

2017



WEEK

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EFL

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2017



WEEK

10



In our 11th season and still going strong!
December 17, 2017



EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



BURN!!!



Julio Jones Mohave Hellfire

Mohave wide receiver *Julio Jones* runs through a *Kiko Alonso* tackle on his way to a touchdown in 2nd quarter action in Chino. The Hellfire's top pass-catcher took the same short slant play 75-yards to the house in the 4th quarter, for his second TD of the game, to give Mohave a virtually insurmountable 41-22 lead. His team went on to win 41-24.



Who was slick
in Week Ten?

"Brylcreem" THE
EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR



Julio Jones
WR
Mohave
Hellfire

8 catches, 192 yards, 2 TDs. He was
85% of the passing offence in win.



James Harrison
LB
New Jersey
Wrecking Balls

13 T, 3 SK, 1 PD, 2 HUR, 2 FF. Kept
lost game close all by himself.



OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

2nd Qtr, Virden leading 9-7, **Ezekiel Elliott** (VIR) beat the Pats' run key with a 72-yard TD run.



GAME CENTER 2017 Week Ten

GAME BLITZ!

By Chris Sherman



DEFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

4th Qtr, 10:13, **Adoree' Jackson** (STC) picks **Eli Manning** (SEA) for game-winning 48-yard pick-six.

	15	Jelani Jenkins forced a fumble in Charger territory and the Pilots struck first on a 12-yard TD pass to Dion Sims. The Pilots added a FG set up by a 21-yard pass play to Bilal Powell and a pair of big runs by Kareem Hunt. After a holding call in the end zone put the Pilots up 12-7, Adoree' Jackson came out of nowhere with a 48-yard pick six of Manning to allow the Chargers to escape with a win.
	12	
	41	Darrelle Revis picked off Dak Prescott on the game's first play from scrimmage and returned it for a TD. That set the stage for a shaky ball control day for the Convicts; they would turn the ball over twice more to set up one of 2 Tevin Coleman TD runs. The Hellfire ran the ball well but also struck quickly with Julio Jones, who caught 2 TDs, including a back-breaking 75-yarder in the 4 th .
	24	
	17	Alex Smith hit DeAndre Hopkins in the back of the end zone from 18 yards and Brent Grimes returned a Russell Wilson interception 29 yards for a TD to stake the Hawks to a 14-3 half time lead. CJ Prorise gained 25 yards on 2 carries to help set up a James Conner 3-yd run for the first Cubs' TD, but Smith bootlegged 1- yards for a TD with 3 minutes left in the 4 th to cap off a convincing Hawks' win.
	31	
	22	The Pats' offence started with 2 delay of game penalties then a Melvin Ingram sack of DeShaun Watson for a safety. A Lamar Miller fumble set a 14-yard TD pass to Amari Cooper to make it 9-0 then a 72-yard sideline run by Ezekiel Elliott and a short hitch to Eric Ebron put Virden in command 22-7 at half time. That was it for action as both offences went into deep freeze in a scoreless 2 nd half.
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	7	After a FG broke the ice in the 1 st , Carson Palmer found Antonio Brown for a 58-yard TD pass and an early 9-0 lead. DeShone Kizer came in for a 1-yard bootleg TD to get Erieau on the board before half time. The Triumph opened the 3 rd with a grinding 8-minute TD-drive then finished off the Caddies with a 35-yard TD pass to Brown in the 4 th . Erieau was held to just 7 1st downs and 149 yards.
	23	
	20	Two long Mustangs' drives in the 1 st quarter ended with Matt Ryan-to-Julian Edelman TD passes for a quick 14-0 lead. In the 2 nd Joe Flacco hit James Hogan on a long slant for a 43-yard TD, starting a scoring streak that had Cowtown leading 20-14 in the 4 th . But a 43-yard pass play to Davante Adams sparked the go-ahead TD drive for Aurora and Rashad Jennings iced it with a late 1-yard TD run.
	30	
	24	A muffed punt by Jarvis Landry at the Georgia 12 led to Scarborough's first TD then, with Blaine Gabbert replacing an injured Big Ben, an Eric Weddle 53-yard INT return to the Glads' 2-yard line led to a 2 nd TD as the Eagles took a 14-3 half time lead. Marcus Peters had picks on back-to-back series in the 3 rd , setting up a 3 rd TD off turnover. The Glads' offence offered no further challenge.
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	3	After the Regs had to settle for a FG following a long opening drive, the Fish assembled back-to-back TD drives in the 2 nd quarter with the help of 55 yards rushing by Kenneth Dixon and a hot Jameis Winston, who hit a double-covered Doug Baldwin to a TD and ran it in for another. Kirk Cousins could not crack the Fish 'D' and in the 4 th Sebastian put the game away on a 45-yard TD pass to Baldwin.
	20	
	2	A 32-yard pass to TY Hilton and a facemask vaulted the Lizards into position for a 1-yard Drew Brees sneak for the game's 1 st TD. Missed FGs kept Durham from adding on until late in the 3 rd when Carlos Hyde caught an 8-yard TD pass to make it 14-0. Toronto's offence could make no headway due to penalties and timely Trent Murphy sacks, but Trent Cole broke the shutout late with a safety.
	17	
	7	Philip Rivers connected with Willie Snead for a 33-yard TD pass to open the scoring. Caleb Sturgis added two FGs before York got on the board with a 2-yard TD pass to Kelvin Benjamin just before half time. Pickering opened the 3 rd with a 12-play drive that ended with Rivers sneaking into the end zone for a 20-7 lead. The Spartans never looked back, holding York off the scoresheet and adding a FG.
	23	
	0	On a day of little offence for both teams, Budapest's David Johnson piled up more than 60% of his team's yardage. He gained 51 yards on a screen pass to set up the 1 st Kai Forbath FG and rushed for 38 yards on 5 carries to help set up the 2 nd . Tim Hightower scored the game's only TD on an 8-yard run in the 4 th . NJ was thwarted by turnovers and failed 4 th down converts to finish scoreless.
	12	
	17	Jarrad Davis picked off Andy Dalton on the game's first play to set up a quick Bruxelles TD. The Knights replied with a 3-yard TD pass to Brandin Cooks. Bruxelles added a FG to take a 10-7 lead. But Andre Roberts turned the game around completely with back-to-back punt return TDs in the 2 nd . The Knights' defence limited Marcus Mariota from then, while Cooks added a 2 nd TD to seal the win.
	38	

CHARGERS**15**

PASSING: Carson Wentz, 10 of 20, 122 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Dalvin Cook, 13C, 55yds, (4.2), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Thomas, 3 for 47 yds, 20LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Adoree' Jackson, 3 T, 1 PD, 1 INT (48yds-TD)
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 Pts

PILOTS**12**

PASSING: Eli Manning, 16 of 27, 145 yds, 1TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 20C, 83yds, (4.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Bilal Powell, 4 for 30yds, 21LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Jelani Jenkins, 6T, 1 PD, 1 FF
KICKING: Josh Lambo, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 4 Pts

12-16-2017 Kingdome Temp: 70 Wind: MVP: **Adoree' Jackson**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 St. Charles (5-5)	0	0	7	8	15
2016 Seattle (1-9)	7	0	3	2	12

Scoring Summary

1 0:00 Seattle	TD Manning 12 pass to Sims (Lambo) (3-30-1:35)	0-7
3 9:46 Seattle	FG Lambo 32 (7-65-3:11)	0-10
3 2:19 St. Charles	TD Cook 10 run (Hauschka) (12-75-7:27)	7-10
4 10:31 Seattle	Safety Phillips (Holding-Offense)	7-12
4 10:13 St. Charles	TD Jackson 48 interception return (2 - Gore)	15-12

STC **SEA**

First Downs	13	15
Rushes	34-118	28-145
Passes	20-10-122	27-16-145
Sacked	1-7	0-0
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	11-95	7-53
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	10	7
Blitzes	22	5
Time	30:21	29:39
Third Down	4-13	2-11
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	233	290

HELLFIRE**41**

PASSING: Andrew Luck, 14 of 22,222yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jay Ajayi, 15C, 90yds, (6.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Julio Jones, 8 for 192yds, 75LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Darrelle Revis, 6 T, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 INT(42yds-TD)
KICKING: Sebastian Janikowski, 5 of 5 XPA, 2 of 2 FG, 11 Pts

CONVICTS**24**

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 26 of 46, 291 yds, 2 TDs, 2 INTs,
RUSHING: Rob Kelley, 11C, 33yds, (3.0), 0TD
RECEIVING: Christain McCaffery, 8 for 74yds, 41LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Takkarist McKinley, 5T, 2 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, pts

12-15-2017 The Big House Temp: 84 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Julio Jones**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Mohave (5-5)	7	14	6	14	41
2016 Chino (5-5)	7	3	0	14	24

1 14:50 Mohave	TD Revis 42 interception return (Janikowski)	7-0
1 3:29 Chino	TD Prescott 32 pass to Jones Jr. (Bailey,D) (6-73-3:17)	7-7
2 14:56 Mohave	TD Luck 2 pass to Jones (Janikowski) (8-75-3:33)	14-7
2 7:33 Chino	FG Bailey 35 (12-62-4:43)	14-10
2 1:59 Mohave	TD Coleman 7 run (Janikowski) (1-7-0:14)	21-10
3 8:08 Mohave	FG Janikowski 32 (6-52-2:27)	24-10
3 4:01 Mohave	FG Janikowski 38 (6-36-2:13)	27-10
4 13:05 Mohave	TD Coleman 8 run (Janikowski) (10-70-4:21)	34-10
4 10:39 Chino	TD Prescott 10 run (2 - failed) (6-77-2:21)	34-16
4 8:12 Chino	TD Prescott 3 pass to Olsen (2 - failed) (5-55-2:20)	34-22
4 7:52 Mohave	TD Luck 75 pass to Jones (Janikowski) (2-75-0:20)	41-22
4 2:38 Chino	Safety Jarrett	41-24

MOH **CHI**

First Downs	17	23
Rushes	33-204	31-82
Passes	22-14-222	46-26-291
Sacked	5-38	0-0
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	6-63	4-22
Turnovers	0	3
Missed Tackles	6	4
Blitzes	36	1
Time	28:26	31:34
Third Down	2-12	6-17
Fourth Down	1-2	1-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	7/3/2	4/2/1
Net Offense	388	373

CUBS**17**

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 15 of 25, 172 yds, 0 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: CJ Proise, 7C, 56yds, (8.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Marqise Lee, 3 for 87yds, 41LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Fletcher Cox, 8 T, 1 STF, 3 HUR
KICKING: Jason Tucker, 2 of 2 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 5 Pts

HAWKS**31**

PASSING: Alex Smith, 15 of 31, 161 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jonathan Stewart, 24C, 125yds, (5.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Alshon Jeffery, 6 for 64, 18LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Brent Grimes, 2 T, 1 PD, 1 INT (29yds-TD)
KICKING: Carpenter 1of1XPA,1pt/Parkey,3of3X/1of2FG, 6pts

12-16-2017 Neutral Park Temp: 10 Wind: None MVP: **Alex Smith**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Iowa City (7-3)	0	3	7	7	17
2016 Brooklin (7-3)	7	7	7	10	31


Scoring Summary

1 4:30 Brooklin	TD Smith 18 pass to Hopkins (Carpenter) (12-71-5:44)	0-7
2 12:48 Brooklin	TD Grimes 29 interception return (Parkey)	0-14
2 6:37 Iowa City	FG Tucker 33 (10-74-6:01)	3-14
3 11:17 Brooklin	TD Smith 10 pass to Stewart (Parkey) (10-70-3:37)	3-21
3 6:32 Iowa City	TD Conner 3 run (Tucker) (11-66-4:39)	10-21
4 12:40 Brooklin	FG Parkey 39 (7-15-2:50)	10-24
4 3:29 Brooklin	TD Smith 10 run (Parkey) (6-49-3:06)	10-31
4 1:45 Iowa City	TD Hill 1 run (Tucker) (6-70-1:37)	17-31

ICC **BRH**

First Downs	18	25
Rushes	29-153	37-189
Passes	25-15-172	31-15-161
Sacked	3-30	0-0
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	11-67	9-87
Turnovers	3	0
Missed Tackles	7	5
Blitzes	0	3
Time	27:35	32:25
Third Down	3-12	1-11
Fourth Down	0-3	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	6/3/1
Net Offense	295	350


VIOLATORS



22

PASSING: Derek Carr, 11 of 17, 113 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Ezekiel Elliott, 25C, 163yds, (6.5), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Amari Cooper, 4 for 55yds, 14LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Melvin Ingram, 7 T, 3 SK, SAFETY
KICKING: Nick Folk, 2 of 3XPA, 2pts

PATRIOTS




7

PASSING: DeShaun Watson, 23 of 38, 1989 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Lamar Miller, 15C, 81yds, (4.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Mohamed Sanu, 8 for 84yds, 15LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: CJ Mosley, 7 T, 1 ST
KICKING: Ryan Succop, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 Pt

12-13-2017 Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: MVP: Ezekiel Elliott					VV			CHP		
	1	2	3	4	Tot	First Downs	11	19		
2016 Virden (6-4)	9	13	0	0	22	Rushes	29-171	26-124		
2016 Charleswood (4-6)	0	7	0	0	7	Passes	17-11-113	38-23-198		
Scoring Summary										
1 14:10 Virden	Safety Ingram					Sacked	1-5	4-22		
1 1:30 Virden	TD Carr 14 pass to Cooper (Folk) (5-38-2:11)				9-0	Fumble	0	1		
2 12:31 Charleswood	TD Watson 13 pass to Sanu (Succop) (10-75-3:59)				9-7	Penalties	7-34	8-56		
2 11:28 Virden	TD Elliott 72 run (no good) (2-75-1:03)				15-7	Turnovers	0	2		
2 1:53 Virden	TD Carr 9 pass to Ebron (Folk) (6-58-3:30)				22-7	Missed Tackles	3	10		
						Blitzes	29	4		
						Time	26:56	33:04		
						Third Down	3-11	5-16		
						Fourth Down	0-0	1-3		
						Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	1/1/0		
						Net Offense	279	300		


CADILLAC



7

PASSING: Matt Stafford, 10 of 22, 55 yds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Matt Stafford, 4C, 47yds, (11.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Christine Michael, 3 for 19 yds, 13LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Zach Brown, 11T, 1SK, 1PD, 2STF, 1HUR, 1FF
KICKING: Stephen Gostkowski, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 Pts

TRIUMPH



23

PASSING: Carson Palmer, 22 of 29, 308 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Doug Martin, 18C, 74yds, (4.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Antonio Brown, 10 for 179yds, 58LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Darius Slay, 3 T, 1 INT (13yds)
KICKING: Roberto Aguayo, 2 of 3 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 5 Pts

12-15-2017 Willhalla Stadium Temp: 70 Wind: MVP: Antonio Brown					ERI			TCT		
	1	2	3	4	Tot	First Downs	7	29		
2017 Erieau (2-8)	0	7	0	0	7	Rushes	18-92	42-186		
2016 Twin Cities (4-6)	3	6	7	7	23	Passes	24-11-62	29-22-308		
Scoring Summary										
1 3:58 Twin Cities	FG Aguayo 34 (12-66-8:00)				0-3	Sacked	1-5	5-33		
2 13:12 Twin Cities	TD Palmer 58 pass to Brown (no good) (5-82-2:23)				0-9	Fumble	0	3		
2 1:06 Erieau	TD Kizer 1 run (Gostkowski) (7-51-2:09)				7-9	Penalties	6-56	7-50		
3 6:48 Twin Cities	TD White 1 run (Aguayo) (16-75-8:12)				7-16	Turnovers	1	1		
4 8:07 Twin Cities	TD Palmer 35 pass to Brown (Aguayo) (1-35-0:11)				7-23	Missed Tackles	8	2		
						Blitzes	28	10		
						Time	19:15	40:45		
						Third Down	1-10	5-12		
						Fourth Down	1-3	0-2		
						Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	4/1/1		
						Net Offense	149	461		

CORN KINGS



20

PASSING: Joe Flacco, 10 of 19, 106 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: LeGarrette Blount, 15C, 101yds, (6.7), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Larry Fitzgerald, 4 for 28yds, 9LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Terence Newman, 6 T, 4 PD, 1 INT (18yds)
KICKING: Nick Novak, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 8 Pts

MUSTANGS



30

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 22 of 38, 271 yds, 3 TDs, 3 INTs
RUSHING: Wayne Gallman, 13C, 83yds, (6.4) 0 TD
RECEIVING: Davnate Adams, 5 for 104yds, 43LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Willie Young, 7 T, 2 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Wil Lutz, 4 of 4 XPA, 4 Pts

12-15-2017 Magna Park Temp: 58 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: Julian Edelman					COW			AUR		
	1	2	3	4	Tot	First Downs	14	25		
2016 Cowtown (5-5)	0	0	17	3	20	Rushes	25-148	29-154		
2016 Aurora (10-0)	14	0	0	16	30	Passes	28-14-129	38-22-271		
Scoring Summary										
1 8:37 Aurora	TD Ryan 12 pass to Edelman (Lutz) (11-79-6:17)				0-7	Sacked	4-24	4-34		
1 1:42 Aurora	TD Ryan 19 pass to Edelman (Lutz) (10-69-2:57)				0-14	Fumble	0	1		
3 10:44 Cowtown	TD Flacco 43 pass to Hogan (Novak) (8-64-4:11)				7-14	Penalties	6-50	6-41		
3 9:10 Cowtown	TD Blount 5 run (Novak) (1-5-0:10)				14-14	Turnovers	2	3		
3 0:48 Cowtown	FG Novak 52 (12-40-5:47)				17-14	Missed Tackles	2	3		
4 13:07 Cowtown	FG Novak 46 (4-6-1:32)				20-14	Blitzes	22	22		
4 9:52 Aurora	TD Ryan 10 pass to Jennings (Lutz) (5-75-3:15)				20-21	Time	26:06	33:54		
4 2:33 Aurora	TD Jennings 1 run (Lutz) (13-88-6:57)				20-28	Third Down	3-14	4-10		
4 1:08 Aurora	Safety Young				20-30	Fourth Down	1-3	1-1		
						Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	4/4/0		
						Net Offense	253	391		

BLUE EAGLES



24

PASSING: Aaron Rodgers, 12 of 20, 120 yds, 1TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Jordan Howard, 15C, 56yds, (3.7), 1 TD
RECEIVING: DeSen Jackson, 4 for 44yds, 17LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Marcus Peters, 3 T, 2 INT (31yds)
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 3 of 3 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 6 Pts

GLADIATORS



3

PASSING: Blaine Gabbert, 11 of 25, 92 yds, 0 TD, 3 INTs
RUSHING: LeSean McCoy, 17C, 65yds, (53.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: LeSean McCoy, 5 for 28yds, 11LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Morgan Burnett, 6T, 1 SK, 1 PD,
KICKING: Cairo Santos, 1 of 1 FGA, 1 Pt

12-14-2017 Georgia Stadium Temp: 64 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Marcus Peters**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Scarborough (8-1-1)	7	7	7	3	24
2016 Georgia (4-6)	3	0	0	0	3

Scoring Summary

1 7:54 Georgia	FG Santos 46 (7-19-3:32)	0-3
1 0:45 Scarborough	TD Rodgers 2 pass to Yeldon (Crosby) (4-12-2:27)	7-3
2 3:21 Scarborough	TD Howard 2 run (Crosby) (1-2-0:06)	14-3
3 6:55 Scarborough	TD Yeldon 1 run (Crosby) (9-33-3:55)	21-3
4 7:58 Scarborough	FG Crosby 20 (14-87-7:58)	24-3

	SBE	GEO
First Downs	16	15
Rushes	31-114	30-141
Passes	20-12-120	30-14-113
Sacked	5-41	3-26
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	6-60	6-45
Turnovers	0	4
Missed Tackles	7	3
Blitzes	28	15
Time	30:48	29:12
Third Down	4-13	3-14
Fourth Down	0-0	3-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/1	1/0/0
Net Offense	193	228

REGULATORS



3

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 18 of 31, 123 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Zach Zenner, 4C, 17yds, (4.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Corey Davis, 6 for 53yds, 15LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Luke Kuechly, 6 T, 1 PD, 2 STF
KICKING: Jason Myers, 1 of 2 FGA, 3 pts

SWORDFISH



20

PASSING: Jameis Winston, 15 of 25, 200 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Kenneth Dixon, 9C, 83yds, (9.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Doug Baldwin, 5 for 104yds, 45LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Carlos Dunlap, 3T, 1 SK, 2 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 Pts

12-13-2017 The Fish Tank Temp: 7 Wind: None MVP: **Jameis Winston**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 South Carolina (3-7)	3	0	0	0	3
2016 Sebastian (4-6)	0	13	0	7	20

Scoring Summary

1 2:38 South Carolina	FG Myers 29 (14-64-8:17)	3-0
2 11:50 Sebastian	TD Winston 15 pass to Baldwin (fumbled) (10-87-5:43)	3-6
2 1:19 Sebastian	TD Winston 1 run (Vinatieri) (14-80-7:14)	3-13
4 8:07 Sebastian	TD Winston 45 pass to Baldwin (Vinatieri) (6-67-2:34)	3-20

	SC	SS
First Downs	11	21
Rushes	16-44	32-173
Passes	31-18-123	25-15-200
Sacked	2-18	2-15
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	4-20	6-45
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	6	4
Blitzes	1	8
Time	26:53	33:07
Third Down	3-12	7-13
Fourth Down	0-0	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/0/1	2/2/0
Net Offense	149	358

WOLVERINES



2

PASSING: Ryan Tannehill, 12 of 19, 113ds, 0 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: DeMarco Murray, 16C, 81yds, (5.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Tyreek Hill, 6 for 56yds, 11LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Trent Cole, 6 T, 1 SK, 1 PD, 1 HUR, SAFETY
KICKING: N/A

T-LIZARDS



17

PASSING: Drew Brees, 24 of 37, 307yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Carlos Hyde, 19C, 77yds, (4.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: TY Hilton, 9 for 148yds, 32LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Trent Murphy, 10 T, 3 SK, 3 STF,
KICKING: Phil Dawson, 2 of 2 XPA, 1 of 4 FGA, 5 Pts

12-16-2017 Jurassic Park Temp: 61 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Drew Brees**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 Toronto (2-8)	0	0	0	2	2
2016 Durham (5-4-1)	7	0	7	3	17

Scoring Summary

1 0:36 Durham	TD Brees 1 run (Dawson) (14-94-6:18)	0-7
3 1:35 Durham	TD Brees 8 pass to Hyde (Dawson) (6-70-2:38)	0-14
4 8:16 Durham	FG Dawson 22 (8-28-1:53)	0-17
4 4:47 Toronto	Safety Cole	2-17

	TOR	DTL
First Downs	10	29
Rushes	22-94	32-115
Passes	21-13-127	37-24-307
Sacked	6-42	2-10
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	14-88	6-40
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	9	10
Blitzes	6	13
Time	24:15	35:45
Third Down	3-11	8-15
Fourth Down	0-1	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/0	4/2/1
Net Offense	179	412

EXCALIBURS**7**

PASSING: Tom Brady, 11 of 28, 90 yds, 1 TD, 1 INT
RUSHING: Giovani Bernard, 8C, 45yds, (5.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Mike Williams, 3 for 21 yds, 12 LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Von Miller, 6 T, 2 SK
KICKING: Graham Gano, 1 of 21 XPA, 1 Pt

SPARTANS**23**

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 131 of 177, 166yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Devonta Freeman, 27C, 123yds, (4.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Willie Snead, 5 for 80yds, 33 LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Telvin Smith, 2 T, 1 PD, 1 INT (13yds)
KICKING: Caleb Sturgis, 2 of 2 XPA, 3 of 3 FGA, 11 Pts

12-15-2017 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 24 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Philip Rivers**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 York (4-6)	0	7	0	0	7
2016 Pickering (5-5)	10	3	7	3	23

Scoring Summary

1 9:27 Pickering	TD Rivers 33 pass to Snead (Sturgis) (9-68-4:31)	0-7
1 2:10 Pickering	FG Sturgis 33 (8-43-4:48)	0-10
2 11:15 Pickering	FG Sturgis 41 (9-48-4:48)	0-13
2 0:39 York	TD Brady 2 pass to Benjamin (Gano) (13-90-7:00)	7-13
3 8:50 Pickering	TD Rivers 1 run (Sturgis) (13-67-6:05)	7-20
4 3:36 Pickering	FG Sturgis 32 (11-65-5:41)	7-23

	YOR	PIC
First Downs	9	19
Rushes	14-77	45-162
Passes	28-11-90	17-13-166
Sacked	3-24	3-23
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	7-45	7-47
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	6	6
Blitzes	25	5
Time	19:24	40:36
Third Down	2-11	5-14
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	5/1/3
Net Offense	143	305

WRECKING BALL**0**

PASSING: Sam Bradford, 21 of 42, 135 yds, 0 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Isaiah Crowell, 17 C, 84yds, (4.9), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Crabtree, 6 for 65yds, 16LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: James Harrison, 13T, 3 SK, 1 PD, 1 HUR, 2 FF
KICKING: N/A

NORTH STARS**12**

PASSING: Tyrod Taylor, 13 of 30, 173 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: David Johnson, 19C, 87 yds, (4.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: David Johnson, 4 for 72yds, 51LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Johnathan Cyprien, 9T, 1 PD
KICKING: Kai Forbath, 0 of 1 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 6 pts

12-15-2017 Ferenc-Liszt Intl AP Temp: 65 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **David Johnson**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2017 New Jersey (1-9)	0	0	0	0	0
2016 Budapest (8-2)	3	3	0	6	12

Scoring Summary

1 1:35 Budapest	FG Forbath 25 (7-55-2:30)	0-3
2 6:44 Budapest	FG Forbath 24 (16-77-8:07)	0-6
4 1:49 Budapest	TD Hightower 8 run (no good) (13-71-7:56)	0-12

	NJ	BUD
First Downs	18	18
Rushes	22-96	32-109
Passes	42-21-135	30-13-173
Sacked	3-22	4-30
Fumble	0	4
Penalties	13-95	9-74
Turnovers	2	0
Missed Tackles	8	7
Blitzes	19	21
Time	27:46	32:14
Third Down	4-15	6-15
Fourth Down	0-3	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/0	3/1/2
Net Offense	209	252

BOMBERS**17**

PASSING: Marcus Mariota, 16 of 39, 201 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Marcus Mariota, 8C, 42yds, (5.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Terrelle Pryor Sr, 3 for 57yds, 34LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Josh Shaw, 8T, 2 PD, 1 INT (10yds)
KICKING: Chandler Cantanzaro, 2 of 2 XPA, 1 of 2 FGA, 5 Pts

KNIGHTS**38**

PASSING: Andy Dalton, 16 of 29, 207 yds, 3 TDs, 3 INTs
RUSHING: Le'Veon Bell, 31C, 159yds, (5.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Brandin Cooks, 9 for 118yds, 25LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Julius Peppers, 3 T, 1 SK, 1 HUR, 1 FF
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 5 of 5 XPA, 1 of 3 FGA, 8 Pts

12-16-2017 Round Table Stadium Temp: 70 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Andre Roberts**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2016 Bruxelles (8-2)	10	7	0	0	17
2016 Los Angeles (6-4)	7	21	7	3	38

Scoring Summary

1 12:52 Bruxelles	TD Mariota 8 pass to Sanders (Cantanzaro) (4-34-1:50)	7-0
1 8:39 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 3 pass to Cooks (Zuerlein) (10-75-4:13)	7-7
1 5:10 Bruxelles	FG Cantanzaro 36 (9-60-3:18)	10-7
2 11:51 Los Angeles	TD Roberts 69 punt return (Zuerlein)	10-14
2 9:02 Los Angeles	TD Roberts 90 punt return (Zuerlein)	10-21
2 4:35 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 10 pass to Cooks (Zuerlein) (5-56-3:08)	10-28
2 1:46 Bruxelles	TD Mariota 10 pass to Fournette (Cantanzaro) (3-23-1:11)	17-28
3 5:34 Los Angeles	TD Dalton 21 pass to Parker (Zuerlein) (10-75-4:43)	17-35
4 10:49 Los Angeles	FG Zuerlein 21 (11-51-6:13)	17-38

	BRX	LAK
First Downs	13	22
Rushes	18-59	37-203
Passes	39-16-201	29-16-207
Sacked	3-24	1-8
Fumble	4	1
Penalties	5-45	2-21
Turnovers	3	4
Missed Tackles	12	2
Blitzes	32	21
Time	25:10	34:50
Third Down	4-16	4-13
Fourth Down	1-2	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/1	4/2/1
Net Offense	236	402



WEEK TEN

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE												
East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Bruxelles	8	2	0	0.8	285	28.5	189	18.9	9.6	5 0 0	3 0 0	7 1 0
Brooklin	7	3	0	0.7	279	27.9	172	17.2	10.7	5 1 0	2 1 0	6 2 0
Mohave	5	5	0	0.5	195	19.5	222	22.2	-2.7	2 2 0	0 3 0	3 5 0
St. Charles	5	5	0	0.5	179	17.9	168	16.8	1.1	4 1 0	1 2 0	4 4 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Virден	6	4	0	0.6	202	20.2	194	19.4	0.8	3 2 0	3 1 0	4 4 0
Charleswood	4	6	0	0.4	193	19.3	196	19.6	-0.3	2 3 0	2 2 0	3 5 0
Twin Cities	4	6	0	0.4	180	18	205	20.5	-2.5	4 1 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
Erieau	2	8	0	0.2	113	11.3	200	20	-8.7	1 4 0	1 3 0	2 6 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	7	3	0	0.7	242	24.2	193	19.3	4.9	3 1 0	3 0 0	7 1 0
Los Angeles	6	4	0	0.6	225	22.5	187	18.7	3.8	4 2 0	1 2 0	5 3 0
Chino	5	5	0	0.5	234	23.4	253	25.3	-1.9	2 3 0	2 1 0	3 5 0
Seattle	1	9	0	0.1	95	9.5	232	23.2	-13.7	1 4 0	0 3 0	0 8 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE												
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	8	1	1	0.85	188	18.8	119	11.9	6.9	4 1 0	2 0 1	7 0 1
Durham	5	4	1	0.55	229	22.9	195	19.5	3.4	3 1 1	2 0 1	4 3 1
Cowtown	5	5	0	0.5	182	18.2	180	18	0.2	4 0 0	0 3 0	3 5 0
Sebastian	4	6	0	0.4	203	20.3	239	23.9	-3.6	3 3 0	1 2 0	3 5 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	8	2	0	0.8	193	19.3	144	14.4	4.9	5 0 0	4 0 0	6 2 0
Pickering	5	5	0	0.5	224	22.4	199	19.9	2.5	3 2 0	3 1 0	4 4 0
York	4	6	0	0.4	142	14.2	171	17.1	-2.9	3 2 0	1 3 0	3 5 0
New Jersey	1	9	0	0.1	132	13.2	220	22	-8.8	1 4 0	0 4 0	1 7 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora	10	0	0	1	357	35.7	213	21.3	14.4	6 0 0	3 0 0	8 0 0
Georgia	4	6	0	0.4	175	17.5	211	21.1	-3.6	3 2 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
South Carolina	3	7	0	0.3	139	13.9	203	20.3	-6.4	3 1 0	1 2 0	2 6 0
Toronto	2	8	0	0.2	161	16.1	242	24.2	-8.1	1 4 0	0 3 0	2 6 0

TOP PASSERS												
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Ryan,M	AUR	351	227	64.7	2991	9	2.6	68	29	8.3	108.3
2	Smith,A	BRH	333	203	61	2624	3	0.9	58	18	5.4	100
3	Mariota	BRX	274	147	53.6	2127	3	1.1	86	20	7.3	98.9
4	Palmer,C	TCT	265	155	58.5	1821	6	2.3	72	16	6	90.1
5	Wilson,R	ICC	283	165	58.3	2051	5	1.8	54	12	4.2	87.6
6	Prescott	CHI	361	223	61.8	2445	7	1.9	65	13	3.6	85.7
7	Brady,T	YOR	187	105	56.1	1323	4	2.1	64	9	4.8	85.5
8	Carr,D	VV	245	134	54.7	1595	1	0.4	49	9	3.7	85.3
9	Dalton	LAK	325	189	58.2	2162	10	3.1	79	18	5.5	83.9
10	Brees	DTL	342	194	56.7	2490	11	3.2	75	17	5	82.9
11	Tannehill	TOR	234	137	58.5	1596	8	3.4	56	10	4.3	79.3
12	Luck	MOH	199	113	56.8	1396	7	3.5	75	9	4.5	79.1
13	Taylor,T	BUD	267	149	55.8	1469	2	0.7	51	7	2.6	77.1
14	Winston,J	SS	338	171	50.6	2057	7	2.1	60	16	4.7	76.8
15	Rivers	PIC	282	154	54.6	1990	9	3.2	59	11	3.9	76.7
16	Wentz	STC	314	171	54.5	1915	6	1.9	57	10	3.2	75.5
17	Flacco	COW	242	141	58.3	1395	7	2.9	54	8	3.3	73.6
18	Rodgers,A	SBE	282	149	52.8	1642	7	2.5	57	11	3.9	73
19	Bradford	NJ	373	232	62.2	1816	10	2.7	58	10	2.7	72
20	Cousins	SC	361	202	56	2175	13	3.6	81	12	3.3	69.9
21	Roethlisberger	GEO	366	198	54.1	2099	12	3.3	63	12	3.3	68.3
22	Watson,D	CHP	279	151	54.1	1535	10	3.6	82	9	3.2	65.9
23	Stafford	ERI	308	155	50.3	1463	9	2.9	62	8	2.6	60.3
24	Manning	SEA	236	122	51.7	1156	10	4.2	84	3	1.3	52.2
25	Foles	BRX	3	2	66.7	30	0	0	16	1	33.3	138.9

KICKOFF RETURNERS								PUNT RETURNERS								
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Drake	AUR	13	530	40.8	99	2	1	Roberts,A	LAK	20	21	279	14	90	2
2	Lee,M	ICC	19	637	33.5	101	2	2	Jackson,A	STC	19	6	206	10.8	87	1
3	Patterson	MOH	31	926	29.9	43	0	3	Lockett	ICC	24	6	256	10.7	71	0
4	Erickson	CHI	32	903	28.2	77	0	4	Richard	CHP	31	12	306	9.9	53	1
5	Huff	SEA	38	1001	26.3	109	3	5	Humphries	COW	16	15	157	9.8	18	0
6	Richard	CHP	24	619	25.8	54	0	6	Peppers,J	ERI	28	8	266	9.5	74	1
7	Thompson,D	GEO	23	577	25.1	62	0	7	Crowder	SBE	29	18	273	9.4	82	1
8	Whitehead	COW	11	273	24.8	38	0	8	Ervin	VV	14	8	126	9	18	0
9	Smith-Schu	VV	12	293	24.4	34	0	9	Weems,E	NJ	11	12	91	8.3	14	0
10	Weems,E	NJ	24	582	24.3	40	0	10	Brown,A	TCT	27	15	206	7.6	27	0
11	Harris,D	TOR	19	460	24.2	36	0	11	Tate,B	BUD	18	8	134	7.4	14	0
12	Thomas,D	YOR	18	435	24.2	34	0	12	Sherels	BUD	13	2	96	7.4	63	1
13	Tate,B	BUD	16	382	23.9	47	0	13	Ginn Jr.	SC	18	12	129	7.2	18	0
14	Roberts,A	LAK	18	421	23.4	60	0	14	Hester	MOH	19	8	136	7.2	19	0
15	Peppers,J	ERI	29	665	22.9	40	0	15	Rogers,C	BRX	23	11	161	7	17	0
16	Clement	SBE	16	350	21.9	54	0	16	Amendola	YOR	24	9	162	6.8	15	0
17	Ginn Jr.	SC	12	262	21.8	61	0	17	Landry	GEO	19	15	128	6.7	16	0
18	Switzer	PIC	13	279	21.5	50	0	18	Edelman	AUR	14	5	91	6.5	13	0
19	Smallwood	SS	25	532	21.3	101	1	19	Beckham Jr	SS	18	10	112	6.2	13	0
20	Thompson,C	BRX	11	206	18.7	28	0	20	Royal	BRH	21	7	127	6	83	1

RUSHING LEADERS								RECEIVING LEADERS							
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Howard,J	SBE	234	1169	5	50	6	1	Crabtree	NJ	80	796	10	58	2
2	Elliott,E	VV	241	1131	4.7	95	9	2	Hilton	DTL	69	1219	17.7	75	11
3	Bell,L	LAK	213	1001	4.7	54	3	3	Jeffery	BRH	62	899	14.5	46	6
4	Johnson,D	BUD	207	997	4.8	36	2	4	Brown,A	TCT	61	875	14.3	58	9
5	Ajayi	MOH	212	997	4.7	53	3	5	Edelman	AUR	61	811	13.3	68	12
6	Crowell	NJ	206	955	4.6	31	5	6	Landry	GEO	59	671	11.4	63	5
7	Freeman,D	PIC	176	914	5.2	59	8	7	Hopkins,D	BRH	58	928	16	58	6
8	Blount	COW	157	801	5.1	43	9	8	Adams,D	AUR	57	1094	19.2	53	10
9	Murray,D	TOR	211	795	3.8	39	5	9	Diggs	BUD	57	581	10.2	30	2
10	Fournette	BRX	153	758	5	24	9	10	Cooper,A	VV	54	763	14.1	47	6
11	Hunt,K	SEA	199	736	3.7	58	2	11	Baldwin	SS	53	722	13.6	60	5
12	Hyde,C	DTL	150	722	4.8	39	5	12	Evans,M	COW	50	661	13.2	54	4
13	McCoy,L	GEO	168	669	4	42	7	13	Kerley	SC	49	565	11.5	39	2
14	Miller,L	CHP	171	669	3.9	55	2	14	Olsen	CHI	48	529	11	63	3
15	Gordon,M	TCT	134	637	4.8	53	5	15	Davis,C	SC	47	624	13.3	81	3
16	Cook,D	STC	141	636	4.5	32	5	16	Beckham Jr	SS	47	653	13.9	42	5
17	McCaffrey	CHI	142	612	4.3	34	1	17	Cooks	LAK	45	666	14.8	40	7
18	Mathews,R	BRH	99	561	5.7	37	7	18	Jones,J	MOH	45	824	18.3	75	8
19	Stewart	BRH	120	558	4.7	22	3	19	Fitzgerald	COW	45	442	9.8	39	2
20	Dixon,K	SS	99	529	5.3	24	1	20	Jones Jr.	CHI	44	777	17.7	65	8
21	Ingram,M	VV	100	500	5	55	5	21	Wallace,M	ICC	43	696	16.2	54	5
22	Mariota	BRX	60	493	8.2	43	5	22	McCaffrey	CHI	43	302	7	41	0
23	Foreman,D	SS	96	486	5.1	34	1	23	Rudolph	AUR	43	452	10.5	29	5
24	Gore	STC	136	467	3.4	27	3	24	Thomas,D	BUD	43	481	11.2	39	3
25	Henry,D	YOR	106	439	4.1	22	3	25	Nelson,J	ERI	42	471	11.2	62	5

INTERCEPTION LEADERS								SACK LEADERS				TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Peters,M	SBE	6	76	12.7	31	0	1	Miller,V	YOR	14	1	Mack	SEA	95
2	Rodgers-Cr	DTL	4	34	8.5	34	0	2	Ingram,M	VV	12	2	Ogletree	ICC	86
3	Collins,L	SBE	4	56	14	51	1	3	Young,W	AUR	11	3	Wagner,B	TCT	76
4	Burns,A	BRX	4	60	15	37	0	4	Morgan,D	SBE	10	4	Timmons	YOR	73
5	Worley	SS	4	100	25	61	1	5	Harrison,J	NJ	10	5	Brown,Z	ERI	72
6	Brown,Z	ERI	4	19	4.8	13	0	6	Flowers,T	ERI	10	6	Alexander	TCT	71
7	Smith,S	GEO	4	52	13	27	0	7	Bosa	ERI	10	7	Harrison,J	NJ	68
8	Demps	BRH	3	31	10.3	14	0	8	Beasley Jr	GEO	10	8	Lee,S	LAK	66
9	Jenkins,J	BRH	3	41	13.7	21	0	9	Murphy,T	DTL	9	9	Posluszny	SS	66
10	Boddy-Calh	MOH	3	120	40	44	2	10	Ogbah	BRX	9	10	Dansby	AUR	65
11	Jackson,A	STC	3	95	31.7	48	1	11	Kerrigan	COW	9	11	Shaw,J	BRX	64
12	Quin	COW	3	61	20.3	30	0	12	Hunter,D	TCT	8	12	Murphy,T	DTL	64
13	Berry,E	VV	3	53	17.7	53	0	13	Griffen	PIC	8	13	Foster,M	BRH	63
14	Tabor	BUD	3	39	13	35	1	14	Atkins	YOR	8	14	Cox,F	ICC	62
15	Gay,W	YOR	3	81	27	42	0	15	Buckner	PIC	7	15	Woodyard	ERI	61
16	Butler,D	GEO	3	29	9.7	15	1	16	Donald	MOH	7	16	Jones,D	SBE	61
17	Watt,T	COW	3	116	38.7	53	1	17	Jenkins,Jo	STC	7	17	Haden	SC	61
18	Williams,S	TOR	3	60	20	35	0	18	Clark,F	BRX	7	18	Wright,K	NJ	60
19	Compton,W	TOR	3	36	12	19	0	19	Peppers	LAK	7	19	Kendricks	PIC	60
20	Abdul-Qudd	SS	2	13	6.5	13	0	20	Orakpo	LAK	7	20	Vernon	SEA	60

SCORING LEADERS													
Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Lutz	AUR	13	44	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	83
2	Tucker	ICC	18	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80
3	Edelman	AUR	0	0	1	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	74
4	Succop	CHP	17	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	71
5	Catanzaro	BRX	12	33	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
6	Sturgis	PIC	14	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
7	Hilton	DTL	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	66
8	Bailey,D	CHI	14	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
9	Crosby	SBE	14	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
10	Elliott,E	VV	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	60
11	Sanders,E	BRX	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
12	Adams,D	AUR	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
13	Fournette	BRX	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	60
14	Janikowski	MOH	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
15	Mathews,R	BRH	0	0	1	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	56
16	Folk	VV	11	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
17	Zuerlein	LAK	9	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
18	Dawson	DTL	9	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
19	Gonzalez	TOR	13	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55
20	Freeman,D	PIC	0	0	0	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	54
21	Blount	COW	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
22	Brown,A	TCT	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	0	54
23	Gano	YOR	12	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
24	McCoy,L	GEO	0	0	1	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	50
25	Novak	COW	10	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
26	Vinatieri	SS	9	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
27	Jones Jr.	CHI	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
28	Lee,M	ICC	0	0	0	0	6	0	2	0	0	0	48
29	Jones,J	MOH	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
30	Santos	GEO	10	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47

KICKING LEADERS										PUNTING LEADERS									
Rk	Player	Team	FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yards	Tb	20	Lg	Bk	Ave
1	Lutz	AUR	15	13	86.7	5	0	48	83	1	McAfee	BRX	42	2084	8	15	58	0	49.6
2	Tucker	ICC	23	18	78.3	11	4	56	80	2	Lee,A	MOH	46	2282	6	15	79	0	49.6
3	Succop	CHP	19	17	89.5	4	1	51	71	3	Morstead	DTL	37	1772	3	16	57	0	47.9
4	Catanzaro	BRX	15	12	80	2	0	44	69	4	King,M	TOR	57	2720	5	20	60	0	47.7
5	Sturgis	PIC	17	14	82.4	5	1	51	68	5	Lechler	STC	56	2652	2	24	56	0	47.4
6	Bailey,D	CHI	17	14	82.4	4	2	50	64	6	Jones,D	YOR	47	2225	4	20	60	0	47.3
7	Crosby	SBE	17	14	82.4	4	2	54	62	7	Hekker	COW	47	2223	0	21	65	0	47.3
8	Janikowski	MOH	17	12	70.6	3	1	51	57	8	Martin,S	LAK	41	1928	7	20	60	0	47
9	Folk	VV	13	11	84.6	3	1	50	56	9	Nortman	BRH	47	2181	4	17	64	0	46.4
10	Dawson	DTL	16	9	56.3	1	0	45	55	10	Jones,C	TCT	62	2859	1	17	56	1	46.1
11	Zuerlein	LAK	15	9	60	4	1	54	55	11	Huber	CHP	51	2346	2	21	57	0	46
12	Gonzalez	TOR	19	13	68.4	5	2	54	55	12	Bosher	VV	43	1976	1	18	57	0	46
13	Novak	COW	13	10	76.9	4	2	52	50	13	Berry,J	SS	45	2066	0	14	55	0	45.9
14	Gano	YOR	19	12	63.2	0	0	38	50	14	Colquitt,B	SEA	70	3209	2	21	64	0	45.8
15	Vinatieri	SS	11	9	81.8	2	0	44	49	15	Anger	ICC	42	1920	1	19	56	0	45.7



FANTASY FREAKZ!

Week 11 Forecast

with
Arpin Plunderflunder

Week 10 Analysis

Mega wide receivers who made their QBs look good this week: **Julio Jones** (31FP); **Antonio Brown** (30FP); **Brandin Cooks** (24FP); **Doug Baldwin** (22FP).

QB's who spread the wealth around this week and won: **Alex Smith** (23FP); **Philip Rivers** (17FP); **Matt Ryan** (17FP).

My Smart Play for Week 10, **Dak Prescott** (17FP), would have topped the QB list for Week 10 if not for 2 INTs.

Surprise "impact" performances that will have little impact on most Fantasy Leagues: **TJ Yeldon** (15FP); **James White** (14FP); **Mohamed Sanu** (14FP).

Let-down performances that will ruin somebody's Week 10 score: **Russell Wilson** (5FP); **Mike Evans** (3FP); **Charleswood Defence** (2FP); **Mark Ingram** (1FP); **Jarvis Landry** (0FP); **Zach Ertz** (0FP).

EFL Starting QBs who should only start for your Fantasy Team in emergencies: **DeShaun Watson** (14FP) – a rare impact day – **Tyrod Taylor** (8FP); **Eli Manning** (6FP); **Matt Stafford** (5FP); **Sam Bradford** (1FP).

Who's Hot?

LA Defence

17Pts, 3SK, 1INT, 1FR, 2STTDs, **20FP**
Showing its stuff with 12+ FP each of past three weeks.

Jameis Winston (SEB)

15-25, 200yds, 3TDs **24FP**
Second straight week he has posted 24FPs. Making most of good WR duo and his legs.

Ezekiel Elliott (VIR)

25 – 163yds, 1 TD, **23FP**
Has been dominant past two weeks after mini-slump. Taking carries from Ingram.

Who's Cold?

Kelvin Benjamin (YOR)

2-5yds, 6 targets, 1TD, **6FP**
Rare return to the scoresheet reminds of how invisible he has been all season.

Pierre Garcon (SBE)

1-15yds, 5 targets, **1.5 FP**
Among the worst numbers for a "no.1" WR. He is one reason Rodgers is struggling.

Sam Bradford (NJ)

21 – 42, 135yds, **2 INTs, 1FP**
Stat line says it all; a lot of effort for such little production. Crabtree not breaking tackles.

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

My QB options this week are Dak Prescott or Jameis Winston. Who should I play? – Cordell (Philadelphia)

Tough call. I like Dak over Jameis on an even playing field. But the Budapest defence is always tough and AJ Green is listed as "questionable." If the Virden pass rush brings pressure it could be a long day for Jameis, but Odell and Doug are studs. Go with Jameis.

SMART
PLAY

Jonathan Stewart, RB (BRH). With the Hawks likely playing with a lead against a Toronto defensive line that is weak and easily fatigued, expect to see the safe and effective run option.





AROUND THE



With Spats McChad



NEW YORK – I imagined, in the wake of my melancholy Week Nine reverie, that I would take the week off leading up to Christmas to prepare for the holidays and recharge my batteries.

With my energies split between football journalism and my attempts to participate in the decisions of the Board of *Fool*, I feel that I am not doing either full justice. Throw in the distractions of wealth and the paternity suits that, I am told, come with the territory, and you have, my dear readers, a somewhat scatter-brained Spats McChad to guide you through the muddle that is the 2017 EFL season.

But just as I was ready to send off my first “*Out for Lunch*” e-mail to **Mr. Finchley** – a moment I had been relishing since I first realized just how little I need my Writer’s Syndicate paycheck – a little voice inside me spoke up. It was faint at first, but insistent. Eventually it grew in volume until I could hear it clear as a Christmas bell. It was my Conscience; and it said, “But Spats, what about your Christmas Message for those in need? What about the lonely people, living in their mother’s basements fixated on computer screens, who look to you for wisdom and guidance during this time of Peace on Earth and Goodwill toward Men? Who will bring them cheer and comfort?”

This made me pause and reflect. Christmas *is* a time of giving after all. It would be pretty selfish of me to deprive my readership of my Christmas Pearls of Wisdom. The holiday season is not a happy time for all, especially for those who have no family to commune with; or who cannot afford a feast or presents under the tree; or who may have suffered a recent loss; or who are battling an illness; or who are just plain jerks who can’t stand to see others happy because their souls are dark grey husks. I speak to all of those people; provided, of course, that they also follow football; it’s not like I write for *The Atlantic*.

Well, my loyal, lonely and not-so lonely, happy and not-so-happy readers, my message this Christmas is a simple one: Money *can* buy happiness. Whoever said it can’t either never had any money or never had a clue what to do with it. In fairness to those without money who cling to the comforting old parable, one must actually *have* money to learn for oneself just how much happier having it can make one feel. For example, I have zero stress about my Christmas budget this year – and that makes me *happy*. I will drive my *Infiniti Q70L* while sporting a *Tag Heuer Carrera* to see my extended family in Connecticut this New Year’s; which will wipe the smug, superior smiles off the faces of my brothers who leached off the family business for their luxury and comfort – and that will make me *happy*. Knowing that I can, at any time, decide to stop writing this article, take a cab to the airport and fly to the Bahamas makes me *happy*. I think you get my drift....

To be fair, it is true that if one is a miserable person to begin with, having money may not change that. But to say that money cannot buy happiness betrays a lack of understanding of the subjective nature of happiness itself. If, hypothetically, I am shallow, materialistic, and attracted to power, social status and the creature comforts, I am unlikely to get any of those things *without* money. So, money, in my hypothetical case, is *essential* to happiness.

If, on the other hypothetical hand, I come to realize one day that I am viewed as a jerk for being all of the above, I cannot buy my way to a better character. I can, of course, buy people’s false praise in lieu thereof. But if I want to strengthen my morals or truly earn people’s respect, money will not buy me that. The reality, then, is that there are some things that money cannot buy. But in my respectful view, happiness is not one of them.

NAUGHTY & NICE LIST

In the past I have helped Santa by listing, on behalf of the busy coaches, GMs and owners of the EFL franchises, the needs for each of them entering the Christmas season. Call it the EFL Christmas Wish List. I have noted over the years that occasionally one of the Christmas wishes will come true. The most recent example is **Carson Palmer** arriving out-of-the-blue in Twin Cities to replace **Jay Cutler** last year, which actually did unlock the key to a Twin Cities championship that I had inferred would happen when I wrote on behalf of **Guy Williams**. I naturally took that as a sign that Guy had been a ‘Good Boy’ that year. But something must have happened since then to shift that perception, as the Triumph are doing a horrible job of defending their Championship trophy. Santa is definitely not on their side, so far, this year.

So, last month I began looking into the possibility that owners, GMs, or coaches being naughty or nice might be affecting the fortunes of teams. I took a close look at local and national media stories, consulted inside sources, and evaluated game film. My goal: to determine who among the principals on each EFL team was on the *Naughty List* and who was on the *Nice List*. While I do not have Santa’s all-seeing eye, capable of penetrating into the souls of men, I think I was able to come

close to finding out who is currently on each list. What I also discovered was that being on either list does not necessarily reflect the current fortunes of teams. It looks like there is a year delay between the act of being Naughty or being Nice and the physical effects. I also discovered that, occasionally, a naughty coach is surrounded by nice people – and those nice people override most of the negative effects of the naughty coach. This also happens in the reverse – with nice coaches surrounded by bad people who drag down the team’s fortunes. In other words, there is not always a connection between a team’s fortunes and a coach’s naughtiness or niceness. But usually there is. And judging from the muddled mess that are the EFL’s



Have you been NAUGHTY?



Or have you been NICE?

One way or the other, if you are an EFL owner, there is no hiding it from the all-seeing eye of Santa’s Top EFL Elf, Spats McChad.

standings, there are more on the *Naughty List* than on the *Nice List*:

THE NAUGHTY LIST

- **Darrin Jones** (BUD) – Topping the Naughty List this year is the Miscreant of Markham; the man who betrayed a city and horrified the football world by moving his team to Central Europe to carve out a market that nobody knew existed and probably doesn’t. This was an insidious move pulled off in fly-by-night style, betraying its dishonorable intent.
- **Guy Williams** (TCT) – When competitiveness trumps sportsmanship, Santa shakes his head sadly. A penchant for tantrums and the gratuitous beating of an expansion team last year are extracting a price this year. Santa giveth and he taketh away.
- **George Kaldis** (DTL) – Years of meddling with Drew Brees’ psyche is taking its toll on the Lizards’ bottom line. First it was Nick Foles, now it is Cam Newton whose presence serves as a testament to his shaky confidence in the future Hall-of-Famer. Throw in two seasons without check-down targets for a true pocket passer and you have a negligent and naughty GM.
- **Jeff Dorhn** (LA) – The enthusiastic and emotional Knights coach is probably a good guy at heart, but according to inside sources his internal administration is a mess. From an offensive playbook made up of photo-copied plays from the LA Rams’ Harland Svare era, to a refusal to certify game sheets on time after a loss, a pattern of carelessness emerges.
- **Jay Hammond** (YOR) – In the past the Swords’ coach has made an effort to remedy his team’s deficiencies, with mixed results. This year he went through the motions in the off-season and never was serious about getting support for his star QB or making a run at the division. Leaving the ageing Brady to fend for himself in a semi-rebuild year is just not very nice.
- **John Clingan** (STC) – Nobody knows for sure what it will take to make the cantankerous Owner and GM of the Chargers happy. But we know that making the playoffs in his team’s first season and hanging in the race after 10 weeks in his second is not enough to mute the incessant complaining about this-and-that on game day. Very Grinch-like, in my opinion.
- **Rich Liotta** (AUR) – If nice guys finish last then the Mustangs’ GM and coach must be one nasty son-of-a-bitch to be the winningest EFL coach over the past 3½years. His bold, take-no-prisoners offensive style and fleecing of his “friend” Chris Dickinson to acquire Davante Adams have earned him respect, but not many friends.
- **Lance Barrate** (VIR) – Anybody who proudly wears the psychotic Violators’ logo on his chest and refuses to pay for medical treatment for his player-slaves is no paragon of virtue. Add in unnecessarily ascetic rebuilds and you have one cruel master.
- **Rob Nazar** (CHI) – When a GM refers to himself as “warden,” runs three-a-days in a penitentiary exercise yard, punishes his players by putting them in isolation and rewards snitches with extra playing time, he has earned a more-or-less permanent spot on the *Naughty List*. The Convicts generally prosper anyway, because Santa feels bad for the players.
- **Gus Konstantakos** (PIC) – I’ll give him this: he really, really tried to be good. But his natural hubris and explosive temper eventually over-powered his best efforts and his head exploded. He failed the trial of Job and is back on the *Naughty List*.
- **Ryan Preston** (TOR) – The Wolverine sideline is a stormy place to be on game day and it is entirely because of their young coach. When things are going badly (most of the time) his tempestuous tantrums are appalling to behold. When things are going well, the blatantly aggressive taunting of his opponent is even worse. Sore loser, bad winner = very naughty boy!
- **Russ Lemmon** (SEB) – He may be too much of a maverick play-caller and 4th-down gambler for his team’s own good, but those aren’t good reasons to be on the Naughty List. Still, the swift fall of the Swordfish must be the result of *something* bad!
- **Tom Jones** (BRH) – This is a tough call. The Hawks’ coach (not their owner) is reputedly a nice guy in the community and understands the challenges of selling the team in a small market. But behind the scenes he is reportedly a tyrant who verbally abuses his players, leaves the office early and abandons the game plans to his assistants. I am erring on the side of *Naughty*.

THE NICE LIST

- **Jim Coghlin** (COW) – There may be no nicer guy in the league. Never heard a single complaint about him. He is loyal to his players to a fault and Santa has rewarded him by allowing his team to be competitive with Joe Flacco at quarterback.

- *Chris Dickinson* (SBE) – Nobody disputes that the Blue Eagles’ coach is the kind of guy who will give you the shirt off his back. He proved that in the off-season by giving away his top WR to a rival at the expense of his own beleaguered QB. After years of nice-guy suffering, Santa may be finally intervening on his behalf, as the Blue Eagles are winning despite their coach.
- *Ken Main* (BRX) – Unlike his European Expansion partner, it is tough to fault Kenny for making the move to Bruxelles given the market conditions in Samoa. His general good-nature and positive attitude is making it work; the Capitol of the EU is quickly warming up to Marcus Mariota and the American brand of football.
- *Jeff Cohen* (NJ) – Anyone who foots the bill for free music concerts before games, spends nearly \$23 million for one year of play from a defensive tackle and \$16 million for an above-average CB, certainly has a generous, naive spirit. Santa likes that.
- *Deron Redding* (ICC) – It has been many years since the Cubs finished last, so perhaps Deron hasn’t been *too* nice recently. But there is no doubt that the complete absence of killer instinct in his game plans betrays his core “nice guy” credentials.
- *Bobby Elder* (MOH) – Nobody was more surprised than me to find the mercurial Hellfire coach on the *Nice List*. It has been a mostly troubled existence for a franchise that has not made the playoffs since 2008 and has posted just one 500-season since. But with the sale of his team on the horizon there is honour in a coach who sticks it out, with his head held high, until the end.
- *Jason Findlay* (CHP) – Jason is the kind of guy who would never dream of cheating on his tax returns. He drafts well, he’s fair in trading, he is a good sport and his players like him. He is so nice that he lets his rookie QB learn on the job and ruin his team’s hopes for a Division title.
- *David Birdsall* (GEO) – Put him in the Jason Findlay category except that he would never throw a rookie to the wolves if he thought he had a shot at a Division title. That is because he is loyal to Big Ben (or Big Boob, depending on the day). That he keeps putting Ben out there and hoping for the best from his often dunderheaded QB shows he has the patience of a Saint.
- *Jamie Rilett* (ERI) – Barely a furrowed brow creased the serene countenance of the Erieau owner as he watched his hapless expansion team finish without a win in its inaugural season. With better players this year, a pair of wins and higher expectations, there are a few more furrows and the occasional frown. But, overall, he still carries the look of being on some excellent drugs.
- *Hal Corson* (SC) – Everybody loves Hal. Especially his opponents when he forgets how much time remains and what the down & distance is at a critical moment in the game. But setting those blips aside, Hal is the classic Southern gentleman, but without any inbred allegiance to the Confederate Battle Flag. You can’t get much more agreeable and, yes, *nice* than that.
- *Mitch Gangwish* (SEA) – It is too early to tell whether the GM and owner of the Pilots is really such a nice guy. But being to able to get dressed, go the stadium, watch the fiasco that is his team’s offence and then put a positive on it for the media – and do that *every* Sunday – takes a certain amount of guts and character that is worth something in Santa’s *Nice* book.

AROUND THE EFL

Perhaps the naughtiest thing of all in Week Ten was the intolerably mundane slate of games. The ratings aren’t in, but don’t be surprised if a couple of these feeble match-ups set new viewership lows for the year.

The games in the running for ‘Least Watched’ have to be: St. Charles at Seattle; South Carolina at Sebastian; and New Jersey at Budapest, with the latter partly due to the game starting at 7:00 am on the East Coast and 4:00 am on the West Coast. Those in North America who bothered to get up for that one almost certainly went back to bed in the middle of the 2nd quarter, after *Teez Tabor* intercepted *Sam Bradford* on his third straight attempt to hit *Michael Crabtree* on a long hitch. At the time it was 6-0 for Budapest and the game had all of the earmarks of a developing slog between two incapable offences going against two capable defences. It finished 12-0 for the North Stars and the only people happy about it were the North Stars themselves and a knot of government-sponsored “fans” being subsidized by the Orban government to watch and learn the American game and spread the word.

In Seattle, only a connoisseur like myself, or the analytics crowd, would have found points of interest in the 60 minutes of drudgery that was the Chargers’ 15-12 victory over the Pilots. It was good to see the Pilots open up their limited playbook to include more passes this week. They have nothing to lose at this point. It was cruel of the coach to continue sacrificing rookie RB, *Kareem Hunt* to the 8-man box; and it's not as if *Eli Manning* hasn't had any success passing in this league. The result was a near-victory. Alas, putting the game in Eli's hands in good conditions is often a flip of the coin; and with the Pilots' bedraggled receiving corps, the coin needs to come up “edge.” With Seattle holding a 12-7 lead in the 4th quarter after recording a safety, Eli struck without warning on the first play from scrimmage immediately following the free kick. With the Chargers in tight coverage, *Josh Huff* gained a step on his man, but Eli underthrew him and the ball was picked off by rookie *Adoree' Jackson*, who returned it 48 yards for a TD. *Pow!* Just like that! The Chargers had looked lethargic throughout most of the game while the Pilots had shown uncommon pep. But it is the mark of a bad team that it will find a way to lose even when they have the edge. And that they did, to the shakiest .500-team in the Conference.

The return of *Luke Kuechly* brought no change to the Regulators' fortunes as they dropped their fifth in a row, 20-3 to Sebastian. While Luke performed up to par, with 6 tackles, 2 run stuffs and a pass defended, he could not help the offence solve the puzzle of the Swordfish defence. Although not normally a Rubik's Cube, *Kirk Cousins* was unable to find a solution without a viable running threat to back him up. The Swordfish smartly played the pass, in various formations, the entire game. The resulting stat line for

Cousins - 18 of 31 for 123 yards - is not the kind normally associated with a win in controlled weather conditions and it wasn't here. Meanwhile, in an otherwise lacklustre game, the Swordfish got solid performances from running back **Kenneth Dixon**, who contributed 83 yards in limited action, and quarterback **Jameis Winston**, who was accurate under pressure and added a TD with his legs. The takeaway here is that the Swordfish are not accepting their decline with ease and will continue to be a thorn in the side of opponents for the remainder of the year.

Toronto's boy coach did not react well to the slew of flags that fell whenever anything good happened offensively or defensively for his Wolverines in their 17-2 loss to Durham at Jurassic Park. Toronto took 14 penalties, most of the consequential kind, and **Ryan Tannehill** was sacked 6 times in the most dismal showing of the year for a plucky offence that usually finds a way into their opponent's end zone at least once a game. After a stretch in which a **Tom Compton** interception was nullified by a pass interference call on **Jalen Ramsey** – who was not even covering the intended target – and the subsequent Toronto drive was pushed back twice by suspicious holding calls, **Ryan Preston** threw a *white* flag onto the field. This caused some confusion amongst the herd of zebras, who huddled in a conference before referee **Ed Hochuli** approached the agitated Toronto coach to ask what the flag was for. As Hochuli, (who I am told is the league's "fixer," sent in to "fix" things wherever a contender is in trouble of falling off the rails and needs propping up) handed back the white flag, Preston wailed, "I give up! You guys win! Just let me and my team get out of this place, okay! I'm not going to try to win – I promise!" This plea momentarily baffled Hochuli, who stammered a few words under his breath before composing himself, puffing up his chest, and assessing a delay of game penalty on Toronto.

In one of the few games that drew an audience and kept it, the LA Knights extended their win streak to five games with an emphatic 38-17 upset of the Bombers at Round Table Stadium. The 'Blue Shield' achieved what no other defence has been able to so far in 2017: blunt the effectiveness of **Marcus Mariota**. This was done indirectly, by limiting **Leonard Fournette**, the Bombers' now not-so-secret weapon, to a measly 17 yards in 10 carries. With the running lanes clogged, Mariota was forced to stay in the pocket or risk bodily harm by running a Knights' gauntlet headed by hard-nosed linebacker **Sean Lee** and long-armed edge rusher **Brian Orakpo**. Mariota fumbled three times, losing one of them. But a word of caution for those who think the Knights have struck on the secret formula: The Bombers were put on their heels early by back-to-back punt returns for touchdowns by **Andre Roberts**. That inevitably affected the Bruxelles game plan and it is something that doesn't happen very often.

An intriguing streak, of sorts, is developing with the Hellfire. The team that looked ready to self-immolate early in the season has turned it around and is now burning their opposition. They are now winners of four of their last five after torching the Convicts, at The Big House, by the impressive score of 41-24. It was a total team effort, with **Jay Ajayi** and **Tevin Coleman** combining for 178 yards and 2 touchdowns on the ground, **Julio Jones** racking up 192 yards and 2 touchdowns through the air, and the secondary contributing two interceptions, including a galvanizing pick-six by **Darrelle Revis** to start the game. The intriguing part of this win is that it came on the road against a good team, muting the criticism that their victories have been against weak competition. The battle for the wildcards in the Pacific Conference just got a lot messier.

Finally, in the premium match-up of Week Ten (that somehow did not get flexed into the primetime nightcap on Sunday) the Brooklin Hawks pulled off a big 31-17 win at home over the West Division-leading Iowa City Cubs. A suitably cautious **Alex Smith** missed more than half his targets, but a careful examination of the film reveals that most were probably by design. Wary of the Cubs' corners, Smith put the ball where only his receivers could catch it; such as the high spiral lofted toward the corner of the end zone where the outstretched hands of **DeAndre Hopkins** were the only ones capable of snaring it for a touchdown. Smith later hooked up with **Jonathan Stewart** on a perfectly executed screen for a touchdown and ran in another on a bootleg to salt the game away in the 4th quarter. Perhaps sensing early on that his defence would not hold up, **Russell Wilson** went into his famous 4th quarter mode prematurely. He forced a couple of throws he shouldn't have and the first ended up being brought back by **Brent Grimes** for a Brooklin touchdown – always a painful punch in the gut early in a road game. This may have been a preview of the post-season. If so, the Hawks have to feel good about their chances if they can somehow catch the Bombers.

Well, dear readers, that is all I have for you this week. May you and yours enjoy a Christmas filled with health and happiness – even if you don't have much money! *Merry Christmas EFL!*



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BROOKLIN @ TORONTO (line – HAWKS by 9)

INJURIES: **Brooklin** – Rob Gronkowski (OUT), Clay Matthews (OUT), Eddie Royal (OUT); **Toronto** – Jonathan Allen (OUT), Corey Linsley (OUT), John Simon (OUT), Halapoulivaat Vaitai (OUT).

The young and mostly inept Toronto defence continues to get undressed through the air while the Hawks possess one of the league's top passing attacks. But the mismatch does not end there; Ryan Tannehill has not fared well against good defences, averaging just 110 yards passing in tilts against Scarborough and Durham. The Hawks have top tier corners and a ball-hawking safety in Quintin Demps, with a decent pass rush from their front four. All the signs are pointing to a Hawks blowout even before taking into account the Toronto penchant for taking penalties at the worst times. On the surface, this one is too easy to call which, in a year of curious outcomes, is a warning sign. Remember, Toronto plays better at home and has a knack for the timely pick. **PICK: TORONTO**

ST. CHARLES @ AURORA (line – MUSTANGS by 15)

INJURIES: **St. Charles** – Bryce Callahan (OUT), Morris Claiborne (OUT); **Aurora** – NaVorro Bowman (OUT), JJ Watt (OUT).

The Chargers' offence, not scintillating to begin with, has been particularly sluggish the past two weeks. A visit to Magna Park in Aurora is not on the list of common remedies for offensive constipation, so don't expect a great improvement here. The Chargers' defence, despite spending a lot of time on the field, continues to play over its head. But it will have to play over a giraffe's head if it hopes to slow down the Matt Ryan Express; the fastest offensive train on the EFL track. Sure, the Aurora QB is throwing more interceptions than his coach would like, but as long as the TD passes are coming at a faster pace and the defence is holding strong, it doesn't change the bottom line: The Mustangs are at full gallop and ready to run over all comers. **PICK: AURORA**

MOHAVE @ GEORGIA (line – HELLFIRE by 1)

INJURIES: **Mohave** – Kevin Johnson (QUESTIONABLE), Devin Hester (DOUBTFUL), Briean Boddy-Calhoun (OUT), Nick Mangold (OUT), Kendall Reyes (OUT); **Georgia** – Ben Roethlisberger (OUT), Jimmy Smith (OUT), Nick Vannett (OUT).

With Big Ben out of the line-up, snarky cynics might remark that things could not get worse at quarterback, so who cares? But the cynics are staying quiet after witnessing the three-interception performance by Blaine Gabbert in relief last week. The disappointing but still salvageable Glads' season is on the edge of falling off a cliff if a week of first team reps cannot get Gabbert into game shape. The Hellfire are surging, having won four of their last five with a near upset of Iowa City its only loss. The Andrew Luck-to-Julio Jones connection is completely thawed after being in deep-freeze and poses an ever-present quick strike danger to prevent defences from focusing totally on the workhorse running tandem of Jay Ajayi and Tevin Coleman. The Georgia offence will rely on LeSean McCoy, who will have to be on his game against the league's 3rd-ranked run defence. **PICK: MOHAVE**

TWIN CITIES @ SCARBOROUGH (line – BLUE EAGLES by 10)

INJURIES: **Twin Cities** – Tyler Eifert (OUT), Joel Bitonio (OUT), Phillip Gaines (OUT), Melvin Gordon (OUT); **Scarborough** – La'el Collins (OUT), Deion Jones (OUT), Ryan Kalil (OUT), Charles Sims (OUT).

With the football world shifting its gaze to more viable contenders, the Triumph have quietly started their long climb back up the steep hill to relevance with two straight wins against divisional opponents. They are still very much in the race despite the appearance of being defunct. But the final verdict on their relevance may be delivered this week against the North division-leading Blue Eagles. The line seems a little high in favour of a team that is averaging just 19 points per game. But with the defence surrendering a meagre 12 points per game and the Triumph mired in the bottom quarter of the league offensively, this has the makings of a day of defensive dominance for the home team. No doubt that the Triumph will need to get the ground game going,

but with Melvin Gordon out and Doug Martin not in prime form, it is unlikely. It will be straight star-versus-star, with Antonio Brown putting his manhood on the line against Marcus Peters, with <duh!> Carson Palmer directing traffic. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

CHARLESWOOD @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 5)

INJURIES: Charleswood – Dez Bryant (OUT), Marcus Gilbert (OUT), Harlan Miller (OUT), Rob Ninkovich (OUT); Durham – Kam Chancellor (PROBABLE), Quan Bray (OUT), Eric Decker (OUT), KJ Dillon (OUT), Eddie Goldman (OUT), Theo Riddick (OUT), Eric Rowe (OUT), Geno Smith (OUT), Kevin White (OUT).

The only thing consistent about the Patriots recently has been the mediocrity of the quarterbacking. Most of that has been on rookie DeShaun Watson, but Blake Bortles has not looked like the answer in limited action. Durham is riding a four-game winning streak, but the combined winning percentage of the teams they beat in that stretch is .275. In terms of prospects, the Pats are the best team Durham has faced since a Week Five loss to Virden. While the Lizards are rightly favoured, they are shaky favourites – especially with so many injuries. The Pats have been up and down this year – never staying up or down for long. They are due for an “up” game while the Lizards are due to suffer the downside of a thin corps of skill players against a good defence. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

SEBASTIAN @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 6)

INJURIES: Sebastian – Shawn Lauvao (PROBABLE), CJ Anderson (OUT), Arik Armstead (OUT), Haloti Ngata (OUT), Mike Pouncey (OUT), Justin Pugh (OUT), Delvin Breaux (IR), Shariff Floyd (IR); Virden – Lane Johnson (OUT), Evan Mathis (OUT), Dexter McCluster (OUT), David Morgan (OUT), Jared Odrick (OUT), Caraun Reid (OUT), Ronnie Stanley (OUT), Chance Warmack (OUT).

The Violators stand astride the Central, not like a colossus, but like the last man standing. While there are still 6 weeks to go, Virden appears to have the pieces in place to finish on the top of the Division of Broken Toys. But to confirm their new-found status they must win games like this one – at home against a flawed opponent. The Swordfish have held up pretty well in a tough division and cannot be taken lightly. Jameis Winston has been playing well, but if his backs fail to gain traction, he will have his hands full against the Virden secondary and underrated linebacking corps. The Virden offence lives on the ground, but will need to show more diversity against the EFL’s top-ranked run defence. Expect Derek Carr to discover Ezekiel Elliot’s pass-catching skills. **PICK: VIRDEN**

COWTOWN @ ERIEAU (line – CORN KINGS by 2)

INJURIES: Cowtown – Jahleel Addae (OUT), Robert Ayers Jr (OUT), Steve Smith (OUT); Erieau – Pharoh Cooper (PROBABLE), Joe Hawley (DOUBTFUL), Justin Houston (OUT), Karl Klug (OUT), Niles Paul (OUT).

The Cadillac have averaged less than a converted touchdown per-game offensively over the past four weeks and show no signs of kicking things up a gear. The defensive game plan seems to be as simple as: stop Jordy Nelson and everything else will fall into place. Matt Stafford has been complicit in making this simplified game plan successful – failing to make use of alternate targets like Kenny Britt and...oh yeah, there aren’t any other alternate targets. The Corn Kings need to keep Joe Flacco in for an entire game in order to restore his fragile confidence, but this cannot be taken as a confidence-building opponent. The Erieau pass rush will challenge Flacco in the pocket, so the run game will have to click. It has been clicking well recently and will do so here. **PICK: COWTOWN**

IOWA CITY @ NEW JERSEY (line – CUBS by 8)

INJURIES: Iowa City – JC Tretter (DOUBTFUL), Vince Biegel (OUT), CJ Prosise (OUT), Lee Smith (OUT); New Jersey – Adrian Clayborn (OUT), DeMarcus Ware (OUT).

The Cubs are coming off a disturbing loss to the Hawks. Their defence looked inept and they turned the ball over 3 times. This, following a near miss in Mohave, has people like me wondering how they can be favoured to beat anyone by more than a touchdown. The Wrecking Balls are no Brooklin, but their defence is starting to play as advertised in the pre-season. A continuance of this recent trend will factor into the final tally, but so will the wretchedness of the New Jersey offence, which has not scored a touchdown in two games. The good news for Sam Bradford is that he will have time to throw; since the Cubs are last in the league in sacks and almost never blitz. The ingredients for an upset are here, but expect the hapless master chef to burn the upset soufflé. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

LOS ANGELES @ YORK (line – KNIGHTS by 1)

INJURIES: Los Angeles – Reshad Jones (QUESTIONABLE), Michael Bennett (DOUBTFUL); York – Josh Doctson (OUT), Brandon Flowers (OUT), Eddie Lacy (OUT), DeAndre Levy (OUT).

Analysts who wrote off the Knights after Week Five are now backtracking. With a five-game win streak under their shield they are the hottest team in the West. They now have their sights on a winnable road game at a time when their competition is slipping. To do this they will need a performance from Andy Dalton that doesn’t come with an asterisk. The Red Rifle has been both hitting and missing the mark too equally for the fans liking. Against a stubborn York defence, he will need to make the most of limited chances

and avoid breathing life into a sleepy York offence with turnovers. This one will be low-scoring and close. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

BUDAPEST @ CHINO (line – NORTH STARS by 2)

INJURIES: Budapest – Brian Hoyer (PROBABLE), Orlando Scandrick (OUT); **Chino** – AJ Green (QUESTIONABLE), Ryan Shazier (QUESTIONABLE), Johnathan Joseph (OUT).

It has been a shaky run with Tyrod Taylor at quarterback, but there is no disputing the bottom line. With the prospect of Brian Hoyer starting – a game time decision – the North Stars’ passing game looks to become more authoritative, with fringe benefits to the running game. While a win is a win, the North Stars hope to acquire some swagger for the psy-op edge in the playoff games to come. Stealing a win on the road against a struggling but still dangerous Chino squad is well within their wheelhouse with a Hoyer-induced invigorated passing game. The question of his status and that of AJ Green on the other side will bear strongly on the outcome. With Orlando Scandrick out, Dak Prescott could do some damage with Green at his disposal. Such questions make it hard to make a definitive call with such a small line. In such cases, going with the home team when it’s hungry is the safer bet. **PICK: CHINO**

PICKERING @ SEATTLE (line – SPARTANS by 5)

INJURIES: Pickering – Andrus Peat (DOUBTFUL), Tyvon Branch (OUT), Ronald Leary (OUT), Willie Snead (OUT); **Seattle** – Derek Newton (DOUBTFUL), Allen Hurns (OUT), Luke Joeckel (OUT), Scooby Wright III (IR).

The Spartans appear to have turned a corner, winners of their last two after a four-game slide. They have an opportunity here to build up momentum for the stretch against a soft opponent that got a little softer with the loss of wide receiver, Allen Hurns. While the Spartans will be without their top target as well, Willie Snead, the disparity in options remains an embarrassment for the home team. The line is light given the lack of potential for any meaningful offence from the Pilots. This is solely due to Philip Rivers’ history of turning the ball over and the presence of super-defender Khalil Mack on the other side as an inducement to do just that. However, there is little doubt that any Seattle offence will have to come from the defence; and that is always a longshot. **PICK: PICKERING**

BRUXELLES @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – BOMBERS by 5)

INJURIES: Bruxelles – Bud Dupree (OUT), Cory Harkey (OUT), Matt Kalil (OUT), Jason Verrett (OUT), Dede Westbrook (OUT); **South Carolina** – Kamalei Correa (DOUBTFUL), Ladarius Green (DOUBTFUL), Ameer Abdullah (OUT), Keenan Allen (OUT), Joe Haden (OUT), Jeff Heurman (OUT).

It took a pair of punt return touchdowns to make sure the Bombers were knocked off their pedestal for at least one week. Did it break the spell, or was it just a predictable hiccup on the road the Conference Final? If the Regulators, losers of five in a row, can pull off the unlikely upset then we will know the glass slipper has finally dropped for Cinderella. But how big of an upset would it be? Before the season began we might have felt differently about this game, given the state of the Bruxelles defence. Kirk Cousins has the arm talent to make a dent and the running game can cobble together enough carries to make the Bombers guess. Alas, for tortured SC fans, the Regs’ secondary has no answer for Marcus Mariota and the line no stomach to stop Leonard Fournette. **PICK: BRUXELLES**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – Week Ten of the 2011 EFL Season saw the Pickering Spartans rise to 9-1, the best record in the league, by knocking off the LA Knights 23-20 – a team that just two weeks previous had not lost a game. The Spartans were, of course, one of the top teams of 2011. But what made this win a bit of an upset was that, with **Matt Cassel** out, **Joe Webb** started at QB for the Spartans that day. Facing the ‘Blue Shield,’ most thought Webb would crumble. But instead he held up well, completing 14 of 22 for 164 yards, 1 TD and no picks. He also added 44 rushing yards, including a 13-yard run to get into range for the winning FG.

A look back at the Blue Eagles’ 7th win of the season shows how the offensive struggles of the Dickinson Era were there from Year One. Against the 1-9 Hellfire, **Aaron Rodgers** didn’t find the end zone until mid-way through the 3rd quarter, sliding a short quick to **Ray Rice** from 1-yard out for the first and only score they would need in an uncomfortable 14-3 win.

The Gladiators (7-3) stomped the Excaliburs (3-7) 29-10 to stay neck-and-neck with Scarborough in the South. York was never in this game, prompting the unhappy fans at Camelot to hit the beer concessions harder than usual. The stadium actually stopped serving early in the 3rd, prompting a riot by around 1,000 inebriated fans who felt they needed to get a little drunker to tolerate watching their team. There had been high hopes for the Swords heading into the season and their failure was a bitter disappointment.

The top offensive performer of Week 10 was Virden WR, **Mike Thomas**. He gained a whopping 236 yards on 8 receptions, the bulk of which came on TD catches of 77 and 87 yards, in a 33-14 victory over Garland. In another sign that the Mustangs’ coach, **Doug Shirley**, was losing his mind, Thomas’ 87-yarder came against a Goal Line stack defence.