



2009

WEEK FOURTEEN

January 10th, 2010



Cowtown's Kirk Morrison wraps up Pickering's Chris Johnson behind the line as he tries to leap for a yard and the win on the game's final play. The Corn Kings literally held on to win 24-20 in Week 14.

THE LONGEST YARD!

KIRK MORRISON WINS GAME FOR CORN KINGS WITH TACKLE AT ONE YARD LINE AS TIME EXPIRES



PICKERING

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COWTOWN

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COWTOWN – The Pickering Spartans moved the ball 456 yards when they needed 457. The Spartans fell just one yard short of winning their 5th game of the season and all but eliminating the Cowtown Corn Kings from the wildcard race. In one of the most dramatic finishes of the 2009 season to date, the game came down to one yard and four seconds to gain it. Resurrected by the hot hand of **Eli Manning** after it had appeared as if the Corn Kings had the game well in hand in the third quarter, the Spartans fought back into a position to win the game if they could gain just one yard on one all-or-nothing play; one yard for the game – the Longest Yard.

The first half was a shootout. The Spartans' offence bowled out of the gate on the opening drive and moved steadily up the field until they stalled at the Cowtown 32 yard line, bringing up 4th down and 2. Facing a gusting wind up to 15 miles per hour, the Spartans did not consider the field goal and kept their offence on the field. They converted the fourth down when **Eli Manning** connected with **Michael Jenkins** for 13 yards. From there, Manning checked down twice to **Isaac Bruce**, the second one a 9-yard TD pass to give the visitors a 7-0 lead. The Corn Kings answered with a razor sharp passing attack, **Chad Pennington** completing 6 of 6 for 80 yards on the drive and finishing with a 9-yard TD strike to **Santana Moss** to even the score. Pickering came right back, getting a 33-yard kickoff return from **Chris Carr** and a 23-yard pass to **Vincent Jackson** to key a drive to the Cowtown 33 yard line where they faced 4th down and 3. With Manning shaken up after fumbling but recovering on third down, the Spartans elected to try the field goal this time. Kicking into the wind, **John Kasay** boomed it down the middle from 50 yards for a 10-7 lead. Cowtown got the ball and pushed back into Pickering territory but suddenly hit a wall when Pennington was sacked by **Ray Edwards** and **Eric Steinbach** was flagged for holding. **Mike Scifres** punted it out of bounds at the Pickering 7 yard line, but the Spartans would be undeterred by poor field position. Manning connected with Bruce for a 32-yard pass to spark an impressive 93 yard drive that culminated in a 22-yard completion to Jackson for a TD and a 17-7 Pickering lead.

The Corn Kings' offence got back into gear when Pennington caught Pickering crowding the box, hitting on a medium pass to **Greg Camarillo** that went for 23 yards and a first down at the Pickering 40. Pennington found Moss for 19 yards, converting a key third down and 14 then converted another third down, this time for 12 yards and a TD, to pull within a field goal. A missed long-shot 59 yard field goal attempt by Kasay with 33 seconds left in the half gave Cowtown the ball near mid field. It turned out to be a key miss for the Spartans as Pennington hit **Donnie Avery** for 25 yards to set up a 42-yard field goal by **Jason**

Hanson as time expired in the first half. The Corn Kings had clawed their way back to a 17-17 tie despite being outplayed.

Pickering would continue to move the ball in the second half but would struggle to score while Cowtown took advantage of an **Erik Coleman** interception early in the 3rd quarter to drive from their 45 yard line all the way to the end zone. Using mostly the running game to advance the ball, the Kings scored when Pennington called an audible at the line and slung a quick 2-yard dart to Moss for his third TD and Cowtown's first lead of the game, 24-17. Manning replied with unstoppable precision, connecting on everything he threw until he was picked off in the end zone by a diving **Walt Harris**. The Corn Kings could not put the game away after their good fortune, however, as Pennington missed on 3 straight pass attempts to give the ball back to the Spartans after just 21 seconds. Pickering moved back into field goal range and Kasay connected from 44 yards to close the gap to 24-20.

Trying to run out the clock, Cowtown went 3-and-out instead to set up Pickering's final drive. Starting from their 20 yard line with 4:35 remaining, the Spartans mixed up the run and the pass to move the ball all the way to Cowtown's 16 yard line where Manning converted a key 3rd & 10 with a 13-yard pass to Jenkins to put the ball at the 3 yard line with 14 seconds and 1 timeout left. With the Corn Kings in the nickel, Manning pitched left to **Chris Johnson** but he was pushed out by **Mike Patterson** for no gain. Cowtown switched to a 5-3 with the line spread wide. Johnson got the call to sweep right, but was pulled down by **Matt Roth** at the one yard line. With 4 seconds left, Cowtown put 9 in the box and waited. Manning gave to Johnson, who began to launch himself over the line but, before he could, he was grabbed behind the line by **Kirk Morrison**, who held on tight to save the game.

01-06-2010 Tillman Field. Temp: 32 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Kirk Morrison**

2008 Pickering (4-10) 10 7 0 3 -20
2008 Cowtown (7-7) 7 10 7 0 -24

1 8:06 Pickering TD Manning 9 pass to Bruce (Kasay) (12-80-6:54) 7-0
1 4:21 Cowtown TD Pennington 9 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (7-79-3:45) 7-7
1 0:42 Pickering FG Kasay 50 (5-34-3:39) 10-7
2 6:35 Pickering TD Manning 22 pass to Jackson (Kasay) (7-93-4:04) 17-7
2 1:43 Cowtown TD Pennington 12 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (12-71-4:49) 17-14
2 0:03 Cowtown FG Hanson 42 (2-26-0:25) 17-17
3 5:04 Cowtown TD Pennington 2 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (12-55-5:36) 17-24
4 7:04 Pickering FG Kasay 44 (9-43-5:05) 20-24

	PIC	COW
First Downs	26	18
Rushes	38-109	18-75
Passes	34-24-347	31-19-231
Sacked	0-0	1-5
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	4-30	3-25
Turnovers	2	0
Time	35:29	24:31
Third Down	7-13	6-11
Fourth Down	1-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/0	3/3/0
Net Offense	456	301

KEY PERFORMANCES: PIC – **Eli Manning** completed 24 of 34 for 347 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs; **Chris Johnson** ran for 95 yards on 31 carries; **Vincent Jackson** caught 6 passes for 112 yards and 1 TD; **Michael Jenkins**, 6 catches for 77 yards; **Isaac Bruce**, 5 catches for 78 yards and 1 TD. COW – **Chad Pennington** completed 19 of 31 passes for 231 yards and 3 TDs; **Santana Moss** caught 9 passes for 94 yards and 3 TDs; **Earnest Graham** ran for 50 yards on 8 carries; **Erik Coleman** had 9 tackles, 2 deflections and 1 INT; **Kirk Morrison** had 11 tackles.



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KUTZTOWN



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JUST KAEDING!

GAME POINTS: Kutztown turned a **Ray Lewis** interception and a **Justin Miller** 55-yard kickoff return into a 17-9 lead before **Kurt Warner** directed a masterful 2-minute drill, keyed by a 33-yard pass to **Terrell Owens**, to put Mohave back in it before the half with a 6-yard TD pass to **Brian Westbrook**. The Hellfire took the lead on a 2-yard TD pass to **Owen Daniels**, but Kutztown tied it with 1:51 remaining on a 33-yard FG by **Nate Kaeding**. An **Aaron Smith** sack helped force a late punt and a 15-yard punt return by **Patrick Crayton** gave the Bears good field position. A 24 yard drive was enough to pull within Kaeding's range and the kicker drilled it from 50 yards for the game-winner.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Tony Romo** went 32 of 54 for 275 yards and 1 TD; **Chris Cooley**, 11 catches for 117 yards and 1 TD; **Kurt Warner** went 29 of 44 for 291 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT; **Brian Westbrook**, 10 carries for 64 yards.

01-10-2010 The Fiery Depths. Temp: 85 Wind: Calm MVP: **Romo**

2008 Kutztown (6-8) 0 17 0 9 -26
2008 Mohave (5-9) 6 10 0 7 -23

1 8:31 Mohave FG Bironas 45 (12-56-6:29) 0-3
1 3:53 Mohave FG Bironas 28 (8-36-3:30) 0-6
2 12:45 Kutztown FG Kaeding 44 (7-15-2:24) 3-6
2 7:57 Kutztown TD McCoy 5 run (Kaeding) (6-48-2:57) 10-6
2 5:02 Mohave FG Bironas 41 (5-53-2:55) 10-9
2 1:53 Kutztown TD Romo 5 pass to Cooley (Kaeding) (6-36-3:03) 17-9
2 0:35 Mohave TD Warner 6 pass to Westbrook (Bironas) (8-73-1:18) 17-16
4 12:54 Kutztown FG Kaeding 51 (8-51-3:08) 20-16
4 4:55 Mohave TD Warner 2 pass to Daniels (Bironas) (8-84-4:43) 20-23
4 1:51 Kutztown FG Kaeding 33 (15-71-3:04) 23-23
4 0:18 Kutztown FG Kaeding 50 (6-24-0:42) 26-23

	KUT	MOH
First Downs	24	22
Rushes	16-72	23-108
Passes	54-32-275	44-29-291
Sacked	1-10	1-5
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	8-55	9-87
Turnovers	0	1
Challenges	1-1	1-2
Time	28:09	31:51
Third Down	8-16	3-11
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/2	3/2/1
Net Offense	337	394



IOWA CITY



WINNEMUCCA

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CUBS "AM-BUSH" OUTLAWS

GAME POINTS: Reggie Bush returned two punts for TDs and Trent Edwards threw two TD passes as the Cubs blanked the Outlaws in heavy snow at Hole in the Wall. Bush struck early after Winnemucca went three-and-out to start the game. Kyle Larson kicked a low punt that Bush fielded in space and returned 58 yards for the major. After another three-and-out by the Outlaws, Edwards opened with a deep throw for 36 yards to Larry Fitzgerald then connected with him twice more before throwing to Brandon Jacobs for a 5-yard TD pass and a 14-0 lead. After a second TD pass by Edwards, this one to Kellen Winslow from 7 yards away, Bush returned another low Larson punt 80 yards for a TD to break the game wide open, 28-0, just 5 minutes into the 2nd quarter.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Trent Edwards completed 17 of 23 for 216 yards and 2 TDs; Larry Fitzgerald caught 6 balls for 94 yards; Reggie Bush ran for 37 yards on 20 carries and had 2 PR TDs; David Garrard went 19 of 33 for 163 yards and 2 INTs; Julius Jones ran for 37 yards on 14 carries.

01-07-2010 Hole in the Wall. Temp: 24 Wind: 0-10 Heavy Snow MVP: Bush				ICC	WMO	
2008 Iowa City (7-7)	14	17	0 3	- 34	First Downs 16	13
2008 Winnemucca (1-13)	0	0	0 0	- 0	Rushes 35-71	23-45
1 13:14 Iowa City	TD Bush 58 punt return (Rackers) (0-0-0:00)	7-0			Passes 23-17-216	37-21-180
1 9:06 Iowa City	TD Edwards 5 pass to Jacobs (Rackers) (4-60-2:11)	14-0			Sacked 0-0	3-14
2 11:29 Iowa City	TD Edwards 7 pass to Winslow (Rackers) (10-51-4:21)	21-0			Fumble 2	5
2 10:11 Iowa City	TD Bush 80 punt return (Rackers) (0-0-0:00)	28-0			Penalties 5-30	9-64
2 3:54 Iowa City	FG Rackers 33 (5-49-2:25)	31-0			Turnovers 2	3
4 7:45 Iowa City	FG Rackers 28 (15-70-9:05)	34-0			Time 30:45	29:15
					Third Down 9-15	5-15
					Fourth Down 0-1	0-3
					Red Att/Td/Fg 4/2/2	1/0/0
					Net Offense 287	211

PATS ELIMINATE VIRDEN, CLINCH HOMEFIELD

GAME POINTS: Their conservative offensive game plan finally paid off as the Pats overcame a 6-point deficit with 4 second half TDs to top Virden and clinch home field advantage in the playoffs. A pair of long kick-off returns by Josh Wilson helped set up Virden's first 10 points and a failed 4th down conversion attempt by Charleswood deep in their own territory handed Virden the field goal that put them up 16-10. But three big gainers by Tony Gonzalez got the Pats' offence rolling mid-way through the third quarter. Two TD passes in rapid succession from Peyton Manning to Gonzalez and Jason Witten forced Virden to play catch-up. Jon Beason finished off the Violators by intercepting Drew Brees twice in the final 16 minutes to lock-up the win.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Peyton Manning went 13 of 17 for 175 yards and 2 TDs; Tony Gonzalez had 6 catches for 119 yards and 1 TD; Adrian Peterson ran for 114 yards and 1 TD on 29 carries. Drew Brees went 14 of 22 for 168 yards and 2 INTs; Devin Hester caught 10 passes for 134 yards.



CHARLESWOOD



VIRDEN

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01-07-2010 TERRORDOME. Temp: 62 Wind: Calm None MVP: Tony Gonzalez				CHP	VV	
2008 Charleswood (11-3)	3	7	14 14	- 38	First Downs 19	12
2008 Virden (4-10)	3	10	3 0	- 16	Rushes 39-147	21-56
1 6:44 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 34 (9-45-5:57)	3-0			Passes 17-13-175	22-14-168
1 2:38 Virden	FG Vinatieri 46 (7-9-4:02)	3-3			Sacked 0-0	1-3
2 9:58 Charleswood	TD Peterson 1 run (Gostkowski) (12-77-7:35)	10-3			Fumble 1	0
2 7:32 Virden	TD Portis 1 run (Vinatieri) (4-53-2:26)	10-10			Penalties 3-18	3-25
2 0:33 Virden	FG Vinatieri 41 (8-29-3:19)	10-13			Turnovers 0	2
3 10:40 Virden	FG Vinatieri 38 (3-9-2:11)	10-16			Time 33:49	26:11
3 7:19 Charleswood	TD Manning 29 pass to Gonzalez (Gostkowski) (5-74-3:18)	17-16			Third Down 4-10	1-9
3 3:00 Charleswood	TD Manning 5 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (4-59-2:23)	24-16			Fourth Down 1-2	1-3
4 12:35 Charleswood	TD Norwood 9 run (Gostkowski) (7-32-3:06)	31-16			Red Att/Td/Fg 4/4/0	1/1/0
4 0:23 Charleswood	TD Mughelli 1 run (Gostkowski) (4-6-1:46)	38-16			Net Offense 322	221



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DURHAM



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MARKHAM

DURHAM DUMPS DAWGS AT POUND

GAME POINTS: Durham turned away Markham with a 4th down stop of the Stars on their opening drive and, once they got the ball, never looked back. **Philip Rivers** started with a 21-yard pass to **Dwayne Bowe** and followed with a 40-yard TD pass to **Calvin Johnson** to open the scoring. **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** picked off **Donovan McNabb** on the next Markham series and returned it 34 yards for another score. With Markham selling out to stop **Michael Bush** on the first play of the 2nd quarter, Rivers found **Steve Breaston** unattended for a 31-yard TD pass and a 21-0 lead. Bush would later take the ball in on a sweep to the right for 3 yards and a TD to put Durham in front 28-0 at half time. **Mark Sanchez** replaced McNabb in the second half but he could not crack the Durham 'D,' which turned in its best performance of the year.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Philip Rivers** completed 11 of 17 for 194 yards and 3 TDs; **Michael Turner** rushed for 113 yards on 28 carries; **Calvin Johnson** caught 3 passes for 70 yards and 1 TD; **James Farrior** had 7 tackles and 3 stuffs. **Donovan McNabb** went 4 of 10 for 29 yards and 1 INT; **Mark Sanchez** completed 5 of 17 for 48 yards; **Jamal Lewis** ran for 52 yards on 22 carries.

01-09-2010 The Dawg Pound. Temp: 35 Wind: 0-5 Light Snow MVP: Rivers

2008 Durham (12-2)	14	14	7	0	-35
2008 Markham (5-9)	0	0	0	0	-0

1 9:04 Durham	TD Rivers 40 pass to Johnson (Crosby) (2-61-0:54)	7-0
1 7:55 Durham	TD Rodgers-Cromartie 34 interception return (Crosby) (0-0)	14-0
2 14:44 Durham	TD Rivers 31 pass to Breaston (Crosby) (4-48-1:24)	21-0
2 3:06 Durham	TD Bush 3 run (Crosby) (10-58-5:38)	28-0
3 5:12 Durham	TD Rivers 7 pass to Bowe (Crosby) (13-81-6:37)	35-0

	DTL	MAR
First Downs	17	10
Rushes	37-131	33-78
Passes	17-11-194	27-9-77
Sacked	0-0	2-11
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	4-22	4-33
Turnovers	0	1
Time	29:28	30:32
Third Down	4-10	6-18
Fourth Down	1-2	1-6
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/0	0/0/0
Net Offense	325	144

CHINO "ROOKED" BY KNIGHTS

GAME POINTS: With both defenses playing their hearts out, big plays by two LA rookies made the difference. After Chino's **Knowshon Moreno** broke a couple of tackles for a 51-yard TD run to open the scoring, Knights' rookie **Jamaal Charles** replied with a 57-yard reception to set up a 10-yard TD pass from **Jason Campbell** to **Steve Smith** to tie it at 7. Chino took the lead on a 36-yard **Jeff Reed** FG after **Yamon Figurs** coughed up the ball at his own 26, and extended their lead to 13-7 after a **Mike Brown** interception in LA territory set up a 33-yard Reed boot. LA battled back, getting a 48-yard run by **Selvin Young** to set up one **Kris Brown** FG, then 3 straight completions to unknown rookie TE, **Chase Coffman** to set up the tying kick with 6 seconds left. In OT, **Cedric Benson** broke a 34-yard run to put Brown in position to kick the winner.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Selvin Young** rushed for 81 yards on 12 carries; **Jamaal Charles** caught 4 balls for 84 yards. **Jay Cutler** went 10 of 23 for 76 yards and 1 INT; **Julius Peppers** had 1 sack, 2 PDs, 1 stuff, 3 Hur, & 2 FFs.



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LOS ANGELES

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CHINO

01-09-2010 The Big House. Temp: 75 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Charles

2008 Los Angeles (9-5)	7	0	3	3	3	-16
2008 Chino (8-6)	7	6	0	0	0	-13

1 11:25 Chino	TD Moreno 51 run (Reed,J) (3-70-1:40)	0-7
1 0:26 Los Angeles	TD Campbell 10 pass to Smith (Brown,K) (10-92-6:06)	7-7
2 11:20 Chino	FG Reed 36 (7-7-3:35)	7-10
2 2:00 Chino	FG Reed 33 (5-24-3:29)	7-13
3 4:09 Los Angeles	FG Brown 23 (9-74-5:04)	10-13
4 0:06 Los Angeles	FG Brown 41 (6-37-0:59)	13-13
5 6:38 Los Angeles	FG Brown 31 (7-65-4:43)	16-13

	LAK	CHI
First Downs	16	9
Rushes	29-143	29-131
Passes	45-24-261	29-14-111
Sacked	3-23	2-21
Fumble	6	0
Penalties	5-35	6-53
Turnovers	2	1
Time	37:51	30:36
Third Down	6-21	2-16
Fourth Down	1-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/1/2	2/0/2
Net Offense	381	221

REVIS HUMBLER RYAN AS DRAGONS ROMP



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FLORIDA



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GARLAND

GAME POINTS: Darelle Revis picked off Matt Ryan twice, returning the first one 49 yards for a TD to put Florida up 21-3 in the first quarter. The Mustangs fell off track early, failing to convert a 4th down and 1 at their own 30 yard line with still 5 minutes to play in the first quarter. That miscue set up the second Florida touchdown and allowed Revis to gamble on his Pick Six two play later. **DeAngelo Williams** added to his league-leading total with a 3-yard TD run to open the scoring for Florida. Williams has scored at least 1 TD in each game he has played this year. **Jonathan Stewart** entered the game early as the workhorse back, scoring two more TDs on the ground to round off the blowout. Garland got a rare highlight when **Bryan Thomas** sacked **Aaron Rodgers** in the end zone to record a safety.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Aaron Rodgers** went 14 of 18 for 176 yards and 1 TD; **Brandon Marshall** caught 5 passes for 90 yards; **Jonathan Stewart** ran for 55 yards and 2 TDs on 19 carries; **Darrelle Revis** had 1 tackle, 2 INTs and 1 TD. **Matt Ryan** completed 12 of 24 for 102 yards, 1 TD and 2 INTs; **Frank Gore** had 85 yards on 14 carries, fumbling twice; **Jerod Mayo** had 12 tackles and 3 stuffs.

01-07-2010 The Corral. Temp: 70 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Rodgers					FLD	GDM		
2008 Florida (13-1)	21	7	7	3	- 38	First Downs	21	8
2008 Garland (8-6)	3	9	0	0	- 12	Rushes	40-120	24-114
1 12:00 Garland	FG Gould	42	(6-35-3:00)		0-3	Passes	18-14-176	24-12-102
1 7:08 Florida	TD Williams	3	run (Elam,J) (8-62-4:46)		7-3	Sacked	1-1	0-0
1 4:27 Florida	TD Rodgers	8	pass to Jackson (Elam,J) (2-29-0:57)		14-3	Fumble	1	2
1 3:25 Florida	TD Revis	49	interception return (Elam,J) (0-0-0:00)		21-3	Penalties	4-15	6-39
2 6:43 Florida	TD Stewart	1	run (Elam,J) (15-73-9:24)		28-3	Turnovers	0	3
2 4:37 Garland	Safety	Thomas			28-5	Time	35:37	24:23
2 1:21 Garland	TD Ryan	5	pass to Carlson (Gould) (8-56-2:59)		28-12	Third Down	4-10	2-10
3 6:44 Florida	TD Stewart	2	run (Elam,J) (11-63-4:49)		35-12	Fourth Down	0-3	1-5
4 12:19 Florida	FG Elam	40	(10-55-7:02)		38-12	Red Att/Td/Fg	5/4/0	2/1/0
						Net Offense	295	216

GLADS BLANK BIRDS, WIN SIXTH STRAIGHT

GAME POINTS: Matt Cassel completed 4 of 6 passes for 48 yards on Gwinnett's first possession, setting up an easy 25 yard field goal by **Josh Brown** to give his team an early 3-0 lead. The score would remain that way until the first play of the fourth quarter when Cassel would complete a 21-yard TD pass to **Reggie Wayne** to make it 10-0. The Glads would add a late field goal but the story of the game was the inability of Ringgold to move the ball against the Gwinnett 'D.' **Daryl Smith** and **Terrence McGee** had 3 deflections each to lead a 13-deflection performance that thwarted **Ben Roethlisberger** at every turn. A pick by **Bryant McFadden** and a sack by **Darnell Dockett** ended two Ringgold opportunities in Gwinnett territory to preserve the shutout.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Matt Cassel** went 19 of 29 for 218 yards and 1 TD; **Thomas Jones** ran for 75 yards on 20 carries; **Reggie Wayne** had 5 catches for 75 yards and 1 TD; **Dallas Clark** had 6 catches for 71 yards; **Big Ben** went 16 of 41 for 179 yards and 1 INT; **Andre Johnson** had 4 catches for 61 yards.



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RINGGOLD



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GWINNETT

01-09-2010 Gwinnett Coliseum. Temp: 53 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: Cassel					RCH	GWG		
2008 Ringgold (3-11)	0	0	0	0	- 0	First Downs	10	20
2008 Gwinnett (9-5)	3	0	0	10	- 13	Rushes	11-23	36-133
1 9:34 Gwinnett	FG Brown	25	(8-59-3:44)		0-3	Passes	41-16-179	29-19-218
4 14:47 Gwinnett	TD Cassel	21	pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (4-52-1:50)		0-10	Sacked	4-31	5-32
4 1:43 Gwinnett	FG Brown	52	(12-35-6:22)		0-13	Fumble	1	1
						Penalties	5-36	5-30
						Turnovers	1	1
						Time	21:16	38:44
						Third Down	1-14	4-17
						Fourth Down	1-2	2-2
						Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/0	2/0/1
						Net Offense	171	319



AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – I live in the City where the annual ‘No Pants Subway Ride’ began. It is exactly what it advertises itself to be. This year more than one thousand New Yorkers will board the subway and remove their pants as if it is a perfectly normal thing to do. Its popularity is spreading every year. No, there is no charity cause or anything practical about it. It is a staged *faux*-random act to alleviate the boring humdrum of the pointless and otherwise joyless lives of the average New York City Pleb.

CONVICTS AND KNIGHTS SLUG IT OUT

If you like hard-nosed, brutalizing defense this was the game for you. Watching the Knights take on the Convicts in the midst of all the bedlam of ‘The Big House’ brought to mind a post-nuclear holocaust cage match between two giant mutant armadillos. Whatever the opposing quarterbacks achieved to help their respective teams in this contest they accomplished due to the adrenaline generated by pure fear of the opposing defense. Four quarterbacks played, two for each team, and none of them looked like they were enjoying themselves. Clinging to a 3-point lead in the fourth quarter, **Rob Nazar** turned to veteran **Jake Delhomme** to put the game away. **Jay Cutler** had looked so rattled that he was forgetting to harangue his receivers, throw his customary tantrums, or laugh after throwing interceptions. Delhomme looked a little calmer than Cutler, but as it turned out, a little too calm. In his brief stint, he held on to the ball too long while standing immobile in a collapsing pocket and was sacked twice by Jason Taylor to kill drives that might have changed the outcome of the game.

It was another come-from-behind win for Los Angeles against this Chino squad, with **Tarvaris Jackson** once again coming off the bench to lead the way. But Jackson did not simply hand the ball off to **Selvin Young** and **Cedric Benson** when they broke their long runs leading to field goals. Significantly, he was the only quarterback on either team who actually made plays at critical moments – specifically, finding unknown rookie tight end **Chase Coffman** 3 consecutive times to help move LA into position for the tying field goal as time ticked away on the game. They were Coffman’s first 3 catches of the season. I must admit that I underestimated Jackson’s tenacity and poise under fire and now I am wondering why he isn’t starting.

JENKINS UNSUNG HERO

Kirk Morrison is being lauded in Cowtown as the hero of their nail-biting 24-20 win over Pickering. Facing third down and goal at the one with 4 seconds left on the clock, Pickering’s **Chris Johnson** tried to launch himself into the end zone, but Morrison penetrated the line and wrapped up Johnson before he could get off the ground. Holding on for dear life as the running back tried to wriggle free, Morrison finally pulled him down for no gain with the help of about 8 other Corn King defenders. Morrison did his job at the critical moment, but what the Pickering coaches will wince at when they review the film of that play is not Morrison’s tackle, but the **Kris Jenkins**’ rag-dolling of right guard **David Baas** that created the room for Morrison to charge and penetrate the line. It was not the only time that day that Jenkins had tossed aside Baas like a bag of yard waste. On most Pickering running plays, the former Spartan would collapse the Pickering line, knock Baas down, and force Johnson away from his area of the field. The slippery Pickering running back managed only 3.1 yards per carry in the game, despite running mostly against defensive pass formations, because of Jenkins’ disruptive presence. Baas was flagged 3 times, all in the second half, as Jenkins wore him down with a continuous brutal beating at the line. Poor **David Baas**! The Spartans’ fan blogs have dubbed him *David Baad* and are calling for **Marshal Yanda** to start next week.

MOTHER GOOSE LAYS THREE EGGS

This week saw a record three shutouts. Prior to this, there had been only two shutouts all season. A couple of teams went through the motions while one team played hard but remained virtually motionless.

The Outlaws played in near white-out conditions at Hole in the Wall while a black-out kept the game

off local TV. It was the second straight local black out in Winnemucca as fans avoided the bad weather and the poor play on the field. The Outlaws could not find a solution to Iowa City's defense or to **Reggie Bush** on special teams, but managed to hold the Cubs' running game in check. As a result, **Trent Edwards** was forced to the air early and enjoyed uncommon success. Eyes glazed with excitement, Trent continued to fling the ball deep to start the second half while up by 31 points. He was jarred to his senses by **Jevon Kears**, who stripped Edwards of the ball as he scrambled on his fourth consecutive pass play. Even the Outlaws have pride.

The flightless Hawks continued to walk south for the winter. Their offence was frozen for the second straight week, this time failing to log a single point. It was a new low for the Ringgold running game, their 23 yards on the ground eclipsing to the negative a 29-yard performance against Markham in Week 9. Another fine outing by the Ringgold defense was wasted as Gwinnett squeaked by 13-0 in front of a sleeping capacity crowd at the Gwinnett Coliseum. If you have the game taped at home, do not try to watch it unless you are willing to call it a night. At one point the television camera is fixated for three minutes on the back of some guy's bald head while the announcer drones on semi-consciously in the background.

Markham played their guts out and threw up a big fat goose egg against Durham. A disgusted **Darrin Jones** took off his head set and refused to talk to his assistants during the second half while **Mark Sanchez** ran the offence. All he said after the game was, "what a joke!" Intensely competitive, Jones has been known to run his mid-week practices like a Boot Camp. In preparation for Durham, he had his starting offensive line push the Fat Lady 10 yards at a time the entire length of the field. The line collapsed after two hours, having moved her just 27 yards. **Tyson Clabo** went missing for 30 minutes in one of the Fat Lady's folds and had to be rescued with a rope. He was treated for shock at Markham General Hospital and released. The trauma of the drill carried over into the game as the usually rough and tough Markham line failed to drive home their blocks, in apparent fear that they would be swallowed up, and the running game gained a mere 77 yards.

STRANGE BUT TRUE FOURTH DOWN TALES

Just call him "Fourth Down Findlay." If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. After weathering a storm in the Press about his 4th down gamble in Week 13 against Durham, Charleswood coach, **Jason Findlay** thumbed his nose at his critics and did the same thing in Week 14 against Virden. Like last week, the Pats faced 4th down and 1 at their 29 yard line with plenty of time to play and the score close. Like last week, **Adrian Peterson** was sent on the identical play, a trap to the left, and like last week he came up short. Virden went on to kick a field goal to increase their lead to 16-10. On the bright side, the Pats were eventually rescued by **Tony Gonzalez** and won the game handily. There was also improvement in the execution of the fourth down trap – this week the officials needed to measure it. Eventually they'll get it right.

The "Garland Gambit," as it is called in Vegas, backfired this week. Not that it would have won the game against Florida, but it certainly made things worse in a hurry for the Mustangs. Down 7-3 in the first quarter, Garland faced 4th down and 1 at their 30 yard line. Time to punt? Most wouldn't even ask the question. But **Doug Shirley**, who at that point obviously felt that his team was in trouble and the only way out was to gain this particular first down, decided the time had come to put the game on the line. He handed the ball to **Matt Forte**, who was promptly stuffed for a loss by **LaMarr Woodley**. Two plays later, Florida was up 14-3 on 8-yard TD pass from **Aaron Rodgers** to **DeSean Jackson**. The Dragons showed no mercy after that, humbling Matt Ryan and the Mustangs 38-12 on their home field.

ANOTHER ONE BITES THE DUST AND SATAN'S RIGHT HAND MAN IS NOT AMUSED

The Mohave Hellfire saw their post-season hopes officially vanish after **Nate Kaeding's** 50-yard field goal defeated them in a close game at the Fiery Depths. The Kutztown kicker made all four of his field goal attempts, two of them from 50 yards or more and one from 44 yards, to keep the Golden Bears officially alive in the wildcard race and eliminate their divisional rival.

After the game, Mohave coach, **Bobby Elder** could not be reached for comment. Instead, a new team spokesman, Mr. Sammael Mastema Baphomet of Hellfire Consultants Ltd., presided over one of the more surreal post-game scrums the league has seen in its brief history. A thin, gaunt man with exceptionally long fingers and a strange growth on his chin, Mr. Baphomet spoke softly without a microphone but somehow his voice filled the room.

"Mr. Coach Elder will broke no criticism of his decisions in regard to the conduct of his football team during this season, nor will he answer trivial questions," he intoned solemnly. *"He, as are we all at Hellfire Consultants, is saddened and disappointed by many of the outcomes of our games, in particular the losses. However, to criticize Coach Elder and the players is to presume that you know of what you speak. I can assure each of you that you know nothing of the dark forces at work in the world that guide the ways of Man. Nor will you be made privy to the knowledge. Be thankful for your ignorance and carry on with our assurance that next year will be a more successful year for the football team, the Mohave Hellfire."*

Mr. Baphomet did not field questions. With the final syllable of his prepared text the lights in the Press Room dimmed briefly and he was gone in a flash from the podium. When the lights brightened, in his place was a flustered and somewhat dazed-looking **Kurt Warner** standing in his underwear looking at the cluster of reporters who, for perhaps the only time in their careers, were speechless.

BATTLE SHAPING UP FOR LEAGUE MVPs

The debate is raging over who should win the EFL Offensive and Defensive MVP awards. On the offensive side the consensus favours one of the “Big Three” QBs: **Philip Rivers**, **Peyton Manning** or **Matt Ryan**. Closing in are Florida stars **Aaron Rodgers** and **DeAngelo Williams**, with dark horse **Adrian Peterson** trailing farther behind. I have already gone on the record in favour of **Matt Ryan**. In my view, the MVP should be the player who did the most to make his team successful. Success, of course, is a relative thing, depending on the composition and expectations of the team. However, in my view success should have some objective element to it, such as making the playoffs or finishing with the best record. If Garland defies the odds and makes post-season play it will be because of **Matt Ryan** and nobody else. Even if they miss, he has single-handedly made a contender out of a team that without him would be incapable of even being a pretender.

The fight for Defensive MVP is not as clear cut. The debate is hot and many players are in the mix. **Mario Williams** and **John Abraham** have to be on everyone’s board not just for their sack totals but for the pressure they routinely put on opposing QBs. Williams has also forced 5 fumbles while Abraham has deflected 6 passes. **Terrell Suggs** stands out as a terror on the league’s second highest rated defense while **Stewart Bradley** has notched a stunning 21 run stuffs to go along with 110 tackles. If interceptions are your barometer of defensive excellence, then **Darrelle Revis** and **Troy Polamalu** have to be considered for their 5 picks apiece, or **Terrence McGee** for his 3 picks and league-leading 11 deflections. I still haven’t decided this one. Send me an e-mail and let me know what you think about it. Yes, Spats is open to other ideas here.

NEW YORK GRIPES

I live in a City where a fair number of people think it is both entertaining and worthwhile to take their pants off in the subway. Am I supposed to be happy about that?

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PLAY OF THE WEEK

SITUATION
 Cowtown 24, Pickering 20, 4th Quarter, 00:04 seconds remaining, Spartans in possession, 3rd down & goal at Cowtown’s 1 yard line. 2 TE / 2 RB set vs.6-3-2 Stack Line, tight MAN coverage, Goalline Defense.

RESULT
 Eli Manning hands off to Chris Johnson who starts to jump but is grabbed behind the line by Kirk Morrison. Johnson goes down at the line for no gain.

ANALYSIS
 After moving the ball without challenge through the air, the Spartans turned to Johnson for 3 straight runs with the game on the line. Morrison won that battle and saved the game for the Corn Kings.

WEEK FOURTEEN LEADERS

PASSING

Manning, E. (PIC)	34-24-347
Warner (MOH)	44-29-291
Romo (KUT)	54-32-275
Pennington (COW)	31-19-231
Cassel (GWG)	29-19-218

RUSHING

Peterson, A. (CHP)	29-114
Turner, M. (DTL)	28-113
Johnson, C. (PIC)	31-95
Gore (GDM)	14-85
Young, S. (LAK)	12-81

RECEIVING

Hester (VV)	10-134
Gonzalez, T. (CHP)	6-119
Cooley (KUT)	11-117
Jackson, V. (PIC)	6-112
Westbrook (MOH)	9-98

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood (z)	11	3	0	0.786	351	25.1	204	14.6	10.5	6 1 0	3 1 0	7 1 0
Kutztown	6	8	0	0.429	270	19.3	308	22	-2.7	2 4 0	3 1 0	4 4 0
Mohave	5	9	0	0.357	275	19.6	319	22.8	-3.1	4 3 0	2 2 0	3 5 0
Virden	4	10	0	0.286	250	17.9	363	25.9	-8.1	1 7 0	0 4 0	2 6 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Los Angeles	9	5	0	0.643	301	21.5	202	14.4	7.1	5 1 0	3 1 0	6 2 0
Chino	8	6	0	0.571	295	21.1	223	15.9	5.1	4 3 0	2 2 0	5 3 0
Iowa City	7	7	0	0.5	273	19.5	280	20	-0.5	3 4 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
Winnemucca	1	13	0	0.071	161	11.5	388	27.7	-16.2	0 8 0	1 3 0	1 7 0

CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham (z)	12	2	0	0.857	327	23.4	180	12.9	10.5	6 1 0	4 0 0	6 2 0
Cowtown	7	7	0	0.500	303	21.6	279	19.9	1.7	5 2 0	2 2 0	4 4 0
Markham	5	9	0	0.357	202	14.4	307	21.9	-7.5	3 5 0	1 3 0	2 6 0
Pickering	4	10	0	0.286	263	18.8	369	26.4	-7.6	1 5 0	1 3 0	2 6 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida (z)	13	1	0	0.929	418	29.9	184	13.1	16.7	7 0 0	4 0 0	8 0 0
Gwinnett	9	5	0	0.643	280	20	244	17.4	2.6	4 3 0	3 1 0	5 3 0
Garland	8	6	0	0.571	324	23.1	339	24.2	-1.1	5 3 0	1 3 0	4 4 0
Ringgold	3	11	0	0.214	210	15	314	22.4	-7.4	2 4 0	0 4 0	1 7 0

y-clinched wildcard

z-clinched division

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Rivers,P	DTL	370	229	61.9	3291	6	1.6	80	24	6.5	105.6
2	Manning,P	CHP	363	251	69.1	2975	8	2.2	50	22	6.1	104.9
3	Ryan,M	GDM	454	299	65.9	3443	11	2.4	69	29	6.4	99.8
4	Campbell,J	LAK	327	210	64.2	2333	7	2.1	63	19	5.8	95.8
5	Warner	MOH	391	262	67	2928	9	2.3	61	19	4.9	95.7
6	Cassel	GWG	337	213	63.2	2240	4	1.2	41	17	5	94.3
7	Rodgers	FLD	360	243	67.5	2785	7	1.9	50	12	3.3	93.6
8	Manning,E	PIC	377	231	61.3	3045	13	3.4	74	21	5.6	91
9	Pennington	COW	426	266	62.4	2977	11	2.6	59	19	4.5	87.3
10	Brees	VV	390	240	61.5	2845	12	3.1	51	18	4.6	86.3
11	Romo	KUT	343	208	60.6	2221	9	2.6	41	12	3.5	80.3
12	Edwards,T	ICC	260	167	64.2	1730	9	3.5	36	8	3.1	79.2
13	Cutler	CHI	418	262	62.7	2596	13	3.1	63	14	3.3	78.4
14	Roethlisberger	RCH	401	225	56.1	2516	8	2	41	14	3.5	78.3
15	McNabb	MAR	330	194	58.8	2081	16	4.8	67	11	3.3	68.3

RUSHING

		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Peterson,A	CHP	300	1315	4.4	69	9	8	Johnson,C	PIC	212	927	4.4	69	3
2	Williams,D	FLD	230	1237	5.4	48	24	9	Barber,M	COW	203	808	4	40	8
3	Turner,M	DTL	269	1116	4.1	85	5	10	Brown,R	ICC	173	770	4.5	53	4
4	Portis	VV	300	1066	3.6	36	1	11	White,L	CHI	170	726	4.3	75	8
5	Jacobs,B	ICC	199	1016	5.1	49	12	12	Slaton	MOH	208	717	3.4	80	4
6	Lewis,J	MAR	252	966	3.8	19	2	13	Gore	GDM	130	636	4.9	46	1
7	Jones,T	GWG	255	952	3.7	69	6	14	McClain,L	KUT	179	575	3.2	13	9
8	Johnson,C	PIC	212	927	4.4	69	3	15	Stewart,J	FLD	134	572	4.3	46	5

RECEIVING

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Gonzalez,T	CHP	83	1019	12.3	41	10	8	Fitzgerald	ICC	72	831	11.5	36	4
2	Jennings,G	KUT	81	1117	13.8	62	7	9	Smith,S	LAK	71	850	12	63	10
3	Hester,D	VV	81	1129	13.9	40	7	10	Johnson,A	RCH	70	1010	14.4	41	5
4	Royal,E	RCH	80	790	9.9	33	4	11	Ward,H	CHI	69	812	11.8	39	4
5	White,R	LAK	79	842	10.7	27	7	12	Houshmandz	FLD	66	627	9.5	24	0
6	Marshall,B	FLD	75	1131	15.1	50	4	13	Johnson,C	DTL	65	1189	18.3	80	8
7	Welker	GDM	72	892	12.4	69	11	14	Boldin	CHI	64	665	10.4	63	4
8	Fitzgerald	ICC	72	831	11.5	36	4	15	Harrison,M	VV	64	783	12.2	51	8



BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK *WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK THIRTEEN?* Brylcreem continues to be a proud sponsor of the EFL

OFFENSE



TE – Tony Gonzalez, Charleswood Patriots
6 Rec., 119 yards, 19.8 Avg., Long 41, 1TD.
Turned 3 short passes into big gainers to turn around Pats' attack.

DEFENSE



ILB – Kirk Morrison, Cowtown Corn Kings
11 Tackles.
Made Cowtown's "Tackle of the Year" to beat Pickering.

SPECIAL TEAMS



PR – Reggie Bush, Iowa City Cubs
6 Returns, 0 FCs, 133 Yards, 22.2 Avg., 80 Long, 2 TDs.
His bookend punt return TDs started and finished major scoring.

INJURY REPORT - Week Fifteen

CHARLESWOOD – None. **CHINO** – McNeill (OUT); **COWTOWN** – LaBoy (OUT); **DURHAM** – None. **FLORIDA** – J. Henderson (OUT); **GARLAND** – M. Williams (OUT); **GWINNETT** – Burleson (OUT), McFadden (OUT), Florence (OUT); **IOWA CITY** – T. Branch (OUT); **KUTZTOWN** – T. Porter (OUT), D. Landry (OUT), F. Davis (OUT); **LOS ANGELES** – S. Jackson (QUESTIONABLE), M. Bradley (OUT); **MARKHAM** – Pittman (OUT), Askew (OUT); Delmas (OUT); **MOHAVE** – Hayden (OUT); **PICKERING** – J. Joseph (OUT); **RINGGOLD** – Barnett (OUT); **VIRDEN** – None. **WINNEMUCCA** – J. Griffith (OUT), McAlister (OUT), McFadden (OUT).



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JIMMY'S WEEK FIFTEEN PICKS

WINNEMUCCA @ LOS ANGELES (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 14)

The Outlaws are at the bottom of the standings and rightfully so. But just how bad are they? We'll find out this week as the league's weakest offence tries to move the ball on the road against the league's top rated defense. I asked a friend of mine at MIT if he would give the problem of devising a game plan for the Winnemucca offence to an experimental Artificial Intelligent Agent (Robot) with planning, social and creativity programming. The robot blew up and my friend is no longer returning my calls. It's easy to take cheap shots at Winnemucca but it is not easy to predict exactly how many total yards they will gain – picking a number between 1 and 80 is not good odds. The Knights can clinch the West Division Title with a win here and will not be messing around. They will cover with ease and secure a playoff berth.

PICK: LOS ANGELES

CHINO @ IOWA CITY (LINE – CONVICTS BY 1)

Chino must bounce back from its discouraging loss to the Knights last week and focus on getting into the playoffs. With Winnemucca the only team standing between LA and the Division, the title is all but lost for the Convicts. A wildcard spot however, is well within reach and Chino can secure a post-season berth with a win over the Cubs. To do so they will have to find a way to move the ball against a Cubs team that, for all its problems, has a decent defense. Iowa City can put a clamp on the Convicts' running game, forcing Jay Cutler to the air, and this has Chino fans concerned. More concerned, however, are Cubs fans at the prospects of Trent Edwards having to air it out against Cortland Finnegan and Nick Collins. I foresee another defensive struggle involving Chino but this time they will prevail.

PICK: CHINO

GARLAND @ GWINNETT (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 3)

Gwinnett can clinch a wildcard spot with a win or a tie. Garland can clinch a playoff spot with a win and a Cowtown loss. This is an important game in the process of determining who will be sacrificed to Florida and Durham in the first round of the playoffs. When these teams met earlier in the year, Gwinnett turned in their best offensive performance of the season and Matt Ryan threw 4 interceptions. Don't expect a repeat of that scenario and instead look for the Garland signal-caller to rebound from a mediocre showing against Florida with a solid game this week against a Glads secondary missing Bryant McFadden. Matt Cassel will have to give up his frugal ways and dip into the yardage bank if he intends to keep pace. Gwinnett has the home field and has won 5 straight, but I am not certain they can stop Ryan consistently as they did Ben Roethlisberger last week. Gwinnett will be out of its comfort zone if the game turns into a shootout and I think that it will – a shootout by Gwinnett's standards at least.

PICK: GARLAND

FLORIDA @ RINGGOLD (LINE – DRAGONS BY 9)

The Dragons can clinch home field advantage in the playoffs with a win at The Hawk's Nest. Among the many disparities between these two teams the turnover story is one of the most telling: Florida has the best turnover ratio in the league at +19 and Ringgold has the worst at -12. Add to that cavernous gap the increasingly stagnant Ringgold offence trying to move the ball against Florida's "Firewall" and you have a contest only marginally less lop-sided than the game in LA between the Knights and the Outlaws. The one hope Ringgold has is the one they always have – that their defense will step up and steal the game for them. But that has not transpired yet this year despite the constant hope and it won't happen this week.

PICK: FLORIDA

MARKHAM @ COWTOWN (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 7)

Cowtown must win this game, or hope that Garland loses, to stay alive in the wildcard race. But staying alive is not the same as being healthy. The Corn Kings need a win to have a reasonably healthy chance of playing in the post-season. If they end up missing the playoffs, Markham will be one of the teams they can blame for it. Devery Henderson broke Corn King hearts in Week One with his fantastic 67-yard TD catch with 18 seconds left to win the season opener for the North Stars. Cowtown has not forgotten that crushing defeat and will use it, and the desire to make the playoffs, as inspiration to lay as severe a beating as possible on the team that potentially robbed them of their season. Markham is coming off a thrashing by the Thunder Lizards and is also looking to take out some frustrations. As divisional rivals they don't need to look farther in order to hate each other. It's bare knuckle time at Tillman Field.

PICK: COWTOWN

DURHAM @ PICKERING (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 6)

The Thunder Lizards gained over 500 yards of offence while beating Pickering 31-14 in Week One. Somewhat surprisingly, the Spartans are ranked second in the league in offensive efficiency, being pushed into it by necessity by their porous defense. The Lizards must respect Eli Manning since he won't give up and he is not afraid to throw into double coverage to make a play. The T-Lizards have the highest ranking offence in the league and are looking forward to padding their stats against the "Spark-ems." But it's not all

about stats and a year of bragging rights at the Greek-Canadian Legion. Durham needs this win to keep pace with Florida in the fight for the top seed in the Can-Am Conference. The Spartans, on the record as wannabe spoilers, would love to wound the Dinosaurs by thwarting their quest for home field advantage in the playoffs. But to do that they still have to find a way to beat the Dinos that doesn't involve blatant cheating. It will be a long day for the Spartans.

PICK: DURHAM

VIRDEN @ MOHAVE (LINE – HELLFIRE BY 6)

This game is the only completely meaningless game on this week's slate. Both teams are eliminated from the playoffs and have nothing to play for but pride or a better draft pick. If both teams are angling for the draft pick, then Virden has the clear edge – tanking will be easier for them since they are on the road and have far less talent than the Hellfire. Mohave, on the other hand, would probably be better off if they tried to win the game, setting up the inevitable choke that will likely cost them the game. Call it the play-to-win-to-lose approach to game management when nothing else matters but the draft. Personally I don't care who wins this game, I just care that I make the right pick so I can make some money this week.

PICK: MOHAVE

CHARLESWOOD @ KUTZTOWN (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 2)

Charleswood has sewn up the top seed in the Pacific-Atlantic Conference while Kutztown is still alive in the playoff hunt, albeit hanging by a thread. Two wins for Kutztown and 2 losses for Iowa City will put the Golden Bears into the post-season. A loss here and they are out of the picture, regardless of what happens with the Cubs. With the season on the line, the Bears can only hope that some higher force is smiling upon them. Greg Jennings disappeared last week in Mohave and the whispered word around the team is that he is hiding an injury. If he is not at full effectiveness the Bears' offence, having only occasional run support, is in trouble. Unless the Pats sit some starters to keep them healthy for the playoffs, the Bears have little or no hope to pull off the upset.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????

HOW I'M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD

LAST WEEK: 7-1-0

OVERALL: 75-36-1