

WEEK 6

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2012 EFL 2012

November 18, 2012



EAST			WEST			NORTH			SOUTH		
Virden	5	1 0	Death Valley	6	0 0	Durham	5	1 0	Scarborough	6	0 0
York	5	1 0	Chino	3	3 0	Markham	4	1 1	Garland	3	3 0
Commonwealth	4	2 0	Los Angeles	3	3 0	Cowtown	3	2 1	Gwinnett	2	4 0
Mohave	2	4 0	Iowa City	1	5 0	Pickering	4	0	South Carolina	2	4 0
Charleswood	0	6 0	Mission Viejo	1	5 0	Twin Cities	5	0	Sebastian	1	5 0

Commonwealth cornerback **Antoine Cason** leaps and intercepts a **Cam Newton** pass in 3rd quarter action at the Big House in Chino. Cason carried it back 52 yards for a TD, putting the Colonials in temporary control of a closely contested match. The Convicts recovered and the teams went into overtime to decide it. In other EFL action, Mohave's **Andrew Luck** showed the league why he was picked number one while the Violators' **Matt Stafford** made his case for being the best QB in the league not named **Drew Brees**. It was also a week of blowouts with many teams embarrassed and some big names humbled. (More Inside)



ANTOINE CASON



Who was slick in Week Six?

"BRYLCREEM" THE EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR



Andrew Luck
QB
Mohave
Hellfire

25 of 29, 331 yards, 5 TDs, 153.8 QB rating in victorious shootout.



DeMarcus Ware
OLB
Virden
Violators

8 tackles, 3 sacks, 1 PD, 1 QB Pressure, holding Knights in check



4-2-0

23



GAME OF THE WEEK



3-3-0

20

CONVICTS COLONIZED! FREEMAN CRACKS CHINO 'D' GOSTKOWSKI KICKS 25-YARDER IN O.T.

PATRIOT OF THE GAME

Josh Freeman

23 of 32, 261 yards, 1 TD

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Commonwealth	7	3	7	3	3	23
Chino	7	0	6	7	0	20

CONVICT OF THE GAME

Cam Newton

22 of 34, 192 yds, 98 rush, 2 TD

GAME SUMMARY: The Colonials made the most of their opportunities on offence while their defence put pressure on **Cam Newton** all day, at one point in the 3rd quarter forcing a bad throw that corner **Antoine Cason** picked off and returned 52 yards for a touchdown. The pick-six gave Commonwealth a 17-7 lead and the momentum at the time; but the Convicts dragged their way back into the game with a pair of **Dan Bailey** field goals in the second half of the 3rd period to set up a dramatic finale. Commonwealth struck first in the 4th quarter – a 23-yard pass from **Josh Freeman** to **Fred Jackson** and a key 10-yard pass to **Josh Morgan** to convert a 3rd down set up a 44-yard **Stephen Gostkowski** field goal to put Commonwealth ahead by a TD, 20-13. With their backs to the wall, the Convicts responded with their longest drive of the day – a 14-play, 76-yard trip to the end zone that featured 4 completions to **Danny Woodhead** and a gutsy conversion on 4th and 1 at the Commonwealth 27 yard line. **Legedu Naanee** broke off his route and got open for a scrambling **Cam Newton** for a 4-yard TD catch to finish off the drive and tie it at 20. With 16 seconds left, the Colonials tried to end the game in regulation, but their drive stalled when Jackson was stopped for no gain on 4th and 3 at the Chino 45, sending the game into overtime. Commonwealth got the ball back first but were stopped at their 45 after managing one first down. The Convicts got the ball at their 20 after **Pat McAfee's** punt went into the end zone for a touchback; but two running plays went nowhere and a 3rd down screen to Woodhead was not enough, forcing a punt that Colonial return man **Leon Washington** returned 14 yards to the Commonwealth 41. From there, Freeman went to the air, connecting on 4 of 6 pass attempts for 40 yards and handing off to Jackson 3 times for 23 more to overcome a holding penalty on **Jared Gaither** and bring the ball to the Chino 6 yard line. After a Freeman kneel down centered the ball between the hash marks, Gostkowski came in and nailed it through for the game-winner from 25 yards out. In celebration, the Colonials' players hoisted coach **Will Blandford** onto their shoulders as if they had won a playoff game. It was the expansion team's 4th win, and certainly its biggest, in its young history.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"You can never count Cam Newton out of a game, so I am appreciative of what our defence was able to achieve today. We kept him uncomfortable in the pocket and that made me comfortable." – *Colonials coach, Will Blandford.*

"That was our third loss in a row and it serves to remind us that our team isn't as good as we think and we're going to have to put in a better effort!" – *Chino coach, Rob Nazar,* responding to criticism of his game plan.



FANS' THUMB UP

Josh Freeman's poise in the

FANS' THUMB DOWN

Chino offensive line



FAN RATING



11-16-2012 The Big House Temp: 81 Wind: 10-20 MVP: **Leon Washington**

1 11:55 Commonwealth	TD Freeman 48 pass to Baldwin (Gostkowski) (5-72-2:58)	7-0
1 8:33 Chino	TD Newton 12 run (Bailey,D) (2-30-0:50)	7-7
2 1:50 Commonwealth	FG Gostkowski 48 (9-50-5:00)	10-7
3 10:27 Commonwealth	TD Cason 52 interception return (Gostkowski)	17-7
3 6:23 Chino	FG Bailey 27 (11-60-3:52)	17-10
3 0:00 Chino	FG Bailey 20 (10-38-4:46)	17-13
4 9:55 Commonwealth	FG Gostkowski 44 (8-40-4:49)	20-13
4 2:29 Chino	TD Newton 4 pass to Naanee (Bailey,D) (14-76-7:18)	20-20
5 4:08 Commonwealth	FG Gostkowski 25 (11-52-5:26)	23-20

	COM	CHI
First Downs	16	22
Rushes	30-110	35-173
Passes	32-23-261	35-23-207
Sacked	3-24	2-10
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	12-87	4-35
Turnovers	1	1
Blitzes	14	5
Time	33:09	37:43
Third Down	7-17	6-14
Fourth Down	0-1	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/1	4/2/2
Net Offense	347	370



QUICK COUNTS!!

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



UNDERTAKERS

6-0-0

14

3

10

14

0

OT

41

Drew Brees

23 of 28, 273 yards, 4 TDs



PATRIOTS

0-6-0

0

7

0

3

0

10

Jason Witten

9 Receptions, 74 yards

A sack and lost fumble on the Pats' second play from scrimmage and a turnover on downs at their 39 yard line on their next possession led to 2 easy TD drives and a quick 14-0 lead for the Undertakers. **Jacoby Jones** tried to make a game of it with his 2nd punt return TD of the season late in the 2nd quarter, but the big play failed to spark any life in the Pats' offence. The Undertakers eventually piled three more TDs on the scoreboard, including a 62-yard punt return TD by **Randall Cobb** to complete the rout. **Drew Brees** added 4 more TD passes for a record-setting pace of 28 on the season.



MONARCHS

1-5-0

0

7

0

0

0

OT

7

T.J. Graham

4 Receptions, 88 yards



EXCALIBURS

1-5-0

0

14

14

3

0

31

Tom Brady

17 of 23, 283 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT

For 1½ quarters these teams were locked in a scoreless tie; but an interception of **Ryan Tannehill** by York safety **Oshimogho Atogwe** in the 2nd quarter got the Swords' offence rolling 4 plays later with a 37-yard TD pass from **Tom Brady** to **Victor Cruz**. Mission Viejo got a big play from **T.J. Graham** when he broke a short hitch 56 yards to set up a 5-yard TD pass to **Tim Hightower** to tie the game, but York took back the lead before the end of the half on Cruz's second TD catch. Two quick TDs for York in the 3rd quarter put the Monarchs on their heels and the Excaburs' 'D' closed it out.



HELLFIRE

2-4-0

7

7

7

14

0

35

Andrew Luck

25 of 29, 331 yards, 5 TDs



CUBS

1-5-0

7

3

10

14

0

OT

34

Russell Wilson

21 of 32, 314 yards, 2 TDs

The lead in this game changed hands 7 times before the Hellfire finally came out on top when **Hakeem Nicks** snagged an 8-yard TD pass from **Andrew Luck** with 1:02 remaining. The Cubs had taken a 34-28 lead on a 21-yard TD run by **Donald Brown**, but elected not to try for 2 points. That decision may have been a fateful one as it enabled Billy **Cundiff** to win the game with an extra point. The teams combined for 931 yards of offence and 50 1st downs while drawing just 4 flags between them. **Roy Williams** caught 3 TD passes for Mohave and **Mike Wallace** 2 TDs for Iowa City.



QUICK COUNTS!!

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



KNIGHTS
3-3-0

0	7	7	13	0
OT				

27

Alex Smith
25 of 35, 260 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT



VIOLATORS
5-1-0

3	0	14	14	0
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31

Matt Stafford
28 of 40, 355 yards, 3 TDs

The Knights appeared in control with 1:40 left after **Chris Carpenter** booted a 33-yard FG to give them a 27-24 lead; but a 55-yard catch-and-run by **Torrey Smith** and a personal foul on **Osi Umenyiora** set up a game-winning 8-yard TD pass from **Matt Stafford** to **Justin Blackmon** with 22 seconds remaining as the Violators kept pace with York in the East Division with their 5th win. The Knights' defence shut down Virden in the 1st half, limiting them to a field goal, but Virden abandoned the run and put the game in Stafford's hands resulting in 235 yards and 3 TDs passing in the 2nd half.



BLUE EAGLES
6-0-0

10	3	17	0	0
OT				

30

Da'Rel Scott
2 KR, 110 yards, Long 59



CORN KINGS
3-2-1

0	7	0	6	0
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13

Santana Moss
5 Receptions, 104 yards, 1 TD

Scarborough safety **Antrel Rolle** intercepted **Joe Flacco** in Cowtown territory to set up a 9-yard TD pass from **Aaron Rodgers** to **Greg Little** and put a tough game out of reach for the Corn Kings in the 3rd quarter. In a light rain, yards were difficult to come by for both sides, making the two kick returns of over 50 yards by **Da'Rel Scott** one factor in the Blue Eagles' dominance. **Matt Moore** came on in relief of an erratic **Joe Flacco** and promptly threw an interception to **Antonio Cromartie**, who returned it 28 yards for a TD in the 3rd. The Corn Kings were flagged 10 times for 85 yards.



GLADIATORS
2-4-0

7	0	7	21	0
OT				

35

LeSean McCoy
21 Carries, 96 yards, 3 TDs



SPARTANS
2-4-0

0	10	0	6	0
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16

Chris Johnson
20 Carries, 93 yards

Gwinnett safety, **Jim Leonhard** intercepted **Robert Griffin** on the game's first play from scrimmage to set up the first of 3 rushing TDs by **LeSean McCoy**. **Ben Roethlisberger** gave back the early lead by throwing a pick that **Calvin Pace** took back the other way for a Pickering TD. A 57-yard pass to **Demaryius Thomas** set up the go-ahead TD in the 3rd – a 6-yard pass to **Nate Burleson**. The Gwinnett defence took care of the rest, forcing a 3-and-out and intercepting Griffin for the 3rd time in the game on the Spartan's next two possessions, leading to 14 of 21 fourth quarter points and an easy finish.



QUICK COUNTS!!

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SWORDFISH
1-5-0

0	3	3	0	0	6
OT					

Roy Helu
106 total yards (70 Run, 36 Pass)



T-LIZARDS
5-1-0

7	7	7	3	0	24
OT					

Philip Rivers
16 of 23, 253 yards, 2 TDs

Safety, **Cam Chancellor** intercepted **Andy Dalton** to set up the first Durham TD, a 9-yard pass from **Philip Rivers** to **Vernon Davis**. After a holding penalty nullified a daring 4th down conversion by the Swordfish in their own territory, the Dinos got the ball back and drove 68 yards, 33 of those coming on a completion to **Davone Bess**, taking a 2-TD lead on an 11-yard pass to **Dwayne Bowe**. Sebastian managed to move the ball well, but in 4 trips inside the Durham red zone they could only come away with 2 field goals after failing to convert on a pair of 4th downs inside the 10 yard line.



NORTH STARS
4-1-1

10	10	3	7	0	30
OT					

Eli Manning
21 of 33, 270 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT



REGULATORS
2-4-0

0	0	0	0	0	0
OT					

Michael Koenen
7 Punts, 47.9 average, 4 Inside 20

Trailing 3-0 in the 1st quarter, the Regulators got a big interception and 37-yard return from inside linebacker **Luke Kuechly**, giving them the ball on the Markham 14. But **Tony Romo**, attempting to find **Brandon Pettigrew**, dumped the ball into the hands of safety **Jairus Byrd** to throw away South Carolina's only good scoring opportunity of the day. The North Stars dominated on both sides of the ball the rest of the way, getting 145 tough yards on the ground from 5 different running backs while **Eli Manning** played well after the early miscue, finishing with 270 yards and 1 TD pass.



TRIUMPH
1-5-0

3	0	0	7	0	10
OT					

Doug Martin
14 Carries, 85 yards



MUSTANGS
3-3-0

0	10	7	14	0	31
OT					

Arian Foster
28 Carries, 86 yards, 2 TDs

Arian Foster celebrated his return with a pair of 1-yard TD runs to lead the Mustangs past the Triumph. After a hard fought first 3 quarters, the game got out of hand for Twin Cities in the 4th when Garland finished off a 14-play, 80-yard drive with a charge by Foster off tackle into the end zone from one foot out to make the score 24-3. Twin Cities added a TD after **Doug Martin** broke a 39-yard run to the Garland 4 that set up a TD pass to **Kendall Wright** from **Jay Cutler**. With **Tim Tebow** in the game, **Brian Cushing** forced a fumble that **Vince Wilfork** returned 95 yards for the final TD.



BODY COUNT



WEEK SIX INJURY REPORT



CHARLESWOOD	Barrett Ruud, LB – OUT (3 games); Sidney Rice, WR – OUT (4 games); Adrian Peterson, RB- OUT (4 games); Jon Beason, ILB – OUT (Season)
CHINO	Steven Jackson, RB – DOUBTFUL; Michael Boley, LB – OUT (2 games); James Harrison, OLB – OUT (3 games); Aqib Talib, CB – OUT (3 games)
COMMONWEALTH	Marcus McNeill, T – OUT (2 games); Emmanuel Sanders, WR – OUT (2 games)
COWTOWN	Todd Heap, TE – OUT (2 games); Alphonso Smith, CB – OUT (2 games)
DEATH VALLEY	Jerel Worthy, DE – OUT (2 games); Jimmy Smith, CB – OUT (5 games); Gerald McCoy, DT – OUT (9 games)
DURHAM	Elvis Dumervil, DE – DOUBTFUL; Devin McCourty, CB, OUT (2 games); Corey Wootton, DE – OUT (5 games)
GARLAND	Joseph Addai, RB – QUESTIONABLE; Will Smith, DE – OUT (3 games); Peyton Hillis, RB – OUT (3 games); Deji Karim, RB – OUT (3 games); Quinn Johnson, FB – OUT (10 games)
GWINNETT	Sam Baker, T – DOUBTFUL; Jeremy Maclin, WR – PROBABLE; Jaiquawn Jarrett, S – OUT (3 games); Ahmad Bradshaw, RB – OUT (5 games)
IOWA CITY	Stephon Gilmore, CB – DOUBTFUL; DeMarcus Van Dyke, DB – OUT; Brandon Harris, CB – OUT (4 games); Mario Williams, OLB – OUT (10 games)
LOS ANGELES	Colin Brown, C – OUT (2 games); Sion Fua, DT – OUT (4 games); Nick Miller, WR – OUT (7 games); Sam Young, T – OUT (Season)
MARKHAM	Jonathan Babineaux, DT – DOUBTFUL; Trent Cole, DE – OUT (2 games); Roscoe Parrish, WR – OUT (8 games)
MISSION VIEJO	DeMarco Murry, RB – DOUBTFUL; Jonathan Vilma, LB – OUT (5 games)
MOHAVE	Daniel Thomas, RB – OUT (2 games); Benjamin Watson, TE – OUT (3 games); Aaron Williams, CB – OUT (6 games)
PICKERING	Chris Rainey, WR – OUT; Kerry Rhodes, S – OUT (3 games); Darren McFadden, RB – OUT (6 games); T.J. Ward, S – OUT (7 games); Miles Austin, WR – OUT (7 games)
SCARBOROUGH	LaMarr Woodley, OLB – OUT (4 games); Justin Tuck, DL – OUT (4 games); Kris Dileman, G – OUT (9 games)
SEBASTIAN	Louis Murphy, WR – OUT (2 games); Leonard Hankerson, WR – OUT (9 games), Kenny Britt, WR – OUT (Season)
SOUTH CAROLINA	Mike Patterson, DT – OUT; Justin Durant, LB – OUT (3 games); Bradley Fletcher, CB – OUT (7 games); Brandon Spikes, ILB – OUT (9 games); Brandon Graham, DE – OUT (Season)
TWIN CITIES	Tyrone Crawford, DL – QUESTIONABLE; Matt Roth, DE – OUT (3 games); Jerry Hughes, DE – OUT (4 games); Ray Lewis, ILB – OUT (5 games); Antoine Winfield, CB – OUT (10 games)
VIRDEN	Todd McClure, C – QUESTIONABLE; Brandon Meriweather, S – OUT (4 games); La Ron Landry, S – OUT (6 games); Prince Amukamara, CB – OUT (8 games); Eric Berry, S – OUT (Season)
YORK	Assante Samuel, CB – QUESTIONABLE; Jeremy Kerley, WR – DOUBTFUL; Anquan Boldin, WR – OUT (3 games); Danieal Manning, CB – OUT (3 games); Donald Washington, S – OUT (3 games); Rashean Mathis, CB – OUT (5 games); Donald Jones, WR – OUT (5 games)



STATS



WEEK SIX

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Virden	5	1	0	0.833	216	36	157	26.2	9.8	3 0 0	4 0 0	5 1 0
York	5	1	0	0.833	189	31.5	88	14.7	16.8	2 1 0	3 1 0	5 1 0
Commonwealth	4	2	0	0.667	148	24.7	126	21	3.7	2 1 0	2 2 0	4 2 0
Mohave	2	4	0	0.333	114	19	211	35.2	-16.2	1 2 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
Charleswood	0	6	0	0	96	16	201	33.5	-17.5	0 3 0	0 4 0	0 6 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Death Valley	6	0	0	1.000	241	40.2	151	25.2	15	3 0 0	4 0 0	6 0 0
Chino	3	3	0	0.500	142	23.7	117	19.5	4.2	1 2 0	2 2 0	3 3 0
Los Angeles	3	3	0	0.500	187	31.2	132	22	9.2	1 2 0	3 1 0	3 3 0
Iowa City	1	5	0	0.167	120	20	136	22.7	-2.7	1 2 0	0 4 0	1 5 0
Mission Viejo	1	5	0	0.167	74	12.3	208	34.7	-22.3	1 2 0	1 3 0	1 5 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	5	1	0	0.833	167	27.8	120	20	7.8	3 0 0	3 1 0	5 1 0
Markham	4	1	1	0.750	146	24.3	101	16.8	7.5	2 0 1	2 1 1	4 1 1
Cowtown	3	2	1	0.583	146	24.3	118	19.7	4.7	2 1 0	2 1 1	3 2 1
Pickering	2	4	0	0.333	124	20.7	147	24.5	-3.8	2 1 0	2 2 0	2 4 0
Twin Cities	1	5	0	0.167	98	16.3	145	24.2	-7.8	1 2 0	0 4 0	1 5 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	6	0	0	1.000	185	30.8	72	12	18.8	3 0 0	4 0 0	6 0 0
Garland	3	3	0	0.500	152	25.3	106	17.7	7.7	2 1 0	2 2 0	3 3 0
Gwinnett	2	4	0	0.333	141	23.5	164	27.3	-3.8	0 3 0	1 3 0	2 4 0
South Carolina	2	4	0	0.333	74	12.3	145	24.2	-11.8	1 2 0	2 2 0	2 4 0
Sebastian	1	5	0	0.167	57	9.5	172	28.7	-19.2	0 3 0	1 3 0	1 5 0

PASSING

	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate	
1 Brees	DVU	240	174	72.5	2345	2	0.8	54	28	11.7	138.6
2 Stafford	VV	184	137	74.5	1910	4	2.2	55	19	10.3	132.7
3 Brady	YOR	172	114	66.3	1679	3	1.7	75	12	7.0	114.0
4 Luck	MOH	130	90	69.2	1097	3	2.3	52	10	7.7	111.0
5 Newton,C	CHI	151	103	68.2	1185	2	1.3	75	9	6.0	106.0
6 Smith,A	LAK	203	139	68.5	1548	4	2.0	51	14	6.9	105.7
7 Rivers,P	DTL	186	120	64.5	1642	6	3.2	53	14	7.5	104.3
8 Rodgers,A	SBE	197	133	67.5	1572	3	1.5	73	9	4.6	100.5
9 Vick	CHP	71	50	70.4	612	3	4.2	71	4	5.6	97.9
10 Wilson,R	ICC	131	84	64.1	1147	4	3.1	66	6	4.6	94.5
11 Ryan,M	GDM	242	157	64.9	1856	5	2.1	81	10	4.1	93.3
12 Cutler	TCT	152	96	63.2	1032	2	1.3	36	7	4.6	92.9
13 Flacco	COW	212	118	55.7	1470	6	2.8	76	13	6.1	86.0
14 Manning,E	MAR	172	104	60.5	1446	8	4.7	57	6	3.5	79.7
15 McCoy,C	MVM	86	52	60.5	455	2	2.3	36	3	3.5	76.5
16 Roethlisbe	GWG	208	130	62.5	1300	11	5.3	80	11	5.3	75.8
17 Gabbert	MOH	73	40	54.8	448	2	2.7	49	3	4.1	75.6
18 Weeden	CHP	108	62	57.4	716	3	2.8	50	2	1.9	72.1
19 Freeman,J	COM	180	110	61.1	1263	10	5.6	61	7	3.9	72.1
20 Romo	SC	193	124	64.2	1316	10	5.2	65	5	2.6	71.1

RUSHING

		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Rice, R	SBE	119	618	5.2	70	3	11	McCoy, L	GWG	92	359	3.9	17	5
2	Jackson, F	COM	125	608	4.9	35	5	12	McGahee	DVU	66	352	5.3	66	1
3	Turner, M	YOR	115	606	5.3	43	7	13	Mathews, R	DVU	73	340	4.7	36	0
4	Jones-Drew	COW	131	597	4.6	23	4	14	Jackson, S	CHI	78	335	4.3	52	1
5	Brown, D	ICC	66	496	7.5	72	4	15	Tolbert	MOH	76	333	4.4	18	2
6	Williams, D	MAR	70	462	6.6	73	6	16	Tate, B	VV	63	322	5.1	27	1
7	Martin, D	TCT	94	459	4.9	55	1	17	Wells, B	VV	71	302	4.3	15	2
8	Sproles	LAK	56	434	7.8	34	1	18	Mendenhall	MVM	93	291	3.1	19	0
9	Johnson, C	PIC	92	399	4.3	36	1	19	Newton, C	CHI	50	285	5.7	21	5
10	Stewart, J	MAR	73	378	5.2	18	2	20	Thomas, P	SS	59	263	4.5	31	1

RECEIVING

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Graham, J	MOH	45	501	11.1	52	2	11	Wallace, M	ICC	32	678	21.2	66	6
2	Johnson, C	DTL	41	642	15.7	48	6	12	Nicks, H	MOH	31	602	19.4	51	7
3	Gronkows, R	DVU	40	656	16.4	54	5	13	Witten	CHP	31	336	10.8	50	2
4	Bowe	DTL	39	504	12.9	53	6	14	Gonzalez	LAK	30	278	9.3	36	3
5	Fitzgerald	COW	38	552	14.5	43	7	15	Wayne	GWG	29	478	16.5	80	6
6	Jones, J	VV	36	649	18.0	35	7	16	Winslow	YOR	28	272	9.7	20	1
7	White, R	LAK	35	433	12.4	48	2	17	Jones, J	CHI	28	483	17.3	75	5
8	Smith, S	LAK	35	501	14.3	51	6	18	Burleson	GWG	28	216	7.7	18	2
9	Welker	MAR	33	456	13.8	43	1	19	Bryant, D	VV	28	441	15.8	46	6
10	Johnson, A	DVU	32	573	17.9	53	9	20	Washington	GDM	27	352	13.0	53	0

KICKING

		FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts	
1	Janikowski	SBE	18	13	72.2	4	2	52	59
2	Akers	MAR	18	14	77.8	6	0	49	56
3	Carpenter	LAK	12	11	91.7	4	3	55	55
4	Tynes	VV	10	9	90.0	3	0	44	54
5	Gano	DVU	11	8	72.7	3	3	55	53
6	Gostkowski	COM	14	12	85.7	4	0	48	52
7	Crosby	DTL	14	11	78.6	4	2	52	51
8	Gould	GDM	13	11	84.6	4	0	44	50
9	Zuerlein	ICC	15	12	80.0	6	2	51	48
10	Bailey, D	CHI	12	10	83.3	4	1	51	46
11	Walsh	YOR	11	7	63.6	2	0	44	45
12	Kasay	COW	8	7	87.5	0	0	37	36
13	Scobee	PIC	8	7	87.5	3	2	58	34
14	Brown, J	GWG	7	5	71.4	3	1	52	33
15	Vinatieri	SS	10	10	100.0	1	0	42	33
16	Bironas	TCT	7	7	100.0	3	1	53	32
17	Rackers	MVM	11	8	72.7	6	2	59	30
18	Longwell	SC	8	6	75.0	2	0	46	26
19	Folk	CHP	5	4	80.0	1	0	47	24
20	Cundiff	MOH	4	3	75.0	2	0	48	24

INTERCEPTIONS

									No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD										
1	Griffin,M	SBE	3	21	7.0	9	0	11	Reed,E	MAR	2	0	0.0	0	0	12	Witherspoon	PIC	2	66	33.0	52	1
2	Weddle	GDM	3	34	11.3	19	0	13	Smith,D	CHI	2	22	11.0	22	0	14	Jenkins,J	DVU	2	64	32.0	43	0
3	Manning,D	YOR	2	21	10.5	21	0	15	Martin,S	MVM	2	0	0.0	0	0	16	Revis	SBE	2	22	11.0	18	0
4	Adams,M	YOR	2	4	2.0	4	0	17	Rolle,A	SBE	2	0	0.0	0	0	18	Newman	VV	2	37	18.5	27	1
5	Phillips,K	COW	2	42	21.0	42	0	19	Cushing	GDM	2	1	0.5	1	0	20	Williams,T	VV	2	69	34.5	66	0
6	Kerrigan	COW	2	0	0.0	0	0																
7	Webster	COW	2	56	28.0	30	0																
8	Chancellor	DTL	2	0	0.0	0	0																
9	Sherman	DTL	2	23	11.5	20	0																
10	Brown,T	MAR	2	0	0.0	0	0																

SACKS

1	Peppers	CHI	7	8	Sheard	PIC	5	15	Taylor,P	CHP	4
2	Pierre-Pau	ICC	7	9	Johnson,M	YOR	5	16	Avril	GDM	4
3	Babin	YOR	6	10	Kelly,T	DTL	5	17	Barnes,A	GWG	4
4	Allen,J	DTL	6	11	Tuck	SBE	5	18	Kruger	MOH	3
5	Ware,D	VV	6	12	Suggs	SBE	5	19	Reed,B	COM	3
6	Atkins	YOR	6	13	Abraham	MAR	4	20	McDonald	PIC	3
7	Cole,T	MAR	5	14	Smith,A	VV	4	21	Casey,J	TCT	3

TACKLES

1	Laurinaiti	GWG	67	8	Washington	PIC	47	15	Briggs	GWG	43
2	McClain,R	MOH	62	9	Martin,S	MVM	47	16	Henders,EJ	SC	42
3	Cushing	GDM	57	10	Hawthorne	COM	47	17	Taylor,P	CHP	42
4	Pierre-Pau	ICC	56	11	Barnett	VV	47	18	Chaney	SS	41
5	Smith,D	CHI	52	12	Jackson,D	LAK	45	19	Burnett,K	TCT	40
6	Johnson,D	COW	52	13	Conner	SS	45	20	Sheard	PIC	39
7	Mayo	DVU	50	14	Lofton	DTL	44	21	Dorsey	SC	38

KICK RETURNS

									No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD										
1	Sproles	LAK	23	722	31.4	82	0	11	Cobb	DVU	20	473	23.7	35	0	12	Hester,D	DTL	15	350	23.3	52	0
2	Sherels	SS	21	641	30.5	76	0	13	Cribbs	CHI	13	303	23.3	34	0	14	Karim	GDM	10	233	23.3	35	0
3	Scott,D	SBE	16	487	30.4	100	1	15	Tate,B	MVM	31	717	23.1	52	0	16	Banks	MOH	31	705	22.7	47	0
4	McKnight	MAR	20	597	29.9	82	0	17	Weems	COW	17	372	21.9	35	0	18	Lefeged	VV	14	284	20.3	29	0
5	Stroughter	CHP	35	1014	29.0	104	1	19	Mariani	YOR	14	278	19.9	32	0	20	Boykin	PIC	10	193	19.3	32	0
6	Harvin	PIC	13	372	28.6	40	0																
7	Ginn Jr.	TCT	22	588	26.7	40	0																
8	Logan	GWG	27	670	24.8	42	0																
9	Gates,C	ICC	24	575	24.0	43	0																
10	Washington	COM	23	550	23.9	35	0																

PUNT RETURNS

									No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD												
1	Jones,J	CHP	13	1	248	19.1	75	2	11	Weems	COW	17	4	161	9.5	15	0	12	Peterson,P	GDM	14	2	131	9.4	26	0
2	Arenas	SC	8	3	134	16.8	31	0	13	Tate,B	MVM	11	3	99	9.0	18	0	14	Jackson,D	SBE	14	11	126	9.0	23	0
3	Sproles	LAK	16	6	260	16.3	84	2	15	Sherels	SS	7	2	62	8.9	13	0	16	Cribbs	CHI	16	2	135	8.4	13	0
4	Banks	MOH	9	2	117	13.0	23	0	17	Thomas,M	PIC	7	3	52	7.4	15	0	18	Edwards,A	ICC	18	1	132	7.3	41	0
5	Cobb	DVU	10	7	129	12.9	62	1	19	Adams,J	PIC	13	5	92	7.1	15	0	20	Parrish	MAR	1	1	29	29.0	29	0
6	Bess	DTL	9	8	114	12.7	23	0																		
7	Ginn Jr.	TCT	14	2	176	12.6	25	0																		
8	Mariani	YOR	11	2	130	11.8	19	0																		
9	Washington	COM	15	2	177	11.8	19	0																		
10	Logan	GWG	10	6	106	10.6	27	0																		



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – With gas rationing, continuing power outages in some areas, and reports of casual looting leaking through the mainstream media coverage of Super Storm Sandy, I worry about how fragile we've become as a society. So reliant on technology are we, so accustomed to comfort even at the lower socio-economic levels, and so obsessed with acquiring things, that I fear our society's collapse in the face of something bigger than Sandy would truly resemble a 'Mad Max' type of world. Don't misinterpret this observance of mine as the first step toward adopting a survivalist creed. I have no interest in missing out on enjoying the comforts of my very civilized city in order to spend months and years preparing for survival after all the fun is over; Armageddon might not actually come, you know. This is just my way of warning you all that you are likely going to become pretty vicious when society collapses and that if you want to survive, you will need to help each other, and me, so that we can get back as soon as possible to the kind of civilization capable of supporting professional sports like EFL football.

LUCKY WIN

It was all offence, all the time in Iowa City this week as the suddenly hot Hellfire singed the suddenly not-hot Cubbies by the slimmest of margins, 35-34 in a spectacular offensive shootout at Joe Ferguson Stadium. Defence was AWOL on both sides as two teams attempting to look respectable flailed away at each other like angry dweebs, sometimes actually looking dangerous in the process.

In a battle of rookie QBs, both thrown into starting roles on teams with questionable supporting casts; it was No. 1 pick **Andrew Luck** who looked the sharpest, completing an astounding 86% of his passes for a total of 331 yards, 5 TDs, and a QB rating of 153.8. **Drew Brees** would have been happy with a stat line like that, even versus the Cubs; so Luck's performance should be noted as the first sign that **Bobby Elder** may have struck gold in his deal to acquire the first pick in the draft. His adversary, 4th rounder **Russell Wilson**, a surprise starter in Iowa over thought-to-be-but-no-longer-is franchise QB **Sam Bradford**, looked flashy at times as well, but he clearly benefitted from a Cubs' running game that continues to make its mark behind an offensive line with 3 rookies playing smack dab in the center of it. Due to the mushy middle of the line, nearly everything they run is behind the young stud left tackle, **Tyron Smith**, and if he keeps ploughing open big holes at his current pace, he will be one All Pro candidate who I will certainly vote for.

Curiously, the second-most proficient running attack in the league is not a typical grinding one. In all phases of its offence the 1-5 Cubs can be accurately described as having a "quick strike" unit. This is because only 3 of their 12 offensive touchdowns have come from *inside* their opponent's red zone. Think about it: 75% of the Cubs' offensive majors have come from more than 20 yards away! Against Mohave this week, it was the same, but more of it – four touchdowns, and none of those coming from inside the red zone. In fact, Iowa City never scrimmaged inside the Mohave red zone all game! With a receiver like **Mike Wallace** (6 TDs) and a running back like **Donald "Downtown" Brown** (4 TDs), there would seem to be little need for a power-run package or a big and tall receiver to earn the tough yards.

Facing such an opponent, on their home turf, with a defence made of straw, Mohave needed a little luck to win and they got it. With no similar threat of their own to run the ball in big chunks, the Hellfire relied on **Andrew Luck** to move the chains and he did it with exemplary efficiency. With only 4 incomplete passes out of 29 attempts, it is more curious to examine the ones he *didn't* complete than the ones he did, but I'll look at both; three long passes and one medium slant, all intended for **Hakeem Nicks**, fell incomplete. Notably, only one of those was due to a misfire by Luck; the others were all tipped on nice plays by the defenders. The 25 completions went to just four players: 10 to **Jimmy Graham**, this year's top candidate for the 'Top Tight End on Worst Team Award' (ahead of **Jason Witten**); 8 to **Hakeem Nicks** (for 167 yards and 2 TDs); 4 to **Roy Williams** (3 of those for TDs); and 3 dump-offs to **Mike Tolbert**. Critics may point out that Iowa City was missing their best corner, rookie **Stephon Gilmore**, but Luck did a good job of side-stepping **Jason Pierre-Paul** on the rare occasions the pass rush monster managed to get by a surprisingly stout **Kareem McKenzie**. The general lack of pressure by the Cubs provided an opportunity for the rookie to show what he could do to a mediocre secondary when given the time and the result was impressive to say the least.

RED-FACED REDDING ON HOT SEAT

In my least favourite place on the EFL map, Iowans are growing restless with the showing of their team in the past two games.

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After pushing Death Valley to the edge in Week Four, they have looked...what is the right word for it...."timid"....? No, more like "panziesh" in their play. According to Cubs' beat reporter **Sparky McGillicuddy** the sudden contraction, played against the backdrop of two consecutive losing seasons, prompted a post-game meeting between team owner **Rodney Alberhasky** and coach/GM **Deron Redding**. The 98-year old CEO of the Corner Pharmacy drug chain and inventor of *Alberhasky's Magic Pills* (an all-purpose pill that gained popularity during the Great Depression) is not much of a public figure. You could be excused for not knowing about him since he has made just two public appearances since the team's inception – once to announce the awarding of the franchise in 2007 and the other to briefly congratulate his players at the end of the 2008 Championship Game, a 38-9 loss to Florida. At 98 years old, with few original organs remaining, artificial hips and knees, and cataracts on both eyes, it is understandably draining for Mr. Alberhasky to move around at all, let alone descend from his private box for an impromptu meeting. Although nobody other than Redding and

Alberhasky know what was said during the meeting, McGillicuddy reports that Redding was seen dabbing at red eyes as he left his office, and had to take a break before facing the Media. Mr. Alberhasky declined to comment as he was sleeping while his nurse pushed his wheelchair through the throng of reporters, but his 72-year old nephew and President of Corner Pharmacy, **Bernard Alberhasky**, spoke of how important it is to Rodney and the entire Alberhasky family that "the Cubs make it back to the Championship before time takes its inevitable toll on Albert." (no, the reference to "Albert" is not a typo, just a sign that Bernard is struggling with his memory a bit) How ironic that the youngest team in the league has the oldest owner! Will the Cubs grow up in time to make Rodney Alberhasky proud? It is clearly in Redding's hands at this point, but possibly not for long.

LATCHKEY DEFENCE

No less amazing than the supremacy of the league-leading Death Valley offence, is the chronic instability of their defence. In Week Six their offence eviscerated the Patriots as expected, scoring 34 points while trying not to score *too* much in an undemanding 41-10 win. Their defence, bucking a long trend dating back to Week One of 2011, held the Pats' offence under the generalship of **Brandon Weeden** to just 3 points and 203 yards. Despite this statistically impressive and anomalous outing, the defence remains mired in the back end of the league rankings – a hair ahead of Mohave and a finger nail ahead of Mission Viejo in defensive efficiency.

Nearly all evaluations of the Undertakers' defensive personnel have ranked them somewhere in the middle of the league for talent and potential. Last year, they came into the season ranked by experts to be in the top three and finished the season dead last! The possible reasons for this chronic underperformance are debated by obsessed stats gurus and fantasy football poolies, who just can't accept that maybe **Clay Matthews** and **DeMarcus Ware** (he was on the team until two weeks ago) are not the elite talents they, and we, think they are. The mainstream media has basically moved on from the topic, writing off **Chris Worthley** as an incompetent defensive strategist. While I agree, I still think it's worth space in this column to figure out *why* he is so bad.

Certainly, the defence has changed since Worthley took control from the psychotic **Darth Vader** last year. The most obvious change was the decision to reduce blitzing, which has been carried over so far in 2012. There are other defensive coordinators in the league who play a strict front line pressure style and rarely blitz; but when your principal assets are pass-rushing linebackers who specialize in disrupting the passer, electing to hold them back in coverage, or play the run gaps, borders on negligence. As bad as the defence was under Vader's stewardship, it had an identity and a bold swagger and occasionally made big plays. Under Worthley, it seems to just stand there, frozen for a second after the snap, before suddenly *losing it* with spasmodic attempts to jump routes and lay on big hits coming, usually, a fraction of a second too late to achieve their intended result. They leave the field often slump-shouldered and most of them wait in the locker room after the game until well after media have left the sports complex where they are playing so they don't have to answer questions. They are, all in all, a sad contrast to the brazen-faced bullies on the offence. How did it get this way?

According to out-takes from the reality TV show *EFL Tough Blows* of Death Valley training camp, footage that never made it to air due to its disturbing content, Worthley and his coaching staff spend close to 90% of practice time working directly with the offence. The defence is handed over to equipment manager, **Flip Scanton** to organize stretching activities while Worthley and assistant offensive coordinator **Brad Silverstreak** concentrate on walk-throughs with the offence prior to running the plays live against the defence. Trying to defend the most potent attack in football while under restrictions such as no blitzing, no running, and no hitting below the waist or above the chest is, as you can imagine, an impossible task. Since the defence always looks very bad in

practice they are subject to such intense verbal abuse from Worthley, Silverstreak, and the rest of the staff that the video of these tirades is not considered suitable for cable TV.

There is one interesting out-take I was able to view that seems to capture Worthley's defensive philosophy and explain at least some of the bizarre play on the field. In a rare moment of communion with his defence, Worthley is in the classroom and explains what he expects of them. It is a confusing mess. Here are some telling quotes:

"It's all about *position*, folks! You have to be in position if you're going to make plays in the EFL. When a player is out of position there's a big hole where he should be and that's what a quarterback loves to see, just *loves* to see! Staying in your zone is a discipline and a duty. Stay in your zone! Command your space! Don't f&^kin move from your zone of control!" Worthley barks, hamming it up for the cameras with some furiously scribbled Xs and Os on the chalkboard to illustrate positional play eliminating "holes" in the defence. By the time he is finished, there are no holes in the defence and approximately 26 Xs defending 5 Os.

After pausing for effect, he turns to a new thought and continues: "It's also about *aggression*, folks! It's about violence and fury. I don't want you sitting back and letting no stick man run by you with the ball. You hit that stick man and you hit him *hard*, you understand? You watch that quarterback's eyes and if those eyes tell you where he's going with the ball, you follow those eyes and you go there! If you think he's trying to fool you, you go the other way, you hear? If you think he's trying to fool you into thinking he's trying to fool you, then you go where your gut tells you to go! You understand? I don't want you sitting in your zone, watching like a couch potato if you see something coming. You go after that play! You make that play! Leave your zone and take that a^%&ole out! Go get 'em!" He illustrates the point with another flurry of Xs and Os showing 47 Xs swarming 2 Os.

So, what does this look like on the field? It looks like a 'zone' for the first second or two then it turns into an aggressive free-for-all 'man' defence with double, triple and quadruple-teams of random receivers and sometimes as many as 4 players uncovered. This happens on most plays as Clay Matthews growls impotently at the quarterback from a distance. It's a neglected, abused, and brow-beaten defence in Death Valley that tries too hard to be everything at once, and that's why it sucks!

FOOTBALL GODS' MAKE-UP CALL

The Football Gods that neglected the Colonials in Week Five maybe felt they owed the newbies a favour. They were at The Big House in force in Week Six, making sure that fans in Virginia continue to believe in them by performing supernatural surgery on the brain of Chino coach, **Rob Nazar**. The fair but cruel Warden of the Chino Convicts showed uncharacteristic mercy toward Commonwealth quarterback, **Josh Freeman**, stricken with PTSD after last week's debacle against York, by blitzing him just 5 times all game. Maybe the Chino coach felt he didn't have to blitz with **Julius Peppers** on the line. Peppers was a one-man wrecking ball, battering the Commonwealth front five with 3 sacks, 1 stuff, 1 official "pressure" and 2 forced fumbles. If they would make make PIs (Penalties Induced) an official stat, stats geeks who don't really watch the games would get a fuller picture of how a guy like Peppers can terrorize a line. I counted at minimum 4 PIs for Peppers, including two on beleaguered right tackle **Andre Smith**, who needed help with the Chino pro-bowler all afternoon. There were others that the refs, in their wisdom, declined to call. Unfortunately for Rob Nazar's Convicts, Peppers was the only defender to show up for the "lockdown crew" in Week Six. The remainder of the Convicts defenders, especially the secondary, looked surprisingly edgeless in surrendering 347 yards to Commonwealth and, in a significant upset, losing the game to them 23-20 in overtime.

Losing at home to an expansion franchise that had, just one week earlier, been properly humbled by a probable competitor for a playoff berth in York, is a bad omen for Chino's playoff hopes; not that those hopes are close to being dashed at this early stage, but the Convicts now find themselves behind these very Colonials in the hunt for a wildcard berth. Arguably, Commonwealth is the weakest of the current front-runners for a playoff seeding, but I stress the word "arguably." There is an argument now to be made for a possible Cinderella Scenario in Virginia, given that **Will Blandford's** quarterback won an EFL Championship last year (albeit on another team) and his players seem to be responding to his even-keel optimism and powerful mesmerism. Impressive, after last week's debacle in Camelot, was the bounce-back of the Colonial's offence against the highest ranked defence in the league at game time. When Peppers was taking plays off, the Commonwealth QB had all day to throw the ball. As a result, he completed over 70% of his pass attempts for 261 yards, 1 touchdown, and (most importantly) no picks. He outperformed **Cam Newton**, who generated most of the Chino attack through the air and on the ground, but who struggled with his accuracy down field and also threw a costly interception that **Antoine Cason** returned for a touchdown.

Although it was (by their standards) a mediocre performance by the Chino defence, in the end it was the Chino offence that let them down the most. On their first and only possession of the overtime frame, the Newton Crew went three-and-out and had to punt the ball from their 28 yard line. **Leon Washington**, an unsung special teams hero, peeled off a nifty 14-yard return to give his team good field position at the Commonwealth 41. The Colonials wasted no time going on the attack, passing 6 of their first 7 plays to set up a stab-in-the-heart 14-yard run by **Fred Jackson** that brought the ball to the Chino 6. From there, Freeman kneeled and **Stephen Gostkowski** came on for an easy 25-yard field goal to lock up the game and lock down the Convicts.

MAD KING CHRIS

How do you find a bright spot when your quarterback throws 3 interceptions, your running game averages 1.8 yards per carry, one-third of your total passing yards are on one play, and your team loses 31-7? If you're **Chris Ferraro**, you don't bother looking for it and head straight to the punishment phase. Mad King Chris went into a tirade after his Monarchs lost at Camelot to a vastly superior team, the York Excaliburs, firing **Richard Simmons** as head trainer and taking on the chores himself. The team's flight

to Gwinnett was immediately cancelled and the practices this week will be overseen by Ferraro himself as the team bikes, runs and swims to Gwinnett, Georgia for their Week Seven match-up.

There were positives for Mission Viejo hidden among the many negatives, including the fact that their defence held **Tom Brady** and Co. at bay for most of the first half; but finding the silver lining in the loss was the farthest thing from Ferraro's megalomaniacal mind. The taste of victory last week over Iowa City had simply fed an addiction for winning that had gone unsatisfied over the first four games. Not that wanting to win is a *bad* thing; on the contrary, it is the first necessity in building a winner. But even the previous owner of the Florida Dragons and the current owner of the Pickering Spartans, both notoriously sore losers, understood the team-building process and reserved some patience for it. Mad King Chris seems to think that his team must win when he so commands. 'Winning By Royal Decree' is the team-building strategy currently in use in Mission Viejo. If he could order actual beheadings, he probably would have by now. Instead, he fires people. Now that I have been sentenced to virtual death by the West Coast's Pretender to the Portugese Throne for the simple act of voicing an unflattering observation about his horrible team, I have an urge to visit Mission Viejo in Week Eight to see if anyone notices me at His Royal Majesty the King's Royal Coliseum. A football stadium in Mission Viejo can't be more dangerous than the New York City subway.

VIOLATED AGAIN

In Virden, the Violators' offence looked subjugated in the first half by a 'Blue Shield' slowly returning to its old form. At half time, the Knights led 7-3 and looked ready to grind out a much-needed win; but the half time adjustments by **Jeff Dohrn** took the "shield" part out of the LA defence and left them feeling "blue" by the end of the game. A pre-occupation with Virden halfback **Ben Tate** brought the LA defenders into the box and allowed the Virden receivers to run free in the secondary. The result was 28 points in the 2nd half and a 31-27 victory for Virden. It is LA's second loss against a quality opponent where the finger can be pointed squarely at the defence as the reason the game got away. **Alex Smith** and the LA offence did its job against a Virden defence fortified by the acquisition of **DeMarcus Ware** at the trade deadline. (The move has injected new life into Ware, who has 6 sacks in 2 games with Virden after failing to reach a quarterback even once during 4 games with Death Valley). His 3 sacks of Smith in Week Six helped to hold the LA attack at bay while **Matt Stafford** worked his magic through the air. The Violators now look like a serious contender to go the final as the PAC representative. Despite some distinct weaknesses in the center of the defensive front four and a brittle secondary, the Virden defence is well-coached and getting the job done when it matters.

AROUND THE EFL

Having not scored a touchdown in any game this year except their Week Three win over Gwinnett, the Swordfish looked like a team on a mission to score an offensive touchdown in their Week Six game at Durham. A pair of failed fourth down conversions inside the Durham 10 yard line on their opening and closing drives of the game meant it would be another game where Sebastian's only scores came on field goals by **Adam Vinatieri**; while on the other side, the Lizards sleep-walked through the Fish's defence for three touchdowns and a field goal to make the final 24-6 for Durham. It was the quietest sellout in Jurassic Park history and one of the rare times Philip Rivers escaped the game without getting booed.

In Pickering after one half of play it looked like Gwinnett's **Big Boob** was back to his bumbling ways after his 11th interception of the year was returned by **Calvin Pace** for a touchdown, giving the Spartans a 10-7 lead by the sound of the first gun. Fortunately, it was Opposite Day in Pickering on Sunday. Big Ben did the opposite of what he normally does and got good in the second half, throwing two touchdown passes and making no more mistakes to lead the Glads to a 35-16 win.

It was hard to see the home field advantage in Cowtown's 30-13 loss to the Blue Eagles at Tillman Field, unless it was the home field that kept this sorry contest from degenerating into something worse than it was. Too many penalties by the Corn Kings' offence and too many good plays by the Scarborough defence turned this game into a non-competitive one by the end of the 3rd quarter. Under a steady light rain, both offences experienced difficulties moving the ball consistently, with 62 yards on Cowtown's first touchdown being the longest drive for either team. But the refs and Scarborough special teams tipped the balance against the home team and finally the dam to burst in the 3rd quarter with 17 Scarborough points. For the first time in two years, **Joe Flacco** was relieved due to struggles on the field and his replacement **Matt Moore** promptly threw an interception that **Antonio Cromartie** returned 28 yards for a touchdown; just to remove any doubt about where the game was heading.

If Cowtown fans felt let down by their team's performance at home, Regulators' fans must have been flat-out depressed by the sorry show their team put on against the North Stars. With instructions from **Darrin Jones** to make this a "statement game," Markham pounded hapless South Carolina 30-0, holding them to just 120 yards of offence and 7 first downs. It was so bad that only a handful of fans remained to witness a rare appearance by back-up QB, **Christian Ponder**, sent in to try and clear the air of a stinky performance by **Tony Romo**.

Finally, Garland wiped out Twin Cities 31-10 at The Corral in a game that was more competitive than the score suggests. The return of **Arian Foster** and with him a credible running attack for the first time since Week One was the difference offensively for Garland. Defensively, track star **Vince Wilfork** recovered another fumble that he returned for a long touchdown. The Mustangs' defence has perfected the "reverse wedge," a blocking scheme designed to follow the returner, which allowed the heavy defensive tackle to thunder like a giant turtle the full 95 yards without getting touched to score his second TD of the year.

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DURHAM @ CHARLESWOOD (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 7)

Patriot Place is sold out on paper, most of the tickets having already purchased prior to the start of the season in anticipation of another playoff race for the Pats. It will be interesting to see how many fans show up in the stands and how many stay at home following six straight losses to start the year and no win in sight. It is only Week Seven, but the Pats have been written off by everyone except their mascot, and even Patty the Patriot is slowing down a bit. Matt Schaub is cleared to start for Durham and will be eased back into action against a defence that would struggle to stop a rolling pineapple. Michael Vick is also cleared for action, but Adrian Peterson is out for Charleswood – not that it matters to the bottom line. **PICK: DURHAM**

SCARBOROUGH @ VIRDEN (line – BLUE EAGLES by 1)

The network is billing this as a possible preview of the EFL Final, but that's the network for you – anything to attract a few extra thousand viewers who don't know enough about the teams. Certainly this game could be a preview, but the chances are remote. The great start by the Violators does not mean they have the defensive depth to keep this pace in the regular season, let alone survive the playoffs. Scarborough, on the other hand, is the real deal. They are a "bookend team" doing their offensive and defensive damage in the 1st and 4th quarters. If you're going to land a blow against them, your best shot is in the 2nd quarter. Matt Stafford will face his most severe test of the season against a defence with no discernible weaknesses. LaMarr Woodley will be missed at linebacker for his pass rushing ability, but otherwise injuries will not play significant role for either team. While the Blue Eagles' attack has performed below the level of other top tier teams, they are still a dangerous unit and should have no serious trouble moving the ball against the Virden defence – which shows a tendency to weaken as the game progresses. The Violators should make a good game of it, but with the narrowest of spreads favouring Scarborough, I say jump on it while you can. **PICK: SCARBOROUGH**

MARKHAM @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 4)

Rashean Mathis is out and Asante Samuel is questionable, meaning the Excaliburs could be starting their nickel and dime corners opposite Wes Welker and Jordy Nelson. York will need every bit of that league-leading pass rush to make up the coverage deficit in the secondary. The good news for York fans is that Markham's star pass-rusher Trent Cole is out, giving Tom Brady one less thing to worry about in the pocket. The Markham running game is averaging an eye-catching 4.9 yards per carry behind a burly offensive line, so it will be interesting to see how they perform against very stout York front four; they will need the run to check the full fury of sack masters Jason Babin and Michael Johnson. These teams are equally matched in the trenches, so it will be a straight Manning vs. Brady/Turner vs. Williams match-up. Both QBs have had their ups and downs but lately Brady's been up while Manning hasn't shaken the tendency to give the ball away. Expect a photo finish with a bit of everything. **PICK: MARKHAM**

MOHAVE @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – REGULATORS by 4)

Apart from the fact that almost nobody outside of Columbia and Mexico cares about the outcome, this will be an interesting duel between rookie talent Andrew Luck and veteran ace Tony Romo. The Regulators suffered one of their most humiliating losses ever last week against Markham (in comparison with a rather large sample size) and will be want to purge the taste of North Star-studded cleat from their mouths. The Hellfire are hot (I've been waiting a long time to say that) and looking to continue their run against a defence that can't be taken seriously with Tracy Porter and Chris Cook starting at corner. Mohave will light up the scoreboard while Romo and Frank Gore will too against a soft Mohave defence. Enjoy the fireworks! **PICK: SOUTH CAROLINA**

TWIN CITIES @ COMMONWEALTH (line – COLONIALS by 5)

This inter-conference Expansion Bowl game has some real drama over and above the kind one might expect from top level midget wrestling. The Colonials are 4-2 and if the season were to end today, would be in the playoffs. The Triumph are 1-5, but have been a colossal pain to put away on game day. The statistical edge is in Commonwealth's favour but Twin Cities has faced the stronger competition and posted respectable numbers on both offence and defence. With no serious prospect of post-season play in view, the team from Minneapolis will be playing for pride and for bragging rights at the post-season expansion franchise silent auction fund-raiser. The Colonials are a little puffed up right now and are ready for a fall. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

GARLAND @ LOS ANGELES (line – KNIGHTS by 4)

It is going to be one of those seasons for the Knights – reminiscent of 2010 when they never had an easy game. After a two-game road stint LA returns to the friendly but anxiety-filled Round Table Stadium to face a mildly desperate and newly dangerous Garland. There are signs that the 'Blue Shield' is returning to form, and they will need the improvement to continue this week as Matt Forte rejoins Arian Foster after missing 5 games, giving the Mustangs back their full offensive arsenal. While running is a helpful option, look for the Mustangs to hit the air as usual in an effort to exploit a thin Knights' secondary. When LA has the ball, expect a balanced attack designed to keep the 'Thoroughbreds' guessing since keeping Garland's 'D' off-balance is the key to cracking this disciplined group. I see Matt Ryan stepping up to win a close one. **PICK: GARLAND**

DEATH VALLEY @ SEBASTIAN (line – UNDERTAKERS by 13)

Another TV blackout is expected in Sebastian and that is probably for the best. The Undertakers can sit their entire set of first stringers but if they don't sit Drew Brees as well, there is no way they lose this game. Injury is the only thing that stands between Brees and the obliteration of Tom Brady's single season TD pass record of 36. He needs only 8 TDs to tie Brady's mark and he could get five of them in this game if his coach lets him. My 72-year old great aunt could probably catch a TD pass with Brees throwing her the ball. Victory for the Swordfish will be finding the end zone. The offence has scored just 3 TDs all season – all in a single game. Against the dysfunctional Death Valley 'D' bet they finally will. **PICK: DEATH VALLEY**

COWTOWN @ IOWA CITY (line – CORN KINGS by 1)

Cowtown is in a dangerous spot entering Joe Ferguson Stadium against a proud coach whose team has looked like an elite High School squad for the past two weeks. Is it coincidence that the Cubs' troubles began with the injury to rookie corner Stephon Gilmore? They certainly have looked like a different defence without him and so his 'doubtful' status for this game is particularly worrisome. In any case, Joe Flacco and MJD should be able to put some points on the board; the question is whether they can keep pace with Iowa's long distance strike force. If the Cubs are going to upset the Kings here they are going to need their running game to continue to roll and Mike Wallace to continue to fly; but with Justin Smith plugging the middle of the Cowtown line and Brandon Flowers stuck to the Cubs' speedster, it will be a challenge. Cowtown is motivated to win to keep within striking distance in the North Division and while I know Deron Redding is also motivated, as well as a 'primo' motivator, I just can't picture him motivating Russell Wilson into hosing the Corn Kings defence. **PICK: COWTOWN**

CHINO @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 2)

The Spartans are suffering a four-game losing streak and this is costing the team a small fortune in broken furniture and out-of-court settlements with bystanders injured by one of Gus Konstantakos' many tirades. This is one more loss than the team has experienced in two regular seasons of play combined and it is not sitting well in Pickering, where the "honeymoon phase" of their rookie QB's tenure seems to be already over as the passing game struggles. The good news for the Spartans is that they can expect the Convicts' no-name receivers to struggle even more against Jonathan Joseph and Joe Haden. If Chino is going to move the ball, it will have to be on the ground, with plenty of Newton involved. As well as the Lockdown Crew is playing, I don't think Chino matches up well versus Pickering on either side of the ball. The score will be low and the Pickering losing slide will end. **PICK: PICKERING**

MISSION VIEJO @ GWINNETT (line – GLADIATORS by 8)

With the Gladiators beginning to surge after a dreadful start, the 8-point spread at home against arguably the least-talented team in the league is evidence of how Ben Roethlisberger makes odds-makers nervous. Nobody seriously doubts that Gwinnett will win the game, but a "pick six" or a careless fumble can make a big difference when the spread hits double digits. Thus, the Vegas line started at 9 and has moved down a point as action heated up on Mission Viejo. In my opinion, these people are out-smarting themselves. Ben may not be reliable, but look who he's facing. Come on! **PICK: GWINNETT**