

# WEEK 2



Shooting for the Stars in our 15th Season!

October 17, 2021

# CHUBBING TO VICTORY!

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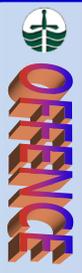
**Nick Chubb**  
**Sebastian Swordfish**

Swordfish RB, *Nick Chubb* speeds around Gladiator LB, *Zaven Collins* as he gets to the second level on a 47-yard TD run in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter action at Heinz Field. It was Chubb's second TD of the game and it made the score 35-21 for Sebastian with 8 minutes to go. The Glads made a spirited attempt at a comeback but fell short, resulting in a 35-28 win for the visitors. The Swordfish, at 2-0, are showing game on offence with *Kirk Cousins* at QB. *(More inside)*



*Who was slick  
in Week Two?*

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**Derrick Henry**  
RB  
York  
Excaliburs

29 carries, 152 yards, 2 TDs. Wore down the Hawks' 'D' in big win.



**Donte Jackson**  
CB  
Chino  
Convicts

8 T, 1 INT (50 yds-TD), 1 PD, 2/4 PD. Pick-six turned game around in NJ.


**24**

**Sam Darnold** started and threw a pick in the end zone on his first series. Cobb County drove back, with **Ryan Tannehill** going a perfect 5 of 5 on the series and finishing with a 15-yard TD pass to **Brandin Cooks**. Rookie **Trey Lance** entered the game for Darnold and used his legs to help get into FG range. That was all he could do for most of the game. Cooks added another TD before half time and, after a scoreless 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Coyotes made it 21-3 on a TD pass to **Julio Jones**. Seattle found the end zone after a 68-yard **Jamal Agnew** return set up a late TD pass to **Robby Anderson**.


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10-16-2021 Kingdome Temp:70 Wind:Calm Line:CB by 17 MVP:Tannehill HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Cobb County (2-0)	7	7	0	10	24
2021 Seattle (0-2)	0	3	0	8	11

**Passing**

CB: Tannehill 22/16 190 Yds 3 TDs  
 SEA: Lance 17/7 52 Yds TD, Darnold 6/3 32 Yds Int

**Rushing**

CB: Harris 11/78, Hasty 8/32, Peterson 7/22, Tannehill 2/4, Holtz 1/1  
 SEA: Lance 10/43, Lamb 2/30, Hunt 6/29, Brown 3/18, Akers 3/16, Darnold 1/14

**Receiving**

CB: Cooks 6/89 2 TDs, Jones 5/61 TD, Cook 3/24, Parker 1/13, Harris 1/3  
 SEA: Anderson 6/50 TD, Lamb 1/10, Hunt 1/14, Nall 1/1, Firkser 1/9

**Defense**

CB: Payne Sk FF 5-Tk, Martinez Int 7-Tk  
 SEA: Wright 8-Tk

**Injuries**

CB:  
 SEA:

**Misc**

CB: 8 missed tackles  
 SEA:


**37**

**25**

Four consecutive TD drives of 75 yards each to start the game – two by each team – had the Convicts and Wrecking Balls deadlocked at 14 with 8:01 left in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. New Jersey was the first to falter, punting on their third possession to set up the Convicts for a **Harrison Butker** FG. The turning point came on Jersey's next series with a 50-yard pick-six of **Matt Stafford** by **Donte Jackson** to extend Chino's lead to 24-14 at the half. Chino opened the 3<sup>rd</sup> with a 40-yard TD pass from **Dak Prescott** to **Michael Gallup** to make it 31-14 and their defence held off the Balls from there.

10-15-2021 Stone Pony Shore Temp:82 Wind:5-15 None Line:CHI by 23 MVP:Prescott HFA

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Chino (2-0)	7	17	7	6	37
2021 New Jersey (0-2)	7	7	3	8	25

**Passing**

CHI: Prescott 31/24 265 Yds 2 TDs, Bridgewater 5/4 21 Yds  
 NJ: Stafford 44/29 366 Yds 3 TDs Int

**Rushing**

CHI: Jones II 10/39 TD, Prescott 5/23, Jackson 4/15, McCaffrey 2/5  
 NJ: Montgomery 9/19, Stafford 1/4

**Receiving**

CHI: Gallup 7/98 TD, Jones II 5/28, Patrick 5/49 TD, Jones Jr. 4/54, McCaffrey 4/33  
 NJ: Allen 10/109 2 TDs, McLaurin 7/121 TD, Chark Jr. 4/47, McKissic 4/49, Hooper 3/31

**Defense**

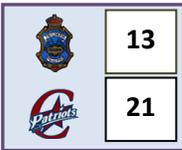
CHI: Jackson Int(TD) 8-Tk, Smith Sk 3-Tk, Bostic Sk 3-Tk  
 NJ: Breeland 12-Tk, Hughes Sk 4-Tk, Alexander 8-Tk, Odeyingbo Sk 3-Tk

**Injuries**

CHI: Carter 8, Bouye 8  
 NJ: Campbell 2

**Misc**

CHI: 1/10 Pen  
 NJ: 7/48 Pen



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Heading into the 2<sup>nd</sup> half only a hit upright on an extra point attempt separated the Triumph from the heavily favoured Patriots. Leading 14-13 on the strength of **DeShaun Watson** TD passes to **Juju Smith-Schuster** and **Alvin Kamara**, the Pats went up 8 points near the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> on 4-yard hitch from Watson to **Travis Kelce**. It would turn be all the insurance they would need as the Charleswood defence went on shut down the Triumph offence completely. The outcome could have been worse. **Mitch Trubisky** fumbled three times but recovered all of them. He also ran for 2 TDs.

10-15-2021 Temp:75 Wind:Calm Line:TCT by 2 MVP:Watson HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Twin Cities (1-1)	6	7	0	0	13
2021 Charleswood (2-0)	7	7	7	0	21

Passing

TCT: Trubisky 22/12 116 Yds  
 CHP: Watson 36/27 292 Yds 3 TDs

Rushing

TCT: Gordon III 14/77, Trubisky 4/36 2 TDs, White 3/12  
 CHP: Kamara 10/27, Watson 4/11, Dobbins 5/10, Hill 2/8

Receiving

TCT: Moore 5/68, Brown 3/19, Golladay 2/28, White 1/0, Trautman 1/1  
 CHP: Kamara 7/46 TD, Cooper 6/67, Kelce 6/80 TD, Smith-Schuster 3/33 TD, Metcalf 3/45

Defense

TCT:  
 CHP: Lawson 2-Sks 2-FF 4-Tk, Sweat Sk FF 6-Tk, Brown Sk 4-Tk

Injuries

TCT: Maddox 5, Moseley 1  
 CHP: Trufant 6

Misc

TCT:  
 CHP: Lawson 2 FF



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A dogged Crusader defence, untimely penalties and **Michael Badgley's** two missed FG attempts kept Virden off the scoreboard through the 1<sup>st</sup>. Peg City did not take full advantage, however, and put just 3 points on the board before **Patrick Mahomes** connected with rookie **JaMarr Chase** on a long slant for a 32-yard TD mid-way in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. That sparked a run of three consecutive TD drives, two of those ending in Mahomes TD passes to give him 3. Four different Virden receivers finished with 100+ yards, a record. A 48-yard TD pass to **Brandon Aiyuk** in the 4<sup>th</sup> saved some face for the Pegs.

10-15-2021 Temp:72 Wind:Calm No Line MVP:Mahomes HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Virden (1-1)	0	14	14	0	28
2021 Peg City (0-2)	0	3	0	7	10

Passing

VV: Mahomes 41/29 436 Yds 3 TDs Int  
 PCC: Jones 29/17 210 Yds TD Int

Rushing

VV: Elliott 12/52 TD, Mahomes 2/17  
 PCC: Cohen 5/41, Barkley 13/35

Receiving

VV: Hockenson 8/105 2 TDs, Green 7/104, Brown 6/102, Chase 6/114 TD, Elliott 1/4  
 PCC: Shenault Jr. 5/59, Aiyuk 5/85 TD, Barkley 4/30, Higbee 2/23

Defense

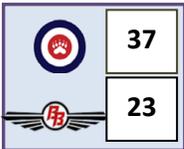
VV: Peters Int 7-Tk, Ford Sk 6-Tk  
 PCC: Okudah Int 12-Tk, Allen Sk 4-Tk, Okereke 9-Tk, Humphrey 8-Tk

Injuries

VV: Thomas 8, Ford 8  
 PCC: Bullard 8, Bush 8, Thompson 8, Allen 7, Rapp 4

Misc

VV: Badgley 0/2 FGA  
 PCC:



**Chase Claypool's** 75-yard catch-and-run from **Drew Brees** to tie the score at 7 was promising for the Bombers. **Russell Wilson** was unfazed and continued to oversee steady, time-consuming drives. Assisted by **James Conner's** 100+ yard production, including a 47-yard run to set up their 2<sup>nd</sup> TD, Wilson established a 20-9 halftime lead. He put more pressure on his opponent by scrambling 15 yards for a TD to make it 27-9 in the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Brees battled back to within 7, but a 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter fumble by **Marquez V-S** was returned 63 yards for a TD by the Cubs' **Donovan Wilson** to ice the game.

10-15-2021 Temp:77 Wind:Calm Line:ICC by 2 MVP:Wilson HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Iowa City (1-1)	10	10	7	10	37
2021 Bruxelles (0-2)	7	2	7	7	23

Passing

ICC: Wilson 18/15 150 Yds 2 TDs  
BRX: Brees 34/20 320 Yds 3 TDs Int

Rushing

ICC: Conner 13/123, Wilson 6/53 TD, Mixon 7/31, Carter 5/22, McKinnon 3/17  
BRX: Mitchell 9/58, Williams 8/25, Fournette 5/11, Brees 1/1

Receiving

ICC: Lockett 3/44 TD, Beasley 2/21, Carter 2/23 TD, Kirk 2/18, Dissly 2/11  
BRX: Valdes-Scantling 4/38, Claypool 4/107 2 TDs, Godwin 4/108 TD, Fournette 3/20

Defense

ICC: Littleton 8-Tk  
BRX: Walker 10-Tk, Ebukam Sk 5-Tk, Ogbah Sk 4-Tk, Whitehead Sk 4-Tk

Injuries

ICC:  
BRX:

Misc

ICC: 36:04 TOP, Wilson 63-Yd FR TD  
BRX:



Assassin's long-snapper **Ethan Pocic** sailed one over the head of punter, **Bryan Anger** to set up the Derailers at the Vegas 4. Three plays later **Lamar Jackson** hit **Emmanuel Sanders** for a TD to take a 7-0 lead. After that break the Derailers' offence went silent. The Las Vegas linebackers contained Lamar in the pocket and the front four brought pressure, generating 5 sacks. On offence, **Justin Herbert** connected with **Jerry Jeudy** and **Larry Fitzgerald** for TD passes of 23 and 10 yards on back-to-back drives to take a 14-7 lead. The Vegas defence did the rest to rise to 2-0.

10-15-2021 Temp:74 Wind:Calm Line:BUF by 4 MVP:Herbert HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Buffalo (1-1)	7	0	0	0	7
2021 Las Vegas (2-0)	7	10	3	0	20

Passing

BUF: Jackson 30/16 106 Yds TD  
LV: Herbert 34/21 206 Yds 2 TDs

Rushing

BUF: Jackson 6/20, Davis 8/19, Woods 3/10, Booker 2/8  
LV: Cook 20/72, Herbert 3/26, Williams 4/13

Receiving

BUF: Sanders 6/49 TD, Davis 4/11, Fant 3/30, Woods 2/11, Gage 1/5  
LV: Fitzgerald 6/58 TD, Watkins 3/28, Graham 3/19, Pascal 3/46, Cook 2/9, Jeudy 2/39 TD

Defense

BUF: Barnett Sk 5-Tk  
LV: Nassib 2-Sks 2-Tk, Williams Sk FF 2-Tk, Davis 8-Tk

Injuries

BUF: Tartt 8, Sneed 2  
LV: Judon 1

Misc

BUF: Sacked 5/30, 133 Yds Net Offence  
LV: Leonard FR



Both QBs threw interceptions in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter but it was Oshawa that took advantage as **Matt Ryan** connected on a 28-yard bomb to **Davante Adams** after taking over in Cowtown territory. **Ryan Fitzpatrick** steadied the home team with a pair of 1<sup>st</sup> down scrambles to set up the equalizer, a **Todd Gurley II** 6-yard TD run. From there the Corn Kings took charge on both sides of the ball, limiting the Panthers to a single FG the rest of the way while Fitzpatrick tossed TD passes to **Allen Lazard** and **Kadarius Toney**. Cowtown was fortunate to survive 3 fumbles, recovering all three.

10-15-2021 Temp:66 Wind:10-20 None Line:COW by 8 MVP:Fitzpatrick HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Oshawa (0-2)	7	3	0	0	10
2021 Cowtown (1-1)	0	14	10	3	27

**Passing**

OSH: Ryan 43/26 219 Yds TD 2 Int  
 COW: Fitzpatrick 32/24 304 Yds 2 TDs Int

**Rushing**

OSH: Drake 9/30, Singletary 2/8, Ryan 1/7  
 COW: Gurley II 14/55 TD, Gore 10/30, Fitzpatrick 5/23, Murray 4/4

**Receiving**

OSH: Adams 7/60 TD, Goedert 6/47, Drake 6/50, Schultz 1/9, Singletary 1/4, Edelman 1/12  
 COW: Lazard 10/116 TD, Evans 4/57, Bourne 4/57, Alie-Cox 2/42, Murray 1/7, McKenzie 1/14

**Defense**

OSH: Kendricks Int 10-Tk, Williams 11-Tk, Adebo 9-Tk, Simmons FF 5-Tk  
 COW: Smith Int 12-Tk, Chinn 8-Tk, Farley Int 3-Tk

**Injuries**

OSH:  
 COW: Garoppolo 5

**Misc**

OSH:  
 COW: 37:10 TOP, 11/15 3rd Down



**Kirk Cousins's** first pass was picked off by **John Johnson III** and **Diontae Johnson** capitalized with a 20-yard TD catch from **Ben Roethlisberger**. That set off a lively 1<sup>st</sup> half that saw Sebastian tie it on a 4-yard run by **Jonathan Taylor**, take the lead on a 4-yard scramble by **Kellen Mond**, then lose the lead on a Big Ben TD pass. The Fish regained the lead in the 3<sup>rd</sup> on a TD pass to **TY Hilton** then extended it on a 1-yard dive by **Nick Chubb**. The Glads countered with a TD pass to **Will Fuller V** but then Chubb broke a 47-yard TD run to make it 35-21, a lead too big to overcome.

10-15-2021 Heinz Field Temp:75 Wind:0-10 None Line:SS by 8 MVP:Chubb HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Sebastian (2-0)	7	7	7	14	35
2021 Georgia (0-2)	7	7	0	14	28

**Passing**

SS: Cousins 25/17 231 Yds TD Int, Mond 4/2 15 Yds  
 GEO: Roethlisberger 47/34 344 Yds 4 TDs Int

**Rushing**

SS: Chubb 14/92 2 TDs, Taylor 11/84 TD, Mond 4/14 TD  
 GEO: Robinson 14/66, Bernard 2/18

**Receiving**

SS: Hilton 8/128 TD, Ebron 3/27, Taylor 3/34, Marshall Jr. 2/34, Reagor 1/9  
 GEO: Johnson 10/108 2 TDs, Fuller V 8/133 TD, Robinson 6/23, Landry 4/33 TD

**Defense**

SS: Perryman Int Sk 6-Tk, Jenkins FF 7-Tk, Jackson III 9-Tk, Wallace 8-Tk  
 GEO: Johnson III Int 4-Tk, Smith 8-Tk

**Injuries**

SS: Massie 6, Clowney 6  
 GEO: Ingram III 8, Jones 1

**Misc**

SS: 3/4 4th Down  
 GEO:



**Philip Rivers** threw a bullet to **Sterling Shepard** for a 19-yard TD pass on the game's opening drive to put the Spartans in front. The North Stars answered with the first of 2 TD passes to **Justin Jefferson** on the day to end the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter. In a bid to keep up, the Spartans went for it on 4<sup>th</sup> & 3 from their own 47. The pass was incomplete, giving the ball to the Stars. **Jeff Wilson Jr** then gave Budapest the lead on a 9-yard TD run, **Aaron Rodgers** went on to throw 2 more TD passes in the game and the Stars' defence stonewalled the Spartan offence the rest of the way for the win.

10-15-2021 Temp:86 Wind:0-5 None Line:BUD by 18 MVP:Rodgers HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Pickering (0-2)	7	3	0	0	10
2021 Budapest (2-0)	7	7	16	3	33

**Passing**

PIC: Rivers 15/5 56 Yds TD  
 BUD: Rodgers 24/19 190 Yds 3 TDs

**Rushing**

PIC: Sanders 21/97, Swift 6/15  
 BUD: Wilson Jr. 7/57 TD, Johnson 9/46, Patterson 5/31, Rodgers 2/17, Patterson 4/15

**Receiving**

PIC: Brown 2/15, Shepard 1/19 TD, Swift 1/12, Ricard 1/10  
 BUD: Jefferson 7/89 2 TDs, Kittle 3/28 TD, Agholor 3/34, Thompson 2/12, Johnson 2/13

**Defense**

PIC: Schobert 9-Tk  
 BUD: David 10-Tk

**Injuries**

PIC: Wolfe 1  
 BUD:

**Misc**

PIC:  
 BUD: 9/12 3rd Down, David 4 STFs



The Hawks took off with an opening drive 27-yard TD pass to **Evan Engram** and a 19-yard cross from **Derek Carr** to **DeAndre Hopkins** for a 14-7 lead in the 2<sup>nd</sup>. In-between those scores, a 16-play, 75-yard drive, ending in a 3-yard TD run by **Derrick Henry**, softened up the Brooklin defence. The Excaliburs possessed the ball for long stretches, turning two long 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter drives into TDs for a 21-14 lead at the half. Both defences excelled in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. **Robbie Gould** kicked a 45-yard FG in the 4<sup>th</sup> to make it a two-score lead. The Hawks could only get one back before time ran out.

10-16-2021 Camelot Temp:70 Wind:0-10 None Line:YOR by 19 MVP:Henry HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Brooklin (0-2)	14	0	0	7	21
2021 York (2-0)	7	14	0	3	24

**Passing**

BRH: Carr 12/8 122 Yds 2 TDs  
 YOR: Brady 29/18 225 Yds

**Rushing**

BRH: Ekeler 21/102, Scott 4/35 TD, Carr 2/13  
 YOR: Henry 29/152 2 TDs, Williams 6/20 TD, Brady 2/7

**Receiving**

BRH: Ekeler 3/46, Hopkins 2/30 TD, Gronkowski 2/19, Engram 1/27 TD  
 YOR: Williams 5/39, Amendola 4/56, Davis 4/81, Henry 2/14, Williams 2/27, Smith 1/8

**Defense**

BRH: Simmons 9-Tk, Highsmith Sk 3-Tk, Tuitt Sk 3-Tk  
 YOR:

**Injuries**

BRH: Lewan 8, Vander Esch 4, Turner 2  
 YOR: Miller 1

**Misc**

BRH:  
 YOR: 36:03 TOP, 27 1st Dns



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**Joe Burrow** capped the Blue Eagles' first possession with a well-executed 24-yard strike to **Allen Robinson II** for a TD, giving his team a 7-3 lead. Surprisingly, this score would be all Scarborough would need to dispatch the Cadillac on a slow day for both offences. The Bluebirds bent against the Erieau running attack but shut down **Kyler Murray** effectively when he went to the air, blanketing his receivers and forcing check downs or scrambles. The Caddies' 'D' in turn limited Burrow to 211 yards passing and the run game to just 68 yards. **Mason Crosby** kicked 3 FGs to provide insurance.

10-15-2021 Temp:77 Wind:0-5 None Line:ERI by 13 MVP:Burrow HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Erieau (1-1)	3	3	0	0	6
2021 Scarborough (1-1)	7	6	0	3	16

#### Passing

ERI: Murray 26/12 64 Yds  
SBE: Burrow 30/20 211 Yds TD

#### Rushing

ERI: Harris 10/57, Murray 9/47, Moss 6/25, Waddle 1/12, Hines 3/9  
SBE: Carson 13/61, Burrow 3/5, Gaskin 5/2

#### Receiving

ERI: Higgins 5/29, Harris 2/4, Henry 2/13, Andrews 1/9, Hines 1/7, Janovich 1/2  
SBE: Crowder 7/69, Robinson II 6/71 TD, Gaskin 3/24, Jackson 2/23, Uzomah 1/6

#### Defense

ERI: Gilmore 11-Tk  
SBE: Dantzler 8-Tk

#### Injuries

ERI: Smith 5  
SBE: Collins 8, Bosa 8, Martin 5

#### Misc

ERI:  
SBE: Crosby 3/3 FG Lg 52



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With several East Elmhurst starters out due to COVID-19 the Thunder Lizards looked to take care of business quickly and they did with a 75-yard TD pass of **Josh Allen** to **Cooper Kupp** on the game's first play. When the Irish failed to make a 4<sup>th</sup> & 5 on their first series, Durham responded with another TD on an 11-yard pass to **Curtis Samuel**. The pace of the game slowed as the teams exchanged FG drives but with time running down in the 1<sup>st</sup> half Durham drove 75 yards for a TD on a 7-yard run by Allen for a 24-3 half time lead. Both teams went through the motions in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

10-15-2021 Temp:71 Wind:0-10 None No Line MVP:Allen HFA:ON(0)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2021 Durham (2-0)	14	10	0	7	31
2021 East Elmhurst (1-1)	0	3	7	0	10

#### Passing

DTL: Allen 37/25 354 Yds 3 TDs  
EE: Mayfield 30/19 173 Yds TD Int

#### Rushing

DTL: Allen 5/49 TD, Gibson 7/15  
EE: Bell 13/40, Hubbard 8/26, Hill 1/22, Mayfield 4/15

#### Receiving

DTL: Waller 6/83, Samuel 6/65 TD, Edmonds 5/23, Kupp 5/150 2 TDs, Boyd 2/25  
EE: Robinson 5/35, Bell 4/31, Hill 4/48, Moore 2/31 TD, Sherman 1/0, Hubbard 1/8

#### Defense

DTL: Armstead 2-Sks 3-Tk, Burns Sk 7-Tk, Moore II Int 6-Tk, Mathieu 9-Tk, Young Sk  
EE: Jones 8-Tk

#### Injuries

DTL: DeCastro 2  
EE: Remmers 1

#### Misc

DTL:  
EE: 35:38 TOP



# STATS



## WEEK TWO

# STANDINGS & STATS

### EFL 2021 Official Standings

East	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf			
Cobb County	2	0	0	1.000	W2	48	24.0	18	9.0	15.0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Buffalo	1	1	0	.500	L1	44	22.0	29	14.5	7.5	0	0	0	1	1	0
Bruxelles	0	2	0	.000	L2	30	15.0	61	30.5	-15.5	0	1	0	0	2	0
New Jersey	0	2	0	.000	L2	34	17.0	74	37.0	-20.0	0	2	0	0	2	0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf			
Charleswood	2	0	0	1.000	W2	48	24.0	37	18.5	5.5	1	0	0	2	0	0
Viriden	1	1	0	.500	W1	52	26.0	37	18.5	7.5	0	1	0	1	1	0
Twin Cities	1	1	0	.500	L1	40	20.0	37	18.5	1.5	1	0	0	1	1	0
Peg City	0	2	0	.000	L2	26	13.0	55	27.5	-14.5	0	1	0	0	2	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf			
Las Vegas	2	0	0	1.000	W2	51	25.5	29	14.5	11.0	1	0	0	2	0	0
Chino	2	0	0	1.000	W2	64	32.0	31	15.5	16.5	0	0	0	1	0	0
Iowa City	1	1	0	.500	W1	59	29.5	54	27.0	2.5	0	1	0	0	1	0
Seattle	0	2	0	.000	L2	17	8.5	51	25.5	-17.0	0	2	0	0	2	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf			
Durham	2	0	0	1.000	W2	62	31.0	24	12.0	19.0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Sebastian	2	0	0	1.000	W2	70	35.0	56	28.0	7.0	1	0	0	1	0	0
Scarborough	1	1	0	.500	W1	30	15.0	37	18.5	-3.5	1	0	0	0	1	0
Cowtown	1	1	0	.500	W1	55	27.5	45	22.5	5.0	1	0	0	0	1	0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf			
Budapest	2	0	0	1.000	W2	64	32.0	17	8.5	23.5	2	0	0	2	0	0
York	2	0	0	1.000	W2	44	22.0	35	17.5	4.5	1	0	0	2	0	0
Brooklin	0	2	0	.000	L2	28	14.0	55	27.5	-13.5	0	0	0	0	2	0
Pickering	0	2	0	.000	L2	24	12.0	53	26.5	-14.5	0	1	0	0	2	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf			
Erieau	1	1	0	.500	L1	39	19.5	37	18.5	1.0	0	0	0	1	1	0
East Elmhurst	1	1	0	.500	L1	41	20.5	51	25.5	-5.0	0	1	0	1	0	0
Georgia	0	2	0	.000	L2	48	24.0	66	33.0	-9.0	0	2	0	0	1	0
Oshawa	0	2	0	.000	L2	31	15.5	60	30.0	-14.5	0	1	0	0	1	0

### EFL 2021 Official Passing Leaders

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Rodgers,A	BUD	59	47	79.7	533	1	1.7	71	6	10.2	131.1
2	Watson,D	CHP	72	51	70.8	552	0	0.0	19	6	8.3	120.8
3	Fitzpatric	COW	36	27	75.0	336	1	2.8	27	3	8.3	119.7
4	Wilson,R	ICC	54	47	87.0	462	1	1.9	25	4	7.4	119.3
5	Prescott	CHI	59	47	79.7	468	0	0.0	40	3	5.1	116.7
6	Cousins	SS	61	42	68.9	637	2	3.3	41	5	8.2	116.6
7	Garoppolo	COW	33	22	66.7	277	1	3.0	41	3	9.1	110.3
8	Mahomes	VV	83	56	67.5	747	1	1.2	34	4	4.8	106.9
9	Jackson,L	BUF	62	41	66.1	371	0	0.0	37	4	6.5	103.6
10	Trubisky	TCT	52	35	67.3	384	0	0.0	40	2	3.8	101.8
11	Allen,J	DTL	75	47	62.7	623	1	1.3	75	4	5.3	101.1
12	Brady	YOR	56	36	64.3	435	0	0.0	41	2	3.6	99.9
13	Roethlisbe	GEO	83	58	69.9	557	1	1.2	43	4	4.8	99.3
14	Herbert	LV	68	47	69.1	467	1	1.5	43	3	4.4	96.9
15	Tannehill	CB	50	32	64.0	439	2	4.0	30	3	6.0	95.3
16	Mayfield	EE	60	39	65.0	463	1	1.7	48	2	3.3	92.6
17	Stafford	NJ	71	46	64.8	564	2	2.8	54	3	4.2	91.5
18	Carr,D	BRH	37	19	51.4	211	0	0.0	27	2	5.4	86.7
19	Brees	BRX	64	31	48.4	441	1	1.6	75	4	6.3	85.5
20	Burrow	SBE	61	35	57.4	338	0	0.0	24	2	3.3	83.9
21	Jones,M	PCC	61	34	55.7	402	2	3.3	48	2	3.3	73.3
22	Murray,K	ERI	49	27	55.1	209	0	0.0	24	1	2.0	72.6
23	Ryan,M	OSH	82	50	61.0	466	4	4.9	28	4	4.9	72.5
24	Lance	SEA	21	9	42.9	69	0	0.0	14	1	4.8	67.4
25	Rivers,P	PIC	35	14	40.0	153	1	2.9	27	1	2.9	51.3

### EFL 2021 Official Kick Return Leaders

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Roberts,A	BRX	4	143	35.8	46	0
2	Agnew	SEA	6	211	35.2	68	0
3	Carter,D	BUF	4	125	31.3	48	0
4	Harris,D	COW	3	93	31.0	32	0
5	Patterson	BUD	3	90	30.0	39	0
6	Johnson,D	SBE	5	147	29.4	41	0
7	Rodgers,I	CHP	4	112	28.0	34	0
8	Barner	PIC	3	82	27.3	39	0
9	Atwell	OSH	4	104	26.0	38	0
10	Webster,N	NJ	5	119	23.8	30	0
11	Scott,B	BRH	4	94	23.5	30	0
12	Carter	ICC	3	64	21.3	30	0
13	Hubbard	EE	2	70	35.0	39	0
14	Adderley	VV	1	33	33.0	33	0
15	Abdullah	CHI	2	39	19.5	36	0
16	Dulin	LV	1	19	19.0	19	0
17	Duvernay	TCT	2	37	18.5	23	0
18	Bernard,G	GEO	1	18	18.0	18	0
19	Ballentine	SS	2	33	16.5	22	0
20	Homer	YOR	1	14	14.0	14	0
21	Crowder	SBE	1	14	14.0	14	0
22	McKenzie	COW	1	13	13.0	13	0
23	Amendola	YOR	1	12	12.0	12	0
24	James,R	GEO	1	10	10.0	10	0
25	Isabella	BRH	2	17	8.5	13	0

### EFL 2021 Official Punt Return Leaders

			No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Harris,D	COW	3	0	45	15.0	18	0
2	Proche	DTL	11	0	118	10.7	20	0
3	Taylor,T	CHP	4	2	40	10.0	16	0
4	Hill,K	SBE	5	0	49	9.8	25	0
5	Moore	EE	3	1	28	9.3	16	0
6	Lamb	SEA	4	2	36	9.0	16	0
7	Spencer,D	NJ	3	0	23	7.7	10	0
8	Peoples-Jo	SS	6	2	38	6.3	14	0
9	Kirk	ICC	4	0	25	6.3	10	0
10	Raymond	CB	3	1	10	3.3	4	0
11	Homer	YOR	4	0	3	0.8	9	0
12	Cooper,P	VV	2	4	43	21.5	41	0
13	Grant,J	CHI	1	1	14	14.0	14	0
14	Roberts,A	BRX	1	0	11	11.0	11	0
15	Johnson,D	GEO	2	1	18	9.0	12	0
16	Tate,G	BRH	1	1	8	8.0	8	0
17	Barner	PIC	1	2	8	8.0	8	0
18	Carter,D	BUF	1	2	6	6.0	6	0
19	Fuller V	GEO	1	0	4	4.0	4	0
20	Powell	EE	2	1	5	2.5	4	0
21	Rodgers,Am	BUD	1	4	1	1.0	1	0
22	Hardman	LV	1	2	1	1.0	1	0

## EFL 2021 Official Rushing Leaders

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Henry,D	YOR	51	246	4.8	21	2
2	Ekeler	BRH	37	203	5.5	21	0
3	Harris,D	CB	23	182	7.9	35	1
4	Gordon III	TCT	40	178	4.5	32	0
5	Robinson,J	GEO	30	176	5.9	52	1
6	Sanders,M	PIC	30	163	5.4	14	0
7	Elliott,E	VV	34	161	4.7	28	3
8	Chubb,N	SS	30	157	5.2	47	2
9	Conner	ICC	23	156	6.8	47	0
10	Taylor,J	SS	24	142	5.9	32	1
11	Tannehill	CB	8	133	16.6	43	2
12	Harris	ERI	26	128	4.9	27	0
13	Cook,D	LV	35	119	3.4	17	2
14	Carson	SBE	25	113	4.5	11	1
15	Jones,A	EE	16	107	6.7	17	2
16	Allen,J	DTL	13	96	7.4	27	4
17	Murray,K	ERI	21	96	4.6	16	1
18	Lance	SEA	18	91	5.1	14	0
19	Wilson,R	ICC	12	81	6.8	15	1
20	Mitchell	BRX	16	80	5.0	13	0
21	Hurts	PIC	7	77	11.0	40	1
22	Jackson,L	BUF	17	77	4.5	21	1
23	Gurley II	COW	19	76	4.0	11	1
24	Kamara	CHP	23	74	3.2	18	0
25	Jones II	CHI	22	71	3.2	17	2
26	Dobbins	CHP	12	71	5.9	26	0
27	Williams,J	BRX	15	67	4.5	18	0
28	Cohen	PCC	15	64	4.3	15	0
29	Davis,M	BUF	23	62	2.7	8	1
30	Hubbard	EE	20	61	3.1	12	1

## EFL 2021 Official Receiving Leaders

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Sanders,E	BUF	19	224	11.8	37	3
2	Johnson,D	GEO	18	170	9.4	20	2
3	Gallup	CHI	17	198	11.6	40	1
4	Allen,K	NJ	15	171	11.4	35	2
5	Chase	VV	14	226	16.1	32	1
6	Kelce,T	CHP	14	178	12.7	19	3
7	Lazard	COW	14	166	11.9	18	2
8	Evans,M	COW	13	197	15.2	41	2
9	Fitzgerald	LV	13	116	8.9	19	1
10	Adams,D	OSH	13	114	8.8	28	2
11	Robinson,J	GEO	13	41	3.2	11	0
12	Hockenson	VV	12	139	11.6	22	2
13	Lockett	ICC	12	127	10.6	19	2
14	Waller	DTL	12	170	14.2	26	1
15	Amendola	YOR	12	157	13.1	23	1
16	Jefferson	BUD	12	155	12.9	27	2
17	Moore,D	TCT	11	141	12.8	21	1
18	Brown,J	VV	11	166	15.1	34	0
19	Graham,J	LV	11	67	6.1	12	0
20	Shenault J	PCC	11	145	13.2	42	0
21	Jones,J	CB	10	143	14.3	28	1
22	McLaurin	NJ	10	171	17.1	54	1
23	Goedert	OSH	10	101	10.1	20	1
24	Drake	OSH	10	92	9.2	18	0
25	Fuller V	GEO	10	187	18.7	43	1
26	Cooks	CB	10	163	16.3	24	2
27	Metcalfe	CHP	9	113	12.6	17	1
28	Samuel,C	DTL	9	108	12.0	18	1
29	Aiyuk	PCC	9	132	14.7	48	1
30	Brown,A	ICC	9	142	15.8	25	0



# AROUND THE



## With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Many of my readers were unhappy that I devoted space in my column last week to challenging the official narrative on vaccine mandates and for criticizing physical measures put in place to protect people during the pandemic. Many also pointed out the fact that since I had attended a Wrecking Balls game at Stone Pony Shore and had passed through the most restrictive entry conditions in the league (possibly the world) that means I must be vaccinated. If I am vaccinated, am I not a hypocrite for opposing the mandate and calling people sheep for submitting to the measures?

My vaccination status, like my vote, is a personal matter that I have a right not to disclose. However, since individual sovereign rights are now a thing of the past and it will serve me now to make a broader and more important point, I hereby declare to you, my dear readers, that I *am* vaccinated. I took my shot of *Johnson & Johnson* early in the summer. I can now walk around relatively freely in society and enjoy many of the common pleasures that were once available in abundance to everyone before the arrival of the “pandemic.” I confess I am not enjoying them as much as I used to; but at least I am not a shut-in.

The decision to take “the shot” was not easy for me. Even my natural hypochondria rebelled at the idea of taking an experimental injection to protect me from something I had never seen and which had not touched any member of my family or my social circle and, when it did touch a public figure, or a sports star, did not seem to threaten them any more than the common cold or the flu. I was and still remain suspicious about the origins and nature of COVID-19, going back to the very beginning. Having said that, it is clear that *something* was going around that seemed to kill a lot of people in China, Italy and Iran and later in nursing homes and ghettos across the western world. However, haven’t we had bad flu seasons before without shutting down the world economy?

Anyway, I have to be careful what I write about all of this. I do not wish to be accused of “spreading vaccine misinformation.” So-called “Fact Checkers” are waiting for me to slip-up and say something at odds with the official message from health authorities. Some facts are more “factsy” than others – the official facts being the most “factsy” of all. Science is now dictated by bureaucrats with medical degrees rather than debated in the mainstream. This New Science won’t tolerate the Old Science because it’s *new* and it’s better. Certainly, it is more efficient, since it dispenses with time-consuming, tedious public debate that slows down the advancement of science and might shorten the lines for the job. Many things around the pretzel-shaped COVID narrative have my alarm bells ringing, but the muzzle on public debate and the black-balling of critics are among the more alarming.

I was not comfortable taking the vaccine. I resented having to agonize over such a decision in response to a disease that has a 99.5% survivability rate in the general population and is heavily skewed for age. My doubts were abundant, my confidence in it low. None of that has changed since I took the vaccine. The constantly expanding vaccination targets are not encouraging. The imposition of draconian mandates outright shocking. None of it is justified, in my opinion. If anything, I feel even less safe than I did at the beginning of the pandemic, when all I did was wear a useless mask, keep my distance and wash my hands 27 times a day. I am now wondering what kind of society we heading toward in the “new normal.”

So, why did I do it? you ask. I did it because I could see where this was going and it was clear to me that rational, sane people who saw the bigger picture were losing the argument. In fact, they weren’t being permitted to argue at all. Fear and desperation for normalcy were gripping the herd to the point where it was stampeding blindly toward the only safe ground it had been told by the Big Pharma Shepherd existed: The Vaccine.

When you are part of the herd but not in charge of it there aren’t a lot of viable options when the entire herd is going in one direction. You either find your way through the madness, become a target of that madness, or die a hermit. I was not prepared to endure either of the last two. And so, I rolled up my sleeve and prayed to God I would not be struck down by thrombosis.

So here I am, one of the marked Herd. I’m not proud of it but what is done is done. I am not looking forward to the “boosters-for-life” program which is coming (you can’t vaccinate your way out of a coronavirus by the way – and that’s a *FACT*). I am also not looking forward to the Chinese-style digital social credit system that is coming our way as well, courtesy of handy-dandy QR codes and your smart phone. Mark my words – if you are alive to remember them – when this digital reality arrives.

We surrendered our rights pretty quickly actually. That is the depressing part. Our lives had become far too comfortable to the point where merely saying “no” to official absurdity was beyond the capabilities of most of us. Now that we have surrendered this ground, we will never get it back. Life will become much harder in the Disease-Free Green Planet that *They* have planned. Best to put it out of our minds and focus on football – a diversion that is serving the role of an essential service at this time.

By the way, they call it “herd immunity” for a reason. It’s a little inside joke of *Theirs*.

## COVID COVER

COVID-19 has served as cover for many things unrelated to public health and it may have served a purpose this week at the official opening of Monsignor McClancy Memorial Stadium in East Elmhurst, NYC as the Irish hosted the Durham Thunder Lizards.

With fans in the stands for the first time since the East Elmhurst franchise arrived in Queen's from its old home north of the border in Toronto, this grand occasion was marked with a High Catholic Mass on the field prior to the game. The mass featured the baptism of head coach **Archbishop Thomas Molloy** as the "sacred coach ordained by God" of the East Elmhurst Irish; and included traditional Gregorian Chants performed in rap style by Queens' natives **50 Cent** and **Action Bronson**; an 'Alleluia' performed by **Bernadette Peters** accompanied by synthesizer; as well as free wine and hot dogs for the fans.

The ceremony, according to the order of service, was presided over by priest celebrant **Michael McClancy**, deacon **Michael O'Rourke** and sub-deacon **Michael O'Flaherty** of the *McClancy Abbey* of the *Cisterican Order of the O'Ferrarions*, official owners of the Irish football team.

If there is a seedier looking trio of monks in New York, I haven't seen them. A camera projecting video onto the scoreboard inside the stadium caught priest celebrant **Michael McClancy** butting out a cigarette on the wall of the tunnel before putting his mitre on his head and snapping sharply at an altar boy to fetch his stole. A short, 15-second video posted on Instagram as the sacred ministers emerged in single file from the tunnel onto the field showed several crushed cans of *Busch* being hastily swept up in the tunnel by cleaning staff. The video ends abruptly after a meaty hand appears in camera view and shouting can be heard.

As unusual a fan christening as it was for the Irish's new home – known affectionately as the "Porridge Bowl" after its wooden bowl shape – even more unusual was the starting line-up that took the field for the home town Irish. As the team was introduced to the wildly cheering sellout crowd of 35,376, the following names were *not* heard: **Adam Thielen**, **Jalen Ramsey**, **Mike Hilton**, **Shaquil Barrett**, **Avery Williamson**, **Marcus Epps**, **Aaron Jones** and **Raheem Mostert**.

What do all of the above players have in common? None were listed on the team's injury report or practice report posted each day throughout the week before the game.

What do six of the above 8 players have in common? They are starters and – in the cases of Ramsey, Thielen, Barrett and Jones – pro bowl or all pro calibre starters.

'*What the heck is going on?*' summarized the collective reaction of fans, announcers, fantasy football players and bettors across the world.

"COVID-19," announced club spokesman, Brother **Michael Murphy** one hour before game time. "They all have COVID-19. The results of the tests they took on Saturday were mixed up with those of the cleaning staff, so we didn't know until this morning when Doctor Doyle gave us the bad news. The club regrets any confusion and will cooperate with any league investigation."

Few people bought this explanation on its face. Skepticism grew as Brother Murphy was unable to provide details in his answers to the questions posed by incredulous reporters. "Were the players displaying symptoms?" "Who was responsible for administering the tests?" "When were the players told they had COVID-19?" "Did the players participate in morning walk-throughs?" "Does the club plan to discipline or fire any employees?" "Were any other tests misplaced?" etc etc.

"*Can't comment on specifics at this time,*" was the stock answer provided to the above and other questions.

The consensus around the league felt that it was an incredible, rather than an unfortunate situation. Many suspected some kind of subterfuge. But how had it happened and who was behind it? More importantly, why? Surely the Thunder Lizards did not need to take out a quarter of the Irish starting line-up in order to defeat them. Why would anyone on the Irish side want to ruin opening day by depriving fans of the hope of an upset? The TV broadcast crew summed up the situation nicely.

"This is huge," remarked CBS colour commentator **Adam Archerletta** to his booth partner, play-by-play announcer **Gyro Spedes** in the lead-up to kickoff. "A lot of people just assume Durham will come in here and beat up a team like the Irish. But there are genuine stars on that list of COVID in-actives for East Elmhurst. The team looked fired up in Week One and now they're home in front of their fans for the first time. There's no telling what can happen on the football field in an atmosphere like this. But this situation, with so many guys out, really makes it difficult for the Irish players taking the field today. They're going to have to play flawless football."

"And you look at Jalen Ramsey being out," added Spedes. "He is one of the few corners in the league capable of containing Durham's Cooper Kupp. You know Coach Kaldis will be re-opening the Kupp portion of the playbook on the sideline. Fantasy owners must be getting pretty excited."

Crippled by COVID, the Irish put up a highly spirited but futile fight in falling 31-10. **Josh Allen** and **Cooper Kupp** served notice that it would be a long day for the home team by hooking up for a 75-yard touchdown pass on the game's very first play. Kupp would go on to put up 150 yards on 5 receptions with 2 TDs. Allen finished with 354 yards and 3 TDs passing and added 49 yards and a TD rushing to earn the Game Ball without breaking a sweat. Surprisingly, the Elms finished with an 11-minute edge in time of possession. They fought to the end but came away with only 10 points to show for it. They were simply overmatched.

Pluckiness on the field was not enough compensation for disappointed Irish fans, however. Confusion turned to frustration and finally to anger as details about the unprecedented COVID fiasco began to emerge after the game.

'**COVID Clean! Always been!**' tweeted **Jalen Ramsey** later that afternoon. 'Told I couldn't play. Sent to a tent to wait our game. WTF?' posted **Shaquil Barrett** on his Instagram account, with a selfie of him frowning. Reporters caught up with **Avery Williamson** and **Marcus Epps** as they made their way to their cars after the game.

“I don't know, I feel great, man,” Williamson told a reporter from *SNY*. “I think they made a mistake. They got me mixed up with a guy named Guido, I think. I don't know how it happened, you have to ask the team.”

Asking the team has so far failed to produce any clear answers. And the coach of the Irish seemed equally as perplexed as the media asking him questions after the game.

“I know the team is looking into it, that's all I can say about it right now,” **Archbishop Thomas Molloy** told **Seamus McFly** of the *Queen's Gazette* after being asked about the late-hour COVID in-actives. “I can tell you that I was caught off guard by it. It wasn't the usual protocol. Shaq was ready to go, all padded up in the locker room when he got the news. It was...*unusual* I'd say.”

With fury and bewilderment dominating social media and mainstream reporting on this COVID fiasco, beneath the official news current, rumours are starting to surface implicating Irish team management in a deliberate ploy to adjust the outcome of the game. As illogical and fantastic as that may seem on the surface, I do not discount it for one second. Here is why:

Due to my initial suspicions that the official ownership of the Irish was a front for some other entity (possibly **Chris Ferraro** and his hidden backers) I started to dig into the curious history of the Catholic Brotherhood known as the ‘McClancy Boys.’ According to old newspaper articles and court records, *McClancy's Gym* in Queens – the historic site of today's Cistercian Abbey – was also the site of a back room gambling den and sportsbook that served the betting community in the 70's and 80's before being raided and shut down in the early 90's.

The news trail mostly dies off after the highly publicized raid but there are indirect indicators that the business continued to operate after a temporary freeze. **Mike ‘Pug Nose’ O’Hoolihan**, a member of the Irish mob and an addicted gambler was shot dead in the laneway that ran behind *McClancy's Gym* in 2004. A man was robbed of more than \$15,000 in cash in the same laneway in 2007. It was insinuated in a 2011 *Greenwich Eye* feature titled, ‘The Secret World of Offline Gambling in the Internet Age,’ that a backroom at *McClancy's Gym* was the location where a photo for the article was taken of men playing poker in a haze of smoke.

Clearly – to me anyway – McClancy's was always more than a boxing gym. But suddenly in 2019 it disappeared and, in its place, a Catholic Abbey affiliated with the obscure *Cistercian Order of the O'Ferrarions* sprung up from nothing. A year later the monks of the Abbey purchase a professional football franchise and at the same time sunk about \$650,000,000 into building a new stadium on property leased from LaGuardia Airport. Nothing strange about any of it, right? *Riiiiight...!*

As my deadline for submitting this article approaches, I am informed by a source in Nevada that a massive payout on a wager involving the Durham-East Elmhurst game has Vegas-based organized crime groups enraged at their East Coast counterparts. “*Someone is going to get hit,*” according to my source, who was unable to provide details of the complex parlay bet, apart from the off-the-cuff remark that “*Kupp's 150 yards set off the bomb!*”



Just before this article hit the press this photo was posted to *Tik Tok* and quickly deleted. Luckily, it was captured and re-posted by user @TrailBlazeBilly. The mysterious on-field “Abbot” of the Irish, who is a dead ringer for former Monarch's owner, **Chris Ferraro** is at the head of the table. To his right, next to an unidentified woman is priest celebrant **Michael McClancy**. In the foreground, armed and lighting a cigar, is sub-deacon **Michael O'Flaherty**. None appear upset that the Irish lost 31-10 to Durham.

As I write, local TV news here in New York is reporting a disturbance at the “East Elmhurst Abbey” in Queen’s stemming, according to locals, from a massive party at the Abbey following the Irish’s home opener. “It’s not clear why the monks are celebrating since the Irish suffered a lop-sided loss to the Thunder Lizards at the Porridge Bowl today,” quipped news anchor **Karen Stilt**.

“Maybe they’re finishing off all that communion wine from the High Mass earlier,” joked weatherman, **LeShroy Sprinkle**, as he moved on to report clear skies and a seasonal mild temperature of 53 degrees. “At least the weather is behaving,” he chuckled.

There is certainly more to this story yet to be made public. The EFL has said it will “look into the situation” but has not officially determined that its rules about injury reporting were deliberately breached. The Irish claim to be reviewing its internal processes to “make sure something like this never happens again.” As for me, I will continue to pursue this and other Irish-related stories in the coming months. I smell a rat – and it’s a big one born and raised in a New York City sewer.

### **AROUND THE EFL**

Other than the raging controversy engulfing the East Elmhurst Irish, it was a quiet Week Two in the EFL. Picking through the games for significant developments and noteworthy performances was like going to a Staten Island yard sale and hoping to find hidden treasures. I will start with the few that might draw interest at the Antique Road Show and finish with the old furniture and animal-shaped clocks.

At Stone Pony Shore in New Jersey the Wrecking Balls’ two-game homestand ended with another loss, as the Convicts broke out for 17 points in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter on their way to a decisive 37-25 victory. Chino rises to 2-0 and has looked strong in both outings, with **Dak Prescott** and **Michael Gallup** leading the charge offensively and **Grady Jarrett** and **Donte Jackson** keeping things locked down defensively. Jackson bit back as a defender in this contest with a 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 50-yard pick-six on a lob downfield by **Matthew Stafford**. It was the turning point of the game, giving the Convicts a 24-14 lead at halftime and pushing the Wrecking Balls to adjust their game plan in the wrong direction. New Jersey, now 0-2, just can’t seem to maintain a consistent rushing attack at the best of times. Once they are down, they abandon it almost entirely. In this game, Chino scored on the opening possession of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half to give them a 31-14 lead. It is understandable that the Balls would start passing the ball more often after that. But after laying down a successful blueprint with their first two TD drives to start the game – drives in which they ran the ball 8 times and had the Convicts’ defence somewhat off balance – they shifted almost entirely to the air, running it by design just 3 times in the entire 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Between a predictable offence and a high-strung, scatterbrained defence, **Jeff Cohen**’s crew is on well on track to disappoint their fans yet again.

At Heinz Field in Pittsburgh, the Swordfish demonstrated their versatility on offence with a run-centric 35-28 win over the Gladiators. After **Kirk Cousins** starred for the team in Week One, the twin troublemakers in the Sebastian backfield who had the Corn Kings’ D-Coordinator so fixated, debuted as a Force in Week Two against the Glads. Admittedly, the Georgia defence is not very good overall but they have a decent linebacker corps good at stopping the run. Yet **Nick Chubb** and **Jonathan Taylor** combined for 176 yards and 3 touchdowns against them, averaging an efficient 7 yards per carry. Except for a 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter lull, the Gladiator offence under **Ben Roethlisberger** showed the kind of life it rarely showed last year with **Tua** and **Duck** at the helm. That will make the Glads more watchable in 2021. However, it is already clear to me that while they will steal a win here and there against middling to good teams, they are far from being in a position to contend in the South. As for Sebastian, if their defence can hold up, they look like a viable wildcard contender. We’ll see how **Russ Lemmon**’s aggressive 4<sup>th</sup> down and big-play gambits work out down the stretch.

At the Assassin’s Den in Las Vegas, **Anthony Holguin**’s Killers took aim at **Lamar Jackson** and forced him down to Earth as they took out the Derailers, 20-7. Lamar’s production shrunk by more than 60% from his MVP performance in Week One – from 322 total yards and 4 TDs to 126 yards and 1 TD – against the stout front seven of Las Vegas. While the Assassins’ offence under **Justin Herbert** did not overawe the Derailers, it turned in another efficient and productive effort without turning the ball over. Ball security will be a major key to their success going forward, as it looks like the Vegas defence is for real. Jackson’s struggles were primarily due to the attention paid to him by All Pro linebacker **Darius Leonard**, occasionally spelled by veteran **Demario Davis**. They were able to keep Lamar in the pocket and that made all the difference. Jackson was sacked five times and threw off target too often to keep moving the chains. Now there is a template out there on how to prevent Lamar from taking over a game, but it requires two All Pro linebackers, a disciplined line and better-than-average coverage in the secondary to execute. So, we have not heard the last from Buffalo’s Lamar. The Derailers remain a team to watch, but not to count on.

At Camelot in Avalon, the Excaliburs improved their record to 2-0 by steamrolling over the Hawks, 24-21. Okay, that score does not look like a steamrolling effort but watch the game and you will see what I mean. Early season MVP candidate, **Derrick Henry** ploughed through the Brooklin line for 152 yards on 29 carries, scoring 2 touchdowns and reducing the Hawks’ defence to a whimpering, fractured heap of PTSD-stricken invalids. Think I am exaggerating? Look closely. The Hawks ran the ball on their last 21 plays in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, their sole pass attempt wiped off the stat sheet by a holding penalty. **Austin Ekeler**, no bell cow, got the call on 16 of those 21 carries. This while the Hawks sought to erase a 10-point deficit. Now, even though the Excaliburs’ defence was playing the pass almost exclusively, pinning your 4<sup>th</sup> quarter comeback hopes on the ground with **Austin Ekeler** is not the strategy most, if any coaches would choose. There was apparently another motive for running the ball besides trying to catch the York defenders flat-footed.

“I felt our defence needed a breather,” explained a dour and subdued coach, **Tom Jones**, after the game, a look of *I’m-about-to-be-fired* on his face. “And we were having success on the ground. We just ran out of time.”

Of course, you ran out of time, coach! That’s what running the ball tends to do, eat time off the clock, and why most teams trying to overcome a two-score deficit in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter pass the ball even when the defence knows it’s coming. The Hawks have had success passing the ball into the teeth of a dime secondary before. The *real* reason, according to a source, was that the defence was more than tired – it was broken. **Stephon Tuitt**, one of the few bright spots for the Hawks’ defence, with 3 tackles, a sack and only one missed

tackle, reportedly approached Coach Jones and warned him that certain, unnamed players on the defence, were afraid to go out there to face Henry and might break and run off the field. “He’s too big and he’s got that look in his eye. The guys don’t want to tackle him,” Tuitt was reported to have said. So, apparently the coach made the decision to run out the clock on his team’s comeback in order to preserve the morale of his defence for the long season ahead. If it continues like this for Brooklin, it will be a very long season indeed.

At Tillman Field in Cowtown, the return of **Ryan Fitzpatrick** to the starter’s role brought victory for the Corn Kings as they shocked the Pink Panthers, 27-10. Fitzpatrick threw his customary random interception but also threw two touchdowns and rescued Cowtown’s first TD drive with his legs, to win Game MVP honours. After last week’s defensive disaster, Cowtown coach **Jim Coghlin** must have told his defensive coordinator, **Dick Jauron**, to stop trying to be cute and focus on stopping the thing the Pink Panthers (Mustangs) traditionally have done best, which is pass the ball. He did and Oshawa obliged with a pass-heavy attack that, but for a lone but perfectly-thrown bomb to **Davante Adams** for the game’s first TD, crashed and burned against stout pressure from Cowtown’s defensive front and stellar coverage in the secondary. Free agent corner **Darious Williams** tied a league record with 7 passes defended, while **Roquan Smith** and **Caleb Farley** both notched interceptions. **Matt Ryan** finished with just 212 yards passing and posted a QB rating of 62.1 which, for the former MVP, is about as low as it gets. The now 0-2 Pink Panthers are still adjusting to their new coach and, according to whispers behind the scenes, their new pink and baby blue uniforms, which are reminiscent of the garish Banana Slugg units of 2014, but slightly more tasteful. The emasculating outfits are seen as “progress” by woke elements in and outside of the league. With the GTA’s gay community scrambling to buy up season tickets, don’t expect a move to something more traditional any time soon.

At the Fortress in Bruxelles, the decline of a legend continued as **Drew Brees** and the Bombers fell to an atypically pugnacious Cubs squad, 37-23. As a game, there was not much mystery to it. The Iowa City offence played takeaway by holding the ball over 36 minutes and piling up 246 yards rushing while managing to put 30 points on the board (Safety **Donovan Wilson** returned a fumble 63 yards for the other score). It was more or less a perfect game for **Deron Redding**’s Cubbies and more impressive coming off a long trip and a tough loss to Las Vegas the week before. **James Conner** took advantage of gaping holes opened by his offensive line to cover 123 yards in just 13 carries while **Russell Wilson** attempted just 18 passes but threw 2 touchdown passes and ran for another score. On the other side of the field, Brees improved his play from last week but suffered from a lack of support in the run game and 2 game-changing lost fumbles by his receivers. He also missed a key 4<sup>th</sup> & 2 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter on a bold play call that called for the receiver to be led. The ball was slightly underthrown, allowing corner **Xavier Rhodes** to bat the ball away. It is still too early to push the panic button in Bruxelles but it does seem as if the Bombers’ long run of relevancy is at risk of coming to an end in 2021.

At Patriot Place in Charleswood the home team nudged its record to 2-0 by pushing past the Triumph, 21-13. **DeShaun Watson** overcame a moribund run game that stumbled to just 54 yards on 23 carries by passing for 292 yards and 3 touchdowns to three different receivers. Watson spread the ball around but did not try and stretch the field in a sign that the Pats were content to play conservatively and trust that **Mitch Trubisky** would not force a quickening of the offensive pace. This approach worked well, as Trubisky passed for just 115 yards and was sacked 5 times. If not for his legs, the Triumph might have had to settle for two field goals instead of two touchdowns. The shrewdness of the Pats’ strategy was lost on fans who had come out looking for a display of power to revel in after suffering through a lost season in 2020. It was the Pats’ turn, God Damn it, but people were still talking about **Patrick Mahomes**! Wins like this aren’t great boosts in the power ranking or in the TV ratings, but they serve their larger purpose: tiny steps in a deliberate march to the championship.

At the Eagle’s Nest in Toronto, the Blue Eagles outwaited the Cadillac 16-6 to even both teams’ records at 1-1. This game indeed felt like both teams were waiting for something to happen to tilt the game in favour of one of them. **Joe Burrow**’s 1<sup>st</sup> quarter TD pass to **Allen Robinson** – an exquisitely thrown line downfield that hit the receiver in stride for 24 yards – was not expected to hold up. Yet it did. If fans had known at the time it would be the play of the day they might have cheered louder. The **Kyler Murray** we saw last week against Oshawa did not show up for this game. Murray flim-flammed around in the backfield, escaping the pocket before he needed to and throwing late or off-target when his receivers weren’t blanketed by a gritty Eagle secondary led by **Troy Hill**, who sunk his claws into **Jaylen Waddle** and held on. *This* is the Cadillac we are familiar with. Don’t know where last week’s car came from.

At Ferenc-Liszt International Airport in Budapest, the North Stars demolished an old foe, 33-10 and made it look easy. After taking the opening drive downfield 75 yards in 11 plays for the game’s first score, a 19-yard slant from **Philip Rivers** to **Sterling Shepard** off play action, the Spartans thought they were in a game. How foolish of them. Tied at 7 early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, Pickering coach, **Gus Konstantakos** threw down the gauntlet with a daring gambit on 4<sup>th</sup> & 3 at his team’s own 47. Rivers went deep to Shepard but he was shadowed nicely by **Jason Verrett** and could not reach the pass. Budapest took advantage of the great field position and hammered it home on 6 running plays, the last one a 9-yard run off right tackle by **Jeff Wilson Jr** for a TD to make the score 14-7. It all came undone for Pickering in the second half after Budapest scored on their opening drive to make it 21-10. The Budapest defence took total control while the offence scored at leisure. It was a mess for the visitors. All I can say after two weeks watching Budapest is “look out league!”

At Kingdome in Seattle, the Pilots remain grounded after dropping their second in a row, this time 24-11 to the Coyotes. It is safe to say that Seattle has no identity on offence now that they have tried three different quarterbacks in just two weeks, with none of them looking any good. **Sam Darnold** started but was pulled after getting picked off in the end zone on the opening drive. **Trey Lance** came in and played the rest of the game. He looked exactly like a guy who had started only 17 games in college and just 1 last year might look against a top-notch pro defence like that of the Coyotes. Good grief! Cobb County brought their B-game to the field and exited with a A-grade performance, thanks to the Pilots crashing their own plane.

And finally, at True North Field in Winnipeg, pandemic restrictions *seemed* to be in effect, as just 11,500 fans watched the Crusaders drop their home opener to Virten, 28-10. I’m not going to explain why this game was so brutal to watch. Go watch it yourself!

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## *Jimmy's WEEK THREE PICKS*

### **VIRDEN @ BUFFALO (line – DERAILERS by 5)**

**INJURIES:** Virden – Dee Ford (OUT), Solomon Thomas (OUT); Buffalo – L'Jarius Sneed (OUT), Jaquiski Tartt (OUT).

I can tell it's going to be another one of those years when it comes to picking Buffalo. After playing great and shocking New Jersey on the road in Week One they came up flatter than a rail line through the Prairies last week against Vegas. Somehow, they are favoured by a lot at home against the Violators – another team I think I will struggle to get a handle on this year. Whatever the Derailers plan to do offensively, expect them to do a lot of it and expect Lamar to take off running when he's tired of doing it. The success of the Buffalo offence hinges entirely on Lamar. Is he having a good day or a bad day? On defence the Derailers have toned down the massed, disorderly blitzing they indulged in early in the coach's tenure. That's a good thing here as Patrick Mahomes will eat the blitz for breakfast. The Violators will bring a more conventional offensive game plan to bear but a spicier one thanks to the league's *other* most exciting QB. It's Jackson vs Mahomes. Time to dust off the dart board and put on the blindfold! **PICK: VIRDEN**

### **NEW JERSEY @ TWIN CITIES (line – TRIUMPH by 3)**

**INJURIES:** New Jersey – Calais Campbell (OUT); Twin Cities – Avonte Maddox (OUT), Emmanuel Mosley (OUT).

The Triumph should not be favoured here. Yes, they are at home, for whatever that's worth coming off the worst season of their existence, with plenty of impatient fans already screaming angrily for the Saviour to come off the bench. Yes, they showed up last week in Charleswood and hung-in for 60 minutes despite being clearly out-played. The Triumph are always a tough out, except when they aren't, as all of last season will attest. But the Wrecking Balls are simply too talented to be written off so early to a team with as many holes as the Triumph have. Yes, we have been in this identical scenario before with New Jersey – a dangerous looking team that ends up being more dangerous to itself than its opponent. This could be another one of those years. But this week I see Matt Stafford having one of his better games against a patchwork secondary that is thinned out due to injury. **PICK: NEW JERSEY**

### **IOWA CITY @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 3)**

**INJURIES:** Iowa City – None; Chino – AJ Bouye (OUT), Lorenzo Carter (OUT), Erick Flowers Sr (OUT).

The mutual hate runs deep between these teams, making every meeting an emotional and physical cage match. With both squads playing well and expected to be in the hunt for the division, this game will carry a playoff tension intensified by the arrival of Las Vegas into the western battle ring. This three-way fight means every win counts. It's no exaggeration to say that the result of this early showdown will have certain playoff implications down the road. The Convicts are coming off two convincing wins, submarining Seattle and going toe-to-toe on the road against a desperate New Jersey team. The Cubs looked uncommonly angry in dominating Bruxelles last week. Having a division rival throw a touchdown on you the week before when you were expecting a kneel down stays with a team. Both Dak Prescott and Russell Wilson are playing well. Wilson is getting more support from his run game while Prescott is getting more support from a surprisingly stingy defence. Expect the Cubs to bring that defence down to earth. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

### **SEATTLE @ LAS VEGAS (line – ASSASSINS by 13)**

**INJURIES:** Seattle – None; Las Vegas – Matt Judon (OUT).

Justin Herbert may not be first in the QB rankings but he is first in the black hearts of Assassins fans after leading his team to a 2-0 start. This adulation is easy to understand given the dysfunctional QB carousel Vegas fans were forced to ride last year. Herbert is looking solid and should hold his own against a talented Seattle defence that has, so far in 2021, spent too much time on the field due to a moribund offence. Just two weeks into the season all three Pilot QB s have seen meaningful game action and none of them have

inspired confidence. The Seattle pass offence is last in the league; top target Robby Anderson is averaging 8.6 yards per catch. The top rusher is a rookie QB who has played 51 snaps. Las Vegas is looking strong. I don't see them flagging at home. **PICK: LAS VEGAS**

### **CHARLESWOOD @ COBB COUNTY (line – PATRIOTS by 4)**

**INJURIES:** Charleswood – Desmond Trufant (OUT); Cobb County – None.

This eyebrow-raising line can be deciphered as follows: doubts about the teams the Coyotes have dispatched to get to 2-0; doubts that the Coyotes are as strong as last year; doubts that Ryan Tannehill can keep up with a fully-loaded DeShaun Watson. The Pats are bristling with offensive weapons; so many that they can produce on an off day, like they did last week against the Triumph. The Coyotes rank in the top three in offence and defence but these rankings must be viewed with caution after only two weeks. The Pats' 3-wide set poses match-up problems for the Coyotes in nickel, making a switch to dime attractive until one is reminded that Alvin Kamara is a good runner as well as receiver. The Pats aren't Gods on defence though and will experience similar defects against Coyotes spread sets. The bottom line is: Which quarterback do you think will take full advantage? Give me Watson and the Pats. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

### **PEG CITY @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 4)**

**INJURIES:** Peg City – Josh Allen (OUT), Jonathan Bullard (OUT), Devin Bush (OUT), Taylor Rapp (OUT), Jalen Thompson (OUT); Bruxelles – None.

It has been a rough start for both teams but only one can expect to see better days ahead. The Bombers' defence has been AWOL through two weeks, putting pressure on the 42-year-old Drew Brees to carry the team. The savvy vet is at the stage of his career where he can diagnose any defensive look and minimize errors, but he is no longer capable of throwing open average receivers against better-than-average opponents. The pieces around Brees have been lacklustre so far and this is showing up in the red zone, where the Bombers have failed to explode, scoring an abysmal 25% of the time. The good news for beleaguered Bruxelles is that whatever ails them pales in comparison with the dumpster fire that is Peg City. Poor Mac Jones has been thrown to the wolves on a team with no running game, inexperienced targets in the passing game and no defence. The Bombers will feel a little better after this one. **PICK: BRUXELLES**

### **YORK @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 8)**

**INJURIES:** York – Gregory Rousseau (DOUBTFUL), Koltan Miller (OUT); Durham – David DeCastro (OUT).

The Excaliburs have been schoolyard bullies in the run game through two weeks and have been rewarded with hard-fought victories over Pickering and Brooklin. Expect them to continue hammering the defensive line with Derrick Henry in this game because it is the only strategy that stands a decent chance against the talent-rich Thunder Lizard defence. Keeping Josh Allen and Cooper Kupp off the field as much as possible should be York's prime goal as the York defence is no longer performing at a 'Von Miller Era' level and the Durham attack has lethal overtones. Should control of the pace slip away from York, Tom Brady and his tiny band of receivers will have to fight a rearguard action against the top pass rush and a secondary with ballhawk pedigree. It could unravel quickly. **PICK: DURHAM**

### **COWTOWN @ PICKERING (line – CORN KINGS by 6)**

**INJURIES:** Cowtown – Akiem Hicks (DOUBTFUL), Jimmy Garoppolo (OUT); Pickering – Derek Wolfe (OUT).

The Spartans have underperformed through two win-less weeks and find themselves at a critical point in the early season. It is both psychologically and physically difficult to recover from an 0-3 start. With playoffs on their mind, the Spartans know they cannot afford to put up a third "L" in a row. The Corn Kings are a team that, on paper, they should be able to handle at home but also one which has caused them fits in the past. Cowtown is coming off a startlingly strong win over Oshawa last week after looking dazed and confused against Sebastian in Week One. Ryan Fitzpatrick is firmly in the cockpit with Jimmy Garoppolo out. "Fitzmagick" brings boom or bust potential against a Spartans' secondary that features the most dangerous corner in the league. No doubt Xavien Howard will be tested at some point. When it happens, Cowtown fans will not bear to watch. Look for Philip Rivers to regain some composure after seeing the train wreck on the other side and finally put together a game worthy of his pedigree. **PICK: PICKERING**

### **BUDAPEST @ SEBASTIAN (line – NORTH STARS by 9)**

**INJURIES:** Budapest – None. Sebastian – Jadeveon Clowney (OUT), Bobby Massie (OUT).

Unlike the vast majority of my fellow prognosticators, I am not discounting the possibility that the Swordfish can pull off an upset in this early test of their mettle. Kirk Cousins has looked amazingly sharp behind center and the two-pronged running attack of Nick Chubb and Jonathan Taylor proved last week it is a formidable complement to Cousins' arm. The big challenge for the home team will be keeping the Budapest offence on a leash, a task that will get progressively harder as the game progresses. There aren't enough big bodies on the Swordfish roster for their line to stay fresh over four quarters. We have already seen linebackers filling in with their hands in the dirt. This means that the Swordfish will have to possess the ball and score continuously to create the buffer the defence needs to survive. The more I think about it, the more a Sebastian upset seems like a pipe dream. But football is a funny game. Russ Lemmon is a maverick,

whose bold gambles are working so far this year. Anything can happen when the Football Gods come out to play. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

### **SCARBOROUGH @ BROOKLIN (line – BLUE EAGLES by 7)**

**INJURIES:** Scarborough – Nick Bosa (OUT), Landon Collins (OUT), Zack Martin (OUT); Brooklin – Taylor Lewan (OUT), Trai Turner (OUT), Leighton Vander Esch (OUT).

It is too early to write off any team (except the Crusaders) but the Hawks are displaying early warning signs of Long Year Syndrome. This match-up at home, opening up their new stadium, presents an opportunity to prevent the syndrome from taking hold by beating a beatable Blue Eagles team. To accomplish this Derek Carr must step up and be the quarterback he was last year. The Hawks are relying too much on Austin Ekeler because Carr has been erratic, completing just 51% of the pass attempts. In Carr's defence, his main target, DeAndre Hopkins, is garnering all the attention of opponents and other receivers are not getting open. Regardless, Carr has the arm to generate more opportunities than he has so far. The Blue Eagles hope to get more consistency out of Joe Burrow to take advantage of the high-functioning defence that shut down Erieau last week. The Hawks are a ripe target for a break out. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

### **GEORGIA @ OSHAWA (line – GLADIATORS by 3)**

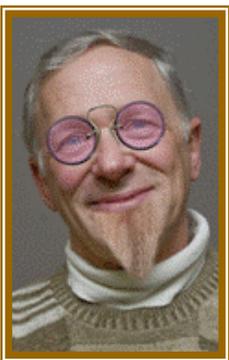
**INJURIES:** Georgia – Melvin Ingram III (OUT), Byron Jones (OUT); Oshawa – Charvarius Ward (QUESTIONABLE).

For the first time since the Garland era of the PP/Mustangs franchise, the Glads lead them in the Power Rankings. That's one explanation for this line that has baffled most fans. The other reason is that the Pink Panthers have looked befuddled in their two losses while the Glads gave their fans faint hope with a spirited showing in their loss to Sebastian last week. The return of Big Ben to the Glads line-up has bolstered their reputation. Some consider him a virtual equal to Matt Ryan. If you agree that they cancel each other out, the Glads don't look noticeable disadvantaged offensively, with a backfield and receiving corps comparable to that of Oshawa. The difference is on defence, where the Panthers have the edge. Charvarius Ward was direly missed last week in Cowtown. If he cannot go it will open up room for Jarvis Landry to make hay. Still, when your gut says the underdogs are favourites, the choice is easy. **PICK: OSHAWA**

### **EAST ELMHURST @ ERIEAU (line – IRISH by 6)**

**INJURIES:** East Elmhurst – Mike Remmers (OUT); Erieau – Tyron Smith (OUT).

With the Caddies looking like rusted hulks against Scarborough and their Week One win over Oshawa looking a little less impressive after Cowtown's mauling of the Pink Panthers, odds-makers have gravitated to an Irish team that dismantled Georgia in Week One and had the chutzpah to bench their starters against Durham and still provide an imitation of competitiveness on the field last week. Whatever the Irish do, it will be done boldly. They have some nasty playmakers on both sides of the ball, who are capable of turning games around. They also have weaknesses, such as a patchwork offensive line that will have its hands full against the Erieau front four and a hot-headed QB who overreacts to pressure and takes risks. This could be a wacky game. Expect Kyler Murray to be the X-factor. **PICK: ERIEAU**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – Week Two of the 2015 EFL season was much more riveting than its direct descendant in 2021. The powerful Aurora Mustangs slipped in past the clock, scoring a TD with 0:04 left in regulation to tie the score at 28 and send the game into overtime against Gwinnett. The Gladiators were a good team back then but taking out the Mustangs, who had been perfect in 2014 and looked no less dangerous in 2015, would have been an historic one for the franchise. They came so close. After stopping Aurora on the first possession of OT, the Glads' first series started well, with three *LeSean McCoy* runs for

a total of 23 yards to the Mustangs' 46. That's when disaster struck. *Ben Roethlisberger* was picked off by *Eric Weddle* at the Aurora 40. The Mustangs were a team that knew how to win and took advantage. They drove to a game-winning FG to keep their perfect streak under *Rich Liotta* alive.

In other action, the Beaufort County Ravens and Iowa City Cubs played to just the third tie in EFL history, finishing with 20 points apiece. *Russell Wilson* helped send the game into overtime with one of his signature 80-yard, 2-minute drives that set up a 1-yard TD run by *Jeremy Hill* with 0:17 left. But Wilson ran out of time and space on the last possession of OT, finishing at the Ravens' 17-yard line as time expired.

*Joe Flacco* of the Corn Kings had a great performance in Week Two, completing 28 of 39 for 359 yards and 4 TD passes to lead an impressive 2<sup>nd</sup> half comeback and beat the Swordfish in OT, 36-30.

The defensive standout in Week Two was defensive end, *Mario Williams* of the Cubs. He finished with 8 tackles, 2 sacks, 2 stuffs and a QB pressure. But most importantly, the 2 sacks and 2 stuffs came in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and were instrumental in holding off the Ravens long enough for Wilson to mount his comeback and earn a tie.