



#### January 6. 2008



Marion Barber hurdles over Nate Clements and into the end zone for a third quarter touchdown. Cowtown defeated Chino. 41-34.

# CORN KINGS OUTGUN CONVICTS IN BIG HOUSE – STEAL LEAD IN WEST

BIG PLAYS BURN BIG HIGHLIGHT REEL IN WEST DIVISION SHOWDOWN



CHINO – EFL "flex-scheduling" bumped this showdown between the two top teams in the West Division to prime time on Thursday night and the move did not disappoint. There were plenty of fireworks in the rain at Chino's Big House as slick offensive performances by both teams kept the defenses off balance and scrambling to keep up. Big plays and big momentum swings made it an exciting game from start to finish. In the end, the Cowtown Corn Kings emerged with the win and with it, sole possession of first place in the West Division.

It was a disappointing first home loss for Rob Nazar's Convicts. Fed double food rations and given extra "yard time" during the week leading up to the game, the Chino players were still unable to keep pace with the corn-fed boys from Cowtown over the course of a full 60 minutes, fading steadily in the second half and allowing the Corn King ground game to finally get on track when it was needed the most.

A rare light rain in normally dry Chino fell steadily throughout the game but it did not appear to hurt either team's passing attack the early going, the first four major scores all coming through the air on electrifying routes and pin-point passes. After a 32-yard field goal by Adam Vinatieri opened the scoring, the Corn Kings came right back with the game's first touchdown, a 20-yard pass from Chad Pennington to Santana Moss on a slant pattern while the Convicts played the run. But Chino roared right back to retake the lead on the strength of two big plays by wide receiver, Reggie Brown – a 28-yard catch and run on well-executed screen pass, and a nice 21-yard TD catch on a risky isolation pass from Donovan McNabb into the strength of the Corn King's zone defense.

The Convicts kept the pressure up on the next series, grabbing the momentum when their defense stiffened as the Corn Kings entered field goal territory. Cowtown set up for a 41-yard attempt by Jason Hanson, but a bad

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#### **OUOTABLES**

"We just couldn't make the stops when we really needed them. Give them credit, they pushed us around near the end, but we had our chance to put them away in the first half and we didn't get it done. That 95-yard pass play, I hate to say it, was a turning point." – Chino coach, *Rob Nazar* 

"It was a big win for us and I'm sure a tough loss for them. They had a good game plan and it tested us. I was proud of the way our guys executed and never gave up. The big plays helped. We don't get many of those but they sure came in handy today." – Cowtown coach, *Jim Coghlin* 

"I don't know. I can't explain it. I....I....think I'm going to cry." – a despondent L.T. (trying to explain why he didn't single-handedly win the game)

"I knew if I could get by the 6 guys on the line and the 3 linebackers, I could beat the safety one-on-one. I thought of the "Magic Man" when I did it." – Jerious Norwood (describing his 20-yard TD run)

snap by long-snapper Kevin Houser led to a turnover at the Chino 30 yard line. The Convicts hit their high-water mark of the day two plays later when McNabb hit Anquan Boldin in mid-stride as he got behind the Corn King secondary on a straight route. With the Cowtown secondary flat-footed by a called run-blitz, Boldin beat the only man he had to, safety Erik Coleman, to cover the distance for a 53-yard touchdown play and a ten point lead, 17-7.

The day appeared to be turning sour in a hurry for the Corn Kings after Pennington was intercepted by Zach Thomas on the next series as they crossed into Chino territory, but the Cowtown defense was able to hold after Tommie Harris sacked McNabb on a great solo effort to disrupt the rhythm of the Chino offense. A great punt by Nick Harris appeared to put the Corn Kings in a big hole at their own 5 yard line, but it actually set up what may turn out to be the "play-of-the-year" for Cowtown. With the Chino defense keying on running back, Jerious Norwood, Pennington took a three-step drop and threw a dart to Moss as he cut across the vacated middle of the zone. Already in high gear, the speedy and elusive Moss made Ernis Sims and then Terrence Newman miss and suddenly it was a footrace to the goal line. It was a race that safety, Roy Williams would not have won on a good day with a head start, and 95 yards later, Moss was celebrating in the end zone. Coach Nazar and the entire Chino defense looked like they had taken a punch to the gut. A late field goal by Jason Hanson tied the game at 17 apiece at half time.

The Convicts snatched back the momentum with a big play from Adam 'Pacman' Jones, who picked off a floating duck from Pennington and ran it back 38 yards for a touchdown to give Chino what would be their final lead of the day, 24-17. The Corn Kings answered by doing what they do best – run the ball. The Chino defensive line that had looked strong in the first half, started to fall back in the face of a determined push from the Corn Kings front five. First they tied it on a 9-yard Marion Barber run, then, after corner Walt Harris picked off McNabb in Chino territory, Cowtown took the lead on another Barber run, this one from 6 yards out, to make the score 31-24. McNabb and the Convicts would tie the score after a brilliant 76-yard drive ended in a 17-yard pass to tight end, Randy McMicheal, but the Corn Kings would quickly regain the lead for good on an improbable 55-yard field goal by Jason Hanson.

The back-breaking score came with 5:52 remaining when, with 6 men on the line and all the linebackers keying on him, Norwood managed to slither through the grasp of Julius Peppers and burst into the secondary for a 20-yard TD run and a commanding 41-31 lead for Cowtown. With McNabb mysteriously sitting on the sideline, a late rally attempt led by Jay Cutler, after the Convicts recovered an onside kick, fell short in the Cowtown red zone, making the final score, 41-34 for the visitors.







#### 4 – 9

ANCHORAGE – The Iowa City Cubs continued to find ways to win as they sustained their improbable playoff run with their third straight upset victory on the road. This time, they buried one of their main rivals for the final West Division playoff spot, the Anchorage Buccaneers, with a flurry of points late in the fourth quarter.

The day began auspiciously for the Cubbies when Mario Williams blocked Jason Baker's punt deep in Buc's territory and ran it in for a TD to start the scoring. Then, four minutes later, rarely used wide receiver Vincent Jackson caught the Anchorage defense napping with a 12-yard TD run on an end-around to increase their lead to 14-0.

The Bucs rebounded with a half

field TD drive ending on a 9-yard draw by fullback, Lorenzo Neal to pull within 7 points. But Neil Rackers ended the first half with his first, and longest, of four field goals on the day with a 42-yard boot to increase the Cubbies lead to 17-7.

The teams traded field goals in the third quarter to mark time before a furious fourth quarter finale. At first, it looked as if the Bucs would snatch victory from the jaws of defeat after two TD passes from Drew Brees on consecutive possessions vaulted Anchorage into the lead for the first time, 24-20. The go ahead TD was set up by a rare big play by the Buccaneer's secondary, an interception by safety Dwight Smith, his fourth of the year, deep in Iowa City territory. Three plays later, Brees found Alge Crumpler unattended near the right pylon for a 3-yard TD pass.

However, showing confidence in his young quarterback despite what had looked like a game-changing critical error, Coach Redding did not turn to veteran Jeff Garcia, but instead kept J.P. Losman in the game. He was rewarded for his patience with what would turn out to be a game-winning 82-yard touchdown drive. In it, Losman overcame two false start penalties and a sack to complete 8 of 9 passes for 90 yards, the last a 16-yard strike to tight end, Kellen Winslow, for the go-ahead touchdown.

The wheels started to fall off the Anchorage "comeback bus" when Devin Hester fumbled the ensuing kickoff, setting up a 28-yard Rackers field goal to increase the Cubs lead to 30-24. Still less than a converted TD away, Brees went back to work trying to rally his team to win the game and maybe save their season. But an ill-advised long pass into a swarming Cubs secondary was picked off near the sideline by Fabian Washington to squelch the drive. After the Cubs offense failed to move the ball, the Bucs got another opportunity, but this one ended with another Brees interception, this time by DeAngelo Hall, to set up the final of Racker's four field goals and put the game out of reach.

The Anchorage quarterback, the team's first round pick, left the field to an impossibly loud chorus of boos after throwing 4 picks and posting a game day QB rating of 48.0. The Bucs, at 4-9, are now all but done in the playoff hunt.

## IO-WOW! CUBS BUMP OFF BUCS TO TAKE CONTROL OF PLAYOFF DESTINY

#### LOSMAN AND RACKERS FLOURISH IN FABULOUS FOURTH QUARTER FINALE

01-03-2008 Ter	np: 70 Wind: Line: Ever	n MVP: Losman						
2006 <b>Iowa City</b> (6-7 2006 <b>Anchorage</b> (4-		- 33 - 24						
1 6:23 Iowa City 1 2:11 Iowa City			7-0 14-0					
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3 8:37 Anchorage 3 5:20 Iowa City	FG Stover 40 (5-24-2:09) FG Rackers 26 (6-65-3:02)		17-10 20-10					
4 11:57 Anchorage 4 10:04 Anchorage 4 4:51 Iowa City 4 3:43 Iowa City 4 1:03 Iowa City	AnchorageTD Brees 3 pass to Crumpler (Stover) (4-19-1:33)Iowa CityTD Losman 16 pass to Winslow (Rackers) (12-82-5:02)Iowa CityFG Rackers 28 (3-4-0:59)							
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## **GOLDEN BEARS TOPPLE HELLFIRE TO SEIZE FINAL** PLAYOFF SPOT IN EAST DIVISION

LITO SHEPPARD'S INTERCEPTION RETURN FOR TD SPARKS KUTZTOWN WIN.





#### 01-05-2008 Temp: 52 Wind:0-10 Line: Even MVP: Sheppard 3 0 7 0 2006 Mohave (9-4) - 10 2006 Kutztown (6-7) 0 6 10 7 - 23 1 2:25 Mohave 3-0 FG Carney 23 (13-81-7:30) ------FG Kaeding 39 (3-9-1:32) 3-3 2 5:12 Kutztown 2 0:31 Kutztown FG Kaeding 19 (10-62-3:35) 3-6 TD Sheppard 59 interception return (Kaeding) (0-0-0:00) 3-13 3 14:33 Kutztown 3 10:18 Kutztown FG Kaeding 41 (4-19-3:00) 3-16 10-16 3 6:24 Mohave TD Westbrook 26 run (Carney) (9-89-3:43) \_\_\_\_\_ 4 9:11 Kutztown TD Romo 30 pass to Kennison (Kaeding) (11-81-6:35) MOH **KUT**

First Downs	17	16	
Rushes	26-178	35-144	
Passes	33-14-158	21-13-181	
Sacked	2-8	0-0	
Fumble	0	1	
Penalties	6-28	5-41	
Turnovers	3	2	
Time	25:35	34:17	
Third Down	4-11	6-13	
Fourth Down	1-4	1-2	
Net Offense	328	325	

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10-23

KUTZTOWN - The Mohave Hellfire find themselves in the middle of a mid-season slump that is loosening their stranglehold on the East Division title and giving hope to the surging Charelswood Patriots. The latest Mohave disaster came this week in Kutztown, where the underdog Golden Bears took advantage of a struggling Marc Bulger to turn the tide against one of the league's strongest teams.

Bulger threw three interceptions and struggled with accuracy all day, completing less than half of his passes, to post a game day QB rating of 19.3. Bulger's woes sabotaged another fine day by Hellfire running back, Brian Westbrook, who rushed for 171 yards on 22 carries and added 27 vards through the air. scoring Mohave's only major on a 26-yard third quarter run.

Meanwhile, Kutztown's Tony Romo did enough to keep his team close throughout the

contest and was able to finish the game off with a 30-yard TD pass to Eddie Kennison, thrown in the face of an all-out Mohave blitz midway through the fourth quarter to put the home team in control. For the second week in a row, the Hellfire died by the blitz at a critical point in the game.

Mohave started the game with red zone difficulties that would prevent them from establishing early dominance. Jason Taylor came through with a big play to extinguish an early Mohave TD threat, sacking Bulger on 3<sup>rd</sup> and goal from the Golden Bear's 2 yard line and forcing the Hellfire to settle for a short John Carney field goal to open the scoring. On the Hellfire's next possession, Bulger was intercepted by Ray Lewis inside the Kutztown 20 yard line to snuff out another scoring opportunity.

The game's MVP, cornerback, Lito Sheppard, made the first of his two interceptions on the day on Mohave's very next possession, setting up Kutztown's first field goal to tie the score. A nice drive by the Golden Bears near the end of the first half ended with a Mohave stand at their own 2 yard line, forcing the Golden Bears to settle for a 19-yard Nate Kaeding field goal to give the home team a slim 6-3 half time lead.

The beginning of the second half marked the turning point of the game as Lito Sheppard picked off an under-thrown deep post intended for Terrell Owens and returned it 59 yards for the game's first major score. Then, a frustrated Coach Elder elected to gamble on fourth down and 7 at his own 38 yard line and the gamble backfired. Westbrook was stopped 2 yards short and the Golden Bears took over, scoring on a 41-yard Kaeding field goal after gaining 19 yards. Mohave finally got on the board after an impressive 89-yard drive ended with a nifty 26-yard TD run by Westbrook. It looked as if the Hellfire might be getting back on track, but a failure to convert on 4<sup>th</sup> and 1 inside the Kuztown red zone on their next possession squandered another scoring opportunity and set up the final Kutztown score. Where Bulger had failed in the clutch, Romo converted a key 4<sup>th</sup> and 2 at midfield to keep the final scoring drive alive. Then four plays later he survived the Hellfire blitz and hit a wide open Kennison for 30 yards and 6 points.

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1 6:09 Gwinnett 2 14:13 Gwinnett 2 9:57 Florida	TD Palmer 11 pass to Parke FG Gould 20 (5-20-2:23) TD Palmer 7 pass to Jackso TD Jackson 1 run (Nugent) (8 TD Brady 16 pass to Cotcher	m (Gould) (10-85-4:35) 8-72-4:06)	7-0 10-0 17-0 17-7 17-14	GWINNETT BLOWS 17-POIN FALLS TO FLORIDA TO DR OF FINAL PLAYOFF SPOT DIVISION	OP OUT
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their helmets, reminiscent of Roman legions long ago. The "Dragonkin," (fans of the Florida Dragons for the those less well-informed) waved small dragon bobble-head dolls equipped with butane lighters that ignited fiery dragon breath when shaken. The two teams were surrounded, literally, by a giant ring of fire.

Both teams needed this game badly -a loss by the Gladiators would cap a season of disappointment that began in Week 6 with a grueling 8 game road trip. A win by the Dragons would all but sew up a playoff spot at the expense of this very Gwinnett squad.

The Gladiators got off to a quick start, mixing up runs and passes on their possession to move up the field with ease. Missed tackles by the Florida 'D' helped keep the 72-yard drive alive that was capped off by an 11-yard TD pass from Carson Palmer to Willie Parker. Then, Yamon Figurs, last week's special teams player-of-the-week, fumbled the kickoff and the Gladiators pounced on it. The Dragon 'D' would stiffen in the red zone, forcing Gwinnett to settle for a field goal. But the Gladiators extended their lead by another touchdown after marching 85 yards in ten plays, needing to convert only one third down along the way, when Palmer hit Darrell Jackson from 7 yards out for a 17-0 head start.

Down by 17 points, the Dragons and the 'Dragonkin' were in shock and not a bobble-head was to be seen. Tom Brady, showing increasing leadership and poise as the season progresses, kick-started the Florida offense by throwing a picture perfect deep ball to T.J. Houshmandzadeh for 38 yards. The Dragons would go on to dominate the remainder of the second quarter, posting two touchdowns on consecutive possessions to pull within 3 points at half time.

The Dragons would receive the ball in the second half and were able to drive for a field goal to tie it up at 17-17. The Gladiators added their own FG to retake the lead, but it was evident both teams were now playing better defense as they dug in their heels. The moment of truth would come with the first play of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. Leon Washington had just been dealt a 2 yard loss on a 3<sup>rd</sup> down play with only two yards to go. The Gladiators now faced a 4<sup>th</sup> and 4 on the Dragon's 33 yard line. Rather than attempt the long field goal, Coach Birdsall decided to go for it. The Dragon's defensive tackle Rod Coleman had been double teamed most of the game, but his persistence paid off as he power-rushed to sack Palmer for negative 9 yards. The Dragons now had the ball in excellent field position.

Brady and Jackson went to work and capped a solid drive with 7. The Bobble-Heads were back out, but it was the Dragon D which would breather the fire. They would proceed to shut down the Gladiators and the offense would return to pick up critical first downs needed to kill the clock.

Tom Brady, the game MVP, threw the game-winning TD pass and finished with a game day QB rating of 111.2. Palmer had a decent day, but was unable to get it done in the clutch.





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## **DINOSAURS PREY ON KNIGHTS IN THIRD QUARTER FEEDING FRENZY**

DURHAM'S FRANK GORE RECORDS 13<sup>TH</sup> CONSECUTIVE 100-YARD RUSHING GAME TO LEAD THUNDER LIZARDS PAST KNIGHTS

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9-10 9-13

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9-27 9-34

16-34

18-34 24-34

01-03-2008 Tem	p: 79 Wind: Calm Line: Even MVP: Gore
2006 Los Angeles (4-	9) 6 3 0 15 - 24
2006 Durham (8-5)	3 10 21 0 - 34
1 9:27 Los Angeles	TD Carr 3 pass to Smith (no good) (11-80-5:33)
1 5:11 Durham	FG Scobee 35 (3-8-1:49)
2 13:32 Durham	TD Rivers 7 pass to Gates (Scobee) (9-54-3:52)
2 2:51 Los Angeles	FG Lindell 38 (9-38-5:21)
2 0:41 Durham	FG Scobee 28 (9-54-1:49)
3 11:32 Durham	TD Turner 7 run (Scobee) (9-60-3:19)
3 7:10 Durham	TD Gore 29 run (Scobee) (3-58-1:26)
3 3:10 Durham	TD Rivers 6 pass to Gore (Scobee) (3-34-1:22)
4 7:48 Los Angeles	TD Carr 25 pass to Glenn (Lindell) (12-70-4:36)
4 3:15 Los Angeles	Safety Merriman
4 0:01 Los Angeles	TD Carr 14 pass to Battle (2 - failed) (13-70-3:04)

	LAK	DTL
First Downs	22	22
Rushes	35-151	22-143
Passes	41-30-266	35-20-272
Sacked	1-9	3-18
Fumble	3	3
Penalties	12-75	8-34
Turnovers	3	3
Time	34:56	25:00
Third Down	5-15	7-12
Fourth Down	3-4	0-0
Net Offense	408	397

DURHAM - A third quarter explosion by the Durham offense built up a 25point lead heading into the fourth quarter and enabled the T-Lizards to survive a late rally by David Carr's Knights.

For three short possessions in the third quarter the Dinosaurs, as they have done so often this year, made it look easy against one of the league's most aggressive group of defenders. The highlight score was a 29-yard run by Frank "Dino" Gore to give the Lizards a 27-9 lead – a quick burst of speed around the left corner and a slash across the middle of the field that ended in the right corner of the end zone.

Philip Rivers added 2 TD passes and 244 yards through the air, while Gore finished with 112 yards on the ground, his thirteenth straight game rushing for 100 yards or more. David Carr continued to post impressive numbers for the Knights, finishing with 266 yards and 3 TD passes, but he was also picked off twice and failed to deliver in the clutch.

PATRIOTS PUT DOWN SWAMP DOGS -Î **DEEMED TO BE ACT OF MERCY PEYTON MANNING THROWS 6 TD PASSES / DEFENSE SHUTS DOWN MEADOWLAND'S OUARTERBACKS** 9 - 4

CHARLESWOOD - It was more of the same, except worse, for the Meadowlands Swamp Dogs as they continue to set the bench mark for futility in this inaugural EFL season. The situation has become so dire in the Meadowlands that retired Tampa Bay coach, John McKay has reportedly been hired to spice up the offensive play book.

In an apparent effort to protect the quarterbacks and control the ball, the Dawgs turned to the running game with limited success. While Maurice Jones-Drew cracked the 100-yard mark, finishing with 106 yards on 30 carries, the QB play continued to be horrendous, as three different pivots amassed a mere 19 net yards of passing on the day.

There were no such QB problems on the Patriot's side of the ball – Peyton Manning became the latest QB to post 6 or more TD passes in a single game against the Swamp Dogs, throwing 6 major strikes and passing for 305 yards. Thomas Jones, shouldering the burden of running out the clock out of sheer mercy, suffered statistically by gaining 89 yards on 31 carries for less than 3 yards a carry average, but did score an early TD while the game was still relatively close. Donald Driver, Jason Witten and Wes Welker each notched 2 TD receptions to record the bulk of the scoring.

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3 11:14 CharleswoodTD Manning 27 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (5-44-2:58)3 6:18 CharleswoodTD Manning 26 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (3-27-0:58)									
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### BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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WR –Santana Moss, Cowtown Corn Kings 6 Receptions, 159 yards, 2 TDs, 95 yds Long. 95-yard TD reception turned game around for Cowtown vs Chino.

DEFENSE



**CB** – **Lito Sheppard, Kutztown Golden Bears 3 Tackles, 2 INTs, 1 Pass Def., 1 TD.** Interception return for a TD broke open game versus Mohave.

SPECIAL TEAMS



K – Neil Rackers, Iowa City Cubs 4 for 4 FGs., 2 PATs., 14 Pts. Perfect when called upon in Cubs upset of the Bucs.

## LEADER BOARD

#### STANDINGS

East	w	L	т	Pct	Pts	Ave	Орр	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Charleswood	9	4	0	0.692	333	25.6	226	17.4	8.2	420	630	940	930
Mohave	9	4	0	0.692	384	29.5	294	22.6	6.9	610	720	940	530
Florida	8	5	0	0.615	377	29	311	23.9	5.1	520	630	850	550
Kutztown	6	7	0	0.462	364	28	346	26.6	1.4	420	450	670	450
Gwinnett	5	8	0	0.385	333	25.6	331	25.5	0.2	320	450	580	480
Meadowlands	0	13	0	0	177	13.6	497	38.2	-24.6	060	090	0 13 0	030
West	w	L	т	Pct	Pts	Ave	Орр	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Cowtown	10	3	0	0.769	371	28.5	237	18.2	10.3	420	720	10 3 0	930
Chino	9	4	0	0.692	390	30	306	23.5	6.5	710	630	940	640
Durham	8	5	0	0.615	387	29.8	305	23.5	6.3	4 3 0	450	850	740
Iowa City	6	7	0	0.462	285	21.9	343	26.4	-4.5	240	450	670	370
Anchorage	4	9	0	0.308	306	23.5	448	34.5	-10.9	240	360	490	450
Los Angeles	4	9	0	0.308	246	18.9	309	23.8	-4.8	4 4 0	360	490	390

#### PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	1%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Garcia,J	ICC	198	125	63.1	1465	1	0.5	64	12	6.1	103.6
2	Brady,T	FLD	375	247	65.9	2909	13	3.5	53	29	7.7	100.6
3	McNabb	CHI	312	194	62.2	2732	8	2.6	53	19	6.1	100
4	Rivers	DTL	346	211	61	2821	8	2.3	41	23	6.6	99.4
5	Carr,D	LAK	383	276	72.1	2714	9	2.3	36	20	5.2	99.3
6	Romo	KUT	373	232	62.2	3224	18	4.8	53	27	7.2	94
7	Bulger	MOH	418	238	56.9	3327	13	3.1	65	30	7.2	93.7
8	Manning,P	CHP	433	260	60	3248	9	2.1	63	24	5.5	93.2
9	Losman	ICC	189	123	65.1	1508	6	3.2	65	9	4.8	92.2
10	Pennington	COW	396	243	61.4	3136	16	4	95	21	5.3	87.1
11	Palmer,C	GWG	389	223	57.3	2950	14	3.6	59	24	6.2	87
12	Brees	ANC	406	233	57.4	2940	10	2.5	64	18	4.4	84.6
13	Campbell,J	MSD	151	59	39.1	674	5	3.3	80	4	2.6	48.3
14	Roethlisberger	MSD	243	118	48.6	1346	20	8.2	50	5	2.1	38.2
15	Griese	CHP	1	1	100	8	0	0	8	1	100	139.6

#### RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Tomlinson	CHI	314	1677	5.3	88	17	8	Jones,T	CHP	254	944	3.7	30	9
2	Gore	DTL	270	1677	6.2	56	9	9	Maroney	COW	152	747	4.9	71	4
3	Jackson,S	FLD	315	1504	4.8	64	10	10	Bell,T	LAK	166	741	4.5	23	2
4	Parker,W	GWG	288	1467	5.1	70	9	11	Brown,R	ICC	159	611	3.8	40	5
5	Johnson,L	KUT	312	1366	4.4	35	12	12	McGahee	ANC	141	609	4.3	65	2
6	Westbrook	MOH	218	1326	6.1	76	6	13	Norwood	COW	64	581	9.1	71	2
7	Addai	ANC	177	1000	5.6	46	11	14	Barber	COW	114	550	4.8	23	11
8	Jones,T	CHP	254	944	3.7	30	9	15	Jones-Drew	MSD	98	518	5.3	81	2

#### RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Johnson,A	ANC	77	1106	14.4	44	9	8	Smith,S	LAK	64	724	11.3	30	2
2	Boldin	CHI	76	1376	18.1	53	13	9	Jackson,S	FLD	63	553	8.8	38	8
3	Winslow	ICC	70	814	11.6	32	7	10	Harrison,M	KUT	62	984	15.9	53	8
4	Furrey	COW	68	959	14.1	42	5	11	Неар	LAK	60	556	9.3	27	11
5	Driver	CHP	68	979	14.4	41	7	12	Holt,T	CHI	59	825	14	43	5
6	Coles	MOH	65	1016	15.6	51	14	13	Wayne,R	GWG	58	1063	18.3	59	5
7	Johnson,C	CHP	64	1023	16	63	3	14	Glenn,T	LAK	57	700	12.3	36	4
8	Smith,S	LAK	64	724	11.3	30	2	15	Evans,L	ICC	56	927	16.6	65	6

## JIMMY'S WEEK FOURTEEN PICKS

#### \*GAME OF THE WEEK\*

#### MOHAVE (9-4) @ DURHAM (8-5) (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 3)

In a possible preview of the EFL Championship Game, the Thunder Lizards host the slumping Mohave Hellfire in a game that means more than some thought it might a mere four weeks earlier. Flashback to Week 10: both teams were 7-2 and leading their respective Divisions. Since then the Hellfire are 2-2 and Durham is 1-3. Mohave is in a little better shape – tied with Charleswood at 9-4 and holding the tie-breaker, they can run the table and guarantee a first place finish. The Thunder Lizards, on the other hand, need help, trailing Cowtown by two games and Chino by one as they sit alone in third place in the West. Home field advantage is questionable for the Dinosaurs, as they had lost three in a row at Jurassic Park before smacking down LA last week. The fans are restless, and are quick to voice their displeasure these days. The Hellfire are getting inconsistent play from their QB, Marc Bulger, who stunk up Lincoln Financial Field in a Week 13 loss to the Golden Bears. Durham needs this game desperately and will be highly motivated while Mohave is in a funk.

## LOS ANGELES (4-9) @ MEADOWLANDS (0-13) (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 4)

In a game that means little in the overall playoff picture, the LA Knights look to keep their slim playoff hopes alive on the road against the league's patsies. The Swamp Dogs are at the point where they are just trying to avoid going 0-16. They may actually be more highly motivated here, as this game may be their best chance at a win this season. Although they have not played well in recent weeks, the Swamp Dogs have a good defense that suffers from being on the field too long due to a moribund offense. That offense will not get a break this week against Shawne Merriman's Sackers. Ben Roethlisberger will be running for his life and can only pray that Coach Buffolano has some tricks in the playbook to take away some of the heat. Carr, on the other hand, may find the going rough if he is not careful, as the Swamp Dog secondary can be predatory. In the end, however, this is LA's game to lose.

### CHINO (9-4) @ CHARLESWOOD (9-4) (LINE - PATRIOTS BY 3)

The Convicts have the highest rated defense in the EFL and are second only to Durham in offensive efficiency. Although they lost to Cowtown last week, their only home loss of the year, they were by no means cowed and his week they look to come out strong in Charleswood. The Patriots are coming off a down week against Meadowlands and will have to crank their game up several notches if they hope to avoid an early ambush. Thomas Jones will have to show the form that he did two weeks ago against Gwinnett or else Manning will have to really earn his first pick pedigree. Can McNabb stay healthy? If he does, the Convicts have a good chance of scoring an upset. If not, Charleswood will cover the spread at home.

#### FLORIDA (8-5) @ COWTOWN (10-3) (LINE - CORN KINGS BY 6)

The Corn Kings have their fate in their own hands and can clinch the West Division title with a victory against Florida and losses by Chino and Durham this week. Cowtown is getting the most out of their running backs, but Laurence Maroney, the "right head" of 'Cerebrus,' will miss this game due to injury. Florida is completely healthy and fully capable of pulling off an upset, but they will need a big game from Tom Brady to do so. Cowtown will win, but it will be a very close game, much closer than the 6-point spread.

#### PICK: FLORIDA

### IOWA CITY (6-7) @ KUTZTOWN (6-7) (LINE - GOLDEN BEARS BY 5)

Iowa City can knock Anchorage out of the playoff hunt, and can keep their advantage over LA with a win in Kutztown this week. The Golden Bears currently have the advantage over Gwinnett and want to keep it that way heading into their Week 16 match-up. Tony Romo and company are virtually unpredictable, as are the Iowa City Cubs. I really don't have a clue about this game except for the hunch that Kutztown is slightly better and they are at home. **PICK: KUTZTOWN** 

### ANCHORAGE (4-9) @ GWINNETT (5-8) (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 8)

Both teams are fighting for their playoff lives here. The Bucs will be eliminated from the playoff picture with a loss. Although the Glads can't be eliminated yet, they will be on life support if they fall here and Kutztown bumps off Iowa City. Suffice to say, neither coach can afford a loss at this point. The Glads are finally back at home after a grueling 8-game road trip and this will boost their morale.

PICK: GWINNETT