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October 25th, 2009



Mustangs' QB, Matt Ryan sets up to throw against Durham in Week Four EFL action. Ryan threw 2 late TD passes to shock Lizards.

**MUSTANGS GALLOP PAST
DINOS IN FINAL STRETCH
TO SCORE UPSET!**

*RYAN RALLIES GARLAND WITH
2 TD PASSES IN 4TH QUARTER IN
DRAMATIC COMEBACK*



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GARLAND – For over three-quarters of the game it had been shaping up much as expected, with Durham controlling the ball and holding a 16-6 lead in the fourth quarter. The Garland offense had been sputtering all day and had only scored at all because **John Carlson** had made a play on a medium cross from **Matt Ryan** to gain 36 yards and set up their first field goal; and **Ellis Hobbs** had fumbled away the ensuing kickoff to gift wrap the second with 9 seconds left in the first half. The T-Lizards had moved the ball well overall, but had seen more of **Mason Crosby** and **Dave Zastudil** than they would have liked after failing to convert several important third downs. But by the 11:07 mark of the fourth quarter, as a **David Stewart** holding penalty pushed them back to their own 13 yard line, it had appeared likely that the Garland offense would let the Dinosaurs' offense off the hook and the game would duly finish as predicted.

And then everything suddenly changed! Garland's young quarterback took control and, over the course of 7 ½ minutes during their next two possessions, gave real meaning to the term "Franchise Quarterback."

Facing 3rd down and 10 after regaining the yards lost to Stewart's untimely foul, Ryan calmly stood in the pocket as it folded in upon him and tracked down **Wes Welker** over the middle for a 15-yard completion. With Welker blanketed after that, he methodically checked down to **Dustin Keller** for consecutive completions of 10 yards for two more first downs, bringing his team into Durham territory. Then a beautiful pass over the middle to **Mark Clayton** allowed his receiver to break through the Durham secondary for a stunning 42-yard TD strike that narrowed the Lizards' lead to 16-13.

The Durham offense responded with aggression, going immediately to the air and making 2 first downs before stumbling once again. After **Michael Turner** ran into his own blocker and **Philip Rivers** missed **Antonio Gates** on a medium hitch route, the Lizards faced 3rd & 10 at the Garland 47 yard line. A false start by **Calvin Johnson** made it 3rd & 15 and tipped their hand. On the next play the Mustangs were cheating toward Johnson and the pass from Rivers fell incomplete. Zastudil punted for Durham and Ryan and the Mustangs' offense took over at their own 17 yard line with 4:35 remaining.

With Lizards swarming in the secondary, Ryan showed off another piece of his repertoire by scrambling for 8 yards and then

following it up with a designed short pass to **Matt Forte** for 5 yards and a first down. Two plays later, facing 3rd & 9 at his own 31, Ryan would find Forte again for 13 yards and a critical first down. A 17-yard pass to Clayton would bring them well into Durham territory and close to field goal range at the 39 yard line, but a short scramble and an incompletion brought up a 3rd down & 7 at the 36 – about 5 yards outside of **Robbie Gould's** comfort zone. With Durham double-teaming Welker, Ryan found Forte wide open over the middle for 17-yard completion, bringing the ball inside the Durham red zone with 54 seconds left. Expecting the Mustangs to play for the field goal, the Lizards brought their coverage in tight but got burned when Clayton got behind **Ken Lucas** near the sideline, took the dart from Ryan, and ran it into the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown.

It was pandemonium at The Corral. The fans celebrated as if the game was over but Durham still had one last gasp. Hobbs returned the kickoff from 8 yards deep to the Durham 22. But, with Garland in a 'Prevent,' three deep heaves from Rivers to his surrounded receivers found nothing but air, completing the stunning upset and sending the Lizards home shaking their heads.

10-21-2009 The Corral. Temp: 86 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Ryan**

2008 Durham (3-1)	0	6	7	3	-16
2008 Garland (2-2)	0	6	0	14	-20

2 12:05 Durham	FG Crosby 29 (8-68-3:43)	3-0
2 3:25 Durham	FG Crosby 23 (9-75-3:54)	6-0
2 0:37 Garland	FG Gould 28 (8-61-2:43)	6-3
2 0:14 Garland	FG Gould 45 (1-5-0:19)	6-6
3 3:46 Durham	TD Rivers 25 pass to Gates (Crosby) (13-90-5:32)	13-6
4 11:28 Durham	FG Crosby 29 (12-58-6:58)	16-6
4 7:47 Garland	TD Ryan 42 pass to Clayton (Gould) (7-77-3:38)	16-13
4 0:40 Garland	TD Ryan 19 pass to Clayton (Gould) (10-83-3:55)	16-20

	DTL	GDM
First Downs	22	18
Rushes	36-171	17-53
Passes	27-15-223	33-22-295
Sacked	0-0	2-18
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	6-45	9-61
Turnovers	1	1
Time	34:14	25:46
Third Down	5-14	6-11
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/1/3	2/1/1
Net Offense	394	330

KEY PERFORMANCES: GDM – **Matt Ryan** completed 22 of 33 passes for 295 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT; **Mark Clayton** caught 5 passes for 106 yards and 2 TDs; **Frank Gore** rushed for 30 yards on 8 carries; **John Carlson** caught 4 passes for 67 yards. DUR – **Philip Rivers** completed 15 of 27 passes for 223 yards and 1 TD; **Michael Turner** carried 22 times for 120 yards; **Calvin Johnson** caught 6 passes for 108 yards; **Kevin Faulk** carried 5 times for 39 yards; **Jared Allen** has 5 tackles, 2 sacks and 2 deflections.



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CHARLESWOOD



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WINNEMUCCA

CHARLESWOOD WINS CHIPPY CONTEST

GAME POINTS: **Peyton Manning** connected with **Jason Witten** for a 28-yard TD strike on the opening drive to give the Pats an early lead. After both teams traded turnovers inside the Outlaws' red zone, **David Garrard** led his team on a 93 yard drive, scrambling in from the 3 yard line to convert the drive into 7 points and a 7-7 tie. But Charleswood quickly answered with a 1-yard TD run by **Adrian Peterson**, set up by a 28-yard reception by Witten and an 18-yard pass to **Tony Gonzalez**, give the Pats a 14-7 lead at half time. In the third quarter, Winnemucca had two players, **Anthony Herrera** and **Brian Dawkins** ejected for fighting as the teams brawled twice. Without their leader on defense, the Outlaws fell apart, surrendering 21 unanswered 2nd half points to lose 35-7.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Peyton Manning** completed 21 of 28 for 282 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT; **Jason Witten** caught 7 passes for 125 yards and 2 TDs; **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 40 yards and 2 TDs on 11 carries; **Stewart Bradley** made 14 tackles, 3 run stuffs and 1 forced fumble. **Darren McFadden** rushed for 104 yards on 21 carries; **David Garrard** completed 16 of 24 for 140 yards, was sacked 4 times and fumbled 3 times.

10-24-2009 Hole in the Wall. Temp: 51 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Peyton Manning**

2008 Charleswood (3-1)	7	7	14	7	-35
2008 Winnemucca (1-3)	0	7	0	0	-7

1 9:20 Charleswood	TD Manning 28 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (11-67-5:40)	7-0
2 8:52 Winnemucca	TD Garrard 3 run (Graham,S) (14-93-6:40)	7-7
2 5:28 Charleswood	TD Peterson 1 run (Gostkowski) (7-72-3:24)	14-7
3 10:56 Charleswood	TD Peterson 17 run (Gostkowski) (6-74-2:42)	21-7
3 4:30 Charleswood	TD Mughelli 1 run (Gostkowski) (6-37-3:46)	28-7
4 14:00 Charleswood	TD Manning 12 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (5-51-3:03)	35-7

	CHP	WMO
First Downs	20	17
Rushes	20-76	32-139
Passes	28-21-282	24-16-140
Sacked	1-6	4-24
Fumble	1	3
Penalties	9-53	9-65
Turnovers	2	1
Time	25:55	34:05
Third Down	3-6	6-14
Fourth Down	1-1	0-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	6/4/0	1/1/0
Net Offense	352	255



KUTZTOWN



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CONVICTS BRUSH OFF BEARS

GAME POINTS: The Convicts overcame two early **Jay Cutler** turnovers and scored 10 points off 2 takeaways by the defense to post a 13-6 lead over the Golden Bears at half time. Kutztown's sputtering offence could not make headway in the third quarter, opening the door for Cutler and Co. to extend their lead to 30-6 on a 46-yard field goal by **Jeff Reed**, a 2-yard run by **LenDale White** and an 11-yard TD pass to **Anquan Boldin**. **Le'Ron McClain** broke into the end zone as time expired to salvage a terrible day for the Bears' fullback.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Jay Cutler** completed 15 of 24 for 156 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT; **Knowshon Moreno** rushed for 85 yards and 1 TD on 17 carries; **D'Qwell Jackson** notched 14 tackles and 1 INT to lead the defense. **Tony Romo** completed 19 of 40 passes for 198 yards and 2 INTs; **Le'Ron McClain** rushed for 33 yards and 1 TD on 18 carries.

10-24-2009 The Big House. Temp: 94 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Q'Qwell Jackson**

2008 Kutztown (2-2) 3 3 0 11 -17
2008 Chino (3-1) 0 13 3 14 -30

1 3:58 Kutztown FG Kaeding 19 (14-40-7:47) 3-0
2 11:17 Kutztown FG Kaeding 31 (6-28-2:50) 6-0
2 7:10 Chino FG Reed 49 (8-34-4:02) 6-3
2 4:13 Chino FG Reed 38 (3-6-0:53) 6-6
2 1:50 Chino TD Moreno 15 run (Reed,J) (3-42-0:53) 6-13
3 7:21 Chino FG Reed 46 (7-33-3:30) 6-16
4 11:28 Chino TD White 2 run (Reed,J) (4-65-1:56) 6-23
4 8:00 Chino TD Cutler 11 pass to Boldin (Reed,J) (5-61-2:57) 6-30
4 4:08 Kutztown FG Kaeding 43 (9-53-3:52) 9-30
4 0:01 Kutztown TD McClain 2 run (2 - McClain) (14-57-4:02) 17-30

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First Downs	17	17
Rushes	31-90	26-151
Passes	40-19-198	24-15-156
Sacked	2-11	1-10
Fumble	1	2
Penalties	7-48	6-35
Turnovers	3	3
Time	33:06	26:54
Third Down	8-18	4-8
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/2	4/3/0
Net Offense	277	297

VIRDEN VIOLATES CUBS' DEN!

GAME POINTS: The Violators rode the hot arm of **Drew Brees** in a hostile environment to pick up their first win of the season and deal the Cubs their third straight loss. A hard fought first half ended in a narrow 10-9 lead for the Cubs, sparked by a 9-yard TD pass from **Trent Edwards** to **Larry Fitzgerald**. But Brees took over in the second half, connecting with **Marvin Harrison** on 3rd & 18 for a 33-yard TD strike to make 19-10 Violators. **Adam Vinatieri** accounted for the remainder of Virden's points, making all 6 of his field goal attempts.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Drew Brees** completed 30 of 46 passes for 399 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT; **Clinton Portis** rushed for 35 yards on 19 carries and caught 9 passes for 72 yards; **Devin Hester** caught 6 passes for 138 yards. **Trent Edwards** completed 20 of 27 passes for 184 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT; **Ronnie Brown** rushed for 71 yards and 1 TD on 18 carries.



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10-25-2009 Joe Ferguson Stadium. Temp: 65 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Brees**

2008 Virden (1-3) 3 6 10 6 -25
2008 Iowa City (1-3) 7 3 3 7 -20

1 10:16 Virden FG Vinatieri 35 (5-5-1:45) 3-0
1 3:09 Iowa City TD Edwards 9 pass to Fitzgerald (Feely) (11-75-7:03) 3-7
2 9:26 Virden FG Vinatieri 18 (17-70-8:43) 6-7
2 5:34 Iowa City FG Rackers 51 (7-26-3:47) 6-10
2 0:08 Virden FG Vinatieri 37 (8-50-1:14) 9-10
3 10:43 Virden FG Vinatieri 44 (7-52-4:17) 12-10
3 8:50 Virden TD Brees 33 pass to Harrison (Vinatieri) (3-25-1:49) 19-10
3 2:15 Iowa City FG Rackers 54 (6-43-4:02) 19-13
4 14:08 Virden FG Vinatieri 33 (10-62-3:03) 22-13
4 3:48 Iowa City TD Brown 1 run (Rackers) (11-79-1:45) 22-20
4 0:19 Virden FG Vinatieri 48 (10-42-3:24) 25-20

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First Downs	20	18
Rushes	23-38	26-98
Passes	46-30-399	33-25-241
Sacked	2-18	1-5
Fumble	2	3
Penalties	12-85	3-21
Turnovers	1	3
Time	33:28	26:32
Third Down	9-19	8-12
Fourth Down	0-0	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/0/3	2/2/0
Net Offense	419	334



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KNIGHTS SNUFF OUT HELLFIRE

GAME POINTS: Jason Campbell threw 3 touchdown passes to **Roddy White** and the LA defense held the Mohave passing attack to under 50 yards as the Knights charged on to a convincing 30-13 victory. **Kurt Warner** completed only 4 passes – 3 of them to **Owen Daniels** on the same drive – setting up **Steve Slaton's** 1-yard run for Mohave's only touchdown. That score tied the game at 10 apiece in the second quarter, but that was as close as Mohave would get. Campbell found **Jamaal Charles** over the middle for 34 yards to set up a 3-yard TD pass to give LA the lead 17-10 at the half. The LA defense then held Mohave to 17 yards of offense and 0 first downs in the second half to clinch the win.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Jason Campbell completed 21 of 28 passes for 271 yards and 3 TDs; **Steven Jackson** rushed for 78 yards on 13 carries; **Roddy White** caught 8 passes for 97 yards and 3 TDs. **Kurt Warner** completed only 4 of 7 passes for 38 yards; **Jerome Harrison** rushed for 103 yards on 11 carries; **Steve Slaton** rushed for a paltry 30 yards on 21 carries and 1 TD.

10-24-2009 Temp: 81 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Campbell			MOH	LAK	
2008 Mohave (2-2)	3 7 0 3	- 13	First Downs	8	21
2008 Los Angeles (3-1)	10 7 10 3	- 30	Rushes	32-133	28-116
1 11:04 Los Angeles	FG Brown 42 (7-36-3:56)	0-3	Passes	7-4-38	28-21-271
1 4:38 Mohave	FG Bironas 26 (11-63-6:21)	3-3	Sacked	1-7	2-17
1 1:31 Los Angeles	TD Campbell 1 pass to White (Brown,K) (6-74-3:04)	3-10	Fumble	0	1
2 11:22 Mohave	TD Slaton 1 run (Bironas) (9-72-5:09)	10-10	Penalties	4-38	2-15
2 0:36 Los Angeles	TD Campbell 3 pass to White (Brown,K) (9-67-4:21)	10-17	Turnovers	0	1
3 7:39 Los Angeles	TD Campbell 27 pass to White (Brown,K) (10-71-4:57)	10-24	Time	25:43	34:17
3 4:35 Los Angeles	FG Brown 37 (3-9-0:58)	10-27	Third Down	3-10	3-9
4 11:56 Mohave	FG Bironas 48 (3--1-2:54)	13-27	Fourth Down	0-1	0-2
4 5:54 Los Angeles	FG Brown 46 (7-44-5:56)	13-30	Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	4/2/1
			Net Offense	164	370

HAWKS SWOOP DOWN ON CORN KINGS

GAME POINTS: Ben Roethlisberger dumped a pass off to **Martellus Bennett**, who ran it in from 8 yards for the winning TD with 5 minutes remaining in the game. Solid play by 'Big Ben,' who was on target in the clutch with 3 TD passes; as well as two big plays on the ground and in the air from **Eddie Royal**, and key catches by **Andre Johnson**, helped the Hawks overcome 3 turnovers and post their first victory of the season. With the Corn Kings marching late for the go-ahead TD, linebacker **DeMarcus Ware** burst through the line for a key third down sack to stave off a comeback by the visitors.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Ben Roethlisberger completed 20 of 28 passes for 267 yards, 3 TDs and 1 INT; **Andre Johnson** caught 7 passes for 89 yards and 1 TD; **Eddie Royal** gained 36 yards on 1 carry and caught 4 passes for 65 yards. **Chad Pennington** completed 17 of 34 for 198 yards and 1 INT.



COWTOWN



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10-24-2009 The Hawk's Nest. Temp: 70 Wind: 0-5 MVP: Roethlisberger			COW	RCH	
2008 Cowtown (1-3)	0 10 7 0	- 17	First Downs	19	20
2008 Ringgold (1-3)	7 7 0 7	- 21	Rushes	25-97	31-123
1 5:28 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 24 pass to Holmes (Suisham) (3-42-0:54)	0-7	Passes	34-17-198	28-20-267
2 10:37 Cowtown	TD Barber 1 run (Hanson,J) (9-56-5:05)	7-7	Sacked	2-19	1-3
2 8:16 Cowtown	FG Hanson 37 (3-5-1:29)	10-7	Fumble	1	3
2 1:20 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 6 pass to Johnson (Suisham) (11-70-6:51)	10-14	Penalties	2-10	3-32
3 1:38 Cowtown	TD Moore 4 run (Hanson,J) (16-93-8:17)	17-14	Turnovers	1	3
4 5:38 Ringgold	TD Roethlisberger 8 pass to Bennett (Suisham) (10-59-5:43)	17-21	Challenges	0-0	0-2
			Time	28:56	31:04
			Third Down	8-14	7-11
			Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
			Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	4/2/0
			Net Offense	276	387



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“JONESING” GLADS CRACK SPARTAN’S ARMOUR

GAME POINTS: Gladiator running back **Thomas Jones** rushed for 3 touchdowns and **Lance Briggs** snagged two interceptions, the first in his own end zone, to shut down and finish off the Spartans in the second half at the Coliseum. Following an evenly played first half in which the Spartans took a 10-7 lead on a 49-yard field goal by **John Kasay** at the gun, the Gladiators got rolling in the 3rd quarter with **Matt Cassel** throwing for 65 yards of an 80 yard drive and turning the ball over to Jones for the first of his two scores. With Pickering threatening to regain the lead, Briggs picked off **Chester Taylor’s** halfback option pass and from that point onward it was all Gwinnett.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Thomas Jones** rushed for 111 yards and 3 TDs on 25 carries; **Matt Cassel** completed 20 of 27 for 205 yards and 1 TD; **Lance Briggs** made 6 tackles, 2 run stuffs, and 2 INTS. **Eli Manning** completed 15 of 29 for 253 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT; **Vincent Jackson** caught 4 passes for 130 yards; **Chris Johnson** gained 75 totals yards and caught 1 TD pass.

10-22-2009 Gwinnett Coliseum. Temp: 77 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: Thomas Jones					PIC	GWG		
2008 Pickering (1-3)	7	3	0	0	-10	First Downs	19	22
2008 Gwinnett (3-1)	0	7	7	17	-31	Rushes	24-82	30-136
						Passes	30-15-253	27-20-205
1 4:37 Pickering	TD Manning	17	pass to Johnson (Kasay)	(10-74-5:11)	7-0	Sacked	1-13	0-0
2 7:53 Gwinnett	TD Cassel	16	pass to Wayne (Brown,J)	(4-50-2:21)	7-7	Fumble	0	1
2 0:03 Pickering	FG Kasay	49	(7-45-1:51)	10-7	Penalties	6-40	6-50	
3 4:25 Gwinnett	TD Jones	5	run (Brown,J)	(9-80-4:52)	10-14	Turnovers	2	1
4 6:48 Gwinnett	TD Jones	1	run (Brown,J)	(21-80-10:37)	10-21	Time	26:13	33:47
4 3:00 Gwinnett	FG Brown	50	(3-4-2:49)	10-24	Third Down	5-14	8-13	
4 2:12 Gwinnett	TD Jones	8	run (Brown,J)	(1-8-0:09)	10-31	Fourth Down	0-2	0-0
					Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/0	4/4/0	
					Net Offense	322	341	

DRAGONS SLEEPWALK TO VICTORY

GAME POINTS: **Terrell Suggs** picked off **Donovan McNabb** on Markham’s second possession and returned it 42 yards for a touchdown to open the scoring for Florida. The Dragons would need no more offence on the night but would follow up that score with a 10-yard TD pass from **Aaron Rodgers** to **Heath Miller** and three **Jason Elam** field goals stretched out over the remainder of the game. The Markham air attack was virtually grounded and the ground game could not carry the offense alone against the Florida “Firewall.” Rookie QB, **Mark Sanchez** saw his first EFL action in relief of an ineffective McNabb.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Aaron Rodgers** completed 21 of 28 passes for 193 yards and 1 TD; **T.J. Houshmandzadeh** caught 7 passes for 77 yards; **Ray Rice** rushed for 50 yards on 21 carries. **Donovan McNabb** completed only 3 of 10 for 22 yards and 1 INT; **Jamal Lewis** rushed for 57 yards on 19 carries; **Barrett Ruud** had 12 tackles and 2 run stuffs; **Omar Gaither** had 1 sack, 1 deflection, 2 pressures, and 1 forced fumble.



MARKHAM



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10-22-2009 Dragonmount. Temp: 97 Wind: 0-5 Rain MVP: Suggs					MAR	FLD		
2008 Markham (1-3)	0	0	0	0	-0	First Downs	7	18
2008 Florida (4-0)	7	10	3	3	-23	Rushes	32-106	33-68
						Passes	14-5-46	28-21-193
1 6:32 Florida	TD Suggs	42	interception return (Elam,J)	(0-0-0:00)	0-7	Sacked	0-0	1-4
2 12:47 Florida	TD Rodgers	10	pass to Miller (Elam,J)	(10-80-4:43)	0-14	Fumble	1	2
2 0:27 Florida	FG Elam	51	(9-33-3:44)	0-17	Penalties	2-20	1-5	
3 4:14 Florida	FG Elam	28	(16-61-10:46)	0-20	Turnovers	1	1	
4 10:09 Florida	FG Elam	28	(8-29-5:18)	0-23	Time	24:31	35:29	
					Third Down	6-13	10-16	
					Fourth Down	0-3	0-0	
					Red Att/Td/Fg	1/0/0	3/1/2	
					Net Offense	152	257	



AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Everybody is in such a hurry in this damn town. I mean *everybody*. Even the homeless have no time to sit idly by. There are odd jobs and begging to be done, not to mention shopping carts to fill with trash and cheap liquor to drink. At the end of a long day many have to race to the nearest shelter or else they will have to spend hours collecting newspapers and cardboard to keep warm. What is causing street people to work harder than ever at their craft? The Coalition for the Homeless recently announced that the shelter population in New York City is the highest it has been since the Great Depression. It's a fact that does not get much Media attention because it is an embarrassment to the City. The recent market turmoil and mortgage crisis has been an eye-opener for Yours Truly. Anyone can join the ranks of the homeless. As a result, I have had an epiphany about my country: we are not a Society, we are an Economy. There is a big difference.

BREES BLOWS THROUGH IOWA....REDDING FLIPS

The long-awaited “statement game” from **Drew Brees** finally arrived this week. It landed in Iowa City; knocking over the Cubs, lifting up **Clinton Portis**, ravaging the broccoli fields. Brees threw for 399 yards and made a couple of astounding passes, including a 33-yard strike to **Marvin Harrison** against 6 defensive backs for Virden's only touchdown. It was a truly impressive performance made more so by the inept showing of the Violators' ground game, which gave him no support. Portis rushed for a sad sack 35 yards on 19 carries but feasted on leftovers in the passing game, catching 9 passes for 72 yards and keeping drives alive.

For almost three years, pundits both at home and abroad have talked about the need for Brees to “make a statement.” This “statement” – whether on behalf of his team, his city, the league, or himself – has of course been understood to mean a symbolic act – made on the field with completed passes substituting for actual words. Sure enough, immediately after the game the sports channel commentators everywhere were gushing, “Drew Brees made a statement today;” “this is a statement from Drew Brees;” and “what a statement from Drew Brees!!” “Well, what exactly did Drew Brees *say* with his 30 completions for 399 yards?

I translated the passes into English and they said; “Wow, Hester's open again! So is Marvin! So is Royal! (*What! Royal's never open!*) Where's Atogwe hiding? Oh there he is, on the ground. *Hmmmm.....who to throw to.....best to keep them all happy...one for you, Devin...and one for you, Marvin...and one for you Clinton...hey this is fun!*”

I will give credit to Brees for taking full advantage of a Cubs squad in disarray, but how much of a statement is it when it comes against a team that is making everyone they play look good? The Cubs' most notable achievement this year, knocking off LA, came through Divine Intervention. They were squashed by Chino. *They lost to Winnemucca!!* (Stop and think about that for a moment – it makes me shudder) Now this!

Coach Redding, a player's favourite, often takes the player's view when responding to observations about his team's performance. This week he was visibly upset during the post-game media scrum and took a rare shot at his team; “Unacceptable, period! Brees ate us for lunch. We knew what was coming and couldn't stop it. There were breakdowns on many fronts. We need to get it addressed,” he said.

Oooooooh....“*unacceptable,*” “*we need to get it addressed!*” Those are words sure to make **Demeco Ryans** stop counting his 9 million dollar paycheque and make a play or two. Even when angry, Redding can't help coming across as a nice guy. Are his players taking advantage? Ryans has not been the impact player he is being paid to be but he is not the worst of the Cubs' problems – at least he batted down 3 of those 46 pass attempts by Brees this week. The secondary has been soft for sure, but **Mario Williams** has been a force at end and the run defense is getting the job done. The real problem is on offence – specifically at the

quarterback position. Neither **Trent Edwards** nor **J.P. Losman** looks like the answer. Meanwhile, **Jeff Garica**, whose behind-the-scenes spats with Redding became public last season, is playing in Canada again. I wonder if Calgary is willing to make a trade.

SCARIEST DEFENSE

With the approach of Halloween the question football fanatics are asking is: which EFL defense is the scariest? If you asked a Mohave fan today, he would answer Knights – so intimidating is their secondary that even a player of the caliber of **Kurt Warner** would not dare test it. If you asked a Markham fan, he would answer Dragons – the “Firewall” burned **Donovan McNabb** almost every time he dared to put the ball in the air in Week Four. If you asked a Winnemucca fan, provided you could find one, he would probably answer, “They’re all scary except ours.”

There are several dangerous defenses at large in the EFL this season. In addition to those already mentioned, Charleswood and Chino have a number of horrors waiting to strike terror into opposing offences. Gwinnett also has a few unpleasant surprises in store for unwary adversaries. Watching from the comfort of your living room will not give you a true appreciation of how intimidating each one of these monstrous D’s really is. But a recent player survey is revealing.

When asked which EFL defense poses the greatest challenge to a quarterback, most of the league’s pivots preferred to speak off the record. Some, like **Matt Ryan**, however, would offer no opinion on or off the record: “Look, I don’t want no trouble, see? I’m new in the league,” he said while walking straight into a waiting cab.

Others were more talkative. **Ben Roethlisberger**, who has absorbed his share of lumps both on and off the field and has the hardest head, described it this way; “Chino plays possum. They suck you in with a few easy plays then, when your guard is down, they sock you in the throat. Florida’s secondary is fast and sneaky – they’ll jump your route and shove the ball up right up your ass. Los Angeles – those crazy mothers are out of control! Last year you could catch them on the blitz, but this year they’re hanging back a bit. I hear it freaked out Kurt (Warner). Charleswood and Gwinnett? No disrespect to the other guys, but their safeties make them dangerous. Polamalu and Reed are the best in the business. But you asked which team has the best ‘D’? The Hawks, of course!”

Of the other starting quarterbacks who offered an opinion: 3 named Florida; 3 named Chino; 3 named Los Angeles; 1 named Charleswood and 4 said it depended on what the offense was trying to do and the match-ups. My next task is to find out who those 4 quarterbacks are because I’m betting on their teams the rest of the way.

OUTLAWS NOT WANTED – DEAD OR ALIVE

The League is reportedly having difficulty finding a buyer for the Winnemucca Outlaws franchise it took over last week after **Pierce Roberts** relinquished control of the team. A surprising win over Iowa City failed to generate serious interest from prospective new owners but it apparently grabbed the attention of Pierce as he boarded the plane for Tristan de Cunha. Roberts made a surprise appearance at ‘Hole in the Wall’ for his former team’s Week Four contest against the Charleswood Patriots. Roberts installed himself on the Winnemucca sideline and called plays as if nothing had changed. Quarterback, **David Garrard**, unsure whether he was supposed to be taking direction from Roberts or Interim Head Coach, **Dennis Erickson**, decided to take matters into his own hands and throw 14 straight slant passes to lead his team to their only score of the day. But after Roberts punched out Erickson and confiscated all the headsets, it was back to the same Old Outlaws – a group that, if they actually were a bunch of outlaws, wouldn’t be able to rob an open-air bank tended by a little old lady who had neatly stacked all the cash into gift-wrapped packages and placed them in saddle bags hung from pegs on five-foot high posts spaced at convenient intervals along a road leading away from town and to straight a secret passageway to Mexico.

SOUTH WINS CIVIL WAR

The North Division teams traveled south to face their rivals in the South Division in Week Four. If General Grant had met with similar results in 1864, the Confederate States of America would be around 144 years old today. It was a clean sweep for the South as both Durham and Cowtown unexpectedly went down to defeat and Markham and Pickering fell on the road to the better teams. The big shocker was, of course, Durham’s loss to Garland. As much as I like **Matt Ryan**, I did not foresee him exploding to lead two late touchdown drives and pull the game out against a good Durham defense. Last week I badgered Durham Coach, **George Kaldis** for castigating his team after a win, figuring I knew better from the lofty vantage point of my Manhattan condo. Obviously, Kaldis saw something from the ground that I, and many others who do

not see the team close up every day, do not. Maybe there *are* real problems in Durham. If so, one has to ask what they are. To all appearances this team should be a contender to appear in the Conference Title Game if not the League Championship. What is causing Kaldis' angst? His team has played soft in the secondary but somehow appear surprised and incredulous when opposing teams move the ball through the air – as if they *think* they should have stopped them. They definitely need to wake up and see what they're doing! As for the offense, it moves the ball, but fails to make key plays at critical times. Can you say, "choke?"

NEW YORK GRIPES

What the *Hell* kind of offense was Mohave running this week at Los Angeles? 7 pass attempts, 4 completions? Come on! I know the Knights' secondary is scary but their run defense is no pushover either. The 1920's experiment worked for one drive, earning them a field goal. On their only TD drive, **Kurt Warner** made 3 of his 4 completions. In the second half, the Hellfire failed to make a first down trying to power the ball through the Knights' line. What this should tell any reasonable person is that balance is the key to a good offense...unless of course one thing is working really well all the time and the other is not, as Virden's **Drew Brees** can attest.

Violators' owner, **Lance Barrate**, was not at the stadium to witness his team's first win under his ownership. This created an initial stir of bewilderment and even muted anger until the announcement that Lance's wife had been rushed to hospital for the birth of their first son. It turns out that a healthy but small Isaiah Donovan, like Virden's first win, arrived about 6 weeks early. Both mother and child are doing well.

SPATS.



IF SPATS LIKES IT....IT'S GOOD!!

PLAY OF THE WEEK

SITUATION

Virden 12, Iowa City 10 3rd Quarter, 9:04 remaining
Violators in possession, 3rd down & 18 at Cubs 33 yard line.
3 WR/2RB set vs. 3-2-6 Dime package, DEEP ZONE coverage, PASS defense.

RESULT

Drew Brees completes a long hitch to Marvin Harrison, who turns away from the defender and zips into the end zone for a momentum-changing TD.

ANALYSIS

This is an example of a QB and WR making a play. The defense was perfect, but the offence executed flawlessly.

WEEK FOUR LEADERS

PASSING

RUSHING

RECEIVING

Brees (VV) 46-30-399
Ryan (GDM) 33-22-295
Manning, P. (CHP) 28-21-282
Campbell, J. (LAK) 28-21-271
Roethlisberger (RCH) 28-20-267

Turner, M. (DTL) 22-120
Jones, T. (GWG) 25-111
McFadden (WMO) 21-104
Harrison, J. (MOH) 11-103
Moreno (CHI) 17-85

Hester (VV) 6-138
Jackson, V. (PIC) 4-130
Witten (CHP) 7-125
Johnson, Ca. (DTL) 6-108
Clayton, M. (GDM) 5-106

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	3	1	0	0.750	97	24.3	57	14.3	10	2 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Kutztown	2	2	0	0.500	82	20.5	90	22.5	-2	1 0 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
Mohave	2	2	0	0.500	73	18.3	82	20.5	-2.3	1 0 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
Virden	1	3	0	0.250	64	16	84	21	-5	0 2 0	0 3 0	1 3 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	3	1	0	0.750	100	25	50	12.5	12.5	2 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Los Angeles	3	1	0	0.750	91	22.8	52	13	9.8	2 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Iowa City	1	3	0	0.250	53	13.3	78	19.5	-6.3	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
Winnemucca	1	3	0	0.250	30	7.5	97	24.3	-16.8	0 3 0	1 2 0	1 3 0

CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	3	1	0	0.750	104	26	75	18.8	7.3	2 0 0	3 0 0	3 1 0
Cowtown	1	3	0	0.250	93	23.3	94	23.5	-0.3	0 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
Markham	1	3	0	0.250	58	14.5	92	23	-8.5	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
Pickering	1	3	0	0.250	72	18	118	29.5	-11.5	0 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	4	0	0	1.000	133	33.3	43	10.8	22.5	3 0 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Gwinnett	3	1	0	0.750	95	23.8	68	17	6.8	1 1 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Garland	2	2	0	0.500	76	19	102	25.5	-6.5	2 1 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
Ringgold	1	3	0	0.250	58	14.5	97	24.3	-9.8	1 1 0	0 3 0	1 3 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Rivers,P	DTL	106	73	68.9	1136	2	1.9	80	6	5.7	115.1
2	Campbell,J	LAK	98	69	70.4	798	1	1	47	5	5.1	107.4
3	Cassel	GWG	89	61	68.5	666	2	2.2	41	6	6.7	103.5
4	Manning,P	CHP	122	83	68	963	4	3.3	33	6	4.9	94.4
5	Rodgers	FLD	90	59	65.6	677	2	2.2	46	4	4.4	93.6
6	Manning,E	PIC	127	78	61.4	1071	6	4.7	74	7	5.5	87.1
7	Warner	MOH	99	64	64.6	686	3	3	34	4	4	85.7
8	Pennington	COW	133	83	62.4	865	4	3	37	5	3.8	81.2
9	Ryan,M	GDM	109	65	59.6	852	5	4.6	42	5	4.6	80.5
10	Edwards,T	ICC	77	49	63.6	455	1	1.3	19	1	1.3	78.7
11	McNabb	MAR	115	66	57.4	713	2	1.7	67	3	2.6	77.2
12	Cutler	CHI	125	78	62.4	751	3	2.4	34	3	2.4	77.1
13	Brees	VV	118	65	55.1	855	3	2.5	51	3	2.5	76.1
14	Roethlisberger	RCH	118	65	55.1	745	5	4.2	33	6	5.1	73.6
15	Romo	KUT	122	71	58.2	718	5	4.1	23	4	3.3	69

RUSHING

		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Turner, M	DTL	86	393	4.6	85	3	8	Brown, R	ICC	58	214	3.7	53	1
2	Jones, T	GWG	85	388	4.6	16	5	9	McCoy, L	KUT	29	212	7.3	52	0
3	Williams, D	FLD	57	345	6.1	48	6	10	Barber, M	COW	41	190	4.6	14	3
4	Peterson, A	CHP	71	298	4.2	19	2	11	Harrison, J	MOH	19	182	9.6	31	0
5	Portis	VV	86	274	3.2	13	0	12	Slaton	MOH	65	165	2.5	14	2
6	Johnson, C	PIC	52	269	5.2	69	2	13	Moreno	CHI	42	163	3.9	15	2
7	Lewis, J	MAR	58	217	3.7	16	0	14	Jones, J	WMO	36	162	4.5	38	1
8	Brown, R	ICC	58	214	3.7	53	1	15	Charles, J	LAK	25	140	5.6	34	1

RECEIVING

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	White, R	LAK	29	296	10.2	27	4	8	Bradley, M	LAK	21	266	12.7	47	0
2	Jennings, G	KUT	28	315	11.3	22	2	9	Coles	WMO	19	197	10.4	25	1
3	Gonzalez, T	CHP	27	281	10.4	32	1	10	Ward, H	CHI	19	235	12.4	33	0
4	Evans, L	ICC	24	278	11.6	44	0	11	Walter, K	COW	18	257	14.3	37	2
5	Boldin	CHI	24	229	9.5	28	2	12	Gonzalez, A	KUT	18	160	8.9	19	2
6	Hester, D	VV	22	355	16.1	35	1	13	Owens, T	MOH	18	236	13.1	28	2
7	Johnson, A	RCH	22	269	12.2	27	1	14	Witten	CHP	18	243	13.5	28	4
8	Bradley, M	LAK	21	266	12.7	47	0	15	Harrison, M	VV	17	255	15	51	2



BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK *WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK FOUR?* Brylcreem continues to be a proud sponsor of the EFL

OFFENSE



QB – Drew Brees, Virden Violators
46 Att., 30 Comp., 399 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT, 90.8 Rating.
Threw at will against Cubs to give Violators first win.

DEFENSE



OLB – Lance Briggs, Gwinnett Gladiators
5 Tackles, 2 Sacks, 3 Pressures.
He and Freeney kept Matt Ryan running for his life all game.

SPECIAL TEAMS



K – Adam Vinatieri, Virden Violators
6 of 6 Field Goals, 48 Long, 1 of 1 Extra Points, 19 Pts.
Perfect and prolific day with the boot tripped up Cubs.

INJURY REPORT - Week Five

CHARLESWOOD – Samueals (OUT), A. Thomas (OUT); **CHINO** – McKinnie (OUT), J. Harrison (DOUBTFUL); **COWTOWN** – Schobel (OUT), Saturday (OUT), S. Jones (OUT); **DURHAM** – None; **FLORIDA** – Rubin (PROBABLE); **GARLAND** – Foxworth (OUT); **GWINNETT** – D.J. Williams (OUT), Laurinaitis (QUESTIONABLE); **IOWA CITY** – J. Peters (OUT), Winslow (OUT), Podlesh (OUT); **KUTZTOWN** – None; **LOS ANGELES** – S. Young (OUT), S. Smith (OUT); **MARKHAM** – C. Johnson (OUT), Furrey (OUT); **MOHAVE** – Allison (OUT), Westbrook (OUT), Sims (OUT), C. Bailey (OUT); **PICKERING** – D. Harris (QUESTIONABLE), Ryan Clark (QUESTIONABLE), J. Phillips (OUT), M. Jackson (OUT), Edwards (PROBABLE); **RINGGOLD** – Brackett (OUT); **VIRDEN** – J. Thompson (OUT); **WINNEMUCCA** – Harvin (OUT), Washington (OUT), J. Walker (OUT), D. Manning (OUT), Piscitelli (QUESTIONABLE).



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JIMMY'S WEEK FIVE PICKS

IOWA CITY @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 9)

The Cubs are down in the dumps after losing to the Violators and the Pats are preening after man-handling the Outlaws. If both trends continue, it should be an easy win at home for Charleswood. Bettors have to be asking themselves if Iowa City has changed that much since last season. They have a new quarterback, but the rest of the team is basically the same, but without the dominating tight end. The Cubs' offense does not match up well against the Pats' defense, but the Pats' offense does not necessarily have a free pass against the Cubs' defense, as poorly as it has played to date. After two weeks of horrific play, expect the Cubs to show up this week.

PICK: IOWA CITY

CHINO @ MOHAVE (LINE – CONVICTS BY 4)

The Mohave offense has tapered off since they stung Charleswood in Week Two. Meanwhile, the Chino attack has been anything but, and this comes as a surprise. The two players holding the Convicts' offense together have been Anquan Boldin and LenDale White – L.T. has been invisible and Jay Cutler has been inconsistent. The Hellfire fired blanks last week against Los Angeles and this week they face another tough defense. Kurt Warner can't turtle in his game or they will lose for sure. I am not confident in Chino's ability to move the ball but I do know a great 'D' when I see it. Defense wins Championships!

PICK: CHINO

LOS ANGELES @ KUTZTOWN (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 2)

The Knights are ascendant and playing almost perfect football. Their Week One loss to Iowa City is looking more and more like an aberration with each passing week. Jason Campbell rebounded after a difficult game against Chino and should be able to manage the game against the Golden Bears' defense, led by Ray Lewis. Kutztown will once again be relying on Tony Romo and LeSean McCoy to strike gold. If they don't, it will be a very long day for the Kutztown offence against Nnamdi Asomugha and Friends.

PICK: LOS ANGELES

WINNEMUCCA @ VIRDEN (LINE – VIOLATORS BY 6)

Here it is – the pre-season’s best pick for the first win of the season for either team. Now that both have won a game ahead of time, the match-up is less dramatic but important nonetheless. Nothing less than the title of “Worst EFL Team” rides on the outcome. The loser will suffer a dramatic drop in jersey sales while the winner will not suffer the same drop. The loser will gain a better draft pick while the winner will gain a slightly lesser pick. Seriously though, the Violators won impressively against Iowa City last week and should mow down the Outlaws’ defense with ease.

PICK: VIRDEN

FLORIDA @ DURHAM (LINE – DRAGONS BY 8)

The top rated offense in the league faces off against the top defense in the league, with the top offense gaining the home field advantage. But is it really a big advantage? The Lizards have struggled in the clutch this season, at home and on the road, and have not looked as dominant as their statistics would indicate. The Dragons are shutting down opponents with unseemly ease, but they have yet to face a team with the depth at wide receiver or the line protection that Durham has. The Dragons’ pass rush is scary, but so is the Durham offensive line. Michael Turner is an explosive runner and needs to be respected, putting a leash on Justin Tuck. Expect Philip Rivers to get enough time in the pocket to find the open man and squeak out a win.

PICK: DURHAM

GWINNETT @ COWTOWN (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 4)

Someone in Vegas likes the Corn Kings – or thinks that bettors like the Corn Kings. I don’t. Last week’s performance against Ringgold told me all I need to know about their defense – they are the second coming of Anchorage. This incompetence on ‘D’ affects the offence as surely as the Moon affects the ocean tides. The Gladiators have all of the tools on offence to score big against this ramshackle squad except for a questionable offensive line. The Kings have a good front four, if nothing else, and may be able to put some pressure on Matt Cassel. Chad Pennington has dropped the ball when it matters and the Glads have the great Troy Polamalu watching his eyes, but Marion Barber is good enough to keep him honest. This will be a close game, going either way, but within the spread.

PICK: GWINNETT

RINGGOLD @ PICKERING (LINE – PICK’ EM)

Pickering’s Ryan Clark is questionable for this game. If he plays, the Spartans will be less awful on defense, but still awful. If he does not play, the Spartans secondary will become a ‘Welcome’ mat for another big game by Big Ben. The Crimson Hawks’ quarterback rebounded from a dreadful season start by throwing 3 touchdowns last week against Cowtown. The only team that might have a worse secondary is Pickering. The Spartans’ Eli Manning will be facing a beatable Ringgold defense with disconcerting big play ability. He is certainly capable of lighting up the scoreboard, but the question is whether or not he can light it up enough to keep pace in a shootout with a guy throwing against his own defense. I say he falls behind.

PICK: RINGGOLD

GARLAND @ MARKHAM (LINE – NORTH STARS BY 2)

Finally, the North Stars face a defensive line they can push around in both phases of the game. They will need to control the ball and keep it away from young Matt Ryan or suffer the same fate against the Mustangs as their Divisional cousin, Durham. But they will also need to score points, which will be a much more difficult task without Chad Johnson in the line-up. The Mustangs will be looking to take Donovan McNabb and Devery Henderson out of the game to avoid the quick strike by the Stars’ offence. They will be content to keep Markham’s offensive pace slow since they are in a better position to strike swiftly in return. I like Markham’s fundamentals but I like Matt Ryan more.

PICK: GARLAND

SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY??????

HOW I’M DOING AGAINST THE SPREAD

LAST WEEK: 6-2-0

OVERALL: 20-11-1