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Mohave's Trent Cole juggles the ball after wrestling it away from Cowtown's Marion Barber in Week Four action. Cole would return the fumble 73 yards for a TD in the Hellfire's 23-14 win over the Corn Kings.

## HELLFIRE ON FIRE AND UNDEFEATED!

*Trent Cole's fumble recovery for a TD caps comeback in Cowtown*



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COWTOWN – As one team rises, another falls. The **Mohave Hellfire** continued their run of early season success with an impressive recovery from a 14-point deficit to beat the floundering **Cowtown Corn Kings**, 23-14. The win keeps the Hellfire undefeated and on pace with **Florida** in the EFL South Division, setting up a showdown between the two teams at Dragonmount next week. Meanwhile, the loss drops last year's top regular season team to 0-4 this season. The Corn Kings are one of three winless teams in the campaign, sharing last place overall with the likes of **Colorado** and **Ringgold**.

For several minutes in the second quarter, however, it felt like old times in Cowtown when **Chad Pennington** hit **Santana Moss** on a long fly pattern for a 24-yard touchdown pass while the Mohave defense keyed on **Marion Barber**. The sudden strike to the jugular by the severely troubled Cowtown passing game seemed to throw Mohave back on its heels and energize the Cowtown defense because two plays later, **Kurt Warner** fumbled away the ball on the Mohave 25 yard line after a bone-jarring hit by linebacker, **Landon Johnson**. It took 7 plays, but the Corn Kings finally punched the ball into the end zone on a 1-yard dive by **Marion Barber** for a 14-0 lead. But that would be all the fun Mohave would allow the home team.

The big upswing for the Hellfire came when **Julian Peterson** intercepted an under thrown ball by **Chad Pennington** in Cowtown territory with less than a minute to go in the half. Warner then connected with a wide open **Justin Gage** for a 32-yard TD pass on the next play to narrow the Cowtown lead to 14-10 at half time. The second half saw Mohave shut down the Corn King's offense while their own offense chipped away the four-point deficit with two **Rob Bironas** field goals of 49 and 32 yards, giving Mohave a 16-14 lead heading into the fourth quarter.

The tide turned temporarily back in the home team's favour when **Kirk Morrison** stepped in front of an errant Warner pass for a pick, turning the ball over to Cowtown at mid field with 9 minutes remaining. **Chris Redman**, tossing in relief of the ineffective Pennington, moved the ball into field goal range on a 17-yard pass to Moss. But two plays later, with Barber sweeping through a hole on the outside, Mohave's **Trent Cole** stripped the ball away, juggled it for three steps, and then took it back all 73 yards to "the house" for the stunning final blow. It was a fitting end of a great day for Cole, who made 10 tackles, stuffed a run play, forced the game-keying fumble, and was credited with 2 QB pressures.



10-17-2008 The Hawk's Nest Temp:72 Wind:5-15 MVP: Manning			CHP	RCH
2007 Charleswood (4-0)	14 7 3 7	- 31	First Downs	15
2007 Ringgold (0-4)	0 0 3 0	- 3	Rushes	31-97
			Passes	16-13-216
			Sacked	2-12
1 4:05 Charleswood	TD Peterson 5 run (Gostkowski) (8-68-4:09)	7-0	Fumble	2
1 0:00 Charleswood	TD Manning 21 pass to Welker (Gostkowski) (4-36-2:08)	14-0	Penalties	4-30
2 3:47 Charleswood	TD Manning 48 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (5-63-2:31)	21-0	Turnovers	0
3 9:19 Ringgold	FG Suisham 26 (6-19-3:40)	21-3	Time	30:01
3 2:51 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 42 (10-49-6:18)	24-3	Third Down	4-11
4 14:08 Charleswood	TD Manning 27 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (5-42-1:49)	31-3	Fourth Down	0-1
			Net Offense	301
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KUTZTOWN

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### DRAGON'S "FIREWALL" COOKS BEARS

**GAME POINTS:** Lofa Tatupu's midfield interception of **Tony Romo** with 7 seconds remaining in the game preserved a 1-point advantage and sealed a tight 20-19 win for the Florida Dragons. Earlier, **Mike Nugent's** 42-yard field goal with 3 minutes remaining had erased a 2-point Kutztown lead, putting the Dragons up by one. **Tom Brady's** 15-yard TD pass to **Heath Miller** in the first quarter was the only offensive major for either team as both defenses notched a TD each mid-way through the first half.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Neither quarterback distinguished themselves, but the Bear's **Tony Romo** threw away an upset opportunity with 4 picks and no touchdowns. **Tom Brady** had a pedestrian day, completing 16 of 30 passes for 172 yards and 1 TD with 1 pick. Kutztown running backs averaged only 2.1 yards a carry. Florida's **Richard Marshall** returned a pick 55 yards for a TD.

10-17-2008 Lincoln Financial Field Temp: 83 Wind:0-5 MVP: Tatupu			FLD	KUT
2007 Florida (4-0)	7 7 3 3	- 20	First Downs	17
2007 Kutztown (2-2)	7 9 0 3	- 19	Rushes	29-97
			Passes	32-18-188
			Sacked	1-4
1 4:45 Florida	TD Brady 15 pass to Miller (Nugent) (11-88-5:48)	7-0	Fumble	3
1 0:18 Kutztown	TD Lewis 75 yd fumble recovery (Kaeding) (0-0-0:00)	7-7	Penalties	3-20
2 13:10 Florida	TD Marshall 55 interception return (Nugent) (0-0-0:00)	14-7	Turnovers	4
2 7:00 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 45 (4-8-1:44)	14-10	Time	31:40
2 5:16 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 36 (3-7-1:28)	14-13	Third Down	5-14
2 2:30 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 46 (3-7-1:26)	14-16	Fourth Down	2-2
3 3:59 Florida	FG Nugent 19 (18-72-10:50)	17-16	Net Offense	281
4 13:34 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 28 (10-57-5:08)	17-19		218
4 2:56 Florida	FG Nugent 42 (12-72-7:31)	20-19		



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### CONVICTS LOCK DOWN COLORADO

**GAME POINTS:** Nate Clements intercepted **Matt Ryan** on Colorado's first possession to set up a 7-yard touchdown run by **LaDainian Tomlinson**, the first of four TDs he would score in the game. **Terrence Newman** returned another **Ryan** interception 61 yards in the second quarter for the middle major in a 5-TD performance by the Convict's offense. The anemic Colorado offense would not cross again into Chino territory after that.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** LT rushed for 101 yards and 4 TDs on 20 carries for the Game MVP. The trio of tackle, **Pat Williams**, and linebackers, **D'Qwell Jackson** and **Ernie Sims** led a smothering performance by the Chino defense. **Matt Ryan** passed for a career low, 48 yards and an 18.6 QB rating.

10-17-2008 Toyota Thunderdome Temp: 83 Wind: 10-20 MVP: Tomlinson					CHI	COL		
2007 Chino (3-1)	14	14	7	0	- 35	First Downs	17	6
2007 Colorado (0-4)	0	0	0	0	- 0	Rushes	42-148	32-72
						Passes	17-8-89	11-5-48
1 10:25 Chino	TD Tomlinson	7 run (Reed,J)	(2-7-0:13)	7-0		Sacked	0-0	0-0
1 3:42 Chino	TD Tomlinson	2 run (Reed,J)	(9-67-4:13)	14-0		Fumble	0	2
2 9:43 Chino	TD Newman	61 interception return (Reed,J)	(0-0-0:00)	21-0		Penalties	4-23	4-18
2 1:54 Chino	TD Tomlinson	1 run (Reed,J)	(10-50-5:15)	28-0		Turnovers	1	3
3 3:08 Chino	TD Tomlinson	12 run (Reed,J)	(6-30-3:46)	35-0		Time	34:13	25:47
						Third Down	8-14	2-13
						Fourth Down	2-3	0-1
						Net Offense	237	120



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**DURHAM**



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**GWINNETT**

### ***PALMER DELIVERS CLUTCH PERFORMANCE***

**GAME POINTS:** Gladiator QB, **Carson Palmer's** short slant to **Braylon Edwards** turned into a 35-yard catch-and-run TD pass that put Gwinnett ahead of Durham by 6 points, 23-17 in the third quarter. The Glads missed a chance to clinch the game after a 75-yard reception by **Braylon Edwards** late in the 4<sup>th</sup> brought the ball to the Durham 5 yard line; but the T-Lizards held and **Josh Brown** missed the chip shot field goal attempt. Durham failed to capitalize on their second life as **Robert Mathis** sacked **Philip Rivers** to squelch the rally.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** The beleaguered **Carson Palmer** finished with his best day of the young season, throwing for 326 yards and 2 TDs. **Braylon Edwards** racked 153 yards on 6 catches and caught both Palmer TD passes. 3 Durham running backs combined for 213 rushing yards, including a 79-yard run by **Michael Turner**. **Philip Rivers** was picked twice, once in the end zone.

10-18-2008 Gwinnett Coliseum Temp: 84 Wind: 5-15 MVP: Palmer					DTL	GWG		
2007 Durham (1-3)	0	10	7	0	- 17	First Downs	25	19
2007 Gwinnett (1-3)	6	3	14	0	- 23	Rushes	30-222	26-85
						Passes	38-22-232	32-20-326
1 4:50 Gwinnett	FG Brown	50 (6-15-2:51)	0-3			Sacked	2-13	0-0
1 2:40 Gwinnett	FG Brown	20 (0-0-0:00)	0-6			Fumble	2	1
2 13:27 Durham	TD Portis	9 run (Crosby,M)	(9-80-4:04)	7-6		Penalties	7-44	4-29
2 5:22 Gwinnett	FG Brown	44 (8-37-4:01)	7-9			Turnovers	3	2
2 1:07 Durham	FG Crosby	45 (3-4-1:17)	10-9			Time	29:11	30:49
3 12:34 Gwinnett	TD Palmer	17 pass to Edwards (Brown,J)	(2-32-0:52)	10-16		Third Down	7-13	5-12
3 10:08 Durham	TD Gore	3 run (Crosby,M)	(4-81-2:18)	17-16		Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
3 6:30 Gwinnett	TD Palmer	35 pass to Edwards (Brown,J)	(6-94-3:30)	17-23		Net Offense	441	411



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**PICKERING**



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**IOWA CITY**

### ***UNDEFEATED CUBS WIN WITH BACK-UP QB***

**GAME POINTS:** The Cub's defense clamped down on Pickering's **Donovan McNabb** in support of their young back-up QB, **Trent Edwards**, holding the Spartans to 174 yards of total offense. **Edwards** caught the Spartans off guard with a naked bootleg from the Pickering 10 yard line in the second quarter to score the game's only TD.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Iowa City's **Jay Feely** was perfect from the pitch, hitting 4 of 4 field goal attempts, including a 55-yard effort to finish off the scoring. **Brandon Jacobs** and **Dwayne Wright** combined for 122 rushing yards. **Trent Edwards** completed 15 of 25 pass attempts for 145 yards and added 25 yards rushing. **Donovan McNabb** had an off day, completing only 10 of 23 pass attempts for 77 yards and a game day QB rating of 52.3. **Fred Taylor**, returning from injury, rushed for 109 yards on 20 carries but could not spark the Spartans.

10-18-2008 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 79 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Edwards					First Downs	PIC	ICC
2007 Pickering (2-2)	0	0	0	3	-3	10	19
2007 Iowa City (4-0)	6	7	3	3	-19	21-116	34-149
1 10:41 Iowa City	FG Feely 24 (8-73-4:19)				0-3	23-10-77	25-15-145
1 4:05 Iowa City	FG Feely 27 (9-40-4:56)				0-6	3-19	3-17
2 5:16 Iowa City	TD Edwards 10 run (Feely) (9-57-5:13)				0-13	Fumble	3
3 3:05 Iowa City	FG Feely 29 (3-10-2:07)				0-16	Penalties	5-35
4 13:03 Pickering	FG Tynes 52 (12-36-4:46)				3-16	Turnovers	1
4 3:50 Iowa City	FG Feely 55 (12-42-9:07)				3-19	Time	22:21
						Third Down	3-12
						Fourth Down	1-2
						Net Offense	174
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**WINNEMUCCA**

**KNIGHTS ROB OUTLAWS IN FINAL SECONDS**

**GAME POINTS:** Double digit underdog, Winnemucca pushed Los Angeles to the final seconds in a thrilling 23-21 Knight's victory on Saturday Night Football. The game boiled down to the final minute, with Outlaw's **David Garrard** throwing what appeared to be the winning TD pass to Justin Fargas with 37 seconds left. But **Adam Vinatieri** squibbed the kickoff out of bounds to give LA good field position. **Brodie Croyle** threw a strike to **Roddy White** for 17 yards then dumped a pass to Selvin Young as time ticked down to get in range for a 53-yard Kris Brown field goal, with the wind, to win the game.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** **David Garrard** completed 25 of 34 passes for 274 yards, 2 TDs, and no picks in a losing cause. **Hines Ward** caught 10 passes for 107 yards. Llinebacker, **Zach Thomas** recorded 16 tackles. Back-up LA QB, **Brodie Croyle** was efficient, hitting 13 of 18 passes for 150 yards. **Kevin Jones, Tatum Bell** and **Selvin Young**, combined for 192 rushing yards.

10-19-2008 Hole in the Wall Temp: 68 Wind: 15-25 MVP: Jones					First Downs	LAK	WMO
2007 Los Angeles (3-1)	14	3	0	6	-23	18	24
2007 Winnemucca (1-3)	0	3	3	15	-21	40-194	24-120
1 4:59 Los Angeles	TD Jones 6 run (Brown,K) (9-91-5:12)				7-0	Passes	18-13-150
1 1:24 Los Angeles	TD Jones 6 run (Brown,K) (4-23-1:46)				14-0	Sacked	0-0
2 7:48 Winnemucca	FG Vinatieri 28 (8-47-4:08)				14-3	Fumble	0
2 2:00 Los Angeles	FG Brown 28 (12-53-5:26)				17-3	Penalties	9-45
3 4:55 Winnemucca	FG Vinatieri 30 (12-70-6:35)				17-6	Turnovers	0
4 11:29 Winnemucca	TD Garrard 11 pass to Lee (2 - Fargas) (10-96-4:24)				17-14	Time	33:15
4 1:51 Los Angeles	FG Brown 34 (15-64-9:30)				20-14	Third Down	9-14
4 0:37 Winnemucca	TD Garrard 8 pass to Fargas (Vinatieri) (10-66-0:57)				20-21	Fourth Down	0-0
4 0:08 Los Angeles	FG Brown 53 (4-24-0:29)				23-21	Net Offense	344
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***INJURY REPORT - Out This Week***

**ANCHORAGE** –D. Smith (shaken), Crumpler (knee); **CHARLESWOOD** – Seymour (arm), Meester (arm), Burgess (arm), Keiaho (neck), Driver (knee), Bernard (neck); **CHINO** – Peppers (shaken), Boldin (arm); **COLORADO** – Pryce (hand), L. Pope (knee); **COWTOWN** – Hackett (knee), F. Brown (hamstring); **DURHAM** – A. Wilson (knee), Stroud (knee); **FLORIDA** – J. Brown (stinger); **GWINNETT** – McGee (shoulder), Polamalu (knee), Hardwick (foot), Hampton (hand), Chavous (shaken), M. Williams (shaken); **IOWA CITY** – Bush (neck), J.P. Losman (shaken), Youboty (shaken); **KUTZTOWN** – Sheppard (ankle), Winfield (neck), Jennings (shaken), L. Johnson (knee); **LOS ANGELES** – K. Jones (wrist); **MARKHAM** – D. Branch (knee), Robinson (arm); **MOHAVE** – J. Mathis (neck), Mendenhall (shoulder), Westbrook (hand); **PICKERING** – S. Taylor (wrist), A. Branch (toe), J. Long (shaken); **RINGGOLD** – None; **WINNEMUCCA** – Leftwich (hamstring), M. Brown (shaken), J. Walker (elbow), L. Coles (neck), Jansen (knee), Tinoisamoa (knee).



# AROUND THE



## With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Mayor Bloomberg says that tourism in New York City is growing. It had better be, because nobody lives in the city anymore and I still can't catch a cab.

### ***CHARLESWOOD ASCENDENT***

The **Charleswood Patriots** consummated a “blockbuster” deal with their Week Four opponent, **Ringgold**, in a serious bid to challenge **Florida** as the EFL's dominant team. Why Patriot's GM, **Jason Findlay** would be interested in any **Crimson Hawk** player after witnessing their flabby performance in getting blown out 31-3 is one of those little mysteries that makes me remember that life is not about rational choices, but about hunches and “feelings” and convenience. The key names are big ones, however, even if their play generally has been small this year.

Among those leaving the Hawk's Nest for the Patriot's Barracks is the only player to show up for Ringgold in Week Four action against the Pats – defensive end, **Kyle Vanden Bosch**. The best player in the deal, “The Bosch,” as he is called, brings instant credibility to what was proving to be a vulnerable **Charleswood** defensive line. The Pats also get overpaid and under-achieving linebacker **Shaun Phillips** to shore up a position where they lack depth as well as top grade talent. If Phillips can raise his game back to its 2007 level, the Pats will have grabbed two immediate impact players to add to their already top-rated defense. **Tony Moll** and **Reed Doughty** are young prospects.

Leaving a good place for a not-so-good-place are two youngsters; tackle, **Branden Albert** and wide receiver, **Limas Sweed** – two of the top prospects at their respective positions in the most recent college draft. Also gone is project running back, **Cedric Benson**, who Ringgold hopes will rebound from off field troubles to realize his considerable talent on the field. Safety, **Deke Cooper** is a spare part past his prime.

The deal signals two things: 1) **Charleswood** believes it can knock off **Florida** for the Pan-Am Conference Championship and, by extension, the EFL Championship. The trade essentially eliminates any potentially exploitable weaknesses, and supports the existing strengths, of their defense. 2) **Ringgold** has given up on the season. The underperforming **Crimson Hawks** have apparently decided that the team is fatally flawed, not just off to a bad start, and therefore have turned to rebuilding, starting with their traditionally weak offensive line. Personally, I think it's an early white flag. On the other hand, **Tim Molinaro** has nothing to lose by shaking things up – the franchise has 1-19 record over its short history.

### ***TURNOVERS TURNING SEASONS AROUND AND UPSIDE DOWN***

Is it me, or does it seem like turnovers are becoming more prominent than ever in game outcomes? Are the defenses also scoring more than usual? I don't have time to conduct a proper study but I asked my pimply, four-eyed geek nephew, Byron, who spends all day inside on his computer, to do a quick check of the EFL turnover ratios and defensive scoring. What he found tells me that I'm right, and that I don't need stats to tell me anything, just to verify the obvious.

The four undefeated teams are all substantially in the positive in turnover ratios: **Charleswood** (+8); **Florida** (+7); **Iowa City** (+3); and **Mohave** (+3). On the other side, the three winless teams are all substantially in the negative: **Ringgold** (-8); **Cowtown** (-5); **Colorado** (-5). If you, like me, were wondering how the hell **Los Angeles** has managed to find themselves at 3-1 with two boobs at quarterback, look no further than the whopping +7 turnover ratio in the Knight's favour. If you, like me, are wondering why teams like **Durham** and **Anchorage** are struggling, then check out their unfavourable turnover ratios, which both rest at -3.

It's not just the net difference, however, it is also the sheer number of turnovers. At the top of the 'Butter Fingers Brigade:' **Cowtown** (13); **Anchorage** (11); **Ringgold** (11); **Colorado** (10); and **Gwinnett** (9) have a combined won-loss record of 3-17. At the low end: **Los Angeles** (1); **Pickering** (3); **Charleswood** (4); and **Iowa City** (4) have a combined record of 13-3. In all, EFL teams have turned the ball over 107 times, an average of just under 7 per team, at a rate per team, per game of 1.67. This means that, on average, we can expect the ball to change hands unexpectedly (or expectedly in some cases) just over three times a game. That doesn't seem like a large number on its own, but when you consider that the defenses have scored *directly* off turnovers a total of 10 times this season, a rate of slightly over 9%, and consider the hard to quantify effect of turnovers inside either team's red zone or at critical times in the game, the glaring conclusion is that ball security is paramount if a team is going to compete.

### **CARSON PALMER AVOIDS THE LIONS**

The impressive spectacle of the Gwinnett County Coliseum has a dark side. Waiting in cages in the basement beneath the field during the Week 4 contest between the **Gladiators** and **Durham** were 6 hungry lions, one for each interception thrown by **Carson Palmer** through the first 3 weeks of the EFL season. According to team insiders, Carson was on the lion's menu if he didn't deliver against the **Thunder Lizards**. When time ran out on **Philip Rivers**, and the gun sounded on Gwinnett's first victory of the season, **Palmer** shed tears of relief on the sideline while the lions dined on old sheep's carcasses.

### **TEAMS I LIKE TO WATCH**

Am I some kind of football pervert because I like to watch **Colorado**? Like staring at a terrible car accident or a circus freak, it is disturbing but irresistible at the same time.

I like the way **Florida** has found ways to win in spite of apparent difficulties getting their offense on track. Are the **Dragons** overrated? I don't think so. But **Tom Brady** has been less than dominant so far and the defense has had to step up their game in order to win. I hold to the belief that **Brady** will break out soon and when he does, watch out league! In the mean time, the defense is demonstrating just how deep a team **Florida** is.

### **NEW YORK GRIPES**

**Donovan McNabb** let me down this week. The **Pickering** pivot could not get it done in Iowa City against a greenhorn QB. The **Spartans** were very slowly strangled by a **Cubs** defense that dared them to run against their four Pro Bowlers.

Quarterback crisis in **Cowtown**? It sure looks that way. But at least there is no QB controversy – **Chad Pennington**, **Chris Redman** and **Joe Flacco** have combined for a 27.0 passer rating!

I have given up on betting **Ringgold**! The team is cursed, and now that they have dumped two of their best defensive players, there is no hope for them. Or maybe there is. Now that I've resolved to stop betting on them, there may actually be some hope.

## **WEEK TWO LEADERS**

### **Passing Yards**

Palmer,C (GWG)	32-20-326
Garrard (WMO)	34-25-273
Hasselbeck (MAR)	36-28-270
Brees (ANC)	31-23-259
Manning,P (CHP)	16-13-216

### **Receiving Yards**

Edwards,B (GWG)	6-153
Stallworth (MAR)	13-122
Wayne,R (GWG)	8-116
Ward,H (WMO)	10-107
Witten (CHP)	4-101

### **Rushing Yards**

Taylor,F (PIC)	20-109
Tomlinson (CHI)	24-101
McGahee (ANC)	16-100
Williams,D (FLD)	25-93
Jones,K (LAK)	21-90

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	2	2	0	0.5	82	20.5	79	19.8	0.8	2 0 0	2 0 0	2 2 0
Markham	1	3	0	0.25	77	19.3	96	24	-4.8	0 1 0	1 1 0	1 3 0
Winnemucca	1	3	0	0.25	39	9.8	76	19	-9.3	0 2 0	1 1 0	1 3 0
Colorado	0	4	0	0	13	3.3	92	23	-19.8	0 3 0	0 2 0	0 4 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	4	0	0	1	100	25	55	13.8	11.3	3 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Chino	3	1	0	0.75	114	28.5	51	12.8	15.8	1 0 0	1 1 0	3 1 0
Los Angeles	3	1	0	0.75	113	28.3	77	19.3	9	2 0 0	1 1 0	3 1 0
Anchorage	2	2	0	0.5	82	20.5	94	23.5	-3	1 1 0	0 2 0	2 2 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	4	0	0	1	98	24.5	32	8	16.5	1 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Kutztown	2	2	0	0.5	94	23.5	81	20.3	3.3	2 1 0	1 1 0	2 2 0
Durham	1	3	0	0.25	71	17.8	86	21.5	-3.8	1 1 0	1 1 0	1 3 0
Cowtown	0	4	0	0	33	8.3	87	21.8	-13.5	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 4 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	4	0	0	1	108	27	51	12.8	14.3	1 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Mohave	4	0	0	1	121	30.3	77	19.3	11	2 0 0	2 0 0	4 0 0
Gwinnett	1	3	0	0.25	78	19.5	102	25.5	-6	1 2 0	0 2 0	1 3 0
Ringgold	0	4	0	0	60	15	147	36.8	-21.8	0 2 0	0 2 0	0 4 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Garcia,J	ICC	47	36	76.6	499	1	2.1	43	5	10.6	136.7
2	Warner,K	MOH	98	63	64.3	816	1	1	48	7	7.1	109.9
3	Jackson,T	LAK	60	41	68.3	486	1	1.7	33	3	5	102.5
4	Garrard	WMO	68	45	66.2	467	0	0	29	3	4.4	100.6
5	Manning,P	CHP	110	70	63.6	960	4	3.6	48	8	7.3	100.6
6	Brees	ANC	124	84	67.7	923	6	4.8	50	7	5.6	88.2
7	McNabb	PIC	125	77	61.6	799	1	0.8	32	4	3.2	87.4
8	Brady,T	FLD	103	58	56.3	639	2	1.9	37	6	5.8	86.2
9	Cutler	CHI	98	65	66.3	730	4	4.1	34	4	4.1	85
10	Rivers,P	DTL	128	77	60.2	842	4	3.1	35	5	3.9	79.6
11	Hasselbeck	MAR	108	67	62	664	4	3.7	34	4	3.7	76.3
12	Romo	KUT	143	82	57.3	920	5	3.5	46	5	3.5	73.8
13	Ryan,M	COL	106	55	51.9	605	4	3.8	42	1	0.9	56.5
14	Palmer,C	GWG	140	71	50.7	835	8	5.7	75	4	2.9	54.9
15	Roethlisberger	RCH	91	47	51.6	575	7	7.7	52	4	4.4	54.1



## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Barber,M	COW	79	411	5.2	56	2	8	Taylor,C	PIC	33	236	7.2	75	1
2	Tomlinson	CHI	75	402	5.4	14	8	9	Jones,K	LAK	53	226	4.3	15	3
3	Williams,D	FLD	68	401	5.9	53	3	10	James,E	RCH	62	222	3.6	27	1
4	Westbrook	MOH	55	284	5.2	24	1	11	Jones-Drew	RCH	37	209	5.6	59	0
5	McGahee	ANC	56	271	4.8	16	1	12	Gore	DTL	35	203	5.8	21	1
6	Taylor,F	PIC	51	263	5.2	18	1	13	Fargas	WMO	51	201	3.9	12	0
7	Brown,C	MAR	62	241	3.9	29	2	14	Jacobs,B	ICC	45	193	4.3	35	0
8	Taylor,C	PIC	33	236	7.2	75	1	15	Washington	GWG	31	186	6	20	0

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Boldin	CHI	24	291	12.1	30	1	8	Curtis,K	ANC	21	211	10	44	2
2	Ward,H	WMO	23	241	10.5	24	0	9	Witten	CHP	20	293	14.7	48	3
3	Wayne,R	GWG	23	351	15.3	55	0	10	Johnson,C	CHP	19	301	15.8	35	3
4	Gates,A	DTL	22	328	14.9	35	1	11	Colston	ANC	19	178	9.4	15	2
5	Stallworth	MAR	22	237	10.8	29	2	12	Westbrook	MOH	18	223	12.4	48	5
6	Welker	CHP	22	285	13	33	2	13	Fitzgerald	ICC	17	231	13.6	40	2
7	Burress	KUT	21	281	13.4	46	1	14	Smith,S	LAK	17	227	13.4	22	1
8	Curtis,K	ANC	21	211	10	44	2	15	Edwards,B	GWG	17	248	14.6	75	2



## BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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### OFFENSE



#### WR – Braylon Edwards, Gwinnett Glads

6 receptions, 153 yards, 75 yd long, 2 TDs

Turned 5-yard slant pass into a 35-yard game-winning TD pass.

### DEFENSE



#### DE –Trent Cole, Mohave Hellfire

10 Tackles, 1 Stuff, 2 QB Pressures, 1 Forced Fumble

His fumble recovery for TD thwarted opponent's scoring chance.

### SPECIAL TEAMS



#### K – Kris Brown, Los Angeles Knights

3 Field Goals, 2 Extra Points, 11 Points

His 53-yard field goal in final seconds won the game for LA.

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## **JIMMY'S WEEK FIVE PICKS**

### **KUTZTOWN @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 8)**

Take the Romo-to-Burruss combo out of the equation and the Golden Bears would be struggling offensively. They cannot rely on that connection against the EFL's best secondary and the vastly improved Patriots pass rush. Kutztown will depend on Larry Johnson, Kenny Watson, or rookie Felix Jones to keep the Charleswood defense honest. If they cannot make the necessary plays in the running game, it will be a long and miserable day for Tony Romo. The Pats are tied with Mohave for the league lead in fourth quarter scoring, due mainly to the veteran presence of Peyton Manning. Even if the Golden Bears can keep the game close early, their defense will have to contend with one of the best clutch QBs in the game. I haven't even begun to discuss the Patriot's running game and I'm already thinking easy win for Charleswood.

**PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

### **DURHAM @ COWTOWN (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 2)**

The surprising line favouring a 0-4 team takes into account such intangibles as home field advantage, history, and the irrational belief that prior failure is an indicator of future success. It also reflects the shaky performance of the 1-3 Thunder Lizards and their propensity to fall behind early in games. Looking at the match-ups, this should be a close game. Rashean Mathis returns for Cowtown, which is bad news for whoever happens to be Durham's number one receiver on the day. The Corn Kings also get Laurence Maroney back to bolster their traditionally strong running game. The Thunder Lizards are still missing Adrian Wilson and Marcus Stroud on defense, but are completely healthy on the offensive side of the ball. The running game is where Durham is strongest, but that is also the strength of the Corn King's defense. Look for Coach Kaldis to use the pass to set up the run against a fragile Cowtown secondary. The Corn King's season is probably on the line here, so look for them to do whatever needs to be done to win.

**PICK: COWTOWN**

### **MOHAVE @ FLORIDA (LINE – DRAGONS BY 5)**

If the Florida passing game is struggling, it will get no relief this week against Mohave's Champ Bailey and Al Harris. The Hellfire are holding opponents to less than a 50% pass completion rate and opposing quarterbacks are functioning at a 57.8 QB rating. While the Mohave defense smiles, their offense is frowning its brow in concern as it plans to face Florida's ball-hawking secondary, which has a league-high 11 interceptions to its credit. In the ground game, Mohave is missing Brian Westbrook and Rashad Mendenhall, which means Marshawn Lynch will carry the load behind a "smoke and mirrors" offensive line which has, so far, managed to fool opposing defenses into thinking it is average. Credit Kurt Warner with making quick decisions and taking pressure off his shield, but the Florida secondary will not make decisions so easy for him this week. Behind Charleswood, Florida has the highest rated defense in the EFL, posing the biggest challenge yet for Mohave's league-leading offense. In the battle for the South between two undefeated teams, the advantage will go to the team with the better pedigree and that team is Florida. In the game where fire fights fire, look for a watershed performance and a convincing win by the Dragons.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

### **COLORADO @ MARKHAM (LINE – NORTH STARS BY 9)**

Colorado would have to play against themselves to win and even then they would lose. So, with a Colorado loss in mind, let's look at whether or not they will cover the spread. No. For those of you who need an explanation, the reason is simple: the North Stars are at home, and they have a much better offense than their expansion counterpart. Although the Thundersnow have the third highest rated defense in the EFL at the moment – a complete and utter mystery for those who have looked closely at it – the record shows that it has not been a factor in any of their games this season due to their depressingly anemic offense. The Markham defense is missing top corner, Dunta Robinson, yielding an apparent opportunity for Matt Ryan and the Thundersnow receivers. However, the Colorado offensive line has not proven up to the task of blocking for the running game, leaving opposing defenses to focus on the pass, with predictable results for one of the league's worst passing attacks. This is the North Star's game to lose.

**PICK: MARKHAM**

### **PICKERING @ WINNEMUCCA (LINE – PICK 'EM!)**

There is no way this should be a "pick 'em" game if you look closely at the match ups. The Spartans have the edge in almost every area, except the kicking game. Depending on whether you value actual proven performance over potential, they could have a slight advantage at the QB position as well. Winnemucca's David Garrard plays mistake-free, but don't bet the mortgage on him winning a shootout against Donovan McNabb. If scoring is low, the Spartans have two proven Taylors in the backfield, a solid offensive line, and an EFL Champion quarterback to fall back on. The only real edge for the Outlaws is the home field, and it is a nasty one that probably hurts them more than the opposition. If you haven't already guessed, I like the Spartans on the road in this one.

**PICK: PICKERING**

### **LOS ANGELES @ CHINO (LINE – CONVICTS BY 4)**

The Knights will finally face the truth this week – they are a good team, but not a contender. The Convicts have consistently shut down their opponent's running game, allowing a league-leading average of 3.0 yards per rush. That will put pressure on the Knight's passing strategy, which consists of Steve Smith running in circles while one of either Tavaris Jackson or Brodie Croyle searches for him. It has worked for LA against lesser opposition, but against Chino it could be a recipe for disaster. The Knights will have to hope for big games from Selvin Young and Najeh Davenport to bring the Convict's linebackers and safeties close to the line and open up room down field for the passing game. The Chino offense faces the most aggressive defense in the league and they will be tested. Jay Cutler has the arm, but does he have the smarts to think on his feet against the LA blitz? It's a good thing for him that he has LT standing behind him to draw some attention, or it could be a long day in the pocket.

**PICK: CHINO**

### **IOWA CITY @ ANCHORAGE (LINE – CUBS BY 3)**

The Buccaneers have fumbled their way to a 2-2 record in the first quarter of the season but have the crew to right the ship and sail to a higher level. Iowa City has been playing Quarterback Carousel and since Week One they have been winning against lesser opponents. The Bucs are *not* a lesser opponent and have an opportunity to turn around the direction of their season with a win over the West Division leading Cubs. To do that, Drew Brees will have to take control of the attack and the Bucs defense will have to hope that Coach Redding decides to continue to expedite Trent Edward's education. If the disgruntled Jeff Garcia makes his way into the game, his competitiveness will turn the tide and make a real game of it. In any case, expect the Bucs to start out fast and the Cubs to come on strong in response. Reggie Bush is still out with an injury, but with Ronnie Brown waiting in the wings, the tactical disadvantage for the Bucs is slim. The Bucs are the true underdog here, but not enough to rule out an upset at home.

**PICK: ANCHORAGE**

## **GWINNETT @ RINGGOLD (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 2)**

It has been a disappointing start for Gwinnett, but last week's win over a tough Durham squad will give them confidence moving forward in their goal to snatch a playoff berth. The Crimson Hawks signaled surrender with their big trade with Charleswood and this week's game will show if the team, as a whole, has surrendered and how they react to the move. Ringgold's fundamentals on offence have been sound but turnovers have thwarted them. The defense is vulnerable to the big play and has underperformed to this point in the season. The Glads have been struggling and are currently hit by injury, missing six starters, but they still retain their top stars. Then Crimson Hawks are still dangerous, but I believe that a trade let down will keep them down against a Gladiator team that has new life after a disastrous start.

**PICK: GWINNETT**

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

**LAST WEEK: 5-3-0**

**OVERALL: 25-7-0**

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### **IOWA CITY**



## **CUBS WEIGH OPTIONS FOR FUTURE AT QUARTERBACK**

**By Sparky McGillicuddy**

**IOWA CITY** - As I sit here in the Hamburg Inn in beautiful Downtown Iowa City and devour my delicious tuna melt, I can't help but ponder the latest developments in my fair city. With the arrival of the Cubs last year, this town has become electric with enthusiasm and optimism. What a shot in the arm!

After last season's 7-9 campaign the town remained abuzz with mounting expectations. When General Manager/Coach Deron Redding stepped up to the plate and matched the exorbitant (9 million per year for five years) offer sheet signed by DeMeco Ryans, the town collectively left to their feet and gave him a standing ovation.

This guy wants to win...and isn't afraid to put the money out to retain a top-flight young player! Although he's taken heat from outsiders for matching the contract offer, I for one applaud his gumption!

Seeing Ryans hit the lottery, quarterback Jeff Garcia just smiles. "I'm happy for DeMeco and his family" Jeff told me when I visited with him at his home in nearby Coralville. What Garcia won't talk about, anymore that is, is the contract he never got. During the offseason, Garcia thought it was a slam dunk that he'd get an extension from the club after posting an impressive record and quarterback rating last season. The negotiations went sideways quickly and Garcia and the Iowa City front office parted the talks acrimoniously.

Hopefully cooler heads will prevail in this stalemate. Redding refuses to address the topic and Garcia follows suit. Making things murkier has been Redding's benching of Garcia the past three weeks. After an impressive performance in leading the Cubs to a Week 1 victory over the defending champion Chino Convicts, Garcia inexplicably lost his job. In Week 3, Edwards was benched in the first half for a second straight week in favor of J.P. Losman. Losman, who went 9 for 9 in relief of an ineffective Edwards the week before, strained his achilles tendon on the first play from scrimmage and voila...enter Garcia. With the Cubs down 13-0, Jeff led his charges to 20 points and a last second, one-point victory. As Garcia worked his magic, Redding was picked up by EFL Films cameras berating young Edwards, "Are you taking notes?!?! That's how it's done!". Whatever the contract situation may be, Redding and Garcia have tremendous respect for each other.

Garcia would certainly start in Week 4, right? Wrong! Edwards trotted out there again, but this time righted the ship and produced a win.

Intense national media scrutiny has ensued and Coach Redding is tired of hearing about it. The official EFL Newsletter has had a field day second guessing the Cubs head honcho. All of this and an undefeated record. One thing's for sure...between Garcia, Losman, and Edwards the Cubs have a solid stable of signal callers. Which one will be the long term solution? Only Redding knows.