



2009

WEEK ONE

October 4<sup>th</sup>. 2009



Garland's place-kicker Robbie Gould and holder Sam Koch celebrate Gould's 41-yard field goal to give Mustangs 19-10 lead late in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter versus Ringgold..

### MUSTANGS KICK CRIMSON HAWKS IN HOME OPENER!

*Incredible win harbinger of triumphant return of pro football to Garland / Gould kicks 4 field goals*



RINGGOLD

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GARLAND

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GARLAND – If you believe in omens you will instantly see a good one for Garland in their mad and improbable home opener victory over the Crimson Hawks. Ill-fated Ringgold continued a lasting tradition of stumbling over their own feet just before the finish line, turning the ball over 5 times, 3 of those in the red zone, to help the underdog Mustangs reignite football fever in Garland with a stunning 19-17 upset.

It was a cold December day in 2003 when Jay Fiedler of the Wiley Coyotes took a knee to burn the final seconds off the final season of the Garland Gladiators in the old semi-pro Super Football League. Garland lost that game 37-24 and with it a shot at a playoff berth that might have saved their existence. The team went bankrupt after that and Garland has been deprived of gridiron action ever since – until this week.

Before a loud sellout crowd, the Mustangs did just enough right at just the right times to score just enough points to come out on top. With impressive economy of effort and martial arts precision, they made the most of what Ringgold handed to them and did not give anything back. It brought elation to Garland fans and engrained frustration in suffering Ringgold fans.

Ringgold got off to a good start, finishing the game's opening drive with a 6-yard TD pass from **Ben Roethlisberger** to **Eddie Royal** to jump into the lead, 7-0. Garland replied with a field goal to make it 7-3, but then Ringgold assembled another long drive into Mustang territory. Poised to score with the ball at Garland's 14 yard line, Roethlisberger tried to thread the needle to **Santonio Holmes** but was intercepted by **Dominique Foxworth**. The Mustangs would be forced to punt four plays later but Ringgold's early momentum was disrupted. Despite ineffectiveness on offence, Garland managed to hold Ringgold to one field goal for the remainder of the first half and escaped to the locker down by a touchdown, 10-3.

On their second possession of the third quarter, the Mustangs engineered their best sustained drive of the day, moving the ball 84 yards in 14 plays, all the way to Ringgold's 2 yard line, but **Shaun Rogers** stuffed **Frank Gore** for a loss on 3<sup>rd</sup> down

and **Doug Shirley**, to mild crowd disapproval, sent in the kicking team. **Robbie Gould** kicked the easy field goal to make the score 10-6 for the visitors. In reply, the Ringgold offence ripped up the field to Garland's 22 where coach, **Tim Molinaro** dialed up some razzle-dazzle. **Eddie Royal** caught the Mustang 'D' completely by surprise on the end-around and looked about to score. But as he reached out with the ball toward the end zone, Garland linebacker **Jarret Johnson** punched it out. Safety, **Eric Weddle** snatched it on the run in mid-air at the goal line and galloped the entire distance of the field for the TD. It was a stunning turnaround that pumped up the home team and seemed to spook the Crimson Hawks. Garland capitalized on solid defense and punt returns of 30 and 14 yards by **Wes Welker** to set up two more Robbie Gould field goals, making the score 19-10 for Garland with 8 minutes remaining in the game.

Ringgold roared back with a desperation drive of 81 yards ending in a TD on a 11-yard TD pass from Roethlisberger to Holmes. With 41 seconds remaining, hope remained for Ringgold after they recovered an onside kick at their own 44 yard line. But **Corey Williams** sacked "Big Ben" and **Madieu Williams** intercepted him on the next play to seal the amazing win.

10-01-2009. The Corral, Temp: 85, Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Weddle

2008 Ringgold (0-1) 7 3 0 7 -17  
 2008 Garland (1-0) 3 0 3 13 -19

1 10:46 Ringgold TD Roethlisberger 6 pass to Royal (Suisham) (9-68-4:14) 7-0  
 1 4:59 Garland FG Gould 45 (9-47-5:47) 7-3  
 2 1:51 Ringgold FG Suisham 28 (10-78-4:50) 10-3  
 3 3:46 Garland FG Gould 20 (14-84-7:48) 10-6  
 4 14:48 Garland TD Weddle 100 yd fumble recovery (Gould) (0-0-0:00) 10-13  
 4 11:19 Garland FG Gould 47 (3-6-1:26) 10-16  
 4 8:04 Garland FG Gould 41 (3-10-1:51) 10-19  
 4 0:52 Ringgold TD Roethlisberger 11 pass to Holmes (Suisham) (16-81-7:06) 17-19

	RCH	GDM
First Downs	22	9
Rushes	22-89	26-43
Passes	49-27-293	18-12-165
Sacked	1-7	0-0
Fumble	2	3
Penalties	6-36	4-21
Turnovers	5	1
Time	33:49	26:11
Third Down	9-17	3-11
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg		
Net Offense	375	208

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** RCH – **Ben Roethlisberger** completed 27 of 49 for 293 yards, 3 INTs and 2 TDs; **Andre Johnson** 9 rec., 100 yards, Eddie Royal 8 rec., 77 yards, 1 TD. GDM – **Matt Ryan** completed 12 of 18 for 165 yards; **Jonathan Vilma** had 9 tackles, 2 Def. 1 Stuff and 1 Forced Fumble; **Eric Weddle** 1 Fumble Recoverv return for TD



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**FLORIDA**



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**GWINNETT**

### JACKSON'S 2 TDS POWER DRAGONS WIN!

**GAME POINTS:** **DeSean Jackson** scorched the Gladiators special teams for 2 punt return TDs and the Florida 'D' snuffed out the **Matt Cassel** led Gwinnett offence in the second half as the EFL Champions won easily on the road to start the season. A 10-10 deadlock at halftime was broken when **Aaron Rodgers** completed a 16-yard catch-and-run TD pass to **Ray Rice** in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter. Then Jackson busted the game open with a 66-yard punt return TD, his second, to make it 24-10, Florida. A swarming Dragons defense led by **Justin Tuck** and **Dwight Freeney** recorded 2 sacks and forced 2 fumbles to hold the Glads in check the rest of the way.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **DeAngelo Williams** rushed for 138 yards on 20 carries, including a 48-yard TD run; **DeSean Jackson** returned 3 punts for 140 yards and 2 TDs; **Matt Cassel** completed 14 of 25 passes for 138 yards and 1 TD; the **Gladiators** were held to 55 yards of offense in the second half.

10-03-2009. Gwinnett Coliseum, Temp: 69, Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Jackson

2008 Florida (1-0) 7 10 10 7 -34  
 2008 Gwinnett (0-1) 3 7 0 0 -10

1 13:19 Florida TD Jackson 68 punt return (Elam,J) (0-0-0:00) 7-0  
 1 7:02 Gwinnett FG Brown 24 (4-9-1:04) 7-3  
 2 10:31 Florida FG Elam 29 (13-68-5:57) 10-3  
 2 6:23 Gwinnett TD Cassel 19 pass to Clark (Brown,J) (7-71-4:04) 10-10  
 2 1:49 Florida TD Rodgers 16 pass to Rice (Elam,J) (9-79-4:34) 17-10  
 3 10:49 Florida TD Jackson 66 punt return (Elam,J) (0-0-0:00) 24-10  
 3 4:48 Florida FG Elam 39 (3-8-1:33) 27-10  
 4 10:12 Florida TD Williams 48 run (Elam,J) (6-74-4:30) 34-10

	FLD	GWG
First Downs	14	9
Rushes	32-148	30-113
Passes	20-12-127	27-14-138
Sacked	0-0	4-25
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	3-20	9-61
Turnovers	1	1
Time	30:36	29:24
Third Down	7-13	7-18
Fourth Down	0-0	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	2/1/1
Net Offense	275	226

# STARS BITE KINGS IN THE DAWG POUND!

**THRILLING 67-YARD PASS TO HENDERSON WITH 13 SECONDS LEFT LIFTS MARKHAM TO VICTORY!**



**COWTOWN**

**17**



**MARKHAM**

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It's a foot race to the goal line between Markham's Devery Henderson and Cowtown's Aaron Ross. Henderson won it to finish off an amazing 67-yard pass play in the dwindling seconds to earn the North Stars a stunning victory in their home opener.

MARKHAM – “The play” seemed to come out of nowhere. As time ticked away, the North Stars faced a 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10 at their own 33 yard line, down 17-13 with 29 seconds showing on the clock and no timeouts. For the home team that was a grim situation in itself. It looked even more hopeless when one compared the swaggering confidence of the Corn King defense, coming fresh off a big 4th down stop on Markham’s previous series, with the hang “dawg” attitude of the clearly frustrated and desperate North Star’s offence. The team with the positive attitude usually wins in these situations. Some fans had already left the stadium, thinking it over when Cowtown had the ball with 1:39 left and Markham down to only 2 timeouts.

There will be much review of the game film in Cowtown this coming week to see exactly what went wrong, but the highlight footage shows that Markham QB, **Donovan McNabb** and wide receiver **Devery Henderson** simply made an amazing play. With 7 defensive backs patrolling in deep zone coverage, Henderson sprinted straight down the left sideline and cut inside about 20 yards downfield. McNabb made a perfect throw, hitting Henderson in full stride as he charged through a gap in the zone. A split second to pause for the ball would have given Corn Kings safety **Charles Godfrey** enough time to get a hand on Henderson and slow him down. Instead he was able to carry his full momentum forward and race untouched past two defenders, leaving him only **Aaron Ross**, who had come charging from the other side of the field, to beat. It wasn’t close.

That play topped off a gritty performance by the “underdawg” North Stars that had given them a 10-6 lead at halftime and had kept them ahead or close for the entire game. At moments when it had seemed that Cowtown was poised to finish them off, the Markham ‘D’ would stop them or the Kings would self-destruct. A balanced Markham offensive attack had kept **Chad Pennington** off the field for more than half the game, preserving their defense while depriving the Kings of their principal weapon. Even so, Cowtown led late into the contest on the strength of two impressive TD drives – one in the first half and one in the second half – and a 40-yard Jason Hanson field goal. It had looked like it would be enough – until lightning struck.

The big play overshadowed a solid performance by the Markham offensive line that enabled them to control the ball, and a fine defensive outing by linebacker **Barrett Ruud**, who had 9 tackles, one run stuff, and an interception that led to a field goal.

10-03-2009. The Dawg Pound, Temp: 76, Wind: 10-20 None MVP: McNabb

2008 Cowtown (0-1) 6 0 8 3 -17  
2008 Markham (1-0) 0 10 0 10 -20

1 7:05 Cowtown TD Moore 10 run (no good) (13-70-6:02) 6-0  
2 10:58 Markham TD Pittman 3 run (Long well) (8-59-3:17)  
6-7  
2 3:17 Markham FG Long well 23 (5-26-2:54) 6-10  
3 9:10 Cowtown TD Pennington 9 pass to Walter (2 - Moore) (11-73-5:50) 14-10  
4 13:52 Markham FG Long well 41 (9-38-3:52) 14-13  
4 7:24 Cowtown FG Hanson 40 (5-32-2:52) 17-13  
4 0:13 Markham TD McNabb 67 pass to Henderson (Long well) (3-67-0:32) 17-20

	COW	MAR
First Downs	15	16
Rushes	25-114	32-111
Passes	31-21-177	32-17-254
Sacked	0-0	1-2
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	1-10	5-36
Turnovers	2	1
Time	27:36	32:24
Third Down	5-11	8-15
Fourth Down	0-0	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	2/1/1
Net Offense	291	363

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** MAR – **Donovan McNabb** completed 17 of 32 passes for 254 yards and 1 TD; **Jamal Lewis**, 20 carries for 81 yards; **Devery Henderson** 2 catches for 84 yards and 1 TD. COW – **Chad Pennington** completed 21 of 31 passes for 171 yards, 1 INT and 1 TD; **Mewled Moore** gained 73 yards in 17 carries and 1 TD; **Kevin Walter** caught 4 passes for 43 yards and 1 TD



PICKERING



DURHAM

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### THUNDERING LIZARDS CLAW SPARTANS!

**GAME POINTS:** The Thunder Lizards set a league record, scoring 3 TDs on their first 3 plays from scrimmage to vault ahead of Pickering early. **Calvin Johnson** caught the Spartan secondary napping on the first play of the game, turning a medium crossing pattern into an 80-yard score. After **Karlos Dansby** returned an **Eli Manning** interception to the Pickering 7, **Michael Turner** broke through the line for a TD on the next play. Turner completed the TD hat trick by breaking an 85-yard run off tackle on the first play of their next possession for a 21-7 lead. The Lizards would hold on and add 10 more points to win with ease.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Eli Manning** completed 22 of 33 passes for 237 yards, 4 INTs and 1 TD; **Chris Johnson** rushed for 53 yards and 1 TD on 10 carries; Pickering turned the ball over 5 times. **Philip Rivers** completed 14 of 22 passes for 324 yards and 1 TD; **Michael Turner** ploughed through the Pickering 'D' for 161 yards and 2 TDs on 27 carries; **Mushin Muhammad** had 4 catches for 121 yards; **Karlos Dansby** made 2 interceptions.

10-03-2009 Jurassic Park. Temp: 84, Wind: Calm None MVP: Rivers

2008 Pickering (0-1) 7 0 7 0 -14  
2008 Durham (1-0) 21 7 0 3 -31

1 14:44 Durham TD Rivers 80 pass to Johnson (Crosby) (1-80-0:16) 0-7  
1 12:06 Durham TD Turner 7 run (Crosby) (1-7-0:08) 0-14  
1 8:14 Pickering TD Johnson 1 run (Kasay) (7-59-3:52) 7-14  
1 7:53 Durham TD Turner 85 run (Crosby) (1-85-0:21) 7-21  
2 2:00 Durham TD Faulk 5 run (Crosby) (7-64-4:09) 7-28  
3 0:00 Pickering TD Manning 42 pass to Jenkins (Kasay) (12-93-6:38) 14-28  
4 7:03 Durham FG Crosby 21 (12-70-7:57) 14-31

	PIC	DTL
First Downs	21	19
Rushes	20-88	37-183
Passes	33-22-237	22-14-324
Sacked	2-9	0-0
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	4-40	6-40
Turnovers	5	0
Time	27:48	32:12
Third Down	4-9	4-12
Fourth Down	0-0	0-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/0	3/2/1
Net Offense	316	507

### BIRONAS' BIG LEG BEATS VIOLATORS

**GAME POINTS:** Trailing 16-14 with 6:36 remaining in the game and starting on their own 22 yard line, the Mohave Hellfire's **Kurt Warner** put together a 45 yard drive, keyed by a 22-yard pass to **Terrell Owens**, to put kicker **Rob Bironas** in a position to grab back a lead they had tenuously held throughout most of the game until the fourth quarter. In the windless half dome of the "Terrordome" Bironas was true from 50 yards out, giving the Hellfire the most narrow of victories in a game they were heavily favoured to win.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Kurt Warner** completed 21 of 24 passes for 251 yards, 1 INT and 2 TDs; **Terrell Owens** 7 receptions for 88 yards and 1 TD; **Donald Driver** 4 receptions for 64 yards and 1 TD. **Drew Brees** completed 14 of 25 passes for 158 yards and 1 TD; **Devin Hester** 5 receptions for 77 yards and 1 TD; **Ray Maualuga**, 11 tackles, 1 deflection 1 INT.



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VIRDEN

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10-04-2009 TERRORDOME. Temp: 67, Wind: Calm None MVP: Warner

2008 Mohave (1-0) 14 0 3 -17  
2008 Virден (0-1) 0 3 7 6 -16

1 8:49 Mohave TD Warner 9 pass to Owens (Barons) (9-62-4:52) 7-0  
1 4:08 Mohave TD Warner 19 pass to Driver (Barons) (6-36-2:59) 14-0  
2 1:59 Virден FG Vintner 30 (7-52-4:04) 14-3  
3 6:53 Virден TD Brees 7 pass to Hester (Vintner) (14-39-4:54) 14-10  
4 13:48 Virден FG Vinatieri 30 (11-37-5:00) 14-13  
4 6:48 Virден FG Vinatieri 38 (8-25-5:01) 14-16  
4 2:46 Mohave FG Bironas 50 (9-45-3:57) 17-16

	MOH	VV
First Downs	17	12
Rushes	29-82	25-90
Passes	24-21-251	26-14-158
Sacked	0-0	0-0
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	8-63	11-85
Turnovers	2	1
Time	31:08	28:52
Third Down	4-9	5-17
Fourth Down	0-2	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/0	3/1/2
Net Offense	333	248



Charleswood linebacker Jon Beason roars in satisfaction after returning a Tony Romo pass 43 yards for a TD in the first quarter against the Golden Bears.

## PATS DOMINATE BEARS WITH DEADLY 'D'

**2 INTERCEPTIONS RETURNED FOR TDS, WITTEN CATCHES 2 MORE AS PATS CRUISE**



**KUTZTOWN**

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**CHARLESWOOD**

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**CHARLESWOOD** – The Patriots got their season off to an impressive start with an imposing performance by their defense and valuable production from the tight ends in their new double tight end alignment. Both the Defense and the Offense scored a pair of touchdowns and kicker **Stephen Gostkowski** added a pair of field goals to account for the Pats 34 points, while the defense hounded **Tony Romo** downfield and behind the line of scrimmage, keeping the Golden Bears pivot off balance and out of rhythm for most of the day.

**Jon Beason** kicked off the Charleswood scoring parade with a first quarter 43-yard interception return for a touchdown to make the score 10-0 for Charleswood. Beason had faked a blitz then dropped back into the path of Romo's hot read. The ball went straight into his numbers and he took it straight into the Kutztown end zone. After a three-and-out by the Bears, **Peyton Manning** engineered what may be an early view of the standard scoring drive of Charleswood's new double tight end offensive alignment, moving the ball methodically through an alternation of **Adrian Peterson** rushes and short and medium passes to tight ends **Tony Gonzalez** and **Jason Witten**. The latter finished the drive with a nice 2-yard touchdown reception from Manning made possible by the linebackers biting on a fake to Peterson.

With the score 17-0 for Charleswood, the Golden Bears got a big play from rookie **LeSean McCoy** who busted free for a 52-yard run. It brought the Golden Bears out of a hole in their own end and set them up in scoring position in Charleswood territory. But **Ed Reed** put a stop to that threat with an 87-yard interception return for a touchdown to make the score 24-0. A late TD pass to **Greg Jennings** put Kutztown on the board but the Pats defense went into shut down mode against the pass in the second half, putting the game virtually out of reach for the one-dimensional Golden Bear attack.

09-28-2009. Patriot Place, Temp: 75 Wind: MVP: Witten

2008 Kutztown (0-1) 0 7 0 3 - 10  
 2008 Charleswood (1-0) 10 14 10 0 - 34

1 4:51 Charleswood FG Gostkowski 29 (11-61-6:19) 0-3  
 1 3:37 Charleswood TD Beason 43 interception return (Gostkowski) (0-0-0:00) 0-10  
 2 10:53 Charleswood TD Manning 2 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (14-76-6:28) 0-17  
 2 3:23 Charleswood TD Reed 87 interception return (Gostkowski) (0-0-0:00) 0-24  
 2 0:21 Kutztown TD Romo 22 pass to Jennings (Kaeding) (11-71-3:02) 7-24  
 3 9:56 Charleswood FG Gostkowski 46 (7-35-5:04) 7-27  
 3 0:52 Charleswood TD Manning 12 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (11-80-7:19) 7-34  
 4 1:20 Kutztown FG Kaeding 45 (6-32-2:04) 10-34

	KUT	CHP
First Downs	12	19
Rushes	15-94	34-131
Passes	36-20-169	23-15-139
Sacked	3-23	1-6
Fumble	3	1
Penalties	3-20	1-0
Turnovers	3	1
Time	24:31	35:29
Third Down	6-14	6-11
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg		
Net Offense	240	264

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** CHA – **Peyton Manning** completed 15 of 23 for 139 yards, 1 INT and 2 TDs; **Jason Witten** catches for 52 yards and 2 TDs; **Adrain Peterson** gained 105 yards on 21 carries; KUT – **Tony Romo** completed 20 of 36 passes for 169 yards, 2 INTs and 1 TD; **Greg Jennings** 10 receptions for 98 yards and 1 TD; **LeSean McCoy** 5 carries for 68 yards.

# CONVICTS HANDCUFF OUTLAWS

## STINGY CHINO DEFENSE HOLDS PLUCKY GARRARD IN CHECK



CHINO

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WINNEMUCCA

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Julius Peppers blows past Jon Jansen on the way to his second sack of Outlaws QB, David Garrard. Peppers led an unrelenting Chino pass rush that kept the Winnemucca offense from staying on track. The Convicts went on to tough out an opening day victory on the road, 24-10.

WINNEMUCCA – It was a game that many rightfully considered a foregone conclusion. While it ended with Chino covering the spread and demonstrating control over Division-rival Winnemucca, it was a noteworthy contest for the fact that the hometown Outlaws battled hard and pushed back against a defense considered by some to be the best in the league. Against a secondary that covers like a blanket and is hungry for the ball, Outlaw quarterback **David Garrard** managed to move the chains with moderate success through the air and avoided turning the ball over after getting stung by **Terrence Newman** in the first quarter.

The Newman interception got things started for Chino, setting Cutler & Co. up at Winnemucca's 40 yard line. A long pass to **Hines Ward** for 22 yards put them inside the red zone, and 3 plays later, **Knowshon Moreno** was in the end zone from 5 yards out for the opening tally.

Winnemucca came right back. **Anquan Boldin** fumbled at the Chino 36 yard line in a play that was reviewed. The ruling on the field was upheld when it was clear that Outlaw corner, **Fabian Washington** knocked the ball loose a split second prior to the Boldin's knee hitting the ground. With the short field, it took only 6 plays for Garrard to lead his team into the end zone on a 3-yard run by **Julius Jones** to tie the score at 7-7.

Washington came right back into play on the ensuing Chino drive, picking off Cutler and returning the ball to the Chino 39 yard line. That set up a 35-yard field goal by **Shayne Graham** that gave Winnemucca a 10-7 lead and caused heads in sports bars across the country to turn in disbelief. For a few marvelous minutes half-way through the second quarter, the crowd at 'The Hole in the Wall' reveled in a rare Winnemucca lead before **Jay Cutler** brought them back down to earth with a 12-yard touchdown pass to **Anquan Boldin** to round off a 10-play, 67-yard drive. A short field goal by Graham gave the visitors a 17-10 lead at halftime.

On the strength of a 33-yard end-around by **Percy Harvin**, the Outlaws took the opening drive of the second half all the way to the Chino 2 yard line where they faced 4<sup>th</sup> & goal. A quarterback draw by Garrard came up one yard short and that signaled the end of Winnemucca's offensive threat. The Convicts shut down the Outlaws from that point onward, adding a flashy touchdown by **Ted Ginn Jr.** to complete the scoring on the day.

09-30-2009 Hole in the Wall. Temp: 51, Wind: 10-20 None MVP: Cutler

2008 Chino (1-0) 7 10 7 0 -24  
2008 Winnemucca (0-1) 7 3 0 0 -10

1 8:25 Chino TD Moreno 5 run (Reed,J) (5-40-2:23) 7-0  
1 2:36 Winnemucca TD Jones 3 run (Graham,S) (6-36-2:29) 7-7  
2 12:14 Winnemucca FG Graham 35 (6-21-3:03) 7-10  
2 6:12 Chino TD Cutler 12 pass to Boldin (Reed,J) (10-67-5:59) 14-10  
2 0:34 Chino FG Reed 24 (9-33-3:53) 17-10  
3 2:14 Chino TD Ginn Jr. 25 run (Reed,J) (4-31-1:35) 24-10

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** CHI – **Jay Cutler** completed 23 of 34 for 217 yards, 1 INT and 1 TD; **Anquan Boldin** 9 catches for 79 yards and 1 TD; **James Harrison**, 2 sacks, 1 run stuff; **Julis Peppers** 2 sacks. WMO – **David Garrard** completed 19 of 28 passes for 196 yards, 1 INT;; **Laveranues Coles** 7 receptions for 75 yards; **Fabian Washington** 7 tackles, 2 deflections, 1 forced fumble. 1 interception

	CHI	WMO
First Downs	17	14
Rushes	25-94	22-100
Passes	34-23-217	28-19-196
Sacked	0-0	5-30
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	2-19	6-55
Turnovers	2	1
Time	31:38	28:22
Third Down	8-13	4-11
Fourth Down	1-2	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg		
Net Offense	311	266



LOS ANGELES



IOWA CITY

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### WHITNER STEALS ONE FOR CUBBIES!

**GAME POINTS:** With LA driving for the winning score, the game knotted at 13 apiece and 37 seconds left in regulation, Knights receiver **Roddy White** coughed up the football after a reception took him down to the Cubs' 37 yard-line. **O.J. Atogwe** picked up the loose ball and tossed a lateral to **Donte Whitner** who ran it back 63 yards for the winning score. It was an unbelievable ending in a rivalry that has provided its share of instant classics. Iowa City controlled the first half while Los Angeles controlled the second up until the fateful fumble. The miscue ruined a solid performance by new Knights QB, **Jason Campbell**, but saved the Cubs a loss in their home opener.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **Jason Campbell** completed 21 of 29 passes for 235 yards and 1 TD and rushed for 26 yards on 5 carries; **Chris Hope** made 11 tackles. Trent Edwards completed 15 of 26 passes for 137 yards; Brandon Jacobs rushed for 103 yards and 1 TD on 23 carries; Demeco Ryans made 7 tackles, 2 deflections and 2 run stuffs.

10-04-2009 Joe Ferguson Stadium. Temp: 64, Wind: Calm None MVP: Jacobs			First Downs	LAK	ICC
2008 Los Angeles (0-1)	0	3 3 7	-13	14	16
2008 Iowa City (1-0)	3	7 3 7	-20	20-75	34-194
1 9:37 Iowa City	FG	Rackers 45 (6-32-3:01)	0-3	29-21-235	26-15-137
2 9:12 Iowa City	TD	Jacobs 5 run (Rackers) (10-87-4:23)	0-10	Sacked	3-24
2 4:22 Los Angeles	FG	Brown 41 (8-56-4:50)	3-10	Fumble	1
3 6:33 Iowa City	FG	Rackers 43 (10-44-5:08)	3-13	Penalties	5-36
3 2:38 Los Angeles	FG	Brown 32 (7-60-3:48)	6-13	Turnovers	1
4 4:07 Los Angeles	TD	Campbell 7 pass to Heap (Brown,K) (10-80-5:09)	13-13	Time	25:13
4 0:32 Iowa City	TD	Whitner 63 yd fumble recovery (Rackers) (0-0-0:00)	13-20	Third Down	1-10
				Fourth Down	0-2
				Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/2
				Net Offense	286
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# AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Another glorious Week One in the EFL has come and gone and few in the Big Apple seem to have noticed. New Yorkers consider themselves worldly, knowledgeable and sophisticated but at the same time far too busy to really pay attention to anything outside of their personal circles of influence. They assume that people outside of the City are busy watching them in order that *they* may become more knowledgeable, worldly and sophisticated. It is therefore understood that to remain worldly, knowledgeable and sophisticated, New Yorkers must continue to ignore the world and focus on themselves – as examples for others, of course.

I find New York somewhat irritating these days. I'm not sure why. Perhaps the slumping economy is to blame. Many people are working just to survive and they are taking note of their surroundings. It was all well and good to pay exorbitant rent and inflated mortgages when the boom was in full swing – it was the price of doing business in America's financial capitol. Now it just seems like larceny. I'm sure a professional football

team would change the atmosphere in a hurry, though. Fall without the Jets and Giants is just a dreary, cloudy season.

### ***WEEK ONE SURPRISES***

I don't like surprises and I am happy to say that I wasn't surprised by very much of what transpired in the opening week of the 2009 EFL season. I like it, however, when other people are surprised and I am not. So I got a kick out of watching the national commentators express almost universal shock at Garland's victory over Ringgold in their home opener. You would think it had just rained in the Sahara Desert. Come on people! That game had very little to do with Garland and everything to do with Ringgold – the team that “Jack” built. Remember him? As long as players selected by “Tuna” in the inaugural EFL draft remain in the majority on the roster, no matter how talented they may be, the team will *lose*. It is the *'Curse of the Tuna.'* I am surprised that the Oracle sees it differently.

Of course, real surprises are bound to happen in today's EFL and I am surprised that I wasn't more surprised by the results this week. It is becoming much more difficult to predict the outcomes of games than it was when I was growing up with the old NFL, so I expect to be surprised as a matter of course. The salary cap is creating parity in resources, exposing managerial and coaching flaws that at one time could be buried beneath mountains of cash. A good Coach and a good General Manager are necessities today if a team plans to compete. Paradoxically, however, there is so much talent spread throughout the league that occasionally it asserts itself in surprising ways on the field – in spite of the coaching – resulting in more upsets or strange plays. Injuries are the wild card in the analysis, but if you want to peg a contender look at the “Organization” first, not the players.

### ***MEMORIES OF CHAD***

The resurrection of football in Garland resonates with me more than most people outside of that town because the Garland Gladiators were the home of my one-time favourite quarterback, Chad Hutchinson. I liked him because his name was Chad. Chad is the kind of name that people either respect or ridicule. Due to its polarizing influence, Chads around the world instinctively support one another in the face of general misunderstanding. The old SFL, like most semi-pro leagues, had some oddly assembled teams. The old Garland team evoked memories of the 60's and early 70's NFL – two feature running backs and a limited passing game. “Rocky” Williams and LeDonius Timlinson carried the load for Garland, while Chad threw the ball only when absolutely necessary or when the coach was off his medication. I remember that he had Bob Griese-like numbers – attempting less than 200 passes in his last season.

### ***FAREWELL TO ANCHORAGE***

Anthony Alan Fenton, heir to the Gooseberry Fields organic fast food chain, finally gave up on his Alaskan football experiment and sold the team to Canadian UFC Promoter and Flax Seed Supplements International President, Lance Barrate. The Bucs moved immediately to Virden, a suburb of Winnipeg, forgoing their lease on the Great Northern Sports Complex outside of Anchorage. Fenton will be remembered for assembling a powerful team and then, for no clear reason, dismantling it piecemeal over a period of two-and-a-half years. He was a pioneer in recognizing the value of long snappers and gave back to the Community by hiring homeless men from an Anchorage shelter to coach his team's secondary.

### ***HELLO VIRDEN***

If first impressions are accurate then new Virden Violators owner, Lance Barrate is insane....in a good way. Barrate wasted no time chopping the deadwood from what remained of the Anchorage Buccaneers. His move to the 'TERRORDOME' signifies a commitment to winning....*or else!* I like it!

### ***AROUND THE HORN***

I used to subscribe to a Lundy's Sports News Service to receive updates and analysis on Sunday's EFL games. It would arrive in my office on a ticker tape and it made too much noise. Now I subscribe to 'EFL Total Access Sunday,' a service provided by the EFL Network, to keep track of all EFL action. For the first time, I get to see every game in its entirety, when I want, in the comfort of my Manhattan condo. Last night I sat back with a bottle of 'Glenmorangie' and into the wee hours watched all of the games. Here are my quick thoughts on each:



**Florida vs. Gwinnett** – Lackluster offences attributable to rookie QBs on both sides. Special teams magic from DeSean Jackson gives Champs a leg up.

**Ringgold vs. Garland** – the Gods were watching.

**Kutztown vs. Charleswood** – Romo is the star but Kutztown is manhandled.

**Mohave vs. Virden** – Virden fights back and Mohave is surprised. It could be a long season for the Hellfire and a fun season for the Violators.

**Los Angeles vs. Iowa City** – Great rivalry! Hard fought battle ends tragically for Knights. Cubs continue to carry that certain magic.

**Chino vs. Winnemucca** – The Outlaws aren't ready for Prime Time but they're heading slowly in the right direction. The Convicts look serious.

**Pickering vs. Durham** – T-Lizards O-line is dominant. Michael Turner could rush for 2000 yards.

**Cowtown vs. Markham** – Nothing quite as nauseating as seeing footage of the “Fat Lady in Row 54” leading a cheer. Unbelievable finish to the game. I *love* Devery Henderson! (see my “Play of the Week:”)

### NEW YORK GRIPES

Overall, life is good. I have no real gripes this week. The start of the EFL season always makes me feel better than I have felt for the prior 8 months or so that I have lived without football. The only thing that could get me really angry on a day like today would be if the refs had called a bad penalty and taken the game out of the player's hands. That, thankfully, did not happen this week.

# SPATS.



IF SPATS LIKES IT....IT'S GOOD!!

## PLAY OF THE WEEK

### SITUATION

Corn Kings 17 Markham 13 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 0:23 seconds remaining  
Markham in possession, 3<sup>rd</sup> down & 10 at own 33 yard line, 0 timeouts remaining.

5 WR set vs. 3-1-7 package, coverage DEEP.

### RESULT

Donovan McNabb completes 67-yard pass to Devery Henderson for winning TD!

### ANALYSIS

Devery Henderson is a GOD! I will never doubt Donovan McNabb's ability in the clutch again! The Corn Kings secondary is CRAP!

## WEEK ONE LEADERS

### PASSING

Rivers,P (DTL)	22-14-324
Roethlisberger (RCH)	49-27-293
McNabb (MAR)	32-17-254
Warner( MOH)	24-21-251
Manning,E (PIC)	33-22-237

### RUSHING

Turner,M (DTL)	27-161
Williams,D (FLD)	20-138
Peterson,A( CHP)	21-105
Jacobs,B (ICC)	21-103
Lewis,J (MAR)	20-81

### RECEIVING

Muhammad (DTL)	4-121
Johnson,C (DTL)	3-102
Johnson,A (RCH)	9-100
Jennings,G (KUT)	10-98
Boldin (CHI)	9-79

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

### PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	1	0	0	1	34	34	10	10	24	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Mohave	1	0	0	1	17	17	16	16	1	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Kutztown	0	1	0	0	10	10	34	34	-24	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Virden	0	1	0	0	16	16	17	17	-1	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	1	0	0	1	24	24	10	10	14	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Iowa City	1	0	0	1	20	20	13	13	7	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Los Angeles	0	1	0	0	13	13	20	20	-7	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Winnemucca	0	1	0	0	10	10	24	24	-14	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0

### CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	1	0	0	1	31	31	14	14	17	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Markham	1	0	0	1	20	20	17	17	3	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Cowtown	0	1	0	0	17	17	20	20	-3	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Pickering	0	1	0	0	14	14	31	31	-17	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	1	0	0	1	34	34	10	10	24	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Garland	1	0	0	1	19	19	17	17	2	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Gwinnett	0	1	0	0	10	10	34	34	-24	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Ringgold	0	1	0	0	17	17	19	19	-2	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	l%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Rivers,P	DTL	22	14	63.6	324	0	0	80	1	4.5	122.3
2	Warner	MOH	24	21	87.5	251	1	4.2	34	2	8.3	120.7
3	Campbell,J	LAK	29	21	72.4	235	0	0	47	1	3.4	107.7
4	Ryan,M	GDM	18	12	66.7	165	0	0	32	0	0	95.8
5	Manning,P	CHP	23	15	65.2	139	1	4.3	18	2	8.7	92.5
6	McNabb	MAR	32	17	53.1	254	0	0	67	1	3.1	89.8
7	Brees	VV	26	14	53.8	158	0	0	25	1	3.8	85.1
8	Cassel	GWG	25	14	56	138	0	0	38	1	4	85.1
9	Cutler	CHI	34	23	67.6	217	1	2.9	22	1	2.9	82.6
10	Pennington	COW	31	21	67.7	177	1	3.2	19	1	3.2	79.6
11	Rodgers	FLD	20	12	60	127	1	5	21	1	5	74.4
12	Garrard	WMO	28	19	67.9	196	1	3.6	18	0	0	72.9
13	Edwards,T	ICC	26	15	57.7	137	0	0	17	0	0	72.1
14	Roethlisberger	RCH	49	27	55.1	293	3	6.1	20	2	4.1	61
15	Manning,E	PIC	33	22	66.7	237	4	12.1	42	1	3	58.1

## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Turner,M	DTL	27	161	6	85	2	8	Brown,R	ICC	8	73	9.1	53	0
2	Williams,D	FLD	20	138	6.9	48	1	9	McCoy,L	KUT	5	68	13.6	52	0
3	Peterson,A	CHP	21	105	5	17	0	10	Jones-Drew	RCH	17	56	3.3	19	0
4	Jacobs,B	ICC	21	103	4.9	23	1	11	Johnson,C	PIC	10	53	5.3	15	1
5	Lewis,J	MAR	20	81	4.1	14	0	12	Jones,T	GWG	15	51	3.4	9	0
6	Portis	VV	22	81	3.7	13	0	13	Moreno	CHI	8	47	5.9	13	1
7	Moore,M	COW	17	73	4.3	11	1	14	Washington	GWG	8	46	5.8	12	0
8	Brown,R	ICC	8	73	9.1	53	0	15	Jones,J	WMO	14	45	3.2	6	1

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Jennings,G	KUT	10	98	9.8	22	1	8	White,R	LAK	7	61	8.7	13	0
2	Gonzalez,A	KUT	9	62	6.9	13	0	9	Gonzalez,T	CHP	6	59	9.8	17	0
3	Boldin	CHI	9	79	8.8	15	1	10	Holmes,S	RCH	6	72	12	20	1
4	Johnson,A	RCH	9	100	11.1	17	0	11	Bruce,I	PIC	6	37	6.2	11	0
5	Royal,E	RCH	8	77	9.6	13	1	12	Smith,L	WMO	6	57	9.5	18	0
6	Coles	WMO	7	75	10.7	18	0	13	Harrison,M	VV	5	42	8.4	11	0
7	Owens,T	MOH	7	88	12.6	24	1	14	Camarillo	COW	5	40	8	11	0
8	White,R	LAK	7	61	8.7	13	0	15	Scheffler	PIC	5	38	7.6	13	0



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

### OFFENSE



**RB – Michael Turner, Durham T-Lizards**  
27 Carries, 161 yards, 6.0 Avg., 85 Lg., 2 TDs.  
Workhorse back scored twice in 1<sup>st</sup> quarter to bury Spartans.

### DEFENSE



**LB – Karlos Dansby, Durham T-Lizards**  
7 Tackles, 1 Deflection, 1 Stuff, 2 INTs.  
1<sup>st</sup> quarter pick set up second Durham TD in win over Spartans.

### SPECIAL TEAMS



**PR – DeSean Jackson, Florida Dragons**  
3 PR, 140 yards, 46.7 avg., 68 yd long, 2 TD.  
Got scoring started in Dragons Week 1 victory over Gwinnett.

## **INJURY REPORT - Week Two**

**CHARLESWOOD** – None; **CHINO** – None; **COWTOWN** – Barber (OUT); **DURHAM** – None; **FLORIDA** – Houshmandzadeh (OUT), Marshall (OUT), Rubin (OUT); **GARLAND** – None; **GWINNETT** – D.J. Williams (OUT); **IOWA CITY** – None; **KUTZTOWN** – None; **LOS ANGELES** – Asomugha (DOUBTFUL), Young (OUT), S.Smith (OUT); **MARKHAM** – C. Tillman (QUESTIONABLE); **MOHAVE** – J. Harrison (PROBABLE); **PICKERING** – D. Harris (OUT); **RINGGOLD** – T. Jackson (OUT), Watson (OUT); **VIRDEN** – Francies (OUT); **WINNEMUCCA** – None.



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## **JIMMY'S WEEK TWO PICKS**

### **RINGGOLD @ FLORIDA (LINE – DRAGONS BY 7)**

The Crimson Hawks turned the ball over 5 times last week against Garland and that was the difference in the game. Turning the ball over has not been unusual for Ringgold in its history and the Dragons made a living taking the ball away last season. Not much has changed in the Florida 'D' since then. The Florida pass rush will give Big Ben fits unless Ringgold can kick-start the running game, something they have not been able to do for most of their existence but will have to try to do this week.. It will be a long day for Tim Molinaro's squad unless their pass rush can put pressure on Aaron Rodgers and force some mistakes. Don't bet on it as Florida has solid vets on the line.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

### **GWINNETT @ GARLAND (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 3)**

The Gladiators got pounded by Florida on their home turf last week and need a win to both stay within striking distance of the Dragons and to build their confidence. They cannot take Garland lightly or they may easily find themselves on the short end of the score and in the basement in the South Division. Garland is riding a wave of euphoria after surprising Ringgold last week. Can they steal another one from a more talented opponent? Anything is possible.

**PICK: GWINNETT**

### **CHARLESWOOD @ MOHAVE (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 3)**

The Hellfire barely squeaked by the feisty but incompetent Violators in Week One. Kurt Warner looked great but that was about all that could be said for them. Mohave's defense is respectable but no longer ranks with the top teams, while their offense continues to be slowed by a young and rickety offensive line. Even at home, the flame is not burning brightly for the Hellfire against a team like Charleswood. There are many ways the Pats can beat Mohave on the road and the challenge for the betting man is trying to figure out what way they will do it. It's important because the method of victory will have an impact on the score. It will be a slow and painful but ultimately satisfying win for Charleswood as they will cover the 3 points.

**PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

### **KUTZTOWN @ VIRDEN (LINE – GOLDEN BEARS BY 1)**

The Golden Bears head to the TERRORDOME with a mission: to thrash the Violators and get back to Lincoln Financial Field for their home opener against Mohave. It will not be as easy as they might think. I know I said last week that I wouldn't do it, but I have to mention the "Drew Brees factor" here. He is the better quarterback in a contest that is shaping up to be a battle of the quarterbacks. In addition to that, he has Clinton Portis in the backfield while Tony Romo has a rookie halfback and a fullback with delusions of grandeur. If Virden can move the ball on the ground, choose their moments to pass the ball and avoid putting their defense on the field, this will be a convincing upset of the kind that shocks everyone except me.

**PICK: VIRDEN**

### **IOWA CITY @ CHINO (LINE – CONVICTS BY 5)**

The Cubs got a gift last week when Chris Gamble stripped the ball from Knights' receiver Roddy White and Donte Whitner returned it for the winning touchdown in the final seconds of the game. It not only gave them an important Division win, it allowed the discussion about their quarterback situation to be deferred to a future time when the lack of experience at that position results in a loss. The future is now. This week, young Trent Edwards will be tested, on their home turf, by one of the most aggressive and effective defenses in the EFL. If he fails that test, it will be akin to a death sentence for any realistic hope that the Cubs can compete with the Big Boys this season. If he passes....well you never know what's possible with the Cubs.

**PICK: CHINO**

### **LOS ANGELES @ WINEMUCCA (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 8)**

Winnemucca hosts an angry, banged up Knights squad that feels it got ripped off in Iowa City last week. Top receiver Steve Smith is out and shut down corner Nnamdi Asomugha is doubtful Los Angeles absolutely cannot afford to fall behind another game in what will surely be an extremely tight race for the West Division title so they must bring their 'A' game, if not all of their 'A' players, to this contest. The Outlaws stubbornly fought back against Chino last week and their performance may have surprised a weak defense. This week they do not face a weak defense, even if Asomugha sits.

**PICK: LOS ANGELES**

### **DURHAM @ COWTOWN (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 3)**

The Durham coaching staff is fretting about the level of dominance they displayed over Pickering last week – it was not enough, they say. Three touchdowns in three offensive plays is uncharted territory in my books, so a letdown is probably natural under those unusual circumstances. No doubt, the Thunder Lizards have the tools to be a powerhouse in the league this season, starting with an All World offensive line, but they cannot expect to slaughter all comers. The game simply doesn't work that way. This week they travel to the home of their bitter rivals in Cowtown, who are coming off a stunning loss in Markham and are looking for the win they think they should have had last week. Durham will be in for a tough fight, but will prevail.

**PICK: DURHAM**

### **PICKERING @ MARKHAM (LINE – NORTH STARS BY 2)**

The North Stars offensive line started to emerge as a significant force late in the game last week. Even Jamal Lewis was pulling off runs in the double digits by the fourth quarter. With ex-Spartan Donovan McNabb behind such a line and there is no telling how far the Markham offence can go against Pickering's mediocre defense. On the flip side, Eli Manning and Chris Johnson should be able to mark up a North Stars' defense that played over its head in Week One against Cowtown. These teams swapped starting QBs just prior to opening day so this should be an interesting game.

**PICK: MARKHAM**

**SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????**  
**HOW I'M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD**

**LAST WEEK: 4-4-0**

**OVERALL: 4-4-0**