

WEEK 10



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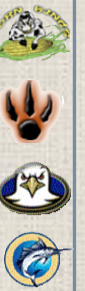
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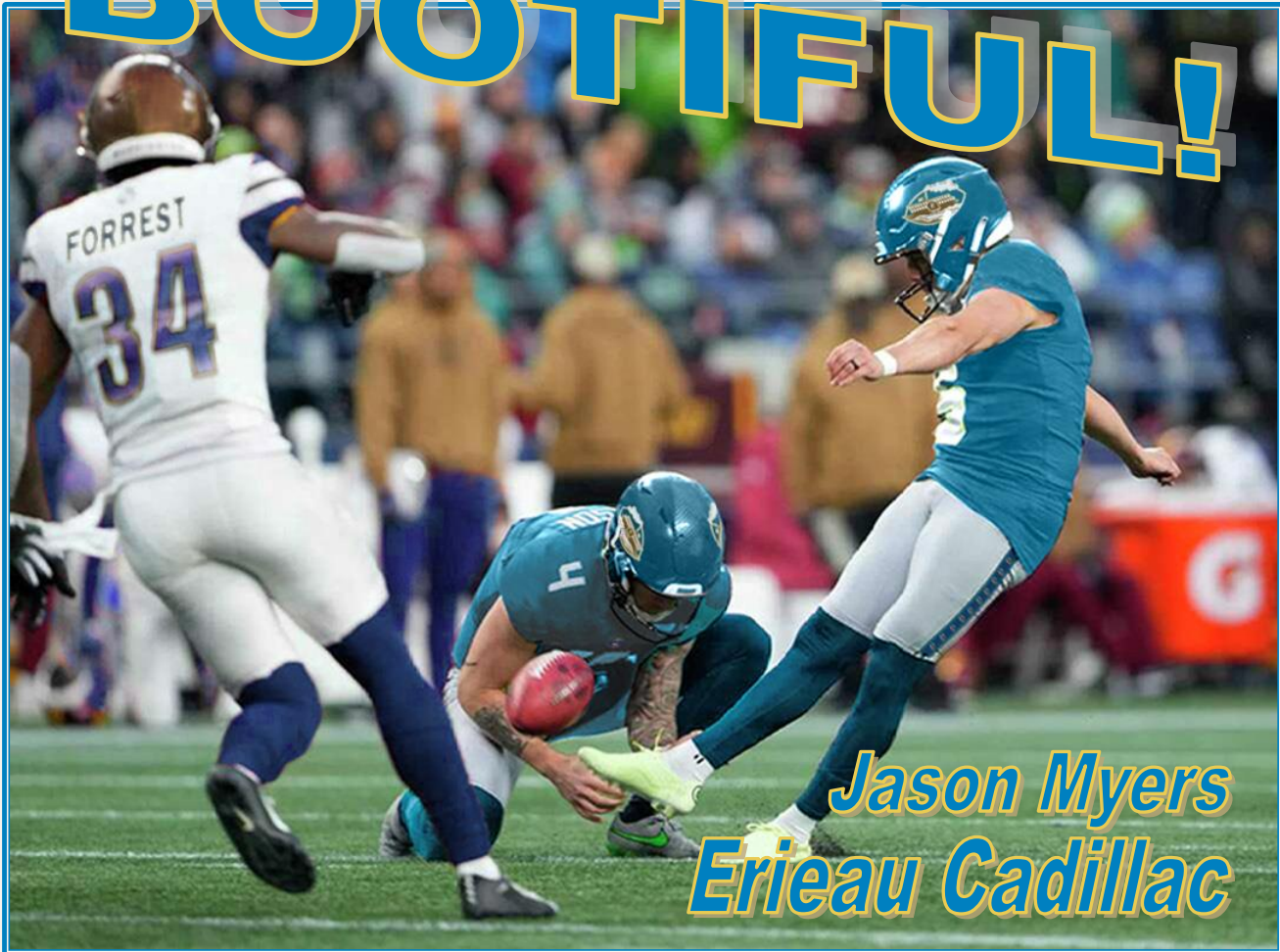
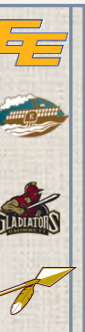
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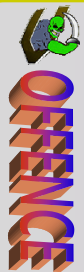
Jason Myers
Erieau Cadillac

Erieau kicker **Jason Myers** boots a 20-yard field goal with 9:25 left in the 4th quarter in Week Ten action against Pickering. The kick put the Cadillac in front of the heavily favoured Spartans 27-24, a score that would hold up over the game's remaining minutes as the Cadillac defence held off a strong Spartans' rally. It was an important win for the Cadillac, as it keeps them in contention and hands Pickering its first loss of the 2023 campaign. *(Story inside)*



Who was slick
in Week Ten?

**“Brylcreem” THE
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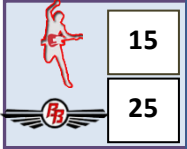
Patrick Mahomes
QB
Virden
Violators

21 of 29, 331 Yds, 4 TDs. Led by 31 at halftime or would have done more.



Cameron Jordan
DE
Budapest
North Stars

6 Tk, 2 Sacks, 2 Stuffs, 1 PD, 5 HUR, 1 FF. Game-wrecker in shutout of Irish.


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The Wrecking Balls struck first when **Brian Robinson Jr** ran it in from 2 yards after a **Desmond King II** interception of **Justin Fields**. Fields tied it at 7 with a 12-yard TD run to start the 2nd quarter then a **Jack Campbell** interception of **Daniel Jones** set up a 57-yard **Brett Maher** FG for a 10-7 Bomber lead. **Matt Stafford** started the 2nd half at QB for New Jersey but could not kickstart the offence as the Bombers chipped away with FGs and a 26-yard TD pass to **Garrett Wilson** to pull away 25-7 in the 4th. Stafford tossed a TD pass to **Jerick McKinnon** with 0:09 left to finish the scoring.

12-10-2023 The Fortress Temp:77 Wind:

Line:NJ by 4 MVP:Fields

HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 New Jersey (5-5)	7	0	0	8	15
2023 Bruxelles (8-2)	0	10	9	6	25

Passing

NJ: Stafford 31/18 117 Yds TD 2 Int, Jones 21/9 71 Yds Int
 BRX: Fields 21/11 164 Yds TD Int

Rushing

NJ: Jones 7/17, Robinson Jr. 4/16 TD, Doubs 1/12, Montgomery 5/10, Samuel 4/8
 BRX: Foreman 16/60, Fields 12/56 TD, Fournette 9/22, Gainwell 3/5

Receiving

NJ: Doubs 7/49, Samuel 7/56, McLaurin 4/25, Hooper 3/22, McKinnon 3/17 TD
 BRX: Godwin 4/39, Wilson 3/96 TD, Fournette 2/10, Collins 1/13, Dulcich 1/6

Defense

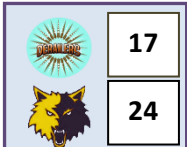
NJ: Hughes 2-Sks 9-Tk, Floyd Sk 4-Tk, King II Int 3-Tk
 BRX: Wilson Sk 10-Tk, Smith Int 6-Tk, Campbell Int 4-Tk, Mafe Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

NJ: Awuzie 5, Campbell 2
 BRX: Maye 6

Misc

NJ: RyaInd 0/1 FG
 BRX: Maher 4/4 FG 57 Lg


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Two lost fumbles by the Derailers set up two Cobb County TDs to tilt the balance to the home team in an evenly played contest. With Buffalo leading 14-7 with 1:49 left in the 1st half, **Robert Woods** fumbled a punt return at his 17 that the Coyotes recovered. **Bryce Young** turned the turnover into points with a 1-yard TD pass to **Jordan Addison** to tie it 14-14 at the half. Late in the 3rd quarter, **Brandon Graham** stripped the ball from **Lamar Jackson** to set up Young's second TD pass to Addison to give the Coyotes a 24-14 lead. Buffalo closed the gap with a FG but could get no closer.

12-10-2023 Coyote Field Temp:80 Wind:Calm None

Line:CB by 7 MVP:Young

HFA:ON(2)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Buffalo (3-7)	7	7	0	3	17
2023 Cobb County (4-6)	0	14	3	7	24

Passing

BUF: Jackson 36/26 177 Yds TD
 CB: Young 32/21 189 Yds 3 TDs

Rushing

BUF: Jackson 11/75 TD, Dillon 10/38, Johnson 1/3
 CB: Etienne 13/75, Cook 4/17, Young 6/16, Strong Jr. 1/4

Receiving

BUF: Woods 8/84 TD, Toney 4/21, Reynolds 4/28, Fant 3/23, Westbrook-Ikhine 2/6
 CB: Etienne 6/45, Addison 5/35 2 TDs, Pittman Jr. 4/43, Parker 3/43 TD, Musgrave 3/23

Defense

BUF: Thibodeaux FF 11-Tk
 CB: Graham 2-Sks FF 5-Tk, Payne 2-Sks 2-Tk, White 9-Tk, Bates 9-Tk, Oluokun 8-Tk

Injuries

BUF: Robinson 2, Gage 2, Jackson 1
 CB: Turner 5, Jackson 4, Adams 4, Allen 3, Cooks 1

Misc

BUF: Jackson F-L, Woods F-L, Chubb FR, Elliott 1/1 FG 54 Lg
 CB: Cook F-L, Oluokun FR, Fortner FR, Moody 1/1 FG 35 Lg



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Patrick Mahomes threw four TD passes for the second straight week, bringing his season total to 37 while overwhelming the Convicts for Virden's 10th win. Mahomes was deadly from in close, completing TD passes of 3 yards to **James Conner**, 4 yards to **TJ Hockenson**, 6 yards to **Cam Akers** and 8 yards to **Chris Olave**. **Tyreek Hill** had 3 big plays, including a 49-yard bomb, but did not find the end zone for the third straight week. **Ja'Marr Chase** left the game with an injury in the 4th quarter. Chino's offence was almost non-existent, with 3 different QBs combining for a 12.0 QB rating.

12-10-2023 TERRORDOME Temp:60 Wind:Calm None Line:WV by 15 MVP:Mahomes HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Chino (6-4)	0	0	6	3	9
2023 Virden (10-0)	17	14	7	0	38

Passing

CHI: Goff 11/4 25 Yds Int, Prescott 2/4 5 Yds Int, Mullens 2/3 3 Yds
 WV: Mahomes 29/21 331 Yds 4 TDs

Rushing

CHI: Jackson 9/65, Shenault 1/29 TD, Jones 6/26, Ahmed 4/18, McCaffrey 7/2
 WV: Conner 15/57 TD, Akers 13/43, Freeman 5/19, Prentice 1/16, Zeitler 1/1

Receiving

CHI: Campbell 2/8, McCaffrey 2/3, Jones 2/24, Jackson 1/-3, Boyd 1/1
 WV: Chase 7/104, Hill 6/162, Olave 4/43 TD, Hockenson 2/13 TD, Conner 1/3 TD

Defense

CHI: Terrell FF 6-Tk, Smith Sk 3-Tk
 WV: Mosley Int 10-Tk, Cox Sk 5-Tk, Williams Sk 4-Tk

Injuries

CHI: Miller 3, Jackson 2, Ahmed 2, Barnes 1
 WV: Mills 5, Humphries 3, Chase 2, Conner 2

Misc

CHI: Terrell FR, Butker 1/1 FG 29 Lg
 WV: Chase F-L, Prater 1/1 FG 50 Lg



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Wil Lutz booted it true from 30 yards with 0:27 left in OT to lift the Patriots over the Pilots in a back-and-forth offensive display. The Pats had the initiative early, taking the lead three times on a pair of **Kenny Pickett** TD passes and a Lutz FG. But Seattle battled back each time, with **Kennth Walker** scoring on a 20-yard screen and a 4-yard TD run, and took the lead, 21-17, on a 25-yard TD pass to **Jonathan Mingo**. **Carson Wentz's** third TD pass, a 30-yarder to **Foster Moreau** made it 28-20 Seattle, but the Pats tied it on a TD pass to **Travis Kelce** and a 2-point convert to set up OT.

12-10-2023 Kingdome Temp:70 Wind:Calm Line:CHP by 4 MVP:Pickett HFA:ON(1)

	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
2023 Charleswood (3-7)	7	10	3	8	3	31
2023 Seattle (2-8)	0	21	7	0	0	28

Passing

CHP: Pickett 37/24 213 Yds 3 TDs
 SEA: Wentz 33/27 356 Yds 3 TDs

Rushing

CHP: Pacheco 21/126, Singletary 10/56, Dobbins 4/29, Gibson 5/24, Pickett 2/8
 SEA: Walker III 17/56 TD, Hunt 6/16, Deguara 1/1

Receiving

CHP: Smith-Schuster 10/91 TD, Kelce 7/53 2 TDs, Chark 3/35, Singletary 2/21
 SEA: Lamb 8/101, Mingo 5/52 TD, St. Brown 4/100, Moreau 4/63 TD, Walker III 3/28 TD

Defense

CHP:
 SEA: White 15-Tk, Joseph-Day Sk 5-Tk, Baker 8-Tk, Taylor 8-Tk

Injuries

CHP: Ojabo 6, Dobbins 5, Chark 5, Cushenberry 2, Darby 2
 SEA: Washington 5, Renfrow 5, Sermon 4, Murphy-Bunting 4, McDuffie 4, Lattimore 2

Misc

CHP: Lutz 3/3 FG 44 Lg
 SEA:



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Alvin Kamara broke a 27-yard TD on the first play after DaQuon Jones intercepted Justin Herbert to put the Crusaders in front 17-13 in the 3rd quarter. They held a lead the rest of the way, with Younghoe Koo hitting from 48 yards late in the 3rd to make it 20-16 and the defence holding Billtown scoreless in the final period. It was close throughout, with the Bats getting the better of a tough 1st half. After PC QB, Mac Jones connected with Joshua Downs on a 37-yard TD pass, Herbert gave the Bats a 13-10 lead at halftime with a 16-yard TD pass to Michael Thomas with 0:17 left.

12-10-2023 True North Field Temp:72 Wind:Calm Line:BB by 4 MVP:Jones HFA:

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Billtown (1-9)	3	10	3	0	16
2023 Peg City (8-2)	3	7	10	0	20

Passing

BB: Herbert 43/22 207 Yds TD Int
PCC: Jones 34/23 234 Yds TD Int

Rushing

BB: Spears 6/25, Harris 7/20, Herbert 3/12
PCC: Barkley 17/53, Kamara 6/47 TD, Hasty 3/5, Hubbard 2/3

Receiving

BB: Thomas 7/77 TD, Watkins 6/46, Spears 5/17, Jeudy 3/58, Dulin 1/9
PCC: Barkley 5/23, Kamara 5/37, Aiyuk 4/56, Everett 2/20, Downs 2/48 TD, Sutton 2/27

Defense

BB: Davis 17-Tk, Gipson 10-Tk, Vea Sk 5-Tk
PCC: Jones Sk FF 4-Tk, Hutchinson Sk 4-Tk, Jones Int 4-Tk, Lawrence Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

BB: Harris 5, Hodgins 4, Elliss 4, Leonard 3, Fuller 3, Hardman 3, Ezeudu 2
PCC:

Misc

BB: Bryant F-L, Fairbairn 3/3 FG 37 Lg
PCC: Okorafor FR, Koo 2/2 FG 48 Lg



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Trevor Lawrence tossed 3 TD passes and Clyde Edwards-Helaire and Jeff Wilson combined for 143 yards and 1 TD on the ground to lead the Triumph offensively in a decisive win over the Cubs. The Triumph negated the Cubs' explosiveness by sticking two men on A.J. Brown the entire game. Brown still caught 11 balls, but was held to a single big gain, a 26-yard TD catch late in garbage time. As the Iowa attack sputtered, the Triumph established control gradually, with Lawrence piling up TD passes to 3 different receivers after Wilson opened the game with a 4-yard TD run.

12-10-2023 Iowa City Superplex Temp:74 Wind:Calm Line:TCT by 4 MVP:Lawrence H

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Twin Cities (7-3)	7	14	7	3	31
2023 Iowa City (4-6)	3	0	3	7	13

Passing

TCT: Lawrence 33/20 299 Yds 3 TDs Int
ICC: Carr 46/27 272 Yds TD 2 Int

Rushing

TCT: Edwards-Helaire 23/103, Wilson 5/40 TD, Lawrence 5/18
ICC: Carr 6/34, Johnson 10/23, Carter 5/15, Miller 2/4

Receiving

TCT: Higbee 5/50 TD, Lockett 4/64, Duvernay 3/43 TD, Pierce 3/66, Bryant 2/4
ICC: Brown 11/129 TD, Njoku 7/62, Kirk 6/46, Carter 1/9, Palmer 1/13, Johnson 1/13

Defense

TCT: Joseph FF 11-Tk, Thornhill Int 9-Tk, Alexander Int 5-Tk
ICC: Brents Int 9-Tk

Injuries

TCT: Stingley Jr. 5, Moseley 1
ICC: Paschal 5, Brown 5, Hooker 3, Noteboom 2

Misc

TCT: McManus 1/2 FG 23 Lg
ICC: Jones 4/93 KR 32 Lg, Tucker 2/2 FG 52 Lg



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Nick Chubb scored on a 9-yard pass from **Kirk Cousins** and a 44-yard run to give Sebastain a 14-13 halftime lead. But on Durham's first series of the 2nd half, **Josh Allen** threw deep into double-coverage for **Marquez Valdes-Scantling**, who broke a tackle for a 58-yard TD. That made it 20-17 for Durham and they would never look back. The Swordfish turned the ball over on downs at their 34 to set up an easy Durham FG and then the wheels fell off for the home team. The Lizards added a 12-yard TD pass to **Dawson Know** and a **Jalen Pitre** pick-six to run away with it in the 4th.

12-10-2023 The Fish Tank Temp:76 Wind:Calm Line:DTL by 6 MVP:Allen HFA:ON(

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Durham (7-3)	7	6	10	16	39
2023 Sebastian (2-8)	0	14	3	0	17

Passing

DTL: Allen 21/10 197 Yds 3 TDs

SS: Cousins 40/23 184 Yds TD 2 Int

Rushing

DTL: Allgeier 14/84, Allen 9/44, Mattison 5/32 TD, Tucker 4/11

SS: Chubb 16/94 TD, Taylor 5/23

Receiving

DTL: Samuel 3/35, Valdes-Scantling 3/112 TD, Knox 2/20 TD, Palmer 2/30 TD

SS: Chubb 5/22 TD, Peoples-Jones 5/76, Schultz 3/17, Marshall Jr. 3/37, Johnson 2/14

Defense

DTL: Burns Sk 7-Tk, Mathieu Int 5-Tk, Pitre Int(TD) 2-Tk, Barton 8-Tk

SS: Wilkins Sk 9-Tk, Jenkins FF 8-Tk, Hicks 10-Tk

Injuries

DTL:

SS: Vickers 6, Deablo 3, Perryman 3, Wallace 1

Misc

DTL: Scott 2/75 KR 40 Lg, Santos 2/2 FG 50 Lg

SS: Williams 6/143 KR 32 Lg, Carlson 1/1 FG 50 Lg



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Jamaal Williams opened the scoring with a 6-yard TD run, the first of 3 TD runs for him on the day, but the Blue Eagles would answer with a **Samaje Perine** 4-yard TD run to tie it. Scarborough took advantage of a pair of **Andy Dalton** turnovers, a fumbled snap and an interception, to post 10 more points in the quarter before Cowtown got one back before the half on a 20-yard TD pass from Dalton to **DeAndre Carter**. The 2nd half was all Corn Kings. Carter hauled in his second TD catch to start the 3rd and Williams added TD runs of 13 and 12 yards in the 4th to walk away with the win.

12-09-2023 Tillman Field Temp:47 Wind:5-15 *Internet* Line:SBE by 4 MVP:Williams HFA:ON(5)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Scarborough (1-9)	0	17	0	6	23
2023 Cowtown (5-5)	7	7	9	13	36

Passing

SBE: Burrow 26/19 160 Yds 2 TDs

COW: Dalton 21/17 204 Yds 2 TDs Int

Rushing

SBE: Cook 13/33, Perine 5/27 TD, Burrow 5/16, Reed 1/2

COW: Williams 21/117 3 TDs, Murray 15/91, Dalton 5/10, Watson 1/1

Receiving

SBE: Cook 6/23, Perine 4/18 TD, Zaccheaus 4/35 TD, Landry 2/12, Uzomah 1/47

COW: McKenzie 4/47, Watson 4/41, Carter 4/80 2 TDs, Bourne 2/23, Ferguson 1/9

Defense

SBE: Roberts Sk 8-Tk, Walker Sk 6-Tk, Bosa Sk 6-Tk, Jackson Int 4-Tk

COW: Harmon FF 5-Tk

Injuries

SBE: Cobb 3

COW: Chinn 6

Misc

SBE: Jones FR, Crosby 1/2 FG 31 Lg

COW: Dalton F-L, Carter 5/73 PR 20 Lg, Slye 1/1 FG 30 Lg



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Jason Myers kicked a 20-yard FG with 9:25 left in the 4th to put Erieau in front 27-24. With 1:53 left, Pickering went for it on 4th & 3 at the Erieau 30 but failed when Jalen Hurts' throw missed its mark. Erieau ran out the clock to complete the upset and hand the Spartans their first loss. Until then it had been a tit-for-tat game, with the teams combining for 28 points in the 1st quarter, including a Kyle Dugger pick-six for Pickering. Kyler Murray made up for it with TD passes of 66 yards to Jaylen Waddle and 7 yards to Hunter Henry and a TD run from the 1-yard line to earn game MVP.

12-10-2023 Kelly-Burke Field Temp:43 Wind:15-25 Heavy Rain Line:PIC by 13 MVP:Murray HF

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Pickering (9-1)	14	3	7	0	24
2023 Erieau (4-6)	14	3	7	3	27

Passing

PIC: Hurts 30/14 221 Yds TD
ERI: Murray 28/18 254 Yds 2 TDs Int

Rushing

PIC: Sanders 22/105, Hurts 6/8 TD, White 5/2
ERI: Pierce 12/78, Murray 7/27 TD, Harris 3/9, Hines 1/4

Receiving

PIC: Smith 5/92, Pickens 4/47, Brown 2/42 TD, Sanders 1/3, Swift 1/25, James Jr. 1/12
ERI: Higgins 4/62, Waddle 3/82 TD, Henry 3/55 TD, Andrews 3/26, Hines 3/17

Defense

PIC: McCourty 12-Tk, Dugger Int(TD)
ERI: Hamilton 11-Tk, Crosby Sk FF 3-Tk, Murray 9-Tk

Injuries

PIC: Graham 4, Swift 2, Gay 2
ERI: Robinson 6, Takitaki 4, Bosa 1

Misc

PIC: Brown F-L, Zeuerlein 1/1 FG 50 Lg
ERI: Diggs FR, Myers 2/2 FG 27 Lg



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Josh Jacobs rushed for 145 yards and 2 TDs on 23 carries to spearhead the Georgia attack in a 30-14 win over York. Jacobs finished off the game's opening drive with a 6-yard TD run and burst loose for a 51-yard TD run late in the 3rd to put the game all but out of reach. Tyler Bass booted 3 FGs and Tua Tagovailoa threw a 12-yard TD pass to rookie tight end Brenton Strange for Georgia's other major score. The Excaliburs put together a few long drives but turned the ball over downs twice in FG range and managed just one late TD on a 9-yard pass from Tom Brady to Derrick Henry.

12-10-2023 Camelot Temp:52 Wind:0-5 None No Line MVP:Jacobs HFA:ON(5)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Georgia (6-4)	10	7	10	3	30
2023 York (5-5)	0	3	3	8	14

Passing

GEO: Tagovailoa 29/18 249 Yds TD
YOR: Brady 49/34 257 Yds TD

Rushing

GEO: Jacobs 23/145 2 TDs, Stevenson 6/26
YOR: Henry 21/111, Scott 1/5, Brady 1/1

Receiving

GEO: Stevenson 5/26, Johnson 4/82, Cooper 4/93, Strange 3/32 TD, Jacobs 2/16
YOR: St. Brown 8/51, Williams 8/84, Davis 6/51, Kmet 6/28, Henry 5/38 TD, Gesicki 1/5

Defense

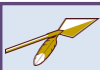
GEO: Pratt 9-Tk, Nelson 8-Tk, Bryant 8-Tk, Ward 8-Tk
YOR: Poyer Sk 7-Tk

Injuries

GEO:
YOR: Mathis 5, Zuniga 5, Williams 3, Gary 2, Burks 1

Misc

GEO: Bass 3/3 FG 52 Lg
YOR: Scorr 4/111 KR 34 Lg, Gould 2/2 FG 45 Lg



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The game was tight throughout. It started as a punt and kick duel until the 0:54 mark of the 2nd, when **Austin Ekeler** broke free for a 13-yard TD run to make it 13-3 Hawks at the half. LaPlata opened the 3rd with a 46-yard **Greg Joseph** FG then tied it on 13-yard TD pass from **CJ Stroud** to **Dallas Goedert**. **Randy Bullock** hit from 22 yards out to give Brooklin a 16-13 lead with 4:29 left in the 4th. After two quick punts, the Braves got a final shot with 0:58 left and no timeouts. They reached the Brooklin 38 but a sack by **Alex Highsmith** and an interception by **Tyson Campbell** secured the win.



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12-10-2023 Hawkeye Park Temp:46 Wind:0-5 None Line:LPB by 2 MVP:Ekeler HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 LaPlata (4-6)	3	0	10	0	13
2023 Brooklin (5-5)	6	7	0	3	16

Passing

LPB: Stroud 28/15 160 Yds TD Int

BRH: Smith 38/22 231 Yds Int

Rushing

LPB: Mixon 7/48, Gibbs 9/26, Stroud 3/7

BRH: Ekeler 22/105 TD, Robinson 10/52, Smith 3/8

Receiving

LPB: Goedert 4/54 TD, Adams 4/44, Gibbs 3/4, Mixon 3/46, Thielen 1/12

BRH: Engram 5/52, Hollins 5/52, Robinson 5/69, Ekeler 4/25, Claypool 2/30, London 1/3

Defense

LPB: Watt Sk FF 9-Tk, Walker 9-Tk, Simmons Sk 4-Tk, Clark 8-Tk

BRH: Highsmith 2-Sks FF 4-Tk, Paye 2-Sks 4-Tk, Campbell Int 5-Tk, Tranquill 8-Tk

Injuries

LPB: Vera-Tucker 4

BRH: Bolles 7, Clark 5, Curl 4

Misc

LPB: Joseph 2/2 FG 46 Lg

BRH: Bullock 3/3 FG 45 Lg



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Aaron Rodgers aired it out on a perfect play action to **Justin Jefferson** for a 51-yard TD pass early in the 2nd quarter to give Budapest a 9-0 lead. It was the game's only TD but proved to be more than enough for the North Stars as their defence, led by **Cameron Jordan**, shut down and shutout the Irish. Jordan finished with 2 of his team's 6 sacks, stuffed 2 runs, forced a fumble and knocked down **Jacoby Brissett** 5 more times. East Elmhurst finished with 178 totals yards and crossed mid-field only once, reaching the Budapest 44-yard line before **Zonovan Knight** fumbled the ball away.



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12-10-2023 Mgr.McClancy Mem St Temp:49 Wind:5-15 None Line:BUD by 4 MVP:Jordan H

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2023 Budapest (7-3)	3	9	3	0	15
2023 East Elmhurst (4-6)	0	0	0	0	0

Passing

BUD: Rodgers 27/18 204 Yds TD

EE: Brissett 37/24 143 Yds

Rushing

BUD: Mostert 12/69, Achane 11/43, Reynolds 4/24, Thornton 1/1

EE: Brissett 5/53, Knight 10/10, Charbonnet 3/5

Receiving

BUD: Diggs 6/75, Jefferson 4/81 TD, Achane 4/12, Kittle 2/17, Mostert 1/2, Raymond 1/17

EE: Metcalf 4/34, Knight 4/11, Moore 3/9, Jones 3/38, Charbonnet 3/6, Granson 2/8

Defense

BUD: Jordan 2-Sks FF 6-Tk, Williams 2-Sks 4-Tk, David 9-Tk

EE: Allen Sk 7-Tk

Injuries

BUD:

EE:

Misc

BUD: Gipson FR, Folk 3/3 FG 28 Lg

EE: Knight F-L



WEEK TEN

STANDINGS & STATS

2023 EFL - Week 10 Standings

East	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Bruxelles	8	2	0	.800	W2	285	28.5	187	18.7	9.8	4 0 0	3 1 0	6 2 0
New Jersey	5	5	0	.500	L1	178	17.8	166	16.6	1.2	1 3 0	1 3 0	4 4 0
Cobb County	4	6	0	.400	W1	242	24.2	264	26.4	-2.2	2 3 0	3 1 0	3 5 0
Buffalo	3	7	0	.300	L1	171	17.1	254	25.4	-8.3	2 3 0	1 3 0	3 5 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Viriden	10	0	0	1.000	W10	368	36.8	112	11.2	25.6	5 0 0	3 0 0	8 0 0
Peg City	8	2	0	.800	W3	218	21.8	188	18.8	3.0	4 1 0	2 1 0	7 1 0
Twin Cities	7	3	0	.700	W1	271	27.1	194	19.4	7.7	4 2 0	1 2 0	5 3 0
Charleswood	3	7	0	.300	W1	201	20.1	269	26.9	-6.8	1 5 0	0 3 0	1 7 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	6	4	0	.600	L2	208	20.8	214	21.4	-0.6	3 2 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
Iowa City	4	6	0	.400	L2	271	27.1	326	32.6	-5.5	1 3 0	3 0 0	4 4 0
Seattle	2	8	0	.200	L1	145	14.5	289	28.9	-14.4	1 4 0	1 2 0	2 6 0
Billtown	1	9	0	.100	L5	145	14.5	275	27.5	-13.0	0 6 0	0 3 0	1 7 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	7	3	0	.700	W2	282	28.2	224	22.4	5.8	3 2 0	3 1 0	6 2 0
Cowtown	5	5	0	.500	W1	228	22.8	220	22.0	0.8	2 3 0	3 1 0	5 3 0
Sebastian	2	8	0	.200	L1	195	19.5	306	30.6	-11.1	0 4 0	1 3 0	2 6 0
Scarborough	1	9	0	.100	L7	208	20.8	286	28.6	-7.8	0 4 0	1 3 0	1 7 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	9	1	0	.900	L1	329	32.9	150	15.0	17.9	5 0 0	3 0 0	7 1 0
Budapest	7	3	0	.700	W1	248	24.8	193	19.3	5.5	3 1 0	0 3 0	5 3 0
York	5	5	0	.500	L2	238	23.8	222	22.2	1.6	2 3 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
Brooklin	5	5	0	.500	W4	224	22.4	234	23.4	-1.0	4 2 0	1 2 0	4 4 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Georgia	6	4	0	.600	W1	283	28.3	240	24.0	4.3	2 3 0	3 0 0	5 3 0
LaPlata	4	6	0	.400	L1	182	18.2	180	18.0	0.2	3 2 0	2 1 0	4 4 0
East Elmhurst	4	6	0	.400	L3	187	18.7	275	27.5	-8.8	3 3 0	1 2 0	2 6 0
Erieau	4	6	0	.400	W2	200	20.0	239	23.9	-3.9	2 4 0	0 3 0	3 5 0

	Passing	G	Att	Cmp	C%	Yds	Y/C	Lg	25	50	In	I%	Td	Td%	Sk	Rate	
1	Mahomes	WV	10	346	223	64.5	3166	14.2	75	29	0	7	2.0	37	10.7	6	121.1
2	Hurts	PIC	10	217	144	66.4	2066	14.3	50	18	1	3	1.4	17	7.8	7	117.4
3	Tagovailoa	GEO	8	269	165	61.3	2369	14.4	49	24	0	11	4.1	24	8.9	5	102.6
4	Tannehill	PCC	7	197	126	64.0	1488	11.8	57	8	0	3	1.5	11	5.6	12	99.1
5	Garoppolo	COW	8	259	172	66.4	1955	11.4	57	11	1	5	1.9	13	5.0	14	97.6
6	Stroud	LPB	8	155	104	67.1	1176	11.3	42	6	0	6	3.9	10	6.5	15	95.0
7	Brissett	EE	8	252	164	65.1	1534	9.4	44	10	0	3	1.2	11	4.4	20	91.3
8	Fields	BRX	10	212	136	64.2	1662	12.2	52	16	0	5	2.4	8	3.8	17	91.0
9	Burrow	SBE	10	299	191	63.9	1831	9.6	65	13	0	7	2.3	17	5.7	11	90.0
10	Lawrence	TCT	10	331	207	62.5	2271	11.0	44	19	0	5	1.5	13	3.9	12	89.6
11	Murray	ERI	7	231	153	66.2	1511	9.9	69	9	0	4	1.7	8	3.5	13	88.9
12	Rodgers	BUD	10	335	207	61.8	2363	11.4	74	21	0	10	3.0	18	5.4	12	88.4
13	Smith	BRH	10	366	240	65.6	2266	9.4	47	13	0	8	2.2	15	4.1	18	87.1
14	Jones	NJ	10	284	192	67.6	1555	8.1	54	6	0	4	1.4	9	3.2	22	85.9
15	Allen	DTL	10	325	184	56.6	2428	13.2	58	20	0	12	3.7	20	6.2	14	85.5
16	Goff	CHI	10	347	226	65.1	2077	9.2	56	8	0	6	1.7	11	3.2	9	84.7
17	Jackson	BUF	10	325	213	65.5	1875	8.8	73	7	0	7	2.2	12	3.7	33	84.1
18	Young	CB	10	346	201	58.1	2472	12.3	52	14	0	12	3.5	18	5.2	23	83.2
19	Brady	YOR	10	370	235	63.5	2299	9.8	66	11	0	9	2.4	12	3.2	11	81.6
20	Wentz	SEA	9	254	169	66.5	1571	9.3	74	12	0	10	3.9	11	4.3	15	81.3
21	Pickett	CHP	10	295	181	61.4	1784	9.9	45	11	0	9	3.1	12	4.1	26	79.3
22	Carr	ICC	9	204	112	54.9	1490	13.3	75	15	0	10	4.9	13	6.4	4	79.1
23	Herbert	BB	10	387	246	63.6	2119	8.6	72	8	0	10	2.6	9	2.3	23	74.9
24	Cousins	SS	10	386	246	63.7	2308	9.4	62	13	0	15	3.9	11	2.8	23	73.4

Kick Returns	G	No	Yds	Avg	Lg	Td	Punt Returns	G	No	FC	Yds	Avg	Lg	Td				
1	Jackson	CHI	10	17	515	30.3	50	0	1	Covey	YOR	10	34	5	448	13.2	86	1
2	Powell	PCC	10	19	408	21.5	38	0	2	Turpin	BRX	10	29	10	427	14.7	52	0
3	Williams	BUF	10	17	400	23.5	36	0	3	Duvernay	TCT	10	26	7	319	12.3	20	0
4	Berrios	LPB	10	14	396	28.3	47	0	4	Carter	COW	10	27	5	315	11.7	20	0
5	Rodgers	CHP	10	12	356	29.7	51	0	5	Washington	CB	10	30	5	313	10.4	91	1
6	Agnew	GEO	10	14	340	24.3	45	0	6	McCloud	PCC	10	24	11	264	11.0	23	0
7	Nixon	BRX	10	11	323	29.4	39	0	7	Hines	ERI	10	24	11	254	10.6	30	0
8	Hines	ERI	10	11	315	28.6	44	0	8	Raymond	BUD	10	14	16	223	15.9	63	1
9	Duvernay	TCT	10	11	313	28.5	101	1	9	Williams	SS	10	19	9	214	11.3	19	0
10	Scott	DTL	10	12	312	26.0	40	0	10	Taylor	NJ	10	20	8	192	9.6	31	0
11	Williams	SS	10	14	299	21.4	32	0	11	Dell	SEA	10	21	4	164	7.8	29	0
12	Haskins	SBE	10	13	294	22.6	32	0	12	Woods	BUF	10	26	5	154	5.9	28	0
13	Brightwell	NJ	10	12	290	24.2	35	0	13	Agnew	GEO	10	19	7	151	7.9	16	0
14	Carter	COW	10	13	281	21.6	35	0	14	Reed	SBE	10	13	7	129	9.9	35	0
15	Jones	ICC	10	9	245	0.0	35	0	15	Berrios	LPB	10	13	12	116	8.9	17	0
16	Sims	WV	10	9	241	0.0	44	0	16	Jones	ICC	10	14	4	113	8.1	12	0
17	Washington	BRH	10	13	239	18.4	41	0	17	Smith	CHI	10	15	4	105	7.0	21	0
18	Gray	PIC	10	10	234	23.4	42	0	18	Sims	WV	10	14	19	100	7.1	16	0
19	Scott	YOR	10	8	231	0.0	34	0	19	Rodgers	EE	9	7	7	73	0.0	16	0
20	Washington	CB	10	11	183	16.6	24	0	20	Gray	PIC	10	10	14	73	7.3	15	0
21	Patterson	BUD	7	6	151	0.0	35	0	21	Holland	CHP	10	13	3	73	5.6	16	0
22	Johnston	EE	10	11	147	13.4	22	0	22	Palmer	DTL	10	7	24	70	0.0	22	0
23	Covey	YOR	10	7	145	0.0	27	0	23	Milne	BUD	8	8	2	69	0.0	16	0
24	Mingo	SEA	10	11	138	12.5	27	0	24	Washington	BRH	10	14	6	69	4.9	16	0
25	Spears	BB	10	7	102	0.0	25	0	25	King II	NJ	10	3	0	41	0.0	17	0

Rushing		G	Att	Yds	Avg	Gain	10	25	50	FD	Lg	Td	Att/G	Yds/G	
1	Henry	YOR	10	241	1070	4.4	82.2	26	0	0	57	79	10	24.1	107.0
2	Chubb	SS	10	200	903	4.5	83.5	28	0	0	55	44	8	20.0	90.3
3	Fields	BRX	10	127	886	7.0	82.7	40	0	0	60	56	12	12.7	88.6
4	Sanders	PIC	10	191	825	4.3	81.7	20	0	0	41	25	9	19.1	82.5
5	Jacobs	GEO	10	179	806	4.5	81.0	20	0	0	39	68	4	17.9	80.6
6	Wilson	TCT	9	108	749	6.9	82.4	20	1	0	33	52	8	12.0	83.2
7	Cook	SBE	10	169	744	4.4	78.7	15	0	0	35	64	4	16.9	74.4
8	Jackson	BUF	10	115	684	5.9	73.9	22	0	0	38	74	6	11.5	68.4
9	Williams	COW	10	159	637	4.0	79.9	16	0	0	32	38	9	15.9	63.7
10	Dillon	BUF	10	140	567	4.1	82.1	14	0	0	34	26	1	14.0	56.7
11	Walker III	SEA	10	135	564	4.2	80.0	17	0	0	27	40	2	13.5	56.4
12	Gibbs	LPB	10	104	560	5.4	77.9	16	0	0	26	62	3	10.4	56.0
13	Foreman	BRX	9	123	554	4.5	75.6	14	0	0	23	58	3	13.7	61.6
14	Etienne	CB	10	113	547	4.8	67.3	17	0	0	25	88	2	11.3	54.7
15	Mixon	LPB	10	140	545	3.9	79.3	11	0	0	30	44	4	14.0	54.5
16	Robinson	BRH	10	92	542	5.9	85.9	11	0	0	28	58	3	9.2	54.2
17	McCaffrey	CHI	10	127	534	4.2	73.2	11	0	0	32	54	8	12.7	53.4
18	Johnson	ICC	10	95	524	5.5	84.2	14	0	0	28	53	4	9.5	52.4
19	Jones	NJ	10	107	521	4.9	77.6	21	0	0	52	24	3	10.7	52.1
20	Allen	DTL	10	80	514	6.4	77.5	23	1	0	28	31	3	8.0	51.4
21	Pacheco	CHP	10	111	488	4.4	81.1	9	0	0	20	36	2	11.1	48.8
22	Barkley	PCC	10	149	477	3.2	79.9	9	1	0	21	35	5	14.9	47.7
23	Allgeier	DTL	9	110	475	4.3	79.1	10	0	0	19	27	3	12.2	52.8
24	Conner	VV	10	118	473	4.0	83.1	9	0	0	31	23	5	11.8	47.3
25	Jones	CHI	10	96	454	4.7	65.6	18	0	0	30	35	3	9.6	45.4
26	Ekeler	BRH	10	109	451	4.1	83.5	13	0	0	31	32	9	10.9	45.1
27	Kamara	PCC	9	81	425	5.2	82.7	12	0	0	19	27	2	9.0	47.2
28	Harris	BB	10	77	417	5.4	87.0	12	0	0	24	15	0	7.7	41.7
29	Mostert	BUD	10	82	411	5.0	81.7	10	0	0	20	46	2	8.2	41.1
30	Patterson	BUD	7	75	409	5.5	84.0	11	0	0	20	39	4	10.7	58.4
31	Murray	COW	7	71	397	5.6	88.7	12	0	0	16	61	1	10.1	56.7
32	Pierce	ERI	10	87	373	4.3	81.6	6	0	0	14	78	1	8.7	37.3
33	Hurts	PIC	10	64	371	5.8	84.4	17	0	0	31	32	7	6.4	37.1
34	Fournette	BRX	9	81	342	4.2	81.5	7	0	0	19	22	4	9.0	38.0
35	Montgomery	NJ	9	95	325	3.4	82.1	5	0	0	14	29	1	10.6	36.1
36	Dobbins	CHP	9	63	323	5.1	76.2	11	0	0	15	44	2	7.0	35.9
37	Pickett	CHP	10	40	317	7.9	95.0	11	0	0	20	29	2	4.0	31.7
38	Harris	ERI	10	86	310	3.6	82.6	6	0	0	19	22	3	8.6	31.0
39	Stevenson	GEO	10	70	310	4.4	72.9	8	0	0	15	35	1	7.0	31.0
40	Akers	VV	10	80	293	3.7	82.5	5	0	0	24	22	1	8.0	29.3
41	Brissett	EE	8	38	259	6.8	84.2	11	0	0	16	41	2	4.8	32.4
42	White	PIC	10	64	256	4.0	68.8	7	0	0	11	29	1	6.4	25.6
43	Spears	BB	10	52	249	4.8	82.7	7	0	0	18	30	1	5.2	24.9
44	Murray	ERI	7	41	242	5.9	82.9	10	0	0	24	28	3	5.9	34.6
45	Young	CB	10	39	239	6.1	76.9	8	0	0	17	31	4	3.9	23.9

Receiving	G	No	Dp	Att	Rac	Yds	Avg	25	50	FD	Lg	Td	Rec/G	Yds/G	
1 Jefferson	BUD	10	67	3	108	127	922	13.8	10	0	48	51	6	6.7	92.2
2 Hill	VV	10	64	4	106	284	1323	20.7	17	0	48	75	10	6.4	132.3
3 Metcalf	EE	10	60	4	97	153	776	12.9	5	0	39	37	5	6.0	77.6
4 Lamb	SEA	10	60	2	96	146	760	12.7	7	0	42	46	3	6.0	76.0
5 Adams	LPB	10	59	0	88	189	943	16.0	8	0	39	62	2	5.9	94.3
6 Chase	VV	10	58	7	88	128	761	13.1	4	0	47	29	8	5.8	76.1
7 McCaffrey	CHI	10	57	4	79	520	369	6.5	2	0	21	30	3	5.7	36.9
8 St. Brown	YOR	10	57	0	88	129	525	9.2	1	0	26	56	2	5.7	52.5
9 Brown	ICC	10	55	5	100	291	1155	21.0	17	0	44	67	12	5.5	115.5
10 Jones	SS	10	54	2	83	180	558	10.3	4	0	21	62	4	5.4	55.8
11 Williams	YOR	10	54	3	90	187	646	12.0	5	0	36	39	3	5.4	64.6
12 Jeudy	BB	10	53	9	84	137	633	11.9	2	0	29	72	1	5.3	63.3
13 Ekeler	BRH	10	53	0	75	370	294	5.5	0	0	11	20	2	5.3	29.4
14 Gage	BUF	10	51	1	77	65	402	7.9	0	0	23	19	2	5.1	40.2
15 Moore	TCT	10	50	5	87	119	706	14.1	9	0	39	34	5	5.0	70.6
16 London	BRH	10	48	5	80	152	694	14.5	7	0	37	47	7	4.8	69.4
17 Johnson	GEO	10	48	6	86	202	714	14.9	7	0	38	45	6	4.8	71.4
18 Diggs	BUD	10	48	2	93	127	511	10.6	4	0	29	46	5	4.8	51.1
19 Allen	NJ	9	46	0	65	129	438	9.5	2	0	22	54	5	5.1	48.7
20 Godwin	BRX	10	46	4	64	178	611	13.3	6	0	30	52	4	4.6	61.1
21 Cooks	CB	9	45	8	76	187	679	15.1	7	0	35	52	3	5.0	75.4
22 Waddle	ERI	10	45	4	76	178	800	17.8	9	0	30	69	4	4.5	80.0
23 Smith	PIC	10	45	5	69	115	722	16.0	7	0	36	30	5	4.5	72.2
24 Kelce	CHP	10	45	4	79	123	487	10.8	2	0	32	29	4	4.5	48.7
25 Pittman Jr.	CB	10	45	0	71	71	580	12.9	2	0	31	30	1	4.5	58.0
26 Evans	COW	9	44	6	71	190	610	13.9	6	1	26	51	4	4.9	67.8
27 Woods	BUF	10	44	6	68	134	496	11.3	4	0	25	49	2	4.4	49.6
28 Samuel	DTL	10	43	4	70	126	539	12.5	2	0	36	51	5	4.3	53.9
29 Peoples-Jones	SS	10	43	0	64	78	667	15.5	7	0	32	45	1	4.3	66.7
30 Kmet	YOR	10	42	0	67	106	401	9.5	2	0	23	39	3	4.2	40.1
31 Stevenson	GEO	10	42	5	63	443	399	9.5	4	0	16	43	1	4.2	39.9
32 Smith-Schuster	CHP	10	42	4	63	85	398	9.5	1	0	23	34	3	4.2	39.8
33 Higbee	TCT	10	42	9	69	82	377	9.0	1	0	28	26	4	4.2	37.7
34 Kamara	PCC	9	41	3	59	391	330	8.0	1	0	17	25	2	4.6	36.7
35 Cooper	GEO	10	41	2	73	157	1005	24.5	17	0	40	58	13	4.1	100.5
36 Hodgins	BB	9	41	3	62	57	371	9.0	2	0	15	29	0	4.6	41.2
37 Flowers	CHI	10	41	4	69	104	488	11.9	2	0	29	56	4	4.1	48.8
38 Engram	BRH	10	41	3	65	97	420	10.2	1	0	24	32	3	4.1	42.0
39 Boyd	CHI	10	40	1	60	47	476	11.9	2	0	24	29	1	4.0	47.6
40 Thielen	LPB	10	40	0	57	81	404	10.1	1	0	26	33	5	4.0	40.4
41 Lazard	COW	9	40	4	58	187	546	13.7	4	0	25	57	2	4.4	60.7
42 Andrews	ERI	8	39	5	54	118	421	10.8	2	0	19	43	2	4.9	52.6
43 Lockett	TCT	10	38	0	60	93	445	11.7	3	0	27	32	2	3.8	44.5
44 McKinnon	NJ	10	38	0	49	357	269	7.1	2	0	12	38	3	3.8	26.9
45 Barkley	PCC	10	37	1	61	388	293	7.9	1	0	12	41	1	3.7	29.3



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REDEMPTION FOR KYLER MURRAY AND KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM WEEK TEN IN THE EFL

A SURPRISE UPSET IN A FORGOTTEN PLACE, A BARNBURNER IN AN UNLIKELY PLACE, AND A SUDDEN SUBSTITUTION OUT OF PLACE KEEP THINGS INTERESTING AS DIVISIONAL RACES COOL DOWN ACROSS THE LEAGUE

On a windy, rainy day off the coast of Lake Erie the fading and all-but forgotten Cadillac, led by their abused quarterback, Kyler Murray, took the field against the undefeated Spartans, led by one of the front-runners for MVP, Jalen Hurts. To all appearances it was a mismatch of laughable proportions. In reality it was an opportunity to remind fans and media that nothing can be taken for granted. The mysteries of the game continue to confound analysts and analytics. If there was somebody out there who predicted anything close to what happened Sunday at Kelly-Burke Field, let them speak up and provide proof.

Kyler Murray is back

The bizarre training camp controversy, the slow start, the unannounced benching for three weeks, all that looks to be far behind the Cadillac 2022 MVP after two impressive outings. His poise and presence in leading the Cadillac over the Spartans in one of the biggest upsets of the year was impressive to see.

It started with a perfectly placed, perfectly timed, perfect spiral to Jaylen Waddle in the wind and heavy rain. It was turned into a 66-yard piece of scoring art by the receiver fighting through the initial contact and sprinting the

full distance to the end zone. More impressively, it came on the heels of an equally beautiful long touch pass from Jalen Hurts that arced 26 yards through the air to the end zone and into the arms of Marquise Brown, surfing the wind rather than being driven by it. That Spartans touchdown had evened the game after an opening drive touchdown by the Cadillac. It was the type of early, confident answer to a first shot that could easily unnerve a lesser opponent and cause a psychological capitulation. The touchdown pass to Waddle erased these doubts. From that point on, the teams were psychologically on even footing. The talent of Murray could go up against the talent of Hurts unhindered by a lack of belief.

The trial was not over for Murray. His confidence would be tested after teammate Trevon Diggs forced a fumble and secured the ball for a rare takeaway from the Spartans. With a chance to add another score to their lead, Murray rolled right and threw the ball into the hands of Pickering safety Kyle Dugger, who took it all the way back for 6 points, allowing the Spartans to tie the game. This was another point where a team without a leader might surrender to a team that had not lost a game all year. Not the case here. The Spartans ground out a field goal drive but got nothing more from the morale boost of the defensive score. The Cadillac remained steady. They responded with a field goal to tie the game at 17 going into the second half.

The Spartans' opening drive on the second half was a masterpiece of the Spartan Way. They ploughed through the slop and mud with Miles Sanders and threw the ball strategically. Everything worked. Hurts finished off the 79-yard drive with a bootleg from inside the five for a touchdown. At the risk of being repetitive, this was another game marker where the lesser team might find cause to knuckle under. On this day, however, the best qualities of the Erieau quarterback were on display when it came his turn to answer. He used his mobility to move around the pocket and fired darts to his receivers. One of those was a dangerous cross on play action to Tee Higgins. The ball sailed through the blitzing linebackers and hit the receiver in stride for a 33-yard gain. A similar play to Hunter Henry soon found the end zone from just outside the five-yard line to tie the game.

Surely this could not go on. The field was a pigpen. The rain was beating down. The wind was mocking. Somehow 48 points had been scored anyway and to everyone's surprise the Cadillac had an equal share. The turning point came early in the fourth quarter when the Spartans opted to go for it on fourth and two at the Erieau 43. Analytics may have agreed with this decision. Analytics would not have known that rookie corner Emmanuel Forbes was having a good game against the speedy DeVonta Smith. The play was a pass across the middle that caught the wind a bit. Forbes nearly intercepted it. The result was essentially the same. The Cadillac had a turnover of a different sort and used it to get in close for a 20-yard Jason Myers field goal and a three-point lead.

The defence did the rest. The Spartans, needing a field goal to tie, but facing a 25-mph gale and sheets of rain, opted again to try their luck on fourth down and three at the Erieau 30 with less than two minutes remaining. Again, they went medium depth to Smith. Again, Hurts' throw was blown off target. Again, Forbes nearly intercepted it. No matter. The Cadillac got the ball back and Kyler Murray performed his last heroic deed by running through a Spartan run-blitz for six yards on third and three, giving his team a new set of downs and the privilege of kneeling to a 27-24 victory.

The EFL did not see this upset coming. Now they are forewarned. There will be no more Cadillac ambushes like this in the future. Everyone can see that Kyler Murray is back!

Kenny Pickett has something

I don't know what it is, but Kenny Pickett has that thing in him that all the great quarterbacks do. That quality that steadies his hand in the clutch moments. All three of the Patriots' wins are come-from-behind wins engineered by Pickett. That is no accident. He did it again in Seattle this week, completing a pass under pressure

to Travis Kelce for a touchdown that set up the two-point conversion to tie the game and send it into overtime. On what turned out to be the game's final possession of overtime, he fired a quick slant to Juju Smith-Schuster for four yards to convert a critical fourth down at the Seattle 37 to keep the game-winning drive alive. A well-timed 14-yard cross to Kelce on third down and three got them inside the 20. Two plays later, Wil Lutz did the rest with a 30-yard field goal for a 31-28 win.

This was a barnburner of sorts from two teams not known for burning down barns. Pickett's exploits stole attention away from Carson Wentz, who threw three touchdown passes for the third week in a row. He also aired it out for 356 yards on a day when Kenneth Walker found yards tough to gain. Both teams are practically out of the playoff race but continue to perform to the best of their capabilities. This is an encouraging sign that the EFL bottom four draft lottery is having an impact. Nobody wants to be the worst team in the league.

Matt Stafford makes a surprise appearance

When the Wrecking Balls' divisional fate was on the line against Bruxelles this week, the team turned to Matt Stafford. Was it the right call?

The quarterback who led New Jersey to its first playoff appearance in franchise history in 2022 seems out of favour in 2023. Daniel Jones seems to be auditioning for the role of future franchise quarterback. This is what it appears to be from the outside, but no outsider can know for sure.

This is because the messages from the team have been mixed. Stafford was injured. Stafford was healthy and ready. Stafford was not injured, but still recovering, not 100%, but able to play. Stafford was healthy, but fear of getting re-injured was a concern. The team had full confidence in Jones to lead them. The team was confident in Stafford to lead them. Stafford was still the guy. Jones was the guy in place of Stafford.

When I attended Wrecking Balls training camp this summer, I could see Coach Sean McDermott was grooming Jones to be the starter. Stafford was sidelined for over half of the first team reps. Quarterbacks coach Shea Tierney told me as we chatted on the practice field that he liked what he saw in Jones, although Stafford had one of the best arms he had ever seen. "Daniel can run," he added. "If he isn't sure it's there, he runs. Matt would rather throw a guy open than take off."

Was that, in retrospect, a clear hint that the coaching staff was getting spooked by Stafford "throwing open" receivers and accidentally throwing it to defenders? No doubt, interceptions in key moments hurt New Jersey last year. Maybe they felt they could replace the yards from the big arm of Stafford with yards from Jones' legs.

Whatever was going through the minds of the New Jersey coaching staff then, it changed during halftime this week. The Bombers had a slim 10-7 lead after two quarters. The Wrecking Balls' defence was doing its job. It had intercepted Justin Fields to set up a touchdown. It had surrender only one touchdown in return. The field goal that set the teams apart was the result of Jones getting intercepted in New Jersey territory in the dying seconds of the first half. Jones had completed just 9 of 19 passes for 71 yards and no touchdowns, to go with the pick.

Jones started the second half. After two plays, one short completion nullified by a holding call and a near interception on a hitch to Romeo Doubs, Jones was called to the sideline and Stafford was in. He threw an incomplete pass then Stafford was called to the sideline and Jones was back in. He ran for 10 yards on third and twenty and punt team came on. Jones would see the field one more time, to be stopped on a fourth down run.

While the quarterback drama played out on the New Jersey sideline, the Bombers added nine points to their lead.

Stafford would be asked to get it all back after not having played all season. Not fair, but desperate times call for desperate measures. The Bombers had already beaten the Wrecking Balls once. Another win would add another game to their division lead and give them the tiebreaker. That would make a New Jersey repeat win of the East Division highly unlikely.

The gambit fell short. Stafford threw two interceptions. The first set up the third of four Brett Maher field goals on the day. The second allowed Bruxelles to take more time off the clock. The Bombers went into a form of prevent defence in the final two minutes and surrendered a late and meaningless touchdown to win 25-15.

Where the Wrecking Balls go from here is anyone's guess. The quarterback situation there is probably more awkward than ever. Both quarterbacks are true professionals, and we hope they find their way.

Week Ten takeaways

Where have the close division races gone? The runner-up in five of six divisions trails by two games. In the East, New Jersey now trails Bruxelles by three games. These leads are not insurmountable with seven weeks left, but the teams involved in the races make it likely we are already looking at the future division winners. The situation could change in the South if the Braves keep improving and the Gladiators need to sit Tua for an extended period. With the Spartans showing some vulnerability a proven winner like the North stars could catch them. The rest seem unlikely to change. Virden is just too powerful. The rest of the West after Chino is just too weak. Cowtown was a longshot to begin with and now has injury concerns. Let us hope these races heat up soon.

Chris Jones is making a strong case for Defensive MVP. The defensive end bagged Justin Herbert in the Crusaders' win over Billtown this week to increase his league-leading sack total to ten. He also tipped two passes at the line, knocked Herbert down twice, and forced a fumble. Jones is a mean competitor and an integral part of the elite Crusaders' defence. He stepped up this week when the offence was having an off day.

He may not be a front-runner for league MVP, but veteran Cameron Jordan was the MVP of Budapest's win over East Elmhurst. The ten-million-dollar end earned his game cheque with two sacks, five knockdowns, two run stuffs, a pass defended and a forced fumble. The Budapest defence sacked Jacoby Brissett six times in a 15-0 shutout. "He deserves an assist on half of the other sacks," defensive coordinator Jim Schwartz told TMOB.

It is scary to think of what Patrick Mahomes could achieve with this offence if Virden coach Lance Barrate made a point of sending "messages" to his opponents every week. Mahomes led the Violators to 31 points in the first half against Chino this week. This was more than enough to win, and Virden geared down for the second half and let their defence do the work. Virden is averaging 25 points in the first half of games this year, more than seventeen other teams average per game. Mahomes threw four touchdown passes, all in the first half. He has thrown four or more touchdowns in six games this season so far. I shudder to think what former Death Valley coach Chris Worthley would do with these weapons.

If you are wondering why Bijan Robinson is not making the big splash many predicted just look at Austin Ekeler's stat line this week: 105 yards, 22 carries, 1 TD and a long run of 32. Throw in 4 receptions and you have 26 touches. That's hard to compete with. Robinson still rushed for 52 yards on 10 carries and caught 6 balls, breaking one for 37 yards on a check down from Geno Smith to set up the game-winning field goal. 42 touches for the Hawks backfield in a win over a tough opponent says it all about Brooklin's new formula for success.

Tom Brady is averaging 37 pass attempts per game. That just doesn't seem right on a team with Derrick Henry. The York offence is running a lot of plays and not scoring enough points and that is why they are 5-5.

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ERIEAU @ NEW JERSEY (line – WRECKING BALLS by 6)

INJURIES: Erieau – Ivan Pace Jr (PROBABLE), Joey Bosa (OUT), Sione Takitaki (OUT), Aaron Robinson (IR); New Jersey – Chidobe Awuzie (OUT), Calais Campbell (OUT).

The Cadillac shocked the football betting world by not just covering a double-digit line against the Spartans but winning outright. The shock wore off quickly apparently, as the Wrecking Balls are favoured by an unconverted touchdown despite stinking in Bruxelles last week. Some think that Matt Stafford will be getting the start, which obviously changes the equation, but not necessarily for the better. Stafford looked rusty in his relief appearance, while Kyler Murray has looked re-energized in the Caddies back-to-back wins. Still, it is impossible to ignore the position of the New Jersey defence near the top of many of the most meaningful statistical categories and then imagine the Erieau offence piling up points. Expect this to be a low-scoring game decided late, by a field goal. **PICK: ERIEAU**

BUFFALO @ LAPLATA (line – BRAVES by 7)

INJURIES: Buffalo – Russell Gage (OUT), Donte Jackson (OUT), Wan'Dale Robinson (OUT); LaPlata – Ronnie Stanley (PROBABLE), Alijah Vera-Tucker (OUT).

The Braves took a step backwards last week with a lacklustre offensive performance that forces one to question the wisdom of letting the kid drive the car. By “kid” I mean rookie CJ Stroud, who for the fourth time in six starts failed to break the 200-yard passing mark. While the Braves’ running game has picked up since the switch from Matt Ryan, it is not making the impact on the scoreboard needed to ease pressure off the defence. Fortunately, that defence is one of the league’s best and should not have much difficulty finding a way to squash the one-dimensional ‘Lamar Offence’ used by the Derailers. Last week the Buffalo brain trust again pushed Lamar into solo combat, this time against the Coyotes. While he performed courageously, he was not powerful enough on his own to keep pace on the scoreboard. It won’t get easier for him here. I don’t expect a blowout, but I don’t expect it to be close either. **PICK: LAPLATA**

COBB COUNTY @ GEORGIA (line – GLADIATORS by 9)

INJURIES: Cobb County – Jamal Adams (OUT), Brian Allen (OUT), Brandin Cooks (OUT), Adoree’ Jackson (OUT), Payton Turner (OUT); Georgia – Tremaine Edmunds (QUESTIONABLE).

The Coyotes are clawing their way back into a form of relevance. It is still possible for them to upset the apple cart in the race for a wildcard spot with a strong run to the finish line. It is no coincidence that when Bryce Young flashes the talent that made him the no.1 overall pick, the Coyotes win. The Georgia defence is the team’s Achilles Heel, giving the rookie another positive opportunity to progress in his development. The Gladiators bounced back from embarrassment in Sebastian by pummeling York last week. No coincidence that the offensive display coincided with the return of Tua Tagovailoa. The Glads’ offence is fully expressed under Tua’s hand, while under Marcus Mariota it reverts to one-dimensionality. But if Tua doesn’t get the call this week, for whatever dubious reason existing behind the scenes, this game takes on a different and more dangerous look for the Glads. **PICK: COBB COUNTY**

EAST ELMHURST @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 14)

INJURIES: East Elmhurst – Larry Ogunjobi (PROBABLE); Bruxelles – Marcus Maye (OUT).

The Irish have now lost three in a row after occupying a share of first place in the South Division. The trajectory of their overall play is sinking along with the losses, with the defence collapsing against Georgia and the offence imploding against Durham and Budapest. Granted, their setbacks have come at the hands of three of the conference’s top teams, but it is still relevant as the Bombers are no less threatening competitors. Bruxelles is firmly in the driver’s seat in the East Division after dispatching New Jersey with relative ease last week. So far, they have found a way to make it work with a quarterback who runs first and throws second and has not passed for 200

yards in any of his last five games. This could be a problem against a defence with a good track record against the run, like that of the Irish. I don't expect this factor to cause an outright upset, but it will be enough against the inflated spread. **PICK: EAST ELMHURST**

SEBASTIAN @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 21)

INJURIES: Sebastian – Divine Deablo (OUT), Denzel Perryman (OUT), Kendal Vickers (OUT), Levi Wallace (OUT); **Virden** – Ja'Marr Chase (OUT), James Conner (OUT), Jalen Mills (OUT), D.J. Humphries (OUT).

The dramatic three-TD line here is needed to attract action to the visitors. Still, it may not be enough. There is no plausible scenario for a Sebastian win, and barely plausible scenarios for them keeping it close. By "close," I mean within two scores. In one scenario, Russ Lemmon goes extra insane and refuses to punt in any situation and his gambles pay off enough to keep the ball longer and score more points. In the other scenario, Virden jumps out to an early 30-point lead, takes its foot off the gas, and Russ Lemmon goes extra insane trying to come back until the bitter end, resulting in enough garbage-time scores to cover. Either way, it'll be insane. **PICK: VIRDEN**

DURHAM @ TWIN CITIES (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 2)

INJURIES: Durham – None; **Twin Cities** – Emmanuel Moseley (OUT), Riley Moss (OUT), Derek Stingley Jr. (OUT).

The Lizards have had two weeks to recover from their heartbreaking loss to Budapest with low stress wins over East Elmhurst and Sebastian. They are fully healthy and ready as they will ever be to tackle the Triumph on their home turf. Twin Cities worked out some issues with the passing game last week against the fortified College-grade defence of the Cubs, but their most impressive achievement was reining in the eruptive Iowa City offence. This speaks to ingenuity in their game plans, but this week they will be challenged by the legs of Josh Allen adding a second element to both the pass and run game. In practice, the only thing holding back the Allen-led Durham offence is Allen himself. When he gets caught up in his own success, he takes extra risks, which gets him into trouble. Still, one must like the chances of the reigning champs snatching a hard-fought win on the road by field goal or more. **PICK: DURHAM**

COWTOWN @ CHARLESWOOD (line – CORN KINGS by 1)

INJURIES: Cowtown – Mike Evans (PROBABLE), Allen Lazard (PROBABLE), TJ Watt (QUESTIONABLE), Jeremy Chinn (OUT), Michael Pierce (OUT); **Charleswood** – D.J. Chark (OUT), Lloyd Cushenberry (OUT), Ronald Darby (OUT), J.K. Dobbins (OUT), David Ojabo (OUT).

The Corn Kings arrested their four-game slide with a win over the Blue Eagles. While not too impressive on its face, they did it with their back-up QB, and without their top two wide receivers and superstar TJ Watt. This match-up offers them a springboard to get back in the North Division race, but the oddsmakers aren't convinced this is much more than a coin flip, given the possibility that Cowtown will not have any of their critical pieces back in the line-up. Furthermore, Kenny Pickett is coming off a clutch performance against Seattle, that is breathing life back into the idea that he could be the quarterback of the future in Charleswood. With big-play threat DJ Chark out, however, the Cowtown defence will have one less threat to worry about. Give me the better team here. **PICK: COWTOWN**

SCARBOROUGH @ PEG CITY (line – CRUSADERS by 12)

INJURIES: Scarborough – Randall Cobb (OUT), Jahan Dotson (OUT), Allen Robinson (OUT); **Peg City** – None.

The last thing the beaten down and mediocre Scarborough wide-receiving corps needed was to travel to Peg City to face one of the league's most talented defences. This will put the pressure squarely on Dalvin Cook to lure the Peg City safeties into the box by breaking through the stout Crusader front four – an unlikely prospect. The only saving grace for the Blue Eagles here is the neurosis of the Peg City coaching staff in putting Ryan Tannehill in a bubble when an "unworthy" opponent comes to town. Mac Jones does not ignite the Peg City attack to the same degree, which means a slower grind and the possibility of a big play by the Scarborough defence making a difference in the spread. Scarborough is in the bottom four in the league in takeaways, making this unlikely as well. **PICK: PEG CITY**

BILLTOWN @ BUDAPEST (line – NORTH STARS by 13)

INJURIES: Billtown – Christian Elliss (OUT), Joshua Ezeudu (OUT), Jordan Fuller (OUT), Mecole Hardman (OUT), Damien Harris (OUT), Isaiah Hodgins (OUT), Shaquille Leonard (OUT); **Budapest** – Amare Barno (QUESTIONABLE).

The tendency of the North Stars' offence to slip into slumber mode is disconcerting. Last week they scored just one touchdown against the Irish in a game where their defence completely suffocated them and gave the offence every opportunity to take a more comfortable lead. Last year, this tendency would pose a serious concern against a team like Billtown. This year, however, the scarce remaining proven talent on the Bats' defence is isolated and fatigued, although they acquitted themselves well against Peg City last week. It is not hard to imagine a well-timed play-action pass or two by the master Aaron Rodgers being more than enough to win the game, but will it be enough to beat the two-digit spread? The Bats' offence is blessed with a franchise quarterback worthy of the title, but cursed by a GM

who has stripped him of supportive talent at the skill positions. The Stars' D could easily post their second shutout. **PICK: BUDAPEST**

CHINO @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 13)

INJURIES: Chino – Felix Anudike-Ozumah (PROBABLE), Salvon Ahmed (OUT), Derrick Barnes (OUT), Von Miller (OUT), Eddie Jackson (OUT); Pickering – Willie Gay (OUT), Ta'Quon Graham (OUT), D'Andre Swift (OUT).

Both teams are coming off bad losses. Chino was humbled in every way by Virden, while the Spartans had their quest for perfection jarringly cancelled by the low-performance Cadillac. The wind and rain in Erieau slowed down the Pickering juggernaut enough to allow Kyler Murray to keep pace. The Spartans will be screaming for vengeance this week and even though Chino had nothing to do with last week, they will be in the sights of the Spartans' spears. The Convicts remain two games in front of Iowa City to lead the West Division but cannot afford to become comfortable. It is an unlucky twist in the schedule that they must travel on consecutive weeks to play the two favourites to meet in the Gale Sayers Game. They cannot afford to feel sorry for themselves. It may help that the Spartans have proven themselves to be vulnerable and that the Convicts, despite injuries, still have plenty of top-grade talent. **PICK: CHINO**

YORK @ SEATTLE (line – EXCALIBURS by 3)

INJURIES: York – Treylon Burks (OUT), Rashan Gary (OUT), Cole Holcomb (OUT), Javonte Williams (OUT), Jabari Zuniga (OUT), Phidarian Mathis (IR); Seattle – Marshon Lattimore (OUT), Trent McDuffie (OUT), Sean Murphy-Bunting (OUT), Hunter Renfrow (OUT), Trey Sermon (OUT), Ar'Darius Washington (IR).

A promising start to the season is giving way to a foreboding finish for York. They have been fully outclassed the past two weeks against teams they would need to beat if they were to make the playoffs. The fact that these games were not even close calls into question how effective the triumvirate of Tom Brady, Derrick Henry and Amon-Ra St. Brown can be at carrying the offence by themselves over the long haul. On the upside, this is a classic "get right game" against the mostly pathetic Pilots, who have looked less pathetic offensively in their last three games under a totally reinvigorated Carson Wentz. For this path to be sustainable, Seattle needs to get Kenneth Walker more involved as a priority. A one-dimensional game plan against the York safeties could be disastrous. **PICK: YORK**

BROOKLIN @ IOWA CITY (line – HAWKS by 2)

INJURIES: Brooklin – Dion Dawkins (PROBABLE), Damone Clark (OUT), Kamren Curl (OUT), Leighton Vander Esch (OUT), Garrett Boles (IR). Iowa City – Tyron Smith (PROBABLE), Tre Brown (OUT), Amani Hooker (OUT), Joe Noteboom (OUT), Josh Paschal (OUT).

The Hawks coast into this game winners of their last four. Two of those wins came against tough competition, which indicates that Geno Smith has established he can win in this league. Brooklin's issue this week, however, is not their ability to score points. The Cubs' defence will likely give them a few on their own. The problem will be whether the defence can withstand a concerted aerial assault by Derek Carr and his bevy of receiving threats, beginning with A.J. Brown. The Carr-Brown combo from Hell was targeted and somewhat tamed last week, but still resulted in over 100 yards and a touchdown. Whether the Brooklin defence has the same discipline, or desire, to commit to taking it away remains to be seen. This could well be a shootout, with the better team coming out on top. **PICK: BROOKLIN**



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