	22.8	33	0
16	Logan SS	12	251	20.9	34	0
17	Wheaton TCT	14	284	20.3	33	0
18	Bolden, O YOR	18	321	17.8	33	0
19	Royster SBE	9	110	12.2	23	0
20	Edelman GDM	12	145	12.1	25	0
21	Welker SBE	17	189	11.1	16	0
22	James, L ICC	5	152	30.4	36	0
23	Robinson, J SC	3	76	25.3	32	0
24	Barner DVU	5	116	23.2	27	0
25	Ginn Jr. TCT	6	135	22.5	28	0

## PUNT RETURNS

Punt Returns			No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Sanders, E	CAR	7	10	213	30.4	87	1
2	Cribbs	LAK	20	3	279	14.0	74	0
3	Martin, K	CHI	14	6	193	13.8	79	1
4	Tate, B	MVM	9	6	117	13.0	46	0
5	McKelvin	GWG	8	7	99	12.4	19	0
6	Peterson, P	GDM	12	4	145	12.1	38	0
7	Jones, A	PIC	24	1	265	11.0	62	1
8	Arenas	SC	14	2	147	10.5	22	0
9	Harris, D	SS	13	1	124	9.5	22	0
10	Welker	SBE	10	0	87	8.7	21	0
11	Ginn Jr.	TCT	10	4	80	8.0	16	0
12	Parrish	MAR	20	4	153	7.7	18	0
13	Bernard	YOR	10	4	76	7.6	16	0
14	Cobb	DVU	7	4	50	7.1	13	0
15	Jones, J	CHP	13	6	89	6.8	12	0
16	Banks	MOH	17	1	115	6.8	15	0
17	Sherels	VV	11	8	64	5.8	12	0
18	Wheaton	TCT	8	1	44	5.5	22	0
19	Franklin, J	COW	10	13	48	4.8	12	0
20	Hilton	DTL	20	4	92	4.6	12	0
21	Austin, T	ICC	5	2	108	21.6	76	1
22	Williams, K	COW	4	3	52	13.0	22	0
23	Jenkins, J	DVU	1	0	10	10.0	10	0
24	Easley	YOR	2	0	19	9.5	18	0
25	Decker	DTL	1	0	9	9.0	9	0

## SCORING

[illegible]

# Welcome to the **BLOGOSPHERE**



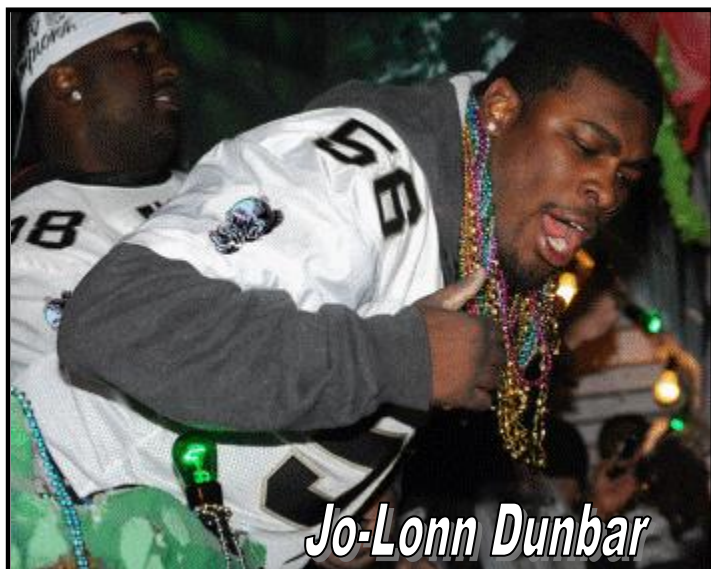
<http://con.com>



## WHERE FANS SPEAK

### **DUNBAR PATCHING GREAT WALL OF CHINO**

BY FINGERS McGEE (CONTRIBUTOR) ON NOVEMBER 16, 2013



**O**n a team with many legendary names on defence the arrival of Jo-Lonn Dunbar to the 'Lockdown Crew' was hardly noticed when he was signed as a free agent last year. The former Phoenix Roadrunner of the SFL was no star. He had shown some pass rush ability on a team stuck in the bottom half of a second-tier league. But coach and GM Rob Nazar obviously saw something on film that he liked enough to give him a shot in the big league.

After seeing limited action in his first

EFL season, Dunbar seemed to put it all together in the off-season, winning a training camp battle for the "Will" outside linebacker position over veteran Daryl Smith. But nobody expected him to actually play like Smith did in his prime.

All Dunbar has done is lead the Convicts in tackles with 75, twice as many as the guy behind him, Cortland Finnegan. He also leads the team in tackles for loss with 8, forced fumbles with 3, and is tied with Julius Peppers for the lead in sacks with 5. He doesn't have an interception yet, but his 3 deflections lead all non-secondary players. Those look a lot like Daryl Smith numbers to me.

The sudden emergence of Dunbar has some suspecting the use of PEDs, an allegation Dunbar strongly denies: "I strongly deny that," Dunbar said to reporters recently. "The only drug I use is marihuana."

Dunbar is not only a force on the field; he is a force off of it. He is the Convict's top partier and he is on the Guest Lists of the best nightclubs in Chino and cities around the league. "The team that parties hardy ain't tardy for the Big Party!" Dunbar likes to say when asked if the weekly outings he organizes for the team's most popular players might be distracting from the team's goals on the field. When asked to explain what that means, Dunbar turns serious for a moment, looks at the camera, and says, "it means we're going to the Champeenship!"





# AROUND THE



## With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – It's not your age, it's our Age. The sense that you can't keep up is not because your faculties are diminishing but because the world is getting faster. The pace of change in all areas of our daily lives is out-stripping our ability to adapt. The evidence is all around us that we are hanging on, just barely, to the runaway train of rapid technological innovation and radical social engineering. The power structures in the world that those of us in our 40's knew growing up are melting away and are being replaced by a Global Consciousness that constantly refines the definition, privileges and prerogatives of national sovereignty and draws us together, not always comfortably, as one.

When one considers all of this, is it really that strange that, while we have more creature comforts available to us than ever before, possibly in human history, we are, if we examine ourselves honestly, not very happy? We may *think* we are, but we know deep down we are *not*. Happy people don't watch television shows like *Jerry Springer* or eat at fake food restaurants like *McDonalds*. We know we have less control over our lives and we are losing more control every day. So what happens when society's diseases creep into the professional sports environment? Read on.....

### COACH CLUB

The sudden resignation of Garland coach **Doug Shirley** caught the media by surprise, and that is something we in the media don't like. We love to catch the public by surprise, but when it comes to us, we like to know at least an *itsy-bitsy* bit in advance what surprise is coming so we can think about it in advance and sound smarter than you when reacting to it. But Shirley throwing in the towel suddenly, like he did, caused everyone to react at the same time, meaning that, like you, we had nothing overly intelligent to say about it apart from sharing our various impressions of how Shirley had lost his marbles.

It is now a week later and I have some information that nobody else in the mainstream media has. If it falls short of shedding much light on Shirley's frame of mind when he pulled the plug, but it shines a floodlight on the issues coaches face in general. It all started with an innocuous tweet from **Randy the Desert Rat** of the *Mohave Torch*: '#Elder's EA says Shirley not in coach club.' I tweeted back, innocently, 'what is coach club?' Randy tweeted, 'the club he's not in.' Thanks, Randy.

But four days later I received a brown bubble envelope at my office addressed simply to 'Spats.' Assuming it contained anthrax powder, as most of them do, I brought it down to the mail room to be x-rayed only to find out that it contained nothing but CDs and a piece of paper. I opened it nervously, praying that this was not a recording of that thing I did, without any memory of it, the night of my stag, many years ago, one week before my fiancée dumped me for finding out that I did that thing at my stag that I can't remember. Thankfully, it was not, but it was a whole lot more.

Written on the piece of paper were the words: "to answer your question" and scrawled on the CDs in black marker were the words: "*Coach Club 2013*." What I found on the CDs was enlightening, to say the least. I will share with you a little of what I learned from watching, with fascination, at what were clearly secret recordings made at an unknown place.

It turns out that the first rule of Coach Club is: *You do not talk about Coach Club*. The second rule of Coach Club is: *You do not talk about Coach Club*. The third rule of Coach Club is: *if your opponent is losing badly and goes into a 'Basic' defence and does not key on your runner or try to guess your play, you can no longer try to run up the score*.

The coaching fraternity (and until a woman comes on the scene it remains a fraternity) has a special bond that goes deeper than one might think. That is because only a coach can truly understand what another coach goes through during the highs and lows of the game experience. '*We don't play the game, but we take all the blame*' is a familiar refrain at Coach Club, spoken ceremoniously at the beginning and end of every meeting.

The coaching fraternity is acutely aware that the players are the stars of the show, and that coaches are surrogates for the players' failures. But at Coach Club, those players are held accountable in an unconventional way – they are symbolically "killed" in effigy, one player per coach, while the other coaches drink scotch, or port, smoke expensive Cuban cigars, and swear a lot; the cursing is therapeutic. At the end of the day, Coach Club is about regaining power by freeing one's self from the players, setting and agreeing to rules that other coaches **MUST** follow, and having one night away from the wife.

**Doug Shirley** eschewed Coach Club, despite apparently being approached by **Jim Coghlin** to join on several occasions, most recently following the Mustangs' 26-17 loss to Gwinnett. The reasons for his refusal are unclear, but the members of Coach Club seemed to agree on one thing: Shirley would not have flipped out like a Loony Tune if he had been

part of their club.

"Doug took it too personally," Coghlin was heard to comment in the latest video. "He might not have thought he was so f^&\$king unique to the experience of getting f\*^&#d by his players if he had had a few drinks with us. Burning an effigy of Matt Ryan would have done him good, I think."

"F^&^k him!" piped up **Jay Hammond**, "Real coaches get fired, baby! They don't quit! *Skol!!*"

"I second that!" **Bobby Elder** barked. "But who's going to fire me? I also own the f^%king team! Satan help me!"

"Maybe Satan will fire you then," said **Chris Worthley**, "like he fired my ass when I didn't win all my f^&king games the first time I joined this league."

"F^%k you Worthley," yelled **Chris Ferraro** from across the room, "You're a f\$\*king a\$\$hole. I can't believe we let your sorry score-running-up a\$\$ in here."

"We let him in because he obviously felt apart when he ran up the score on us," **Hal Corson** said softly. "Remember, he's still a coach like the rest of us. Oh yeah...f%^k!"



The 'Little Cowboy,' a.k.a. **Ryan Rich**, surveys the field as assistant **Josh Battleford** calls in the play. Under Rich, the Mustangs trampled the Hellfire 47-3 at the Corral.

"You're right, Hal, but, unlike the rest of us, Death Boy now has to deal with that f^%&king *prima donna RGIII*. He deserves our sympathy and support, which you f^&kers failed to give me last year" chuckled **Gus Konstantakos**.

"You traded him that piece of sh^t, I'm surprised he doesn't try to kick your a\$\$ right around now," interjected a clearly inebriated **Dave Birdsall**.

"You want to *go*, peanut farmer??" Konstantakos barked at Birdsall, rising from his seat.....

....and so goes Coach Club; I think you get the idea. It's not fundamentally different from a bunch of guys getting drunk in a tavern after work, but they are professional coaches, not construction workers, and therefore what they have to say is newsworthy. I have another 34 hours of Coach Club to watch on video so many more revelations may be on their way.

### **THE LITTLE COWBOY**

With Garland owner **Haus Beauregard** reportedly in secret negotiations to find a new coach for his team, rumours from inside the Mustangs' organization are that he is intent on "shaking things up." So, when **Ryan Rich**, the richest boy in the world, showed up for a coaches meeting the day before the Mustangs' Week Seven game against Mohave, the media were quick to report that Beauregard had done exactly that by hiring the youngest coach in professional football history. But Beauregard was equally quick to dispel the rumour that he was bringing an 11-year old boy in to coach his team permanently.

"Ryan will be our game day coach tomorrow against the Hellfire but I want to make it perfectly clear that he is not our new Head Coach," Beauregard said in a rare public address to the media. "I sincerely appreciate my good friend, **Richard Rich**, signing the permission-to-participate form, allowing Ryan to coach the Mustangs for this game while we continue the hunt for a permanent head coach. I am told that Ryan got his math homework done and finished his science project, so don't ask me any stupid questions about school coming first and all that garbage!" Beauregard, a self-made billionaire with a Grade 8 education, added with evident scorn.

Beauregard has softened his stance on public education since campaigning against it 27 years ago in a failed electoral bid for Texas Governor. He recognizes that consumers need basic literacy skills in the Information Age, but it is still nearly impossible for anyone with a University degree to get a voting position on the Board of Directors of Beauregard's company, 'Confederate Oil.' There is currently just one, in fact, and that is Beauregard's niece, Abigail. Higher education is "woman's work" apparently, in the Beauregard Dynasty. I raise these points merely to illustrate the likelihood that, if child labour laws were not what they are in this fine country of ours, I would not be surprised to read that Beauregard had hired the kid permanently in exchange for an unlimited supply of Skittles and ice cream.

After the sudden rebirth of the Garland offence in the Mustangs' 47-3 thrashing of the Hellfire, some prominent Garlanders are calling for Ryan to stay on as Head Coach. The 'Little Cowboy,' as he is affectionately being called, has already been endorsed



for Mayor by the Editorial Board of the *Garland Gazette*. With Defensive Coordinator, **Joshua Battleford**, at his side, a more relaxed and mature Ryan directed the play-calling, working with remarkable speed.

"It helped to get the plays into the huddle quickly like that," an obviously happy **Matt Ryan** said after having his best game of the 2013 season. The quarterback had been on the hot seat, not just for inconsistent play, but because many fans had reflexively blamed him for causing beloved Doug Shirley's nervous breakdown and retirement from football. Now it seems to be a toss-up in the local polls whether he, or **Arian Foster**, should seek Shirley's former seat on Town Council.

#### **AROUND THE EFL**

Spartan running back **Steven Jackson** limped off the field in the 1st quarter with a game-ending injury. That literally put Pickering on their last legs with fullback **Kyle Juszczyk** the only remaining back on the roster able to play. **Gus Konstantakos** felt that **Matt Schaub** was the better option in all respects and directed 63 drop-backs in the next 66 snaps, with Schaub getting the call on the 3 running plays. The end result of this one-dimensional carnival act was not pretty for Pickering and, ironically, somewhat in reverse style of their Week Six win over Garland, in which all 27 of their points came off turnovers or special teams plays. The Cannibals kept their perfect home record with a surprising 33-23 win thanks in large part to an 87-yard punt return TD by **Emmanuel Sanders** and a 4th quarter "pick six" by safety **Harrison Smith**. The other 4 Schaub interceptions took care of the rest. It was pure larceny by Carthage, but the Spartans certainly left their victory wallet sticking out of their back pants pocket by carrying just 2 half backs on the roster. In the age of *Megaroid*, positional depth at the hamstring-heavy positions is critical, while the lack thereof potentially fatal.

In Death Valley, the Undertakers possessed the ball for over 40 minutes but still trailed the Regulators by scores of 17-14 and 24-21 in the 4th quarter. Ball control in the running game, mixed with a lack of ball control in the form of 3 turnovers in the passing game, led to slow scores for Death Valley and quick ones for the Regulators – all in all, not the type of **Chris Worthley** performance we have come to expect. But, in the end, Death Valley did what they do best to salvage a win; it was bombs away from *RGIII* to **Andre 'Optimus Prime' Johnson** for a 50-yard, game-winning TD pass. The game then returned to unfamiliar territory for fans at the Graveyard, with the Undertaker defence creating two turnovers to snuff out South Carolina's comeback attempt in a 31-24 victory that keeps them within striking distance of Iowa City atop in the West Division.

Two coaches who will need to meet and curse it out at Coach Club after Week Seven are **George Kaldis** and **Rob Nazar**. Both had to endure the sight of their star quarterbacks throwing too many spirals to the wrong team as the Chino Convicts squeezed out a 24-21 victory over Durham at the Big House. First it was Nazar who needed medication to prevent his temples from bursting after **Cam Newton** and **Kirk Cousins** combined for 3 picks in their first 3 possessions of the game, leading to a quick 14-0 Durham lead. Then, without warning, back-to-back picks of **Drew Brees** by **Alterraun Verner** wiped the lack of a frown off the face of Kaldis (the Durham coach is incapable of smiling) and sent him temporarily to the locker with training staff for emergency aromatherapy and 10 minutes of whale sounds. Refreshed, Kaldis was thrown back into apoplexy in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when **Antoine Bethea** picked off Brees to set up a temporary go-ahead TD for Chino. Despite the erratic play of his quarterback, the 'Stubborn Greek' (as he is sometimes called by friends and foes alike) insisted on passing with a 21-17 lead late in the game, instead of running time off the clock. The Convicts preserved their timeouts and used them wisely in marching 69 yards in two minutes for the winning touchdown.

The strangeness and unpredictability of the 2013 season was in evidence in Manitoba this week, where two favourites were toppled by cross-conference protagonists from the North Division. In spite of a patchwork offensive line (or perhaps because of it) the Twin Cities Triumph piled up over 400 yards of offence on their way to a 38-35 overtime win at Patriot Place. An uncharacteristically cranky **Jason Findlay** stopped short of blaming the referees, while blaming them at the same time, when he commented afterwards, "It sometimes gets to the point where you wonder who you are playing out there." Meanwhile, 280 km west along the Trans-Canada the Violators were getting....well...you know....*harmed intimately* by the on-again, off-again Corn Kings, 24-0. The sometimes bad Cowtown defence looked untouchable on this day in shutting down one of the more powerful offences in the league; but to hear **Lance Barrate** tell it, the blame lies more on the other end: "Stafford's a bum!" he was overheard saying to one of his assistants. I guess that remark takes away all of the suspense around who Barrate intends to burn in effigy this week at Coach Club.

**Jeff Dohrn's** Knights continue to defy the conventional wisdom that they are the worst team in professional football. That infamy may have just passed to the Swordfish after they were clumsily dispatched 17-9 in their own house by a spirited group of borderline incompetents wearing LA Knights jerseys. Who cares if there were just 12,000 fans in the stands at the Fish Tank? It's *your* house Swordfish, *defend it!*

At Camelot, York kicker, **Blair Walsh** welcomed Gwinnett to the 3-4 Club with a boot between the uprights in overtime for a 23-20 win as the Excaliburs continued to make progress climbing out of the 1-4 hole they dug for themselves.

Hope turned back to despair in Scarborough where the Blue Eagles failed to build on the momentum of their dramatic come-from-behind win over Markham last week. The Cubs rag-dolled the Eagles in the second half, out-scoring them 27-0 in the last two periods to win handily, 37-13 and remain alone at the top of the West Division.

Finally, at the Dawg Pound, ugliness was nowhere to be found on the field in the North Stars' 35-14 thumping of the Monarchs – unless you are a Monarchs' fan, of course. But ugliness was in clear evidence in Row 54, where the Fat Lady bared her breasts for Breast Cancer, causing Monarchs' owner **Chris Ferraro** to projectile vomit and leave the stadium.

# BUG THE BOOKIE!

## JIMMY THE GEEK GIVES YOU HIS PICKS FOR WEEK EIGHT EFL ACTION

*Your source for fantasy and on-line betting solutions*



**RECORD VS THE SPREAD AFTER WEEK 7:**

**42-25-3**

### JIMMY'S WEEK EIGHT PICKS

#### **VIRDEN @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 5)**

**INJURIES:** **Virden** – Brandon Albert (OUT), Fred Davis (OUT), Vontae Davis (OUT), Knowshon Moreno (OUT), Aquib Talib (OUT); **Durham** – Danny Amendola (OUT), David DeCastro (OUT), Carl Nicks (OUT).

Both teams are 4-3, in the thick of Divisional races, and coming off losses. The Violators have to be more concerned, however; they were shut out in **TERRORDOME** by the Corn Kings in Matt Stafford's worst performance of the year. The good news for Virden is that Jamaal Charles should have room to run against the worst rushing defence in the league; he had better, because passing against the Dinos is dangerous – especially when they know it's coming. Drew Brees has been a mixed bag since coming to Durham but there is no question that, as Brees goes, so go the Thunder Lizards. He will have opportunities to bring his team back into the W column with Vontae Davis and Aqib Talib still out for Virden. Expect him to air it out and fly to victory. **PICK: DURHAM**

#### **YORK @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 4)**

**INJURIES:** **York** – Chris Gamble (OUT), Donald Jones (OUT), Dustin Keller (OUT), Richard Seymour (OUT); **Pickering** – Johnathan Joseph (PROBABLE), Marshall Yanda (PROBABLE), Tashard Choice (OUT), Aubrayo Franklin (OUT).

The first chink in the Spartans' armour appeared last week when they were upset at the Killing Field by the opportunistic Cannibals. For the first time all year, the burden was entirely on the shoulders of Matt Schaub and he handled it by throwing 5 interceptions. Steve Jackson is back, but he remains the only viable running back on the roster with Tashard Choice out. Nobody would have thought Choice was that important until last week when Jackson went down early in the game. The Swords will want to keep Pickering from establishing the run, but not at the expense of leaving Demaryius Thomas and Vincent Jackson free to roam the secondary. Tom Brady is on a bit of a roll and the Excaliburs appear to be recovering from a wobbly 1-4 start. Rookie Giovanni Bernard brought some much needed life to the stagnant York running game last week; expect to see more of the youngster this week, but as a decoy, rather than the focus of the York attack. **PICK: YORK**

#### **CARTHAGE @ COWTOWN (line – CORN KINGS by 3)**

**INJURIES:** **Carthage** – David Hawthorne (PROBABLE), Winston Justice (QUESTIONABLE), Jon Beason (OUT), Dannel Ellerbe (OUT), Maurice Jones-Drew (OUT), Eddie Lacy (OUT), Stefen Wisniewski (OUT); **Cowtown** – Maurkice Pouncey (OUT), Kyle Williams (OUT).

The Cannibals are 4-0 at home and 0-3 on the road; I sense a pattern. The Corn Kings are 0-4 in their Division and 3-0 out of it; I sense another pattern. According to the patterns, this game appears to be a lock for the Corn Kings; but things are never so simple. There are good fundamental reasons to take the home team in this situation that have nothing to do with the superficial patterns, not the least of which is the disparity in talent. But Carthage has been punching above its weight all year and causing trouble for nearly all opponents. Philip Rivers gives the Cannibals' offence a chance despite the weak supporting cast while the irregularity of Joe Flacco means nobody can rest on the Corn Kings' sideline. Thankfully, they also have Alfred Morris. **PICK: COWTOWN**

#### **MOHAVE @ TWIN CITIES (line – TRIUMPH by 6)**

**INJURIES:** **Mohave** – Paul Kruger (PROBABLE), Jimmy Graham (OUT), Reggie Nelson (OUT), Hakeem Nicks (OUT), Scott Wells (OUT); **Twin Cities** – Mike Brewster (PROBABLE), Pierre Garcon (PROBABLE), Eben Britton (DOUBTFUL), Glenn Dorsey (OUT), Rishard Matthews (OUT), Henry Melton (OUT), Ike Taylor (OUT).



The loss of Hakeem Nicks and Jimmy Graham in last week's beating at the hooves of the Mustangs makes a bad situation even worse for the last-ranked Mohave offence. But given that they are already last ranked, how worse can it get? Andrew Luck is proving that he is no Peyton Manning, at least not yet, and whoever is running the ball for the Hellfire this year is proving that he is no Barry Foster (if you are wondering who he is then I've made my point). The Triumph defence is struggling a little more than expected, but not enough to give Hellfire fans hope for an offensive birth. On the other side of the ball, Jay Cutler and Doug Martin have both phases covered against the blitz-happy Hellfire. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

### **CHARLESWOOD @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – PATRIOTS by 3)**

**INJURIES: Charleswood** – Marcus Gilbert (OUT), Santonio Holmes (OUT), Phil Taylor (OUT); **South Carolina** – Chris Cook (OUT), Akiem Hicks (OUT), Greg Jennings (OUT), Tracy Porter (OUT), Sam Shields (OUT), Al Woods (OUT).

The Patriots are secretly relieved to get out of Patriot Place, where they have suffered all 3 of their losses. Peyton and Co. are leading the league in points scored, averaging close to 33 points per game. In their 3 losses they have surrendered 34 or more points, so the bar is set for Tony Romo to give his team a chance to win. One might assume the Regulators' defence would surrender much more than 34 points to the powerful Pats, but think again. Despite suspect talent in the secondary and a defensive line with promise but no experience, the Regulators are ranked in a tie for 7<sup>th</sup> in defensive efficiency and 10<sup>th</sup> in points allowed – impressive numbers given the tradition of Southern hospitality to opposing QBs at the Carolina Slammer. I expect this to be a good old-fashioned shootout where the first defence to make a play wins the game. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

### **DEATH VALLEY @ SCARBOROUGH (line – UNDERTAKERS by 2)**

**INJURIES: Death Valley** – Alfonzo Dennard (OUT), Rob Gronkowski (OUT), Aaron Hernandez (OUT), Todd Herremans (OUT), Clay Matthews (OUT), Kenny Phillips (OUT); **Scarborough** – King Dunlap (OUT), Ryan Kalil (OUT), Logan Mankins (OUT), Jordan Norwood (OUT), Darrelle Revis (OUT), Terrell Suggs (OUT).

The aggressive Death Valley defence is attempting to take the ball away from their opponents faster than RGIII and Bryce Brown can give it away. It isn't quite keeping up. The Scarborough offence is not doing anything impressively except not throwing interceptions. If they can keep the ball out of the hands of the Undertakers, however, there could be room for superstars like Wes Welker and Brandon Marshall to get open for a change....maybe. Their numbers have not been overly impressive considering the salary of one and the reputation of the other. For that matter, the entire Blue Eagles' attack has been not so much an *attack* as a *plea*. Please get out of our way, *please!* Rodgers' moment of brilliance in the dying minutes of the win over Markham has faded quickly. If he can't get it done this week against the flailing Death Valley D, I am writing him off. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

### **LOS ANGELES @ MARKHAM (line – NORTH STARS by 9)**

**INJURIES: Los Angeles**– Trevor Robinson (DOUBTFUL), Andre Brown (OUT), Brian Bulaga (OUT), Barry Church (OUT), Brian Cushing (OUT), Clyde Gates (OUT), Ryan Mathews (OUT), Brian Orakpo (OUT), Nick Sundberg (OUT), Kenny Vaccaro (OUT), Charles Woodson (OUT); **Markham** – Jared Cook (PROBABLE), Jordy Nelson (PROBABLE), Chris Canty (OUT), Percy Harvin (OUT), James Starks (OUT), Titus Young (OUT).

I am ready to give my vote to Jeff Dohrn now as first runner-up to Coach of the Year for winning 3 games with this bedraggled group. The Blue Veil stepped up last week and held Sebastian to 3 field goals – not an impressive achievement for most teams, but an eye-popper for the back-ups to back-ups that took the field for the Knights in that game. If the Knights can pull off the impossible at the Dawg Pound this week, I will not only vote for Dohrn for Coach of the Year, but I will bet the Knights against the spread for the rest of the season. But back to reality.....the North Stars will not have to do much more than appear on the field to win this game and hold off going into the 'Prevent' until the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter to beat the rather lean spread. **PICK: MARKHAM**

### **CHINO @ GWINNETT (line – CONVICTS by 2)**

**INJURIES: Chino** – Haloti Ngata (PROBABLE), James Harrison (OUT); **Gwinnett** – D.J. Hayden (QUESTIONABLE), Bill Bentley (OUT), Josh Brown (OUT), Kevin Kolb (OUT), Robert Mathis (OUT), LeSean McCoy (OUT), Leodis McKelvin (OUT), Troy Polamalu (OUT).

Fewer turnovers by the Convicts and maybe they are sitting on top of the West Division instead of the Cubs. Any more turnovers by the Glads and they are nowhere close to Garland in the South division race. The Glads have been plagued by injuries but have stayed afloat by holding on to the ball better than any other team. Their +6 turnover ratio is a big part of their record, and for this

they can thank a much more mature Ben Roethlisberger, who has yet to throw an interception and has fumbled just once. For the Glads to win they will need to force Cam Newton into mistakes, which may not require much effort. While Newton has largely driven the Chino offence, he has also set it back by throwing 8 picks and fumbling 4 times so far this year; an off day for him could mean a pay day for the Gladiators. But who am I to predict something like that for the Head Convict? If all follows the regular script, Chino will win by at least a field goal, and probably more. **PICK: CHINO**

### **SEABSTIAN @ MISSION VIEJO (line – MONARCHS by 1)**

**INJURIES: Sebastian** – Alex Green (PROBABLE), Kenny Britt (DOUBTFUL), Roy Helu (OUT), Willis McGahee (OUT), Zach Strief (OUT); **Mission Viejo** – Domenik Hixon (PROBABLE), Brandon Browner (DOUBTFUL), DeMarco Murray (OUT), William Powell (OUT), Lardarius Webb (OUT).

After 4 consecutive losses the Swordfish are back to being a stultifying influence on football's popularity in Florida. The offence has regressed steadily since their high point in....scratch that; there has been no discernible high point for the Sebastian offence. They did score 24 points against Scarborough, but everything had to go right for that to happen. The Monarchs are showing more life but they too are riding a 4-game losing streak. Something has to give here and the sad thing is that nobody cares – except you reading this who may be contemplating a small wager on the outcome of this snail race. The 1-point line here makes sense – both teams' weaknesses play to the other's weaknesses, making it difficult to predict which one will make more mistakes. With the Swordfish offence stuck in the fish tank I see the Monarchs gaining more than 1 degree of separation. **PICK: MISSION VIEJO**

### **GARLAND @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 3)**

**INJURIES: Garland** – Anquan Boldin (OUT); **Iowa City** – Xavier Rhodes (PROBABLE), Rodney Hudson (OUT), LaMichael James (OUT).

This inter-conference Game of the Week is being billed as a possible preview of this year's Championship Game. The Mustangs have not been as impressive as the Cubs, but new management may be the right prescription to cure their early season ills. Both teams are comparatively healthy, but Garland will be without Anquan Boldin, who re-aggravated a groin injury last week and will be out for this game. Expect the Mustangs to pass the ball a lot– not because the Cubs' secondary is weak, but because the Cubs' defensive front seven are so strong. The Cubs are the least run-on team in the EFL, and with Muhammad Wilkerson, Jason Pierre-Paul, and Patrick Willis in the box it's not difficult to understand why. But they had better pound that line anyway to keep the top-intercepting team honest. Russell Wilson will face his toughest test yet against the stable of studs on the Mustang defence; his ability to make plays on his feet will be key to keeping the chains moving. With all the good things happening on offence for the Cubs, it's odd that Mike Wallace has been so silent. Expect that to change this week. **PICK: IOWA CITY**



## **ANCIENT HISTORY CHANNEL PRESENTS *This Week in EFL History* With Professor Sterling Smitherman**

FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – 2007 – Top billing in Week 6 went to Tony Romo of the Kutztown Golden Bears. He led his 2-4 Bears to a 49-31 upset of the 2-4 Anchorage Buccaneers. Yes, the pundits were still stubbornly referring to Bucs' losses as "upsets," going against the plainly visible evidence that the Bucs were more of a contender for an early draft pick in 2008 than a playoff berth in 2007. The "upset" was a mere footnote to the truly remarkable feat of Romo throwing 6 TD passes in a game for the second time in 6 weeks. He now led all QBs with 17 scoring strikes, a fact that caused people to overlook the 8 interceptions and 4

fumbles he had compiled as well.

In other notable outcomes, mainstream media continued to be agog at the struggling Patriots, who dropped a 33-17 decision to Durham. Frank "Din-o" Gore outran Adrian Peterson while Philip Rivers out-dueled Peyton Manning in a complete victory that had exasperated Charleswood coach Jason Findlay guzzling Maalox after the game.

In the West, the Corn Kings remained on top of the Division with an easy 31-10 win over the Swamp Dogs while the turbo-charged Chino offence returned full force with a 41-27 beat down of Gwinnett to stay one game behind. In that game Chino's LaDainian Tomlinson set the current single rushing TD record of 5 and single game rushing record of 238 yards, that stood until Willis McGahee broke it last year.

Mohave continued to reign supreme in the East, battering the Knights 34-20 in a game that featured a 3-sack performance by the Defensive Player of the Week, Charles Grant. The Hellfire lineman also forced a couple of David Carr fumbles. Looking back through history's lens, forcing David Carr to fumble does not seem that impressive; but at the time it drew people's attention.