

# 2011



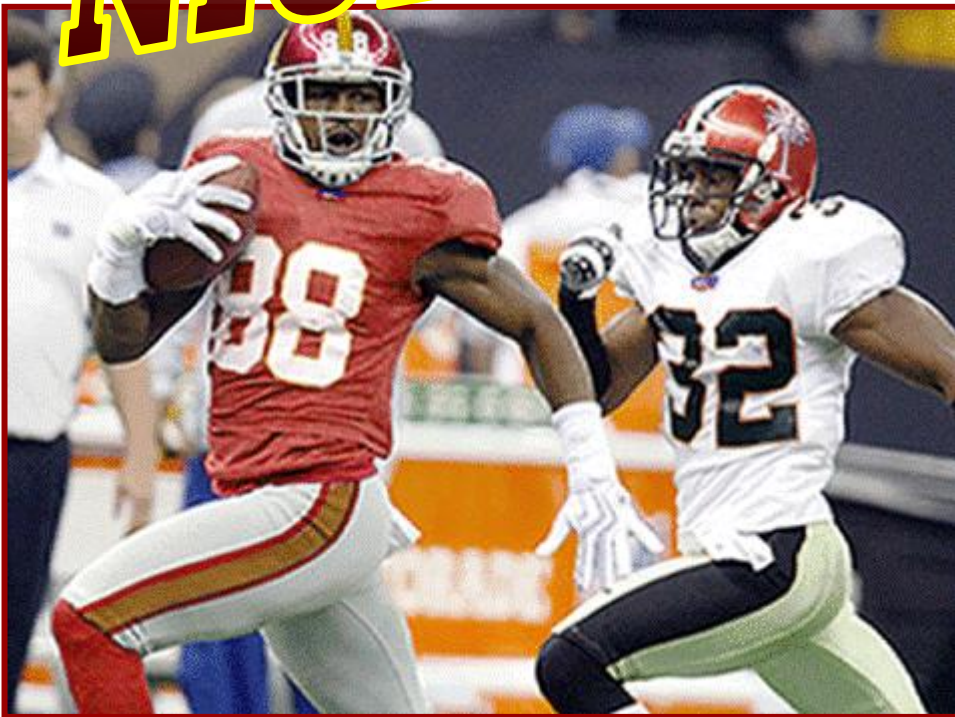
# 2011

## WEEK SIX IN REVIEW

November 13, 2011



# NICKED!!



Mohave's **Hakeem Nicks** escapes from the shadow of his own goal line with a 41-yard reception in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter to bring his team to mid-field. Nicks did not score but he caught 13 passes for 223 yards and 9 first downs in leading Mohave to a 26-7 win.

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**COMMENT**

"Fitting In," "No sweat!" "Bad Luck Ben," "Shoot me, I like Markham," "Around the EFL," and more – Spats McChad

**PREDICTIONS**

Lock pick of the week and other astute thoughts! – Jimmy the Geek



*Who was slick in Week Six?*

**"BRYLCREEM" THE EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR**



**Hakeem Nicks**  
WR  
Mohave  
Hellfire

13 catches for 223 yards, 9 first downs, led Hellfire to first win.



**Tramon Williams**  
CB  
Cowtown  
Corn Kings

Held Cubs' Fitzgerald to 3 catches in 9 targets and made 1 INT.



# KNIGHTS BLOWOUT DINOS!



**DURHAM THUNDER  
LIZARDS**

**14**

**41**

**LOS ANGELES  
KNIGHTS**



LIZARD OF THE GAME	Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	KNIGHT OF THE GAME
<b>Michael Turner</b> 8 carries, 100 yards, 1 TD	<b>DURHAM (4-1)</b>	0	0	7	7	-	14	<b>Josh Freeman</b> 19 of 25, 208 yards, 4 TDs
	<b>LOS ANGELES (4-1)</b>	7	21	0	13	-	41	

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Jamaal Charles** rushed for 86 yards and 1 TD on 12 carries before leaving the game in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

- **Roddy White** caught 6 passes for 60 yards and 2 TDs.
- **Bradie James** had 6 tackles and intercepted a pass, returning it 46 yards, to lead the Blue Shield defence.
- **Tim Tebow** threw a TD pass in his only attempt to get Durham on the scoreboard.
- **Michael Turner** broke loose for a 78-yard TD run late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when the game was out of reach.

**GAME SUMMARY:** The Knights opened from their 27 yard line and drove the field using a mix of running and short pass plays; finishing off with a 2-yard TD pass from **Josh Freeman** to **Roddy White** for a 7-0 lead. **Philip Rivers** was off his game from the start; fumbling the snap from centre on the first play from scrimmage and then losing a fumble on a scramble 6 plays later that set up the Knights at their own 39 yard line. **Jamaal Charles** broke free for 16 yards then scampered for 8 yards to the Durham 13 yard line to convert 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 7. On the next play Charles was in the end zone for a 14-0 Knights lead. The Thunder Lizards got a spark from a 17-yard run by **Toby Gerhart** and a 14-yard reception from **Calvin Johnson** on their next drive but lost the little momentum they had when **Bradie James** picked off Rivers and returned it 46 yards to the Durham 14 yard line. On the next play, Freeman hooked up with White for their second scoring connection and a 21-0 Los Angeles lead. After another three-and-out by the Dinosaurs the Knights drove 67 yards riding the legs of Charles and **Cedric Benson** to the red zone where **Tony Gonzalez** took over and cashed in '6' on a 5-yard TD pass from Freeman to make the score 28-0 heading into half time. The loss of Charles late in the first half slowed down the Knight's offence in the second half. Toward the end of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter Durham finally got on the scoreboard when **Tim Tebow** tossed the ball 2 yards to a wide open **Dwayne Bowe** for a TD to make it 28-7. After a LA field goal, Durham put the game out of reach for themselves when Rivers threw a pick to **Jeremiah Bell** to help set up a 21-yard **Dan Carpenter** field goal. The nicest play of the game – a 78-yard TD run by **Michael Turner** – came too late to matter as the Knights went on to win easily.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Money shots by Freeman

**THE FANS HATED**  
Philip Rivers



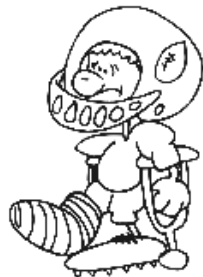
**FAN RATING**



11-12-2011 Round Table Stadium Temp: 76 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Josh Freeman**

1 8:03	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 2 pass to White (Carpente,D) (14-73-6:50)	0-7
2 14:10	Los Angeles	TD Charles 13 run (Carpente,D) (9-61-4:51)	0-14
2 10:11	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 14 pass to White (Carpente,D) (1-14-0:08)	0-21
2 1:54	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 5 pass to Gonzalez (Carpente,D) (10-67-6:02)	0-28
3 4:15	Durham	TD Tebow 2 pass to Bowe (Vinatieri) (12-70-6:34)	7-28
4 12:15	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 23 (13-66-6:52)	7-31
4 9:47	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 21 (5-22-2:15)	7-34
4 4:54	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 37 pass to Evans (Carpente,D) (3-47-1:28)	7-41
4 3:53	Durham	TD Turner 78 run (Vinatieri) (2-81-0:54)	14-41

	DTL	LAK
First Downs	18	23
Rushes	24-159	36-155
Passes	27-15-191	25-19-208
Sacked	2-20	0-0
Fumble	4	2
Penalties	4-33	3-25
Turnovers	3	0
Time	26:27	33:33
Third Down	3-7	8-13
Fourth Down	0-2	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	6/4/2
Net Offense	330	363



## INJURIES

**DURHAM** – Dawan Landry (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>); Calvin Johnson (PG-3<sup>rd</sup>)

**LOS ANGELES** – Vincent Brown (1 game-OUT); Jamaal Charles (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>); David Nelson (PG-4<sup>th</sup>)

## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"May God bless and forgive our oppressors for they know not what they do." – *Durham part-time QB, Tim Tebow.*

# PATS KEEP GLADS “JONESING” FOR A WIN!



**CHARLESWOOD PATRIOTS**

**23**

**17**

**GWINNETT GLADIATORS**



PATRIOT OF THE GAME	Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	GLADIATOR OF THE GAME
<b>Jacoby Jones</b> 76-yard punt return TD	<b>CHARLESWOOD</b> (5-1)	3	10	7	3	-	23	<b>Troy Polamalu</b> 11 tackles, 1 PD, 1 Stf, 1 INT
	<b>GWINNETT</b> (3-3)	3	0	0	14	-	17	

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 123 yards on 20 carries for his 5<sup>th</sup> 100+ yard rushing game this year.

- **Peyton Manning** went 14 of 23 for 136 yards, 1 INT and 1 TD.
- **Jason Witten** caught 6 passes for 71 yards and 1 TD.
- **John Abraham** made 3 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 stuffed run and forced a Big Ben fumble.
- **Ben Roethlisberger** completed 18 of 26 for 184 yards, 1 INT and 2 TDs.
- **LeSean McCoy** gained 151 all-purpose yards; 98 rushing and 53 receiving and caught a TD pass.

**GAME SUMMARY:** **Jacoby Jones'** 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, 76-yard punt return for a TD broke up a field goal battle and gave the Patriots a 10-point lead they would carry into half time and maintain for most of the remainder of the game. A **Troy Polamalu** interception in the final minute of the first half stifled a potential Pats' scoring drive inside the red zone to temporarily put off a further Charleswood advance. But the Gladiators would not get any more such breaks in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. On the Glads' first possession of the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter **Big Ben** was picked off by **Jon Beason** at the Gwinnett 45 yard line. The Pats' linebacker would return the ball 22 yards to the Gwinnett 23, where **Peyton Manning** would take over and make short work of the Glads' secondary with a 14-yard TD pass to **Jason Witten** on the third play from scrimmage to increase their lead to 20-3. Playing catch-up, Gwinnett finally tallied a major early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter after runs of 11 and 14 yards by **LeSean McCoy** and a 19-yard pass to **Jeremy Maclin** helped to set up a 6-yard pass in the flat to Maclin for a TD. The Glads' defence did their part by stopping the Pats three-and-out on their next possession, but Big Ben fumbled after a 3-yard scramble at mid-field on Gwinnett's next possession and Charleswood drove to a 45-yard **Stephen Gostkowski** field goal to make it 23-10. McCoy took control of the ensuing Gladiator drive with 3 carries for 47 yards and a 28-yard TD reception on a screen pass to make it 23-17. The Pats held on to the ball for the final 4:30 minutes of the game to clinch the win.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Jones punt return or TD

**THE FANS HATED**  
Big Ben's Bobbles



**FAN RATING**



11-09-2011 Gwinnett Coliseum Temp: 81 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Jacoby Jones**

1 9:30	Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 43 (10-53-5:16)	3-0
1 2:54	Gwinnett	FG Brown 40 (12-61-6:22)	3-3
2 12:03	Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 23 (12-75-5:48)	6-3
2 9:49	Charleswood	TD Jones 76 punt return (Gostkowski) (0-0-1:53)	13-3
3 11:44	Charleswood	TD Manning 14 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (3-23-1:37)	20-3
4 14:17	Gwinnett	TD Roethlisberger 6 pass to Maclin (Brown,J) (11-83-6:35)	20-10
4 8:29	Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 45 (8-18-3:49)	23-10
4 4:38	Gwinnett	TD Roethlisberger 28 pass to McCoy (Brown,J) (6-66-2:48)	23-17

	CHP	GWG
First Downs	18	17
Rushes	34-159	25-170
Passes	23-14-136	26-18-184
Sacked	0-0	3-28
Fumble	1	2
Penalties	4-25	2-20
Turnovers	1	3
Time	31:21	28:39
Third Down	3-10	6-12
Fourth Down	1-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	2/1/1
Net Offense	295	326

## INJURIES

**CHARLESWOOD** – Marques Colston (1 game-PROBABLE); Joe Staley (8 agmes); Adrian Peterson (1 game-QUESTIONABLE); Justin Smith (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>).

**GWINNETT** – Sam Baker (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>).



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

“Yes, he may be benched. Sure, we could have done better as a team, but when Ben is in we seem to lose as a team. I expect more and I’m not afraid to say it openly.” – *Gwinnett coach, Dave Birdsall.*



# SWORDS SHARPER AGAINST MUSTANGS!



**YORK  
EXCALIBURS**

**27**

**3**

**GARLAND  
MUSTANGS**



## YORK PLAYER OF THE GAME

**Brandon Jacobs**

12 for 114 rushing, 2 TDs.

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
YORK (2-4)	7	10	3	7	-	27
GARLAND (1-5)	0	0	0	3	-	3

## MUSTANG OF THE GAME

**Matt Forte**

14 for 69 rushing, 38 long.

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** Tom Brady completed 14 of 25 for 166 yards for a game-day QB rating of 83.0.

- York defensive tackle **Tommy Kelly** made 11 tackles and sacked Ryan once to lead the Swords' defence.
- **Michael Jenkins** caught 3 passes for 38 yards to lead York receivers in yardage.
- Mustangs QB **Matt Ryan** struggled somewhat, completing 20 of 30 for just 144 yards, 1 INT and 0 TDs.
- **Jordan Shipley** had 6 receptions for 37 yards and a just a 6.2 yard average.
- **Wes Welker** struggled, catching 3 balls for 32 yards in 7 targets with one drop.

**GAME SUMMARY:** The Excaliburs opened up the game with a 21-yard pass to **Michael Crabtree** followed by a 59-yard TD run by **Brandon Jacobs** to jump out to a quick 7-0 lead. Garland responded with a series of short and medium passes to the York 31 but was suddenly shut down by **Calvin Pace's** interception of **Matt Ryan** at the 30. Consecutive holding calls on guard, **Steve Hutchinson** put the Swords in a 1<sup>st</sup> and 30 hole that prevented them from capitalizing on the turnover and they were forced to punt. The Mustangs got the ball back and drove up the field to the York 29 where they faced 4<sup>th</sup> down and 3. With the wind behind them but rain falling, Garland rejected the field goal attempt and gambled. A short hitch attempt into tight man coverage was batted down and York took possession on downs. Spreading the ball around to four different receivers, **Tom Brady** engineered a 15-play drive to the Garland 3, where **Darren McFadden** took the ball into the end zone with a dive up the gut of the Mustangs four-man front. With a 14-0 lead, the York defence proceeded to take control, shutting down the Garland offence for the remainder of the half while York added a **Graham Gano** field goal from 21 yards with 4 seconds remaining to carry a 17-0 lead after two quarters. In the second half, a failed attempt by Garland to convert 4<sup>th</sup> down and 19 from their own 41 set up York for their final TD drive and a 27-0 lead. A 38-yard run by Mustang, **Matt Forte** in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter set up the goose-egg-cracking 35-yard field goal by **Robbie Gould**.



## THE FANS LOVED

Brandon Jacobs' 59-yard rumble

## THE FANS HATED

Scattershot Garland attack



## FAN RATING



11-10-2011 The Corral Temp: 79 Wind: 0-10 Rain MVP: Brandon Jacobs

1 13:59 York	TD Jacobs 59 run (Gano) (2-80-1:01)	7-0
2 11:44 York	TD McFadden 3 run (Gano) (15-71-7:17)	14-0
2 0:04 York	FG Gano 21 (7-52-1:38)	17-0
3 7:34 York	FG Gano 50 (4-7-1:35)	20-0
4 14:52 York	TD Jacobs 8 run (Gano) (7-47-3:27)	27-0
4 8:37 Garland	FG Gould 35 (9-69-6:04)	27-3

	YOR	GDM
First Downs	14	11
Rushes	28-140	28-102
Passes	24-15-166	30-20-144
Sacked	0-0	1-6
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	10-85	10-80
Turnovers	0	1
Time	26:03	33:57
Third Down	5-15	2-14
Fourth Down	0-2	3-8
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/1	4/0/1
Net Offense	306	240



## INJURIES

YORK – None

GARLAND – Patrick Peterson (1 game-QUESTIONABLE)

## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"The fans have a right to boo. They paid for that right when they bought a ticket. I have a right to call the plays, because I'm the coach. If they don't like it, they don't have to buy a ticket." – Garland coach, **Doug Shirley**

# BLUE EAGLES PICK THEIR MOMENT TO WIN!



**VIRDEN  
VIOLATORS**

**24**

**27**

**SCARBOROUGH  
BLUE EAGLES**



VIOLATOR OF THE GAME	Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	BLUE EAGLE OF THE GAME
<b>Mike Thomas</b> 3 for 129 receiving, 2 TDs	<b>VIRDEN (2-4)</b>	7	7	0	10	-	24	<b>Aaron Rodgers</b>
	<b>SCARBOROUGH (4-2)</b>	7	3	7	10	-	27	<b>27 of 32, 244 yards, 1 TD.</b>

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Aaron Rodgers** spread the ball around to 8 different receivers for 16 first downs through the air.

- **Heath Miller** caught 5 passes for 52 yards and 3 first downs.
- **Justin Tuck** made 4 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 pass deflection, 1 QB pressure and forced a fumble to stand out defensively.
- **Ray Rice** was held to just 64 yards on 27 carries and was stuffed 8 times by the Virden defence.
- **Eli Manning** completed 16 of 34 for 267 yards, 3 TDs, but also 2 INTs to finish with a 78.9 QB rating on the day.
- **Paul Posluszny** blocked a punt and had a whopping 17 tackles and **Karlos Dunlap** had 2 sacks, to star for Virden's defence.

**GAME SUMMARY:** Consecutive passes of 13 and 16 yards to **Jonathan Baldwin**, the first to convert a key third down and the second to gain the Virden red zone, helped Scarborough open the scoring in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with a 5-yard TD pass from **Aaron Rodgers** to **Jermaine Gresham**. The Violators got that one back later in the same quarter when **Paul Posluszny** broke through to block **Dustin Colquitt's** punt and set up Virden on the Blue Eagles' 22 yard line. **Eli Manning** took advantage of the short field with a 19-yard pass to **Dez Bryant** followed by a 3-yard TD pass to **LeGarrette Blount** to tie the game. Scarborough took the lead on a 28-yard **Sebastien Janikowski** field goal after **Ray Rice** was stuffed for a loss on third down, but Virden would do one better and take the lead into half time with a 27-yard TD pass to **Mike Thomas** to cap off an impressive 88-yard drive. Virden continued to possess the ball early in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, but **Lawrence Tynes** missed a field goal attempt from 36 yards away to keep the score at 14-10. The turning point came mid-way in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when **Michael Griffin** picked off Manning, setting up the Scarborough offence at the Virden 6 yard line. **Jonathan Stewart** punched it in soon after from 1 yard to give the Blue Eagles a 17-14 lead. Janikowski added a field goal to start the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter then Blue Eagle corner, **Richard Marshall** plunged a dagger into Virden with a 45-yard interception return for a TD to make it 27-14. The Violators added 10 late points but they were not enough.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Aaron Rodgers' efficiency

**THE FANS HATED**  
More stupid interceptions by Eli



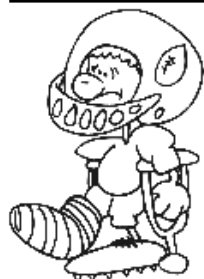
**FAN RATING**



11-10-2011 Bluffs Stadium Temp: 55 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: Aaron Rodgers

1 6:04	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 5 pass to Gresham (Janikowski) (15-87-8:49)	0-7
1 2:10	Virden	TD Manning 3 pass to Blount (Tynes) (3-22-0:59)	7-7
2 8:04	Scarborough	FG Janikowski 29 (15-75-8:56)	7-10
2 0:41	Virden	TD Manning 27 pass to Thomas (Tynes) (12-88-4:57)	14-10
3 7:19	Scarborough	TD Stewart 1 run (Janikowski) (3-6-0:48)	14-17
4 14:05	Scarborough	FG Janikowski 27 (11-55-6:16)	14-20
4 13:48	Scarborough	TD Marshall 45 interception return (Janikowski) (0-0-0:17)	14-27
4 9:29	Virden	FG Tynes 56 (10-42-4:06)	17-27
4 0:48	Virden	TD Manning 91 pass to Thomas (Tynes) (3-75-1:08)	24-27

	VV	SBE
First Downs	16	22
Rushes	11-30	37-87
Passes	34-16-267	32-27-244
Sacked	3-15	3-18
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	6-44	6-25
Turnovers	3	0
Time	21:15	38:45
Third Down	3-10	8-17
Fourth Down	1-1	2-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/0	4/2/2
Net Offense	282	313



## INJURIES

**VIRDEN** – Branden Albert (2 games); LaRon Landry (8 games); Karlos Dunlap (5 games).

**SCARBOROUGH** – Brandon Meriweather (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>); Brandon Marshall (2 games).

## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"They did some things out there that went against what we were doing but in the end we beat 'em. It's all about winning in this league so who cares if it wasn't pretty?" – Scarborough coach, **Mike "Jonesy" Jones**.

# CONVICTS STRANGLE STARS!



**MARKHAM  
NORTH STARS**

**0**

**29**

**CHINO  
CONVICTS**



## NORTH STAR OF THE GAME

**Trent Cole**

14 tackles, 2 run stuffs

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>MARKHAM (2-4)</b>	0	0	0	0	-	0
<b>CHINO (2-4)</b>	6	14	6	3	-	29

## CONVICT OF THE GAME

**Cam Newton**

16 of 22 for 192 yards, 2 TDs.

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Steven Jackson** carried the load on the ground for Chino with 130 yards on 32 carries.

- **Cam Newton** added a 38-yard run on a bootleg to his efficient 192 yard passing performance.
- **Hines Ward** had his best performance in 2011 with 7 receptions for 75 yards, 5 first downs and 2 TDs.
- **The Chino Defence** held the Markham rushing attack to just 1.6 yards per carry and 1 first down.
- Markham star, **Trent Cole** posted a season-high for a defensive lineman with 14 tackles, giving him 47 on the year.
- **Antonio Dixon** was the only Markham player to track down Newton, sacking him once and pressuring him twice.

**GAME SUMMARY:** The Markham offence struggled all day just to get first downs while the Convicts slowly beat down the North Stars' defence to hang 29 points on the board for an easy shutout victory at 'The Big House.' **Josh Cribbs** broke a 16-yard run on the end-around and was taken down by the facemask by **Terrence Newman** for a 31-yard advance that led to the first of five field goals by **Billy Cundiff**. On Chino's next possession, a 47-yard run by **Steven Jackson** set up another Cundiff field goal to make it 6-0 after one quarter of play. Mid-way through the second quarter, another big play by the Convicts set up their first major score of the afternoon. **Cam Newton** connected with **Hines Ward** for a 35-yard catch-and-run then followed up with a 6-yard pass to Ward for a TD to make the score 13-0. A 4<sup>th</sup> down and 1 gamble by the North Stars at their 45 yard line with 1:28 left in the first half backfired as the Chino line stopped **Joseph Addai** cold at the line of scrimmage. With the shortened field it took the Convicts just 3 plays, aided by a 38-yard bootleg by Newton, to get into the end zone on a 3-yard pass to Ward – his second TD of the game. The Convicts led 20-0 at half time. It was more of the same in the second half. The Convicts continued to set up field goals with big plays, including a 38-yard pass to **Lance Kendricks** and a **Julius Peppers** pick; while the Markham offence remained ineffective.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Cam is the Man!

**THE FANS HATED**  
Sluggish Markham offence



**FAN RATING**



11-10-2011 The Big House Temp: 78 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Cam Newton**

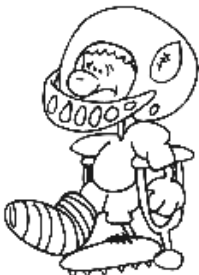
1 6:37 Chino	FG Cundiff 38 (11-56-5:20)	0-3
1 0:59 Chino	FG Cundiff 26 (8-62-3:36)	0-6
2 4:43 Chino	TD Newton 6 pass to Ward (Cundiff) (8-79-4:40)	0-13
2 0:29 Chino	TD Newton 3 pass to Ward (Cundiff) (3-45-0:59)	0-20
3 11:28 Chino	FG Cundiff 48 (7-53-3:20)	0-23
3 6:46 Chino	FG Cundiff 44 (7-5-3:09)	0-26
4 3:15 Chino	FG Cundiff 21 (16-73-7:46)	0-29

	<b>MAR</b>	<b>CHI</b>
First Downs	8	19
Rushes	27-43	40-193
Passes	19-12-100	22-16-192
Sacked	2-14	1-5
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	6-44	7-40
Turnovers	1	0
Time	24:52	35:08
Third Down	5-14	7-15
Fourth Down	0-1	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0	5/2/3
Net Offense	129	380

## INJURIES

**MARKHAM** – Bryant McKinnie (PG-1<sup>st</sup>); Brandon LaFell (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>); Jahvid Best (PG-1<sup>st</sup>)

**CHINO** – Greg Olsen (PG-4<sup>th</sup>).



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"Yes, I definitely think we will score another touchdown before the season is over. Chino has a great defence and we didn't have answer for it today. Next week is a new week." – *Markham coach Darrin Jones.*



# SPARTANS BURY UNDERTAKERS!



**PICKERING  
SPARTANS**

**44**

**26**

**DEATH VALLEY  
UNDERTAKERS**



**SPARTAN OF THE GAME**

**Rashad Jennings**

19 for 137 rushing, 1 TD

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
PICKERING (5-1)	10	14	7	13	-	44
DEATH VALLEY (4-2)	14	3	3	6	-	26

**UNDERTAKER OF THE GAME**

**Braylon Edwards**  
7 receptions, 90 yards

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Darren Sproles** had two big plays from scrimmage: a 20-yard TD run and a 49-yard catch to spark Spartans scores.

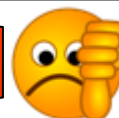
- **Chris Johnson** was held to 42 yards on 15 carries but scored 2 TDs.
- Spartans' cornerback, **Antoine Cason** snagged two interceptions, to give him 3 in the past two games.
- **Matt Cassel** went 14 of 24 for 237 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT.
- **Drew Brees** completed 19 of 29 for 175 yards, 2 TDs and 3 INTs.
- **Randall Cobb** had a highlight reel 102-yard kickoff return for a TD for the Undertakers.

**GAME SUMMARY:** With the score tied 17-17 and less than one minute remaining in the first half, the Spartans took over at their 36 yard line hoping to get into field goal range. They got more than they hoped for when **Darren Sproles** turned a medium hitch into a 49-yard pass reception and then, on the next play, **Matt Cassel** lofted a high arcing pass into the back of the end zone complete to **Jerome Simpson** for a 15-yard TD pass and a 24-17 lead. The Spartans would not give up the advantage they earned with that quick scoring drive. 5 holding penalties in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and the temporary loss of **Drew Brees** and **Andre Johnson** helped to keep the Undertakers' offence in check while the Pickering offensive line kept Cassel protected against the 'Fearsome Foursome.' After surrendering a field goal to start the second half, Pickering put back-up running back **Rashad Jennings** to work with 8 carries for 61 yards over a 14-play drive that ended with **Chris Johnson** finally pushing the pigskin across the goal line on his third attempt from inside the 1 yard line to make the score 31-20. Death Valley responded with drive co-led by Bree and rookie, **Ryan Mallett** that found the end zone when **Rashard Mendenhall** snared an outlet pass from Brees and walked it across the line. The two-point conversion failed and the Undertakers trailed by five, 31-26, the closest they would get for the remainder of the game. Pickering would salt the game away with a 3-yard TD run by Johnson and back-to-back interceptions by **Joe Haden** and **Antoine Cason**.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Pickering power running game

**THE FANS HATED**  
Brees meltdown in 4<sup>th</sup> quarter



**FAN RATING**  
★ ★ ½

11-09-2011 The Graveyard Temp: 40 Wind: 20-30 None MVP: **Darren Sproles**

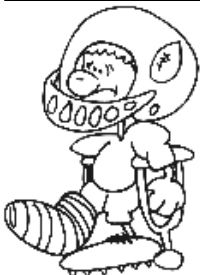
1 11:10	Pickering	FG Scobee 48 (8-41-3:41)	3-0
1 11:03	Death Valley	TD Cobb 102 kick return (Kasay) (0-0-3:41)	3-7
1 7:07	Pickering	TD Jennings 8 run (Scobee) (7-75-3:50)	10-7
1 2:41	Death Valley	TD Brees 6 pass to Hernandez (Kasay) (9-67-4:21)	10-14
2 6:10	Death Valley	FG Kasay 52 (13-46-7:06)	10-17
2 1:46	Pickering	TD Sproles 20 run (Scobee) (8-73-4:19)	17-17
2 0:18	Pickering	TD Cassel 15 pass to Simpson (Scobee) (3-64-0:33)	24-17
3 9:01	Death Valley	FG Kasay 40 (10-37-5:47)	24-20
3 1:15	Pickering	TD Johnson 1 run (Scobee) (14-82-7:41)	31-20
4 10:23	Death Valley	TD Brees 2 pass to Mendenhall (2 - failed) (11-71-5:45)	31-26
4 6:56	Pickering	TD Johnson 3 run (Scobee) (6-51-3:20)	38-26
4 4:11	Pickering	FG Scobee 35 (4-3-1:30)	41-26
4 2:17	Pickering	FG Scobee 25 (4-2-1:32)	44-26

	PIC	DVU
First Downs	27	17
Rushes	40-208	19-56
Passes	24-14-237	35-23-217
Sacked	0-0	0-0
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	4-25	7-60
Turnovers	1	4
Time	32:43	27:17
Third Down	4-9	7-13
Fourth Down	1-1	1-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	7/5/2	3/2/0
Net Offense	445	273

## INJURIES

PICKERING – None

DEATH VALLEY – Andre Johnson (4 games); Nick Fairly (5 games).



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We'll see this Spartans team again in the post-season and I promise you the outcome will be different!" – *Death Valley owner and GM, Chris Worthley.*

# REGULATORS "NICKED" BY HELLFIRE!



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
REGULATORS**

**7**

**26**

**MOHAVE  
HELLFIRE**



**REGULATOR OF THE GAME**

**Earl Bennett**  
6 for 92 yards receiving

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA (1-5)</b>	0	7	0	0	-	7
<b>MOHAVE (1-5)</b>	0	13	3	10	-	26

**HELL PLAYER OF THE GAME**

**Hakeem Nicks**  
13 catches, 223 yards.

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Matt Schaub** notched his first win of the season going 20 of 27 for 276 yards.

- **Chris Ivory** rushed for 78 yards and 1 TD on 18 carries.
- **Mike Tolbert** carried 21 times for 65 yards and 1 TD.
- **Jason Campbell** went 13 of 21 for 178 yards, 1 INT.
- **Greg Jennings** caught only 2 passes for 49 yards but one went for 41 yards.
- South Carolina's **Amobi Akoye** made 6 tackles, stuffed one run, pressured the QB 3 times and forced a fumble.

**GAME SUMMARY:** It looked like the Regulators might control this game early as they marched 87 yards from their own 9 yard line to the Mohave 4 on their opening drive, burning over 10 minutes off the clock. But they came away with nothing after **Nate Kaeding** missed a chip shot field goal from 22 yards out. The miss seemed to deflate the visitors and energize the Hellfire. **Hakeem Nicks** announced his return from injury with a 21-yard catch over the middle on Mohave's first offensive play. After pounding the ground for the next 4 plays, Nicks struck again, this time for 30 yards to the South Carolina 16 yard line. A 15-yard pass from **Matt Schaub** to **Terrell Owens** set up **Chris Ivory** for a 1-yard sweep into the end zone to give Mohave a 7-0 lead. The Regulators went nowhere on their next possession and had to punt, giving the ball back to the home team at their 32. Schaub's 21-yard pass to Nicks was the key play on a 38-yard drive for a 48-yard field goal by **Rob Bironas** to increase the lead to 10-0. South Carolina struck back with a 41-yard pass from **Jason Campbell** to **Greg Jennings** into Mohave territory then **Felix Jones** took over with a 17-yard run and three plays later jumped over the top from one foot out for the TD. **Jalen Parmele** returned the kickoff 39 yards and Nicks snared a 20-yard pass to help set up a 33-yard Bironas field goal as time expired to make it 13-7 Mohave at the half. In the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter the Regulators held the ball for just 1:21 minutes, but the Hellfire could only manage a field goal to make it 16-7 going into the 4<sup>th</sup>. But the final quarter would see Mohave pull away after **Reggie Nelson's** pick of Campbell set up a late TD by **Mike Tolbert**.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Hakeem the Great

**THE FANS HATED**  
No rhythm to the Regs



**FAN RATING**

★ 1/2

11-10-2011 The Fiery Depths Temp: 100 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Hakeem Nicks**

2 14:55 Mohave	TD Ivory 1 run (Bironas) (8-80-4:08)	0-7
2 7:56 Mohave	FG Bironas 48 (9-38-4:40)	0-10
2 3:24 South Carolina	TD Jones 1 run (Kaeding) (7-72-4:24)	7-10
2 0:00 Mohave	FG Bironas 33 (10-43-3:16)	7-13
3 0:00 Mohave	FG Bironas 27 (15-83-8:12)	7-16
4 9:17 Mohave	FG Bironas 37 (10-52-4:56)	7-19
4 4:55 Mohave	TD Tolbert 6 run (Bironas) (8-50-4:10)	7-26

	SC	MOH
First Downs	11	24
Rushes	20-65	39-143
Passes	21-13-178	27-20-276
Sacked	1-3	1-11
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	2-18	6-50
Turnovers	1	0
Time	23:12	36:48
Third Down	4-9	6-15
Fourth Down	0-1	3-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/0	6/2/4
Net Offense	240	408

## INJURIES

**SOUTH CAROLINA** – Orlando Franklin (1 game-OUT); Major Wright (3 games).

**MOHAVE** – Roman Harper (1 game-PROBABLE); Reed Doughty (2 games); Terrell Owens (2 games).



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"That win came in the Nicks of time!" – Mohave coach, **Bobby Elder**.



# MOSS IS BOSS AS KINGS DRUB CUBS!



**IOWA CITY  
CUBS**

**20**

**33**

**COWTOWN  
CORN KINGS**



## CUBS PLAYER OF THE GAME

**Arian Foster**  
24 for 164 rushing, 1 TD

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
IOWA CITY (2-4)	7	0	7	6	-	20
COWTOWN (5-1)	0	13	6	14	-	33

## CORN KING OF THE GAME

**Santana Moss**  
7 catches, 164 yds, 3 TDs

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** Joe Flacco completed 20 of 29 for 300 yards and 3 TD passes.

- **Maurice Jones-Drew** rushed for 122 yards on 24 carries.
- **Tramon Williams** and **Ryan Kerrigan** each had an interception, both returned for 15 yards.
- Cubs' QB **Sam Bradford** completed 14 of 29 passes for 140 yards, 2 TDs and 2 INTs.
- Cub's wide receiver **Mike Wallace** had 3 catches for 64 yards and 1 TD.
- **Patrick Willis** made 18 tackles, deflected a pass, made 1 run stuff, and forced two fumbles.

**GAME SUMMARY:** With **Arian Foster** drawing early attention, **Sam Bradford** caught the Corn Kings' secondary napping and connected with **Mike Wallace** for a 20-yard TD pass to get the scoring started. Cowtown responded with an 80-yard drive, completing five 3<sup>rd</sup> down conversions on the way, to even the score at 7 on a 1-yard TD pass from **Joe Flacco** to **Santana Moss**. Bradford continued to test the Corn Kings' secondary on the Cubs' next possession but this time was picked off by **Tramon Williams**, who returned it 15 yards to the Iowa 29, setting up a 24-yard **Olindo Mare** field goal to take the lead. The Corn Kings tacked on another field goal late in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter to lead 13-7 at half time. After a quick three-and-out by the Corn Kings to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, the Cubs took over at their 14 yard line. Calamity struck immediately when **Ryan Kerrigan** intercepted Bradford on the first play and returned it to the 13, but Cowtown was forced to settle for another field goal when **Vince Wilfork** batted down a 3<sup>rd</sup> down pass attempt by Flacco. Iowa City turned their next drive over to **Arian Foster**, who ripped off runs of 64, 14 and 11 yards, the last good for a TD to close within two points, trailing 16-14. The home team averted disaster on their next series when Wilfork sacked Flacco and forced a fumble on the Cowtown 8 yard line but right tackle **David Diehl** pounced on the loose ball to save the turnover. The game turned sharply in favour of the home team early in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter when Moss broke free for a 51-yard TD reception on a medium slant. On their next series he did it again from 60 yards to give Cowtown a 33-14 lead with 6:57 left in the game. A 70-yard kickoff return by **Michael Spurlock** set up a quick Cubs TD, but Cowtown chewed up most of the remaining clock to hold on to victory.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Flacco to Moss

**THE FANS HATED**  
Fitzgerald locked down



**FAN RATING**



11-12-2011 Tillman Field Temp: 50 Wind: 20-30

MVP: **Santana Moss**

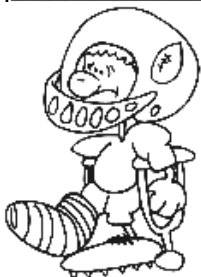
1 8:59 Iowa City	TD Bradford 20 pass to Wallace (Rackers) (5-48-2:49)	7-0
2 14:09 Cowtown	TD Flacco 1 pass to Moss (Mare) (17-80-9:50)	7-7
2 8:36 Cowtown	FG Mare 24 (8-33-2:43)	7-10
2 0:34 Cowtown	FG Mare 44 (7-26-1:44)	7-13
3 11:57 Cowtown	FG Mare 22 (4-9-0:47)	7-16
3 7:48 Iowa City	TD Foster 11 run (Rackers) (7-79-4:02)	14-16
3 0:55 Cowtown	FG Mare 23 (7-67-3:32)	14-19
4 12:29 Cowtown	TD Flacco 51 pass to Moss (Mare) (4-74-1:50)	14-26
4 6:57 Cowtown	TD Flacco 60 pass to Moss (Mare) (5-87-3:21)	14-33
4 5:42 Iowa City	TD Bradford 7 pass to Winslow (2 - failed) (4-19-1:09)	20-33

	ICC	COW
First Downs	15	18
Rushes	24-164	36-163
Passes	29-14-140	29-20-300
Sacked	2-14	1-7
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	4-28	5-34
Turnovers	2	0
Time	26:11	33:49
Third Down	3-11	9-17
Fourth Down	1-2	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/3/0	5/1/3
Net Offense	290	456

## INJURIES

IOWA CITY – Macolm Jenkins (2 games); Donte Whitner (PG-3<sup>rd</sup>).

COWTOWN – Marcell Dareus (1 game-PROBABLE); David Diehl (5 games); Zach Miller (1 game-OUT).



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"I'm not hearing any complaints about Joe Flacco anymore." – Cowtown coach, Jim Coghlin.

## EFL STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	5	1	0	0.833	136	22.7	106	17.7	5	2 1 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Virden	2	4	0	0.333	81	13.5	95	15.8	-2.3	2 1 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
York	2	4	0	0.333	81	13.5	104	17.3	-3.8	1 3 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
Mohave	1	5	0	0.167	82	13.7	137	22.8	-9.2	1 3 0	0 3 0	0 4 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Los Angeles	6	0	0	1.000	180	30	83	13.8	16.2	3 0 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Death Valley	4	2	0	0.667	151	25.2	152	25.3	-0.2	1 2 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Chino	2	4	0	0.333	104	17.3	100	16.7	0.7	1 2 0	0 3 0	0 4 0
Iowa City	2	4	0	0.333	124	20.7	140	23.3	-2.7	1 1 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	5	1	0	0.833	165	27.5	89	14.8	12.7	3 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Pickering	5	1	0	0.833	170	28.3	113	18.8	9.5	2 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Durham	3	3	0	0.500	115	19.2	115	19.2	0	2 0 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
Markham	2	4	0	0.333	66	11	112	18.7	-7.7	2 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	4	2	0	0.667	132	22	120	20	2	2 2 0	3 0 0	3 1 0
Gwinnett	3	3	0	0.500	140	23.3	118	19.7	3.7	1 3 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Garland	1	5	0	0.167	54	9	143	23.8	-14.8	0 3 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
South Carolina	1	5	0	0.167	94	15.7	148	24.7	-9	0 2 0	0 3 0	0 4 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Freeman	LAK	199	134	67.3	1400	2	1	65	13	6.5	105.1
2	Brees	DVU	189	128	67.7	1457	4	2.1	81	11	5.8	101.2
3	Young, V	GWG	73	45	61.6	524	1	1.4	48	5	6.8	100.5
4	Flacco	COW	200	129	64.5	1566	4	2	64	12	6	100.1
5	Newton	CHI	67	43	64.2	419	0	0	51	3	4.5	96.5
6	Roethlisberger	GWG	88	54	61.4	771	2	2.3	78	4	4.5	95.4
7	Campbell, J	SC	164	106	64.6	1160	4	2.4	52	6	3.7	87.4
8	Rodgers	SBE	136	90	66.2	870	1	0.7	40	2	1.5	85.7
9	Cassel	PIC	113	55	48.7	903	3	2.7	78	7	6.2	85.5
10	Manning, P	CHP	197	128	65	1276	7	3.6	54	6	3	78.6
11	Schaub	MOH	183	112	61.2	1152	4	2.2	52	2	1.1	73.9
12	Bradford	ICC	175	98	56	1232	6	3.4	49	5	2.9	73.3
13	Brady, T	YOR	185	103	55.7	920	1	0.5	32	2	1.1	70.6
14	Rivers, P	DTL	188	115	61.2	1314	8	4.3	62	2	1.1	68
15	Ryan, M	GDM	201	117	58.2	1050	4	2	48	1	0.5	65.7
16	Manning, E	VV	201	113	56.2	1458	15	7.5	91	7	3.5	59.7
17	Cutler	CHI	105	66	62.9	536	6	5.7	73	0	0	51.9
18	Sanchez	MAR	110	57	51.8	558	5	4.5	45	0	0	47.5
19	Henne	SBE	67	33	49.3	318	4	6	50	1	1.5	43

## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Foster, A	ICC	125	704	5.6	72	4	11	Mendenhall	DVU	104	337	3.2	21	3
2	Peterson, A	CHP	126	687	5.5	74	6	12	Turner, M	DTL	75	334	4.5	78	2
3	Johnson, C	PIC	125	497	4	58	5	13	Jacobs, B	YOR	60	310	5.2	59	6
4	Ivory	MOH	101	475	4.7	44	1	14	Jackson, B	COW	51	280	5.5	42	2
5	Charles	LAK	86	462	5.4	19	4	15	Forte	GDM	55	275	5	59	1
6	Jones-Drew	COW	87	424	4.9	29	0	16	Tomlinson	VV	86	257	3	17	0
7	McCoy, L	GWG	80	421	5.3	40	3	17	Tolbert	MOH	68	254	3.7	31	3
8	Jackson, S	CHI	105	371	3.5	47	0	18	Jennings, R	PIC	33	250	7.6	37	2
9	Bradshaw	GWG	74	357	4.8	20	2	19	Benson	LAK	64	250	3.9	26	3
10	Rice, R	SBE	116	355	3.1	38	1	20	McFadden, D	YOR	53	245	4.6	39	1

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	White, R	LAK	47	502	10.7	33	5	11	Fitzgerald	ICC	28	277	9.9	35	1
2	Moss, S	COW	36	591	16.4	64	7	12	Colston	CHP	28	293	10.5	38	0
3	Edwards, B	DVU	31	400	12.9	81	2	13	Wayne	GWG	27	465	17.2	47	5
4	Gonzalez	LAK	31	291	9.4	29	4	14	Bowe	DTL	26	336	12.9	49	1
5	Bryant, D	VV	31	503	16.2	51	3	15	Marshall, B	SBE	26	299	11.5	50	0
6	Thomas, M	VV	30	486	16.2	91	2	16	Amendola	DTL	25	268	10.7	38	1
7	McCoy, L	GWG	30	305	10.2	48	1	17	Miller, Z	COW	25	306	12.2	52	2
8	Witten	CHP	29	275	9.5	16	4	18	Cooley	SC	25	211	8.4	34	0
9	Johnson, A	DVU	29	353	12.2	48	3	19	Jennings, G	SC	25	362	14.5	41	4
10	Watson, B	MOH	29	298	10.3	52	1	20	Owens, T	MOH	24	206	8.6	21	1

## TACKLES

1	Henders, EJ	SC	65	8	Timmons	YOR	47	15	Jones, D	MOH	40
2	Lewis, R	DVU	64	9	Cole, T	MAR	47	16	James, B	LAK	38
3	Barber, R	PIC	63	10	Posluszny	VV	46	17	Spikes, T	MAR	38
4	Willis, P	ICC	60	11	Urlacher	YOR	43	18	Johnson, D	COW	37
5	Mayo	DVU	55	12	Atogwe	PIC	43	19	Brackett	VV	37
6	Beason	CHP	49	13	Williams, D	GWG	42	20	Dansby	GDM	37
7	Whitner	ICC	48	14	Laurinaiti	GWG	42	21	Vanden Bos	PIC	36



## KICKING

			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Mare	COW	15	13	86.7	2	0	49	57
2	Cundiff	CHI	17	16	94.1	5	1	55	54
3	Carpenter, D	LAK	13	11	84.6	3	1	55	54
4	Rackers	ICC	19	14	73.7	6	3	55	52
5	Scobee	PIC	12	10	83.3	2	0	48	50
6	Brown, J	GWG	14	12	85.7	4	0	43	50
7	Kasay	DVU	12	11	91.7	6	1	52	49
8	Janikowski	SBE	13	9	69.2	5	2	55	42
9	Vinatieri	DTL	13	10	76.9	4	0	43	41
10	Bironas	MOH	12	11	91.7	2	0	48	40
11	Gould	GDM	14	11	78.6	3	1	53	36
12	Akers	MAR	8	8	100	2	0	46	30
13	Tynes	VV	13	6	46.2	2	2	58	27
14	Gano	YOR	8	6	75	2	1	50	27
15	Gostkowski	CHP	6	4	66.7	2	0	45	20
16	Rayner	CHP	4	4	100	0	0	30	20
17	Kaeding	SC	7	5	71.4	1	0	42	20

## INTERCEPTIONS

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD	
1	Williams, T	COW	3	45	15	30	1	11	Haden	PIC	2	66	33	52	1
2	Winfield	MAR	3	58	19.3	34	1	12	Peppers	CHI	2	0	0	0	0
3	Cason	PIC	3	26	8.7	26	0	13	Talib	CHI	2	72	36	55	1
4	Godfrey	COW	2	38	19	38	1	14	Moore, W	DVU	2	0	0	0	0
5	McCourty Rodgers- Cromartie	DTL	2	14	7	14	0	15	Clements	DVU	2	2	1	2	0
6	Tillman	MAR	2	27	13.5	26	0	17	Whitner	ICC	2	4	2	4	0
8	Florence	YOR	2	20	10	20	0	18	Bell, Y	LAK	2	0	0	0	0
9	Atogwe	PIC	2	60	30	60	1	19	Marshall, R	SBE	2	73	36.5	45	1
10	Bullitt	CHP	2	99	49.5	76	1	20	Briggs, L	GWG	2	0	0	0	0

## SACKS

1	Abraham	CHP	5	8	Houston, L	DTL	3	15	Mathis, R	GWG	3
2	Allen, J	DTL	5	9	Matthews, C	DVU	3	16	Williams, D	GWG	3
3	Cole, T	MAR	5	10	Orakpo	LAK	3	17	Liuget	ICC	2
4	Tuck	SBE	5	11	Umenyiora	LAK	3	18	Williams, M	ICC	2
5	Woodley	SBE	5	12	Dunlap	VV	3	19	Vanden Bos	PIC	2
6	Ware, D	DVU	4	13	Suggs	SBE	3	20	Raji	LAK	2
7	Sheard	PIC	3	14	Edwards, R	PIC	3	21	Wimbley	LAK	2



# AROUND THE



*With Spats McChad*

ZUCCOTTI PARK – Surprisingly, the physical conditions here in the park where the ‘Occupy Wall Street’ protestors have been lodged for close to two months are not that bad. The weather is cooperating and the organizers, whoever they are, have not forgotten comfort in their plans. At night I occupy a large and tolerably comfortable tent reserved for the “new arrivals” and sneak out to the local Starbucks during the day to write my column. The basic creature comforts are accounted for here and I must admit that I am impressed that, contrary to my expectations, I am not sleeping in puddles of urine and piles of dung.

The difficulty I face is not physical hardship, but rather fitting in with this crowd of freaks. Contrary to what you might expect, these people are not totally stupid. They know when “one of these things is not like the other.” My first mistake was wearing clean clothes to the camp. The smell of ‘Downey’ on my shirts had the same effect as stale urine in the stairwell of a Fortune 500 company – shock! I explained it by saying that my mother, widow of a deceased Teamster, had prepared me for “the fight” by setting out my clothes the night before I left for the camp. I apologized for the fragrance and assured my tent-mates that it would not last. Somewhat reassured, my companions left me alone for a few days until they noticed that I did not do drugs and my computer was not an Apple.

In desperation, I tearfully explained that my mother had died of a heroin overdose and my younger brother had choked to death at the age of nine on an apple and that I had vowed never to do drugs or eat apples – the Apple brand reminded me of my family’s tragedy and, therefore, I would never touch such a computing device.

A particularly sharp deadbeat who caught the conflicting references to my mother accused me by asking, “But I thought your mother washed the clothes you are wearing!” For a split second I was at a loss; but instinctively I replied, “My *second* mother did; the one who adopted me from the street and took me in.” A bout of crocodile tears followed and next thing I knew, the entire tent was consoling me. My accuser was suddenly apologetic and a lady half my age wanted to bed me if I could buy her some marihuana.

A week of relative safety was purchased with my ‘ad hoc’ explanation, enabling me to write this column from Starbucks. So, here we go, my thoughts on this week’s action in the EFL:

## **THE JERSEY WAR**

*Plode*, *Goat* and *Jubber* are each fighting for more than their share of the retail EFL jersey market. Not that there is anything wrong with that, but knowing that *Goat* maintains a factory staffed by 10-year-olds in Thailand, and *Plode* mass-produces their garments and footwear in a refurbished old tractor factory in Kyrgyzstan – both literally pay workers peanuts – makes the environmentally-friendly, locally-staffed *Jubber* textile mills in the Southern U.S. look beatific by comparison and worth paying the extra cost of a *Jubber* garment in order to support it. Detractors point to an insidious racial hierarchy within the company and the wider-than-usual gap between management’s and worker’s wages, but those protests sound hollow when voiced next to pictures and video of a Thai sweat-shop in action. Can you say, “*slave labour?*”

Both *Plode* and *Goat* pay for expert marketing campaigns and employ clever public relations techniques designed to draw your attention away from the dirty facts and onto the fiction that somehow their third-world factories are helping to develop those nascent economies. Sure, just like picking cotton with slave labour did for the Old South! This is an issue that my new acquaintances in Zuccotti Park would point to as one of the many injustices they are protesting against by camping out in the park. Personally, I think everybody involved in these exploitive systems must own a measure of responsibility for sustaining them. The greedy corporate executives, the corrupt local governments, and the downtrodden peasants all play a roll. If Unions did one thing right, it was instilling dignity in the working man. Of course, they also helped to instil lesser human traits like laziness, entitlement, and greed – all conditions of being human, regardless on which side of the fence you stand.

## **BAD LUCK BEN**

**Dave Birdsall** is not impressed. His hand-picked, off-season acquisition – selected to lead the Gladiators out of the doldrums with the help of a carefully-selected arsenal of high-grade offensive weapons – is turning out to be a big



A young Thai works on a *Goat* garment in a Chonburi factory. The gear you wear is made under stifling conditions by impoverished young people working for third world minimum wages. But *Goat* looks good!

bonehead. The Glads dropped their second consecutive loss to a quality opponent this week, falling to Charleswood at home 23-17. With **Ben Roethlisberger** starting under centre, the Gladiators are 0-3. His stat line against the Pats looks good at first glance; but dig a little deeper and you will see not only an interception, but two fumbles, both LOST. Committing three turnovers against a team of Charleswood's calibre is called doing it the hard way and the Glads were clearly not up to the task of overcoming their mistakes. Birdsall was obviously frustrated after the game; to the point where he called out Roethlisberger in the post-game media scrum. While not considered proper, Birdsall's public musing about benching Big Ben may be an act of desperation to wake up his new protege by making him mad. Gwinnett sports writer, **Marcus Aurelius** wrote in a column leading up to this game that sources inside the Gladiators are concerned about Ben's focus on

football being not quite as strong as his focus on the Glads' ravishing mascot, *Gladiella*. Historians claim that those who do not learn from the past are doomed to repeat it. Ben experienced a similar distraction last year as a member of the Crimson Hawks with the amply endowed '*Bubbles*' bouncing down the sidelines. Just ask former Ringgold fans what it was like to have one of the best offensives on paper continually shoot itself in the foot while Big Ben carried the gun for their team. Perhaps Dave should have done more homework before luring 'Big Boob' to Gwinnett.

#### **BLUE EAGLES GET THEIR WINGS BACK**

The Blue Eagles are back in the win-column after handling Virden 27-24 in a game not as close as the score suggests. A long 56-yard field goal by **Lawrence Tynes** in the 4th quarter and an improbable 91-yard TD pass to **Mike Thomas** against a sleeping Scarborough secondary with 43 seconds left mattered only to bettors banking on the 5-point spread. If I had lost money betting on Scarborough I might have screamed "fix!" when I witnessed Thomas blow by **Darrelle Revis** to find a gaping hole in coverage. Curiously, the league's top corner stayed in a medium zone while free safety **Nate Allen** bit on an incidental play fake in an obvious passing situation, leaving the deep middle of the field wide open.

While it was a curious breakdown, if it was actually a fix, it is pretty safe to say that the Scarborough coaching staff had nothing to do with it - seeing as it would have involved sophisticated planning to avoid detection. Composed mostly of **Chris Dickinson's** high school friends, with a couple of paid professional "football advisors" helping them out, the coaches are not making glaring mistakes so far this season, but they are not winning or locking-up games with brilliant mastery of the subtleties of football either. Little things like playing four-man fronts and mid-zone coverage in must-pass-deep situations when your defensive backs over-match your opponent's receivers can be enough to turn spreads on their heads and perhaps, in a different situation, turn a win into a loss. The **Evil Genius**, architect of a 46-2 record for the Scarborough/Florida franchise over the last three regular seasons, would not have allowed such a cosmetic blemish on the final score to occur.

#### **MARKHAM FAN – PLEASE CALL 9-1-1!**

There was a lone Markham fan at the Big House this week. He wore a paper bag over his head and a sign on his chest that read, '*NORTH STARS FAN. SOMEBODY PLEASE SHOOT ME.*' If he was joking, that is unfortunate because in Chino that is an open invitation. By halftime somebody had obliged and the unidentified fan was carted off on a stretcher to the hospital where he is recovering from a bullet wound to the buttocks.

The North Stars won the coin toss at Chino and that was all they won. They elected to receive, but why they would ever elect to put the ball in the hands of their offence is the question of the week. **Mark Sanchez** completed an 11-yard pass to **Jordy Nelson** on the first play from scrimmage and that was about it for offensive highlights from the Stars. Of course, I'm exaggerating. Down 6-0 in the 2nd quarter Sanchez converted 3rd and 2 with a 7-yard pass to **Blair White**. Later in the same quarter, with the game still within reach at 13-0 for Chino, Sanchez found White again, this time for 13 yards to convert 3rd and 7. In the 3rd quarter, down 26-0, with the faintest of hopes still glowing, Sanchez found **Randy McMichael** for 14 yards – the longest play of the day for Markham – to convert 3rd and 8. You get the picture. The key to enjoying the Markham offence is revelling in these little baby steps and claiming the tiny victories they afford within the much larger losses. Not surprisingly, the Markham running game could not get on track against the *Great Wall of Chino* but not for lack of trying. 27 times the North Stars tested **Haloti Ngata** and his cohorts and occasionally they were able to gain yards – not many, but a few.

I am torn between admiration for the ability of **Darrin Jones** to occasionally make hearty meals out of the scraps of leftovers in his offence's kitchen; and contempt for a franchise that year-after-year cannot assemble even an average offence to give its long-suffering fans a reason to get excited. If not for the Durham game still remaining on their schedule, I would put my money on zero more wins in 2011 for this tedious team.



### **ILLUSIONIST PERFORMS IN CAMELOT**

The Yorkies seemed to win convincingly with a 27-3 dumping of Garland, and the Camelot faithful are breathing a sigh of relief that everything appears to be turning around for the EFL's Premier Diva, **Tom Brady**. Notice how I wrote "seemed" and "appears." York's second win is not really as impressive as the score would indicate. I would even call it an illusion.

Like their first win over Mohave, they mostly exploited a curious game plan by their opponent to walk away with the win. The Mustangs doggedly stuck with their 'Swiss 4-3' defence to start the game and allowed 2 touchdowns before switching to the 'Zurich 3-4,' a pass-oriented variant of the 'Swiss 4-3' model. On offence, they once again employed the 'Flying Filly Formation' (4 and 5 WR sets) that, last week against the Knights, also led to just 3 points by the offence. This week's "wrinkle" by **Doug Shirley** was a return to the ground game (missing against LA) with the 'We're About to Run' (WAR) formation. Looking a lot like a basic pro set, the Mustangs lined up 32 plays in the 'WAR' Formation, rushing the ball 26 times and passing only 6 times. Of those, all were passes of the "forward hand-off" type: short and run-like. Contrast that with 25 drop-backs to pass in the 'Flying Filly Formation' against just 2 runs, one a scramble by **Matt Ryan**, and you have an offence that tipped its hand on virtually every play.

To make the game plan even more counter-intuitive, the Mustangs used the aggressive 'Flying Filly' early, while the score was still close, and switched to the conservative 'WAR' for most of the latter part of the game, when down by 2 or more touchdowns. Add some foolish aggression – 8 more 4th down conversion attempts, some in reckless defiance of the odds (such as 4th and 18 at their own 29 while down 17-0 early in the 3rd quarter) – and you have a team that, like Mohave in Week Two, made it just a little easier for the Yorkies.

The Swords probably would have won the game anyway, but with their opponent testing the boundaries of probability on the other side, they could hardly have lost. Interestingly, six games into the season, the 1-5 Mustangs lead the league in 4th down conversion attempts with 23 while the only other team the Excaliburs have beaten, 1-5 Mohave, is second in that category with 22. I'm not enjoying raining on York's Week Six parade, I'm just saying....

### **AROUND THE EFL**

The controversial owner of the Undertakers is taking pot-shots at another coach. This time, the hard-to-like **Chris Worthley** goaded the easily goad-able Pickering Spartans' owner, **Gus Konstantakos** by sending him a bowl of chicken noodle soup before the Spartans-Undertakers game at the Graveyard this week. A note was attached: 'I WANT NO EXCUSES WHEN I KICK YOUR ASS!' Kostantakos had complained of flu-like symptoms and had begged out of a media scrum the day before the game. Worthley's pre-game gesture was actually kind of funny; but when you own no clothes other than black suits, wear sunglasses in the house, and are freshly returned from a two-year sojourn in Hell as one of Satan's more annoying guests, your attempts at humour can be easily misinterpreted. The irascible Konstantakos, who takes grave offence at insults far less severe than this, went berserk and sicked the hysterical hack, **Aristedes Kaliogiannis** on Worthley (see this week's EFL Focus). As far as the game went, the Pickering offensive line completely neutralized the 'Fearsome Foursome,' opening holes for the running game and giving **Matt Cassel** enough time to make even him look good.

When two teams that are a combined 1-9 meet you can expect one of them will win ugly. That expectation did not hold up entirely in Mohave but it was close. Take away a statement game from wide receiver **Hakeem Nicks**, returning to the field after missing four weeks, and you had a game with almost nothing to talk about – except perhaps how nowhere the Regulators are without **Frank Gore** and all of their safeties. With inexperienced corners manning the safety positions, Nicks caught 13 passes for 223 yards and basically set the tone for a 408 yard performance by the Mohave offence as they wore down the Regulators 26-7. A touchdown pass would have made it a perfect day for beleaguered **Matt Schaub** and a nice touch to top off Nicks' banner day, but the previously winless Hellfire will take the "W" without the trimmings, thank you very much.

The Cubs figured out a little too late that the Corn Kings could not stop **Arian Foster**. How **Deron Redding** missed that is a mystery. Nobody has stopped the league's leading rusher yet, so how would a team missing it's top two linemen, who aren't special to begin with, do it? Iowa City was a little too cute and overly risky trying to exploit Cowtown's focus on the Cubs' stud running back. **Sam Bradford** was able to connect with **Mike Wallace** for a 20-yard TD strike early, but the Corn Kings' secondary, the highest rated in the league after six games, were in no mood to let him get away with that again. The next time Bradford went to the air, budding Cowtown star, **Tramon Williams**, picked him off to set up the go-ahead field goal. On the first play of the second half, Bradford didn't see **Ryan Kerrigan** dropping back into the coverage and was picked off by the rookie linebacker to set up another field goal. Foster became the focus of the Cubs' attack after that and gained 164 yards on 24 carries but the Cubs lost badly anyway, 33-20. Meanwhile, the hottest TD-tandem in the league is **Joe Flacco**-to-**Santana Moss**. Where did *that* come from? Flacco is looking cool as a cucumber and Moss is simply electric, with 4 of his 7 TD catches coming from distances of more than 50 yards! Count me among the millions of football fans who are slack-jawed at Cowtown's dominance on both sides of the ball after six weeks. They lead the league in offensive efficiency and are tied for the lead in total defence.

I end with a brief note on Durham's latest embarrassment. It is brief because I am running out of ways to describe yet another disgraceful performance by **Philip Rivers** and the entire Thunder Lizards' squad. Los Angeles may be the hottest team in the league right now, but the Lizards should be good enough to cool them off. **Josh Freeman** cherry-picked 4 TD passes while **Jamaal Charles** and **Cedric Benson** ran freely in a 41-14 blowout as LA remained undefeated after six weeks.

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## JIMMY'S Week SEVEN PICKS

### CHARLESWOOD @ DURHAM (line – PATS by 1)

In spite of surrendering 23 first downs and 363 yards against Los Angeles last week, Durham still ranks third in overall defensive efficiency. This week they face a Pats' offence that does not rank as high as perhaps it should and now finds itself hampered by the loss of several big weapons; Adrian Peterson is questionable, Marques Colston is probable, and Santonio Holmes is out, as is right tackle, Joe Staley. Ed Reed, the leader of the Charleswood defence, is also missing. The Thunder Lizards will take the field without Antonio Gates but are likely to see the return of Jim Leonhard and have no other significant injuries to report. The stars are aligning for a much-needed Durham victory at the same time that rain clouds are beginning to roll over Jurassic Park. A bad-weather day will make it a chancy game for both teams, but, all things being equal, I have to think Durham will bounce back from last week's thrashing in Tinseltown to grab one of their occasional big wins. **PICK: DURHAM**

### MOHAVE @ PICKERING (line – SPARTANS by 11)

The Spartans are beginning to feel full of themselves again. After having to fight for their wins, and losing ignominiously to Durham in the first four weeks of the season, the past two weeks have witnessed a return to 2010 form for Pickering with a couple of explosive victories against tough opponents. This is bad news for a Mohave squad just beginning to feel a little better after delivering the goods against South Carolina last week. Terrell Owens is out, meaning that the Hellfire will be again forced to play without one of their top two wide receivers in the game. The Spartans' running attack is finally hitting its stride and Mohave has no run defence. Add the home field advantage and I can't see any way that the Hellfire can prevail. However, 11 points is a big spread; can they keep it closer than that? I bet they can. **PICK: MOHAVE**

### COWTOWN @ VIRDEN (line – CORN KINGS by 6)

The Corn Kings are the surprise of the EFL, and the sudden transformation is still confusing analysts and bettors across the continent. Can they keep this pace? There is no obvious reason to believe they cannot unless you believe injuries to Zach Miller and David Diehl are enough to knock them off balance against a Virden team missing five starters on defence and starting a quarterback who is on pace to throw 40 interceptions this year. In spite of a shockingly bad -13 turnover ratio, the Violators are a respectable (for them) 2-4, and hanging in games. **TERRODOME** is not a nice place to play football and no visitor seems to sport the same swagger when they emerge from the tunnel to the screams of torture pumping through the stadium speaker system. I still think Cowtown will improve to 6-1, but expect another fight from vicious Virden. **PICK: VIRDEN**

### MARKHAM @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 8)

York has been horrendous against the run, giving up 5.2 yards per carry, and that is good news for Markham since they like to run and cannot pass. That fact is what some people might call a "glimmer" – a glimmer of hope for Markham that is! Digging up that glimmer was hard work and I am now exhausted. Expect York to move slowly and not too surely against a respectable North Stars' defence, but do not expect Markham to move very much against the Excaliburs. Take the Yorkies and the points in a low-scoring game. **PICK: YORK**

### **SOUTH CAROLINA @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 5)**

The Regulators are not nearly as bad as their 1-5 record would suggest. However, this week they will be. All of their safeties are injured, and by “all,” I mean everyone except hybrid defensive back Bradley Fletcher, who isn’t really a safety, but has spent some time at the position in the pre-season. The situation is so dire for South Carolina that I would have predicted a big day for *Jay Cutler* if he were starting, but he is not. Cam Newton is, which means a big day-plus for Chino’s offence. On the other side, there is almost no hope for the Regulator offence, which is still missing Tony Romo, Frank Gore, Austin Collie, and now their starting right tackle Orlando Franklin, against the Great Wall of Chino. This is my “lock-pick” of the week. **Pick: CHINO**

### **SCARBOROUGH @ LOS ANGELES (line – KNIGHTS by 6)**

The team voted most likely to burst the Knights’ bubble is carrying a couple of severe handicaps into Round Table Stadium. The Blue Eagles will be missing their top pass-catcher, Brandon Marshall, and their most dangerous deep threat, DeSean Jackson. On an offence that has not been exactly tearing up opposing defences this year – ranked 13<sup>th</sup> overall in efficiency – this is a virtual death sentence against a team boasting Nnamdi Asomugha and Charles Woodson as their top two cornerbacks. Aaron Rodgers will have to pull a massive, fattened up jack-rabbit out of his hat to put enough points on the board to challenge Josh Freeman and his league-leading 13 touchdown passes. I don’t think a Los Angeles win is easy here; they still have the Scarborough defence to contend with, which is a violent, nasty turnover machine. However, I think the real favourite (as opposed to the Vegas one) has flipped to the Knights, and the Blue Eagles will have to battle hard to score an upset. Expect an epic battle and a close game within the 6-point spread. **Pick: SCARBOROUGH**

### **GARLAND @ DEATH VALLEY (line – UNDERTAKERS by 12)**

The Undertakers are heavy favourites at home against the Mustangs, and with good reason; the Mustangs have done nothing on either side of the ball to warrant favourable attention while Death Valley has been hanging some big numbers on their opponents while occasionally surrendering big number themselves. It’s a strange paradox that the Undertakers have the *worst-rated* defence in the league while also owning the most *dangerous* defence in the league. Nobody takes their front seven lightly and, although their defensive backs don’t measure up next to the ‘Fearsome Foursome,’ they are not worse than average by EFL standards. The Mustangs have talent on the offensive side of the ball but I don’t expect their coaching staff to get the most out of it any time soon. Take the “Men in Black” with the points. **Pick: DEATH VALLEY**

### **GWINNETT @ IOWA CITY (line – GLADIATORS by 2)**

Arian Foster is on track to be the league’s offensive MVP and is forcing respect for the Cubs’ offence by opposing defences. But how far can Foster carry Deron Redding’s team when his quarterback has not yet established himself as a consistent threat? The Cubs are the second most efficient offence in the league because of Foster, and own a decent defence that has performed slightly below expectations. Yet they stand at a disappointing 2-4. This is because Sam Bradford has not always gotten the job done when required. As for the Glads, Big Ben is back on the bench after turning the ball over 3 times against Charleswood, and posting a 0-3 record in his starts so far this year. Vince Young is back under centre and looking to direct a running attack that will pound the Cubs into submission. If that doesn’t work, there is always Reggie Wayne and Jeremy Maclin to keep the Cubs’ secondary honest. While always mindful of the Cubs’ ability to surprise, I will be surprised if they emerge as victors on this stage with Gwinnett. **Pick: GWINNETT**



# EFL FOCUS

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**MARKHAM**



## SPARTANS PROVOKED?

**Spartans Insulted Again by non-Greek**

By Spartan Society sports correspondent, **Aristedes Kalogiannis**

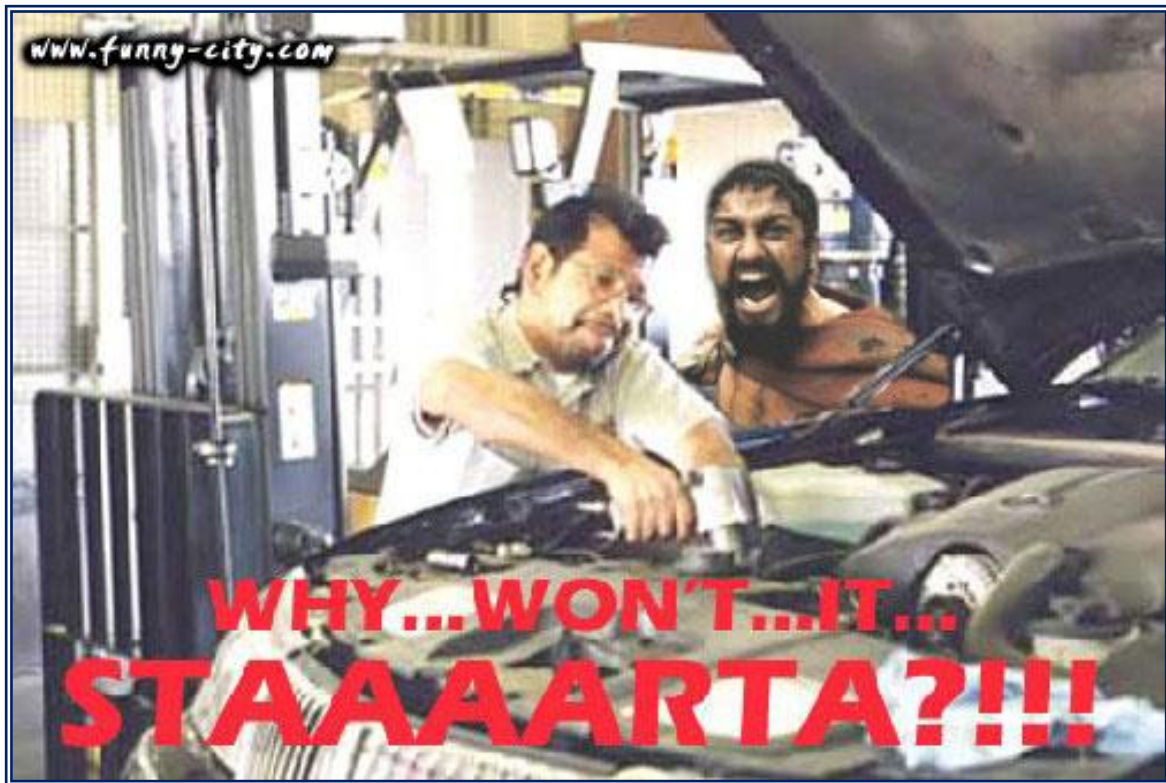
PICKERING (Modern-Day Sparta) -The defending champion Spartans certainly are aware of how difficult it would be to repeat as league champions this year. During their first 4 games this year, 3 were won by a touchdown or less, and a loss to division rival Durham in a game that they were thoroughly outplayed. Week 5 saw their first dominant result of the season against last year's opponent in the finals, Charleswood, so one would think that they would not need any further motivation going into their week 6 match-up against Chris Worthley's Death Valley Undertakers. Sure, there were already pre-existing storylines, in which Gus Konstantakos took over the current Spartan franchise that was once owned by Worthley himself. Death Valley had also gotten off to a 4-1 start, and this looked to be a great test for both teams, as they both have goals of winning their respective divisions. Yet, apparently there were some e-mail going on between both owners prior their game this week.

There was the usual banter going on between two high caliber teams, each wanting to keep their momentum going. However, as I found out in the locker room following the game, there appeared to be extra motivation this week for Pickering. There, on a wall in the locker room, was a picture of a mechanic working on an automobile. Photo-shopped into that picture was the iconic King Leonidas, whom Pickering has drawn inspiration from over the years. Everyone is aware of King Leonidas famous rallying cry to his 300 Spartans, "This is Sparta!". This one sentence carries so much symbolism and meaning to all Spartans. But it was the words that were captioned in the picture that would elicit a bevy of emotions. "This is Sparta!" was replaced by "Why won't it staaaarta!". Rumour has it that Worthley commented on how this would be a phrase that Pickering would be saying in respect to their offense. Well, as I'm told, shock turned to anger, and anger turned to determination. This was not a slight that could go unanswered.

Pickering's first drive led to a field goal, only to have it answered by a Randall Cobb 102-yard kick-off return for a TD. Pickering's next drive ended in a TD, on an 8 yard rush by Rashad Jennings. Death Valley answered with TD of their own, a 6 yard pass from Drew Brees to Aaron Hernandez. After stalling at Death Valley's 28, Pickering elected to punt due to the heavy 20-30 mph winds that were against them. It would be there only punt of the game. Pickering followed with TD's to Darren Sproles, and a 15 yard TD pass to Jerome Simpson late in the 2nd quarter. They even had another opportunity of a fumbled kick-off return by Brandon Tate, but with 7 seconds to go in

the half, against the wind, Cassel would throw an interception as he looked expand the lead by half-time. The score would be 24-17 Pickering at half time. They had amassed over 300 yards of offense. Even with Death Valley opening the 3rd quarter with a long drive that ended in a field goal, Pickering would get touchdowns from Chris Johnson on back to back drives, as well as 2 field goals from Josh Scobee, to end up with 445 total yards. Brees would be picked off 3 times in the second half, and Pickering would win this in a rout by 18 points, 44-26.

Pickering is now 5-1, and appear to be heading towards the playoffs. Whether they can win it all again remains to be seen. The ultimate irony lied in their game this week was Worthley's caption of an offense not starting, versus the reality of one that could not be stopped. Next time a team decides to engage in friendly banter prior to a game, it would do well for the rest of the league to ensure they do not ridicule King Leonidas in any way, shape or form whatsoever.



The Offending Photograph that gave rise to another rivalry. Will the Spartans have any non-rivals in a few years if this continues?

