

2019



WEEK

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EFL

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2019



WEEK

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In our 13th season and still going strong!

December 15, 2019

EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



CHUBB-ON!



Nick Chubb
York Excaltiburs

York running back *Nick Chubb* churns a path through falling bodies at the goal line to score with 1:49 left in the 4th quarter as York upset Pickering 16-13 at Camelot. After an off-day running between the tackles, Chub was on when it mattered at the end, taking a 6-yard dump-off from *Tom Brady* through traffic to cap an 18-play, 96-yard scoring drive.



Who was slick
in Week Ten?

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OFFENCE



Drew Brees
QB
Sebastian
Swordfish

367 yards, 4 TD passes, threw to 10
different receivers in Week 10 win.



DEFENCE



Eddie Jackson
CB
Buffalo
Derailers

4 T, 1 PD, 2 INT (14 yards). Two 4th
quarter INTs held off Seattle in win.



OFFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

1st & 10 OWN 25, 5:47 in 2nd Qrt, **Tyler Lockett** (ICC) took short slant from **Russell Wilson** 75-yards for a TD.



GAME CENTER 2019 Week Ten

GAME BLITZ!

By Chris Sherman



DEFENSIVE PLAY OF THE WEEK

1st & 10, OWN 25, 4th Qrt. **Shawn Williams** (TOR) picks off **Ryan Fitzpatrick** (COW) & returns 38-yards for a TD.

	28	Knights' CB, Greedy Williams returned an interception of Alex Smith 37 yards for a TD, to break a 21-21 deadlock in the 2 nd quarter. But two Steven Hauschka field goals, one to end the 1 st half and the other to start the 2 nd slowed the pace until a pair of 15-yard runs by Adrian Peterson set up a 9-yard TD pass to Dion Lewis to make it 34-28 for St. Charles. Shaquil Griffin picked off Ryan Tannehill to set up the Chargers' last TD in the 4 th .
	41	
	38	Russell Wilson threw TD passes of 37 and 75 yards to Tyler Lockett and Joe Mixon ran for 3 TDs to lead the Cubs to a 38-28 shellacking of the Wrecking Balls. A 23-yard pass to Christian Kirk to convert 4 th & 1 on the opening drive sparked a quick start for the visitors, as Mixon scored two plays later and the Cubs built a 28-10 halftime lead. Jared Goff threw 4 TD passes, 3 to Tarik Cohen, in a losing cause.
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	21	A 47-yard end-around by Robert Woods set up a 4-yard TD pass from Andrew Luck to Julio Jones then Amani Oruwariye forced a fumble on the ensuing kickoff to set up a FG, capping a 10-point 3 rd period burst and giving the Derailers a 20-7 lead. Eli Manning replied with a TD pass to Anthony Miller, but Tevin Coleman's 10-yard TD run and 2 picks by Eddie Jackson locked up the win.
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	11	Kerryon Johnson gained the edge and carried a pitch 43 yards for a TD to give Bruxelles a 17-3 lead in the 2 nd quarter. The score would make the difference on a day when the Bombers' defence put pressure on Dak Prescott, causing 2 interceptions and many off-target throws. The Convicts turned to the ground game but that generated only FGs, all of them matched by the Bombers' Matt Prater.
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	34	Pat Mahomes flipped a short hitch to TJ Hockenson for a 10-yard TD then Melvin Ingram III picked off DeShaun Watson on the Pats' next series to set up a 5-yard TD pass to Amari Cooper, Mahomes 4 th TD of the game, to give the Violators a daunting 34-17 lead late in the 4 th . The Pats got one score back on a 10-yard fly to DK Metcalf but turned the ball over on downs on their next possession before time ran out.
	24	
	31	For three quarters it was a see-saw, high-scoring battle as Kirk Cousins and Mitch Trubisky traded TD passes and Crusaders' safety, Taylor Rapp added a 38-yard pick-six. After Dustin Hopkins capped a 15-play drive with a 38-yard FG to give Twin Cities a 34-31 lead in the 4 th , the Triumph defence finally made a play when Tyrone Crawford sacked Cousins on 4 th & 10 to set up the game-clinching TD to Antonio Brown.
	41	
	26	Trailing 28-20, the Gladiators scored with 0:15 left in the 4 th on a 6-yard dump-off to Josh Jacobs, but could not convert for 2-points as the Swordfish hung on for the victory. Earlier in the 4 th , Drew Brees converted a 4 th & 4 near mid-field then Odell Beckham Jr drew a 21-yard pass interference penalty to set up a 6-yard TD pass to Antonio Calloway that would turn out to be the game-winner.
	28	
	19	Aaron Rodgers caught the Cowtown defence off guard with a medium slant pass that Tyreek Hill took 37-yards for a TD to give the Wolverines a 17-10 lead in the 3 rd quarter. The Corn Kings answered in the 4 th on a 1-yard jet sweep by Isaiah McKenzie for a TD, but the extra point was blocked by Christian Jones. Toronto added a FG and a 38-yard pick-six by Shawn Williams to ice an important victory.
	27	
	23	Jabrill Peppers intercepted Andy Dalton and returned it 20 yards to the Durham 37 to set up Kyler Murray's 2 nd TD run, capping a 17-point 2 nd quarter for Erieau an giving them a 17-7 halftime lead. The Cadillac defence took over from there, twice stopping Durham drives on 4 th down while a 51-yard Isaiah Crowell run and an interception by Orlando Scandrick set up a pair of Gostkowski FGs to round out the scoring.
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	3	The Blue Eagles held off the first Aurora drive then countered with a FG to take a 3-0 lead midway through the 1 st quarter. That was Scarborough's high point, as they soon collapsed under the withering attack and the immovable defence of the Mustangs. Aurora reeled off 40 consecutive points, starting with a 14-yard TD pass to Davante Adams, the first of 2 for him, and ending with Wil Lutz's 4 th FG of the day.
	40	
	13	Rain made for slippery conditions and a slow-paced game. The Excaliburs struck first on an 8-yard TD pass to Zach Ertz at the end of a 16-play drive. The teams traded FGs then the Spartans took the lead after a 51-yard flat pass to Ty Montgomery set up a 13-yard TD pass to Sterling Shepard. Down 13-9 in the 4 th and pinned at his own 4, Tom Brady led an 18-play drive that ended with a 6-yard TD pass to Nick Chubb for the win.
	16	
	34	After an ill-fated 4 th down gamble came up empty on their first possession, the North Stars turned in a 14-play, 93-yard drive on their second, finishing it off with a 15-yard screen to David Johnson for the first of 4 Baker Mayfield TD passes on the day. After a 23-yard TD to George Kittle, the Hawks went almost exclusively airborne, but could not keep up with the steadier Budapest attack and never came close again.
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KNIGHTS



28

PASSING: Ryan Tannehill, 23 of 34, 262 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Damien Harris, 7C, 59yds, (8.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Brandin Cooks, 8 for 113yds, 20LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Da'Ron Payne, 1 T, 1 SK, 2 HUR
KICKING: Ka'imi Fairbairn, 4 of 4 XPA, 4 Pts

CHARGERS



41

PASSING: Alex Smith, 20 of 29, 306 yds, 4 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Adriana Peterson, 17C, 126yds, (7.4), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Thomas, 8 for 193yds, 75LG, 3 TDs
DEFENCE: Shaquill Barrett, 9 T, 1 SK
KICKING: Steven Hauschka, 5 of 5 XPA, 2 of 2 FG, 11 Pts

12-16-2019 St. Charles Stadium Temp: 72 Wind:		MVP: Michael Thomas	
	1 2 3 4 Tot		
2018 Los Angeles (3-7)	7 21 0 0 28		
2018 St. Charles (7-3)	21 3 10 7 41		
Scoring Summary			
1 11:01 Los Angeles	TD Tannehill 20 pass to Cooks (Fairbairn) (6-69-3:53)		7-0
1 10:45 St. Charles	TD Smith 75 pass to Thomas (Hauschka) (1-75-0:16)		7-7
1 4:30 St. Charles	TD Smith 43 pass to Thomas (Hauschka) (4-71-2:24)		7-14
1 0:41 St. Charles	TD Smith 9 pass to Thomas (Hauschka) (4-51-2:29)		7-21
2 10:24 Los Angeles	TD Harris 18 run (Fairbairn) (9-64-5:03)		14-21
2 2:17 Los Angeles	TD Tannehill 13 pass to Williams (Fairbairn) (11-84-6:06)		21-21
2 1:57 Los Angeles	TD Williams 37 interception return (Fairbairn)		28-21
2 0:39 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 52 (6-41-1:11)		28-24
3 11:41 St. Charles	FG Hauschka 36 (9-57-3:15)		28-27
3 1:15 St. Charles	TD Smith 9 pass to Lewis (Hauschka) (7-57-2:39)		28-34
4 3:00 St. Charles	TD Peterson 4 run (Hauschka) (13-70-6:58)		28-41

	LAK	STC
First Downs	23	22
Rushes	22-116	24-138
Passes	41-26-297	29-20-306
Sacked	4-24	2-10
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	11-100	2-20
Turnovers	2	1
Missed Tackles	11	8
Blitzers	6	31
Time	32:56	27:04
Third Down	5-12	4-9
Fourth Down	1-3	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	4/3/1
Net Offense	389	434

CUBS



38

PASSING: Russell Wilson, 13 of 21, 280 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Joe Mixon, 16C, 95 yds, (5.9), 3 TDs
RECEIVING: Tyler Lockett, 2 for 112yds, 75LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Dee Ford, 7 T, 1 SK, 1 PD, 3 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Justin Tucker, 5 of 5 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 8 Pts

WRECKING BALL



28

PASSING: Jared Goff, 31 of 52, 392 yds, 4 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Frank Gore, 13C, 39 yds, (3.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Tarik Cohen, 8 for 147yds, 72LG, 3 TDs
DEFENCE: Cory Littleton, 10 T, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Brandon McManus, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 4 Pts

12-16-2019 Stone Pony Shore Temp: 68 Wind: 0-10 None		MVP: Russell Wilson	
	1 2 3 4 Tot		
2018 Iowa City (8-2)	14 14 3 7 38		
2018 New Jersey (5-5)	0 10 6 12 28		
Scoring Summary			
1 7:19 Iowa City	TD Mixon 6 run (Tucker,J) (15-75-7:41)		7-0
1 4:15 Iowa City	TD Wilson 37 pass to Lockett (Tucker,J) (3-46-1:17)		14-0
2 13:23 New Jersey	TD Goff 18 pass to Cohen (McManus) (11-75-5:52)		14-7
2 5:47 New Jersey	FG McManus 29 (10-82-3:30)		14-10
2 5:30 Iowa City	TD Wilson 75 pass to Lockett (Tucker,J) (1-75-0:17)		21-10
2 0:20 Iowa City	TD Mixon 11 run (Tucker,J) (8-44-1:50)		28-10
3 6:53 New Jersey	TD Goff 1 pass to Cook (2 - failed) (15-86-7:55)		28-16
3 2:51 Iowa City	FG Tucker 22 (8-73-3:51)		31-16
4 6:08 Iowa City	TD Mixon 31 run (Tucker,J) (7-73-3:13)		38-16
4 2:38 New Jersey	TD Goff 12 pass to Cohen (2 - failed) (11-75-3:30)		38-22
4 0:47 New Jersey	TD Goff 7 pass to Cohen (2 - failed) (8-52-1:46)		38-28

	ICC	NJ
First Downs	18	28
Rushes	29-169	24-78
Passes	21-13-280	52-31-392
Sacked	3-13	1-3
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	2-10	1-10
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	2	10
Blitzers	12	21
Time	25:07	34:53
Third Down	7-12	6-14
Fourth Down	2-2	3-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	5/4/1
Net Offense	436	467

DERAILERS



27

PASSING: Andrew Luck, 20 of 26, 128 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Tevin Coleman, 19C, 111yds, (5.8), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Julio Jones, 5 for 41 yds, 15LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Eddie Jackson, 4 T, 1 PD, 2 INT (14yds)
KICKING: Jake Elliott, 2 of 2 FGA, 3 of 3 XPA, 9 Pts

PILOTS



21

PASSING: Eli Manning, 19 of 32, 264 yds, 2TDs, 3 INTs
RUSHING: Kareem Hunt, 14C, 112yds, (8.0), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Michael Crabtree, 4 for 75yds, 35LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Khalil Mack, 8 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Josh Lambo, 3 of 3 XPA, 3 Pts

12-16-2019 Kingdome Temp: 70 Wind:		MVP: Tevin Coleman	
	1 2 3 4 Tot		
2018 Buffalo (5-5)	3 7 10 7 27		
2018 Seattle (3-7)	0 7 7 7 21		
Scoring Summary			
1 5:48 Buffalo	FG Elliott 26 (10-70-5:20)		3-0
2 13:13 Seattle	TD Hunt 20 run (Lambo) (4-80-1:56)		3-7
2 6:34 Buffalo	TD Luck 17 pass to Woods (Elliott,J) (10-77-6:32)		10-7
3 6:28 Buffalo	TD Luck 4 pass to Jones (Elliott,J) (8-68-4:37)		17-7
3 4:13 Buffalo	FG Elliott 33 (4-0-2:05)		20-7
3 0:00 Seattle	TD Manning 17 pass to Miller (Lambo) (9-75-4:13)		20-14
4 8:50 Buffalo	TD Coleman 10 run (Elliott,J) (12-79-6:02)		27-14
4 0:44 Seattle	TD Manning 13 pass to Dorsett (Lambo) (8-88-2:02)		27-21

	BUF	SEA
First Downs	18	23
Rushes	36-245	16-118
Passes	26-20-128	32-19-264
Sacked	1-4	5-26
Fumble	1	2
Penalties	7-43	6-48
Turnovers	1	4
Missed Tackles	3	3
Blitzers	28	6
Time	35:45	24:15
Third Down	6-14	1-8
Fourth Down	2-2	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	6/3/2	3/3/0
Net Offense	369	356

CONVICTS**11**

PASSING: Dak Prescott, 19 of 33, 141 yds, 0 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Mark Ingram, 6C, 66yds, (11.0), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Christian McCaffery, 4 for 34yds, 15LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Henry Anderson, 6 T, 2 SK, 1 PD
KICKING: S. Janikowski, 3 of 3 FGA, 9 Pts

BOMBERS**26**

PASSING: Marcus Mariota, 12 of 18, 139 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Kerryon Johnson, 13C, 83yds, (6.4) 1 TD
RECEIVING: Golden Tate, 4 for 48yds, 15LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Chris Jones, 6 T, 1 PD, 2 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Matt Prater, 2 of 2 XPA, 4 of 4 FGA, 14 Pts

12-16-2019 The Fortress Temp: 77 Wind: MVP: **Kerryon Johnson**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Chino (6-4)	0	8	0	3	11
2018 Bruxelles (6-4)	7	10	6	3	26

Scoring Summary

1 12:29 Bruxelles	TD Mariota 7 pass to Kelce (Prater) (6-75-2:31)	0-7
2 12:40 Chino	FG Janikowski 32 (14-60-7:27)	3-7
2 6:17 Bruxelles	FG Prater 35 (6-37-2:18)	3-10
2 4:04 Bruxelles	TD Johnson 45 run (Prater) (2-62-1:08)	3-17
2 0:33 Chino	Safety Anderson	5-17
2 0:00 Chino	FG Janikowski 58 (3-17-0:21)	8-17
3 8:59 Bruxelles	FG Prater 24 (8-44-4:48)	8-20
3 2:40 Bruxelles	FG Prater 40 (8-57-4:04)	8-23
4 11:06 Bruxelles	FG Prater 23 (8-54-4:11)	8-26
4 6:01 Chino	FG Janikowski 31 (11-76-4:57)	11-26

	CHI	BRX
First Downs	20	18
Rushes	28-206	25-148
Passes	33-19-141	21-15-186
Sacked	1-4	3-34
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	12-116	9-62
Turnovers	2	0
Missed Tackles	9	8
Blitzers	12	39
Time	30:47	29:13
Third Down	1-12	0-8
Fourth Down	3-4	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/0/2	5/1/3
Net Offense	343	300

VIOLATORS**34**

PASSING: Pat Mahomes, 23 of 35, 311 yds, 4 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Ezekiel Elliott, 16C, 65yds, (4.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Amari Cooper, 6 for 87yds, 27LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: Melvin Ingram III, 5 T, 1 SK, 1 INT (6yds)
KICKING: Cairo Santos 4 of 4 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 10 Pts

PATRIOTS**24**

PASSING: DeShaun Watson, 19 of 30, 253 yds, 2 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Alvin Kamara, 16C, 58yds, (3.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DK Metcalf, 6 for 90yds, 26LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Jamie Collins Sr., 8 T, 1 FF
KICKING: Ryan Succop, 3 of 3 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 6 Pts

12-16-2019 Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: MVP: **Pat Mahomes**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Virden (7-3)	0	17	17	0	34
2018 Charleswood (5-5)	3	7	7	7	24

Scoring Summary

1 5:39 Charleswood	FG Succop 22 (13-69-7:18)	0-3
2 14:02 Virden	TD Mahomes 36 pass to Smith-Schuster (Santos) (3-64-1:18)	7-3
2 5:48 Virden	TD Mahomes 9 pass to Cooper (Santos) (7-79-4:08)	14-3
2 2:55 Charleswood	TD Watson 25 pass to Kamara (Succop) (6-66-2:43)	14-10
2 0:31 Virden	FG Santos 41 (11-52-2:19)	17-10
3 12:25 Virden	FG Santos 46 (4--7-1:23)	20-10
3 9:02 Charleswood	TD Watson 3 run (Succop) (7-70-3:12)	20-17
3 4:32 Virden	TD Mahomes 10 pass to Hockenson (Santos) (10-75-4:30)	27-17
3 1:56 Virden	TD Mahomes 5 pass to Cooper (Santos) (3-9-1:36)	34-17
4 10:06 Charleswood	TD Watson 10 pass to Metcalf (Succop) (12-81-6:43)	34-24

	VV	CHP
First Downs	20	23
Rushes	20-71	24-107
Passes	35-23-311	30-19-253
Sacked	1-11	3-23
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	9-75	5-35
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	3	4
Passes 25+	3	2
Blitzers	4	2
Time	27:34	32:26
Third Down	3-9	2-8
Fourth Down	0-0	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	3/2/1
Net Offense	371	337

CRUSADERS**31**

PASSING: Kirk Cousins, 21 of 33, 246 yds, 3 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Chris Carson, 22C, 97yds, (4.4), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Keenan Allen, 8 for 134yds, 58LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Luke Kuechly, 8 T, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Harrison Butker, 1 of 2 FGA, 4 of 4 XPA, 7 Pts

TRIUMPH**41**

PASSING: Mitch Trubisky, 20 of 34, 317 yds, 5 TDs, 1 INT
RUSHING: Melvin Gordon, 10C, 52yds, (5.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Antonio Brown, 10 for 122yds, 24LG, 4 TDs
DEFENCE: Tyrone Crawford, 7 T, 2 SK
KICKING: Dustin Hopkins 5 of 5 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 11 Pts

12-16-2019 Wilhalla Stadium Temp: 70 Wind: MVP: **Mitch Trubisky**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Peg City (1-9)	7	14	3	7	31
2018 Twin Cities (8-2)	7	14	10	10	41

Scoring Summary

1 7:50 Peg City	TD Cousins 4 pass to Davis (Butker) (12-75-7:10)	7-0
1 4:03 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 10 pass to Brown (Hopkins) (7-75-3:47)	7-7
2 12:04 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 10 pass to White (Hopkins) (9-95-4:26)	7-14
2 10:00 Peg City	TD Cousins 10 pass to Davis (Butker) (6-75-2:04)	14-14
2 9:51 Peg City	TD Rapp 38 interception return (Butker)	21-14
2 1:19 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 4 pass to Brown (Hopkins) (9-66-1:52)	21-21
3 12:20 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 46 (6-47-2:34)	21-24
3 5:44 Peg City	FG Butker 35 (12-58-6:32)	24-24
3 2:44 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 4 pass to Brown (Hopkins) (5-75-3:00)	24-31
4 10:48 Peg City	TD Cousins 8 pass to Carson (Butker) (13-75-6:56)	31-31
4 4:34 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 38 (15-55-6:11)	31-34
4 2:18 Twin Cities	TD Trubisky 24 pass to Brown (Hopkins) (2-28-0:19)	31-41

	PCC	TCT
First Downs	23	26
Rushes	34-155	20-108
Passes	33-21-246	34-20-317
Sacked	3-14	0-0
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	5-45	3-20
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	7	5
Passes 25+	1	4
Runs 10+	5	5
Blitzers	8	4
Time	36:16	23:44
Third Down	2-12	2-6
Fourth Down	5-7	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/1	5/4/1
Net Offense	387	425

GLADIATORS



26

PASSING: Ben Roethlisberger, 23 of 31, 276yds, 3 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Josh Jacobs, 13C, 62yds, (4.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Jarvis Landry, 8 for 118ds, 26LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Tremaine Edmunds, 9 T, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Brett Maher, 2 of 2 XPA, 2 of 3 FGA, 8 Pts

SWORDFISH



28

PASSING: Drew Brees, 34 of 48, 367 yds, 4 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Kenneth Dixon, 13C, 56yds, (4.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Odell Beckham Jr 9 for 130yds, 21LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Chandler Jones, 8 T, 1 SK, 1 STF, 1 HUR
KICKING: Dan Bailey, 4 of 4 XPA, 0 of 1 FGA, 4 Pts

12-16-2019 The Fish Tank Temp: 76 Wind: MVP: **Drew Brees**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Georgia (3-7)	3	14	3	6	26
2018 Sebastian (5-5)	0	14	7	7	28

Scoring Summary

1 0:51 Georgia	FG Maher 43 (14-68-6:21)	3-0
2 11:23 Sebastian	TD Brees 18 pass to Boykin (Bailey,D) (8-75-4:32)	3-7
2 7:20 Georgia	TD Roethlisberger 11 pass to Landry (Maher) (7-63-3:53)	10-7
2 2:26 Sebastian	TD Brees 12 pass to Boykin (Bailey,D) (10-75-4:54)	10-14
2 0:40 Georgia	TD Roethlisberger 10 pass to Jacobs (Maher) (6-53-1:34)	17-14
3 8:47 Georgia	FG Maher 49 (6-40-2:56)	20-14
3 4:07 Sebastian	TD Brees 9 pass to Beckham Jr. (Bailey,D) (9-75-4:40)	20-21
4 3:23 Sebastian	TD Brees 6 pass to Callaway (Bailey,D) (9-57-3:43)	20-28
4 0:15 Georgia	TD Roethlisberger 6 pass to Jacobs (2 - failed) (11-85-2:	26-28

	GEO	SS
First Downs	25	28
Rushes	22-105	21-74
Passes	31-23-276	48-34-367
Sacked	1-6	1-7
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	6-37	7-40
Turnovers	0	0
Missed Tackles	7	5
Bad Passes	0	4
Blitzers	1	3
Time	25:20	34:40
Third Down	2-8	7-13
Fourth Down	0-0	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	6/4/0
Net Offense	375	434

CORN KINGS



19

PASSING: Ryan Fitzpatrick, 18 of 42, 238 yds, 1 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Ryan Fitzpatrick, 2C, 27yds, (13.5), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Mike Evans, 7 for 115yds, 22LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Da'Shawn Hand, 8 T, 1 STF, 3 HUR
KICKING: Matt Bryant, 2of 2 FGA, 1 of 2 XPA, 7 Pts

WOLVERINES



27

PASSING: Aaron Rodgers, 20 of 29, 236 yds, 1 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Latavius Murray, 20C, 45yds, (2.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Tyreek Hill, 3 for 93yds, 37LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Shawn Williams, 1 T, 1 PD, 1 INT (38yds-TD)
KICKING: Adam Vinatieri, 3 of 3 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 9 Pts

12-14-2019 The Wolverine's Den Temp: 49 Wind: 0-5 Rain MVP: **Aaron Rodgers**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Cowtown (5-5)	0	10	0	9	19
2018 Toronto (6-4)	0	10	7	10	27

Scoring Summary

2 11:38 Toronto	TD Rodgers 1 run (Vinatieri) (10-53-4:40)	0-7
2 9:50 Cowtown	FG Bryant 22 (5-29-1:36)	3-7
2 3:49 Cowtown	TD Fitzpatrick 10 pass to Burton (Bryant,M) (6-62-3:36)	10-7
2 1:08 Toronto	FG Vinatieri 48 (4--1-0:36)	10-10
3 2:32 Toronto	TD Rodgers 37 pass to Hill (Vinatieri) (5-74-2:26)	10-17
4 12:55 Cowtown	TD McKenzie 1 run (no good) (12-89-4:29)	16-17
4 6:35 Toronto	FG Vinatieri 36 (11-69-6:09)	16-20
4 6:23 Toronto	TD Williams 38 interception return (Vinatieri)	16-27
4 1:07 Cowtown	FG Bryant 42 (10-56-1:43)	19-27

	COW	TOR
First Downs	22	16
Rushes	16-57	26-68
Passes	42-18-238	29-20-236
Sacked	4-23	5-31
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	7-66	9-105
Turnovers	2	0
Missed Tackles	5	4
Blitzers	41	7
Challenges	1-1	0-0
Time	24:49	35:11
Third Down	3-13	3-14
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/2	2/1/1
Net Offense	272	273

CADILLAC



23

PASSING: Matt Stafford, 8 of 12, 79 yds, 0 TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Isaiah Crowell, 16C, 113yds, (7.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Isaiah Crowell, 4 for 49yds, 19LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Desmond Kong II, 4 T, 3 PD, 2-10 ATT
KICKING: Stephen Gostkowski, 2 of 2 XPA, 3 of 4 FGA, 11 Pts

T-LIZARDS



7

PASSING: Andy Dalton, 15 of 38, 214yds, 1 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Alexander Mattison, 10C, 13yds, (1.3), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Austin Hooper, 4 for 60yds, 42LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Thomas Davis, 9 T, 1 PD, 1 STF
KICKING: Daniel Carlson, 1 of 1 XPA, 1 Pt

12-16-2019 Jurassic Park Temp: 75 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Isaiah Crowell**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Erieau (1-9)	0	17	3	3	23
2018 Durham (4-6)	0	7	0	0	7

Scoring Summary

2 12:49 Durham	TD Dalton 4 pass to Isabella (Carlson,D) (6-63-3:17)	0-7
2 7:26 Erieau	TD Murray 1 run (Gostkowski) (10-75-5:23)	7-7
2 1:46 Erieau	FG Gostkowski 44 (9-42-3:50)	10-7
2 0:17 Erieau	TD Murray 13 run (Gostkowski) (5-37-0:47)	17-7
3 6:02 Erieau	FG Gostkowski 44 (6-49-3:11)	20-7
4 14:56 Erieau	FG Gostkowski 48 (4-8-1:37)	23-7

	ERI	DTL
First Downs	19	10
Rushes	43-193	14-18
Passes	25-16-158	38-15-214
Sacked	0-0	2-11
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	8-60	2-20
Turnovers	0	2
Missed Tackles	2	5
Blitzers	25	8
Time	38:34	21:26
Third Down	5-15	3-12
Fourth Down	0-0	0-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/2/1	2/1/0
Net Offense	351	221

BLUE EAGLES**3**

PASSING: Mike Glennon, 6 of 18, 56 yds, 0 TD, 2 INTs
RUSHING: Jordan Howard, 13C, 37yds, (2.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DeSean Jackson, 2 for 30yds, 19LG, 0 TD
DEFENCE: Alex Anzalone, 5 T, 1 SK, 1 PD, 1 FF
KICKING: Mason Crosby, 1 of 1 FGA, 3 Pts

MUSTANGS**40**

PASSING: Matt Ryan, 21 of 29, 266 yds, 3 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Devin Singletary, 26C, 85 yds, (3.3), 1 TD
RECEIVING: Davante Adams, 6 for 81yds, 22LG, 2 TDs
DEFENCE: JJ Watt, 4 T, 2 SK, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Wil Lutz, 4 of 6 FGA, 4 of 4XPA, 16 Pts

12-16-2019 Magna Park Temp: 58 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Matt Ryan**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Scarborough (1-9)	3	0	0	0	3
2018 Aurora (8-2)	7	10	17	6	40

Scoring Summary

1 4:26 Scarborough	FG Crosby 42 (11-30-4:30)	3-0
1 0:48 Aurora	TD Ryan 14 pass to Adams (Lutz) (7-68-3:30)	3-7
2 4:42 Aurora	FG Lutz 38 (6-41-2:41)	3-10
2 0:07 Aurora	TD Ryan 12 pass to Adams (Lutz) (8-85-2:09)	3-17
3 9:11 Aurora	TD Ryan 22 pass to Williams (Lutz) (9-69-4:04)	3-24
3 6:47 Aurora	FG Lutz 36 (4-0-1:24)	3-27
3 3:29 Aurora	TD Singletary 4 run (Lutz) (5-37-2:24)	3-34
4 7:00 Aurora	FG Lutz 54 (5-26-2:10)	3-37
4 2:16 Aurora	FG Lutz 28 (4-4-1:05)	3-40

	SBE	AUR
First Downs	8	24
Rushes	22-79	42-176
Passes	25-7-60	29-21-266
Sacked	4-10	1-1
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	3-12	6-50
Turnovers	3	0
Missed Tackles	6	5
Runs 10+	2	5
Blitzers	17	4
Time	22:43	37:17
Third Down	0-12	6-15
Fourth Down	1-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0	6/3/3
Net Offense	129	441

SPARTANS**13**

PASSING: Philip Rivers, 13 of 25, 213 yds, 1TD, 0 INT
RUSHING: Doug Martin, 16 C, 76yds, (4.8), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Sterling Shepard, 5 for 73yds, 17LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Akiem Hicks, 6 T, 2 SK, 1 PD, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Greg Zuerlein, 1 of 1 XPA, 2 of 3 FGA, 7 Pts

EXCALIBURS**16**

PASSING: Tom Brady, 22 of 38, 226 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Nick Chubb, 13 C, 34yds, (2.6), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Zach Ertz, 9 for 105yds, 22LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Joe Schobert, 5 T, 1 STF, 1 FF
KICKING: Graham Gano, 1 of 2 XPA, 1 of 1 FGA, 4 Pts

12-16-2019 Camelot Temp: 50 Wind: 0-5 Rain MVP: **Tom Brady**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Pickering (8-2)	0	10	3	0	13
2018 York (5-5)	0	9	0	7	16

Scoring Summary

2 7:46 York	TD Brady 8 pass to Ertz (no good) (16-67-8:33)	0-6
2 5:08 Pickering	FG Zuerlein 43 (7-50-2:32)	3-6
2 1:39 York	FG Gano 31 (5-20-0:22)	3-9
2 0:23 Pickering	TD Rivers 13 pass to Shepard (Zuerlein) (5-75-1:16)	10-9
3 2:48 Pickering	FG Zuerlein 21 (11-68-5:41)	13-9
4 1:49 York	TD Brady 6 pass to Chubb (Gano) (18-96-7:42)	13-16

	PIC	YOR
First Downs	16	19
Rushes	26-102	32-67
Passes	25-13-213	38-22-226
Sacked	1-6	3-25
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	4-35	5-50
Turnovers	1	0
Missed Tackles	2	3
Blitzers	6	16
Time	26:00	34:00
Third Down	2-10	6-18
Fourth Down	0-2	4-5
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	4/2/1
Net Offense	309	268

NORTH STARS**34**

PASSING: Baker Mayfield, 26 of 37, 311 yds, 4 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Mike Davis, 10C, 61yds, (6.1), 0 TD
RECEIVING: Stefon Diggs, 11 for 125yds, 20LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Cameron Jordan, 5T, 2 SK, 1 FF
KICKING: Jason Myers, 4 of 4 XPA, 2 of 2 FGA, 10 Pts

HAWKS**21**

PASSING: Derek Carr, 37 of 56, 423 yds, 2 TDs, 0 INT
RUSHING: Matt Breida, 6 C, 25 yds, (4.2), 0 TD
RECEIVING: DeAndre Hopkins, 16 for 225yds, 55LG, 1 TD
DEFENCE: Rodney Gunter, 4 T, 3 HUR
KICKING: Cody Parkey, 0 of 1 FGA, 3 of 3 XPA, 7 Pts

12-16-2019 Optimist Park Temp: 45 Wind: 0-5 Light Rain MVP: **Baker Mayfield**

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2018 Budapest (7-3)	7	10	10	7	34
2018 Brooklin (3-7)	0	0	14	7	21

Scoring Summary

1 0:00 Budapest	TD Mayfield 15 pass to Johnson (Myers,J) (14-93-7:41)	7-0
2 3:17 Budapest	TD Mayfield 23 pass to Kittle (Myers,J) (6-58-3:41)	14-0
2 0:00 Budapest	FG Myers 43 (3-20-0:29)	17-0
3 9:00 Budapest	FG Myers 46 (7-32-2:25)	20-0
3 5:47 Brooklin	TD Jones 2 pass to Engram (Parkey) (9-84-3:06)	20-7
3 3:47 Budapest	TD Mayfield 11 pass to Moncrief (Myers,J) (5-75-2:00)	27-7
3 0:58 Brooklin	TD Carr 10 pass to Hopkins (Parkey) (7-75-2:49)	27-14
4 8:43 Budapest	TD Mayfield 8 pass to Diggs (Myers,J) (6-53-3:14)	34-14
4 4:49 Brooklin	TD Carr 20 pass to Jeffery (Parkey) (6-75-3:54)	34-21

	BUD	BRH
First Downs	25	26
Rushes	25-120	7-27
Passes	37-26-311	60-40-462
Sacked	0-0	3-18
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	2-15	4-39
Turnovers	0	1
Missed Tackles	4	6
Blitzers	5	3
Time	32:40	27:20
Third Down	5-11	6-13
Fourth Down	0-1	1-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/3/0	4/3/0
Net Offense	431	471



WEEK TEN

STANDINGS

PACIFIC CONFERENCE													
East	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
St. Charles	7	3	0	0.7	W1	298	29.8	244	24.4	5.4	4 1 0	2 1 0	5 3 0
Bruxelles	6	4	0	0.6	W1	316	31.6	263	26.3	5.3	4 1 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
New Jersey	5	5	0	0.5	L1	274	27.4	291	29.1	-1.7	2 3 0	1 2 0	4 4 0
Buffalo	5	5	0	0.5	W3	214	21.4	210	21	0.4	4 1 0	1 2 0	4 4 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Twin Cities	8	2	0	0.8	W3	342	34.2	248	24.8	9.4	4 1 0	4 0 0	7 1 0
Viriden	7	3	0	0.7	W1	369	36.9	264	26.4	10.5	4 1 0	3 1 0	5 3 0
Charleswood	5	5	0	0.5	L1	232	23.2	234	23.4	-0.2	2 3 0	1 3 0	4 4 0
Peg City	1	9	0	0.1	L6	264	26.4	382	38.2	-11.8	1 4 0	0 4 0	0 8 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	8	2	0	0.8	W4	288	28.8	237	23.7	5.1	4 0 0	3 0 0	6 2 0
Chino	6	4	0	0.6	L1	265	26.5	251	25.1	1.4	3 2 0	2 1 0	6 2 0
Los Angeles	3	7	0	0.3	L4	217	21.7	287	28.7	-7	2 3 0	1 2 0	2 6 0
Seattle	3	7	0	0.3	L2	207	20.7	261	26.1	-5.4	2 4 0	0 3 0	1 7 0
ATLANTIC CONFERENCE													
North	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Sebastian	5	5	0	0.5	W1	268	26.8	322	32.2	-5.4	4 2 0	3 0 0	5 3 0
Cowtown	5	5	0	0.5	L1	257	25.7	276	27.6	-1.9	2 2 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
Durham	4	6	0	0.4	L1	264	26.4	301	30.1	-3.7	2 4 0	1 2 0	3 5 0
Scarborough	1	9	0	0.1	L1	135	13.5	329	32.9	-19.4	0 4 0	0 3 0	1 7 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	8	2	0	0.8	L1	272	27.2	136	13.6	13.6	5 0 0	3 1 0	7 1 0
Budapest	7	3	0	0.7	W2	277	27.7	205	20.5	7.2	4 1 0	3 1 0	6 2 0
York	5	5	0	0.5	W1	202	20.2	252	25.2	-5	2 3 0	2 2 0	5 3 0
Brooklin	3	7	0	0.3	L5	267	26.7	289	28.9	-2.2	1 4 0	0 4 0	2 6 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora	8	2	0	0.8	W1	344	34.4	153	15.3	19.1	5 0 0	3 0 0	6 2 0
Toronto	6	4	0	0.6	W2	243	24.3	209	20.9	3.4	4 2 0	2 1 0	5 3 0
Georgia	3	7	0	0.3	L2	179	17.9	258	25.8	-7.9	0 4 0	1 2 0	3 5 0
Erieau	1	9	0	0.1	W1	141	14.1	233	23.3	-9.2	0 5 0	0 3 0	1 7 0

TOP PASSERS

Rk	Player	Team	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Mahomes	VV	353	232	65.7	3457	2	0.6	82	35	9.9	128.3
2	Ryan,M	AUR	341	222	65.1	3351	3	0.9	64	29	8.5	122
3	Mariota	BRX	285	198	69.5	2709	6	2.1	73	26	9.1	121.2
4	Wentz	STC	290	212	73.1	2471	2	0.7	45	22	7.6	120.9
5	Rivers,P	PIC	252	168	66.7	2502	3	1.2	60	19	7.5	119.2
6	Wilson,R	ICC	261	168	64.4	2402	2	0.8	86	18	6.9	113.9
7	Trubisky	TCT	227	146	64.3	2324	6	2.6	69	18	7.9	113.8
8	Carr,D	BRH	362	247	68.2	3110	7	1.9	73	28	7.7	112.5
9	Dalton	DTL	230	146	63.5	1945	4	1.7	78	18	7.8	109.1
10	Mayfield	BUD	306	194	63.4	2362	6	2	43	26	8.5	107.2
11	Watson,D	CHP	241	158	65.6	1978	6	2.5	66	19	7.9	106.8
12	Goff	NJ	357	222	62.2	2894	6	1.7	73	25	7	104
13	Prescott	CHI	294	186	63.3	2200	3	1	44	18	6.1	102.1
14	Tannehill	LAK	149	101	67.8	1195	2	1.3	55	7	4.7	102.1
15	Cousins	PCC	349	224	64.2	2518	5	1.4	79	23	6.6	101.6
16	Brees	SS	394	251	63.7	2913	8	2	81	27	6.9	100.4
17	Rodgers,A	TOR	324	186	57.4	2443	2	0.6	77	21	6.5	100.4
18	Luck	BUF	319	215	67.4	2283	7	2.2	56	20	6.3	99.8
19	Brady	YOR	342	209	61.1	2321	3	0.9	66	16	4.7	93.2
20	Flacco	COW	274	164	59.9	2184	6	2.2	87	14	5.1	93.1
21	Manning	SEA	288	171	59.4	2246	11	3.8	62	20	6.9	91.3
22	Stafford	ERI	201	138	68.7	1445	4	2	77	4	2	87.6
23	Roethlisbe	GEO	339	205	60.5	2308	12	3.5	64	18	5.3	83.8
24	Jackson,L	LAK	167	96	57.5	1156	5	3	70	8	4.8	82.3
25	Osweiler	SBE	237	135	57	1439	7	3	45	10	4.2	76.6

KICKOFF RETURNERS

Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Patterson	CHP	30	1033	34.4	105	3
2	Smith,Tr	BRX	24	698	29.1	96	0
3	Roberts,A	LAK	28	781	27.9	102	1
4	Erickson	BUF	37	1024	27.7	89	0
5	Grant,J	CHI	38	1051	27.7	105	2
6	Countess	YOR	18	455	25.3	38	0
7	Johnson,D	COW	17	425	25	66	0
8	Lockett	ICC	26	649	25	37	0
9	Coleman,C	AUR	15	364	24.3	37	0
10	King II	ERI	23	553	24	42	0
11	Clement	SBE	26	606	23.3	43	0
12	Logan	PCC	18	412	22.9	38	0
13	Harris,D	TOR	12	267	22.3	37	0
14	Agnew	SEA	19	422	22.2	38	0
15	Isabella	DTL	15	324	21.6	35	0
16	Moore,C	SS	22	441	20	31	0
17	Chark Jr.	NJ	28	508	18.1	42	0
18	Barner	BRH	19	333	17.5	38	0
19	Hill,J	NJ	2	62	31	38	0
20	Kamara	CHP	1	28	28	28	0

PUNT RETURNERS

Rk	Player	Team	No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Jones,C	DTL	10	7	195	19.5	83	1
2	Harris,D	TOR	21	10	327	15.6	82	1
3	Grant,J	CHI	18	7	258	14.3	71	1
4	Roberts,A	LAK	17	7	242	14.2	79	1
5	Sherels	BUD	18	11	248	13.8	75	0
6	Cohen	NJ	12	4	159	13.3	21	0
7	Erickson	BUF	20	7	218	10.9	20	0
8	Humphries	COW	14	10	147	10.5	16	0
9	Hardy	CHP	22	4	202	9.2	20	0
10	Edelman	AUR	11	5	92	8.4	24	0
11	Peppers,J	ERI	18	6	145	8.1	15	0
12	Ervin	VV	13	7	103	7.9	18	0
13	Kirk	ICC	12	3	89	7.4	14	0
14	Henderson	BRH	15	7	104	6.9	15	0
15	Amendola	YOR	14	2	92	6.6	13	0
16	Peterson,P	AUR	16	12	101	6.3	18	0
17	Moore,D	TCT	17	8	91	5.4	12	0
18	Beckham Jr	SS	15	6	80	5.3	13	0
19	Westbrook	BRX	18	10	95	5.3	14	0
20	Agnew	SEA	16	11	79	4.9	16	0

RUSHING LEADERS								RECEIVING LEADERS							
Rk	Player	Team	Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Gurley II	COW	195	1113	5.7	31	9	1	Hopkins,D	BRH	84	1278	15.2	58	10
2	Hunt,K	SEA	183	1025	5.6	45	2	2	Thomas,M	STC	69	1016	14.7	75	11
3	Elliott,E	VV	203	900	4.4	39	8	3	Woods,R	BUF	69	846	12.3	45	7
4	Carson,C	PCC	153	828	5.4	23	6	4	Landry,J	GEO	66	864	13.1	34	6
5	Gordon III	TCT	159	810	5.1	39	7	5	Beckham Jr	SS	62	938	15.1	81	15
6	Barkley,S	TOR	166	755	4.5	44	3	6	Allen,K	PCC	62	868	14	79	4
7	Mixon	ICC	137	750	5.5	56	9	7	Thielen	TOR	62	759	12.2	27	7
8	Sanders,M	PIC	134	706	5.3	28	3	8	Adams,D	AUR	61	1044	17.1	64	8
9	Henry,D	YOR	136	686	5	75	5	9	Cohen	NJ	58	898	15.5	73	8
10	McCaffrey	CHI	158	662	4.2	38	4	10	Elliott,E	VV	58	571	9.8	29	6
11	Mack,M	BRX	128	643	5	54	4	11	Cooper,A	VV	57	1071	18.8	75	10
12	Breida	BRH	97	639	6.6	33	3	12	Diggs,S	BUD	57	723	12.7	43	6
13	Peterson,A	STC	141	639	4.5	35	8	13	Jones,J	BUF	55	516	9.4	23	6
14	Coleman,T	BUF	132	579	4.4	44	3	14	Brown,A	TCT	55	947	17.2	69	10
15	Kamara	CHP	134	560	4.2	48	2	15	Cooks	LAK	55	700	12.7	21	4
16	Howard,J	SBE	142	543	3.8	19	2	16	Ertz	YOR	54	670	12.4	40	7
17	Johnson,D	BUD	121	537	4.4	35	4	17	Davis,C	PCC	53	661	12.5	45	9
18	Jacobs,J	GEO	126	516	4.1	32	1	18	Barkley,S	TOR	53	449	8.5	23	1
19	Singletary	AUR	112	495	4.4	30	3	19	Ridley,C	LAK	53	789	14.9	70	4
20	Barber	LAK	113	482	4.3	21	0	20	Evans,M	COW	51	879	17.2	85	9
21	Davis,M	BUD	79	458	5.8	42	3	21	Gabriel	NJ	51	749	14.7	44	3
22	Watson,D	CHP	47	439	9.3	34	3	22	Hilton	DTL	50	830	16.6	68	8
23	Mariota	BRX	43	432	10	38	3	23	McCaffrey	CHI	50	604	12.1	44	7
24	Martin,D	PIC	86	411	4.8	20	4	24	Golladay	TCT	49	946	19.3	47	6
25	Ingram	CHI	81	404	5	43	2	25	Kelce,T	BRX	48	787	16.4	51	7

INTERCEPTION LEADERS							SACK LEADERS					TACKLE LEADERS			
Rk	Player	Team	No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	Rk	Player	Team	No.	Rk	Player	Team	No.
1	Haden	BRX	5	72	14.4	33	0	1	Ford,D	ICC	12	1	Vander Esc	BRH	89
2	Howard,X	PIC	4	65	16.3	43	0	2	Hill,B	ICC	9	2	White,D	SEA	85
3	Williams,G	LAK	4	37	9.3	37	1	3	Watt,J	AUR	9	3	Littleton	NJ	84
4	Norman	AUR	4	68	17	35	1	4	Pierre-Pau	ICC	8	4	Leonard	STC	83
5	Ingram III	VV	3	25	8.3	19	1	5	Hunter,D	TCT	8	5	Wagner,B	TCT	79
6	Fuller,K	VV	3	50	16.7	30	0	6	Kerrigan	COW	8	6	Joseph,J	NJ	77
7	Diggs,Q	BUD	3	50	16.7	38	1	7	Donald	BUF	7	7	Amukamara	VV	76
8	Fuller,K	BRX	3	30	10	20	0	8	Watt,T	COW	7	8	Baker,D	SBE	75
9	Smith Sr.	PIC	3	49	16.3	33	0	9	Hargrave	ICC	7	9	Hightower	SBE	74
10	Ward,D	PIC	3	35	11.7	35	1	10	Cox,F	ICC	6	10	Dennard	YOR	72
11	Poyer	YOR	3	0	0	0	0	11	Heyward	CHP	6	11	Desir	BUD	72
12	Jackson,E	BUF	3	18	6	14	0	12	Lawrence,D	CHP	6	12	Ryan,L	SBE	71
13	Lattimore	SEA	3	16	5.3	16	0	13	Jordan,C	BUD	6	13	Mack,K	SEA	69
14	Boston	SS	3	45	15	38	0	14	Anderson,H	CHI	6	14	Carr,B	TOR	69
15	Lee,D	TCT	2	84	42	50	1	15	Smith,Z	CHI	6	15	Kuechly	PCC	67
16	Adams,J	NJ	2	70	35	36	0	16	Hughes,J	TCT	5	16	Schobert	YOR	67
17	Hooker	VV	2	26	13	26	1	17	Jones,C	SS	5	17	Martinez	LAK	67
18	Jackson,A	STC	2	1	0.5	1	0	18	McCoy,G	VV	5	18	Sherman,R	DTL	66
19	Trevathan	VV	2	0	0	0	0	19	Ingram III	VV	5	19	Watt,T	COW	66
20	Griffin,Si	STC	2	44	22	40	0	20	Addison	BUF	5	20	Burns	DTL	66

SCORING LEADERS

Rk	Player	Team	FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Lutz	AUR	19	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
2	Beckham Jr	SS	0	0	0	0	13	0	0	0	0	0	78
3	Bryant,M	COW	19	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	77
4	Zuerlein	PIC	16	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
5	Elliott,E	VV	0	0	0	7	5	0	0	0	0	0	72
6	Hopkins	TCT	13	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69
7	Prater	BRX	12	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
8	Santos	VV	9	35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
9	Hill,T	TOR	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	60
10	Vinatieri	TOR	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
11	Fairbairn	LAK	14	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
12	Tucker,J	ICC	11	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
13	Janikowski	CHI	12	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57
14	McManus	NJ	10	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
15	Gordon III	TCT	0	0	0	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	54
16	Gurley II	COW	0	0	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	54
17	Lambo	SEA	11	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
18	Myers,J	BUD	8	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
19	Bailey,D	SS	8	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49
20	Hilton	DTL	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
21	Evans,M	COW	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
22	Hopkins,D	BRH	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
23	Thomas,M	STC	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
24	McCaffrey	CHI	0	0	0	2	6	0	0	0	0	0	48
25	Cooper,A	VV	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	48
26	Parkey	BRH	6	29	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	47
27	Gostkowski	ERI	12	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
28	Butker	PCC	7	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
29	Gano	YOR	9	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44
30	Hauschka	STC	5	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
31	Ebron	VV	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
32	Lockett	ICC	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
33	Peterson,A	STC	0	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	42
34	Johnson,D	BUD	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	42
35	Succop	CHP	6	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

KICKING LEADERS

PUNTING LEADERS

KICKING LEADERS									PUNTING LEADERS										
			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts		No	Yards	Tb	20	Lg	Bk	Ave		
1	Lutz	AUR	26	24	92.3	12	4	55	108	1	Morstead	DTL	35	1690	0	18	58	0	48.3
2	Bryant,M	COW	25	23	92	12	4	54	93	2	Dickson,M	ERI	48	2282	3	25	60	1	47.5
3	Hopkins	TCT	17	16	94.1	6	3	51	88	3	Way	CHI	35	1642	6	4	92	0	46.9
4	Prater	BRX	19	17	89.5	6	1	51	86	4	Dixon,R	GEO	35	1626	1	10	54	0	46.5
5	Zuerlein	PIC	20	19	95	7	4	56	86	5	Lee,A	BUF	37	1707	0	15	61	0	46.1
6	Santos	VV	15	12	80	4	0	46	79	6	Colquitt,B	SEA	46	2114	4	14	56	0	46
7	Tucker,J	ICC	17	15	88.2	8	5	54	78	7	Koch	AUR	36	1654	4	12	61	0	45.9
8	Vinatieri	TOR	22	17	77.3	8	2	55	75	8	Edwards,L	TOR	50	2285	4	18	87	0	45.7
9	Janikowski	CHI	16	16	100	4	2	58	71	9	Martin,S	LAK	36	1637	2	17	55	0	45.5
10	Myers,J	BUD	12	12	100	7	1	56	67	10	Palardy	YOR	49	2227	3	11	57	0	45.4
11	Fairbairn	LAK	16	15	93.8	5	1	53	67	11	Colquitt,D	SBE	41	1855	1	18	59	0	45.2
12	Hauschka	STC	16	10	62.5	3	2	52	66	12	Jones,C	PIC	35	1583	2	16	55	0	45.2
13	McManus	NJ	14	11	78.6	3	0	46	64	13	O'Donnell	NJ	37	1654	1	10	58	0	44.7
14	Gostkowski	ERI	23	17	73.9	9	3	53	63	14	Sanchez	BUD	36	1592	2	24	62	0	44.2
15	Lambo	SEA	15	13	86.7	6	2	59	61	15	Pinion	ICC	36	1582	1	10	57	0	43.9
16	Bailey,D	SS	12	10	83.3	1	0	45	60	16	Huber	CHP	35	1535	4	11	54	1	43.9
17	Butker	PCC	12	10	83.3	1	0	40	60	17	Kern	BRX	31	1511	4	11	63	0	48.7
18	Parkey	BRH	10	8	80	5	0	49	57	18	Haack	PCC	22	1020	2	6	64	1	46.4
19	Maher	GEO	14	11	78.6	7	2	53	53	19	Anger	STC	30	1379	0	11	52	0	46
20	Succop	CHP	9	8	88.9	2	1	50	52	20	Bosher	VV	22	1010	2	13	57	0	45.9



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – The attempts by shadowy, mostly unaccountable figures to alter football culture in ways that make it more acceptable to people who don't watch football are continuing behind the scenes. This, on one hand, is not surprising; the radical Social Justice Warrior of the century's second decade, fueled by the inexhaustible energy of the mad fanatic, never tires in ways that regular people do. There is a planet to save, after all. "How dare" anyone think otherwise. On the other hand, it *is* surprising. One might have logically thought the universal rejection of the EFL's attempt to establish an aggressively politically-correct, all-inclusive TV broadcast template in last year's Pacific Conference Championship game would have sent a message to The Committee that fans of the EFL were not ready for such bold – some might call insane – steps. According to a story first originating out of Durham, and confirmed by my sources, the battle to neuter football rages on behind closed doors in Canton.

Staff at the EFL Head Office will be required to wear pronoun pins in the coming new year. What are "pronoun pins," you ask? They are pins worn by people to inform other people of the pronoun to be used when referring to them. Now, if you had to ask *what* they are, you likely don't know *why* they are, either. Let me attempt to enlighten you.

According to a radical social construct rapidly gaining traction in LGBT communities and among "woke" culture in general, people make *assumptions* about another person's gender based on a person's physical appearance or name. According to Mypronouns.org "making an assumption about a person's gender, whether accurate or not, can send a potentially harmful message – that people have to look a certain way to demonstrate the gender that they *are* or *are not*." Further, "The name or pronouns someone goes by do not necessarily indicate anything about the person's gender or other identities."

The simpler folk of my generation may struggle with this concept at first. I know I did. While I can certainly understand why mistaking a masculine-looking woman for a man might hurt or offend that person, the idea that harm could be inflicted by referring to a man as 'he/him,' or a woman as 'she/her,' never entered my plain brain. Apparently, it can. And, unbeknownst to me until more recently, there is a rapidly growing number of people who reject the concept of gender entirely and do not "self-identify" as either male or female (*ze/zir*).

So, pronoun pins are necessary because people are not always what they appear to be or, if they actually are what they appear to be, what they appear to be and what they are may not be what they feel or believe they are, or what they want people to think they are. The pronoun pin is a discreet way of sharing the wearer's inner gender being with the world, or obfuscating it, so that insensitive and unwitting oafs like myself don't inadvertently shatter their self-image or hold them to a role.

Okay, I guess I can play that game, if it makes people feel better. But make no mistake that it is a game. It is an attempt to upend social convention and basic common sense by asserting that gender is a subjective mental state rather than a biological one. It is a subversion of objective reality in favour of the subjective, complex and mutable inner-reality of the mind. It is an attempt to not only make gender roles and stereotypes disappear, but to make gender disappear – or to make it a choice, like a flavour of ice cream, that can be changed at any time. But you had better get the pronouns right all the same!

Having pronoun pins available in the workplace and educating employees in their "use" is a fair step in establishing a modern and inclusive workplace culture, I suppose. But compelling employees to announce their pronoun preference at work through the display of a pin is simply wrong, not to mention counter-productive.

However wrong it may be to force office staff to wear pronoun pins, another move, recently made by the EFL in this area, was plain stupid. According to my inside sources, when the Durham Thunder Lizards submitted their team's new uniform design for approval it was determined by a consultant in the EFL's Culture Department that the new uniform should include a "pronoun patch" affixed to the upper left hand corner of the front of the jersey for the players to share their pronouns with other players.

The league went so far as to collect pronoun preferences from the Thunder Lizards players, a process that took over a month, as most of the players on the roster did not understand what the league was asking or simply ignored the e-mail. It was not long before Durham Coach and GM **George Kaldis** caught wind of what was happening.

A leaked e-mail published in the *Durham Diggital & Pick* recounts his fury. In it, Kaldis strongly objects that pronoun patches "would subject my players to ridicule and put them at a competitive disadvantage" and that "furthermore, it is totally unnecessary as every single one of my players is a man and proud of it." He makes the fair argument that "all teams should have to wear these stupid patches or none of them should," but then contradicts himself in the next line: "but if the league foolishly believes it must introduce these patches slowly, then Cowtown would be the better testing ground as they have a few players

who play like women and the patches would clear up some confusion.” He then vowed, “I will tear these patches off myself if the league follows through with this stupid stunt.”

The league, in the end, did not follow through with the plan to introduce pronoun patches – at least not this year. The Durham story (which focused primarily on the widening rift between Coach Kaldis and owner **Celine Dion**, who unequivocally supported the pronoun patches) assumes that the league backed off due to the e-mail from Coach Kaldis. However, my sources tell me that the league’s decision was based entirely on something else.

The league initially changed its plan and decided that *all* teams would display pronoun patches on their unis. They initiated the process, but fell behind schedule as players across the league responded slowly. The Player’s Association got involved and the Legal Departments of both the league and the association entered the fray. Providing preferred pronouns would be strictly voluntary, but the pronoun patch would be deemed mandatory “equipment.” In this Catch-22, the vast majority of players “volunteered” their pronouns and the few hold-outs were assigned pronouns based on the gender recorded in copies of their Birth Records on file with the league.

The result was that every single player in the league was listed as a He/Him/His. There was not a single She/Her/Hers, They/Them/Theirs or Ze/Zir/Zir. The Culture Department consultant who was pushing this pronoun patch agenda was crestfallen. Even *Ze* recognized that showing sensitivity to gender-identity diversity in a landscape where there was demonstrably no gender-identity diversity was counter-productive and would likely set back the movement. The plan was quietly withdrawn while the Culture Department devised ways to change that landscape.

So, I am told, the search is on for the first transgender, non-binary, three-gender or other non-cisgender football player to break football’s traditional and oppressive ‘Gender Identity Barrier.’ As if football deliberately chose to erect such a barrier, rather than it being a product of a thing that is increasingly denied by today’s social engineers, called Nature.

DEATH OF SPART-O MAN

Through 9 weeks, things have been going well for Coach **Gus Konstantakos** and the Pickering Spartans. So well, in fact, that prior to the Spartans’ Week Nine road game in Brooklin the league formally released Konstantakos from the mandatory security restrictions that had him coaching his team from inside the protective, transparent walls of a gigantic contraption known as “Zeus’ Dungeon.”

In that happy 31-19 win over the Hawks, for the first time since Week Three of last season, Gus had been able to move around freely on the sideline in his traditional manner; alternately giving his players playful punches and bear hugs; stomping up and down along the front of the bench area; barking orders directly in the faces of his Offensive and Defensive Coordinators, **Commander Dercylidas** and **General Pausanias**, bellowing loudly when it suited him and gesticulating wildly (and sometimes obscenely) at the fans – all of it done with a maniacal grin or menacing grimace. Except for the gleaming bronze helmet fused permanently to his skull, everything had appeared exactly as it once had back in the ‘*Golden Age of Spartan Football*’ in 2010/2011.

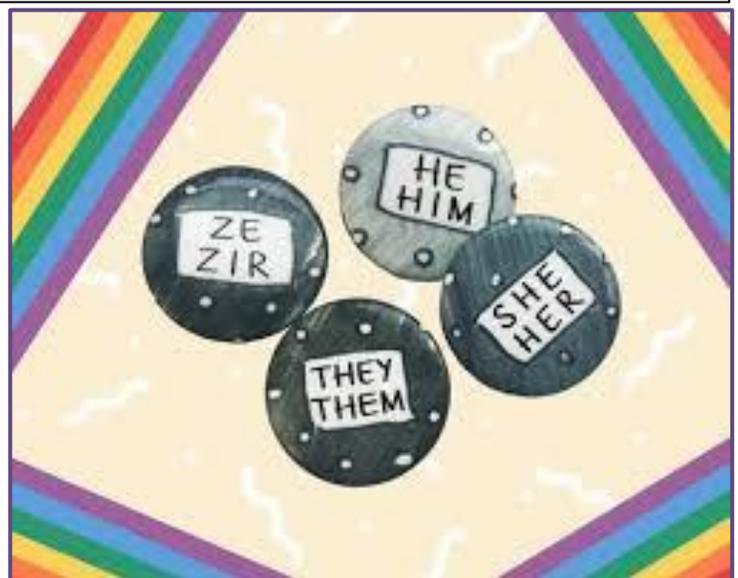
Gus’ league-sanctioned reprieve from forced confinement in his portable dungeon on game day was not due to a sudden new ability to control the deadly blue laser beams that occasionally shot out of the vents of his helmet when he transformed into *Spart-o-Man*. He had no such ability. It was due to the fact that the Greek God, *Ares* appeared to have moved on from possessing Gus and had instead decided to possess Panathinaikos coach, **Giorgos Donis**, who is now under great strain attempting to revive the fortunes of the oldest active football club in Greece.

In fact, since the pre-season, there had been no “God-related activity” detected in Gus’ head, according to the technician from

Olympia Solutions flown in every month from Greece to perform maintenance on “Zeus’ Dungeon.” With the Greek-God-Possession tests coming up negative and the complete absence of blue laser beam discharges from his head, Gus could be officially certified “De-possessed,” which meant that his dungeon could be deactivated and placed in storage, resulting in a significant cost-savings for the team (Prisons of the Gods are not cheap!).

It is likely no coincidence that the possession of Gus by a Greek God (or whatever it was!) happened to end while the Spartans were putting together their best start since 2011. Coming into Camelot in Week Ten at 9-1, they boasted the league’s best record. They had been so dominant that when they had let up once, against Peg City in their third straight road game, the lapse was quickly forgiven and forgotten by the coach and their fans. Clearly, *Ares* felt his divine help was no longer required and had left.

While the de-possession eliminated the risk of a catastrophic accident, it had created some annoyances and challenges. For one, the ethereal blue light that had, even at low ebb, bathed Gus’ brain in a protective sheath of energy was now gone. That meant Gus’ brain was exposed to the air through the



A sample of common pronoun pins used to “share” the wearer’s preferred pronoun with society at large. These pins can help people to understand what kind of person they are dealing with.



Pickering Head Coach, **Gus Konstantakos**, his bronze helmet covered by a shower cap to protect his brain from the rain, reacts with simmering anger to the failure of his team to execute against York.

vents in his bronze helmet. It was now necessary for his brain to be treated every four hours in a special liquid bath administered by a private nurse and protected from elements such as rain or snow.

By game time, a light but steady rain fell on the field at Camelot. Coach Konstantakos took the field wearing an over-sized blue shower cap for protection. From a distance it looked like someone had inverted a bulbous blue vase and placed it on his head. If he felt even slightly foolish it was not apparent in his demeanor. He strode onto the field with purpose, as if relishing in his restored freedom of movement.

On the other side of the field, a far more pensive **Jay Hammond** adjusted his glasses as he studied a chart. The York coach, everyone agreed, had undergone a gradual transformation in recent years. Gone were the spasmodic movements with his clipboard that tended to tip off his plays. Gone were the bleary, rapidly blinking eyes and the unsteady gait as he moved about trying to get closer to whatever had his attention. Gone were the tiny fitful tantrums that punctuated every setback. Gone were the belches into the microphone whenever he was too fed up or bored to call a play. Gone were the frequent breaks to urinate during the game. And it had been nearly four years since he had worn his house coat, and nothing else, on the field, with the last recorded instance being, coincidentally, in a game against Pickering back in

week two of the 2015 season. A far more studious, composed and neatly-dressed **Jay Hammond** had gradually materialized over the intervening time period. It had been a change so gradual that it had been barely noticed until people had started to pay attention to the York Excaliburs during their impressive late-season run last year that had put them in the Championship game. But it was not just appearances that had changed. Hammond had metamorphosized, by all accounts, into an intellectual “student of the game.”

“I found getting my glasses really helpful,” Hammond had revealed once in an interview on ESPN’s ‘The Game.’ “Once I was able to read my playbook, I got to be more accurate in what I was calling during a game. I also could see I had more plays prepared than I thought, and I started to use some of them, and the other teams weren’t prepared for, you know, that kind of variety.”

Hammond had always been intensely creative on the chalkboard in the classroom. He went through chalk like a duffer goes through golf balls. His coordinators and assistants dutifully copied down the schemes, codified them in the playbook and ran them through practice. But on game day, Hammond would often get too caught up in the action and lose his mind. The infamous slash-and-cut game in the Conference Finals of 2012 against Death Valley, where Hammond, dressed in slippers and a fur coat, called his plays by swinging a wooden sword, was perhaps the most egregious example of this. He had gotten caught up in a loop, calling the same plays over and over, convinced, like a gambler, that the next time the play would work. Those days were now thankfully gone and the Excaliburs, a less talented but more organized team than in those days, were better off for it.

Unlike the Spartans, however, the Excaliburs were not enjoying the type of year their fans had been expecting after making it to the Championship the year before. At 4-5 in a strong division, they were already in danger of falling out of the race. They had a tough schedule, but they had been inconsistent in the extreme, getting manhandled one week and doing the manhandling the next. This week they were 4-point underdogs at home against the first-place team. Despite this, with the rain falling at Camelot, there was a curious optimism in the air about York’s chances.

“These are the type of weather conditions that favour York,” remarked CBS colour-commentator, **Adam Archerletta**, sagely. “They want to slow this game down on both sides of the ball – grind out long drives on offence and limit opportunities for Philip Rivers through the air on defence. They have two solid running backs in Nick Chub and Derrick Henry to sustain those long drives and they have the weather on their side to limit the Spartan’s passing game. This will be a closer game than people think.”

“It will be interesting for sure,” play-by-play announcer, **Gyro Spedes** jumped in. “So, let’s head to the field where the Spartans’ Greg Zuerlein is getting ready to kick off to York’s Blake Countess.”

As prescribed, the Excaliburs overcame two holding penalties and managed to build a 12-play drive that got them into field goal range. But a bad snap by **Morgan Cox** forced holder **Michael Palardy** to run with the ball and he was stopped easily after a 1-yard gain to turn the ball over to Pickering.

The Spartans' offence moved in fits and starts through its first two possessions. **Philip Rivers** had something going early with **Wille Snead IV**, completing a 16-yard pass on his first play from scrimmage and later, a 25-yard pass to convert 3rd & 7 and bring them into field goal range on their second possession. But the slippery ball caused the hold to be less than ideal and **Greg Zuerlein** missed a 43-yard attempt to ensure that game remained scoreless through the first quarter.

York drew first blood in the second quarter at the end of a brutally long, 16-play drive that sucked up 8:33 from the clock. It was one of those pesky drives that have a demoralizing effect on the defence, featuring not a single play over 10 yards and two bold fourth down conversions. The second punched a dent in the previously confident demeanor of Coach Konstantakos. Facing 4th & 1 at the Pickering 10, Hammond did not hesitate to forgo the field goal attempt and sent **Derrick Henry** into the teeth of the Spartans' stacked defensive line. Following fullback **Anthony Sherman**, the powerful halfback churned through a sliver of a gap between **Geno Atkins** and **Brandon Dunn** and ducked below a converging **Tahir Whitehead** for a 2-yard gain and a new set of downs. It set up perfectly the 8-yard shorthitch to **Zach Ertz** for a touchdown that followed to give York a 6-0 lead.

A scowl fell across the face of the Pickering head coach. "General Pausanias!" he barked. "Your men are faltering. Get a hold of them or I will have to assume command!"

"Yes, my liege," the General replied somberly.

It had been a failure of execution on the part of the Spartans' defence. The play-call had been designed to stop the exact play that Hammond had called. But Henry had overcome the keying defenders by sheer strength and will. The missed extra point, caused by a faulty hold, brought no joy to the Spartans' sideline and ended up vindicating Hammond's decision to go for it on fourth down.

The Spartans rebounded with a field goal – they were on the scoreboard at least. But on Pickering's next possession, a fumbled snap by punter **Chris Jones**, caused by a slippery ball, was pounced on by **Michael Johnson**, setting up a 31-yard **Graham Gano** field goal to extend the home team's lead to 9-3.

"Cursed rain!" bellowed Coach Konstantakos. "Zeus, Master of the Heavens! I beseech thee to relent!" he called into the air.

The rain was affecting both teams but seemed to be having a more deleterious effect on the visitors. That is until the dying minutes of the first half, when **Philip Rivers** flared a pass out into the flat for **Ty Montgomery**. The defender, **Joe Schobert**, slipped trying to make a cut on the wet grass and Montgomery suddenly had an open field in front of him, which he quickly filled before veering toward the sideline and getting pushed out of bounds by the safety. But not before he had covered 51 yards to the York 24-yard line. Three plays later, Rivers checked down to **Sterling Shepard** for a 13-yard touchdown pass to draw the Spartans even. Zuerlein came on to put them in front 10-9 with just 0:23 left in the first half.

"O, Great Zeus!" Konstantakos declared. "You are wiser than your poor servant. Please forgive me for doubting you!"

It certainly appeared that York had gotten the better of the Spartans in the first half, but somehow trailed anyway.

"It has been that kind of year for Pickering," commented **Adam Archerletta** as he discussed the first half with play-by-play announcer **Gyro Spedes**. "York did what they wanted to do tactically and held the ball much longer than the Spartans. But they also had some bad luck out there and Pickering has just too much talent to hold back. York needs to make a stop on this first drive."

"It will be interesting for sure," play-by-play announcer, **Gyro Spedes** jumped in. "So, let's head to the field where the Excaliburs' Graham Gano is getting ready to kick off to Pickering's Ryan Switzer."

The York defence got their stop when Rivers' third down pass to Shepard sailed high, incomplete. **Tom Brady** got his team out of a hole at their own 2-yard line with a 22-yard pass to Ertz, but the drive fizzled after that, forcing a punt and giving Pickering possession at their own 29.

Three plays and one first down into the Pickering drive, the Excaliburs suddenly switched to five defensive backs and the Spartans took advantage. **Miles Sanders**, running behind **Kyle Juszczyk** and left tackle, **Joe Staley**, ripped off 33 yards in four consecutive carries. But when a hyperventilating Sanders was replaced by **Doug Martin**, York got their right personnel on the field and shut down the Pickering push in the nick of time, at their 3-yard line. Rather than roll the dice in a 1-point game, Coach Konstantakos sent Zuerlein onto the field to give his team a 13-9 lead.

"That was the smart move there," Archerletta weighed in after the kick. "In weather like this, the way these defences are playing, field goals are like touchdowns. Now York is going to need two of them, or an actual touchdown, to regain the lead."

As the third quarter wound down and the rain continued to fall, the passing game became more of a risk than a reward in the minds of both coaches. But a concentrated effort by both to run the ball resulted in both teams exchanging punts and the Spartans winning that exchange by pinning York back at their 4-yard line with 9:25 left in the 4th quarter.

"General Pausanias!" barked Coach Konstantakos as his defensive coordinator snapped to attention. (Since the day Gus and his staff had been convinced that the God Ares had possessed him at the moment his head exploded in New Jersey, thus saving his life, the nature of their relationship had become highly formal and militaristic). "I order you and your men to hold as our forebearers did at Thermopylae against the Persian Horde!"

"Yes, my liege!" snapped the General.

On the other sideline, York's **Jay Hammond** examined his play sheets. Since his team's touchdown drive in the second quarter, they had failed to sustain an attack in the rain against the disciplined and resilient Spartan defenders. In bygone days, the old, reactionary Hammond might have started throwing slants and crosses with no regard for the defence arrayed against him. But the modern-day, reformed Hammond took a more analytical approach. The Spartans had adopted a zone defence almost exclusively after

the opening drive. It was time to attack the zone.

The first play was a short hitch underneath the defenders to Ertz for an 8-yard pick-up. The second play, to keep the defence honest, was a dive to Henry that the Spartans stopped for a 1-yard gain. On 3rd & 1 Hammond went back to the first play and it worked exactly as before, resulting in an 8-yard gain by Ertz and a first down. An offsides call against **Akiem Hicks** set up a 1st & 5, allowing Hammond to go back to Henry, who ran past a keying linebacker for a 6-yard gain and a first down at the 32.

Hammond had noted as well, that in addition to playing zone, the Spartans had been in virtually the same basic set and had zeroed in on the running back on almost every play. Factoring in his opponent's tendency to "cluster" his calls – i.e., run the same defence or call the same play three or more times in a row – he went back to the pass, but a holding call on right tackle **Kolton Miller** put them back in a 1st & 20 hole at their own 22. On the down side for Pickering, no.2 corner **Denzel Ward** had to leave the field holding his right arm. **Xavien Howard**, the no.1 corner, had already limped off the field near the end of the third quarter.

Gus Konstantakos gritted his teeth. With Howard already gone, the loss of Ward would really hurt, but the way York's offence had been performing, a 1st & 20 was a big setback. "We have them back on their heels, General," he said to his defensive coordinator. "Let me do the honours, if you will. You go tend to the wounded."

"Certainly, my liege," **General Pausanias** nodded, as he shut off his headset. This was the signal that Gus would be taking over the play-calling, as was customary when the General had either lost control, or when the enemy was wounded and the honour of delivering the killing blow had to be transferred over to the Head Coach. Sensing that the time had come, Gus ordered a switch to pass defence, although he kept the same 4-3 personnel on the field – just in case.

Hammond realized he would not make up the 20 yards in one swoop. He ran Henry for 5 yards then attempted to gain at least half of the remaining 15 yards with a medium hitch, but the coverage was good and Brady was forced to check down for a 3-yard gain. On 3rd & 12, Hammond threw caution to the wind and called a deep sideline pass that sailed just past the outstretched arms of Ertz, incomplete. But Hicks, the stud defensive tackle acquired in Week Four from the Crusaders, had worked up too much of a head of steam while penetrating the York line and slammed into Brady well after he had released the ball. On replay it was clear he had tried to hold up, but enough of his weight carried through to knock Brady down and – well, we all know what happens when **Tom Brady** is hit late, even at half speed. The flag flew immediately – a personal foul, a 15-yard penalty and an automatic first down.

"Atë! Why do you plague me on this day?!" Konstantakos bellowed as he looked to the sky and slammed his clipboard on the ground. "Zeus, take your daughter away from this place, I beseech thee!"

While Gus was imploring the king of the ancient Greek Gods to curb the antics of the Goddess of Folly, the defence, without direction, went back to the same formation it had been in for most of the day. Hammond tried to exploit it, but Brady and his receivers were out of synch, resulting in two straight incompletions. On 3rd & 10 Hammond emptied the backfield. With good protection, Brady managed to find the veteran **Danny Amendola** on a crossing pattern. It was a good throw, placed where only the receiver could catch it, and an even better catch. But it came up 1-yard short, forcing a decision at the Pickering 46 with 4:42 left to go. As earlier in the game, there was no hesitation. The offence hustled to the line with the same personnel on the field.

"Oh, this is bold!" **Adam Archerletta** interrupted **Gyro Spedes**. "York is going no huddle on 4th & 1 with nobody in the backfield. This has to be an attempt to draw the Spartans offside."

Coach Konstantakos kept his 7 defensive backs on the field and ordered them close to the line, suspecting a ruse, but again hedging his bets. But it was no ruse and the attempt to hold back from jumping offsides may have cost the Spartans' defence a step. Brady immediately took the snap from the shotgun and released a dart over the middle to Amendola, who had found the tiniest of creases across the face of the zone. The throw threaded the needle for 6-yards and a first down.

Coach Konstantakos glowered menacingly as he stared off in the direction of the field, but he was seeing nothing but red. He had again called the perfect defence and it had not worked. "AAAAARRRR...EERRRR...NNEERRRHHAAHHH!" he growled under his breath, but loud enough for **Akrotatus Thrombos**, captain of his security team, to hear. Thrombos discreetly gave the signal to his sniper team to unlock the 'Gus Gun' – a shotgun style device that fired an ouzo-tipped sedative capable of felling a rhinoceros.

The unlocking of the gun was simply a precaution. It had not been deployed since the second and last Spart-O Man attack back in Week Three of last year. But with the blue shower cap covering Gus' helmet, there was no way of knowing whether Ares had returned to possess the Pickering coach, which if it had could have triggered a Spart-O Man attack. Thrombos kept a close watch, looking for the telltale blue light that glowed in Gus' eyes immediately preceding a Spart-O Man laser show.

Back on the field, the daring 4th down conversion had given York momentum. **Nick Chubb** came on the field and picked up 3 hard-fought yards as the Spartans' converged on him. Hammond saw that Pickering had reverted to their usual defence and, by now, expected they would stay in it for at least one more play. Little did he know that there was nobody at the helm on the Pickering sideline. Gus was struggling to control his rage while linebacker **Telvin Smith** was now directing the defence and keeping it in the same formation they had been in for most of the game.

Brady connected on a sideline pass to **Josh Doctson**, who tacked on a few extra yards for a 17-yard gain and another first down at the Pickering 20-yard line. Anticipating an adjustment by his adversary, Hammond order Chubb into the line on the ensuing two plays. but the Spartans, stuck in the same defence, were ready for him and held him to 4 yards, bringing up 3rd & 6. At this point, **General Pausanias** saw that his boss was in a state of catatonic rage and – realizing that staying in a 4-3 while York went with an empty backfield was suicide – called a timeout. He put his headset back on and inconspicuously shut off Coach Konstantakos' mic.

The General deployed 7 defensive backs in a short zone to counter York's four wideout set. It was the usual response. But rather than attack the teeth of the zone underneath, and knowing he would be going for it on 4th down, Hammond called a medium hitch to Ertz. The tight end was wide open and was brought down at the 6 after a 10-yard catch as the clock wound down for the two-minute warning.

The situation on the Pickering sideline was tense. Coach Konstantakos remained fixed in his position, growling quietly as he stared at an indefinite point on the field. It was impossible to tell what he was looking at, if anything at all. His colour was starting to turn dark. Meanwhile, the General had gathered the defence together to give them their orders. With a 1st & goal at the 6, York had most of its playbook available to it. In this rain, short passes were more likely than medium ones. But it was even more likely that the running back would get the ball at least a couple of times. He ordered a standard 4-3 set in a short zone with attention on the running back at all times.

While the fans at Camelot were building toward a frenzy, the York sideline was tense with excitement. Hammond studied his playbook. He knew the Spartans would hedge their bets, while cheating a bit toward the run. He was going to pass but could not decide what pass to call. In the stress of the moment he fell back on what was familiar and called back-to-back short slants into the heart of the Pickering zone.

With a lesser quarterback, it could have ended badly. But the veteran Brady was able to quickly recognize his primary receivers were entering the danger zone and checked down twice; first to **Anthony Sherman**, incomplete; then second to Chubb, who bowled into the end zone past a diving **Eric Kendrick**s for the go-ahead score.

Camelot burst into a roar of celebration, while Chubb performed a spasmodic dance in the end zone as his teammates formed a circle around him. Coach Hammond threw up his arms in triumph then signalled with one finger, indicating a kick for an extra point. The kick was good, giving York a 3-point lead, 16-13.

By this time, Coach Konstantakos was not visibly reacting to events. He had turned a deep shade of purple and continued to stare off in the distance. The grating of grinding teeth could be heard mixed in with a low, guttural growl building in his throat. "ERRARR-GAH-ORRURR-UGH" he gurgled as flecks of froth began to form at the corners of his mouth. Captain Thrombos watched intently as the 'Gus-Gun' sniper team cautiously moved into position. Even without an *Ares* possession, Gus could be extremely dangerous all on his own when overcome by one of his game-day fits.

Commander Dercylidas was compelled to take over the offensive play-calling. His "Commander" was obviously out of action. But nobody could be certain that Gus wasn't, in some way, taking it all in. It was, therefore, important that the play calls be as close as possible to the ones that the head coach would have called had he been in possession of his wits. This was less a tactical decision aimed at winning the game than it was a practical matter of not angering him further and setting him off.

Pickering got the ball back at their own 25 with 1:46 left on the clock and two of their timeouts remaining. This was more than enough time to get into field goal range, with likely enough time to spare to attempt to score a touchdown. The situation was not at all bleak, except for the spectre of Coach Konstantakos' head exploding or *Ares* returning to wreak havoc on the stadium.

"His liege would not want us to panic," declared **Commander Dercylidas** evenly, as he consulted the play sheet. **General Pausanias** nodded sagely, but said nothing. "Nor would he desire that we not act with a measure of urgency," he added, to which the General nodded in agreement. "Therefore, we shall not order an all-out assault but first what the enemy will yield to us." The General bowed his head and said, "agreed."

The play was in. Rivers dropped back to pass and looked left toward **Sterling Shepard**, who was cutting to the sideline about 7 yards down field. But before Rivers could set and throw, **Adrian Clayborn**, cutting underneath **Alejandro Villanueva** from the right side, engulfed him for a 6-yard loss. The Camelot crowd went berserk. **Jay Hammond** pumped his fist on the sideline, all pretence of measured calm and studiousness abandoned in the thrill of the moment.

"Continue the attack!" ordered **Commander Dercylidas** sternly. "In line, in line, quickly, now!" One thing about the Spartan's assistant coaches: They were composed under pressure. They had to be; their head coach was a maniac.

Rivers stepped under center, took the snap and dropped back. This time he had a pocket, but perhaps the memory of being swallowed on the previous play caused him to rush. Or maybe it was a slippery ball. Whatever the reason, he threw a low, offline pass in the direction of **Marquise Brown** that fell incomplete beyond the 25-yard line. Facing 3rd & 16, he went back to Shepard, but the throw this time was too high, bringing up 4th & 16.

It was do-or-die time, as they say. With the crowd on its feet and the din of their roar reaching dangerous decibel levels, Rivers took a seven-step drop and surveyed the field. He had time to throw but may have taken too much of it. He spotted Shepard momentarily open deep downfield, but released the ball a fraction of a second too late. The ball sailed incomplete as Shepard slipped trying to adjust to the throw. The crowd erupted in celebration. The York defenders danced back to their sideline. The Spartans would not be able to stop the clock. **Jay Hammond** hugged his long-snapper, **Morgan Cox**, one of the game's early goats. The sin of the bad snap was thereby absolved.

On the Pickering sideline, everyone was grim and on edge. Coach Konstantakos continued to stare off into nowhere as the rain pelted the field. He had turned a shade of dark grey, an impossible colour for a white male of Greek heritage. His eyes were blood red and wisps of steam could be seen curling up from the tip of his nose whenever a rain drop hit. The low, guttural gurgle had turned into a high-pitched squeaking sound, "eeeeaak-ooiiiieeg-waaahhpapa" as if something very delicate was about the snap and bring the

them, the virtual entirety of the Sebastian offence. Of course, **Antonio Callaway** and **Miles Boykin** helped out with 3 TD catches between them. But those two aren't getting so wide open if the defence is not fixated on Beckham, who is as likely as not to catch a pass from sniper Brees in double-coverage anyway. The Swordfish will live or die by the Brees-Beckham combo. Expect them to eventually die.

At Patriot Place in Charleswood, **Pat Mahomes** added four more touchdowns to his league-leading total, giving him 35 on the season, as the Violators snuffed out the Pats, 34-24. This game got away from Charleswood in the 2nd quarter. After holding Virden on their first two series, the Violators broke loose with a three-play, 64-yard drive, ending on a 36-yard TD pass to **Juju Smith-Schuster** to put them in front 7-3. On their next possession it took them 7 plays to move 79 yards, 72 of those through the air, and score on a 9-yard pass to **Amari Cooper** to extend their lead to 14-3. The Pats offered some resistance. They held Virden to a pair of field goals while finding the end zone on a 25-yard TD pass to **Alvin Kamara** to stay within reach. But Mahomes' third TD pass of the day, a 10-yarder to **TJ Hockenson**, followed almost immediately by a **Melvin Ingram III** interception of **DeShaun Watson** deep in Pats' territory to set up another TD, blew the game wide open. The Virden offence under 'Wonder Kid,' Mahomes, continues to roll, scoring 30 or more points for the ninth time in ten games. The scary thing is that the Pats have a pretty good defence and Virden made it look B-grade.

In Toronto, the Wolverines defended their den with a methodical 27-19 win over the **Ryan Fitzpatrick** led Corn Kings. I will set aside for another day the discussion about why Fitzpatrick, a reclaimed Hellfire cast-off from the Tex-Mex League, is suddenly getting the starting nod over **Joe Flacco**. Suffice to say that the "Gnome of Tillman Field" (as he is referred to in Cowtown) did not exactly make a strong case for Coach Coghlin's abrupt decision. Sure, **Todd Gurley** was knocked out of the game early, causing a mid-game shift in strategy that would be difficult for any quarterback to overcome. But there was really no excuse for the interception he threw under duress to Toronto's **Mike Hilton** that set up Toronto's tying field goal before the end of the first half. Nor was there any apparent reason for him to try and thread the needle to **Adam Humphries** with 6:23 left in the 4th quarter, resulting in a 38-yard **Shawn Williams** pick-six that put the game virtually out of reach. There were other issues as well, such as the over 10-minute disparity in time-of-possession in favour of Toronto that tired out the Cowtown defence and made them unable to fully withstand a Toronto offence that inexplicably held back **Saquon Barkley** in favour of **Latavius Murray**. The latter piled up just 45 yards on 20 carries, but they were yards of the annoying, time-consuming and back-bending kind. **Aaron Rodgers** added a touchdown pass and ran for another to claim the Game MVP distinction. But it was a more a matter of the Corn Kings faltering and Toronto being opportunistic. It is hard to see where both these teams are going.

In a perfect illustration of how the EFL has truly become a week-to-week experience, the Convicts followed up their biggest win of the season with an undisciplined dud of an outing at The Fortress in Bruxelles, where they fell 26-11 to a Bombers team that looked just as jet-lagged as the visitors. **Kenny Main**'s squad did not put forward one of their better efforts, but between **Marcus Mariota**'s opening drive TD pass to **Travis Kelce** and the 111 total yards from scrimmage provided by seldom-used **Kerryon Johnson** they managed to overcome a third quarter injury to Mariota and stay in front of the sluggish and disordered Convict offence. **Dak Prescott** was in bad form, throwing for just 141 yards on 19 completions and getting intercepted twice for a game-day QB rating of 42.6. Chino was also penalized 12 times for 116 yards and, watching the game, one felt the refs had gone easy on them. Veteran coach, **Rob Nazar** is experienced enough to know to let his team forget this one and move on – there is a Cubs team to catch.

At the Kingdome in Seattle, the Derailers won their fourth game in a row, downing the Pilots, 27-21. Buffalo is firmly back on track now after a horrendous start, but the question is: Will they stay on the rails? One of the most talented defences in the league still managed to surrender 356 yards and 23 first downs to a third-rate offence, while the offence was carried by the run game, led by a 111-yard effort by **Tevin Coleman**. The top assets on **Daryl Brothers**' offence – **Andrew Luck** and **Julio Jones** – have not made much of an impact so far and that will have to change if Buffalo is take their projected place at the top of the East Division.

At Stone Pony Shore in New Jersey, the Cubs snapped New Jersey's four-game win streak with a resounding 38-28 victory. This one was not as close as the final score suggests. **Russell Wilson** got the Cubs off to a quick start with a pair of long TD passes – 37 and 75 yards – to wide receiver **Tyler Lockett**. **Joe Mixon** added 52 yards and two TD runs in the first two quarters to give Iowa a 28-10 lead at half time. The Wrecking Balls made a game of it briefly in the third, when **Jared Goff** capped a massive, 15-play, 86-yard drive with a half-yard slant to **Jared Cook** to come within 12 points, trailing 28-16. But a back-breaking 31-yard TD by Mixon in the 4th quarter salted this one away, leading to a couple of late garbage time scores for the Balls. New Jersey's best performances on the field continue to be the bands that owner **Jeff Cohen** invites to play the free pre-game concerts.

The Budapest North Stars are posting pictures on social media and cluttering up their web page with travel pics showing players in crammed hotels, eating fast food and sleeping on buses during their current much ballyhooed, five-game North American road trip. Despite the apparent hardship – and I use the word "apparent" in its most technical sense, as it is not much more than team propaganda – the North Stars hammered the Hawks, 34-21 at Optimist Park. Had it not been raining in Brooklin, **Baker Mayfield** might have added 50 more yards and at least one more TD pass to his game total of 4 on the day. So far, the Stars seem to be actually enjoying the break from goulash and Romani jazz. In any case, they are 2-0 on the road trip after taking a bite out of the best 3-7 team in the league.

And finally, I will wrap up by breezing over a couple of foregone conclusion games:

Aurora, as expected, pummelled Scarborough 40-3, without seeming to break a sweat. In fact, the surprising thing about this game was that the Blue Eagles held a 3-0- lead deep into the 1st quarter before the Mustangs woke up and rung up 40 unanswered points.

Less certain was the Chargers' 41-28 levelling of Los Angeles at St. Charles Stadium. LA actually led at half time, 28-24, thanks to a 37-yard pick-six by **Greedy Williams** that redeemed a shaky defensive effort. But the Chargers shut down **Ryan Tannehill** and **Lamar Jackson** completely in the second half while adding 17 points to finish off the pesky Knights with room to spare.

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DURHAM @ ST. CHARLES (line – CHARGERS by 8)

INJURIES: Durham – L. Duvernay-Tardif (IR); St. Charles – None.

The Thunder Lizards are coming off a humiliation at home against Erieau. It was the kind of loss that could easily cause a downward spiral for a team that already knows its an underdog in a mediocre division. One of the least prolific ground games in the league has put too much pressure on a second-tier veteran and rookie QB combo to produce through the air. Josh Allen has not seen action in three weeks and likely will not again as long as the Lizards are serious about winning. The Chargers found themselves in a surprise shootout with the Knights last week, but found a way to shut down the LA attack in the second half while veteran back-up Alex Smith coolly put up the winning points. The Chargers gave Carson Wentz a spot rest while claiming he was healthy enough to play. No starter has been announced yet for this game. Curious doings in Charger-land, but heck, they're the champs! **PICK: ST. CHARLES**

SEBASTIAN @ NEW JERSEY (line – WRECKING BALLS by 1)

INJURIES: Sebastian – Doug Baldwin (PROBABLE), Mark Glowinski (QUESTIONABLE), CJ Anderson (OUT), Anthony Castonzo (OUT), Matt Feiler (OUT), D'Onta Foreman (OUT), Geron Christian Sr. (IR), Kevin King (IR), Denzell Perryman (OUT), Patrick Robinson (IR). New Jersey – Bryan Bulaga (OUT), Bruce Ellington (OUT), Martavis Bryant (IR).

Together, the starting quarterbacks of both these teams have attempted 751 passes through ten weeks, so running the ball will be an after-thought in this game, or an occasional tactical ploy, and nothing more. One does not think of Jared Goff as a gunslinger, but with both Shady McCoy and Frank Gore showing their age and the Wrecking Balls' defence getting regularly gouged for chunk plays, he has been often in the position where he is forced to throw the ball. He is getting the most of out his gizmodic new toy, Tarik Cohen and Taylor Gabriel is stepping up, but let's face it: New Jersey is not going to win many gun battles when facing a true gunslinger like the one they are facing here. Drew Brees' sheer accuracy and elusiveness under pressure is a luxury of the kind that riverboat gambler, Russ Lemmon needs to test the limits of 4th-down daring. This defence will make him look like a genius. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

COWTOWN @ BUFFALO (line – DERAILERS by 5)

INJURIES: Cowtown – Ronald Darby (OUT), Todd Gurley (OUT), Aqib Talib (OUT), Bilal Powell (OUT); Buffalo – Jaquiski Tartt (QUESTIONABLE), Ezekiel Ansah (OUT), Derek Barnett (OUT), RJ McIntosh (OUT), Johnathan Abram (IR).

The Corn Kings not only lost the game last week but also the heart of their offence, Todd Gurley, for at least two games. This puts DeAndre Washington and depth free agent signing Kapri Bibbs at the center of the Cowtown run game versus one of the toughest defences, on paper, in the league. Ryan Fitzpatrick did not play well against Toronto and Joe Flacco may be reinstated for this contest. Either way, the offence is in trouble. The Derailers are on a four-game win streak where they have feasted on lukewarm competition. The Corn Kings are a higher-grade opponent when healthy, but with both starting corners also out of action, the chances of containing Andrew Luck and Julio Jones are remote. Add in a couple of Buffalo takeaways and this one could get ugly. **PICK: BUFFALO**

SCARBOROUGH @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 16)

INJURIES: Scarborough – Jamison Crowder (OUT), Deion Jones (OUT), Drew Lock (OUT), Terrance Mitchell (IR); Bruxelles – Marlon Mack (PROBABLE), Marcus Mariota (OUT), Mitch Morse (OUT), Chris Thompson (OUT), Leonard Fournette (OUT), Kyle Long (OUT).

Yes, they faced the powerful Mustangs, but the Blue Eagles looked totally depleted last week in Aurora. A promising start plummeted southward almost immediately after the Mustangs' first touchdown. There is no reason to believe anything different will happen this week, 3,700 miles away from home in Bruxelles. The Bombers are coming off a win where they made one of the league's better

quarterbacks look less than mediocre. There is nobody on the Scarborough roster with better prospects for success. The only hope for an upset lies in the defence targeting rookie QB, Dwayne Haskins and winning big time in the turnover battle. **PICK: BRUXELLES**

BUDAPEST @ TWIN CITIES (line – TRIUMPH by 6)

INJURIES: **Budapest** – Earl Thomas (OUT), Sammy Watkins (OUT); **Twin Cities** – CJ Beathard (OUT), Kenny Clark (OUT), Chris Lindstrom (OUT), Kwon Alexander (IR), Kyle Allen (FA*-IR).

The North Stars are 2-0 so far on their epic five-game road trip after Baker Mayfield bullied the Brooklin secondary for 4 TD passes in a complete win. The Triumph will be a tougher nut to crack, of course, but the state of their once league-leading defence is in question after it was mauled by Kirk Cousins in last week's close-call victory over Peg City. The loss of Kenny Clark will be felt, but Tyrone Crawford showed last week that he can step in make an impact. Even if the defence struggles against Budapest's hot rookie QB, Triumph QB, Mitch Trubisky has been on fire the past two weeks and is mobile enough to avoid the twin tanks, Calais Campbell and Cameron Jordan and the heat-seeking missile, Bernardick McKinney. Antonio Brown is coming off a four-TD game and is licking his chops after watching film of Pierre Desir getting torched by the Hawks. All signs point to an offensive firestorm. Nevertheless, expect both these proud defences to rebound after so-so performances and keep this one close and relatively low-scoring. **PICK: BUDAPEST**

PICKERING @ CHARLESWOOD (line – SPARTANS by 2)

INJURIES: **Pickering** – Xavien Howard (OUT), Denzel Ward (OUT); **Charleswood** – Marcus Gilbert (PROBABLE), Andrus Peat (QUESTIONABLE), Jalen Mills (OUT), Kelechi Osemele (OUT).

The Pats are thinking wild card berth after losing for the second time to Virden and falling three games behind the division-leading Triumph. This is a team that just can't keep pace on the scoreboard with the top dogs as a result of an uninspired passing attack and a ground game that has failed to meet expectations. With the playoffs in danger of slipping away it does not help that the Pats' offensive line, not overly good to begin with, is depleted going into this game against a division-leading opponent. Pickering came up flat in the rain against a York squad that makes good teams come up flat sometimes; so don't read too much into that loss. Both their starting corners are out, but if you're going to lose them it might as well be against a team that's last in the league in passing yards per game. The Spartans won't be shy about going for it against a good Pats defence that doesn't take the ball away often. **PICK: PICKERING**

YORK @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 7)

INJURIES: **York** – Brandon Scherff (OUT), Joe Schobert (OUT); **Virden** – Austin Bryant (OUT), A.J. Green (OUT), D.J. Humphries (OUT), Connor McGovern (OUT), Andrew Sendejo (OUT), Eric Berry (IR), Duke Dawson (IR);

With all focus on the live arm of sensation Patrick Mahomes, it is easy to overlook the dual threat posed by Ezekiel Elliott, who leads the league in touches with 261 and is ranked 10th in catches, leading all running backs. As good as Mahomes has been, Elliott deserves part of the credit for his success. But the Excaliburs have a way of keeping running backs honest and that "way" is called Von Miller. The Violators will likely want to park the run game and go after the soft edges of the York secondary while they have the chance. York's Tom Brady has engineered some extremely long drives this year thanks to grinding ground hogs Nick Chubb and Derrick Henry and he will aim to replicate that style here in order to keep Virden off the field. Violators for the win, but by a field goal. **PICK: VIRDEN**

BROOKLIN @ PEG CITY (line – Pick'Em)

INJURIES: **Brooklin** – Evan Engram (OUT); **Peg City** – Devin Funchess (PROBABLE), Jeff Heurman (OUT), Mike Hughes (OUT), Cre'von LeBlanc (OUT), Marcus Maye (OUT), Ricardo Allen (IR), Roderick Johnson (IR).

The Crusaders' secondary is banged up, which puts more pressure on one of the worst – if not *the* worst – defences in the league. The Hawks come in healthy on the back side of the ball, but their dismal showings of late provide for no optimism that they will be capable of cooling off the hot hand of Kirk Cousins and the even hotter feet of Chris Carson and Aaron Jones. That Peg City has the no.1 rushing attack in the league is a little-known fact, not talked about due to the team's humble record. It's been one of the secrets to Cousins' success. Derek Carr has been even hotter than Cousins as he has had to be to bail out his leaky defence. Let's face it – there won't be much defence in this game, so take the over to start. The Pegs, having played many close ones, are overdue for a win. **PICK: PEG CITY**

ERIEAU @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 11)

INJURIES: **Erieau** – Deontay Burnett (OUT), Ted Ginn Jr., (OUT), Gabe Jackson (OUT), Jordy Nelson (OUT), Joey Bosa (IR); **Chino** – Trumaine Johnson (OUT), Brian Orakpo (OUT), Patrick Ricard (OUT);

After leading one of the most impressive comebacks in Chino history, Dak Prescott looked lethargic in last week's loss to the Bombers. Fans are hoping it is not a sign of another long post-Week Nine swoon of the kind that befell him in 2018. If he is indeed falling into a funk, coming home to face the Cadillac is the best scenario for him to pull out of it. Erieau notched their first win in impressive fashion on the road in Durham last week, throwing the 1,000-lb gorilla of a potential second winless season off the team's back. The defence

played well and the offence exploited its opportunities by changing pace with Kyler Murray coming in with the ball deep in enemy territory. Some see the win as a sign of a late turnaround, but Cadillac history suggests otherwise: In their existence they are 1-6 coming off a win. The Convicts also have something Durham does not – a strong running game and an effective short interior passing game to by-pass the Caddie’s shutdown corners. Expect to see a return to the old Erieau and the old Dak. **PICK: CHINO**

AURORA @ SEATTLE (line – MUSTANGS by 5)

INJURIES: Aurora – None. Seattle – Dawuane Smoot (OUT).

The Mustangs get lobbed another softball after mopping the floor with the Blue Eagles last week. But while the Pilots aren’t going anywhere this year, they can make things uncomfortable for a team looking past them. With Pickering on the schedule in Week Twelve, Aurora is in position to be such a team. But the history of the Rich Liotta Mustangs shows that the team has no word for “let up.” Not that the Horses relish trampling anybody – they just want to win and, in the process, make damn sure the other team does not win. This usually means going hard until it is clear the opponent is on the floor. The question here is: how long will it take to put the Pilots on the floor. Both teams have healthy starting line-ups and Kareem Hunt is reportedly still standing. Expect the Pilots to exchange blows with jet-lagged Aurora until...hmmm...some time halfway through the second quarter, before the wings fall off. **PICK: AURORA**

GEORGIA @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 8)

INJURIES: Georgia – Mike Daniels (OUT), Will Fuller V (OUT), Mike Iupati (OUT); Iowa City – None.

The Gladiators have suffered two tough losses in a row after upsetting Budapest in Week 8. The quarterback play has been solid over that stretch, showing what might have been for Georgia if Ben Roethlisberger had not played like he was permanently concussed through the first seven weeks. Unfortunately, there comes a time in every lost season when it truly dawns on the players that the season is, in fact, lost. After falling just short of heroics last week against Sebastian, the Glads could find this is the game where they emotionally pack it in – on the road against a healthy and talented Cubs team that has won four in a row. Not much more to say. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

TORONTO @ LOS ANGELES (line – WOLVERINES by 3)

INJURIES: Toronto – Tim Williams (OUT); Los Angeles – Vontaze Burfict (OUT), Sean Lee (OUT).

In the end the Knights didn’t come close to beating St. Charles last week, but they showed flashes of tenacity after falling behind in the first quarter that had Charger fans genuinely nervous at half time. LA is not packing it in and that alone makes them dangerous, even if the disparity in talent in this contest solidly favours Toronto. The Wolverines have their work cut out for them trying to catch the Mustangs and cannot afford to be cute, as they were last week when they elected to give Latavius Murray the vast majority of reps over Saquon Barkley in their win over Cowtown. There is no reason, on paper, to believe that Toronto won’t take care of business in a game they should win. But they will need to be mindful of the exotic combination of pocket-passer Ryan Tannehill and guest RB-QB Lamar Jackson to avoid being caught off guard at a critical moment. Expect Toronto to be prepared for shenanigans. **PICK: TORONTO**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – In Week Ten of the 2013 EFL season, a relatively obscure second-year 6th round draft selection made headlines with two interceptions returned for touchdowns to lift the Patriots to a 41-34 victory over Cowtown in inter-conference play. **Leonard Johnson** notched his 2nd and 3rd pick-sixes of the year to neutralize an otherwise strong performance by **Joe Flacco**. With the win the Pats were able to keep pace with Virden at 6-4 atop the East Division.

In a re-match between the 2012 Championship finalists, the Death Valley Undertakers over-powered the

Markham North Stars, 48-21 to extract a measure of revenge for their loss in the previous year’s biggest game. **Robert Griffin III** threw 5 TD passes and rushed for 108 yards and another TD to earn Offensive Player of the Week against the league’s top-ranked defence. The North Stars (8-2), while humiliated, still remained in sole possession of first in the North Division despite victories by trailers Pickering and Durham.

At the Fiery Depths in Mohave, a fan riot marred the end of a decisive 27-7 Regulator victory over the struggling Hellfire. It was not so much the loss itself as the way coach **Bobby Elder** folded his tent with 9:00 remaining in the 3rd quarter and subjected running back **Montee Ball** to the abuse of 29 carries in the team’s final three possessions. When the gun sounded, he had carried the ball a total of 41 times for 176 yards, including 17 in a row over the last two series of the game. Elder was able to escape the mob thanks to a nice block from guard, Amini Silatolu.

Ben Roethlisberger had his record streak of 287 pass attempts without an interception come to an end in Virden as **Tramon Williams** picked him off to set up the game’s final points as the Violators trounced Gwinnett, 33-10.