

WEEK 6



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November 15, 2020

EAST



CENTRAL



WEST



NORTH



COASTAL



SOUTH



HAWKS FLYIN' HIGH!



*De'Andre Hopkins
Brooklin Hawks*

De'Andre Hopkins of the Brooklin Hawks avoids a last-ditch diving tackle attempt by Swordfish safety, *Justin Reid* before crossing the goal line for a 33-yard TD catch in 3rd quarter action in Brooklin. It was the second of three TD receptions in the day for the Hawks' superstar wideout. Hopkins caught all but one of his targets and finished with an amazing 16 receptions for 260 yards to lead Brooklin over Sebastian 38-34 in a wild shootout.



*Who was slick
in Week Six?*

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OFFENCE



DeAndre Hopkins
WR
Brooklin
Hawks

16 Rec, 260 yds, 3 TDs. Carried
Hawks in wild shootout win over Fish.



DEFENCE



Devin White
DT
Seattle
Pilots

10 Tk, 1 STF, 1 FF, FR(50-yd TD).
Picked up and scored on his own FF.


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A 25-yard screen to **David Montgomery** set up a 9-yard TD pass to **Ryan Griffin** to give NJ a 7-0 lead. **Antoine Winfield Jr** picked off **Sam Darnold** in the end zone to preserve the lead, but a FF and 50-yard return for a TD by Pilots' LB, **Devin White** early in the 2nd evened the score. Balls' FB, **Michael Burton** made his first carry of the year count with a 3rd & inches TD run to put NJ in front 17-10 in the 3rd. Seattle countered with a pair of FGs, but trailed 20-16 with 1:35 left. Then a stunning 72-yard pass to **Hunter Renfrow** set up a 3-yard TD run by **Kareem Hunt** to give Seattle the win.

11-14-2020 Kingdome Temp:70 Wind: Line:SEA by 6 MVP:white HFA:ON(1)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 New Jersey (1-5)	7	3	7	3	20
2019 Seattle (3-3)	0	10	0	13	23

Scoring Summary

1 7:28	New Jersey	TD Keenum 9 pass to Griffin (Boswell) (7-62-3:43)	7-0
2 13:55	Seattle	TD White 50 yd fumble recovery (Lambo)	7-7
2 1:55	New Jersey	FG Boswell 31 (12-53-4:15)	10-7
2 0:00	Seattle	FG Lambo 44 (9-49-1:51)	10-10
3 8:12	New Jersey	TD Burton 1 run (Boswell) (9-58-4:38)	17-10
4 14:02	Seattle	FG Lambo 41 (11-52-5:09)	17-13
4 6:26	Seattle	FG Lambo 21 (14-64-6:00)	17-16
4 1:35	New Jersey	FG Boswell 28 (14-65-4:47)	20-16
4 1:10	Seattle	TD Hunt 3 run (Lambo) (2-75-0:25)	20-23

Passing

NJ: Keenum 34/23 221 Yds TD
 SEA: Darnold 26/15 217 Yds Int, Manning 1/1 17 Yds

Rushing

NJ: Hill 9/53, Montgomery 17/39, Samuel 2/23, Keenum 2/11, Chark 1/9, Cohen 2/2, Burton 1/0 TD
 SEA: Mack 17/73, Akers 4/29, Dorsett II 1/13, Hunt 2/3 TD, Darnold 3/3

Receiving

NJ: Samuel 6/70, Griffin 4/30 TD, Cohen 4/25, McLaurin 3/41, Chark 3/20, Montgomery 2/28, Hill 1/7
 SEA: Renfrow 3/91, Lamb 3/35, Miller 3/29, Hunt 3/24, Mims 2/29, Robinson 1/17, Akers 1/9

Defense

NJ: Landry III Sk PD 10-Tk, Quinn 2-Sks PD 3-Tk, Winfield Jr Int 2-Tk
 SEA: White STF FF 10-Tk, Jenkins 2 PDs 5-Tk, Mack FF 3-Tk

Injuries

NJ: Chark
 SEA:

Misc

NJ:
 SEA: White FR-TD, Lambo 3/3 FGs 11-Pts


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Dak Prescott finished off the game's opening drive with a 13-yard TD pass to **Christian McCaffrey**. Two turnovers, a pick by **Whitney Mercilus** and a strip-sack by **Eddie Jackson** in back-to-back series, set up the Derailers with short fields, which they turned into **Lamar Jackson** TD passes to **Noah Fant** and **Ty Johnson**. Chino tied the game at 14 before the end of the half on a line buck by McCaffrey. In the 3rd quarter. The Convicts recovered a Jackson fumble to set up a go-ahead Chase McLaughlin FG to open the 4th, but Jackson made amends with a 4-yard TD pass to **Auden Tate** for the win.

11-12-2020 The Big House Temp:84 Wind:5-15 None Line:BUF by 5 MVP:Jackson HFA:ON(

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Buffalo (4-2)	0	14	0	6	20
2019 Chino (2-3-1)	7	7	0	3	17

Scoring Summary

1 11:38	Chino	TD Prescott 13 pass to McCaffrey (McLaughlin) (8-68-3:15)	0-7
2 14:50	Buffalo	TD Jackson 11 pass to Fant (Elliott,J) (7-42-3:22)	7-7
2 9:31	Buffalo	TD Jackson 3 pass to Johnson (Elliott,J) (6-51-3:11)	14-7
2 3:33	Chino	TD McCaffrey 1 run (McLaughlin) (11-75-5:58)	14-14
4 14:57	Chino	FG McLaughlin 29 (15-69-8:54)	14-17
4 1:23	Buffalo	TD Jackson 4 pass to Tate (no good) (9-75-3:25)	20-17

Passing

BUF: Jackson 39/30 305 Yds 3 TDs
 CHI: Prescott 34/21 188 Yds TD Int

Rushing

BUF: Jackson 10/76, Dillon 5/12, Coleman 5/11, Woods 1/2
 CHI: McCaffrey 15/96 TD, Ingram II 6/25

Receiving

BUF: Woods 7/67, Sanders 7/78, Fant 5/59 TD, Thomas 5/46, Tate 3/37 TD, Coleman 1/6
 CHI: McCaffrey 11/69 TD, Gallup 6/74, Jones Jr. 2/26, Fitzgerald 2/19

Defense

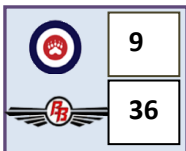
BUF: Jackson Sk FF 6-Tk, Mercilus Int 5-Tk, Jones 8-Tk
 CHI: Terrell FF 8-Tk, Jarrett Sk 4-Tk, Smith Sk 3-Tk, Williams 8-Tk

Injuries

BUF: Abram 10
 CHI: Short 7, Burnett 2, Ingram III 2, Conley 1

Misc

BUF:
 CHI: |



The Bombers' defence yielded little ground while the offence strung together one long TD drive that **Leonard Fournette** finished off with a 1-yard run to put Bruxelles on top, 10-6 in a tightly-played 1st half. **Jared Goff** started a 17-point 3rd quarter with a 48-yard bomb down the sideline to **Chris Godwin** for a score; then **Kyle Fuller**, playing a double-team underneath, stepped in front of a pass to **Christian Kirk** and returned it 43 yards to the house to cap it off. A safety by **Jordan Phillips** and a 55-yard TD run by Fournette in the 4th confirmed the rout. **Russell Wilson** was sacked 5 times.

11-15-2020 The Fortress Temp:77 Wind: Line:BRX by 4 MVP:Fournette HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Iowa City (2-3-1)	0	6	3	0	9
2019 Bruxelles (3-3)	10	0	17	9	36

Scoring Summary

1 7:06 Bruxelles	TD Fournette 1 run (Prater) (15-76-6:18)	0-7
1 0:14 Bruxelles	FG Prater 23 (9-67-5:13)	0-10
2 4:33 Iowa City	FG Tucker 26 (15-72-6:13)	3-10
2 0:11 Iowa City	FG Tucker 37 (13-61-2:41)	6-10
3 12:26 Bruxelles	TD Goff 48 pass to Godwin (Prater) (6-86-2:27)	6-17
3 9:13 Iowa City	FG Tucker 39 (8-54-3:08)	9-17
3 1:58 Bruxelles	FG Prater 49 (13-44-7:09)	9-20
3 0:15 Bruxelles	TD Fuller 43 interception return (Prater)	9-27
4 8:14 Bruxelles	Safety Phillips	9-29
4 6:18 Bruxelles	TD Fournette 55 run (Prater) (3-59-1:48)	9-36

Passing

ICC: Wilson 31/13 108 Yds Int
BRX: Goff 27/17 187 Yds TD

Rushing

ICC: Mixon 14/69, Wilson 5/32, Conner 3/10, Armstead 4/10
BRX: Fournette 18/130 2 TDs, Johnson 9/40, Williams 3/4

Receiving

ICC: Conner 5/16, Lockett 3/23, Brown 2/46, Beasley 1/7, Kirk 1/2, Dissly 1/14
BRX: Fournette 4/4, Kelce 4/38, Godwin 3/87 TD, Williams 3/34, Waller 2/16

Defense

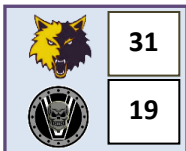
ICC: Littleton 17-Tk
BRX: Phillips 2-Sks FF 5-Tk, Dupree Sk 8-Tk, Fuller Int(TD) 3-Tk, Casey Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

ICC: Dissly 7, Jones 6
BRX: Ogbah 1

Misc

ICC: |
BRX: |



The Coyotes dominated the early part of this game, jumping out to a 24-0 lead on three 75+ yard drives, all ending in TDs, including one where **DeVante Parker** accounted for all 80 yards on 2 catches, including a 60-yard scoring strike. **Carson Wentz** was benched in favour of **Jacoby Brissett** for the final drive of the 1st half, and the Assassins got on the board with a 51-yard **Ka'imi Fairbairn** FG. The Las Vegas defence tightened up in the 2nd half, allowing the offence to narrow the deficit to 11 points. But a 30-yard end-around to **Brandin Cooks** for a TD in the 4th ended hope for a comeback.

11-14-2020 Assassin's Den Temp:74 Wind: No Line MVP:Tannehill HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Cobb County (6-0)	21	3	0	7	31
2019 Las Vegas (3-3)	0	3	10	6	19

Scoring Summary

1 9:17 Cobb County	TD Tannehill 10 pass to Peterson (McManus) (10-75-5:43)	7-0
1 5:53 Cobb County	TD Tannehill 60 pass to Parker (McManus) (2-80-1:05)	14-0
1 0:00 Cobb County	TD Mostert 9 run (McManus) (10-76-4:15)	21-0
2 1:42 Cobb County	FG McManus 43 (11-53-5:52)	24-0
2 0:04 Las Vegas	FG Fairbairn 51 (11-42-1:31)	24-3
3 9:21 Las Vegas	FG Fairbairn 23 (13-70-5:35)	24-6
3 3:56 Las Vegas	TD Cook 1 run (Fairbairn) (11-69-3:47)	24-13
4 6:43 Cobb County	TD Cooks 30 run (McManus) (11-98-7:30)	31-13
4 1:44 Las Vegas	TD Brissett 26 pass to Brate (no good) (11-65-4:51)	31-19

Passing

CB: Tannehill 23/18 307 Yds 2 TDs
LV: Brissett 23/16 138 Yds TD, Wentz 9/4 30 Yds

Rushing

CB: Peterson 17/54, Mostert 9/41 TD, Cooks 1/30 TD, Tannehill 1/1
LV: Brissett 15/73, Cook 12/33 TD, Wentz 3/11

Receiving

CB: Jones 6/103, Parker 4/107 TD, Cooks 3/36, Cook 2/24, Peterson 1/10 TD
LV: Cook 8/69, Thomas 4/33, Pascal 3/23, Jeudy 3/17, Brate 2/26 TD

Defense

CB: White FF 9-Tk, Martinez 11-Tk
LV: Leonard 12-Tk, Armstrong Sk 4-Tk, Williams 8-Tk

Injuries

CB: Hunt 1
LV: |

Misc

CB: |
LV: |



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A 23-yard run by **Ezekiel Elliott** on 3rd & inches fueled a FG drive on Virden's first series then an interception by **Marcus Peters** set up a chip-shot by **Zane Gonzalez** to put them ahead 6-0. A promising Triumph drive late in the 1st was stalled by a holding penalty, but **Dustin Hopkins** came through with a 40-yard boot for his team's only points. A 26-yard pass to **Amari Cooper** was followed up with 6 carries for 43 yards by **Royce Freeman** to set up another Hopkins FG. In the 2nd half Virden scored the game's only TD, a 5-yard pass to **Mohamed Sanu** then Virden clinched it with shutdown 'D.'

11-12-2020 TERRORDOME Temp:70 Wind: Line:VV by 6 MVP:Finley HFA:ON(4)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Twin Cities (1-5)	0	3	0	0	3
2019 Virden (5-1)	6	3	7	3	19

Scoring Summary

1 6:36 Virden	FG Gonzalez 47 (11-61-6:23)	0-3
1 4:18 Virden	FG Gonzalez 23 (4-8-1:58)	0-6
2 14:55 Twin Cities	FG Hopkins 40 (8-53-4:18)	3-6
2 9:24 Virden	FG Gonzalez 22 (9-69-5:18)	3-9
3 10:15 Virden	TD Finley 5 pass to Sanu (Gonzalez) (11-75-4:45)	3-16
4 11:39 Virden	FG Gonzalez 27 (10-74-6:11)	3-19

Passing

TCT: Winston 31/15 213 Yds Int
 VV: Finley 20/13 185 Yds TD

Rushing

TCT: Edwards-Helaire 13/65, Gordon III 3/10, White 3/3, Winston 1/1
 VV: Freeman 21/86, Elliott 11/59, Finley 2/19, Guice 2/3

Receiving

TCT: Golladay 6/124, Moore 4/39, White 3/19, Edwards-Helaire 3/30, Gordon III 1/3
 VV: Sanu 6/60 TD, Brown 4/69, Cooper 3/56

Defense

TCT: Hunter Sk FF 8-Tk, Alexander 10-Tk, Wagner 10-Tk
 VV: Collins Sr. 2-Sks 7-Tk, Heyward Sk 7-Tk, Peters Int 5-Tk

Injuries

TCT: Brown 9, Lindstrom 6, Okung 4, Alexander 4, Brown 3
 VV: Guice 10

Misc

TCT: Winston 8 bad passes
 VV: |



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The Crusaders ran over the Patriots in the first half. A 66-yard run by **Aaron Jones**, a sack for a safety by **Nick Vigil** and the following 63-yard free kick return by **TJ Logan** were big plays that contributed to a 16-point 2nd quarter blitz and a 26-7 Peg City lead. **DeShaun Watson** fought back, going 4 of 5 for 67 yards and a TD to bring the Pats within 12 points at the half. But the Crusaders did not let up. They opened the 2nd half with a 75-yard drive that ended with the 3rd of 4 **Kirk Cousins** TD passes on the day. The Pats managed only a FG in reply and the Pegs went on to win easily.

11-11-2020 Patriot Place Temp:75 Wind: Line:PCC by 10 MVP:Cousins HFA:ON

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Peg City (5-1)	10	16	7	7	40
2019 Charleswood (1-5)	0	14	3	0	17

Scoring Summary

1 7:15 Peg City	TD Cousins 7 pass to Higbee (Butker) (8-70-4:36)	7-0
1 0:06 Peg City	FG Butker 48 (10-32-5:17)	10-0
2 10:52 Charleswood	TD Watson 8 pass to Metcalf (Carlson) (7-52-2:15)	10-7
2 9:02 Peg City	TD Cousins 8 pass to Johnson (Butker) (3-75-1:50)	17-7
2 8:48 Peg City	Safety Vigil	19-7
2 6:22 Peg City	TD Jones 13 run (Butker) (4-22-2:18)	26-7
2 2:19 Charleswood	TD Watson 17 pass to Metcalf (Carlson) (7-75-4:03)	26-14
3 8:25 Peg City	TD Cousins 13 pass to Aiyuk (Butker) (11-75-6:35)	33-14
3 0:18 Charleswood	FG Carlson 39 (16-68-7:53)	33-17
4 9:55 Peg City	TD Cousins 2 pass to McDonald (Butker) (9-75-5:23)	40-17

Passing

PCC: Cousins 27/18 193 Yds 4 TDs
 CHP: Watson 31/20 231 Yds 2 TDs Int

Rushing

PCC: Jones 7/112 TD, Johnson 15/92, Barkley 9/44, Cousins 4/9
 CHP: Kamara 13/54, Watson 1/13, Dobbins 2/4

Receiving

PCC: Allen 4/56, Johnson 4/32 TD, Higbee 3/27 TD, McDonald 2/13 TD, Sutton 2/28
 CHP: Smith-Schuster 7/94, Metcalf 6/75 2 TDs, Kamara 5/37, DeValve 1/14, Jones 1/11

Defense

PCC: Okudah FF 8-Tk, Maye Int 5-Tk, Allen Sk 4-Tk, Humphrey FF 5-Tk
 CHP: Lawson Sk 6-Tk, Trufant 8-Tk

Injuries

PCC: Jones 2
 CHP: Mosley 11, Funchess 9, Campbell 8, James Jr. 4, Mills 1

Misc

PCC: Logan 63-yard Free Kick RET|
 CHP: 18 missed tackles



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Gardner Minshew fumbled at the Spartan 25 on Pickering's first play from scrimmage. Three plays later, Todd Gurley was in the end zone for the game's first score. The early turnover would prove pivotal. The match played out evenly the rest of the way, with the Spartans tying the score at 10 on a TD pass to Marquise Brown after an exhausting 16-play drive. Cowtown responded with its best drive, retaking the lead in the 4th on a 13-yard TD pass from Jimmy G to Chris Conley. With the Spartans driving late, Benson Mayowa sacked Minshew on 4th & 3 to put Cowtown in the driver's seat.

11-14-2020 Tillman Field Temp:50 Wind:0-10 *Internet* Line:COW by 4 MVP:Garoppolo HFA:ON(3)

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Pickering (1-5)	0	3	7	0	10
2019 Cowtown (4-2)	7	3	0	7	17

Scoring Summary

1 12:07 Cowtown	TD Gurley II 5 run (Slye) (3-25-1:04)	0-7
2 9:35 Pickering	FG Zuerlein 53 (12-45-5:34)	3-7
2 2:21 Cowtown	FG Slye 46 (5-21-2:01)	3-10
3 1:37 Pickering	TD Minshew II 5 pass to Brown (Zuerlein) (16-91-8:40)	10-10
4 10:33 Cowtown	TD Garoppolo 13 pass to Conley (Slye) (11-75-6:04)	10-17

Passing

PIC: Minshew II 34/17 132 Yds TD Int
COW: Garoppolo 25/18 219 Yds TD

Rushing

PIC: Minshew II 8/81, Sanders 12/47, Swift 6/26
COW: Gurley II 13/60 TD, Bell 5/7, Washington 3/4, Garoppolo 4/3

Receiving

PIC: Shepard 5/40, Sanders 4/21, Ridley 3/37, Brown 2/14 TD, Swift 2/7, Williams 1/13
COW: Conley 7/103 TD, Humphries 4/41, Bell 3/34, Evans 2/28, Gurley II 1/7

Defense

PIC: Kinlaw 2-Sks 4-Tk, Wolfe 2-Sks 2-Tk, Okwara Sk 7-Tk, Blacklock Sk FF 4-Tk
COW: Watt 2-Sks 6-Tk, Gross-Matos Sk FF 4-Tk, Kennard 11-Tk, Ioannidis Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

PIC: Howard 6, Dennard 6
COW: Smith 2

Misc

PIC:
COW: McLeod FR



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Durham's Cooper Kupp snared a pass from Josh Allen and bolted 63 yards to the Budapest 5-yard line. But the Lizards could not punch it into the end zone as Allen was stuffed by Lavonte David on 4th & goal. Durham briefly took a 3-0 lead on the first of three Ed Pineiro FGs, but gave it up when a 91-yard kick-off return by Pharoh Cooper set up a 4-yard TD pass to George Kittle. An interception by Mychal Kendrick on the next series set up the Stars for a 52-yard Jason Myers FG. That would turn out to be all the points the Stars would need on this slow-moving rainy day in Durham.

11-12-2020 Jurassic Park Temp:83 Wind:Calm Heavy Rain Line:DTL by 6 MVP:Williams HFA:ON(

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Budapest (5-1)	0	10	3	0	13
2019 Durham (3-3)	0	6	0	3	9

Scoring Summary

2 14:40 Durham	FG Pineiro 37 (8-53-3:22)	0-3
2 13:52 Budapest	TD Rodgers 4 pass to Kittle (Myers,J) (4-9-0:38)	7-3
2 11:26 Budapest	FG Myers 52 (4-2-1:31)	10-3
2 0:00 Durham	FG Pineiro 40 (13-58-4:58)	10-6
3 1:09 Budapest	FG Myers 29 (6-57-1:56)	13-6
4 5:46 Durham	FG Pineiro 47 (5-43-2:20)	13-9

Passing

BUD: Rodgers 29/10 90 Yds TD
DTL: Allen 42/25 250 Yds Int

Rushing

BUD: Williams 15/107, Howard 9/31, Taylor 3/20
DTL: Chubb 17/113, Penny 5/23, Allen 4/4, Mattison 1/4

Receiving

BUD: Hollister 7/64, Diggs 1/17, Johnson 1/5, Kittle 1/4 TD
DTL: Boyd 8/81, Kupp 8/109, Hilton 4/25, Chubb 4/25, Hooper 1/10

Defense

BUD: Haden FF 8-Tk, Campbell 2-FF 3-Tk, Harris FF 5-Tk
DTL: Young Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

BUD:
DTL:

Misc

BUD: Cooper 90-Yd KO RET
DTL: |



Surprise starter, **Dwayne Haskins** almost threw the game away with 3 interceptions on 3 2nd quarter drives that the Hawks turned into 14 points and a 17-3 lead. The Fish battled back to within 7, but when they failed to convert a 4th down at their own 33, **DeAndre Hopkins** made them pay with a 33-yard TD catch to make it 24-10. **Drew Brees** entered the game and got Sebastian back on track with the help of a fumbled Brooklin PR. Haskins came in to throw a go-ahead 45-yard TD pass to **Odell Beckham Jr** to give the Fish their first lead, But **Derek Carr** led a 93-yard drive for the game-winner.

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Sebastian (3-3)	0	10	10	14	34
2019 Brooklin (4-2)	3	14	14	7	38

Scoring Summary

1 2:12 Brooklin	FG Bullock 31 (11-57-5:18)	0-3
2 13:05 Brooklin	TD Carr 45 pass to Hopkins (Bullock) (2-50-0:19)	0-10
2 11:57 Brooklin	TD Carr 6 pass to Hyde (Bullock) (2-38-0:58)	0-17
2 4:36 Sebastian	TD Haskins Jr. 51 pass to Shenault Jr. (Bailey,D) (9-85-4	7-17
2 0:00 Sebastian	FG Bailey 40 (10-39-1:50)	10-17
3 12:59 Brooklin	TD Carr 33 pass to Hopkins (Bullock) (1-33-0:15)	10-24
3 9:16 Sebastian	TD Brees 11 pass to Beckham Jr. (Bailey,D) (7-86-3:27)	17-24
3 6:23 Brooklin	TD Carr 13 pass to Cobb (Bullock) (5-81-2:45)	17-31
3 0:13 Sebastian	FG Bailey 30 (18-63-6:07)	20-31
4 14:49 Sebastian	TD Brees 22 pass to Boykin (2 - failed) (2-26-0:15)	26-31
4 8:46 Sebastian	TD Haskins Jr. 45 pass to Beckham Jr. (2 - Reagor) (3-62-	34-31
4 1:18 Brooklin	TD Carr 10 pass to Hopkins (Bullock) (14-93-7:23)	34-38

Passing

SS: Brees 23/16 282 Yds 2 TDs, Haskins Jr. 25/13 200 Yds 2 TDs 3 Int
 BRH: Carr 35/28 357 Yds 5 TDs

Rushing

SS: Taylor 7/31, Edmonds 8/31, Haskins Jr. 3/14, Williams 3/12
 BRH: Breida 13/73, Hyde 7/43

Receiving

SS: Tate 10/84, Reagor 6/134, Shenault Jr. 5/102 TD, Beckham Jr. 3/73 2 TDs
 BRH: Hopkins 16/260 3 TDs, Cobb 3/28 TD, Engram 2/13, Hyde 2/12 TD, Jeffery 2/24

Defense

SS: King FF 12-Tk, Jones Sk 3-Tk
 BRH: Apple 11-Tk, Bates III Int 5-Tk, McDougald Int 4-Tk, Gunter Sk 3-Tk

Injuries

SS:
 BRH: Elliott 9, McPhee 6, Williams 5, Tuitt 4, Vander Esch 1

Misc

SS: 560 Yds total offence
 BRH:



With York in front 3-0 after an opening field goal, **Joe Burrow** was stoned for no gain on 4th & 1 at the York 45. The Swords took over and drove 55 yards in 4 plays, scoring on a 20-yard pass to **Danny Amendola** to make it 10-0. With the defences playing well, both sides exchanged FGs in the 2nd to make it 13-3, York at half time. Scarborough opened the 3rd with a nice drive where Burrow went 4 of 4 for 66 yards, including a TD to **Jamison Crowder**. It stayed close until the 4th, when **Derrick Henry** caught a 6-yard TD pass. He then ran the tired Eagles into the ground the rest of the way.

11-13-2020 Camelot	Temp:54	Wind:Calm	None	Line:SBE by 2	MVP:Henry	HFA:ON(3)
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	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Scarborough (4-2)	0	3	7	7	17
2019 York (3-3)	3	10	0	14	27

Scoring Summary

1 10:34 York	FG Hauschka 42 (11-51-4:21)	0-3
2 13:13 York	TD Brady 20 pass to Amendola (Hauschka) (4-55-2:14)	0-10
2 1:14 Scarborough	FG Crosby 36 (9-65-3:14)	3-10
2 0:02 York	FG Hauschka 40 (7-53-1:06)	3-13
3 9:52 Scarborough	TD Burrow 14 pass to Crowder (Crosby) (8-75-5:08)	10-13
4 12:26 York	TD Brady 6 pass to Henry (Hauschka) (11-79-5:47)	10-20
4 4:37 York	TD Henry 1 run (Hauschka) (13-58-6:36)	10-27
4 1:55 Scarborough	TD Burrow 7 pass to Freeman (Crosby) (8-78-2:32)	17-27

Passing

SBE: Burrow 37/22 228 Yds 2 TDs
 YOR: Brady 32/18 226 Yds 2 TDs

Rushing

SBE: Davis 1/35, Carson 13/34, Burrow 3/12, Freeman 5/11
 YOR: Henry 28/128 TD, Brady 2/2, Snell Jr. 2/2

Receiving

SBE: Freeman 7/37 TD, Robinson II 5/56, Crowder 4/45 TD, Eifert 2/23, Edwards 2/34
 YOR: Williams 5/80, Ertz 3/33, Amendola 3/50 TD, Henry 3/19 TD, Smith 2/16

Defense

SBE: Fowler Jr. 2-Sks 5-Tk, Ryan FF 9-Tk
 YOR: Griffen Sk 4-Tk, Henderson 8-Tk

Injuries

SBE: Jackson 4
 YOR: Sproles 5, Butler 5



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The game began well for Georgia when **Taven Bryan** blocked **Sam Koch's** opening drive punt at the Aurora 25. The offence was forced to settle for a FG. Soon after, **Kenyan Drake** broke free for a 58-yard TD run to make it 7-3 Aurora. The Glads hung tough, responding with a 75-yard drive that ended with **Sony Michel** finding the end zone from 1-yard out. Drake continued to bedevil Georgia, however. He caught a 7-yard check down from **Matt Ryan** for the go-ahead TD and Aurora would hold the lead the rest of the way. Aurora extended its lead to 18 points in the 3rd and galloped away.

11-14-2020 Georgia Stadium Temp:81 Wind:0-10 Rain Line:AUR by 6 MVP:Drake HFA:0

	1	2	3	4	Tot
2019 Aurora (4-2)	7	7	14	7	35
2019 Georgia (1-5)	3	7	0	7	17

Scoring Summary

1 9:34 Georgia	FG Bass 25 (8-18-4:09)	0-3
1 6:41 Aurora	TD Drake 58 run (Lutz) (2-66-1:00)	7-3
2 14:00 Georgia	TD Michel 1 run (Bass) (12-75-7:41)	7-10
2 7:09 Aurora	TD Ryan 7 pass to Drake (Lutz) (11-75-6:51)	14-10
3 6:06 Aurora	TD Drake 5 run (Lutz) (9-84-5:31)	21-10
3 3:13 Aurora	TD Ryan 17 pass to Edelman (Lutz) (2-33-0:48)	28-10
4 14:02 Aurora	TD Ryan 53 pass to Washington (Lutz) (2-68-0:53)	35-10
4 4:59 Georgia	TD Hodges 6 pass to Bernard (Bass) (4-19-1:41)	35-17

Passing

AUR: Ryan 29/18 225 Yds 3 TDs
GEO: Tagovailoa 17/9 64 Yds Int, Hodges 10/5 29 Yds TD

Rushing

AUR: Drake 21/168 2 TDs, Perine 9/11
GEO: Jacobs 15/59, Robinson 8/26, Johnson 1/12, Bernard 1/5, Hodges 2/5, Michel 1/1 TD

Receiving

AUR: Edelman 11/142 TD, Samuels 3/13, Washington 2/58 TD, Drake 2/12 TD
GEO: Robinson 5/27, Fuller V 3/24, Landry 3/32, Bernard 2/9 TD, Johnson 1/1

Defense

AUR: Boston Int 4-Tk, Johnson Sk 4-Tk, Davenport 8-Tk
GEO: Fulton 11-Tk

Injuries

AUR:
GEO: Johnson III 6

Misc

AUR: |
GEO: 12 missed tackles



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Jabrill Peppers picked off **Baker Mayfield** and returned it to the 11, setting up an 8-yard TD pass from **Kyler Murray** to **Henry Ruggs II** to open the scoring. Another Irish turnover led to an Erieau FG then Murray's second TD hook-up with Ruggs made it 16-7, Caddies at the half. Elmhurst switched to **Ryan Fitzpatrick** at QB and he delivered 17 consecutive points to put the Irish in front 24-16. A 53-yard TD pass to **Mark Andrews** converted for two by **Zack Moss** tied the game with 1:25 left. **Tee Higgins** starred for Erieau in the only drive of OT, catching passes of 49 and 6 yards, the last for the win.

11-13-2020 Msgr McClancy Mem Temp:70 Wind:0-5 None Line:EE by 6 MVP:Murray HFA:

	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
2019 Erieau (2-4)	7	9	0	8	6	30
2019 East Elmhurst (1-5)	0	7	7	10	0	24

Scoring Summary

1 4:55 Erieau	TD Murray 8 pass to Ruggs III (Seibert) (3-11-1:01)	7-0
2 9:31 Erieau	FG Seibert 39 (5-11-2:16)	10-0
2 6:11 East Elmhurst	TD Murray 1 run (Blankenshi) (5-67-3:10)	10-7
2 2:18 Erieau	TD Murray 30 pass to Ruggs III (no good) (6-75-3:53)	16-7
3 10:06 East Elmhurst	TD Fitzpatrick 11 pass to Thielen (Blankenshi) (7-79-4:46)	16-14
4 5:08 East Elmhurst	TD Kelley 5 run (Blankenshi) (9-80-6:01)	16-21
4 2:26 East Elmhurst	FG Blankenship 52 (6-38-1:21)	16-24
4 1:25 Erieau	TD Murray 53 pass to Andrews (2 - Moss) (4-75-1:01)	24-24
5 7:18 Erieau	TD Murray 6 pass to Higgins	30-24

Passing

ERI: Murray 34/24 323 Yds 4 TDs
EE: Fitzpatrick 14/10 175 Yds TD, Mayfield 12/7 86 Yds Int

Rushing

ERI: Murray 11/67, Ruggs III 1/20, Hines 4/19, Vaughn 2/11, Moss 4/8, Gore 1/5
EE: Murray 13/69 TD, Kelley 10/36 TD, Fitzpatrick 2/8

Receiving

ERI: Ruggs III 6/100 2 TDs, Andrews 5/94 TD, Hines 4/18, Gordon 2/25, Henry 2/17
EE: Murray 8/103, Thielen 5/59 TD, Hill 3/87, Agholor 1/12

Defense

ERI: Garrett 2-Sks 4-Tk, Van Noy FF 8-Tk, Bosa Sk FF 2-Tk, Reid Sk 4-Tk
EE: Joseph Sk FF 4-Tk, Smith 11-Tk, Allen Sk 6-Tk

Injuries

ERI: Staley 7, Hicks 4, Murray 1
EE: Anderson 9, Ramsey 2



STATS



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STANDINGS & STATS

EFL 2020 Official Standings

East	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cobb County	6	0	0	1.000	W6	209	34.8	96	16.0	18.8	2 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Buffalo	4	2	0	.667	W4	156	26.0	131	21.8	4.2	1 1 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Bruxelles	3	3	0	.500	W1	183	30.5	157	26.2	4.3	2 1 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
New Jersey	1	5	0	.167	L4	156	26.0	199	33.2	-7.2	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
Central	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Peg City	5	1	0	.833	W2	198	33.0	139	23.2	9.8	2 1 0	2 0 0	5 0 0
Viriden	5	1	0	.833	W1	190	31.7	106	17.7	14.0	3 1 0	2 0 0	4 1 0
Charleswood	1	5	0	.167	L4	146	24.3	227	37.8	-13.5	0 4 0	0 2 0	1 4 0
Twin Cities	1	5	0	.167	L1	92	15.3	160	26.7	-11.3	1 2 0	0 2 0	1 4 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Las Vegas	3	3	0	.500	L2	134	22.3	126	21.0	1.3	2 2 0	1 1 0	2 3 0
Seattle	3	3	0	.500	W3	129	21.5	132	22.0	-0.5	2 2 0	0 2 0	2 3 0
Iowa City	2	3	1	.417	L1	119	19.8	155	25.8	-6.0	2 1 0	1 0 1	2 2 1
Chino	2	3	1	.417	L2	138	23.0	150	25.0	-2.0	2 1 1	1 0 1	1 3 1
North	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	4	2	0	.667	L1	152	25.3	137	22.8	2.5	2 0 0	1 1 0	3 2 0
Cowtown	4	2	0	.667	W3	105	17.5	74	12.3	5.2	2 1 0	1 1 0	3 2 0
Durham	3	3	0	.500	L1	113	18.8	119	19.8	-1.0	1 1 0	1 1 0	3 2 0
Sebastian	3	3	0	.500	L1	164	27.3	177	29.5	-2.2	2 1 0	1 1 0	2 3 0
Coastal	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Budapest	5	1	0	.833	W1	129	21.5	66	11.0	10.5	1 1 0	1 1 0	4 1 0
Brooklin	4	2	0	.667	W2	146	24.3	135	22.5	1.8	3 0 0	2 0 0	4 1 0
York	3	3	0	.500	W1	112	18.7	111	18.5	0.2	3 0 0	0 2 0	3 2 0
Pickering	1	5	0	.167		101	16.8	146	24.3	-7.5	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 4 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Stk	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Aurora	4	2	0	.667	W1	163	27.2	152	25.3	1.8	2 1 0	3 0 0	3 2 0
Erieau	2	4	0	.333	W1	109	18.2	143	23.8	-5.7	1 2 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Georgia	1	5	0	.167	L3	86	14.3	161	26.8	-12.5	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
East Elmhurst	1	5	0	.167	L4	114	19.0	145	24.2	-5.2	1 4 0	0 3 0	1 4 0

EFL 2020 Official Passing Leaders

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Tannehill	CB	117	89	76.1	1593	2	1.7	82	18	15.4	150.0
2	Mahomes	VV	114	80	70.2	1079	1	0.9	31	13	11.4	134.4
3	Cousins	PCC	222	153	68.9	1852	2	0.9	71	18	8.1	117.5
4	Jackson,L	BUF	197	144	73.1	1469	2	1.0	56	15	7.6	115.2
5	Carr,D	BRH	212	152	71.7	1663	2	0.9	51	13	6.1	111.0
6	Burrow	SBE	195	128	65.6	1361	0	0.0	58	14	7.2	109.8
7	Stafford	NJ	196	131	66.8	1628	4	2.0	68	14	7.1	107.7
8	Brees	SS	194	135	69.6	1604	3	1.5	67	11	5.7	107.0
9	Garoppolo	COW	182	116	63.7	1400	1	0.5	64	10	5.5	103.3
10	Keenum	NJ	47	32	68.1	305	0	0.0	25	2	4.3	100.0
11	Ryan,M	AUR	192	116	60.4	1386	7	3.6	53	17	8.9	96.8
12	Watson,D	CHP	210	141	67.1	1654	7	3.3	49	12	5.7	96.0
13	Brissett	LV	67	43	64.2	405	0	0.0	47	3	4.5	95.7
14	Finley	VV	54	26	48.1	446	0	0.0	50	3	5.6	95.1
15	Rivers	PIC	102	67	65.7	842	2	2.0	44	3	2.9	92.9
16	Prescott	CHI	215	139	64.7	1474	4	1.9	45	10	4.7	92.3
17	Trubisky	TCT	69	43	62.3	474	1	1.4	48	3	4.3	91.1
18	Murray,K	ERI	164	103	62.8	1159	4	2.4	53	8	4.9	90.0
19	Mayfield	EE	35	21	60.0	258	1	2.9	32	2	5.7	89.9
20	Rodgers,A	BUD	172	96	55.8	1011	0	0.0	50	8	4.7	88.6
21	Minshew II	PIC	86	46	53.5	561	1	1.2	41	5	5.8	88.4
22	Brady	YOR	177	106	59.9	1225	4	2.3	52	9	5.1	88.4
23	Allen,J	DTL	185	109	58.9	1166	1	0.5	63	7	3.8	87.8
24	Darnold	SEA	193	121	62.7	1317	5	2.6	72	9	4.7	87.5
25	Wilson,R	ICC	160	97	60.6	1060	3	1.9	48	6	3.8	84.9

EFL 2020 Official Kick Return Leaders

EFL 2020 Official Punt Return Leaders

		No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Reagor	SS	7	5	114	16.3	49	0	1	Patterson	VV	10	340	34.0	94	1
2	Agnew	SEA	15	3	193	12.9	78	1	2	Spencer,D	NJ	10	286	28.6	57	0
3	Johnson,D	GEO	16	3	168	10.5	72	1	3	Roberts,A	BRX	10	281	28.1	46	0
4	Ervin	VV	13	7	131	10.1	41	0	4	Ruggs III	ERI	13	357	27.5	53	0
5	Hardman	LV	14	4	123	8.8	20	0	5	Hardman	LV	7	186	26.6	39	0
6	Cohen	NJ	12	3	103	8.6	17	0	6	Carter,D	BUF	19	480	25.3	52	0
7	Berrios	AUR	16	2	136	8.5	19	0	7	Davis,T	SBE	8	196	24.5	29	0
8	Roberts,A	BRX	11	8	92	8.4	13	0	8	Raymond	EE	10	238	23.8	33	0
9	Carter,D	BUF	14	4	113	8.1	17	0	9	Hilliard	PCC	8	185	23.1	35	0
10	Harris,D	COW	18	5	131	7.3	17	0	10	Sanders,M	PIC	7	161	23.0	27	0
11	Rogers,C	CHI	12	5	87	7.3	15	0	11	Ballentine	SS	11	240	21.8	37	0
12	Proche II	DTL	21	1	147	7.0	11	0	12	Latimer	DTL	9	195	21.7	37	0
13	Cooper,P	BUD	10	10	69	6.9	11	0	13	James Jr.	GEO	11	225	20.5	29	0
14	Peppers	ERI	8	6	55	6.9	13	0	14	Grant,J	CHI	10	191	19.1	28	0
15	Thomas,D	SBE	20	1	129	6.5	17	0	15	Richard	CHP	16	288	18.0	30	0
16	Logan,T	PCC	14	7	77	5.5	13	0	16	Perine	AUR	7	108	15.4	31	0
17	Quinn,T	EE	11	9	57	5.2	15	0	17	Harris,D	COW	1	42	42.0	42	0
18	Barner	BRH	9	1	39	4.3	15	0	18	Cooper,P	BUD	6	202	33.7	91	0
19	Amendola	YOR	11	6	42	3.8	8	0	19	Cohen	NJ	1	28	28.0	28	0
20	Natson	CB	15	3	54	3.6	14	0	20	Natson	CB	6	154	25.7	42	0
21	Lockett	ICC	2	2	15	7.5	9	0	21	Lockett	ICC	3	73	24.3	31	0
22	Kirk	ICC	3	1	22	7.3	9	0	22	Campbell,P	CHP	1	24	24.0	24	0
23	Sherels	YOR	1	0	7	7.0	7	0	23	Pascal	LV	1	23	23.0	23	0
24	Richard	CHP	5	1	21	4.2	7	0	24	Agnew	SEA	4	92	23.0	31	0
25	Moore,D	TCT	3	15	12	4.0	6	0	25	Scott,B	BRH	4	90	22.5	28	0

EFL 2020 Official Rushing Leaders

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Fournette	BRX	128	759	5.9	56	5
2	Chubb,N	DTL	122	732	6.0	75	3
3	Elliott,E	VV	132	695	5.3	30	3
4	Jackson,L	BUF	103	648	6.3	25	4
5	Mixon	ICC	103	539	5.2	24	5
6	Carson,C	SBE	107	483	4.5	26	1
7	Henry,D	YOR	130	475	3.7	24	4
8	McCaffrey	CHI	83	468	5.6	50	6
9	Jones,A	PCC	66	442	6.7	66	3
10	Williams,J	BUD	64	424	6.6	50	2
11	Jacobs,J	GEO	91	384	4.2	27	0
12	Cook,D	LV	110	376	3.4	19	4
13	Singletary	AUR	76	370	4.9	45	0
14	Howard,J	BUD	75	367	4.9	19	3
15	Kamara	CHP	83	365	4.4	50	4
16	Drake	AUR	51	360	7.1	58	2
17	Peterson,A	CB	79	356	4.5	45	2
18	Hyde,C	BRH	75	334	4.5	24	3
19	Edwards-He	TCT	83	316	3.8	19	5
20	Mostert	CB	52	310	6.0	40	6
21	Mack,M	SEA	78	307	3.9	24	0
22	Murray,K	ERI	46	270	5.9	25	2
23	Murray,L	EE	62	266	4.3	32	2
24	Barkley,S	PCC	53	253	4.8	29	2
25	Swift	PIC	48	250	5.2	63	0
26	Gurley II	COW	72	225	3.1	15	2
27	Breida	BRH	49	223	4.6	32	0
28	Ingram II	CHI	54	216	4.0	29	1
29	Taylor,J	SS	63	200	3.2	15	1
30	Robinson,J	GEO	54	195	3.6	27	0
31	Montgomery	NJ	74	195	2.6	33	1
32	Johnson,D	PCC	30	181	6.0	18	0
33	Allen,J	DTL	32	173	5.4	15	1
34	Sanders,M	PIC	63	152	2.4	24	1
35	Edmonds	SS	24	147	6.1	24	2

EFL 2020 Official Receiving Leaders

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	McCaffrey	CHI	56	412	7.4	27	4
2	Thomas,M	LV	55	556	10.1	47	3
3	Hopkins,D	BRH	54	817	15.1	51	7
4	Woods,R	BUF	49	579	11.8	52	6
5	Edelman	AUR	41	492	12.0	49	8
6	Sanders,E	BUF	35	381	10.9	28	2
7	Kupp	DTL	34	445	13.1	63	1
8	Brown,J	VV	34	525	15.4	29	6
9	Kittle	BUD	32	316	9.9	17	4
10	Cohen	NJ	32	215	6.7	19	0
11	Tate	SS	32	332	10.4	44	1
12	Smith-Schu	CHP	32	426	13.3	36	3
13	Chark Jr.	NJ	32	483	15.1	52	6
14	Witten	SS	31	316	10.2	40	3
15	Fournette	BRX	31	238	7.7	26	1
16	Renfrow	SEA	31	450	14.5	72	5
17	Metcalf	CHP	31	447	14.4	35	3
18	White,J	TCT	30	314	10.5	47	1
19	Allen,K	PCC	30	374	12.5	28	3
20	Freeman,D	SBE	29	196	6.8	17	1
21	Bell,L	COW	28	225	8.0	22	3
22	Gallup	CHI	28	462	16.5	45	4
23	Robinson,A	SBE	28	374	13.4	58	7
24	Cooper,A	VV	28	541	19.3	50	6
25	Kamara	CHP	28	226	8.1	49	1
26	Evans,M	COW	28	461	16.5	64	3
27	Andrews,M	ERI	28	327	11.7	53	5
28	Boyd	DTL	27	300	11.1	27	1
29	Jones,J	CB	27	506	18.7	82	5
30	McLaurin	NJ	27	449	16.6	68	5
31	Adams,D	AUR	26	364	14.0	33	5
32	Kelce,T	BRX	25	306	12.2	27	2
33	Ertz	YOR	25	313	12.5	36	3
34	Engram,E	BRH	25	204	8.2	14	1
35	Sutton,C	PCC	24	419	17.5	71	3



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Has the EFL beaten “The Virus?” Judging by the extremely low number of confirmed COVID-19 cases among players, coaches and staff, it certainly looks like it. While cases across North America have risen with the anticipated “second wave,” EFL cases are declining from pre-season levels. Only 6 players are on the list of confirmed COVID-19 cases, while a handful come and go every week from the reserve list, which consists of asymptomatic positive tests awaiting confirmation, or high-risk exposures awaiting their results. And then there is **Antonio Brown**, the only player currently on the voluntary COVID list, who stated this week that he is not ready to come off it for some time, despite no positive tests to date.

So, what is the EFL doing right? “Medical professionals” appearing on talk shows are quick to point out that compliance with mask-wearing directives, strict maintenance of “social bubbles,” few or no fans at most games and constant hand-washing are doing the trick. But a growing number of people closer to the action have a different theory. Medical and training staff employed by EFL teams think there might be something to that strange amulet the league forced all the players and staff to wear; the one with the bug and goat’s head and the gaudy blue and orange colour-scheme.

It is getting no air time in the mainstream media, but sources inside the league tell me that all of the positive cases – I mean *ALL* – have been traced to players or staff who have not worn the amulet. The latest case in point is **Chris Jones**, the star defensive end for the Peg City Crusaders, and most recent addition to the confirmed COVID-19 list. His story is not being told in the regular media, but apparently Jones went to a private party at a place called the *OV Club* in Winnipeg after the Crusaders trounced the Pats in Week Five. The club is supposed to be closed, but about 100 high rollers from both the Pats and the Crusaders and their entourages crowded into the club for a post-game *soirée*. Jones, who likes to keep his clothing accessories simple, attended the party without his league-issued amulet. Two days later, he tested positive with symptoms. Other players who reportedly attended, including **Marlon Humphrey** and **DeShaun Watson**, wore their amulets and tested negative during the week.

Of course, you can probably guess already why it is only Yours Truly who is writing about this. Big Pharma stands to lose billions of dollars in vaccine sales if it could be shown that wearing a simple amulet with a scarab and goat’s head on it effectively inoculates a person to the ever-mysterious virus. Nobody of the power of a **Bill Gates** would want this information surfacing.

Is it placebo or magic? Take your pick. If it works, it works!

THE FEARLESS ONES

The most exciting game of Week Six took place at tiny – and now empty – Optimist Park in Brooklin, where the Swordfish and Hawks joined forces to show how redundant defence has become in the modern era. It was not the highest scoring game in EFL history by far, but Brooklin’s *come-from-behind-after-being-way-in-front* 38-34 victory over the Swordfish featured a combined 50 1st downs, 1,026 net yards of offence and enough missed tackles to stock a season of blooper reels.

This was a game of pure, fearless insanity, starting with the decision of Swordfish coach **Russ Lemmon** to spot start **Dwayne Haskins** at quarterback in place of a healthy **Drew Brees**.

“You know, I was thinking about the future of the franchise,” Lemmon explained after the game, “and it occurred to me that some day Dwayne will have to replace Drew. And I thought to myself, ‘*what if Dwayne hasn’t had any game experience before then?*’” Then I thought it would be a good idea to get Dwayne in there for some practice against that bad group of corners they have in Brooklin. I thought Dwayne did a pretty good job in the end, but he did have that rough patch he’d love to do over again.”

That “rough patch” Lemmon was referring took place in less than a two-minute span in the 2nd quarter when Haskins threw three interceptions to that “bad group of corners” on three consecutive possessions, leading directly to 14 Brooklin points. Only by the grace of a bad snap on a field goal try was it not 17 points. The quick start by the Hawks initiated a back-and-forth display of fireworks that had coaches and fans reeling for the rest of the afternoon.

Despite the three turnovers, Sebastian entered half time only down 17-10. When it was not actually picking off passes, the Hawks’ secondary behaved in its usual sieve-like way. Late in the 2nd quarter, it allowed rookie **Laviska Shenault** to turn a medium curl into a 51-yard touchdown by being so out of position that missed tackles were not an option. In summary, the Fish had weathered a disastrous start and were still in the game. No need to panic – or do something dumb.

Yet, doing something dumb was exactly what the Fish did to open the second half. Polite people are calling Russ Lemmon’s decision to go for it on 4th & 2 at their own 33-yard line, “rash.” I am calling it “dumb.” In the risk-reward equation, this was the wrong answer. The Fish deployed a three-RB set. The Hawks trotted out their goal line personnel and told them to focus on **Chase**

Edmonds. They guessed right and Edmonds was stopped at the line by **Isaiah Simmons**. On the next play, **De'Andre Hopkins** – the Hawks' *One-Man Offence* on this day – was in the end zone after tearing through the Sebastian secondary for a 33-yard score. The Hawks now led 24-10. Although there would be a lot more game left to be played and plenty of ups-and-downs to go through, this practically free score counted in the total and, along with the other free scores of the 1st half, secured the opportunity for the Hawks to eventually win the game in dramatic fashion.

This slap-in-the-face TD woke the Sebastian coach up from his dreams and schemes. He opened his eyes, was horrified to see his team losing 24-10, and knew exactly who to call.

Drew Brees entered the game and made things right on the offensive side for a while. But the Swordfish defence still had no answer for Hopkins, who beat a double-team for a 51-yard pass play to set up a TD pass to **Randall Cobb**, giving Brooklin a 31-17 lead mid-way through the 3rd quarter.

Brees then engineered a mammoth 18-play field goal drive that was kept alive, ironically, by an Edmonds 4th & 1 conversion at the Sebastian 44 using the same play that had failed on their first possession of the 2nd half. The Hawks were again prepared for it, but just couldn't stop it.

Trailing 31-20, Sebastian finally got a break



The weird and unappealing design of the EFL anti-COVID-19 scarab amulet is appearing on plaques on walls above the doorways to EFL locker rooms and gates into stadiums. Players don't like wearing it, but who can argue against the record low COVID case rates league-wide?

when **Boston Scott** fumbled the kickoff return and the Fish recovered at the Hawks' 26-yard line. Two plays later, Brees found **Miles Boykin** in the back of the end zone for a 22-yard touchdown. The two-point conversion missed, but Sebastian was only one score away, trailing 31-26.

After **Randy Bullock** hooked a 48-yard field goal attempt that would have given Brooklin an 8-point lead, the Sebastian coach made an apparently random move by inserting Haskins under center for Brees two plays into the return drive. But it was not interpreted as random by Brooklin coach, **Tom Jones**. He sensed a Haskins run and loaded the box. It was the perfect trap. Haskins' play-action fake got the defence to bite, giving him plenty of time to find **Odell Beckham Jr** open down the seam for a 45-yard score. This time the two-point covert was successful and the Swordfish led for the first time in the game, 34-31, with 8:46 left to play in the 4th quarter.

It looked for a moment as if the Swordfish would pull this one out of the fire in spite of all the gaffes. But the Hawks had other ideas. Their plan to re-claim victory started with a commitment to the run. This was unexpected, as passing had ruled the day to that point. **Matt Breida** and **Carlos Hyde** got the call 6 times in the first 7 Brooklin plays from scrimmage and they advanced the ball 41 yards between them to get their team to the halfway point. From there, **Derek Carr** peppered the defence with short passes to advance to the Sebastian 28-yard line, where the Hawks finally faced a fateful 4th & 3. Convention says a coach should go for the tie in this scenario by trying a field goal. But with Bullock's earlier 48-yard miss still fresh in his memory, Coach **Tom Jones** decided to keep his offence on the field.

Anticipating a Hawks' attempt to get them to jump offsides, the Swordfish defence held their positions with great discipline. But they were slow off the mark when the ball was actually snapped, allowing Breida to break containment for an 11-yard run. Two plays later, Carr and Hopkins connected for their third TD hook-up of the game, giving Brooklin a 38-34 lead with 1:18 left.

The Fish took over at their own 11 with no timeouts left. For many teams, the end game in this situation would be a formality. But with Brees back in the game for Sebastian, it was anything but. With every defensive back at their disposal on the field for Brooklin, the veteran easily found the gaping holes in the secondary and connected with **Jalen Reagor** for pass completions of 13, 52 and 21 yards, reaching the Brooklin 3-yard line as time ticked away. The final pass toward the middle of the field made getting out of bounds impossible, so the game ended with Brees frantically trying to line-up his offence for a spike.

It was another impossible win for Brooklin. For the Swordfish, it was a lost opportunity. Both coaches reacted philosophically, without bitterness, to the outcome.

"I liked the way we dug ourselves out of that hole we dug ourselves into," Sebastian coach **Russ Lemmon** replied, when asked what positive takeaways he had from a such a tough loss. "We came back and there was no hesitation to go for it on those critical drives

we needed to get in a position to win. We battled right to the end! That's all a coach can ask of his players!"

I like how the Sebastian coach mentions the hole "we" dug ourselves into. I think "I" is a more appropriate pronoun.

Tom Jones approached the podium with the glazed, unfocused eyes of a chicken hawk that had just swooped in for the kill. "That was amazing!" he pronounced with zeal. "What a game! I wish I had a game ball for everybody! You, De'Andre, you get a game ball! And you, Derek, you get a game ball! And you, Coach Russ, you get a game ball too! You went for it! I respect that! You went for it when others wouldn't have gone for it! Sometimes, you gotta go for it and it doesn't matter what happens if you don't get it! At least you know you went for it! That's what going for it means! It means...*going for it! Ye-ahh!*"

It is clear that **Tom Jones** and **Russ Lemmon** are part of the same coach club and it's not the **Tom Landry** club. It is a club that takes risks – not always calculated ones. They are the skateboarders and skydivers of the coaching set. The fearless ones. The ones who live for the moment – remember the good times, forget the bad times. Seize the moment; even if the moment is not now, seize it anyway! Go for it, man! Go for it!

I don't think its always smart football, but when two coaches like these clash on the same field, it makes for a hell of a game!

LIZARD'S LUCK

It was not pretty – in fact it was very ugly – but in the end, Budapest rebounded from its embarrassing 13-9 loss to Brooklin in Week Five to come out on the better side of the same 13-9 score this week against the Thunder Lizards. One thing we learned in this hyped up 'Atlantic Conference Championship Preview,' is that neither offence is of overpowering calibre and both will struggle to move the ball against each other's imposing defences if they ever have to play again in heavy rain of the type that drowned Jurassic Park this week. Of the two, it was the Durham attack that looked more on track, except in the red zone where it counted most. They proved able to consistently threaten, but not score; which is partially a testament to the play of the North Stars' defence, but is also attributable to an overall lack of confidence brought on by a season of bad luck and a collective sense that they are being persecuted by the refs.

Another thing we learned is how indifferent Durham coach, **George Kaldis** is to wearing his mask when he is hot under the collar. His mask was off more than on this Sunday in order to ensure that Referee **Shawn Smith** got an earful of his opinions after some questionable calls went against the Thunder Lizards.

The particular attention Durham is receiving from officials this year – they are the most penalized team in the league in both number of penalties called and yards assessed – has had a cumulative effect on the psyche of the team's coach. On Sunday Kaldis finally blew his stack over a relatively clear call that, in the end, had no definitive impact on the outcome.

It happened after the Lizards lined up on 4th & 5 to try a 37-yard field goal with 5:57 left in the 4th quarter, trailing 13-6. Now, some might question the decision to *not* go for the 1st down in this situation, given that trips to the red zone were hard to come by in a heavy downpour. But **George Kaldis** was still feeling the sting of a missed 4th & 3 attempt at the Budapest 32 two possessions earlier and any points seemed like good points at this stage; even if it meant Durham would need to make a stop *then* score a touchdown within a tight window to win. It was close to an act of desperation on a day when it seemed that everything was going against the home team.

Ed Pineiro booted the ball through the posts without a doubt after a clean snap and perfect hold. (The kick was not the worry as much as the wet ball slipping out of the hands of the long-snapper and holder). But as **Thomas Morstead** slapped Pineiro on the helmet in celebration, a flag fell behind the holder's spot. Holding was the call on right guard **Cesar Ruiz**.

Of all the nine calls that went against Durham on this day, the hold on Ruiz was one of the few clear and obvious ones. Yet, coming near the end of an oppressively frustrating afternoon, with the game soon to be decided, it caused Kaldis to snap. Off came his mask and on to the field he charged, barking something very loud, but barely intelligible at the startled referee. Something close to 'YOU WANT THEM TO WIN!' could be discerned, along with an inexpertly-assembled string of expletives. It is not in Kaldis' nature to go full **Bobby Elder** or **Gus Konstantakos** on the objects of his ire. It is more likely he would internalize his rage and suffer a series of tiny strokes first, before letting loose with crass adjectives like *^&#@\$ or &*%#; or filthy nouns like @^#* and @\$%&#*\$%^!. This was an amateur tirade in form, but was made up for in substance by the naked fury with which it was delivered.

To his credit, referee **Shawn Smith** recognized he was dealing with a man in crisis. This was not the usual "show" for the fans and players – this was a man so angry that he had gone temporarily insane. Smith motioned for the medics on the Durham sideline and uttered soothing words while deftly side-stepping Kaldis' attempts to kick him in the shins. The flag never left his back pocket.

The drama eventually died down. Kaldis was escorted to the sideline by **Calvin Johnson**, who had a calming and reassuring effect on the Durham coach. Johnson was the first ever Durham draft pick and the only wide receiver pick Kaldis had ever truly nailed. He was a noble fixture on the Thunder Lizards in their glory years. Since retiring, Johnson had become an occasional presence on the Durham sideline, with the official title of Assistant WR Coach. But he is essentially a figurehead who Kaldis likes to have around.

Piniero set up for his second try, this time from 47 yards, and made the kick just as surely as the first time, shaving 3 points off the Durham deficit but leaving Budapest's lead intact. Indignant fury and satisfaction at having overcome adversity did not translate into a Durham comeback, however. The denouement played out with Budapest shaving precious time off the clock using obscure players like tight end **Jacob Hollister** and running back 2-A, **Jamaal Williams** to do the heavy lifting; then concluded with a raggedly-executed two-minute drill that netted just 31 yards before fizzling out with a desperation bomb to **Cooper Kupp** that Budapest safety, **Quandre Diggs** tipped away. This final act was marginally dramatic late filler to end a game that had been decided much earlier by a few key plays.

Early in the 1st quarter, before a sense of foreboding had infused the Lizards' spirits, **Josh Allen** threw a strike to **Cooper Kupp** on an isolation play that turned into a 63-yard gain to the Budapest 5-yard line. The Stars' defence rose up, however, stopping **Nick**



This week's frame-up is Cadillac quarterback, **Kyle Murray** the game-MVP in Erieau's 30-24 overtime victory over East Elmhurst. Murray passed for 323 yards and 4 touchdowns. He also added 67 yards rushing on 11 carries to lead the Caddies in rushing. It isn't often Erieau makes the spotlight for offence, so enjoy it, Caddy fans!

Chubb cold on 3rd & 1 then stuffing Allen for a loss on 4th & 1. Durham came away with nothing to show for it except a nasty bruise to their pride. On a positive note for Durham, the Budapest offence under a visibly frustrated **Aaron Rodgers** did not look as if they would be putting the Durham defence into a position to make a goal line stand any time soon. After Piniero kicked his first field goal of the game early in the 2nd quarter, it looked like just a matter of time before Durham would pull away.

The problem of the North Stars' offence, however, was solved when **Pharoh Cooper**, not known for his breakaway speed, returned the ensuing kick-off 91 yards to the Durham 9. With their backs against the wall the Durham 'D' looked up to the task of making a stop. But a 3rd & 9 drop by **George Kittle** was nullified by an encroachment call on **Trent Murphy**. On the make-up try from 4 yards out, Kittle made up for his earlier mistake with a solid snare in the back of the end zone. That would be the game's only TD.

It took a turnover to put the Stars into position for their second score. **Mychal Kendrick**s dove and secured a ball off the hands of **Tyler Boyd** for a video review interception at the Durham 36. After three plays and a net 2 yards, the Stars' **Jason Myers** came on and booted a 52-yard field goal to make the score 10-3 for the visitors. They would carry a 10-6 lead into the locker at half time.

The Lizards started the second half with a promising drive into Budapest territory that ended abruptly when Boyd fumbled trying to make a move and the ball was recovered by **Quandre Diggs** at the 26. The Stars were unable to do anything with it, but another

chance had been squandered. The increasing desperation of the Lizards would manifest on their next possession in the aforementioned failed 4th & 3 gamble, setting the stage for the North Stars' only offensive play of note in the game. Like a stiff kick in the groin, **Jamaal Williams** ran a trap left into a pure run defence and broke 4 tackles on his way to a 50-yard gain that ended at the Durham 11. That huge play set up the North Stars' final field goal, but it had an effect psychological affect greater than the number of points produced. The Lizards were a zombie team from that point on – the only sign of life being the 4th quarter tantrum by their coach.

I want to say this game was another classic example of a hard-nosed, laboriously manufactured win by a typical blue-collar North Stars' team led by **Darrin Jones**. But it was not one of those. Although it was low-scoring and contained many of the “classic football” elements, such as funny bounces, violent hits and terrible weather, it followed no other standard Jones script. It is safe to assume that almost nothing Jones had installed in the offensive game plan worked as intended. It is safe, also, to assume much the same for the defence, since at the end of the day Durham amassed almost 400 yards of offence in a soggy downpour. It is completely safe to assume that a 91-yard kick-off return by **Pharoh Cooper** was not pencilled-in on the play-sheet either. This lack of pride in performance came through in the post-game comment from Jones himself, the second week in a row he has mailed-in his press conference.

“We were fortunate to come out of here with a win,” he stated solemnly, with an air of sheepishness. “But when you can get a win on the road in this league you take it and run. Don't look back. That's a good team we faced on the other side. They had some tough luck today and we caught a couple of breaks.”

Fortune, indeed, played a role. But it seemed to be less fortune smiling upon **Darrin Jones** than it was fortune frowning severely on **George Kaldis** and his team. The clouds that dumped steady rain from opening toss to final gun were symbolic of the clouds of doubt that hang over this unsteady would-be powerhouse. They say a buzzard has no luck because it can't kill anything when nothing dies. Durham can't seem to buy a win that isn't paid for by the other team. Call it Lizard's Luck!

REV YOUR ENGINES!

At the Monastery (or whatever it's called) in East Elmhurst, they required overtime to decide the winner in the Cadillac's 30-24 shootout victory over the Irish. Hold on! Did I just write “shootout,” “Cadillac” and “victory” in the same sentence? [looks back at opening sentence again] Well...it appears I did.

I may have exaggerated a little. This was no shootout of the kind that took place in Brooklin this week or in New Jersey every other week. There were no shoulder mounted rocket launchers and high-calibre machine guns involved here. However, there *were* loaded firearms and the ammunition in **Kyler Murray**'s gun was of a higher calibre than he is used to firing.

This game began typically for Erieau, looking like another defensive slog-fest involving inept or careless offences getting their lunch handed to them by defences angry at having to score as well as defend.

Both teams went three-and-out on their first two possessions and East Elmhurst's third possession ended abruptly with an interception of **Baker Mayfield**. But things loosened up after **Kyler Murray** found **Henry Ruggs II** for an 8-yard TD pass to open the scoring late in the 1st quarter; so much so that we were eventually able to bear witness to a rare 30-point scoring effort from the Cadillac.

The last and only time Erieau scored 30 points in a game was back in 2017, in a Week 15, 33-30 loss to Virden. That little fact is all anyone really needs to know in order to appreciate the magnitude of their ineptitude over the years. But on this day, they did not look at all like the historic Erieau.

Murray was on fire, finishing with 323 yards and 4 TDs without an interception and adding 61 yards on the ground to rightly earn game MVP. He finally got significant contributions from the Erieau wide receivers, **Henry Ruggs III** and **Tee Higgins**, who combined for 155 yards and 3 touchdowns. Those numbers might be chump change for a receiver like **De'Andre Hopkins**, but for the starving Erieau offence they are a fortune.

The Irish game of QB-ping-pong saved this contest from becoming an even rarer rout by the Caddies. **Ryan Fitzpatrick** started the 2nd half and rescued the game from a competitive standpoint, although he was not able to ultimately rescue it in the ‘Win’ column for East Elmhurst. He engineered two TD drives and a FG drive to put the Irish in front 24-16 with 2:26 left in the 4th. Erieau took over in dire straits. But with his back against the wall, Murray found a way. Under pressure, he targeted a wide-open **Mark Andrews** near the sideline and Andrews delivered with a 53-yard romp to the house. A screen to **Zack Moss** converted the score to 8 points and, just like they draw it up in places like Iowa and Virden, the Cadillac had rescued the game for the moment.

But there was one more step to go. Murray turned it into a leap by going 4 of 4 for 69 yards on the first and only drive of overtime. He hooked up with Higgins for a 49-yard slant and followed that up with a 6-yard TD throw. Fitzmagick, deprived of the chance to work his magic, looked helplessly at the scoreboard that read, Erieau 30, East Elmhurst 24.

At 2-4, it is probably not realistic to think that the Cadillac are going to make much noise in the playoff hunt. But the noise their offence made today was a satisfying one for Erieau fans. In a single game, they were able to archive more highlights that in all of 2019. That's a dubious achievement in most EFL locales, but for the Caddies, it's a start.

AROUND THE EFL – ERUDITE OBSERVATIONS AND LEARNING POINTS

A North Star fan from Markham, one of the few still loyal to the team after its fly-by-night move to Budapest, e-mailed me about my five-sixteenthly review. Thank you, **Tommy G** for pointing out a false start by the North Stars' wide-receiving corps. He writes:

“You want to know a false start, Spats! The Budapest wide receivers have a total of 22 catches! That is the same or less than 35 players in the league! I don't know where you get off thinking the North Stars are going to beat anybody with receiving numbers like this. I blame the coach and the QB!”

Of course, Tommy, I expect a more well-rounded performance by an offence led by **Aaron Rodgers**. But give it time. **Darrin**

Jones loves his tight ends and backs first. He will have *Stefon Diggs* worked into the game plan by the halfway point. You see.

My column is under strict quality control for length these days. Here is a quick tour of the other games:

↪ The Violators rebounded from their humbling loss to the Pilots with a solid, well-managed 19-3 victory at home over the terrible Triumph. Both coaches put their worst foot forward – *Jameis Winston* versus *Ryan Finley* – and the result was a predictably lacklustre, low-energy game. The *Football Gods* allowed the match to take its course, without interference. The *Football Gods* help those who help themselves, and clearly starting Winston at QB is not helping oneself, or one's team. With *Patrick Mahomes* sidelined, Finley got his second start and didn't screw it up. In fact, he posted respectable numbers, completing 13 of 20 for 185 yards and a touchdown. He was helped out by perfectly-timed pass calls by his coach and a whole lot of running by *Ezekiel Elliott* and former Triumph running back, *Royce Freeman*. The two backs combined for 32 carries and 145 yards. This was an important win, despite its modest appearance. The Violators are neck-and-neck with Peg City after 6 weeks in a race that could go down to the wire.

↪ At the Big House in Chino, the Derailers recorded their third straight win with a 20-17 victory over the Convicts. *Lamar Jackson* threw 3 TD passes and rushed for 76 yards on 10 carries to guide the offence, while the Buffalo defence played takeaway in the 1st half, with first an interception and then a strip-sack of *Dak Prescott* leading to 14 points. The Derailers are picking up steam and seem determined to challenge runaway Cobb County. The Convicts, like the Cubs, are fading.

↪ Speaking of the Cubs, they were beaten severely this week by the Bombers, 36-9, at 'The Fortress' in Bruxelles. The highly-criticized Bomber defence came to play on Sunday, sacking Wilson 5 times, once in the end zone, picking him off once for a score and generally making it impossible for the Cubs' water bug to settle in the pocket or run around the edges. It was a text book example of how good coverage and a strong pass rush can feed off each other to devastating effect. That type of play was supposed to be the blue print for the season, but had remained unseen through the first five weeks of the schedule. If it becomes the norm over the final 10 weeks, Bruxelles will be a team to watch once again.

↪ The Pats' defence is cringe-worthy. Peg City trounced Charleswood this Sunday, 40-17. It was like watching Alabama roll over a Division III team. It wasn't all that fun for Crusaders' fans either, since many of them had once been Pats' fans before the arrival of Winnipeg's second team. The Pats loyal fanbase is proud and used to winning. They are not happy with the state of affairs and feel particular humiliation when crosstown rivals are the ones administering the beating. In their minds, there is only one person responsible for this, *Jason Findlay*. They blame Findlay for turning his team into a doormat and the only thing that might save him down the road would be if Virden returns the favour in a couple of years and trades him back a newer version of the defence he traded away.

↪ York gave the Blue Eagles a bit of a reality check with a 27-17 win at Camelot this week. An early "confidence-building" 4th down gamble at the York 45 by Eagles' coach *Kyle Shanahan* backfired, giving *Tom Brady* the opening he would need to put the Excaliburs into the end zone first on this day. The game went downhill from there for Scarborough. Encouraging for York fans, *Derrick Henry* finally showed up in the way he needs to in order for York offence to truly click. He finished with 28 carries, 128 yards and a touchdown, wearing down the Eagles in the process.

↪ The Pilots followed up their stunning upset of Virden with a not-quite-as-stunning but nevertheless eye-opening 23-20 victory over luckless New Jersey. This was a competitive game, but the end result constituted another humiliation for New Jersey, the team that 4 of out 5 analysts agree is the only team unluckier than Durham. Here, it looked like they had the game heading for the bag, if not in the bag, after the thought-to-be offensively-useless *Michael Burton* pushed the ball across the goal line for the go-ahead TD and a *Chris Boswell* field goal had them leading 20-16 with 1:35 left. But the amazing *Hunter Renfrow* came through again with a stunning 72-yard catch-and-run that set up *Kareem Hunt* for the winning touchdown. *Hunter Renfrow* = hero. Pilots earning recognition.

↪ The Glads offered a bit more than token resistance, hanging in with the Mustangs through one half before falling in the end, 35-17. The only thing truly in doubt in this game was the final score, and it appeared on its way to being a respectable one for Georgia. But when *Dave Birdsall* decided to go for it on 4th & 2 midway through the 3rd quarter at his own 33, he sentenced his squad to a bit more humiliation in the final count than the players deserved. I know, I know, "what has he got to lose?" some people will ask. I say, "a little bit more of your team's pride, that's what!" This game was never going to be an upset, but at this stage of the team's development, staying close in games is important to developing a culture of competition in Lake Oconee.

↪ At the Assassin's Den in Las Vegas, the Coyotes' offence performed surgery without anesthetic on the normally stout Vegas defence in the process of building up a 24-0 lead and going on to win easily, 31-19. It was another near-perfect game for *Ryan Tannehill* and his favourite deep threat, *DeVante Parker*, who caught a 60-yard TD in the first half offensive blitz. I am at a loss to explain the level of play from *Tannehill* and the entire Cobb County offence. Not that I am surprised they are doing well (I predicted it to be so), but the sheer dominance they are putting on display week-to-week is bordering on scary. It is not an offence that runs up the score either. It does what is necessary to win and dials it back when needed to maintain possession and burn out the clock. This is the essence of self-control and should cause alarm bells to ring in the defensive war rooms of their opponents across the league.

↪ And finally, at Tillman Field in Cowtown we got to witness what happens when two bad offensive lines collide: lots of sacks, scrambles, seat-of-your-pants plays and bad throws. In the end, *Jimmy Garoppolo* danced a little better in the pocket and came through with a 13-yard game-winning TD pass to *Chris Conley* in the 4th quarter to lift Cowtown over Pickering, 17-10. *Gardner Minshew II* drew the start at QB for Pickering. He did not seem prepared for the both the strength of the Corn King pass rush and the clumsiness of his offensive line. He was forced to scramble on Pickering's opening play from scrimmage and was stripped by *Xavier Woods*. Cowtown recovered at the Spartan 25. Two plays later, *Todd Gurley* delivered a rare power run to score from 5 yards out. That turnover was the difference in an otherwise evenly-played game. Cowtown rises tremulously to 4-2 while Pickering falls to 1-5.

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EAST ELMHURST @ NEW JERSEY (line – WRECKING BALLS by 5)

INJURIES: East Elmhurst – Jonathan Allen (OUT), Jalen Ramsey (OUT), CJ Anderson (IR). New Jersey – D.J. Chark (QUESTIONABLE), Matthew Stafford (OUT).

That New Jersey would be favoured against any team right now comes as a surprise, but the Irish are surely a team they should beat – on paper at least. The problem with calling any NJ game is that the *real* Wrecking Balls are not living up to the *paper* Wrecking Balls – not even close. This is nothing new, as the team has historically underperformed, only to suddenly emerge without warning and take a chunk out of somebody. Could that happen here? Both Jonathan Allen and Jalen Ramsey are officially ‘OUT’ for East Elmhurst. Ramsey is the team’s best cover guy with nobody behind him. DJ Chark is chomping at the bit, but he is listed as ‘QUESTIONABLE’ for this game. If he cannot go, Terry McLaurin will have to step up and be the go-to guy for Case Keenum. As I look at both rosters, I see two teams going nowhere, but for this week the NJ defence should be able to handle what the Irish bring. **PICK: NEW JERSEY**

ERIEAU @ BUFFALO (line – DERAILERS by 10)

INJURIES: Erieau – Kenneth Murray (OUT), Joe Staley (IR), Akiem Hicks (IR); Buffalo – Jonathan Abram (IR).

After dropping their first two games the Derailers have come on strong with 4 straight wins. Lamar Jackson seems to be getting comfortable throwing from the pocket, resulting in a significant increase in air yards for the Buffalo offence and an overall improvement in production. This week, Erieau’s Stephon Gilmore should be able to handle Robert Woods most of the time in one-on-one match-ups, which reduces what Lamar can do to sting the defence. Noah Fant will get his fair share of looks. Kyler Murray had a breakout game last week and hopes to build on that here. The good Buffalo secondary will do its best to take away Murray’s options on the outside, which means that the Cadillac run game, neglected to this point, must establish control of the line to have a chance. Lamar is the wildcard here. He will need to take charge of this game, or the Caddies will cover – maybe even more. **PICK: ERIEAU**

AURORA @ BRUXELLES (line – Pick ‘Em)

INJURIES: Aurora – None; Bruxelles – Emmanuel Ogbah (OUT).

The Mustangs are coming off a run-of-the-mill mauling of the Gladiators last week and will have to quickly adjust to traveling across the Atlantic to face a team with real talent on the roster. That talent was on full display in Week Six when the Bombers man-handled the Cubs in both phases of the game. That was the version of the Bombers pundits had expected to see coming into the season. Was it just a cameo, or the start of the real challenge to Cobb County and Buffalo in the East? This game will give us a clue. Aurora sits high in the official power rankings but the team is not passing the eye test for me. Their wins have come against mediocre or basket case teams and they have yet to beat a contender. Turnovers are an issue. They lead the league in takeaways but also in giveaways. Matt Ryan has been careless, throwing the ball to opponents 7 times, and this is not the secondary to be careless with. **PICK: BRUXELLES**

GEORGIA @ COBB COUNTY (line – COYOTES by 17)

INJURIES: Georgia – John Johnson III (OUT); Cobb County – Brandon Jones (PROBABLE), Robert Hunt (OUT).

A line this large is not one I am normally comfortable taking, even in a mismatch, given the unpredictability of the sport of football. But the Coyotes look like a machine on offence and seem to have removed any guesswork in their ability to execute their game plan. Even if the pandemic were to suddenly snatch Ryan Tannehill from the starting line-up and push Teddy Bridgewater into the spotlight, it is just as likely that the defence could win this contest against a Gladiator team ranked at the bottom of the league in offensive efficiency and still in the process of testing out a rookie quarterback. The Glads have been inventive in finding ways for their talent-starved defence to slow down their opponents, but their efforts have been mostly in vain. It is hard to imagine a theoretical path to victory for Georgia that

does not involve really bad weather and a ridiculous number of blocked punts. Take the dawgs, not the dog. **PICK: COBB COUNTY**

TWIN CITIES @ SCARBOROUGH (line – BLUE EAGLES by 8)

INJURIES: **Twin Cities** – Kwon Alexander (OUT), Trent Brown (OUT), Chris Lindstrom (OUT), Russell Okung (OUT), Antonio Brown (COVID-19); **Scarborough** – DeSean Jackson (OUT).

An interesting stat that has thrown off the calculus in predicting the Blue Eagles' fortunes is the '0' in the turnover column. Incredibly, after 6 weeks, Scarborough has yet to turn the ball over. This would seem like a near-impossible achievement for any team, forget one quarterbacked by a rookie. This week they host the team that has turned the ball over more than any other. The Triumph have given the ball away 13 times and taken it back only 5, for a minus-8 turnover differential. That neatly sums up the main reason they are wallowing in the Central Division basement alongside a lost cause like Charleswood. Still, as bad as their record is, this is a team with talent that should be able to cover the generous spread favouring the Scarburrows. It will boil down to who starts at QB for T.C. It was thought Jameis Winston had lost his job until last week's appearance against Virden. Guy likes to keep you guessing. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

VIRDEN @ COWTOWN (line – VIOLATORS by 3)

INJURIES: **Virden** – Derrius Guice (IR); **Cowtown** – Cordy Glenn (OUT), Roquan Smith (OUT), Brian Winters (OUT).

We will find out this week just how good the Corn Kings' defence really is against a healthy Patrick Mahomes. Cowtown currently ranks a surprising second in the league in overall efficiency and shows up in the top five in many key categories, notably at no.1 in passing yards surrendered, giving up a mere 149 yards per game. While impressive, Cowtown has not faced anything like a high-powered offence in the Violators' league. Mahomes is well-protected behind his offensive line, has plenty of good options to select from at wide receiver and has Ezekiel Elliott to take the heat of the pass rush off. Virden will keep an opponent guessing and once the guessing game starts, it's over for the defence. On the other side, Mike Evans is getting more attention now that Todd Gurley appears ready for pasture. Jimmy Garoppolo has few other options to turn to while being constantly chased out of the pocket. Easy Virden cover. **PICK: VIRDEN**

CHARLESWOOD @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 10)

INJURIES: **Charleswood** – Jaylon Ferguson (PROBABLE), Kendall Fuller (DOUBTFUL), Parris Campbell (OUT), Derwin James (OUT), Jalen Mills (OUT), Devin Funchess (IR), CJ Mosley (IR); **Durham** – None.

After a strangling loss to Budapest last week, the arrival of the Pats to Jurassic Park could not have been better timed for the Thunder Lizards. The team needs a feel-good win, Josh Allen needs a confidence-booster, and the Pats offer a juicy target on both counts. There is a small chance that Kendall Fuller returns this week for Charleswood, but even so the Pats' secondary is hurting and unlikely to get help from a mediocre pass rush, further degraded by the trading of DeMarcus Lawrence. Allen should be able to come through if Nick Chubb does not. Clearly, George Kaldis would like to see both of them shine. On the other side, the Pats' 'faint hope clause' of DeShaun Watson and Alvin Kamara will be hard-pressed to light it up against a Durham secondary that may be finally coming around. Kamara has not been featured much because the Pats are always coming from behind, which is unlikely to change here. **PICK: DURHAM**

IOWA CITY @ BROOKLIN (line – HAWKS by 9)

INJURIES: **Iowa City** – Dee Ford (QUESTIONABLE), Will Dissly (OUT), Reshad Jones (OUT). **Brooklin** – Pernell McPhee (OUT), Stephon Tuitt (OUT), Leighton Vander Esch (OUT), JoeJuan Williams (OUT), DeShon Elliott (IR).

In six short weeks the Cubs have gone from being seen as prospective conference champs to a team that will be lucky to make the playoffs. They were utterly beaten on both sides of the ball by Bruxelles last week and looked like a team in a state of total confusion. They arrive in Brooklin where the high-flying Hawks are riding the winds of confidence, billowed by back-to-back wins over Budapest and Sebastian. The Hawks believe they have something special going, and when football players start truly believing in themselves, analysis of statistics, measurables or past performance mostly goes out the window. The Hawks are the most penalized defence in the league and rank dead last in efficiency, but somehow rank no.4 overall in red zone defence; the definition of bend-not-break. Still, like a drug-induced high, it cannot go on forever. Expect the Cubs to turn it around and give the Hawks a wake-up call. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

CHINO @ BUDAPEST (line – NORTH STARS by 12)

INJURIES: **Chino**– Morgan Burnett (OUT), Gareon Conley (OUT), Melvin Ingram III (OUT), Kawann Short (IR); **Budapest** – None.

Considering that the North Stars have averaged just 11 points per game over their last two games, the fact that they are favoured here by more than that is a bit surprising. The Convicts surely have been raked through the air by opposing quarterbacks, but the North Stars do not look built to air blitz anybody, not that Aaron Rodgers and Stefon Diggs can be taken lightly. The Stars' offence will produce at a moderate but steady pace if for no other reason than they will be given many opportunities by the Budapest defence. That is, unless Chino can find a way to effectively diversify the Christian McCaffery Offence to include a stronger supporting cast. Larry Fitzgerald and Marvin Jones Jr are moldering on the shelf and Greg Olsen has simply disappeared. Dak Prescott is not posting the numbers we are

accustomed to seeing and if we don't see them soon, the Convicts' season is in danger of being lost. **PICK: CHINO**

PEG CITY @ SEBASTIAN (line – CRUSADERS by 3)

INJURIES: Peg City – Chris Jones (COVID-19); Sebastian – None.

The Swordfish are tough to project, especially when facing a team, like the Crusaders, with a high-powered offence. The most aggressive team in the league on 4th down succeeds 65% of the time. But it is that other 35% that creates problems for prognosticators and for the Swordfish themselves, as it did last week in their shootout loss to Brooklin. When the scoreboard starts heating up is when the Fish get the most reckless. The pressure to keep up with the league's second most efficient offence will be with them at the start of the game, so it would not surprise me to see an early gamble from Russ Lemmon that has the potential to backfire spectacularly. The Pegs will not need to be so rash, because they have options the Fish don't have. They average 5.5 yards per rush going up against a team that surrenders 5.4 yards per rush. The complete playbook will be at Kirk Cousins' disposal and expect him to use it. **PICK: PEG CITY**

LAS VEGAS @ PICKERING (line – ASSASSINS by 6)

INJURIES: Las Vegas – None; Pickering – Darqueze Dennard (OUT), Xavien Howard (OUT).

The Assassins would be higher in the standings with better quarterback play. Carson Wentz has struggled and has been pulled from games twice in favour of back-up Jacoby Brissett. Despite this, they still own a piece of first place in the West Division thanks to a rock solid defence and the Swiss watch dependability of wide receiver Michael Thomas. Wentz cannot afford a bad game, but he does not need his A-game to survive this week's challenge. The Spartans are showing sparks of creativity on offence, but are so under-staffed in the trenches on both sides of the ball that they cannot maintain momentum on offence and get easily worn down on defence. While Pickering is clearly going nowhere this season, they are still stoking the competitive fire, in anticipation of a better day, by not throwing in the towel. Expect this to be a close game for about three quarters before the inevitable Spartan collapse. **PICK: LAS VEGAS**

SEATTLE @ YORK (line – PILOTS by 1)

INJURIES: Seattle – Olivier Vernon (OUT); York – Malcolm Butler (OUT), Darren Sproles (OUT).

The strange success of the Pilots is one of the early good news stories of 2020. Seattle is riding a three-game win streak after dropping their first three. The strange thing is that they have looked good and played tough through all of it, win or lose. Perhaps that is why the power brokers at ESPN have them ranked no.7 in the power rankings, ahead of some less consistent heavy-hitters. I still see the Pilots' run as one-part smoke and mirrors, one-part guts and determination and no part talent. The star of the team so far would be Hunter Renfrow, not the stars of the past years, such as Khalil Mack and Marshon Lattimore. Mack has yet to record a sack this year. In York, a surly fan base with overly high expectations is temporarily mollified by Sword's impressive tactical and physical victory over the Eagles last week. You never know which York team will show up; that one, or the one that lost to Pickering in Week Five. **PICK: YORK**



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FROM THE EFL ARCHIVES – Week Six of the 2014 EFL season saw a sagging Cubs team surge with a vengeance, out-scoring the high-powered Virden offence in a 30-27 O.T. win to rise to 3-3. Both teams scored in the overtime. Virden led with a FG, but the Cubs countered with a penalty-assisted, 73-yard drive for a **Darren Sproles** 3-yard TD run and the sudden death win.

The 'Conference Championship Preview' game in Week Six also included Durham losing as one of the participants. But their tormentors in 2014 were the charging Mustangs and the refereeing of **Ed Hochuli**. The Lizards

had to contend with both the passing of **Matt Ryan** (355 yards & 3 TDs) and 13 penalties for 115 yards in a 34-27 loss. **George Kaldis** did not blow his stack 7 years ago – he simply shook his head. The lop-sided calls had turned farcical by the 4th quarter, causing opposing coach, **Rich Liotta** to concede afterwards that he would prefer that refs "let the players play." Funny how some things don't change and only history lets us see it.

There were not many noteworthy games to report. All eyes were on Durham and Aurora. The Gladiators won a wild one at Cowtown, scoring 14 points in the 4th quarter to come form behind for a 35-33 victory. **LeSean McCoy** racked up 162 yards from scrimmage and scored 2 TDs for the Glads. The Cowtown last ditch rally was snuffed out prematurely by a baffling **Joe Flacco** interception thrown directly to Gwinnett corner, **Carlos Rogers**. It would not be the last Flacco brain fart in 2014.

The big day defensively in Week 6 came from York's **Jason Babin** in a losing cause. The York defensive end recorded 8 tackles, 2 sacks, a stuff and 3 QB hits in a 16-14 loss to Scarborough. In addition to Ryan's big day against Durham, his teammate **Anquan Boldin** was the beneficiary, with 11 catches for 211 yards and 2 TDs.