

WEEK 1



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ELITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE



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EAST



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HAWKS EKE OUT WIN!



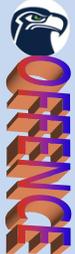
*Austin Ekeler
Brooklin Hawks*

Hawks running back **Austin Ekeler** is brought down by York safety **Kevin Byard** after a 48-yard gain on a screen pass from **Derek Carr** in 3rd quarter action in Brooklin. Ekeler was the star of the game, gaining 271 yards from scrimmage and scoring a critical two-point conversion that tied the game in the fourth. His 42 yards in OT helped set up the game-winning TD pass to **Tyler Conklin**, that finished off a stunning 23-20 upset of heavily-favoured York.



*Who was slick
in Week One?*

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Austin Ekeler
QB
Brooklin
Hawks

135 yds rushing & 136 yds receiving powered Hawks to upset of York.



TJ Watt
OLB
Cowntown
Corn Kings

5 T, 1 Sk, 2 Stf, 2 FF. Key red zone and 4th down stops keyed victory.



Keenan Allen took a short slant 51 yards to set up a **Matt Stafford** TD pass to **JD McKissic** and **Deebo Samuel** got behind his man for a 41-yard TD catch-and-run to power the Wrecking Balls past the Derailers. **Lamar Jackson** struggled against a New Jersey defence that picked him off once, forced 5 punts, and stopped his offence twice on 4th down before Jackson finally cracked the goose egg on the scoreboard with a 1-yard TD run in the game's dying seconds. **Leonard Floyd** starred for the New Jersey defence, with 7 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 stuff and 2 QB hits. Buffalo had 7 penalties.

10-08-2022 New Era Field Temp:61 Wind:0-10 None No Line MVP:Stafford HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 New Jersey (1-0)	7	9	7	0	23
2022 Buffalo (0-1)	0	0	0	7	7

Passing

NJ: Stafford 32/20 283 Yds 2 TDs Int
 BUF: Jackson 32/21 131 Yds Int

Rushing

NJ: Montgomery 18/77, Samuel 4/5, Robinson 5/3
 BUF: Jackson 13/64 TD, Dillon 14/42, Davis 3/16, Woods 2/7

Receiving

NJ: Allen 5/95, Samuel 4/84 TD, McKissic 3/41 TD, Montgomery 3/20, Hooper 3/30
 BUF: Fant 6/50, Davis 4/20, Gage 4/33, Toney 3/19, Dillon 2/3, Reynolds 1/3

Defense

NJ: Floyd 2-Sks 7-Tk, Winfield Jr. Int 11-Tk, Hughes 11-Tk, Adams 8-Tk
 BUF: Greenard Sk 5-Tk, Oruwariye Int 4-Tk, Thibodeaux Sk 3-Tk, Donald Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

NJ: Awuzie 2
 BUF: Horn 11

Misc

NJ: Boswell 3/3 FG 46 Lg
 BUF: 4/6 4th Dwn



Jared Goff turned a 29-minute battle for field position into the game's first points with a 6-yard TD pass to **Chris Godwin** to top off an 8-play, 49-yard drive with 1:07 left in the 1st half. The Bombers scored on their first two possessions of the 2nd half, leaning on the ground game to set up a 44-yard **Matt Prater** FG and riding **Elijah Mitchell** for a 10-yard TD run to make it 17-0. After 7 consecutive punts, the Coyotes finally got on the board with a 23-yard **Josh Lambo** FG then closed with 7 with a 40-yard fumble return TD by **Zaire Franklin**. Those were all the points they could muster.

10-08-2022 Coyote Field Temp:3 Wind: None No Line MVP:Quinn HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Bruxelles (1-0)	0	7	10	0	17
2022 Cobb County (0-1)	0	0	3	7	10

Passing

BRX: Goff 18/11 78 Yds TD
 CB: Tannehill 36/16 142 Yds Int

Rushing

BRX: Mitchell 18/131 TD, Fournette 22/112
 CB: Cook 11/77, Tannehill 4/41, Strong Jr. 4/33

Receiving

BRX: Godwin 6/42 TD, Claypool 2/30, Fournette 2/-3, Juszczak 1/9
 CB: Pittman Jr. 8/88, Cooks 4/24, Cook 3/17, Parker 1/13

Defense

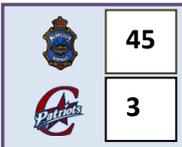
BRX: Quinn 3-Sks FF 6-Tk, Whitehead Int 6-Tk, Ebukam Sk 5-Tk, Woods Sk 3-Tk
 CB: Basham Sk FF 6-Tk, Payne Sk 5-Tk, Franklin FF 6-Tk, Phillips Sk 4-Tk

Injuries

BRX: Ragnow 11, Cunningham 2
 CB: Lawrence 9

Misc

BRX: Prater 1/2 FG 44 Lg
 CB: Lambo 1/1 FG 23 Lg



Rookie running back, **Breece Hall** rushed for 3 TDs and **Jameis Winston** tossed 3 TD passes, two of those to receiver, **DJ Moore**, to blast the woeiful Patriots. The Triumph scored on five of their first six possessions to build a 31-3 lead before **Trevor Lawrence** replaced Winston to finish the game. He threw a pick on his first series but the Pats were unable to take advantage as rookie QB, **Kenny Pickett** was stoned on 4th and inches. Pickett had a rough day, throwing 3 interceptions and getting sacked 5 times. A 54-yard FG by **Nick Folk** at the end of the 2nd prevented the shutout.

10-08-2022 Patriot Place Temp:75 Wind:Calm No Line MVP:Hall HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Twin Cities (1-0)	7	17	14	7	45
2022 Charleswood (0-1)	0	3	0	0	3

Passing

TCT: Winston 22/15 189 Yds 3 TDs, Lawrence 10/5 72 Yds Int
 CHP: Pickett 30/17 165 Yds 3 Int

Rushing

TCT: Hall 16/62 3 TDs, Henderson Jr. 14/42, Lawrence 1/6, Winston 3/4
 CHP: Singletary 11/23, Kamara 5/13, Pickett 6/12

Receiving

TCT: Moore 5/63 2 TDs, Brown 4/54, Bateman 3/35, Hall 2/47, Pierce 2/18, Trautman 2/37 TD
 CHP: Singletary 5/22, Kelce 5/68, Meyers 4/47, Beckham 3/28

Defense

TCT: Wagner 14-Tk, Sweat Sk 4-Tk, Green Sk FF Tk, Stingley Jr. Int 3-Tk, Ford Sk
 CHP: Queen 10-Tk, Holland Int 3-Tk

Injuries

TCT: Alexander 12, Wormley 1
 CHP: Stanley 13, Tunsil 11, Samuel Jr. 3

Misc

TCT: Brooks FR, Hopkins 1/1 FG 42 Lg
 CHP: Folk 1/1 FG, 54 Lg



The Violators scored 13 unanswered points in the final 16 minutes to overcome a 13-10 deficit and finish comfortably in front of the Crusaders. **Michael Badgley** capped an 11-play, 40-yard drive with a 42-yard FG to tie the game at 13 five minutes after a 12-yard screen pass from **Mac Jones** to **Kenyan Drake** for a TD had put Peg City in front 13-10. **Patrick Mahomes** put Virden in front to stay with a 21-yard TD pass to **DK Metcalf** mid-way through the 4th then the Virden defence held the Pegs on 4th down near mid-field, setting up a 31-yard insurance FG to clinch the win.

10-08-2022 True North Field Temp:-3 Wind: None No Line MVP:Mahomes HFA:ON(1)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Virden (1-0)	3	7	3	10	23
2022 Peg City (0-1)	6	0	7	0	13

Passing

VV: Mahomes 49/31 279 Yds TD
 PCC: Jones 29/14 167 Yds TD

Rushing

VV: Elliott 19/65 TD, Mahomes 2/18, Ingram 1/3
 PCC: Barkley 10/38, Drake 8/29, Jones 3/2

Receiving

VV: Elliott 10/41, Metcalf 7/97 TD, Hockenson 7/57, Chase 6/80, Olave 1/4
 PCC: Aiyuk 4/44, Barkley 3/32, Drake 3/18 TD, Shenault 2/19, Pitts 1/27, Sutton 1/27

Defense

VV: Clark Sk 9-Tk, Hargrave Sk 4-Tk
 PCC: Jones Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

VV: Barr 5
 PCC:

Misc

VV: Phillips 3/79 KR, Badgley 3/4 FG 42 Lg
 PCC: McCloud 6/176 KR, Koo 2/2 FG 43 Lg



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The Cubs failed to convert back-to-back 4th down attempts in their own territory, setting up two Chino TDs in the 2nd half. Those TDs made the score 27-10 and turned the game decisively in favour of the Convicts. A daring 4th & 4 try from their own 28 turned awry when Chino corner, **AJ Terrell** tipped a pass intended for **AJ Brown**. Four plays later, **Christian McCaffrey** punched it into the end zone from 1 yard. The Cubs tried again on 4th & 2 from their 45, but **Joe Mixon** was stoned for no gain. Five plays later, **Dak Prescott** bootlegged it in from 5 yards. It had been a close game prior to that.

10-08-2022 Iowa City Superplex Temp:74 Wind: No Line MVP:Prescott HFA:ON(

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Chino (1-0)	3	10	7	10	30
2022 Iowa City (0-1)	0	3	7	3	13

Passing

CHI: Prescott 23/17 213 Yds TD
 ICC: Wilson 33/19 224 Yds TD Int

Rushing

CHI: McCaffrey 18/89 TD, Jones II 8/23, Spiller 5/11, Prescott 4/7 TD
 ICC: Mixon 16/101, Carter 7/23, Wilson 1/6, Moore 1/3

Receiving

CHI: Jones 6/102 TD, Mooney 3/30, Patrick 3/48, Abdullah 3/27, Hurst 1/3, McCaffrey 1/3
 ICC: Mixon 4/62, Carter 3/7, Brown 3/30 TD, Kirk 3/44, Moore 2/14, Njoku 2/17

Defense

CHI: Addison Sk 3-Tk
 ICC: Key Sk FF 4-Tk, Hill Sk 4-Tk

Injuries

CHI: Smith 13
 ICC: Brown 9, Golston 1

Misc

CHI: Butker 3/3 FG 30 Lg
 ICC: Tucker 2/2 FG 58 Lg



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Dalvin Cook had TD runs of 30, 20 and 5 yards and rushed for 138 yards to carry the Billtown offence over the visiting Pilots. The Seattle offence struggled early, with **Sam Darnold** getting picked off by **Darius Leonard** on the game's first series and **Hunter Renfrow** fumbling away the ball at his own 32-yard line in the 2nd quarter to set up Cook's second TD run. After Cook's third TD run made it 23-9 for the Bats in the 4th, Darnold found **Ceedee Lamb** in the end zone from 17 yards to pull within 7 points. The Bats 'D' was able to hold off Seattle once more and the 'O' ran out the clock.

10-08-2022 Assassin's Den Temp:74 Wind: No Line MVP:Cook HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Seattle (0-1)	0	3	3	10	16
2022 Billtown (1-0)	7	7	3	6	23

Passing

SEA: Darnold 48/30 286 Yds TD Int
 BB: Herbert 29/17 221 Yds

Rushing

SEA: Walker III 9/48, Hunt 8/24, Darnold 3/13, Renfrow 1/12
 BB: Cook 24/138 3 TDs, Conner 3/32, Herbert 2/20, Hardman 1/11

Receiving

SEA: Lamb 9/103 TD, Renfrow 8/85, Walker III 5/23, Hunt 3/36, Deguara 2/23
 BB: Jeudy 5/111, Beasley 5/41, Cook 3/15, Conner 2/42, Firkser 2/12

Defense

SEA: Mack Sk 6-Tk, Jackson Sk 3-Tk
 BB: Leonard Int 11-Tk, Davis Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

SEA: Akers 14
 BB: Griffin 2, Rhodes 2

Misc

SEA: McPherson 3/4 FG 56 Lg
 BB: Fairbairn 1/2 FG 25 Lg, Igbinohe FR



Josh Allen rushed for 3 TDs and passed for another to earn game MVP and lead the Lizards to a laughter over Scarborough. Allen tore through the middle of the defence for all three of his scores, running it in from 6, 1 and 19 yards. He also rushed for 97 yards on 11 carries. Durham RB, **Antonio Gibson** did not score but had a big day, rushing for 129 yards in 17 carries as Durham piled up 255 rushing yards. **Joe Burrow** threw 2 TD passes in the 2nd for Scarborough's only points. **Tyrann Mathieu** had a 50-yard pick-six and returned a pick by **Justin Simmons** 31 yards on a lateral.

10-08-2022 Jurassic Park Temp:84 Wind:Calm None No Line MVP:Allen HFA:ON(5)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Scarborough (0-1)	0	14	0	0	14
2022 Durham (1-0)	14	17	0	10	41

Passing

SBE: Burrow 35/25 220 Yds 2 TDs 2 Int
 DTL: Allen 24/16 187 Yds TD

Rushing

SBE: Gaskin 9/22, Perine 4/21, Johnson 5/14, Dallas 1/7
 DTL: Gibson 17/129, Allen 11/97 3 TDs, Edmonds 4/16, Mattison 5/13

Receiving

SBE: Gaskin 5/40 TD, Uzomah 4/35 TD, Cobb 4/43, Robinson 3/41, Perine 3/27
 DTL: Kupp 6/73 TD, Ruckert 3/37, Gibson 2/4, Knox 2/48, Boyd 2/25, Mattison 1/0

Defense

SBE: Jones 11-Tk, Ryan FF 5-Tk
 DTL: Simmons Int 8-Tk, Mathieu Int(TD) 3-Tk, Reader Sk 5-Tk, Oliver Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

SBE: Collins 2
 DTL:

Misc

SBE: Jones,D FR, 0/3 4th Dwn
 DTL: York 2/2 FG, 44 Lg



TJ Watt was the difference on a day when the Cowtown offence was moving in fits and starts, and **Kirk Cousins** was hitting his targets. Watt forced 2 fumbles, one on a strip-sack to thwart a Swordfish scoring chance at the 10, and notched two stuffs, including one of **Jonathan Taylor** on 4th down to deprive them of a scoring chance before halftime. Cousins fumbled 3 times, one resulting in a TD the other way by **Anthony Harris**. The run game showed up for both teams, with Taylor rushing for 119 yards for Sebastian and **Jamaal Williams** hitting the 100-yard mark for Cowtown.

10-07-2022 Tillman Field Temp:66 Wind:0-5 *Internet* No Line MVP:Watt HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Sebastian (0-1)	7	0	7	11	25
2022 Cowtown (1-0)	3	13	10	6	32

Passing

SS: Cousins 35/24 311 Yds TD, Minshew 8/4 23 Yds
 COW: Garoppolo 25/15 190 Yds 2 TDs

Rushing

SS: Taylor 19/113 TD, Chubb 3/12 TD
 COW: Williams 15/100, Booker 3/23, Garoppolo 7/21, Murray 10/14

Receiving

SS: Green 8/124, Cooper 7/100 TD, Gallup 4/36, Schultz 4/33, Taylor 2/16, Smythe 1/10
 COW: Bourne 4/72, Booker 3/31, Cephus 3/31 TD, Williams 2/15 TD, Lewis 1/17

Defense

SS: Perryman 10-Tk, Schobert 9-Tk
 COW: Watt Sk 2-FF 5-Tk, Chinn 10-Tk, Jefferson Sk FF 2-Tk, Wonnum Sk FF 2-Tk

Injuries

SS: Vickers 14
 COW: Hicks 8

Misc

SS: 3/4 4th Down, Perryman 3 STF |
 COW: Chinn 2 FR, Hughes FR, Harris TD Fumble Return



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A fumbled exchange at the Pickering 38 and a blocked punt by **Cameron Jordan** on the Spartans' first two possessions led to short fields and 10 North Star points. The visitors never recovered from those early set-backs. **Greg Zuerlein** closed the gap to 7 points with a 49-yard FG to begin the 2nd quarter, but a 75-yard Budapest drive ended with P.I. in the end zone on **Xavien Howard** setting up a **Cordarrell Patterson** TD run to make it 17-3. **Justin Jefferson** toyed with **Denzel Ward** all day, snaring 10 catches for 143 yards and 1 TD. **Aaron Rodgers** threw 2 TD passes and 1 INT.

10-08-2022 Ferenc-Liszt Intl A Temp:72 Wind:0-10 None No Line MVP:Jordan HFA:ON(

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Pickering (0-1)	0	3	0	10	13
2022 Budapest (1-0)	10	7	3	7	27

Passing

PIC: Hurts 23/13 103 Yds TD

BUD: Rodgers 32/23 233 Yds 2 TDs Int

Rushing

PIC: Sanders 15/75, Williams 8/41, Hurts 8/26

BUD: Patterson 10/57 TD, Reynolds 11/33, Patterson 2/11, Vaughn 1/7, Johnson 1/2

Receiving

PIC: Ridley 4/46 TD, Shepard 2/13, Sanders 2/4, Swift 2/11, Brown 2/22, Ricard 1/7

BUD: Jefferson 10/143 TD, Kittle 5/39, Diggs 2/16, Agholor 1/8 TD, Reynolds 1/3

Defense

PIC: Clowney Sk 3-Tk, Ward 8-Tk, Wilson 8-Tk

BUD: David 14-Tk, Harris Sk 4-Tk, Jordan FF 5-Tk

Injuries

PIC: Okwara 11

BUD: Jenkins 8

Misc

PIC: Mack F-Snp, Zuerlein 2/2 FG 49 Lg

BUD: Jordan Pt Blk, David FR, McManus 2/2 FG 53 Lg



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23

Derek Carr avoided a blitzing **Rashan Gary** and found **Tyler Conklin** open in the end zone for a 4-yard TD with 0:20 left in overtime to lift the Hawks to a big upset over the Excaliburs. York led by 8 points, 17-9, with 8 minutes left in the 4th quarter, but Carr led an 81-yard scoring drive, keyed by a 22-yard bootleg on 3rd & 3, to tie the game on **Boston Scott's** 6-yard TD run and **Austin Ekeler's** 2-point conversion to tie it. York seemed to have a shot at a game-winning FG when they reached the Hawks' 23-yard line with 0:17 left but ran another play and the clock expired.

10-09-2022 Hawkeye Park Temp:62 Wind:0-5 None No Line MVP:Ekeler HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
2022 York (0-1)	7	0	10	0	3	20
2022 Brooklin (1-0)	3	0	6	8	6	23

Passing

YOR: Brady 32/24 289 Yds TD

BRH: Carr 43/28 287 Yds TD Int

Rushing

YOR: Henry 23/137 TD, Brady 2/9

BRH: Ekeler 22/135, Carr 7/58, Scott 6/32 TD

Receiving

YOR: Kmet 11/80, St. Brown 5/60, Davis 3/22, Williams 3/53, Burks 2/74 TD

BRH: Ekeler 12/136, London 5/40, Hopkins 5/56, Conklin 4/42 TD, Engram 1/7

Defense

YOR: Gary 3-Sks FF 6-Tk, Holcomb Int 11-Tk, Ojulari 9-Tk, Rousseau Sk 4-Tk

BRH: McKinney 12-Tk, Hubbard Sk 6-Tk

Injuries

YOR: Zuniga 13

BRH:

Misc

YOR: Gould 2/2 FG 45 Lg, Kmet 11/11 Tgt

BRH: Bullock 3/3 FG 41 Lg



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Jalen Ramsey recovered a **Kyler Murray** fumble in the 1st quarter and picked him off in the 2nd to hold the Cadillac offence at bay and preserve a 3-3 halftime deadlock. The Irish offence finally stirred in the 2nd half, surviving a fumbled snap and a fumbled punt return to convert their first two possessions into points: a 24-yard FG and 9-yard TD screen pass from **Carson Wentz** to **Tyler Lockett** to make it 13-3. Murray responded with a 48-yard TD pass to **Jaylen Waddle** but that would end the scoring. The Caddies' last 2 series ended in a Murray interception and a turnover on downs.

10-08-2022 Msgr McClancy Mem. Temp:73 Wind:5-15 None No Line MVP:Ramsey HFA:ON(5)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Erieau (0-1)	0	3	0	7	10
2022 East Elmhurst (1-0)	0	3	3	7	13

Passing

ERI: Murray 33/21 262 Yds TD 2 Int
 EE: Wentz 33/25 258 Yds TD

Rushing

ERI: Murray 8/48, Harris 7/22, Pierce 5/21
 EE: Jones 12/50, Michel 11/45, Hill 1/6

Receiving

ERI: Waddle 6/115 TD, Andrews 5/52, Higgins 5/67, Hines 3/19, Pierce 2/9
 EE: Jones 7/31, Hill 7/109, Lockett 6/87 TD, Higbee 2/9, Everett 2/8, Landry 1/14

Defense

ERI: Van Noy FF 9-Tk, King II FF 8-Tk, Bosa Sk FF 3-Tk
 EE: Ramsey Int FF 7-Tk, Barrett Sk 4-Tk

Injuries

ERI: McLeod 2
 EE:

Misc

ERI: Murray F lost, Myers 1/1 FG 29 Lg
 EE: Ramsey FR, Blankenship 2/3 FG 38 Lg



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On 3rd & 4 at the Oshawa 14, **Ben Roethlisberger** stepped up and hit **Julio Jones** on a short cross, and the big vet bowled into the end zone for a 14-yard TD off the game's opening drive. That was the only TD of the game and, in the end, all the scoring the Glads would need on a good day for both defences. Trailing 7-3 late in the 4th, the Pink Panthers went for it on 4th & 1 at the Georgia 8-yard line and failed, giving momentum back to the Glads who went on the score a FG before the half. **Matt Ryan** was sacked 4 times and finished with just 219 yards as the Georgia 'D' had a rare day.

10-08-2022 GM Megadome Temp:72 Wind:Calm No Line MVP:Roethlisberg HFA:ON(2)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2022 Georgia (1-0)	7	3	0	3	13
2022 Oshawa (0-1)	0	3	3	0	6

Passing

GEO: Roethlisberger 36/24 206 Yds TD
 OSH: Ryan 45/26 219 Yds

Rushing

GEO: Jacobs 18/76, Robinson 6/12, Agnew 1/10, Johnson 1/6
 OSH: Gordon 11/49, Washington 5/42, Ryan 1/1

Receiving

GEO: Johnson 7/71, Jacobs 7/57, Ertz 5/31, Jones 2/24 TD, Moore 1/10, Agnew 1/10
 OSH: Adams 9/108, Thielen 5/36, Berrios 4/30, Gordon 2/8, Washington 2/10, Tolbert 2/15

Defense

GEO: Ingram III Sk FF 4-Tk, Jones Sk 5-Tk, Brown 10-Tk, Wyatt Sk 3-Tk
 OSH: Gardner FF 7-Tk, Kendricks 8-Tk

Injuries

GEO:
 OSH:

Misc

GEO: Bass 2/2 FG 42 Lg
 OSH: Gonzalez 2/2 FG 27 Lg, Gardner FR



WEEK ONE

STANDINGS & STATS

EFL 2022 - Week 1 Standings

East	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
New Jersey	1	0	0	1.000	W1	23	23.0	7	7.0	16.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Bruxelles	1	0	0	1.000	W1	17	17.0	10	10.0	7.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Cobb County	0	1	0	.000	L1	10	10.0	17	17.0	-7.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	L1	7	7.0	23	23.0	-16.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Twin Cities	1	0	0	1.000	W1	45	45.0	3	3.0	42.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Viriden	1	0	0	1.000	W1	23	23.0	13	13.0	10.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Peg City	0	1	0	.000	L1	13	13.0	23	23.0	-10.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Charleswood	0	1	0	.000	L1	3	3.0	45	45.0	-42.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	1	0	0	1.000	W1	30	30.0	13	13.0	17.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Billtown	1	0	0	1.000	W1	23	23.0	16	16.0	7.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	L1	16	16.0	23	23.0	-7.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Iowa City	0	1	0	.000	L1	13	13.0	30	30.0	-17.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	1	0	0	1.000	W1	41	41.0	14	14.0	27.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Cowtown	1	0	0	1.000	W1	32	32.0	25	25.0	7.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Sebastian	0	1	0	.000	L1	25	25.0	32	32.0	-7.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Scarborough	0	1	0	.000	L1	14	14.0	41	41.0	-27.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	1	0	0	1.000	W1	27	27.0	13	13.0	14.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Brooklin	1	0	0	1.000	W1	23	23.0	20	20.0	3.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
York	0	1	0	.000	L1	20	20.0	23	23.0	-3.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Pickering	0	1	0	.000	L1	13	13.0	27	27.0	-14.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Georgia	1	0	0	1.000	W1	13	13.0	6	6.0	7.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
East Elmhurst	1	0	0	1.000	W1	13	13.0	10	10.0	3.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Erieau	0	1	0	.000	L1	10	10.0	13	13.0	-3.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Oshawa	0	1	0	.000	L1	6	6.0	13	13.0	-7.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0

EFL 2022 - Week 1 Passing Leaders

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Winston	TCT	22	15	68.2	189	0	0.0	31	3	13.6	134.3
2	Prescott	CHI	23	17	73.9	213	0	0.0	26	1	4.3	116.8
3	Brady	YOR	32	24	75.0	289	0	0.0	47	1	3.1	112.6
4	Garoppolo	COW	25	15	60.0	190	0	0.0	27	2	8.0	110.4
5	Wentz	EE	33	25	75.8	258	0	0.0	32	1	3.0	107.9
6	Cousins	SS	35	24	68.6	311	0	0.0	50	1	2.9	105.8
7	Allen	DTL	24	16	66.7	187	0	0.0	37	1	4.2	104.0
8	Rodgers	BUD	32	23	71.9	233	1	3.1	32	2	6.3	100.1
9	Stafford	NJ	32	20	62.5	283	1	3.1	51	2	6.3	98.8
10	Roethlisbe	GEO	36	24	66.7	206	0	0.0	22	1	2.8	90.7
11	Goff	BRX	18	11	61.1	78	0	0.0	17	1	5.6	89.6
12	Mahomes	VV	49	31	63.3	279	0	0.0	29	1	2.0	85.3
13	Burrow	SBE	35	25	71.4	220	2	5.7	27	2	5.7	83.0
14	Herbert	BB	29	17	58.6	221	0	0.0	48	0	0.0	82.7
15	Hurts	PIC	23	13	56.5	103	0	0.0	13	1	4.3	82.3
16	Carr	BRH	43	28	65.1	287	1	2.3	48	1	2.3	82.2
17	Jones,M	PCC	29	14	48.3	167	0	0.0	27	1	3.4	77.8
18	Darnold	SEA	48	30	62.5	286	1	2.1	24	1	2.1	77.3
19	Wilson	ICC	33	19	57.6	224	1	3.0	44	1	3.0	75.8
20	Murray,K	ERI	33	21	63.6	262	2	6.1	48	1	3.0	73.0
21	Ryan	OSH	45	26	57.8	219	0	0.0	28	0	0.0	70.5
22	Jackson.L	BUF	32	21	65.6	131	1	3.1	12	0	0.0	60.8
23	Tannehill	CB	36	16	44.4	142	1	2.8	22	0	0.0	44.0
24	Pickett	CHP	30	17	56.7	165	3	10.0	38	0	0.0	32.6
25	Minschew	SS	8	4	50.0	23	0	0.0	8	0	0.0	56.3

EFL 2022 - Week 1 Kick Return Leaders

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Rodgers	CHP	2	67	33.5	35	0
2	McCloud	PCC	6	176	29.3	37	0
3	Dallas	SBE	2	58	29.0	31	0
4	Phillips	VV	3	79	26.3	31	0
5	Roberts	BRX	3	71	23.7	37	0
6	Smith,T	CHI	2	44	22.0	24	0
7	Hasty	CB	3	64	21.3	30	0
8	Pierce	TCT	1	29	29.0	29	0
9	Isabella	BRH	1	28	28.0	28	0
10	Ballentine	YOR	1	28	28.0	28	0
11	Cook	CB	1	26	26.0	26	0
12	Carter	BUF	1	24	24.0	24	0
13	Moore	EE	1	23	23.0	23	0
14	Erickson	VV	1	19	19.0	19	0
15	Philips	ICC	1	18	18.0	18	0
16	Harris	COW	1	12	12.0	12	0
17	Cole	SEA	1	9	9.0	9	0
18	Pipkins	NJ	1	0	0.0	0	0

EFL 2022 - Week 1 Punt Return Leaders

		No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Grant	CHI	2	0	31	15.5	18	0
2	Spencer,D	NJ	2	1	21	10.5	14	0
3	Holland	CHP	2	0	21	10.5	13	0
4	Jones,V	PIC	2	1	17	8.5	11	0
5	Gray	DTL	2	1	16	8.0	9	0
6	Hines	ERI	3	2	24	8.0	9	0
7	Roberts	BRX	3	4	23	7.7	11	0
8	Carter	BUF	3	0	22	7.3	11	0
9	Peoples-Jo	SS	2	0	13	6.5	8	0
10	Renfrow	SEA	2	1	13	6.5	10	0
11	Agnew	GEO	2	0	13	6.5	7	0
12	Berrios	OSH	3	0	15	5.0	7	0
13	Robinson	CB	5	0	14	2.8	4	0
14	Moore	EE	2	2	4	2.0	4	0
15	Erickson	VV	2	3	3	1.5	5	0
16	McCloud	PCC	1	0	19	19.0	19	0
17	Hardman	BB	1	0	16	16.0	16	0
18	Harris	COW	1	1	15	15.0	15	0
19	Duvernay	TCT	1	3	13	13.0	13	0
20	Dotson	SBE	1	2	6	6.0	6	0
21	Rodgers,Am	BUD	1	1	1	1.0	1	0

EFL 2022 - Week 1 Rushing Leaders

Att Yds Ave Lg TD

1	Cook	BB	24	138	5.8	30	3
2	Henry	YOR	23	137	6.0	63	1
3	Ekeler	BRH	22	135	6.1	24	0
4	Mitchell	BRX	18	131	7.3	21	1
5	Gibson	DTL	17	129	7.6	16	0
6	Taylor	SS	19	113	5.9	39	1
7	Fournette	BRX	22	112	5.1	15	0
8	Mixon	ICC	16	101	6.3	25	0
9	Williams,J	COW	15	100	6.7	17	0
10	Allen	DTL	11	97	8.8	28	3
11	McCaffrey	CHI	18	89	4.9	23	1
12	Montgomery	NJ	18	77	4.3	16	0
13	Cook	CB	11	77	7.0	37	0
14	Jacobs	GEO	18	76	4.2	14	0
15	Sanders	PIC	15	75	5.0	19	0
16	Elliott	VV	19	65	3.4	13	1
17	Jackson.L	BUF	13	64	4.9	29	1
18	Hall,B	TCT	16	62	3.9	15	3
19	Carr	BRH	7	58	8.3	22	0
20	Patterson	BUD	10	57	5.7	19	1
21	Jones,A	EE	12	50	4.2	17	0
22	Gordon	OSH	11	49	4.5	22	0
23	Murray,K	ERI	8	48	6.0	18	0
24	Walker	SEA	9	48	5.3	33	0
25	Michel	EE	11	45	4.1	11	0
26	Henderson	TCT	14	42	3.0	9	0
27	Dillon	BUF	14	42	3.0	8	0
28	Washington	OSH	5	42	8.4	14	0
29	Williams,D	PIC	8	41	5.1	19	0
30	Tannehill	CB	4	41	10.3	21	0

EFL 2022 - Week 1 Receiving Leaders

No Yds Ave Lg TD

1	Ekeler	BRH	12	136	11.3	48	0
2	Kmet	YOR	11	80	7.3	11	0
3	Jefferson	BUD	10	143	14.3	32	1
4	Elliott	VV	10	41	4.1	16	0
5	Lamb	SEA	9	103	11.4	24	1
6	Adams	OSH	9	108	12.0	28	0
7	Pittman Jr	CB	8	88	11.0	22	0
8	Renfrow	SEA	8	85	10.6	16	0
9	Green	SS	8	124	15.5	50	0
10	Cooper	SS	7	100	14.3	31	1
11	Metcalfe	VV	7	97	13.9	29	1
12	Jones,A	EE	7	31	4.4	11	0
13	Hill	EE	7	109	15.6	29	0
14	Johnson,D	GEO	7	71	10.1	19	0
15	Jacobs	GEO	7	57	8.1	22	0
16	Hockenson	VV	7	57	8.1	11	0
17	Waddle	ERI	6	115	19.2	48	1
18	Lockett	EE	6	87	14.5	32	1
19	Fant	BUF	6	50	8.3	9	0
20	Godwin	BRX	6	42	7.0	11	1
21	Jones,M	CHI	6	102	17.0	25	1
22	Chase	VV	6	80	13.3	15	0
23	Kupp	DTL	6	73	12.2	16	1
24	Jeudy	BB	5	111	22.2	48	0
25	Beasley	BB	5	41	8.2	12	0
26	Kelce	CHP	5	68	13.6	38	0
27	Walker	SEA	5	23	4.6	9	0
28	London	BRH	5	40	8.0	11	0
29	Hopkins	BRH	5	56	11.2	13	0
30	Andrews	ERI	5	52	10.4	15	0



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Week One of Seventeen is officially in the record books. That simple fact makes it a remarkable historic event. It will now be known as the first ever Week One of a seventeen-game season...I feel like I should add “in EFL history” but that would suggest that some other league, somewhere, has or has had a 17-game season. I checked and there is no such league – at least no such league meriting mention on the Internet. So, the EFL stands alone as the first professional sports league anywhere (to be captured within the search parameters of the Google algorithm at least) to have a seventeen-game season. Somehow, I am not shocked by this fact. The EFL stands apart from other pro sports leagues both for high quality *and* for patent absurdity. And a 17-game schedule is absurd! I will explain...

As I voiced last year when the league officially announced its cash grab, <er!> I mean, rather, announced its noble intention to “*establish the foundation to enhance the quality of the EFL experience for our fans,*” (according to EFL Committee Co-Chair, **Yorrgo Kaldis**) I don’t like the 17-game schedule and I don’t think it will generate a better fan experience.

Unless you count enhancing the experience of fans as allowing one more week of drunken-stuporism with your buddies at the park or sports bar away from the kids and wife, one more shot at winning your fantasy football league, or one more chance to make up your season of betting losses with multiple parlays, there is no doubt that the extra game will actually reduce the quality of the football played on any given Sunday. Sixteen games already challenge the endurance of the human body to its limits; seventeen games border on cruel and unusual punishment. Teams will factor this into their roster decisions.

Some don’t agree. Some of you want another game and will remind me that the league is not adding a week to the players’ schedule, but merely subtracting a game from the pre-season. However, most of you who believe that this is a good thing are crazed fanatics, degenerate gamblers, or Chino fans hoping that one more game will be enough to get you past the Cubs or the Bats. Actual football players don’t want to play an extra game.

In the end, the players and their association had to be bribed to agree. After all, money does talk. Money is why we are in the 17-game universe to start with. But, as the Beatles said, “*money can’t buy me love,*” and the long-term love of the game is at stake here, not to mention the health and safety of players, who are getting injured at increasingly higher rates.

The road to degeneracy starts with the cavalier dismissal of the pre-season as “meaningless.” In the sense that the games don’t count in the standings, it is, but that is a superficial and myopic view. The four-game pre-season had a rhythm to it that actually prepared players for the games that mattered. True football fans appreciated it. The first two games got players gradually conditioned for game action. The third game was a finishing tune-up of the first and second stringers. The fourth game decided the final roster and the practice squad. Disturbing this natural rhythm by shortening it doesn’t mean it goes away. All that does is shift the pre-season into the regular season. One of these regular-season games, likely the first, will look and feel like a pre-season game.

There are other spin-offs. Coaches concerned about the durability of their starters over a 17-game schedule may opt to protect their best players in the pre-season, for fear of injury. I understand this approach, to a degree. However, at some point the players have to play. If players are not ready for more intense regular season action because they were “preserved” on the bench in the pre-season, then the joke is on the coach who coddled them if they play like crap or get injured because they’re not physically and mentally “at game speed.” Look no further than at **Matt Ryan** and the Pink Panthers’ offence this week.

Then there is the number “17” itself. A number divisible only by “1” and itself should not be allowed as a schedule length, as it yields no neat analytical mileposts. The quarter mark of the season is no longer four games; it is now four games and one quarter. The half-way point of the season is no longer 8 games; it is now 8 games and a half! Am I to determine my annual mid-term grades at 8 games plus the score at halftime??? Do I say that Budapest gets an ‘A’ for being 7-1 and leading by 7 at halftime against Eriean in Game Nine? What if Eriean comes back to win? Does it matter? Or does just the score at half time matter for the mark?

Expect an 18-game schedule to come as soon as the media and fans can no longer bear the odd 17-game schedule. Normal people don’t think in 17s. 17 is an annoying and uncomfortable number. The league cannot go back to 16 games, because that would certainly decrease the “quality of the EFL experience for fans.” So, an 18-game schedule is coming. Bet your ass on it!

WEEK ONE OVER-REACTIONS

Overreaction to events in Week One is a yearly rite. One game is a small sample size. We all *know* not to draw a season’s worth of conclusions from one game. But when you have only one game to work with *and* you are a football pundit paid to predict the future, it is easy to fall into the trap of extrapolating wildly based on a single game. A reasonably intelligent analyst will qualify a post-

Week One opinion with the caveat, “it’s only Week One.” However, this is invariably followed by a “but,” and it is the “but” that makes the door wide open for the typical Week One Overreaction.

Overreaction #1 – Brooklin 23, York 20

I know it’s only Week One, *but*...the Hawks’ stunning come-from-behind win over the Excaliburs has me concerned that York will fail to meet high expectations this year. Rarely in their history have they been expected to win (2012 being the exception). When they succeed to any degree in other years, it invariably comes as a bit of a surprise. The typical pre-season prognosis sees them as a respectable also-ran, a dark horse contender due to the presence of **Tom Brady**; in the past, **Von Miller**; or lately, **Derrick Henry**, the league’s most durable and overrated running back. Yet, York was widely hyped this pre-season for reasons that basically amounted to Brady, the observed development of **Amon-Ra St. Brown**, the drafting of **Treyton Burks**, and the quiet, underground suspicion in some media streams that **Kevin Byard** and **Jordan Poyer** are taking a kind of undetectable steroid that will make them perform like superstars.

A lot of big names in the mainstream media staked their reputations on York unseating Budapest for the Coastal division. These names look to be embarrassed if what we saw from the Swords in Week One continues. And you can bet right now that the blame for any failure of the Excaliburs to reach the heights others expected of them will be laid squarely at the feet of Coach, **Jay Hammond** and not the players so currently adored. After watching this week’s debacle in Brooklin, I can understand why

The match that many saw as an opening day gift for York against the weakest team in their division appeared to be going more or less according to plan through the first three quarters. The Excaliburs were up 17-9 and likely would have been up by more had they not gambled on 4th & goal at the Brooklin 3-yard line and failed in the 2nd quarter. Brady and the offence had met stiffer than expected resistance from a Hawks defence that excites nobody, other than opposing quarterbacks. Apart from two big plays: a breakaway cross to **Treyton Burks** that went for a 47-yard touchdown, and **Derrick Henry** barreling like a runaway dump truck for a 63-yard run to set up another touchdown, there had been a lack of finish. However, their herky-jerkiness was easily attributable to “rust” from their starters not having played in the pre-season. The important thing was that the Swords looked like they were indeed going to win against the plucky but feather-bare Hawks. Or so it appeared.

The Hawks, as usual, had failed to read the pre-season script that had written them off as extras – expendable characters, like the “redshirts” of Captain Kirk’s security detail who often ended up dead within minutes of landing on the surface of a hostile planet. Opponents would have to prove that the Hawks weren’t up to the task of challenging for a division title in 2022, because the Hawks themselves weren’t buying it – at least not in Week One.

The Hawks saved their best effort, as **Tom Jones** teams often do, until late in the game. Down by 8 points with a little more than 8 minutes remaining, **Derek Carr** took over at his team’s own 19-yard line and set about moving the offence methodically up the field against a York defence that had become curiously passive after going up by 8 points. The Swords appeared to be waiting for somebody on the Hawks’ offence to make a mistake, as Carr had done when his hurried checkdown was bobbled by **Austin Ekeler** and ended up in the arms of linebacker **Cole Holcomb** for an interception on the previous series. But instead of lightning striking a second time for the York defence, the Hawks’ offence struck.

It took the Hawks 12 plays and five-and-a-half minutes to breach the York end zone. Carr made the play of the series with a 22-yard bootleg on 3rd & 3, which generated an irresistible momentum that carried **Boston Scott** into the end zone three plays later. The successful two-point try was a simple dive up the middle by Ekeler behind an energized offensive line. To the delight of the sellout crowd at Hawkeye Park, the Hawks were now tied. However, to the consternation of those with their football wits about them, there still remained 2:49 on the clock – an eternity of time for Brady to drive the Swords back for a potential game-winning field goal or TD.

Then something very strange happened. The Excaliburs moved coolly and calmly into the field goal range, almost too calmly, eventually reaching the Brooklin 23-yard line as the seconds ticked away. What appeared to be a tactic to give the Hawks no time to make another comeback turned inexplicably to disaster after the ensuing play. Brady walked unhurriedly to the line and connected on a 9-yard hitch to **Cole Kmet** to the Brooklin 14. But instead of calling a timeout or rushing up to spike the ball, Brady turned to the sideline in evident agitation. As the clock ticked down, he started yelling unprintable obscenities in the direction of coach **Jay Hammond**, who had his head down in his play-sheet, apparently unaware of the situation on the field. Time expired and the fans at Hawkeye Park erupted in a strange mixture of glee, relief and bewilderment – which eventually turned to raucous laughter. What they had just witnessed was beyond comprehension.

Even the CBS broadcast team, paid to talk, fell momentarily speechless. Eventually the voice of play-by-play announcer, **Spero Dedes**, broke through the cheers and jeers of the crowd:

“This is unbelievable! Simply unbelievable!” Dedes spat. “What do you make of this, Jay?”

“I don’t know what to make of it, Spero, except that somebody must have really f - , I mean messed up,” colour commentator **Jay Feely** replied. “I don’t know how you lose track of the situation if you’re the York coach and I don’t know how a veteran like Tom Brady would let that happen. I mean he could have called a timeout. What else can I say, other than it will be an interesting press conference.”

The cameras feasted on the York sideline, where Brady threw down his helmet and coach Hammond turned this way and that, red-faced and flustered, as if looking for somebody to explain to him what had just happened or possibly looking for somebody to blame. The blatant clock mismanagement in the game’s final seconds was about to lead to an overtime that should not have happened, at least not without having given **Robbie Gould** a shot at the win. Perhaps this fact was sinking in to the York coach’s frazzled head and

draining what little was remaining of his taxed faculties, because what happened next was even more unforgiveable than what he had allowed to just happen.

The Football Gods, for some reason fathomable only to *Them*, took pity on the beleaguered York coach and gave his team the ball to start overtime. Brady and Co. went on the attack with a vengeance, passing four of the first five plays, including a long shot to *Mike Williams* for 28 yards. When they reached the red zone they turned to their workhorse, Henry, who ploughed forward into heavy traffic for just 2 yards in 2 carries to bring up 3rd & 8 at the Brooklin 15.

“And so, what do you do here, Jay?” **Spero Dedes** asked as the official spotted the ball at the Brooklin 13-yard line. “Do you take a shot to the end zone? Throw the ball to try and get a first down? Or run Derrick Henry again hoping he breaks one?”

“Well...apparently none of the above, Spero,” **Jay Feely** replied sardonically. “The Excaliburs look like they going to line up for a field goal try here on third down...it is third down, isn’t it? Yep, it is! I don’t know what to say...”

“The only reason you might want to try a field goal on 3rd down would be if there is a fumbled snap or the kick is blocked,” Dedes said. “If you recover the ball in that situation, you have another shot at the field goal.”

“Yes, but not when there is five minutes left in overtime and you can put the game away with a touchdown because you have first possession,” Feely jumped in. “It’s Tom Brady under center – give him a shot to end the game right now!”

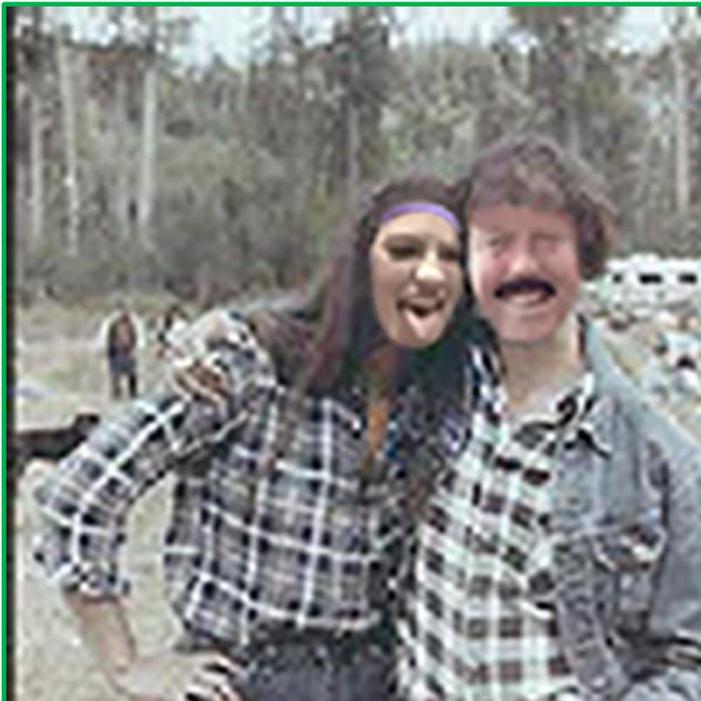
Brady threw his helmet dangerously close to his head coach as he stormed to the sideline. Hammond bizarrely responded with a flourish of air guitar, which got more elaborate after Gould made the 31-yard kick to temporarily put the Swords up by 3 points, 20-17. The Hawks would get the ball back with plenty of time and would make the York coach pay. Chipping away with runs and a 13-yard screen, Brooklin marched to the York 5-yard line in nine plays. From there, Carr went to the air and, on 3rd & goal from the 4-yard line, checked down to *Tyler Conklin* in the end zone for the win.

Hawks fans celebrated deliriously. Excalibur fans howled in outrage. The media, national and local, went on a feeding frenzy, vying for “clicks” by trying to outdo each other with increasingly superlative adjectives to describe the York collapse. ‘*TWO-MINUTE DISASTER!*’ ‘*BOTCH-UP IN BROOKLIN!*’ ‘*WEEK ONE FIASCO!*’ ‘*CATASTROPHIC MIS-CALCULATIONS!*’ ‘*BLEEPING IDIOT!*’ ‘*HAMMOND PLAYS AIR GUITAR AS GAME BURNS!*’ and on and on...

The postgame press conference was every bit as bizarre as the decision-making on the field. **Jay Hammond** took to the podium looking dishevelled and exhausted and humming something under his breath. He took a long look at the reporters gathered in front of him as questions started flying before he had a chance to make his opening remarks.

“Why did you not call a timeout near the end of regulation?” Why did you elect to kick on third down in overtime?” “What did you say to Tom Brady?” “What did Tom Brady say to you?” “Is it true that you had money on the game?” “Are you on drugs, coach Hammond?” All these, and other questions came at him all at once. Finally, he spoke:

“Hey you!” he barked loudly, to nobody in particular. “I can tell that you don’t want to know!” he paused and looked around,



A reader sent me these pics of **Jay Hammond** and an unknown female before and during a Goddo concert at the CNE in Toronto in 1979. The couple in the photo to the right (circled) is purportedly Jay and the unknown female several hours later, without their shirts. “Jay did a lot of serious sh*t back in the day,” my reader writes. “The Goddo concert was life-altering for the wrong reasons.” Although impossible to verify at the time of this writing, a flashback to that concert might explain some of the random utterances made by the York coach in his post-game presser, which closely match the lyrics of the Goddo song, ‘*So Walk On.*’

his gaze searching but unfocused. There was a lull in the questions as everybody in the room sincerely wanted to hear what he had to say. What could he say? They waited with baited breath as Hammond glared out at them.

“That’s nothing new!” he said dismissively, half singing the words. “I’d do the same thing if I had the chance, so walk on!”

The room buzzed again. One question rose above the din: “Coach Hammond, are you saying you wouldn’t change anything about your approach to the game today?”

“Take a chill pill dude!” Hammond barked back. Suddenly, a female reporter in the back caught his eye. “Sharp dress!” he smiled. “You look so good for such a street-walkin’ honey!” He looked to his one side and then the other. “Somebody hit me!” Then he made some kind of raunchy buzzy sound, <Nar nar na-na naarhh...doodily-doodily-do...nar nar na-na naarhh!>

The room was aghast. The York coach appeared to be drunk or on drugs or having some kind of breakdown. He continued in this vein, uttering random lines that nevertheless had an element of poetry, sometimes a rough melody to them, and evidently meant something to him. But it cannot be said that he answered any of the questions posed to him directly.

“Ideals, man! You’re in, you’re out, you’re hot, you’re not! You know,” he babbled when asked if he intended to resign as head coach. “Road burn! You never care about the shape you’re in!” <Nar nar na-na naarhh...doodily-doodily-do!>

The muddled musings of the York head coach are still being interpreted as I write. I will not bother. According to one of my long-time readers, who wishes to remain anonymous, **Jay Hammond** used to party quite hard in his teenage years and experimented quite freely with “substances,” washed down by a dozen bottles of Labatts a day. This reader provided me with a couple of photographs and an explanation for Hammond’s postgame ramble. The salient portion is below:

“Look at the lyrics to the song, ‘So Walk On’ by a band called Goddo. Jay became obsessed with that song after experimenting with some psychedelics at a rock festival at Toronto’s CNE back in the late 70s, early 80s I think. He went tripping big time when Goddo started playing that song. Ever since, he will have these flashbacks, kind of like hallucinations, when he’s over tired and stressed out. His friends from back in the day call them Goddo trips. They’re really funny when he tries to imitate the guitar solo. He had one of those on Sunday. Probably didn’t get much sleep getting the gameplan ready. A lot of pressure on him this year.”

There certainly is a lot of pressure on York this year. They have the talent to oust a fine Budapest team from the top of the podium. The pressure just got a whole lot heavier after this Sunday. The price of this kind of failure – the kind where the head coach puts his players in the best position to lose – is very high.

I am probably overreacting. **Jay Hammond** has had some stretches of coaching brilliance over the previous 12 years at the helm of the Excaliburs and could rebound. He has also had his lapses, but these were the worst ones I have seen – the kind that put him at risk of losing the locker room as well as the fans and the media. It’s only one week...*but*, the Excaliburs already look to be in trouble.

Overreaction #2 – New Jersey 23, Buffalo 7.

I know it’s only Week One, *but*...Buffalo’s **Lamar Jackson** looks like he hasn’t recovered from the hard riding he received from his coach in 2021. Judging from his performance against the Wrecking Balls, he appears washed up just five years into his career. Jackson finished with only 131 yards passing, zero touchdowns, one interception and a 60.8 passer rating. He averaged a paltry 4.1 yards per pass attempt. As was the case most weeks last year, he was the best runner on the team, with 64 yards and one touchdown while averaging 4.9 yards per carry. But these numbers were not enough to compensate for his inability to get the ball downfield. His longest pass of the day was a 12-yard slant to **Justin Gage** that traveled 10 yards through the air from scrimmage. It was his longest pass attempt of the day.

Lamar’s sub-standard game was not all his fault, of course. This is a team game and the other team has a say as well. The New Jersey defence was much more disciplined and determined than in the past and held its edge through four quarters. Yes, it gave up the shutout in the final seconds, but the Derailers had to work hard for every yard and were only able to make progress because the Balls’ defence sat back a notch to prevent the deep play that never came. The Derailer receivers on the outside were unable to gain separation from the New Jersey corners. It was total dominance.

Which brings me to the other side of this overreaction. I know it’s only Week One, *but*...**JC Cohen**’s Wrecking Balls look to have finally put things together in both phases. There are a few diehards in the rabid New Jersey media who hoped for more fireworks from **Matthew Stafford** and his fancy toys at wide receiver, but an objective look at the film reveals that Buffalo played a fine game defensively, bringing lots of pressure on the Balls’ quarterback and swarming quickly to the ball. Had Jackson been able to get anything done at all offensively, this might have been a different outcome.

All in all, it looks like the Wrecking Balls have what it takes to take a serious run at a perfect season. With teams like Bruxelles and Cobb County in their division they have a four-game head start.

Overreaction #3 – Twin Cities 45, Charleswood 3.

I know it’s only one game, *but*...the Patriots look really terrible and might not win a game this year.

This was a truly brutal opening day performance on both sides of the ball for the team that just last year appeared in the Pacific Conference Championship. With **DeShaun Watson** out indefinitely, **Kenny Pickett**, the best of a mediocre trio of rookie quarterbacks acquired by the Pats, the first quarterback selected in the draft, validated the consensus that 2022 was not a good year for the position out of college. Pickett threw for 135 yards, no touchdowns, and three interceptions, for a passer rating of 32.6. He was sacked five times, hit five more times, and threw two of his interceptions in the red zone. His longest pass of the day – 38 yards to **Travis Kelce** – was 4 yards Pickett/34 yards Kelce. Admittedly, Pickett got little to no support from the non-Kelce players on the offence. The running game was held to 1.8 yards per carry as both **Devin Singletary** and **Alvin Kamara** found no room to run against a pretty stout Triumph front seven.

The Pats' defence had a truly horrendous day as well – bad enough to make **Jameis Winston** look like the next **Dan Marino**. Winston's day was done after he threw a touchdown pass to **Adam Trautman** to cap the first Triumph series of the second half. The tight end did most of the work on the play, gathering in a short hitch 5 yards out and rumbling through the bumbling Pats' secondary for the other 26 yards of a 31-yard play. It made the score 31-3, enough of a cushion to be able to safely bring in **Trevor Lawrence** for some game experience. Winston finished with 3 touchdown passes and a league-leading 143.3 passer rating. Plenty of pundits across the nation are overreacting to Winston's big day. I am not one of them. The Pats are so bad, that **JP Losman** could have done no worse than what Winston did. Check in with me at the halfway point of the season (halftime of their game in Buffalo) to see where Jameis is at.

Overreaction #4 – Georgia 13, Oshawa 6.

I know it's only Week One, *but...* **Matt Ryan** looks to be falling off a cliff and ready to bring the entire Pink Panthers' squad with him. During last year's unraveling of the three-time Champions in their new Oshawa home, Ryan showed signs of regression, but in the end still threw 35 touchdown passes and played well enough to avoid shouldering much of the blame for the two-win season. The prognosis for 2022 was a rebound, led by the two-time Gale Sayers MVP. This week it looked like Ryan was the problem on an offence that failed to find the end zone. If Oshawa can't score a touchdown against the Gladiators, they are in for a very long season! Ryan did not turn the ball over, but his timing, accuracy and even his reads were off. He finished with just 219 yards passing in 45 attempts, for a very un-Ryan 4.8 yards per pass attempt. He was also sacked four times, hit three times, and fumbled once.

The other side also featured an ageing veteran at quarterback, the painfully creaky-looking **Ben Roethlisberger**. He did not play much better than Ryan, but at least he threw a touchdown pass. It came on the game's opening drive and would turn out to be the only score Georgia would need, although nobody would have guessed that at the time. This was not a fun game to watch. The only thing really noteworthy about it was how unimpressive Ryan looked. I know it's just one week, *but* we may be nearing the end of the Ryan Era.

AROUND THE EFL

Overall, this was an entertaining and competitive week. Here is a quick survey of the rest of the Week One slate:

At Monsignor McClancy Memorial Stadium in Queens, NY, the Irish and the Cadillac delivered the defensive gem many had anticipated, with **Jalen Ramsey** proving to be the main difference in a 13-10 East Elmhurst victory. Ramsey forced and recovered a fumble, picked off **Kyler Murray** to snuff out a drive near the end of the first half, and tipped the pass on **Bobby McCain**'s interception in the 4th quarter to keep the Erieau offence in check. Holding the Caddies to just 10 points may not seem overly impressive, but Murray's 48-yard TD pass to **Jaylen Waddle** was an example of what many analysts expect to see more of from Erieau in 2022.

At the Assassin's Den in Las Vegas, the Billtown Bats made **Stephen Michael**'s debut as owner a successful one by pushing past the Pilots, 23-16. Running back **Dalvin Cook** provided all the flash in an otherwise workmanlike win, scoring three touchdowns and racking up 138 rushing yards on 24 carries. The Bats' defence, thought by many to be the best in the league, kept Seattle starter **Sam Darnold** under wraps until the 4th quarter, when he was able to find **Ceedee Lamb** for a 17-yard touchdown pass. It would be the last score of the game as the Billtown defence stood fast the rest of the way.

At Tillman Field in Cowtown, **TJ Watt** made his presence felt with a sack, two tackles-for-loss, and two forced fumbles as the Corn Kings snatched a game from the Swordfish, 32-25. Turnovers told the story in this game. Three lost fumbles had dire consequences for Sebastian. The first ended a promising drive in the Corn King red zone, the second led directly to a touchdown on **Jeremy Chinn**'s lateral to **Anthony Harris** for a 22-yard fumble return TD, and the third set up a short field for **Jimmy Garoppolo**'s second TD pass of the game. Without the turnovers, this game likely would have gone the other way. **Kirk Cousins** looked good, throwing for 311 yards, one TD and no interceptions, while **Jonathan Taylor** rushed for over 100 yards and scored a touchdown. The North will be interesting.

At Ferenc-Liszt International Airport Stadium in Budapest, the North Stars pushed their regular season winning streak to 22 games and overall streak to 28 games with a 27-13 win over the Spartans. The last time Budapest lost a game was back in Week Eleven of 2020, a 10-9 squeaker at Las Vegas. When things are going so well, luck wants to be part of the action too. Luck certainly abandoned the visitors early in this game, as the Spartans fumbled away the snap on their second play from scrimmage and had a punt blocked on their next possession. Both gaffes led to Budapest scores, putting the Spartans behind 10-0 before they knew what hit them. The outcome seemed to be inevitable after that, although **Xavien Howard** prevented the game from getting out of hand with a rare red zone pick of **Aaron Rodgers**. It didn't change the outcome, but when Rodgers gets picked at all, it is a newsworthy event these days.

At True North Field in Winnipeg, the Crusaders served notice to the league that they are not going to get pushed around anymore by staying close to Virden for three quarters before cracking and falling 23-13. The Violators scored the final 13 points of the game, turning a 13-10 deficit into a double-digit victory, by wearing down the Peg City defence that was on the field for 35 minutes. Virden did what it had to do to win, but came away overshadowed in the moral victory category by the Pegs' spirited performance. I know it's only Week One, *but...* the Crusaders' defence looks for real. If they can get some offence, who knows?

At Coyote Field in Marietta, GA, the Bombers shuffled past the lame Coyotes, 17-10. Between **Elijah Mitchell** and **Leonard Fournette**, Bruxelles piled up 243 rushing yards and one TD on 42 carries, successfully keeping the ball out of the hands of **Jared Goff**, who threw for just 78 yards, albeit 6 of those coming on a TD pass to **Chris Godwin**. The Coyotes confirmed for doubters that they will indeed be pretty bad this year. Their only touchdown came on a fumble recovery. **Ryan Tannehill** has little to work with.

And finally, two blowouts: At the new Iowa City Superplex, the Cubs looked anything but super in falling convincingly to Chino, 30-13. The Cubs' new digs deserve special attention in my column at some point, but not this week. This was not a competitive game and I have no interest in spending any more time on it. At the Eagle's Nest in Toronto, the Thunder Lizards trampled the Blue Eagles, 41-14. **Josh Allen** rushed for 3 TDs and passed for another. **Joe Burrow** and the entire Scarborough squad need to forget this one.

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NEW JERSEY @ SEATTLE (line – WRECKING BALLS by 10)

INJURIES: New Jersey – Chidobe Awuzie (OUT), Ikem Ekwonu (OUT); Seattle – Cam Akers (OUT).

Sam Darnold, the winner of a humdrum quarterback competition in Seattle, surprised some by putting up close to 300 yards against the Bats in the Pilots' loss last week. Half of that came in garbage time but when the game was still in reach, he made only one really bad decision and cannot be blamed for the other mishaps, the missed field goal and fumble, that helped put Seattle behind 14-3 at halftime. Why does this matter in Week Two against powerhouse New Jersey? Because Balls' shutdown corner Chidobe Awuzie is out, which is a big loss for a defence that relies on taking away half of the field to wring the most out of an average pass rush. Hunter Renfrow will now be more available, opening up opportunities for Ceedee Lamb to go deep. Seattle is probably not interested in running against that thick Wrecking Balls front and Darnold has the arm to pile up yards trying to keep pace with the Matt Stafford machine. He won't keep up, but a two-score spread is tough to hold when offences get desperate late. **PICK: SEATTLE**

CHINO @ BUFFALO (line – CONVICTS by 9)

INJURIES: Chino – Za'Darius Smith (OUT); Buffalo – Jaycee Horn (OUT).

This line is moving like a heat-seeking missile toward the Convicts as Vegas reacts to Lamar Jackson's dismal showing against New Jersey and the Convicts' dominance of the Cubs on opening day. It was only a matter of time before defences in the division figured out how to deal with Lamar, but the unforced errors, the insipid play of the offensive line and the inability of the Buffalo receivers to get open consistently has set off alarms. Not to panic. It is just one game; far too early to cut bait on Jackson and buy-in wholesale to the Convicts, who benefitted from some curiously aggressive decisions that backfired on the Cubs in their big win last week. Not that the Chino offence isn't capable of laying a beating on a Derailer defence lacking depth and stars, apart from Aaron Donald, but the Convicts are also vulnerable to a dialed-in Lamar, who will be looking extra hard to recapture his mojo. **PICK: BUFFALO**

COBB COUNTY @ IOWA CITY (line – COYOTES by 2)

INJURIES: Cobb County – DeMarcus Lawrence (OUT); Iowa City – Tre Brown (OUT), Chauncey Golston (OUT),

What a difference a year can make! Only one year ago this match-up would have been a primetime gem, billed as a potential Pacific Conference Championship preview. This year it is a 4:05 pm ET afterthought with the Coyotes inexplicably favoured on the road, despite showing every indication that they will be fighting the Patriots for the right to select the next Trevor Lawrence in the 2023 draft. The Coyotes showed just enough grit on defence against Bruxelles while, ironically, many people now believe in Ryan Tannehill enough that the illusion of Cobb County competence continues for at least one more week. To me, this is the easiest pick on the board, as long as the Iowa coach resists channeling his Swordfish counterpart and taking brutal gambles that backfire and suck the morale from his team. The Cubs have to consecrate their new stadium with a win and this is their best chance. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

BILLTOWN @ BRUXELLES (line – BOMBERS by 4)

INJURIES: Billtown – Shaquill Griffin (OUT), Xavier Rhodes (OUT); Bruxelles – Zach Cunningham (OUT), Frank Ragnow (OUT).

Another crazy spread coming out of the desert has me worried that I am missing something that everyone else is seeing. There was next-to-nothing impressive about the Bombers' offensive showing against the unbuilt Coyote defence last week yet here they are favoured at home against the top-rated defence in the league. Yes, it is a long road trip for Billtown and the Bats are missing two of their starting corners, but unless the expectation is real that Elijah Mitchell and Leonard Fournette will run over Cameron Heyward

and Vita Ve, and Jared Goff will consistently find and hit Chris Godwin all day, then I don't see how the expectation is that the Bombers, in anything other than the best-case scenario, will win by more than a field goal. Meanwhile, the Bats have the perfect antidote to a long flight and hostile environment: a run game capable of possessing the ball and preserving their defence. **PICK: BILLTOWN**

CHARLESWOOD @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 24)

INJURIES: Charleswood – Asante Samuel Jr., (OUT), Ronnie Stanley (OUT), Laremy Tunsil (OUT); Virden – Anthony Barr (OUT).

I get it: The Patriots are bad – maybe worse than bad – but this is a huge spread to swallow for any team that claims to be professional. The Pats may have tremendous capacity for self-humiliation, as their brutal self-flagellating rebuilds attest, but there may be a limit to how far they are willing to bend over in order to secure an optimal draft position. The severity of the beating they sustained at the hands of the Triumph and Jameis Winston last week, however, makes this line actually look a bit disrespectful to Virden. Patrick Mahomes will certainly feel that his honour and reputation demand more than a 42-point victory now that Winston (yes, the one named Jameis) has set the bar so astronomically high. The question is whether or not the Virden coach will allow his QB to set records. **PICK: VIRDEN**

PEG CITY @ TWIN CITIES (line – TRIUMPH by 7)

INJURIES Peg City – None; Twin Cities – Jaire Alexander (OUT), Chris Wormley (OUT).

The reaction to the Triumph thrashing the woeful Pats to within an inch of their life is certainly a factor in this “triumphal” line that evokes memories of better days in Twin Cities. That, and the underwhelming performance of sophomore QB, Mac Jones against Virden in the Pegs’ defeat last week. Jones didn’t turn the ball over, which was a plus, but overall looked like no more than a “game manager.” Unfortunately, when the offence is weak to begin with, merely managing it is a formula for scoring only 12 points. The Triumph ‘D’ is no less sturdy than Virden’s. The question wracking the brains of pundits is whether or not to trust what we saw from Jameis Winston last week. The Crusaders have a strong defence of their own and a Jameis implosion of the kind we are accustomed to seeing would turn this game on its ear. I don’t expect the Triumph QB to melt down, but points could be hard to come by for both sides. **PICK: PEG CITY**

COWTOWN @ OSHAWA (line – CORN KINGS by 6)

INJURIES: Cowtown – Akiem Hicks (OUT); Oshawa – None.

After failing to score a touchdown against the justifiably unheralded Glads’ defence, analysts seem unwilling to continue giving Matt Ryan the benefit of the doubt. Whether last week was just a bad day or the first sign of an ageing veteran falling off the cliff is still an open question. For now, Vegas is taking note of what TJ Watt did to a similar style of passer last week and is envisioning a disagreeable day in the pocket for the two-time Gale Sayers MVP. On the other side of this match-up, Jimmy Garoppolo looked jittery and indecisive against a thinly-talented but geared up Sebastian defence last week. He still managed to make enough key plays to keep the offence afloat, but one thinks he has to perform better in this game against a Panther defence that showed well against Georgia last week, despite the loss. Expect this to be a close game, possibly extending to overtime, thereby guaranteeing no better than a push. **PICK: OSHAWA**

DURHAM @ GEORGIA (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 2)

INJURIES: Durham – None; Georgia – Dalvin Tomlinson (QUESTIONABLE).

The wacky lines keep coming as the glitchy Vegas odds calculator spits out another too-good-to-believe spread. Maybe my cousins in the desert are playing a confidence game and it will all come crashing down for the exuberant winners of these Week Two freebies later on. You know where I am going with this: take Durham and run for the hills. However, it is also my role to point out the potential pitfalls of a “no-brainer” as, by definition, a “no-brainer” requires no thinking on your part. The Georgia defence played above its head last week versus Oshawa, which is not too surprising for a Dave Birsdall team. Still, 6 points is too impressive to ignore outright. The Lizards had the game won by half time last week and let up on the gas in the second half. Durham fans hope that doesn’t blunt their edge early in this game. Big Ben is a wily vet whose arm may be turning into spaghetti but whose brain still functions enough to get ‘er done in the clutch. Finally, when Josh Allen sucks, he really sucks. These are a few things to keep in mind as you bet the mortgage. **PICK: DURHAM**

ERIEAU @ SCARBOROUGH (line – CADILLAC by 7)

INJURIES: Erieau – Rodney McLeod (OUT); Scarborough – Landon Collins (OUT).

The Blue Eagles had a tough opening draw to start the 2022 campaign and hope to wipe away the memory of Josh Allen running untouched through their front seven by watching Kyler Murray do the same to them this week. Scarborough certainly appears to have a problem stopping the run and that will give the Caddies a needed security blanket in case Murray continues to inexplicably flounder in the passing game. His touchdown pass to Jaylen Waddle against the Irish is the type of play offence-starved Erieau fans were hoping to see more of heading into this season, rather than the brutal interception he threw in the 4th quarter. On the other side, Joe Burrow gets a redo against another good defence after showing flashes in the second quarter against Durham last week but ultimately failing to keep pace. The Cadillac are the better team but lack the winning culture to be a sure bet against a team with a talented quarterback looking to

salve its wounded pride in front of their home fans. Expect Erieau to have its hands full in another close one. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

EAST ELMHURST @ SEBASTIAN (line – IRISH by 1)

INJURIES: East Elmhurst – None; Sebastian – Kendal Vickers (OUT).

The Irish won ugly and the Swordfish lost handsomely last week, creating the impression that the results were reversed. That has the Irish, the pre-season favourite to win their division, as paper-thin favourites heading into the Fish Tank to face a team some think won't make the playoffs. This is a thought-provoking match-up. The Irish are the better team but Sebastian poses some unique challenges. Offensively, the Swordfish have both phases of the game in hand and can mix up their play-calling to keep the Irish defence guessing. Their defence is not stocked with talent, but they play an aggressive scheme with high motivation. Add in that they are at home in a reverberating sound garden and it is not a given that Carson Wentz will have his way. Tyler Lockett and Tyreek Hill will have to blow up the secondary more than once to put the Swordfish out of the game. Expect the luck of the Irish to take a day off. **PICK: SEBASTIAN**

BROOKLIN @ BUDAPEST (line – NORTH STARS by 8)

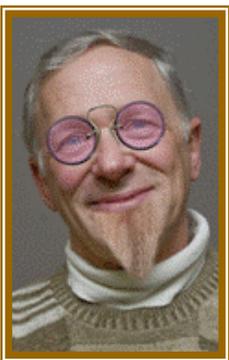
INJURIES: Brooklin – None; Budapest – Kenyon Green (PROBABLE), Elgton Jenkins (OUT).

The Hawks stunned the football world with their overtime victory over prohibitive favourite York in Week One. I was less shocked than most, since the Hawks are known for eating big prey for lunch at home, especially dozy prey that nods off late in the game. Here they are on the road facing the reigning Goliath, a giant that sees the Hawks coming and will not take anything for granted just because they have Aaron Rodgers at quarterback. On paper this is a substantial mis-match, with everything favouring the home team. While anything is possible on "any given Sunday," (mandatory caveat to appease the Football Gods) it remains highly improbable that this game will take a turn away from 400+ yards and at least 30 points on the board for the North Star offence in an easy win and cover. **PICK: BUDAPEST**

PICKERING @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 6)

INJURIES: Pickering – Romeo Okwara (OUT); York – Jordan Poyer (DOUBTFUL), Jabari Zuniga (OUT).

The smart money is quickly re-thinking its position vis-à-vis York as the favourite to take down Budapest in the Coastal Division. The Excaliburs have one of the most talented and deepest rosters in the league this year but it won't help the bottom line if it is managed as poorly as it was in Week One. The York coach failed Clock Management 101 in the dying minute of regulation and thus permitted the game to head into OT without giving his kicker a chance to kick for the win. That this happened with a veteran like Tom Brady at quarterback is even more disturbing. If the Excaliburs have to blow away every opponent just to prevent the coaching staff from dealing with the minutiae that invariably makes the difference in close games, then their season is ultimately going nowhere. The Spartans look to rebound from a tough start in Europe in Week One by jumping on the Swords when they are down. Expect the Jalen Hurts Project to find running room against a York defence that gave up over 200 yards rushing last week. **PICK: PICKERING**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – The 2016 EFL season marked the league's 10th anniversary and its third, and most recent, expansion to the 24-team league we have today. The New Jersey Wrecking Balls, the St. Charles Chargers, the Erieau Cadillac and the Toronto Wolverines were born in 2016. Two of those teams remain in their original homes, while the Chargers moved to Las Vegas in 2020 and are now Billtown, and the Wolverines were sold to the Monks of East Elmhurst in 2020.

Of the four new teams, only the Chargers would win their first ever EFL game. Veteran starter, **Josh McCown**

hooked up with **Vincent Jackson** for a 3-yard TD pass in OT to take down the luckless Mohave Hellfire, 22-16. The only Class of 2016 Team to win an EFL Championship was an over-achiever right from the start.

In Toronto, the Wolverines put up a fight in their 21-7 loss to South Carolina. They could not overcome a 21-point 2nd quarter from the Regulators. Strangely, all the scoring in the game came in the 2nd quarter. **Ryan Tannehill** was the first Toronto QB, and he certainly did not look like the Cobb County version we have watched the past two years.

The Cadillac spent their first year in the Pacific Conference. Led by **Case Keenum** at QB, they fell to the Violators 32-10 in Week One. Erieau's first TD was a 2-yard run by **Marshawn Lynch**, set up by an 89-yard completion to **Kenny Britt**. That one pass made up 70% of the Caddies' 127 team passing yards on the day. Erieau was always a bad team.

The Wrecking Balls spent their first year in the Atlantic Conference. The Markham North Stars welcomed them to the league with a 31-3 thrashing. **Jared Goff**, New Jersey's first ever rookie pick, made his first appearance in relief of starter **Brian Hoyer** and went 9 of 18 for 99 yards and was sacked 5 times. The Balls would keep the QB carousel turning all year.