



WEEK FIFTEEN

January 20, 2008



“Big Ben” Roethlisberger has reason to celebrate – he passed for 386 yards and 1 TD in leading his Swamp Dogs to their first victory in franchise history, a 21-7 toppling of Anchorage on the road.

SWAMP DOGS WIN!!

“BIG BEN,” RHODES, WARE STAR AS MEADOWLANDS AVOIDS WINLESS SEASON



MEADOWLANDS

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ANCHORAGE – It turned out that all Ben Roethlisberger and the Swamp Dogs needed to taste the sweet wine of victory was a shot at the worst defense in the EFL and a little help from a mistake prone Buccaneer offence.

With owner/GM, Jack Buffolano holed up in a Jersey Motel, and the ‘Committee to Sack Jack’ staking out the parking lot, the “Team the John Built” flew north to bark at the Anchorage Buccaneers, the only other team to be eliminated from playoff contention. Ironically, in the first

game of the year that meant nothing to the playoff race, there was a lot riding on the outcome for both team’s reputations as the Swamp Dogs looked to avoid the stigma of a winless season while the Bucs looked to avoid the shame of being the first team to be bitten by the toothless mutts from the Meadowlands.

The Swamp Dogs played with desperation while the Bucs played with frustration. It started off as usual for the Swampies offense as “Beg Ben” was sacked on the Dawgs first two plays from scrimmage. But soon their fortunes turned around as safety, Kerry Rhodes intercepted Drew Brees to squash a threat in the Meadowlands red zone. Taking advantage of an over-reacting Bucs’ secondary, Roethlisberger hit Javon Walker for a 52-yard bomb to set up the first points of the game, a 26-yard Lawrence Tynes field goal.

The Anchorage offence had trouble getting on track for most of the first half. Trying to make something happen, the Bucs tried to convert a fourth down and 2 at the Meadowlands 43 yard line, but DeMarcus Ware shot through a hole in the Buccaneer line and sacked Brees to turn the ball over on downs. The Swamp Dogs were similarly bogged down on offence early and could not take advantage of the stand. But Kerry Rhodes came up with another big play

01-19-2008 Temp: 70 Wind: Line: Even MVP: **Roethlisberger**

2006 **Meadowlands** (1-14) 3 3 7 8 - 21
 2006 **Anchorage** (4-11) 0 7 0 0 - 7

 1 5:24 Meadowlands FG Tynes 26 (11-81-4:20) 3-0

 2 4:24 Meadowlands FG Tynes 34 (7-55-3:05) 6-0
 2 1:50 Anchorage TD Brees 14 pass to Johnson (Stover) (5-73-2:16) 6-7

 3 6:55 Meadowlands TD Taylor 3 run (Tynes) (2-15-0:42) 13-7

 4 10:23 Meadowlands TD Roethlisberger 8 pass to Smith (2 - Taylor) (17-92-6:3 21-7)

	MSD	ANC
First Downs	25	20
Rushes	31-100	20-100
Passes	42-28-386	42-24-335
Sacked	6-42	4-23
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	12-79	11-65
Turnovers	1	4
Time	35:51	24:09
Third Down	7-18	4-14
Fourth Down	0-0	0-2
Net Offense	444	412

on the Buc's next foray into Swamp Dog territory – breaking through on a blitz to sack Brees and force a fumble on the 28 yard line. A 29-yard pass to Santonio Holmes helped set up another field goal, giving Meadowlands a modest 6-0 lead.

Anchorage captured the lead near the end of the first half on a 14-yard pass from Brees to Andre Johnson, but the Swampies got those points right back after Devin Hester fumbled at his own 15 yard line. Two plays later Chester Taylor broke the plane of the goal line from 3 yards out to make the score 13-7. The Dawgs put the game on ice with an amazing 17-play, 92 yard drive that ended with an 8-yard pass from Ben to tight end, Alex Smith.

While fans at the Great Northern Sports Complex set noise records for booing, the Swamp Dogs defense clamped down on an attempted Brees-led comeback with a pick by Derrick Brooks. The agony for Meadowlands was finally over.

GLADIATORS SURVIVE – OUTLAST DURHAM IN SEE-SAW TILT

**PALMER ENGINEERS WINNING
 FIELD GOAL DRIVE IN FINAL
 MINUTE**



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GWINNETT – The Gwinnett Gladiators kept their playoff hopes alive with a game winning 20-yard field goal by Robbie Gould. After a hard fought back and forth struggle, with few penalties and no turnovers, Gould split the

01-19-2008 Temp: 50 Wind: 10-20 Line: Even MVP: **Palmer**

2006 **Durham** (9-6) 7 14 0 10 - 31
 2006 **Gwinnett** (7-8) 7 14 7 6 - 34

 1 11:50 Durham TD Rivers 6 pass to Ward (Scobee) (7-69-2:59) 7-0
 1 8:09 Gwinnett TD Parker 7 run (Gould) (6-66-3:30) 7-7

 2 12:29 Gwinnett TD Parker 1 run (Gould) (12-98-4:45) 7-14
 2 11:16 Durham TD Gore 58 run (Scobee) (2-74-1:05) 14-14
 2 4:02 Gwinnett TD Henry 7 run (Gould) (13-74-7:06) 14-21
 2 1:19 Durham TD Rivers 16 pass to Ward (Scobee) (10-75-2:35) 21-21

 3 9:12 Gwinnett TD Palmer 8 pass to Jackson (Gould) (11-72-5:39) 21-28

 4 14:07 Durham TD Rivers 11 pass to Shockey (Scobee) (7-45-2:36) 28-28
 4 7:37 Gwinnett FG Gould 25 (10-51-6:15) 28-31
 4 1:34 Durham FG Scobee 27 (15-60-5:47) 31-31
 4 0:03 Gwinnett FG Gould 20 (8-73-1:19) 31-34

	DTL	GWG
First Downs	23	31
Rushes	20-167	36-150
Passes	36-17-219	40-28-327
Sacked	2-12	0-0
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	1-6	3-25
Turnovers	0	0
Time	24:15	35:45
Third Down	4-12	6-13
Fourth Down	4-2	2-2
Net Offense	374	477

uprights as time expired to give his team the final say and move them into a position to control their playoff destiny in the final week of the regular season.

As in most of their contests this year, the game started well for Durham. Philip Rivers hit Calvin Johnson for 31 yards, and Gladiator, Dunta Robinson was flagged for a 20-yard pass interference penalty to set the ball up at the Gwinnett 3 yard line. After Frank Gore was stuffed for a 3-yard loss, Rivers calmly hit Hines Ward in the back of the

end zone for a quick 7-0 lead. The heavily criticized, Carson Palmer responded immediately, hitting four straight passes to set up a 7-yard Willie Parker touchdown run, his 12th of the year, to tie the game.

After an exchange of punts, Durham's Kyle Larson pinned the Glads back on their own 2-yard line, but the Glads seemed to relish the challenge of a long drive. After a couple of Parker runs created some room to work, Palmer went after the Lizard secondary, hitting Darrell Jackson for 29 yards and then completing 3 of his next 4 attempts for 45 yards. From the 2, it took Willie Parker two tries to get it into the end zone to give his team a 14-7 lead.

Frank Gore tied the game two plays later, ripping off gashing runs of 16 and 58 yards to *be* the Durham offense on that series; but the Gladiators responded with another long drive, ending on a 7-yard run by Travis Henry to re-capture the lead, 21-14. Durham drew even at the half, after 9 straight passes by Rivers covered all but 6 of a 75-yard TD drive, with Ward snagging his second TD on a 16-yard corner fade route.

The second half began with another long Gladiator drive. Palmer hit Tony Gonzalez for 20 yards to penetrate the red zone and two plays later he found Jackson in the corner of the end zone for 6 points and a 28-21 Gwinnett advantage.

The teams jockeyed for field position, with Durham coming out on top after nailing the Glad's offense to their own 1 yard line. This time, Palmer could not dig them out, and Durham got the

ball back in good field position at the Gwinnett 45. 7 plays later, Rivers survived a blitz and hit Jeremy Shockey for 11 yards to tie the game....*again!*

Controversy ensued on the next Gwinnett possession. After driving into the Durham red zone, the Glads faced 3rd down and 6 at the 12. Instead of passing, Palmer handed off to Leon Washington on the draw and he came up two yards short of the first down. Palmer was clearly upset and threw his helmet at the bench as the field goal unit trotted out. Gould made good from 27 yards, but Palmer was still apparently angry, gesturing violently at Coach Birdsall.

The Thunder Lizards got the ball back with over 6 minutes and moved steadily down the field, aided by two fourth down conversions in their own territory, both made by mere inches. The aggressive boldness seemed to be pay off as the Dinosaurs had the Glads by the throat with a first down and goal at the 10. Fearing Frank Gore, the Gladiators stepped up to the line and keyed on the most thunderous of lizards. Despite having time to throw, Rivers misfired on two straight passes to bring up 3rd down. With the Glads in man coverage, the Lizards isolated the defender and Antonio Gates got free in the end zone. This time Rivers threw a strike, but Gates, arguably the best pass-catching tight end in all of football, *dropped the ball!* The Lizards were forced to settle for a field goal and that would turn out to be their downfall. Palmer would come through in the clutch this day, moving the Glads over 70 yards, mostly through the air, with apparent ease to set up the season-saving Gould field goal. Final, Gwinnet 34, Durham 31.

QUOTABLES

"I was furious! There's no hiding it. I was having success throwing the ball all day, and then, in that situation, they call a &\$\$%# run! I felt we could have put them away right there and then with a pass. Good thing the defense stepped up and held them to a field goal, that's all I have to say!" – Gwinnett QB, **Carson Palmer.** (explaining why he threw his helmet)

"Nice defense? Come on! My grandmother could have knocked down those balls that Philip (Rivers) was throwing. When the other team has 8 men in the box, you've got to make those throws! Then Antonio drops the ball, geez!.....I think I'm having an aneurism!" – Durham coach, **George Kaldis.**

"Well, that's part of the game, I guess. Carson is a competitor and he wants to win badly. He was fired up and felt he could get it done. But I saw it differently in that situation. If the play had worked we wouldn't be having this conversation. The middle of their line pushed us back a bit and that closed up the hole. In the end, it's about execution." – Gwinnett coach, **Dave Birdsall.**

**DRAGONS FLAME OUT TO
END CLOSE GAME**

***HEATON THUMBS HIS NOSE AT TIE,
GOES FOR 2 POINT CONVERT WITH
1 MINUTE REMAINING***

FLORIDA – With nothing to lose except the game, Florida head coach, Jim Heaton decided to keep his offense on the field after they had driven 67 yards to score a touchdown with 1:26 remaining and put the Dragons in a position to



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01-19-2008 Temp: 81 Wind:0-5 Line: Even MVP: Tomlinson

2006 Chino (10-5) 3 10 7 3 -23
 2006 Florida (8-7) 7 6 3 6 -22

1 11:47 Chino	FG Vinatieri 48 (10-36-3:02)	3-0
1 4:31 Florida	TD Brady 19 pass to Cooley (Nugent) (10-28-3:49)	3-7
2 9:35 Chino	FG Vinatieri 36 (10-50-4:02)	6-7
2 4:30 Florida	FG Nugent 40 (9-52-4:48)	6-10
2 1:52 Chino	TD Tomlinson 5 run (Vinatieri) (8-62-2:23)	13-10
2 0:03 Florida	FG Nugent 49 (7-24-1:34)	13-13
3 7:53 Chino	TD Cutler 9 pass to McMichael (Vinatieri) (8-53-4:09)	20-13
3 0:29 Florida	FG Nugent 34 (14-55-7:15)	20-16
4 12:19 Chino	FG Vinatieri 34 (7-50-2:56)	23-16
4 1:26 Florida	TD Brady 3 pass to Jackson (2 - failed) (7-67-2:16)	23-22

	CHI	FLD
First Downs	23	22
Rushes	22-58	33-98
Passes	36-24-268	30-20-238
Sacked	1-8	3-20
Fumble	2	2
Penalties	7-44	5-41
Turnovers	1	0
Time	27:40	32:20
Third Down	5-12	2-13
Fourth Down	1-1	3-4
Net Offense	318	316

tie the Chino Convicts. All they needed was a single point, easily done. But in a surprise move that caught just about everybody off guard, Florida's eccentric coach ordered the offense to stay on the field and run the play the Dragons call, "*Bubble Nine, Blow Right, Stick,*" to try for the 2-point conversion and a one point lead. It was a call that had half the crowd roaring their approval, while the more sober half scratched their heads in confusion. "Bubble Nine" burst as the Dragon line completely collapsed and the play busted up into a mad scramble. Down by one, the Dragons were forced to attempt the onside kick, but Chino recovered the ball and ran out the clock for the win.

After the game, most Florida players and coaches had little to say about the unusually bold call by their head coach. But while Heaton took heavy criticism on the talk shows, he got some support from his QB, Tom Brady.

"I think he likes to watch the other coach sweat a bit and see what they do under pressure. It was a gamble, but it shows the players he's not afraid. He tells us all the time to play without fear," Brady said.

The Convicts, who sewed up the second seed in the West Division with the win, were only too happy to get the chance to keep their slim lead. "It was a challenge, for sure. We saw it that way. Our players saw it that way. I think their offense was a little stunned and we took advantage and blew the play up. You have to give him credit, he's in your face with that aggressive play-calling style and he's got a good team. They are dangerous and we're glad to leave Florida with the 'W'," Chino coach Rob Nazar said after the game.



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OPPORTUNISTIC CORN KINGS EDGE HELLFIRE – CLINCH WEST DIVISION TITLE

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*MOHAVE SUFFERS LET DOWN AS CORN KINGS
 REBOUND IN SECOND HALF TO SCORE 21 POINTS AND
 SNATCH IMPROBABLE VICTORY*

MOHAVE – The Mohave Hellfire, at one time the favourite to win their Division, are finding ingenious ways to lose. They dropped their fourth straight game, this time falling at home to the streaking Cowtown Corn Kings, to be officially eliminated from the title race in the East Division.

A look at the numbers tell a deceptive story – on paper, the Hellfire, as expected, dominated on their home turf, shutting down the limited Corn King passing attack and controlling the ball for over 37 minutes. But in the end, they fell anyway, and they did it without losing the turnover battle.

A clue to the mysterious Mohave loss lies in the final outcome of the first half: having dominated early in all facets of the game, the Hellfire were only ahead by 9, leading 12-3. Four John Carney field goals were nice, but the inability of the Mohave offense to finish off good drives with touchdowns allowed the Corn Kings to stay within striking distance while they regrouped in the locker room.

Looking to plunge a dagger in the visitor's hearts, Coach Elder surprised everyone with an onside kick to start the

second half. But a heads-up play by reserve linebacker, Kevin Burnett, gave the ball to Cowtown at the Mohave 40 yard line. Marion Barber, the “middle head” of ‘Cerebrus,’ took over, rushing for 26 yards of the 40-yard drive and finishing it off with a 3-yard TD run for the game’s first major.

Mohave again went for the big strike, trying to complete the bomb on 2 consecutive plays, but Kelly Gregg penetrated the line and sacked Bulger for a 9-yard loss to put the Hellfire back inside their own 20. A 32-yard punt by Sam Koch was returned 13 yards and the Corn Kings were at the Mohave 36 for their next series. Chad Pennington hit Mike Furrey for 23 yards, a rare big pass play for Cowtown on this day, to set up Barber’s second touchdown, a 2-yard plunge up the gut. Suddenly it was 17-12 Cowtown.

Mohave regained the lead with their first and only TD of the game – a 7-yard pass from Bulger to Terrell Owens following an almost effortless 80-yard drive through the Corn King defense. A failed two-point convert kept their lead to the slimmest of margins, 18-17.

01-16-2008		Temp: 83	Wind: Calm	Line: Even	MVP: Moss	
2006	Cowtown (12-3)	0	3	14	7	-24
2006	Mohave (9-6)	6	6	0	9	-21

1	8:45 Mohave	FG	Carney	40	(10-60-6:06)	0-3
1	1:41 Mohave	FG	Carney	41	(10-56-5:44)	0-6

2	14:10 Cowtown	FG	Hanson	29	(5-47-2:07)	3-6
2	6:27 Mohave	FG	Carney	43	(8-43-4:41)	3-9
2	1:44 Mohave	FG	Carney	24	(9-60-2:11)	3-12

3	11:33 Cowtown	TD	Barber	3 run	(Hanson,J) (8-40-3:23)	10-12
3	7:17 Cowtown	TD	Barber	2 run	(Hanson,J) (4-36-1:59)	17-12

4	14:05 Mohave	TD	Bulger	7 pass to Owens	(2 - failed) (12-80-8:12)	17-18
4	8:37 Mohave	FG	Carney	27	(5-22-3:39)	17-21
4	3:03 Cowtown	TD	Moss	21 run	(Hanson,J) (9-60-5:20)	24-21

		COW		MOH		
First Downs		15		22		
Rushes		26-145		35-180		
Passes		24-10-131		31-19-227		
Sacked		0-0		3-24		
Fumble		1		1		
Penalties		3-29		8-41		
Turnovers		2		2		
Time		22:54		37:06		
Third Down		6-11		5-14		
Fourth Down		0-1		0-1		
Net Offense		276		383		

The sign of life from the offense seemed to spark the Mohave defense. Champ Bailey, the star shutdown corner, made his first interception of the year, picking off a tipped pass and returning it 25 yards to the Cowtown 32 yard line. The Corn King defense bent, allowing Mohave to reach the red zone, but they did not break, forcing the Hellfire to settle for another field goal. It was an important kick, because it gave the home team a 4-point lead and put the pressure on the Corn Kings to find the end zone on a day when the Hellfire ‘D,’ despite allowing 2 TDs, had been very stingy.

On Cowtown’s next possession, the Hellfire gave nothing away, but the Corn Kings reached out and grabbed what they needed. Converting three third downs along the way, Cowtown moved 60 yards in just over 5 minutes, finishing with an electrifying 21-yard TD run by wide receiver Santana Moss on an end around to snatch the lead, 24-21.

Needing a field goal to tie, Bulger led an undisciplined offense, which sustained 3 false start penalties on the drive, to the Cowtown 49 yard line, where he faced 4th down and 7. The crowd stood on its feet hoping for a big play, and they got it, but from the wrong team, as Corn King linebacker Kirk Morrison jumped the gap and forced a fumble while Bulger was setting up to pass. Aaron Schobel fell on it to preserve an improbable and opportunistic win for the Corn Kings.



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BEARS “GOLDEN LINE” DEFENSE STOPS KNIGHTS

LOS ANGELES DENIED TWICE INSIDE OPPONENT’S FIVE YARD LINE / WARNER SUBS FOR “TIRED” ROMO, THROWS WINNING TD PASS



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KUTZTOWN – The Golden Bears defense stood tall when their backs were against the wall, twice stopping the LA Knights cold inside their own 5 yard line. It was the difference in the game, as the Kutztown

offence, operating for most of the game without their leader, Tony Romo, (who left the game due to “fatigue”) scraped and clawed their way to only 16 points against the sturdy and nasty Knight’s defense.

The visiting Knights had an opportunity to set the tone for the game, stopping the Bears on their first possession and then moving with precision down the field in spite of 3 false start penalties. But facing a third down and inches at the Kutztown one yard line, David Carr could not find anyone open in the end zone and threw at the feet of Madison

01-19-2008 Temp: 39 Wind:0-5 Line: Even MVP: Warner

2006 Los Angeles (5-10) 0 0 3 7 - 10
 2006 Kutztown (8-7) 0 6 3 7 - 16

2 11:49 Kutztown FG Kaeding 35 (14-78-7:09) 0-3
 2 5:35 Kutztown FG Kaeding 36 (7-38-4:48) 0-6
 3 7:28 Los Angeles FG Lindell 29 (9-68-4:46) 3-6
 3 2:30 Kutztown FG Kaeding 34 (7-52-4:43) 3-9
 4 13:38 Los Angeles TD Jones 8 run (Lindell) (8-68-3:39) 10-9
 4 9:05 Kutztown TD Warner 3 pass to Clark (Kaeding) (10-70-4:23) 10-16

	LAK	KUT
First Downs	20	14
Rushes	24-100	31-86
Passes	33-22-231	22-14-206
Sacked	3-21	2-13
Fumble	1	3
Penalties	8-42	9-70
Turnovers	2	0
Time	28:41	31:19
Third Down	4-11	3-12
Fourth Down	0-1	0-0
Net Offense	310	279

Hedgecock, bringing up 4th down and inches. Coach Dohrn did not hesitate to make his decision, keeping the offense on the field. Unfortunately Tatum Bell did hesitate, seeing the hole closing quickly he side stepped once and found himself suddenly wrapped up behind the line for a one-yard loss. A tight first half followed, with LA struggling to move the ball and Kutztown squeezing out 2 field goals to take a 6-0 lead into the locker room.

The teams traded field goals in the third quarter before Carr went to the air and put together LA's best drive of the day. With the Kutztown players thinking pass, Julius Jones ran around the left corner and scored from 8 yards to give LA their first lead, 10-9. Warner answered with a 3-yard pass to Desmond Clark to regain the lead for Kutztown, 16-10.

The Knights threatened late in the game, getting first and goal at the ten with 1:58 left. But Ray Lewis snuffed out the threat by picking off Carr, to preserve the lead and the win.

PATRIOTS CLINCH EAST DIVISION WITH WIN OVER IOWA CITY

ADRIAN PETERSON RUSHES FOR 120 YARDS & 1 TD / LOSMAN PICKED FOUR TIMES



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IOWA CITY – What was shaping up to be a blowout for the Charleswood Patriots turned a little interesting down the stretch, but the Pats prevailed in the end, 31-20.

The Pats opened quickly, scoring 2 TDs in the first period, but then both teams went to sleep and the score remained 14-0 at the half.

The second half opened with another Charleswood TD, an 8-yard run by rookie Adrian Peterson, who finished the day with 120 yards. But Iowa City got on the board with a 45-yard Rackers field goal and then got a big lift when Roscoe Parrish returned a punt 78 yards for a touchdown. The Pats slapped the Cubbies back down with a 6-yard TD pass from Manning to Jason Witten. The Cubs fought back with 10 points to start the 4th quarter, but it was not enough as the Pats added a late Gostkowski field goal to finish off the scoring.

In addition to Peterson's 120 yards rushing, the Pats got 2 picks each from Asante Samuel and Quentin Jammer to lead the way to victory. The Cubs turned the ball over 5 times.

01-19-2008 Temp: 53 Wind:0-10 Line: Even MVP: Peterson

2006 Charleswood (11-4) 14 0 14 3 - 31
 2006 Iowa City (6-9) 0 0 10 10 - 20

1 9:24 Charleswood TD Manning 10 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (11-71-3:31) 7-0
 1 0:31 Charleswood TD Jones 1 run (Gostkowski) (13-58-4:51) 14-0
 3 9:51 Charleswood TD Peterson 8 run (Gostkowski) (5-30-1:34) 21-0
 3 5:47 Iowa City FG Rackers 45 (7-54-3:52) 21-3
 3 4:41 Iowa City TD Parrish 78 punt return (Rackers) (0-0-0:00) 21-10
 3 1:11 Charleswood TD Manning 6 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (6-33-1:58) 28-10
 4 11:31 Iowa City FG Rackers 48 (11-50-4:37) 28-13
 4 5:58 Iowa City TD Losman 2 pass to Winslow (Rackers) (8-74-3:15) 28-20
 4 1:37 Charleswood FG Gostkowski 37 (11-56-4:11) 31-20

	CHP	ICC
First Downs	23	18
Rushes	39-151	45-190
Passes	32-20-235	26-18-184
Sacked	2-12	1-5
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	7-50	10-66
Turnovers	1	5
Time	31:44	28:16
Third Down	3-14	4-17
Fourth Down	3-3	4-5
Net Offense	374	369



BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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OFFENSE



QB – “Big Ben,” Meadowlands Swamp Dogs

42 Att., 28 Comp., 386 Yards, 1TD, 1 INT.

Hit 4 passes over 25 yards and led his team to first victory of year.

DEFENSE



S – Kerry Rhodes, Meadowlands Swamp Dogs

6 Tackles, 2 Sacks, 1 INT.

Forced two key turnovers to shut down Bucs in Swampies first win.

SPECIAL TEAMS



K – John Carney, Mohave Hellfire

5 for 5 FG Attempts, 43 Long, 15 Points.

He was a perfect 5 for 5 in 24-21 loss to Cowtown.

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
East													
X-Charleswood	11	4	0	0.733	388	25.9	266	17.7	8.1	5 2 0	6 3 0	11 4 0	11 3 0
y-Mohave	9	6	0	0.6	419	27.9	334	22.3	5.7	6 2 0	7 2 0	9 6 0	5 5 0
y-Florida	8	7	0	0.533	405	27	376	25.1	1.9	5 3 0	6 3 0	8 7 0	5 7 0
Kutztown	8	7	0	0.533	407	27.1	380	25.3	1.8	6 2 0	4 5 0	8 7 0	6 5 0
Gwinnett	7	8	0	0.467	387	25.8	375	25	0.8	5 2 0	4 5 0	7 8 0	6 8 0
e-Meadowlands	1	14	0	0.067	201	13.4	527	35.1	-21.7	0 7 0	0 9 0	1 14 0	0 4 0
West													
X-Cowtown	12	3	0	0.8	437	29.1	264	17.6	11.5	5 2 0	7 2 0	12 3 0	11 3 0
y-Chino	10	5	0	0.667	433	28.9	352	23.5	5.4	7 1 0	6 3 0	10 5 0	7 5 0
y-Durham	9	6	0	0.6	434	28.9	353	23.5	5.4	5 3 0	4 5 0	9 6 0	8 5 0
Iowa City	6	9	0	0.4	329	21.9	401	26.7	-4.8	2 5 0	4 5 0	6 9 0	3 9 0
Los Angeles	5	10	0	0.333	279	18.6	328	21.9	-3.3	4 4 0	3 6 0	5 10 0	4 10 0
e-Anchorage	4	11	0	0.267	326	21.7	489	32.6	-10.9	2 5 0	3 6 0	4 11 0	4 6 0

X – Clinched Division Title
 Y – Clinched Playoff Berth
 e – Eliminated from playoffs

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Garcia,J	ICC	198	125	63.1	1465	1	0.5	64	12	6.1	103.6
2	McNabb	CHI	312	194	62.2	2732	8	2.6	53	19	6.1	100
3	Carr,D	LAK	453	324	71.5	3254	10	2.2	36	21	4.6	97.9
4	Rivers	DTL	403	239	59.3	3164	8	2	41	26	6.5	97.5
5	Brady,T	FLD	449	286	63.7	3347	15	3.3	53	32	7.1	96.1
6	Manning,P	CHP	497	301	60.6	3780	10	2	63	29	5.8	95.3
7	Romo	KUT	404	252	62.4	3500	19	4.7	53	29	7.2	94.5
8	Bulger	MOH	471	268	56.9	3701	15	3.2	65	32	6.8	91.6
9	Losman	ICC	246	161	65.4	1951	11	4.5	65	12	4.9	87.3
10	Palmer,C	GWG	464	273	58.8	3472	16	3.4	59	26	5.6	86.6
11	Pennington	COW	451	274	60.8	3528	18	4	95	24	5.3	86.4
12	Brees	ANC	477	273	57.2	3472	14	2.9	64	20	4.2	81.9
13	Campbell,J	MSD	158	62	39.2	708	5	3.2	80	4	2.5	48.7
14	Roethlisberger	MSD	302	157	52	1872	22	7.3	52	6	2	47.5
15	Griese	CHP	1	1	100	8	0	0	8	1	100	139.6
16	Young,V	CHI	15	8	53.3	129	1	6.7	39	2	13.3	94.2
17	Cutler	CHI	142	89	62.7	1111	6	4.2	37	7	4.9	85.7
18	Jackson,T	LAK	3	2	66.7	20	1	33.3	13	1	33.3	85.4
19	Beck	COW	11	7	63.6	75	0	0	17	0	0	83.5
20	Schaub	MOH	3	2	66.7	18	0	0	11	0	0	82.6

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Gore	DTL	317	2018	6.4	58	11	11	Brown,R	ICC	189	728	3.9	40	5
2	Tomlinson	CHI	362	1837	5.1	88	18	12	McGahee	ANC	162	716	4.4	65	2
3	Parker,W	GWG	335	1716	5.1	70	12	13	Norwood	COW	78	668	8.6	71	2
4	Johnson,L	KUT	379	1635	4.3	47	13	14	Jones-Drew	MSD	123	643	5.2	81	2
5	Jackson,S	FLD	346	1590	4.6	64	10	15	Barber	COW	133	617	4.6	23	14
6	Westbrook	MOH	250	1491	6	76	6	16	Lynch,M	MOH	137	580	4.2	49	4
7	Addai	ANC	200	1101	5.5	46	11	17	Bush,R	ICC	152	571	3.8	12	1
8	Jones,T	CHP	264	976	3.7	30	10	18	Peterson,A	CHP	127	517	4.1	14	2
9	Bell,T	LAK	200	878	4.4	23	3	19	Jacobs	ICC	97	457	4.7	17	4
10	Maroney	COW	160	786	4.9	71	4	20	Washington	GWG	91	405	4.5	19	0

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Johnson,A	ANC	90	1344	14.9	44	11	11	Holt,T	CHI	71	957	13.5	43	5
2	Boldin	CHI	86	1527	17.8	53	13	12	Jackson,S	FLD	70	590	8.4	38	9
3	Winslow	ICC	81	962	11.9	36	9	13	Glenn,T	LAK	69	863	12.5	36	4
4	Johnson,C	CHP	78	1254	16.1	63	3	14	Heap	LAK	67	607	9.1	27	11
5	Driver	CHP	78	1125	14.4	41	10	15	Gonzalez	GWG	64	719	11.2	30	9
6	Harrison,M	KUT	78	1216	15.6	53	9	16	Evans,L	ICC	64	1070	16.7	65	7
7	Smith,S	LAK	78	936	12	35	2	17	Bush,R	ICC	62	570	9.2	64	2
8	Wayne,R	GWG	77	1284	16.7	59	6	18	Colston	ANC	62	947	15.3	64	3
9	Furrey	COW	76	1070	14.1	42	7	19	Cotchery	FLD	61	911	14.9	53	6
10	Coles	MOH	75	1154	15.4	51	15	20	Tomlinson	CHI	60	632	10.5	28	3

JIMMY'S WEEK SIXTEEN PICKS

GAMES OF THE WEEK

1:00 PM (CBS)

KUTZTOWN (8-7) @ GWINNETT (7-8) (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 4)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Put simply, the team that wins advances. With a victory, the Glads will have the tie-breaking edge due to a better Division record. In case of a three-way tie involving Florida, the Gladiators would also advance due to a better record than Kutztown in games among the three clubs. Kutztown could jump to the third seed with a win and a Florida loss.

THE GAME: Tony Romo's mysterious "fatigue" ailment that caused him to leave the game last week against LA is a major concern for the Golden Bears. While the veteran Kurt Warner got it done when he had to last week as a back-up, Romo is the team's leader and is capable of taking the game into his own hands. Carson Palmer stepped up and played inspired football in Gwinnett's season-saving win over Durham in Week 15. His post game tantrum calling out his coach is being spun as a good sign by his supporters. If Palmer plays like he did last week, the Golden Bears will be in serious trouble. They are going to have to put pressure on him and keep an eye on Willie Parker at the same time – a tall task for any defense. Add the homefield advantage (and it is a definite advantage for Gwinnett), and the Gladiators look well-positioned to save their season and advance to the post-season.

PICK: GWINNETT

4:00 PM (NBC)

LOS ANGELES (5-10) @ IOWA CITY (6-9) (LINE – CUBS BY 2)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Surprisingly, the 5-10 Los Angeles Knights can eliminate their main rival and sneak into the playoffs with a win this week, due to a better record in head-to-head competition. The Cubs, of course, will advance outright with a win, due to their better record overall. It's "winner take all" in the battle for the privilege of traveling to Cowtown.

THE GAME: These two teams hate each other. Iowa City's coach, Deron Redding, has not hidden his contempt for the LA offense, while the Knight's coach, Jeff Dohrn is seen as unabashedly arrogant in his proclamation of his team's superiority, despite a 5-10 record. Bragging rights are on the line here, in addition to a playoff spot. Depending on who starts at QB for Iowa City, the LA defense could end up making the crucial difference in the outcome. Jeff Garcia has been picked only once all year, to lead the league in QB rating. He can better protect the ball and exploit an overly aggressive LA 'D.' J.P. Losman, hot and cold (sometimes in the same game), gives the ball away too easily when pressing to make plays. The Knights are salivating at the prospect of facing Losman, but have to be game-planning to face Garcia, who is healthy. While the tendency is to focus analysis on the LA defense, it bears remembering that it was the Knight's offense that man-handled the Cubbies 'D' in their previous match-up this season. The numbers add up to a Knights win, but the Cubs are at home and have the advantage in intangibles – they often seem to get the big play or turnover when they need it and they never give up. They have lots of weapons on offense and they all are capable of making big plays on their own. It will be a close game, but the lack of a serious pass rushing threat from the Iowa defense will give David Carr the time that he needs to find the holes in the coverage and establish the short ball control passing game he is good at..

PICK: LOS ANGELES

THE REST

FLORIDA (8-7) @ CHARLESWOOD (11-4) (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 6)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: The Dragons have clinched a playoff berth but could surrender the third seed with a loss and a Kutztown win. A Florida win and a Mohave loss would force a deep look into the tie-breakers to determine the second seed. The Patriots have clinched the Division title and will host the fourth seed in the first playoff round.

THE GAME: The Patriots are a healthy bunch and are unlikely to be resting many starters to start the game. If they decide to give their first line crew some rest, the Dragon's chance of an upset increases. Florida is in a bit of a slump, but they are more highly motivated here and have the weapons to score points. The Pats easily won their first match-up against the "blue and orange" on the road at Dragonmount. It won't be as easy this time, but they will prevail again.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

MOHAVE (9-6) @ MEADOWLANDS (1-14) (LINE – HELLFIRE BY 7)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Mohave can lock up the second seed and a home field playoff berth with a win. A loss coupled with a Florida win would force a strength-of-victory tie-breaker.

THE GAME: It was nice to see Meadowlands finally notch one in the 'W' column last week at Anchorage, but they are still an awful team facing a great team. The Hellfire, having lost an incredible four in a row, are now desperate to get back on track before the post season. They will not hold anything back, unfortunately for the Swampies.

PICK: MOHAVE

DURHAM (9-6) @ COWTOWN (12-3) (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 7)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: The Corn Kings have clinched the Division. The Thunder Lizards are locked in the third seed.

THE GAME: Fans of both these teams had looked forward to this Week 16 match-up all season, predicting that it would mean something big. Now that it's here, it is meaningless in terms of play-off seeding. Don't be surprised if you end up seeing a lot of players you've rarely, or never, seen before. Will Frank Gore win the rushing title? That's about all that is on the line here. And...oh yes, did I tell you these teams hate each other?

PICK: DURHAM

CHINO (10-5) @ ANCHORAGE (4-11) (LINE – CONVICTS BY 5)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: The Convicts are locked in the second seed. The Bucs are out.

THE GAME: The Buccaneers looked like they gave up last week against Meadowlands. It was hard to believe that they were the same team that beat Durham twice this season. They hit their low point with that loss and have nowhere to go but up. This week, however, they will be going nowhere except to 4-12. Chino will be resting McNabb and maybe even Cutler, but the rest of the squad is durable and likely to play at least half the game. Will Vince Young's debut help or hurt the Bucs chances of a face-saving last game victory? Stay tuned for the riveting drama!

PICK: CHINO

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

LAST WEEK: 3-3-0

OVERALL: 54-36-0