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EFL NEWS

ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

2013

Week Four

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October 27, 2013



CHP	38	YOR	31	CAR	20	CHI	41	MV	0	TCT	30	MAR	28	COW	37	GAR	17	SC	20
VV	12	MOH	27	DV	22	LA	17	ICC	20	DTL	42	PIC	26	SBE	0	GWG	26	SEB	18



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Death Valley's star *Andre 'Optimus Prime' Johnson* carries Carthage corner *Jacob Lacey* into the end zone for the winning touchdown as time expires. The Undertakers faced unexpectedly tough resistance from a hungry Cannibals squad that looked ready to pull off an upset until the final play. The Undertakers escaped with a 22-20 win.



Who was slick in Week Four?

"BRYLCREEM" THE EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR



Calvin Johnson
WR
Durham Thunder
Lizards

10 Rec., 231 yards, 4 TDs Dominant force in Week 4 shootout vs TCT.



Michael Johnson
DE
York
Exciluburs

2 Sacks, 1 PD, 1 Hur., 1 FF Forced the game-winning fumble recovery.



2-2-0

Carthage

20

EFL ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE
GAME OF THE WEEK

MVP

Andre Johnson

22



2-2-0

Death Valley

TEAM LEADERS				
Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD
Rivers	27	39	256	2
Rushing	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Lacy	13	77	5.9	1
Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Moore	5	73	14.6	1

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Carthage	0	14	0	6	-	20
Death Valley	3	6	6	7	-	22

TEAM LEADERS				
Passing	Cmp	Att	Yds	TD
Griffin	14	24	167	1
Rushing	Car	Yds	Avg	TD
Ridley	15	63	4.2	0
Receiving	Rec	Yds	Avg	TD
Johnson,A	6	109	18.2	1

Play of the Game
Trailing 20-15 with 7 seconds left in the game at his opponent's 17, **Andre Johnson** caught a slant over the middle and carried a defender into the end zone for the winning TD.

SUMMARY: The Undertakers cracked the red zone on their first two possessions but could not crack the Carthage end zone and had to settle for a pair of **Alex Henery** field goals to take a 6-0 lead. The Cannibals made the most of their first red zone opportunity, finishing it with a 6-yard TD run by **Eddie Lacy** to take a 7-6 lead in the 2nd quarter. They quickly added to that lead when defensive end **Michael Hardy** stripped **RGIII** at the Death Valley 13 yard line and **Philip Rivers** checked down to Lacy on the next play for a 13-yard TD. The Undertakers added a field goal before half time then took a 15-14 lead on their first possession of the 3rd quarter when **Michael Vick**, subbing for a hurt **RGIII**, flipped the ball to back-up tight end **Daniel Fells** for a 1-yard TD pass. An interception by Undertakers' **Matt Elam** set off a series of 3 consecutive turnovers that kept both teams from capitalizing on scoring opportunities until late in the 4th quarter when Rivers capped off a 12-play, 76-yard drive with a 3rd down TD pass to **Lance Moore** to give Carthage a 20-15 lead. With 2:33 left, the Undertakers drove steadily up the field with Griffin at the helm, reaching the 17 yard line with 7 seconds left. Facing 7 DBs, **Andre Johnson** found the hole in the zone coverage and dragged a defender across the goal line for the winning TD.

QUOTES: "Optimus is no man – he is a machine. We just have to keep him oiled and maintained." – Death Valley coach, **Chris Worthley**, when asked by reporters about Andre Johnson's game-winning TD catch.
"We were in a zone there and set back to protect the goal line. My players executed, but the play is designed to stop human beings." – Cannibals' coach, **Ken Main**.



ANGRY FAN



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HAPPY FAN



Bite Me @carthcan
No pressure on last drive gave #RGIII time to find receivers. Soft play late ruined great day for D.



Mr Post @mrpost
We didn't lose a step with #Vick in the game for RG. Worthley system warming up. Lookout Chino!

10-22-2013 Graveyard Temp: 66 Wind: 20-30 None MVP: **Andre Johnson**

1 2:19	Death Valley	FG Henery 43 (15-67-7:51)	0-3
2 6:28	Death Valley	FG Henery 54 (11-23-4:50)	0-6
2 0:56	Carthage	TD Lacy 6 run (Hauschka) (13-80-5:32)	7-6
2 0:36	Carthage	TD Rivers 13 pass to Lacy (Hauschka) (1-13-0:09)	14-6
2 0:02	Death Valley	FG Henery 52 (4-27-0:23)	14-9
3 10:30	Death Valley	TD Vick 1 pass to Fells (2 - failed) (10-78-4:25)	14-15
4 2:33	Carthage	TD Rivers 11 pass to Moore (2 - failed) (12-76-4:53)	20-15
4 0:00	Death Valley	TD Griffin III 17 pass to Johnson (Henery) (14-80-2:33)	20-22

	CAR	DVU
First Downs	22	21
Rushes	22-120	28-112
Passes	39-27-256	31-18-205
Sacked	4-32	2-16
Fumble	3	2
Penalties	7-81	6-55
Turnovers	2	2
Missed Tackles	5	0
Blitzes	10	17
Time	33:15	26:45
Third Down	9-15	6-12
Fourth Down	1-1	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/3/0	4/2/2
Net Offense	344	301



EFL
ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

QUICK COUNTS!!

Blue 35, Blue 35, hut, hut hut! Red 23, 3, Red 23, 3, hut, hut, hut! Green 49, hut!



MONARCHS	0	0	0	0	0	0
2-2-0						

Mike Williams
4 Receptions, 64 yards



CUBS	3	7	0	10	0	20
4-0-0						

Colin Kaepernick
18 of 29, 189 yards, 2 TDs

The Cubs scored on their first two possessions, getting a 42-yard FG by **Greg Zuerlein** and a 1-yard TD pass to the corner of the end zone from **Colin Kaepernick** to **Dexter McCluster** for a 10-0 lead. The Monarchs replied with a drive into the Cubs' red zone but a pick by **Casey Hayward** took away a scoring chance. The teams ground it out without a scoring opportunity until the 4th when the Monarchs lined up for a 40-yard FG attempt. **Jason Pierre-Paul** blocked the kick and the Cubs marched back for a FG. A late TD pass to **Tony Gonzalez** wrapped up a blue collar shutout win for the Cubs.



CONVICTS	0	17	17	7	0	41
3-1-0						

Roddy White
6 Receptions, 83 yards, 2 TDs



KNIGHTS	3	14	0	0	0	17
1-3-0						

T.J. McDonald
2 Tackles, 2 PD, 1 INT, 1 FR for TD

An interception and a 55-yard fumble recovery for a TD by corner **T.J. McDonald** helped the Knights make up for a lost fumble by **Shonn Greene**, and a 79-yard punt return for a TD by the Convicts' **Keshawn Martin**, to work their way into a 17-17 tie at half time. But in the 2nd half Chino took control starting with the opening kickoff return by **Trindon Holliday** that went 92 yards for a TD. The LA offence missed 3 straight 4th-down conversion attempts and the Convicts capitalized with a FG and 2 TD passes from **Cam Newton** to **Roddy White**, turning the game into a rout by the 4th quarter.



MUSTANGS	0	10	0	7	0	17
2-2-0						

Matt Ryan
23 of 31, 263 yards, 1 INT



GLADIATORS	14	6	3	3	0	26
2-2-0						

Ben Roethlisberger
21 of 31, 184 yards, 1 TD

The Glads grabbed a 14-0 lead on a 24-yard TD pass from **Ben Roethlisberger** to **Reggie Wayne** and a 6-yard TD run by rookie **Joseph Randle** after **Arian Foster** lost a fumble inside the Garland red zone. Foster pounded it into the end zone on the Mustangs' next possession to cut the Gwinnett lead in half but the Glads added a pair of FGs to lead 20-10 at half time. The Mustangs drove inside the Gwinnet red zone early in the 3rd but an interception by **Dion Jordan** snuffed out the opportunity. Foster scored his 2nd TD of the game in the 4th, but a late **Shaun Suisham** FG put the game on ice.

Blue 35, Blue 35, hut, hut hut! Red 23, 3, Red 23, 3, hut, hut, hut! Green 49, hut!



TRIUMPH
1-3-0

10	6	7	7	0	30
OT					

Jay Cutler
23 of 37, 248 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT



T-LIZARDS
3-1-0

7	14	7	14	0	42
OT					

Calvin Johnson
10 Receptions, 231 yards, 4 TDs

After Durham scored on their first possession, two 1st-quarter turnovers by **Drew Brees** led to a 10-7 lead for the Triumph. But consecutive TD drives in the 2nd quarter put the Lizards back in front 21-16 at half time. Durham opened the 2nd half with a 69-yard drive highlighted by **Calvin Johnson's** 3rd TD catch of the game. Twin Cities responded with a 16-play, 80-yard drive ending with **Dwayne Allen** hauling in a 5-yard TD pass from **Jay Cutler**. After a turnover and a punt for each team, TD catches by **Eric Decker** and Johnson helped Durham stay in front of a scrappy Triumph team.



NORTH STARS
4-0-0

0	7	7	14	0	28
OT					

Eli Manning
20 of 30, 203 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT



SPARTANS
3-1-0

3	3	0	20	0	26
OT					

Tashard Choice
24 Carries, 163 yards, 1 TD

Markham scored the only major of a dreary 1st half on a 2-yard TD pass from **Eli Manning** to **Marques Colston** for a 7-6 lead. In the 3rd, Manning and Colston hooked up again to make it 14-6, but the Spartans scraped back with **Tashard Choice** running 9 straight times for 93 yards and scoring on a 17-yard run. **Joe McKnight** got it back on the next play with a 103-yard kick return for a TD to make it 21-13 Markham. After a TD run by **Armando Allen** made it 28-13, the Spartans capitalized on 2 turnovers to pull within 2 points and set up a game-winning FG try for **Josh Scobee**. He missed.



CORN KINGS
1-3-0

7	13	7	10	0	37
OT					

Alfred Morris
26 Carries, 150 yards, 3 TDs



BLUE EAGLES
1-3-0

0	0	0	0	0	0
OT					

Jerrell Freeman
14 Tackles, 1 PD, 3 Stuffs, 1 FF

The Corn Kings opened the scoring in the 1st quarter, on a 4-yard TD run by **Alfred Morris**, and were off to the races. **Aaron Rodgers** struggled to move the ball for Scarborough in the early going, allowing Cowtown to build up a 17-0 lead. Then Rodgers went down for the game with an injury and things got even worse for the Blue Eagles. Back-up QB **Greg McElroy** was unable to move the ball, crossing just once into Cowtown territory due to an **Adrian Wilson** interception. The Eagles managed just 92 yards of offence. Morris rushed for 3 TDs and **Joe Flacco** threw for another in a total rout.

Blue 35, Blue 35, hut, hut hut! Red 23, 3, Red 23, 3, hut, hut, hut! Green 49, hut!



REGULATORS
1-3-0

3	7	0	10	0	20
OT					

Frank Gore
28 Carries, 208 yards, 2 TDs



SWORDFISH
1-3-0

0	6	0	12	0	18
OT					

Andy Dalton
26 of 42, 229 yards, 1 TD

Frank Gore rushed for a 7-yard TD run to give the Regulators a 10-0 lead in the 2nd quarter. The Swordfish notched 2 FGs before the half, one thanks to an interception by **Ronde Barber** in Regulator territory. Gore continued running wild in the 2nd half, scoring a TD early in the 4th quarter to make it 17-6. Sebastian answered with a 3-yard TD run by **Robert Turbin** to make it 17-12. **Rob Bironas** kicked a 37-yard FG with 1:55 left, but Sebastian marched back and scored on a 16-yard TD pass to **Kenny Britt** with no time left. **Shareece Wright** knocked the ball loose to stop the 2-point convert.



PATRIOTS
2-2-0

14	7	14	3	0	38
OT					

Peyton Manning
21 of 25 213 yards, 3 TDs



VIOLATORS
2-2-0

3	3	6	0	0	12
OT					

Jamaal Charles
12 carries, 53 yards

An interception by Pats' corner **Jerraud Powers** on the 2nd play of the game was an indicator of the kind of day it would be for **Matt Stafford** and the Violators. Taking over in the Violators' red zone, **Peyton Manning** connected with **Michael Crabtree** from 12 yards out to open the scoring and Charleswood never looked back. Virden traded touchdowns for field goals in the 1st half falling behind 21-6. A pick-six by **Leonard Johnson** to start the 2nd half followed immediately by another pick by **Mark Barron** to set up a Manning TD gave the Pats a 35-3 lead and total control the rest of the way.



EXCALIBURS
1-3-0

3	7	14	7	0	31
OT					

Tom Brady
20 of 32, 322 yards, 1 TD



HELLFIRE
1-3-0

3	14	7	3	0	27
OT					

Andrew Luck
15 of 31, 253 yards, 3 TDs

A **Michael Turner** fumble in York territory set up a 9-yard TD pass from **Andrew Luck** to **Hakeem Nicks** to tie the game 10-10. Luck and Nicks then connected for a 48-yard TD pass with 36 seconds left in the 1st half to give Mohave the half time lead, 17-10. Turner tied it on a 3-yard TD run in the 3rd but **Jimmy Graham** gave the lead back to Mohave with a 9-yard TD grab. **Donald Jones** hauled in a 52-yard pass from **Tom Brady** to tie it 24-24. A FG by **Matt Prater** made it 27-24 Hellfire before DE **Michael Johnson** stripped Luck and **Lawrence Timmons** returned it 45 yards for York's winning TD.



STATS



WEEK FOUR

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	2	2	0	0.5	131	32.8	111	27.8	5	0 2 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
Virden	2	2	0	0.5	83	20.8	101	25.3	-4.5	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
Carthage	2	2	0	0.5	82	20.5	79	19.8	0.8	2 0 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
Mohave	1	3	0	0.25	91	22.8	110	27.5	-4.8	0 2 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
York	1	3	0	0.25	84	21	100	25	-4	0 2 0	1 3 0	1 3 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	4	0	0	1	109	27.3	65	16.3	11	2 0 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Chino	3	1	0	0.75	138	34.5	92	23	11.5	1 1 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Death Valley	2	2	0	0.5	118	29.5	119	29.8	-0.3	1 2 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
Mission Viejo	2	2	0	0.5	74	18.5	85	21.3	-2.8	0 1 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
Los Angeles	1	3	0	0.25	81	20.3	129	32.3	-12	0 2 0	1 3 0	1 3 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Markham	4	0	0	1	111	27.8	67	16.8	11	2 0 0	4 0 0	4 0 0
Durham	3	1	0	0.75	115	28.8	102	25.5	3.3	2 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Pickering	3	1	0	0.75	96	24	79	19.8	4.3	1 1 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Cowtown	1	3	0	0.25	116	29	100	25	4	0 2 0	0 3 0	1 3 0
Twin Cities	1	3	0	0.25	68	17	97	24.3	-7.3	1 1 0	0 3 0	1 3 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Gwinnett	3	1	0	0.75	110	27.5	75	18.8	8.8	2 0 0	3 1 0	3 1 0
Garland	2	2	0	0.5	92	23	73	18.3	4.8	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
Scarborough	1	3	0	0.25	66	16.5	130	32.5	-16	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
South Carolina	1	3	0	0.25	67	16.8	88	22	-5.3	0 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
Sebastian	1	3	0	0.25	52	13	82	20.5	-7.5	0 2 0	1 2 0	1 3 0

PASSING

Passing	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1 Wilson,R ICC	67	47	70.1	638	1	1.5	60	6	9.0	123.8
2 Vick DVU	45	25	55.6	431	0	0.0	82	4	8.9	117.9
3 Manning,P CHP	148	113	76.4	1114	3	2.0	44	10	6.8	111.1
4 Schaub PIC	118	78	66.1	956	2	1.7	73	8	6.8	106.5
5 Newton,C CHI	119	84	70.6	1032	4	3.4	37	8	6.7	105.4
6 Roethlisbe GWG	111	74	66.7	737	0	0.0	32	6	5.4	103.3
7 Rodgers,A SBE	120	80	66.7	845	1	0.8	66	6	5.0	100.2
8 Griffin II DVU	111	69	62.2	862	2	1.8	77	7	6.3	99.8
9 Tannehill MVM	119	75	63.0	832	2	1.7	66	7	5.9	96.3
10 Brees DTL	171	102	59.6	1364	5	2.9	58	12	7.0	96.2
11 Rivers,P CAR	124	88	71.0	818	1	0.8	26	4	3.2	96.1
12 Smith,A LAK	124	88	71.0	950	4	3.2	51	6	4.8	95.8
13 Flacco COW	134	75	56.0	962	2	1.5	57	9	6.7	94.8
14 Manning,E MAR	119	67	56.3	823	3	2.5	46	8	6.7	89.7
15 Stafford VV	140	80	57.1	992	4	2.9	33	9	6.4	88.7
16 Brady YOR	137	83	60.6	1043	2	1.5	64	4	2.9	87.9
17 Cutler TCT	112	71	63.4	779	3	2.7	58	5	4.5	87.6
18 Luck MOH	103	52	50.5	619	1	1.0	52	6	5.8	84.6
19 Ryan,M GDM	128	82	64.1	859	3	2.3	59	3	2.3	81.5
20 Romo SC	137	93	67.9	879	4	2.9	69	1	0.7	75.7
21 Dalton SS	132	79	59.8	784	5	3.8	47	3	2.3	68.5
22 Henne GWG	1	1	100.0	14	0	0.0	14	0	0.0	118.8
23 Kaepernick ICC	29	18	62.1	189	0	0.0	22	2	6.9	104.0
24 McElroy SBE	24	14	58.3	82	0	0.0	12	0	0.0	64.9
25 Foles DTL	11	6	54.5	33	0	0.0	12	0	0.0	60.0

RUSHING

Rushing		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Morris	COW	100	510	5.1	24	4
2	Jackson,S	PIC	100	468	4.7	21	1
3	Peterson,A	CHP	105	464	4.4	29	4
4	Martin,D	TCT	103	422	4.1	19	1
5	Bush,R	DTL	66	378	5.7	20	2
6	Charles,J	VV	72	345	4.8	25	0
7	Gore	SC	60	301	5.0	38	4
8	Johnson,C	CHI	67	294	4.4	15	1
9	Lacy	CAR	61	292	4.8	55	2
10	Richardson	ICC	57	267	4.7	33	1
11	Randle,J	GWG	43	237	5.5	21	1
12	Foster,A	GDM	60	224	3.7	14	7
13	Greene	LAK	66	221	3.3	14	1
14	Rice,R	SBE	44	204	4.6	49	1
15	Williams,D	MAR	54	201	3.7	26	4
16	Choice	PIC	32	199	6.2	22	1
17	Turner,M	YOR	42	197	4.7	17	1
18	Bernard	YOR	39	194	5.0	44	3
19	Newton,C	CHI	40	188	4.7	27	2
20	Ridley	DVU	52	182	3.5	16	0
21	Spiller	SBE	38	181	4.8	17	1
22	Ball,M	MOH	51	163	3.2	15	3
23	Murray	MVM	43	162	3.8	22	0
24	Forte	GDM	35	145	4.1	15	0
25	Wilson,R	ICC	26	136	5.2	22	3

RECEIVING

Receiving			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Crabtree,M	CHP	31	366	11.8	24	4
2	Johnson,C	DTL	30	564	18.8	58	7
3	White,R	CHI	28	406	14.5	32	4
4	Welker	SBE	28	336	12.0	64	0
5	Graham,J	MOH	27	269	10.0	21	3
6	Decker	DTL	27	397	14.7	50	3
7	Witten	CHP	26	240	9.2	44	2
8	Johnson,A	DVU	25	631	25.2	82	7
9	Bryant,D	VV	25	364	14.6	33	3
10	Cobb	DVU	24	240	10.0	25	3
11	Lloyd,B	GDM	23	273	11.9	41	0
12	Thomas,D	PIC	22	356	16.2	57	1
13	Peterson,A	CHP	21	119	5.7	10	0
14	Jones,J	VV	21	278	13.2	20	3
15	Colston	MAR	21	316	15.0	46	3
16	Maclin	GWG	21	217	10.3	15	1
17	Roberts,A	LAK	20	217	10.9	15	0
18	Pitta	MVM	20	172	8.6	25	1
19	Marshall	SBE	20	205	10.3	29	1
20	Rudolph	CAR	20	174	8.7	22	0
21	Harvin	MAR	20	266	13.3	44	1
22	Moore,L	CAR	20	235	11.8	20	2
23	Wayne	GWG	20	242	12.1	24	4
24	Martin,D	TCT	19	154	8.1	29	0
25	Allen,D	TCT	19	191	10.1	32	2

KICKING

Kicking			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Suisham	GWG	13	11	84.6	4	2	50	42
2	Hauschka	CAR	10	9	90.0	4	2	54	34
3	Bailey,D	CHI	8	6	75.0	5	1	50	34
4	Henery	DVU	7	7	100.0	4	2	54	34
5	Prater	MOH	7	7	100.0	3	1	54	31
6	Dawson	DTL	6	6	100.0	2	1	54	31
7	Zuerlein	ICC	9	6	66.7	3	0	48	31
8	Walsh	YOR	10	7	70.0	3	1	51	30
9	Scobee	PIC	10	7	70.0	1	1	50	30
10	Tynes	VV	8	7	87.5	3	1	50	29
11	Carpenter	MVM	7	6	85.7	3	1	53	26
12	Hartley	CHP	4	3	75.0	1	0	42	25
13	Bironas	SC	8	6	75.0	4	0	46	25
14	Folk	GDM	5	5	100.0	2	1	51	23
15	Graham,S	MAR	3	2	66.7	1	0	43	21
16	Lindell	LAK	5	4	80.0	2	1	53	21
17	Gostkowski	TCT	5	4	80.0	3	1	54	20
18	Medlock	COW	4	3	75.0	0	0	38	17
19	Vinatieri	SS	4	4	100.0	2	0	46	16
20	Novak	COW	4	3	75.0	1	1	53	15
21	Janikowski	SBE	3	1	33.3	0	0	35	12

TACKLES

Tackles			
1	Dunbar	CHI	46
2	Freeman, J	SBE	42
3	Kuechly	SC	41
4	Washington	PIC	34
5	Mayo	DVU	34
6	Ninkovich	MAR	30
7	Willis, P	ICC	30
8	Houston, J	MOH	30
9	Spikes, B	SC	30
10	Woodyard	YOR	30
11	Riley	SS	30
12	Barnett	VV	29
13	Ellerbe	CAR	29
14	Hall, D	GDM	29
15	Hawk	MVM	28
16	Bailey, C	DTL	28
17	Posluszny	VV	28
18	Bowman	GDM	27
19	McClain, R	SC	27
20	Tillman	MAR	27
21	Briggs	GWG	25
22	Abraham	MAR	25
23	Barwin	LAK	25
24	Greenway	LAK	25
25	Johnson, J	MVM	25

SACKS

Sacks			
1	Houston, J	MOH	4
2	Smith, A	VV	4
3	Ninkovich	MAR	4
4	Dunbar	CHI	4
5	Long, C	DVU	4
6	Johnson, M	YOR	3
7	Jones, A	CAR	3
8	Kerrigan	COW	3
9	Williams, K	CHP	3
10	Abraham	MAR	3
11	Irvin, B	MOH	3
12	Johnson, C	DVU	3
13	Atkins	YOR	3
14	Cox, F	ICC	3
15	Quinn, R	LAK	3
16	Greenway	LAK	3
17	Spence, A	MVM	3
18	Avril	GDM	3
19	Mathis, R	GWG	3
20	Jordan, D	GWG	3
21	Peppers	CHI	2
22	Coples	CHI	2
23	Harrison, J	CHI	2
24	Kruger	MOH	2
25	Matthews, C	DVU	2

INTERCEPTIONS

Interceptions		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Hayward, C	ICC	3	36	12.0	30	0
2	Tillman	MAR	2	0	0.0	0	0
3	Elam	DVU	2	38	19.0	26	0
4	Sherman	DTL	2	29	14.5	16	0
5	Jones, R	ICC	2	51	25.5	43	0
6	DeCoud	GWG	2	6	3.0	6	0
7	Samuel	YOR	1	6	6.0	6	0
8	Lacey	CAR	1	15	15.0	15	0
9	Rhodes	COW	1	51	51.0	51	0
10	Flowers	COW	1	0	0.0	0	0
11	Rodgers-Cr	DTL	1	3	3.0	3	0
12	Mathieu	DTL	1	0	0.0	0	0
13	Smith, S	DTL	1	6	6.0	6	0
14	Jackson, K	CHP	1	7	7.0	7	0
15	Byrd, J	MAR	1	5	5.0	5	0
16	Barron	CHP	1	28	28.0	28	0
17	Reed, E	MAR	1	0	0.0	0	0
18	Cromartie	MAR	1	11	11.0	11	0
19	Cyprien	MAR	1	38	38.0	38	0
20	Brown, S	PIC	1	11	11.0	11	0
21	Banks, J	PIC	1	4	4.0	4	0
22	Wilson, J	TCT	1	0	0.0	0	0
23	Slay	TCT	1	0	0.0	0	0
24	Winfield	TCT	1	33	33.0	33	0
25	Wagner	TCT	1	21	21.0	21	0

KICK RETURNS

Kick Returns			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	McKnight	MAR	5	204	40.8	103	1
2	Jones, J	CHP	18	534	29.7	108	1
3	Cribbs	LAK	20	590	29.5	72	0
4	Rainey	COW	17	492	28.9	56	0
5	McKelvin	GWG	12	339	28.3	41	0
6	Patterson	MOH	10	274	27.4	33	0
7	Washington	VV	13	349	26.8	60	0
8	Holliday, T	CHI	14	368	26.3	92	1
9	Hester	DTL	14	353	25.2	34	0
10	Tate, B	MVM	15	364	24.3	33	0
11	Barner	DVU	5	116	23.2	27	0
12	Cadet	CAR	9	202	22.4	33	0
13	Wheaton	TCT	10	217	21.7	33	0
14	Harvin	MAR	6	126	21.0	33	0
15	Rodgers, J	SC	9	189	21.0	33	0
16	Robinson, D	PIC	6	119	19.8	26	0
17	Bolden, O	YOR	11	196	17.8	33	0
18	Edelman	GDM	6	73	12.2	25	0
19	Royster	SBE	8	97	12.1	23	0
20	Welker	SBE	8	91	11.4	16	0
21	Pettis	SBE	5	52	10.4	13	0
22	James, L	ICC	4	123	30.8	36	0
23	Cobb	DVU	4	118	29.5	38	0
24	Ginn Jr.	TCT	1	28	28.0	28	0
25	Austin, T	ICC	2	55	27.5	30	0

PUNT RETURNS

Punt Returns			No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Tate, B	MVM	6	4	99	16.5	46	0
2	Martin, K	CHI	8	4	131	16.4	79	1
3	McKelvin	GWG	4	3	65	16.3	19	0
4	Peterson, P	GDM	6	3	81	13.5	38	0
5	Cribbs	LAK	10	3	105	10.5	18	0
6	Jones, A	PIC	13	1	125	9.6	36	0
7	Harris, D	SS	8	0	73	9.1	22	0
8	Bernard	YOR	9	1	73	8.1	16	0
9	Parrish	MAR	10	3	79	7.9	17	0
10	Banks	MOH	12	1	90	7.5	15	0
11	Arenas	SC	8	1	53	6.6	14	0
12	Sherels	VV	8	3	52	6.5	12	0
13	Wheaton	TCT	8	1	44	5.5	22	0
14	Jones, J	CHP	6	1	25	4.2	10	0
15	Hilton	DTL	15	4	62	4.1	10	0
16	Franklin, J	COW	6	7	22	3.7	10	0
17	Walker, D	YOR	4	0	10	2.5	6	0
18	Williams, K	COW	1	1	20	20.0	20	0
19	Sanders, E	CAR	3	8	41	13.7	16	0
20	Jenkins, J	DVU	1	0	10	10.0	10	0
21	Easley	YOR	2	0	19	9.5	18	0
22	Welker	SBE	3	0	25	8.3	10	0
23	Austin, T	ICC	2	2	16	8.0	10	0
24	Cobb	DVU	3	3	20	6.7	8	0
25	Leonhard	GWG	1	0	6	6.0	6	0

SCORING

Scoring			FG	XP	2Pt	Run	Rec	Int	KR	PR	Fmb	Sf	Tot
1	Johnson, C	DTL	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
2	Johnson, A	DVU	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	42
3	Foster, A	GDM	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
4	Suisham	GWG	11	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	42
5	Avery	COW	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	36
6	Henery	DVU	7	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
7	Bailey, D	CHI	6	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
8	Hauschka	CAR	9	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	34
9	Zuerlein	ICC	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
10	Dawson	DTL	6	13	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
11	Prater	MOH	7	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31
12	Walsh	YOR	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
13	Scobee	PIC	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30
14	Tynes	VV	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29
15	Wayne	GWG	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	26
16	Carpenter	MVM	6	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26
17	Hartley	CHP	3	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
18	Bironas	SC	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
19	Morris	COW	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
20	LaFell	LAK	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
21	Peterson, A	CHP	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
22	Williams, M	MVM	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
23	White, R	CHI	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
24	Crabtree, M	CHP	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	24
25	Williams, D	MAR	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	24

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WHERE FANS SPEAK

REGULATORS' YOUTH PROMISES REWARD

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Shareece Wright

It was just one play but it gave the Regulators their first win of the 2013 season. It was an exciting moment for the team. A win was badly needed to keep them in the race. Looking past this game it was just as exciting to see that Shareece Wright was the player who stepped up in the big moment and made a big play.

Of course, the play I'm talking about came after regulation time had expired in the Regulators' game against Sebastian. The Swordfish had just scored a touchdown to close within 2 points. The South Carolina secondary had looked lost as Kenny Britt ran around them and caught a long pass from Andy Dalton in the end zone. It was a sad but familiar sight,

a breakdown in coverage and hesitation at the wrong moment.

With momentum in their favour, the Swordfish lined up for the 2-point convert to try and tie the game. Britt drew the safety to his side leaving Nate Washington with room on the right. Dalton saw it and threw to Washington as he curled in the end zone. But Wright saw it too and charged without hesitation at Washington, arriving as the ball did and jarring it loose with a crushing hit. Great recovery! It gave them a dramatic 20-18 win on the road against a division rival.

Wright is one of 36 players on the roster who are 25 years or younger, but in his third year with South Carolina, the 7th round pick out of USC has not made much impact, seeing action in just 15 games in his first two seasons. But in this secondary, at age 25, he is one of the vets. Plays like the one he made this week are what Hal Corson and his coaching staff want to see from Wright and other young senior players. Could it be finally starting to come together for the youngsters?

If the light finally does come on this year and next for this young group of defensive backs, the Regulators should have the best secondary in the league instead of the worst.



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – With the last EFL expansion class now in its second year and a third expansion being talked about in the back rooms of the EFL Head Office in Canton, it is time for the establishment (whatever that really is) to make investing in a professional football team for New York City a priority.

Unquestionably, the EFL puts forth the finest professional football product on the market today, consisting of top quality talent, slick marketing, sensible competitive rules, and a necessarily oppressive and dictatorial management directorate to keep it all together. Yet with all that, the league has a fundamental flaw that is certain to stunt its long term growth and perhaps, eventually, cause its decline. I am, of course, talking about the absence of a team in the single largest media centre in North America, New York City.

The league has more than its fair share of ‘Green Bay Packers’ franchises – the grass roots, “little guy,” “blue collar” teams that cause humble bosoms to swell with pride and tears to well in the eyes of the foolish and sentimental. How many Iowa Cities, Cowtowns, Markhams, and, now, Carthages, do we need to shake off the image of a giant, profit-driven, corporate monolith? Enough already! The LA’s, Garlands and Gwinnetts of the league cannot carry all of these lightweights for long. The EFL needs New York and it needs it soon.

Mr. Rupert Murdoch, sir, owner of the corporate entity that calls this magazine one of its own, please commit the resources at your disposal and bring New York a team! It’s your city; it can be your legacy. PULLLLLLLEEEEEEAASE.....

SHAKING IT UP

The man who suggested that **Deron Redding's** obsession with his team's uniform might make him inclined to wear a skirt in his leisure hours might be a little susceptible to the same cross-dressing impulses. Undertakers' coach **Chris Worthley**, looking to change his team's fortunes at home, (where they were 0-2 going into this week), changed his team's look slightly by having them wear their "shroud white" road pants, instead of black, with their traditional black home jerseys. The Undertakers have always taken the field at the Graveyard dressed fully in black, befitting of their gloomy and sinister reputation. It was a minor change, but still a sign that fashion image might play a larger role in Worthley's overall coaching approach than originally thought. When this was put to him, he reacted testily:

"It's not about fashion, boys, it's about shaking it up," Worthley said, pointing at the inquisitive reporter for emphasis. "The different pants were just a small part of it. We did other things this week to break up the home routine. We spent the week practicing in Nova Scotia and flew into Hell yesterday to simulate a road game. We practiced in our pyjamas and slept in our uniforms. We ate pasta for breakfast and eggs for dinner. We held a mandatory team party last night and stayed up until the wee hours. Aaron (Hernandez) may have gotten into a little trouble and he wasn't dressed for the game as you may have noticed – I haven't heard if he is out of the police station yet. The pants were an afterthought, actually."

Certainly, it seemed like most of the Undertakers had been up all night before the game against Carthage. The Cannibals, solid underdogs coming in, nearly handed Death Valley their 3rd straight loss at home. Thanks to a 3rd down TD pass from **Philip Rivers** to **Lance Moore** late in the 4th quarter, the visitors held a 20-15 lead going into the final two-and-a-half minutes of the game, forcing an unanticipated test of the Undertakers' young quarterback.

Starting at their 20 yard line, and needing a touchdown to win, **RGIII** took up the challenge of moving the ball against a defence that had held him in check for most of the game. He faced it head on; there was no attempt to deceive – the Undertakers flooded the field with wide receivers and the Cannibals flooded it with defensive backs. Over the course of 15 consecutive passing plays, the Undertakers nickel-and-dimed their way up the field, completing short and medium passes. This type of approach stood in stark contrast to their "bombs-away" strategy of last year, but what stayed the same was the end result; **Andre Johnson** made the big play at the biggest moment to make the difference.

With just 7 seconds remaining in the game, and the ball at the Carthage 17, Griffin threw underneath to Johnson, who was streaking across the middle on a slant pattern. The Cannibals were in a zone, with defenders positioned all around Johnson but with nobody directly on him. Johnson caught the ball in stride and his momentum carried him and defender **Jacob Lacey** the final 8 yards into the end zone for the dramatic game-winning score. The Graveyard erupted with howling,

screeching, and moaning, adding a macabre discordance to the jubilant atmosphere on the field. (At the Graveyard, the sound of joy is hardly distinguishable from sorrow to the untrained ear).

The play competed on network highlight segments this week with shots of another Johnson, Calvin, catching his 4th TD pass of the day for the Thunder Lizards in their 42-30 victory over Twin Cities. Inevitably, the debate is now in full swing about which superhuman wide receiver is better: 'Megatron' or 'Optimus Prime?' *CJ* or *AJ*? Every *Coke* needs its *Pepsi*, so I see nothing wrong with the competition. Like *Drew Brees* versus *Matt Stafford* last year, *CJ* versus *AJ* may result in two new records being set by the end of the year.

ESCAPE FROM BLUFFS STADIUM

Chris Dickinson is a nice guy – too nice, in fact. He is one of those really nice guys who people come to despise – especially people from tough, blue collar cities like Scarborough.

Dickinson, a Scarborough native, knows all too well the wrath of his own people. He knows the history, going back over 150 years, when Scarborough was the Borough of Scar, a tavern town where the local Pastor carried a knife for his own protection and church ladies carried derringers in their purses. And that is why he took extraordinary measures this week to avoid the crowds after his Blue Eagles were pummelled 37-0 in their own park by the Cowtown Corn Kings.

Following the worst performance in franchise history, in which the Blue Eagles gained a pathetic 92 yards of offence and scored no points, the fans in Scarborough finally rioted. It had been coming for some time actually, and this week the lid blew off.

Flush with pride after landing arguably the best team in EFL history when the Dragons left Florida, and hoping for the best from a team so talent-laden that winning was inevitable and any losing merely a delay of the inevitable, the "Scarberians" had held themselves in check for two years. But the loss to Sebastian last week was so shocking that many fans, a critical mass of them, began to doubt that a Championship would happen any time soon; or at least as long as **Chris Dickinson** was in charge. The brutal loss to Cowtown just proved it.

Dickinson, convivial by nature, has never quite reacted the way most Scarberians would to his team's woes. He is one of the "party-er"



Scarborough owner **Chris Dickinson** is captured by a fan's phone cam on way to the parking lot at Bluff's Stadium after Sunday's blowout loss to Cowtown. An angry mob stormed the corporate offices, forcing Dickinson to escape dressed as his secretary, Mable.

types of Scarberians, and doesn't like getting bummed out about things. He makes excuses for his players and his coaches, puts a positive spin on everything, and orders another round of beers. The "brawler" type of Scarberian can't relate to that attitude, (although he can relate to the beer) and it is the brawlers who dominate the football crowd.

By the end of the third quarter, after the fans had confirmed that back-up QB, **Greg McElroy** would not be leading a miracle comeback, an angry mob gathered at the back of Bluffs Stadium at the entrance to the corporate offices, calling for Dickinson's nose (in the old Borough of Scar, a person who transgressed or stuck his nose into other people's business, was punished by symbolically, or actually, removing his nose). Not wanting to find out if the crowd was asking symbolically, or literally, Dickinson prevailed on his faithful secretary, Mable, to disrobe and hand him her clothes and car keys. Once Police had cleared away most of the angry crowd, Dickinson stumbled, rather inartfully in high heels, out to Mable's car. A small group of protestors who had returned to the parking lot, watched suspiciously, filming with their phone cams. One got close enough to realize something was wrong, but it was too late to stop the Blue Eagles' owner from driving Mable's car away. It was in this noble manner that **Chris Dickinson** saved his nose.

TERRIBLE AT TERRORDOME

The highly anticipated showdown between Virden and Charleswood at **TERRORDOME** quickly fizzled as *Matt Stafford* shot himself and his team in both feet with a 4-interception performance that handed the Pats an easy 38-12 victory. Stafford got off to bad start, holding the ball too long and getting dumped in the backfield by *Phil Taylor* on the first play from scrimmage. He didn't make that mistake on the second play, but instead released the ball too early and was picked off by Pats' corner *Jerraud Powers*, who returned it 27 yards to inside the Virden red zone. Two plays later, *Peyton Manning* found *Michael Crabtree*, cutting inside

all alone, for a 12-yard TD pass and a quick 7-0 lead. The Violators never fully recovered from that poor start.

The next seven Virden offensive plays were all hand-offs to **Jamaal Charles**. If coach **Lance Barrate** was trying to send a message to his quarterback, it wasn't well-received. Stafford went on to have the worst day of his pro career, completing just 19 of 34 passes for 201 yards, 1 TD, and 4 interceptions, for a 43.5 QB rating. He was also sacked 4 times. His back-to-back picks to start the 2nd half, one of them a pick-six, buried the Violators psychologically and on the scoreboard. Fans were heading to the exits before the end of the 3rd quarter.

While the Pats looked pretty impressive – Manning was efficient and Crabtree took another step toward establishing himself as a leader on the team with 7 catches and 2 TDs – it is hard to tell exactly where these two teams stand in relation to each other with Stafford's uncharacteristically poor play so influential in the outcome of this game. With York already a step behind in the race for the East Division title, and Carthage likely to fall many steps behind, the eventually winner will probably be one of these two Manitoba-based teams. After dominating Virden on their home field, the Pats have to feel good about their chances.

AROUND THE EFL

With Cowtown, South Carolina and York each scoring victories, no team is winless after four weeks, but there remain two undefeated teams – one is no surprise, but the other one might be.

Some people are calling them the Markham Lucky Stars after a fortuitous series of events robbed the Spartans of a miraculous comeback at Thermopylae Stadium this week. With 4:29 left in the game, Markham appeared to be in control with a 28-13 lead. But a 57-yard completion to **Demaryius Thomas** followed by a 12-yard TD pass from **Matt Schaub** to **Miles Austin** brought the Spartans to within one score with 3:46 left on the clock. On the first play of Markham's subsequent possession **DeAngelo Williams** bobbled the ball on a pitch, **Jabaal Sheard** knocked it loose, and defensive tackle **Jason Hatcher** picked it up for a 21-yard fumble recovery touchdown. The Spartans missed a chance to tie it when Schaub threw incomplete on the two-point conversion attempt. Many thought Markham had escaped at that point. But there was more to come. With Williams' fumble fresh in his memory, **Eli Manning** attempted to "pass out" the clock, but **Marques Colston** fumbled and lost the ball at his 48-yard line. The Spartans marched to the Markham 31 where **Josh Scobee** set up for a 49-yard game-winning field goal with the wind at his back and 3 seconds left on the clock. But the usually reliable Scobee missed, sending volatile Spartans' owner **Gus Konstantakos** into his first tantrum of 2013 – a relatively minor flinging of his drinking glass at the wall and the utterance of a superlative that cannot be printed. Personally, I think the Spartans were lucky to even have a chance at victory, given the way the game flowed. But the late fumbling by Markham is a worrying sign that the Champs are a volatile team. That could cost them down the road.

At Joe Ferguson Stadium, the other undefeated team, Iowa City, reached 4-0 with a 20-0 whitewash of the Mission Viejo. **Colin Kaepernick** got the start at quarterback for the Cubs over league-leading passer **Russell Wilson** for reasons that are unclear. All **Deron Redding** would say was that Wilson, a 24-year old in his physical prime, was "tired" and needed a day off. Until this happened, I was very impressed with Wilson. Now I suspect he is just another overly coddled wimp of the younger generation. As far as I am concerned, Kaepernick might as well stay at the helm.

At the Fish Tank, the newly popular Swordfish played to a sellout crowd, which was like a victory in itself for them. Unfortunately, they were losers on the scoreboard as South Carolina, riding a 208-yard rushing performance by **Frank Gore** and 14 missed tackles by the Swordfish, hung on for the narrowest of 2-point victories, 20-18. A 16-yard touchdown catch by Sebastian's **Kenny Britt** on the last play of regulation, every bit as impressive as the one in Death Valley from **Andre Johnson**, brought the game down to a two-point conversion attempt. The usually shaky South Carolina secondary stepped up this time and broke up the pass from **Andy Dalton** in the end zone to preserve the Regulators' first win of 2013.

At the Coliseum in Gwinnett, the Gladiators won a critical battle by upsetting Garland 26-17, but may have lost the war. **Ben Roethlisberger** injured his hand while handing the ball off to rookie running back **Joseph Randle** late in the 4th quarter. The preliminary word is that Big Ben will miss at least two weeks with a severely sprained thumb on his throwing hand, meaning that **Kevin Kolb** or **Chad Henne** will take over the offence. On the other side, the loss is a setback for Garland, but the time to panic is not now. The Mustangs moved the ball well, but a pair of turnovers cost them dearly, leading to 7 Gladiators' points and taking away a red zone opportunity for a possible 10-point swing – the difference between victory and defeat.

In 108-degree temperatures at the Fiery Depths, the Excaliburs finally got in the win column with a 31-27 win over Mohave. **Lawrence Timmons** returned a fumble 45 yards for the game-winning touchdown in the 4th quarter as the Hellfire attempted to run out the clock with a 3-point lead. This was not exactly the kind of turning point **Jay Hammond** had hoped for prior to the game, but he will take a win any way he can.

The Chino Convicts stomped the Knights 41-17 at Round Table Stadium to move into sole possession of second place in the West Division. LA battled hard in the early going, fighting Chino to a 17-17 draw at half time, but a kickoff return for a touchdown by the Convicts' **Trindon Holliday** to start the second half signalled the beginning of a landslide that buried the former champs. LA coach, **Jeff Dohrn** bemoaned his team's injury problems after the game but, upon further review, they were determined to be no more onerous than any other team's injury problems, leading to the conclusion that the Knights are just bad.

Finally, the Thunder Lizards stayed one game behind Markham with an exciting 42-30 victory over the Triumph at Jurassic Park. **Megatron** was unstoppable with 10 receptions for 231 yards and 4 touchdowns. It was a little more exciting than coach **George Kaldis** expected, considering the injuries to Twin Cities' receiving corps, but all is well that ends well.

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CHINO @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 2)

INJURIES: Chino – David Stewart (OUT), Bernard Pollard (OUT), Rodger Saffold (OUT); Iowa City – Trent Richardson (PROBABLE), Darren Sproles (OUT), Jamar Taylor (OUT).

The front-runners in the West Division race face-off in a crucial Divisional match-up. These teams are statistically closer than their won-loss records. Surprisingly, the Convicts have the edge in team offence while the Cubs have a slight edge in team defence – a departure from historical precedent. Chino leads the league in points scored but 5 of their touchdowns have come from defence or special teams. Still, the offence is scoring their fair share and moving the ball at an average of 6.2 yards per play. Expect that to fall slightly this week with Vladimir Ducasse playing right tackle for an injured David Stewart against a deep and talented Cubs defensive line. On the other side, expect a return of Russell Wilson to starting QB duties in Iowa City and an offence that should be able to run the ball even if Trent Richardson can't dress. Both teams are relatively healthy, compared with the rest of the league, but the Cubs are a little healthier. It will be a close one, but I have to go with the home field here. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

DEATH VALLEY @ MISSION VIEJO (line – UNDERTAKERS by 2)

INJURIES: Death Valley – Todd Herremans (OUT), Kenny Phillips (OUT), Rob Gronkowski (OUT), Aaron Hernandez (OUT); Mission Viejo – Dan Carpenter (PROBABLE), Brandon Browner (OUT), Domenik Hixon (OUT), Lardarius Webb (OUT), DeMarco Murray (OUT).

The Monarchs were knocked off their high throne last week by the Cubs, showing that they still have a long way to go before they can hang in with the West Division heavyweights. This week they face another heavy weight in the Undertakers. The Monarchs' have surrendered a league worst 171 yards per game on the ground but have held their own in pass coverage. But with Brandon Browner and Lardarius Webb out, they could struggle in that area as well against Death Valley's potent passing attack. If Mission Viejo hopes to be competitive they need to score, a task they were not up to last week. They need to score more than once, or twice, or thrice, or..... (you get the idea, I don't know the single word for four times). **PICK: DEATH VALLEY**

YORK @ LOS ANGELES (line – EXCALIBURS by 3)

INJURIES: York – Richard Seymour (OUT), Rashean Mathis (OUT), Chris Gamble (OUT), Dustin Keller (OUT), Davone Bess (OUT), Donald Jones (OUT), Giovani Bernard (OUT); Los Angeles – Charles Woodson (OUT), Andre Brown (OUT), Brian Cushing (OUT), Trevor Robinson (OUT).

What little was left of the once proud "Blue Shield" disappeared last week when Charles Woodson went down with a knee injury. It is only Week Five and the Knights' season already feels long. The only person who doesn't seem to know that this team might be the worst in the league is its coach, Jeff Dohrn. That's a good thing, because his convulsions and gyrations on the sidelines and his furious post-game press conferences are about the only entertaining thing about the Knights, unless you are the kind of fan who enjoys geek shows. The Excaliburs stopped the bleeding with a clutch victory over Mohave last week and have a chance to heal some of the damage of a 0-3 start with a victory here. The task will be a little more difficult with injuries to Davone Bess, Donald Jones and Giovani Bernard taking away some of Tom Brady's options. But, heck, it's Tom Brady! **PICK: YORK**

GARLAND @ SEBASTIAN (line – MUSTANGS by 3)

INJURIES: **Garland** – Anquan Boldin (QUESTIONABLE), Damian Williams (QUESTIONABLE), Anthony Spencer (OUT), John Greco (OUT), Jameel McClain (OUT), Erin Henderson (OUT); **Sebastian** – Willis McGahee (OUT), Pierre Thomas (OUT), Roy Helu (OUT), Alex Green (OUT).

Robert Turbin will get the start at running back for Sebastian and this fact makes the slim Vegas line above look even more ridiculous. The weight of this game is falling on Andy Dalton's shoulders and those shoulders will also be carrying the weight of a gorilla named JJ Watt. The faint hope for the usually hopeless Swordfish offence is that Dalton will be able to exploit DeAngelo Hall, like the rest of the league has, *and* that his offensive line will give him the time to do so. Don't bet on the latter with Watt and Cliff Avril going up against John Jerry and Jermon Bushrod. The Mustangs are not exactly lighting up the scoreboard on offence, but this week they will get a lot of opportunities to do so. If they continue to play in second gear, expect the Fish to hang around until the third quarter before the inevitable happens. **PICK: GARLAND**

SCARBOROUGH @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – REGULATORS by 4)

INJURIES: **Scarborough** – Terrell Suggs (OUT), Logan Mankins (OUT), Darrelle Revis (OUT), Ryan Kalil (OUT), Jordan Norwood (OUT), DeSean Jackson (OUT), Cordy Glenn (OUT); **South Carolina** – Greg Jennings (OUT), Early Doucet (OUT), Chris Cook (OUT), Tracy Porter (OUT), Sam Shields (OUT), Earl Bennett (OUT), Brandon Thompson (OUT).

The key question here is how low can the Blue Eagles go? The loss at home to Sebastian was a low point; getting completely blown out at home by Cowtown even lower. Aaron Rodgers is back after leaving last week's game with a migraine, but if he had been moving his team before giving way to Greg McElroy last week there would at least be reason to hope for the best against the improved, but still on probation, Regulator defence. But Rodgers was ineffective in 4 possessions last week against the statistically worst defence in the league. What is wrong with Scarborough? The loss of three starting offensive linemen can't be helping matters, but since when did Rodgers need top grade pass protection to find the likes of Brandon Marshall or Wes Welker open downfield? South Carolina is coming off an uplifting road victory against the team that upset "Big Blue" two weeks ago. They are at home and smell the blood of a wounded bird; let's see if they have the killer instinct. **PICK: SOUTH CAROLINA**

MARKHAM @ GWINNETT (line – GLADIATORS by 2)

INJURIES: **Markham** – Will Witherspoon (OUT), Chris Canty (OUT), LaMarr Woodley (OUT), Jordy Nelson (OUT), James Starks (OUT), Calais Campbell (OUT), Jared Cook (OUT), Percy Harvin (OUT); **Gwinnett** – Ahmad Bradshaw (DOUBTFUL), Troy Polamalu (OUT), Dan Connolly (OUT), Ben Roethlisberger (OUT), LeSean McCoy (OUT).

Coming off a great playoff run and Championship win last year, Eli Manning has not been overly impressive so far, but he has managed to get the job done and his team is unbeaten. This week he faces the challenge of moving the ball with both Jordy Nelson and Percy Harvin out. The Glads' D has been stingy against the run so he will likely have to move the ball through the air at some point with just two viable wide receivers dressed for the game. The defence has been Markham's strength, giving up ground in tiny chunks and forcing a league-high 12 turnovers. Interestingly, the Gladiators are the only team in the league that has not turned the ball over yet. Don't blame me because I mentioned it, Glads fans, when that changes this week. Big Ben, Troy Polamalu, and LeSean McCoy are out, while Ahmad Bradshaw is 'doubtful.' In years past the loss of Ben might have been an upgrade, but this year a much more responsible Ben has been a big reason for the Glads' early season success. With Kevin Kolb at the helm, don't expect much from the Gwinnett offence. **PICK: MARKHAM**

COWTOWN @ TWIN CITIES (line – Pick 'Em)

INJURIES: **Cowtown** – Malcom Floyd (PROBABLE), Cecil Shorts (PROBABLE), Arthur Moats (OUT); **Twin Cities** – Ike Taylor (OUT), Glenn Dorsey (OUT), Kraig Urbik (OUT), Pierre Garcon (OUT), Ziggy Ansah (OUT), Rishard Matthews (OUT).

This one is "pick 'em" for a reason: even Vegas can't predict what these 1-3 teams will do to each other. The Corn Kings' previously-respected defence has surprised analysts by performing like real corn – standing stalk still on the field. The Triumph is battling hard in defeat, but is still getting defeated. Injuries to their receiving corps did not seem to matter last week against the best corner tandem in the league, so expect Jay Cutler to move the ball through the air against one of the worst pass defences in the league. Joe Flacco has been less than stellar, but he is not the reason his team is at the bottom of the North Division. With Ike Taylor and Ziggy Ansah out, the Corn Kings' offence should score at least a couple of touchdowns against a Twin Cities D that has underperformed to this point. With nothing else to say, I'll go with the home team. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

DURHAM @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 3)

INJURIES: Durham – Dwayne Bowe (OUT), Carl Nicks (OUT), Danny Amendola (OUT), David DeCastro (OUT); **Pickering** – Dwight Freeney (PROBABLE), Willie Colon (OUT), Tashard Choice (OUT), Golden Tate (OUT), Joe Haden (OUT).

The Thunder Lizards' offence is chewing up gridiron real estate like a massive flying prehistoric armadillo and the Spartans are not far behind. Durham is averaging almost 450 yards of offence per game, the majority of it through the air, and how they are doing it is no secret. Drew Brees-to-Calvin Johnson looks like it might become an unstoppable connection once the pair is comfortable playing together, while Reggie Bush cannot be ignored on the ground. On the other side, the Spartans' running game is leading the league and setting up passing opportunities for Matt Schaub. But with Tashard Choice out, Steven Jackson must stay healthy. It will be strength versus strength in this one, with the better air show stealing the show. **PICK: DURHAM**

CARTHAGE @ CHARLESWOOD (line – PATRIOTS by 4)

INJURIES: Carthage – Fred Jackson (OUT), Winston Justice (OUT), Jon Beason (OUT), Maurice Jones-Drew (OUT); **Charleswood** – Steve Hutchinson (OUT), Santonio Holmes (OUT), Marcus Gilbert (OUT), Kendall Hunter (OUT).

The Pats are scoring a lot of points. A healthy Adrian Peterson is making life easier for Peyton Manning and the veteran is taking full advantage, throwing for more than 1,100 yards and 10 touchdowns. The shortcomings of the defence are not a hot topic at the moment coming off a strong performance against Virden last week, but a quarterback like Philip Rivers could renew the discussion if he gets into rhythm. If he does, that rhythm had better be up tempo, because the Pats will be marking up the scoreboard at breakneck speed against mediocre talent on the Cannibals' back end. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

VIRDEN @ MOHAVE (line – VIOLATORS by 6)

INJURIES: Virden – John Kuhn (QUESTIONABLE), Fred Davis (OUT), Aqib Talib (OUT), Knowshon Moreno (OUT), Vontae Davis (OUT), Prince Amukamara (OUT); **Mohave** – Paul Kruger (PROBABLE), Scott Wells (OUT), Chris Houston (OUT), Eric Wood (OUT), D.J. Moore (OUT), Jonathan Dwyer (OUT), Aaron Williams (OUT).

This is an opportunity to take advantage of a line blown up by reputation. The Hellfire's offensive woes are so well-known that Virden's injury woes in the secondary could be overlooked. I think highly enough of Andrew Luck to believe that he will be able to take advantage of injuries to Virden's three top cornerbacks and pull his team's offence out of the league's basement. Matt Stafford faced pressure last week against Charleswood and didn't handle it well. The Hellfire have the best pass rush in the league and will bring the heat in the hottest football park on Earth. **PICK: MOHAVE**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – After 3 weeks in 2007 only one team, Mohave, remained unbeaten. A 33-yard field goal by John Carney with 20 seconds left lifted the Hellfire over Gwinnett 19-17, giving them sole possession of first place in the East, followed by Florida and Gwinnett at 2-1. In the West, three teams were tied for first with 2-1 records, Anchorage, Chino, and Cowtown.

In a game that would, in retrospect, turn out to be irrelevant, the Anchorage Buccaneers outscored the Durham Thunder Lizards 31-28 in what was considered, at the time, to be a preview of the West Division final. The Dinos were

the worst statistical defence in the league at that time, and holding the Bucs to 31 points was considered an accomplishment. But only scoring 28 points against the Bucs' defence was considered a failure.

Steven Jackson of the Florida Dragons led all rushers with 146 yards and 3 touchdowns on 24 carries to lead his team to a 35-23 win over Meadowlands. The fact that he did this against the 0-3 Swamp Dogs kept him from being recognized as Week 3 Offensive MVP. That honour went to the Bucs' Joseph Addai of Anchorage, who rushed for 128 yards and 2 TDs and caught a TD pass to finish with 3 scores. At wide receiver, Mike Furrey of Cowtown was the big story in Week 3 of that first EFL season. He caught 11 passes for 187 yards and 1 TD against the difficult Knights' defence in a 24-13 win.

The pre-season favourite to win the Championship, Charleswood, finally won in Week Three, dumping Kutztown 27-24 on a Stephen Gostkowski field goal with 3 seconds left. Peyton Manning praised the media after the game.

Finally, Week 3 was notable for there being no defensive standout apart from DeMarcus Ware, who returned an interception 50 yards for a TD for the Swamp Dogs.