



WEEK FOURTEEN

January 13, 2008



Frank Gore fights through a tackle on the way to a 17-yard touchdown run in third quarter action against Mohave. It was the only major of the day for Durham, but enough to put them over the top in a 16-14 win.

THUNDER LIZARDS HANG ON TO HAND HELLFIRE THIRD STRAIGHT LOSS

FRANK "DINO" GORE RUSHES FOR 171 YARDS AND SCORES WINNING TD TO KEEP LIZARD'S WEST DIVISION TITLE HOPES ALIVE



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DURHAM – The EFL “Game of the Week” featured two struggling powerhouses in a showdown with Division title implications for both teams. Mohave, losers of two straight, were hanging on to the lead in the East Division by the slimmest of margins – tied with Charleswood at 9-4, but holding the tie-breaker – they held their destiny in their own hands. But with the wounded, but still dangerous, Thunder Lizards determined to keep their own West Division title hopes alive; the Hellfire faced a difficult task on the road at Jurassic Park.

The heavy rain and the overgrown Jurassic Park field guaranteed that the offenses would be slowed down, and slowed down they were. But in this turtle race, the Lizards were the least slow out of the gate, taking the opening drive down to the Mohave 2 yard line before the “Wall of Hellfire” finally ignited and blocked the way into the end zone. Knowing that every point would count, Durham elected for the field goal, despite protests from the crowd, and grabbed the early 3-0 lead on a 19-yard Josh Scobee field goal.

Marc Bulger’s recent troubles continued on Mohave’s first possession, when Chris McAlister intercepted the Mohave QB’s first pass of the game, a short out to a double-teamed Brian Westbrook. The Thunder Lizards took over on their own 39 yard following the turnover and proceeded to move the ball with deliberation down the field. A fourth down conversion by running back, Frank Gore at the Mohave 42-yard line kept the drive alive, and the home team went on to log another Scobee field goal, this one from 28 yards away, to increase their lead to 6-0.

01-10-2008 Tillman Field Temp: 72 Wind: Calm Heavy Rain MVP: **Gore**

2006 **Mohave** (9-5) 0 0 14 0 - 14
 2006 **Durham** (9-5) 6 3 7 0 - 16

1 8:55	Durham	FG Scobee 19 (9-45-5:49)	0-3
1 1:18	Durham	FG Scobee 28 (11-50-4:19)	0-6
2 1:08	Durham	FG Scobee 25 (11-72-5:33)	0-9
3 9:58	Durham	TD Gore 17 run (Scobee) (8-70-3:25)	0-16
3 6:31	Mohave	TD Bulger 7 pass to Coles (Carney) (7-80-3:27)	7-16
3 4:33	Mohave	TD Grant 22 yd fumble recovery (Carney) (0-0-0:00)	14-16

	MOH	DTL
First Downs	14	20
Rushes	26-111	46-225
Passes	22-11-147	21-11-124
Sacked	1-8	0-0
Fumble	2	
Penalties	2-10	2-11
Turnovers	1	2
Time	23:33	36:27
Third Down	2-11	3-11
Fourth Down	0-2	1-2
Net Offense	250	349

QUOTABLES

“I never relaxed, never! I still can’t believe it. Somebody pinch me...please! We survived the fourth quarter...against a great team. After that fumble I thought we were done!” – Durham coach, **George Kaldis**.

“Look, when you have the players we have, you expect them to execute – period! I expect them to *execute!* I should be able to pick a play at random in any given situation and they should be able to execute that play! I’m paying these players a lot of money....I shouldn’t have to *think* a lot during the game!” – Mohave coach, **Bobby Elder**

“You have to give their defense some credit...they stepped up. They made plays. Our game plan was good. We had our chances, and maybe we should have won, but we didn’t. We sucked the royal wet one...again! We’ll be fine by the playoffs.” – Mohave QB, **Marc Bulger**

Mohave recovered with a blazing drive that steamed right through the driving rain, moving 75 yards in 10 plays but, in the end, they found themselves 4 yards short of a first down at the Thunder Lizards 5 yard line. Looking to score big where Durham had scored small, Coach Elder elected to gamble on fourth down and 4, but Westbrook came up 1 yard short to thwart the early big play gambit and Durham took over on their own 2 yard line.

The Lizards managed to get out of the shadow of their own goal line before being forced to punt away and give Mohave another opportunity to put some points on the board, this time starting from their own 30 yard line. But a quick three-and-out by the humbled Hellfire attack handed the momentum firmly back to the home team, and the Thunder Lizards took advantage. Riding the legs of Frank “Dino” Gore for a full 47 of the 72 yards of their next drive, Durham settled for another field goal after coming up short deep inside the Mohave red zone to take a 9-0 lead into the locker room at half time...the dreaded Jurassic Park Half Time.

Crowds in Durham have learned to stay in the washrooms and at the concession stands during the period between halves at home games. That is, most of the people in the crowd have learned this. There are a few, a very few – those few being members of the Saurian Society – who remain in their seats to witness the latest ‘*avant garde*’ creation from the tormented minds of the Mesozoic Musician’s Guild, led by Celine Dion and her husband, Rene. On this occasion, the “entertainment” consisted of a dozen naked synchronized swimmers wearing artificial fins dancing in a pool of algae to the tune of “The Power of Love,” while a winged Michael Jackson look-alike flew overhead tossing giant flaming ferns onto a bed of hatching Raptor eggs. Needless to say, this spectacle did not make it onto network television.

The second half started with a wet and listless 3-and-out by the sluggish Mohave offense, setting up Durham’s first major score. Winning a replay challenge, the Lizards converted a key 3rd down and 14 on their next possession, bringing them into Mohave territory and putting the Hellfire defense on its heels. Three plays later, from the Mohave 17 yard line, Gore broke through the line and busted two tackles near the end zone to score Durham’s only touchdown of the contest and give them a 16-0 lead. The Hellfire struck back with fury, moving 80 yards in less than four minutes for their first touchdown of the game, a 7-yard pass from Bulger to Laveranues Coles. Then, with shocking suddenness, Mohave’s Charles Grant picked up a Kevin Faulk fumble on Durham’s next possession and returned it 22 yards for a touchdown to narrow the Durham lead to less than a field goal, 16-14.

As the heavily saturated field degenerated in the final quarter, neither team could sustain an offensive thrust. But the Hellfire caught a big break when Durham’s Justin Griffith fumbled what would have been the game-clinching first down with 1:17 minutes remaining in the game. With the ball at their own 20, and needing a field goal to win, Mohave’s quarterback threw the game away, missing on 3 of 3 pass attempts to turn the ball back over to Durham on downs. It was an unfortunate but fitting end to a day of futility for the Mohave Hellfire.



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PATRIOTS RALLY IN FOURTH QUARTER – SENTENCE CONVICTS TO 24-20 LOSS

PEYTON MANNING THROWS 3 TD PASSES, INCLUDING ONE TO HIMSELF, TO LEAD CHARLESWOOD TO VICTORY

CHARLESWOOD – Both of these teams came into this game as runners-up for the lead in their respective Divisions. By the end of the game, one team had passed their opponent in that race, while the other had fallen behind by another game.

The home team got off to a quick start. With the capacity crowd at Patriot Place filling the dome with a steady roaring din, Chino’s young QB, Jay Cutler, looked rattled as he stood under center to begin the game. A pumped up Charleswood defense was a little too excited by the show of support, as Derrick Burgess was flagged on the very first play for a late hit on the quarterback. But two plays later, the fury of the crowd and the aggression of the defense paid off for the home team as Cutler, locked on his receiver from the snap, threw a short out pass (the kind of easy pass a coach

01-10-2008	Temp: 75 Wind:	Line: Even	MVP: Manning		
2006 Chino (9-5)	3	7	3	7	- 20
2006 Charleswood (10-4)	10	0	0	14	- 24

1 12:52	Charleswood	TD Manning 10 pass to Manning (Gostkowski) (5-46-1:40)	0-7		
1 6:26	Chino	FG Vinatieri 43 (13-54-6:26)	3-7		
1 4:03	Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 26 (8-64-2:07)	3-10		

2 14:47	Chino	TD Cutler 13 pass to Brown (Vinatieri) (10-67-4:00)	10-10		

3 4:37	Chino	FG Vinatieri 31 (13-74-8:04)	13-10		

4 14:12	Chino	TD Cutler 19 pass to Tomlinson (Vinatieri) (10-55-3:57)	20-10		
4 11:44	Charleswood	TD Manning 33 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (6-64-2:14)	20-17		
4 0:33	Charleswood	TD Manning 4 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (10-75-4:20)	20-24		

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First Downs	21	20			
Rushes	32-125	21-86			
Passes	36-23-260	32-21-297			
Sacked	2-15	2-11			
Fumble	3	1			
Penalties	7-50	6-45			
Turnovers	2	1			
Time	37:43	22:17			
Third Down	13-16	2-9			
Fourth Down	0-2	1-1			
Net Offense	370	372			

will sometimes call to ease his QB into the game) straight into the waiting arms of cornerback, Asante Samuel, who returned it 11 yards and into Chino territory. The good fortune continued for Charleswood on the ensuing drive. After a 23-yard pass to Wes Welker put them close inside the Chino red zone, Manning dropped back and looked for Welker again on a short crossing route. But the ball was batted up at the line and looked to be falling for an incompletion until it bounced off the head of center Brad Meester and ricocheted into the arms of Peyton Manning, who ran it into the end zone for a 10-yard TD pass....to himself! Up 7-0, the Patriots came after Cutler on the next series, finally getting to him inside their own red zone when Trevor Pryce got through on a botched screen and forced a fumble. Luckily for Chino, they recovered and kicked a field goal to get on the board.

That small bit of good luck seemed to steady the Convicts. Although Charleswood answered with their own field goal to make it 10-3, Cutler answered in turn by leading a strong 67-yard drive that ended as the second quarter began with a rifled 13-yard out pass to Reggie Brown for the tying TD. It was a high-velocity throw, through the defender’s hands, that not many quarterbacks in this league could have made, and it showed why Coach Nazar had put his team’s fortunes in the young rookie’s hands while the veteran McNabb stood inactive on the sideline.

Perhaps over-confident after finding the end zone on the previous drive, Cutler was intercepted on his team’s next possession after another ill-advised out pass was batted up and picked off by lineman Richard Seymour. But the Patriots failed to take advantage of a golden opportunity to score when Manning fumbled the ball after a sack by Micahel Boley. The half ended with the teams deadlocked at 10-10.

The third quarter played out nervously as neither team looked ready to gamble on a big play. The Convicts finally broke the tie with just under 5 minutes left when Anquan Boldin shed a tackle for a 22-yard gain on 3rd down and 1, putting Chino in scoring position. After L.T. was stuffed on third down at the Charleswood 13 yard line, Adam

Vinatieri booted an easy 31-yarder to put the visitors ahead, 13-10.

The natives were getting restless at Patriot Place. The crowd that had roared at the start of the game sat on their hands and waited for something to happen. A few scattered boos greeted punter, Craig Hentrich after a three-and-out on Charleswood's next series gave the ball back to Chino. The scattered boos continued when, after a holding penalty seemed to have put the Convict's offense back on their heels, Cutler converted on third down and long to a wide open Boldin for 22 yards. An angry Patriots defense came after Cutler on the next play and knocked the ball loose, but the ball bounced luckily for Chino back into the hands of the rookie pivot and the drive stayed alive. Two plays later, L.T. caught a short flare in the flat and carried it the distance, 19 yards for the major score and a 20-10 Chino lead.

Suddenly it was "wake-up-and-smell-the-coffee-time" for Peyton Manning. The Chino TD perhaps forced it to dawn on him that a rookie opposing QB was kicking his ass in his own building and he seemed to come back onto the field completely re-charged. Passes of 17 and 13 yards to Chad Johnson brought the Pats across mid-field. Then, with the Convicts focused on rookie running back, Adrian Peterson, Manning weathered the blitz to find Donald Driver open down the middle for a 33-yard touchdown strike. The Pats were within a field goal, down 20-17.

After three straight punts by both teams, Manning got the ball back with 4 minutes left in the game. Facing a tough 3rd down and 11 at his own 24, he found Johnson open just short of the first down marker, but "Ocho Cinco" dodged a diving Nate Clements and took off down the field for a 30-yard gain. A steady dose of Adrian Peterson on the ground brought the Pats into almost certain field goal range at the 4 yard line. Then, at just the right moment, with the Chino defense selling out to stop the run, Manning play-action faked and tossed a spiral to an wide open Driver in the end zone for the go-ahead touchdown with 33 seconds left on the clock.

A nervous moment ensued when "Pacman" Jones almost broke through on the kickoff return, but in the end, two desperation pass attempts by cutler failed t find their mark, and the Patriots hung on for a 24-20 win and, with the Mohave loss to Durham, sole possession of first place in the East Division.

CORN KINGS, RAIN

DOUSE "DRAGON FIRE"

BRADY UNDER PRESSURE FAILS TO DELIVER / PENNINGTON THROWS 3 TD PASSES IN ROUT



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COWTOWN – With Aaron Kampman coming at him from the left, Aaron Schobel chasing him from the right, and Tommie Harris pushing up the middle, Tom Brady had no place to hide. The Dragon's quarterback was sacked 5 times and faced constant pressure all day as the home

01-10-2008 Tillman Field Temp: 33 Wind: 0-5 Heavy Rain MVP: Moore

2006 Florida (8-6)	0	0	0	6	-	6
2006 Cowtown (11-3)	14	3	11	14	-	42

1 8:38 Cowtown	TD Moore 9 run (Hanson,J) (8-59-4:31)					0-7
1 3:04 Cowtown	TD Pennington 8 pass to Furrey (Hanson,J) (8-59-4:05)					0-14

2 0:35 Cowtown	FG Hanson 26 (4-17-1:32)					0-17

3 10:11 Cowtown	FG Hanson 24 (10-72-4:46)					0-20
3 2:48 Cowtown	TD Pennington 6 pass to Moore (2 - Furrey) (6-55-2:52)					0-28

4 14:49 Cowtown	TD Pennington 18 pass to Furrey (Hanson,J) (3-30-1:34)					0-35
4 12:21 Cowtown	TD Barber 3 run (Hanson,J) (3-29-1:33)					0-42
4 6:17 Florida	TD Brady 20 pass to Clayton (2 - failed) (15-73-5:55)					6-42

	FLD	COW
First Downs	16	27
Rushes	22-70	33-159
Passes	44-19-200	31-21-261
Sacked	5-30	0-0
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	4-21	6-25
Turnovers	2	0
Time	25:08	34:52
Third Down	2-16	3-9
Fourth Down	4-6	1-1
Net Offense	240	420

town Cowtown Corn Kings completely dominated the line of scrimmage on a wet, soggy day at Tillman Field. With the "right head" (Maroney) and "left head" (Norwood) of 'Cerebrus' out due to injuries, Mewelde Moore filled in admirably, gaining 121 yards from scrimmage and scoring 2 TDs. He also added 94 yards of punt return yardage, including a 45-yarder, to become the unlikely game MVP. Pennington was efficient, throwing for 261 yards, 3 TDs, and no picks to post a game day QB rating of 125.9. The Corn Kings now have a two-game lead in the West Division.



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THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME! GLADIATORS STAY ALIVE WITH FOURTH QUARTER RALLY

BUCCANEERS ELIMINATED FROM PLAYOFF RACE WITH ANOTHER DISAPPOINTING LOSS

GWINNETT – The Gwinnett Gladiators finally came home after a grueling 8-game road trip that saw them drop 6 of 8 and fall behind Kutztown in the battle for the final East Division playoff spot. The Anchorage Bucs, who probably have more frequent flyer miles than the rest of the league combined as they travel from the northeast extreme down to the southeast, were pumped as they looked to take advantage of the struggling Gladiator defense. They were also fighting for their playoff lives.

The Glads would win the toss and drive down the field to the Buc's 36 yard line, only to see Jared Allen get his first of what would be three sacks on Carson Palmer. Gwinnett would be forced to punt, but Dave Zastudil dropped a perfect dart out of bounds to put the Bucs back at their 4.

01-12-2008 Temp: 49 Wind: 0-10 MVP: Parker

2006 Anchorage (4-10) 7 0 6 0 -13
2006 Gwinnett (6-8) 0 10 0 10 -20

1	5:16	Anchorage	TD Brees 16 pass to Johnson (Stover) (11-96-4:28)	7-0
2	1:01	Gwinnett	FG Gould 19 (17-89-7:20)	7-3
2	0:26	Gwinnett	TD Palmer 11 pass to Wayne (Gould) (3-29-0:25)	7-10
3	9:55	Anchorage	FG Stover 21 (11-76-4:56)	10-10
3	3:51	Anchorage	FG Stover 24 (5-40-2:01)	13-10
4	13:59	Gwinnett	TD Parker 24 run (Gould) (11-72-4:38)	13-17
4	1:09	Gwinnett	FG Gould 36 (10-42-5:49)	13-20

	ANC	GWG
First Downs	18	24
Rushes	30-123	37-188
Passes	29-16-197	35-22-195
Sacked	3-19	3-20
Fumble	1	3
Penalties	2-30	3-15
Turnovers	2	3
Time	23:58	36:02
Third Down	4-12	5-13
Fourth Down	0-1	1-1
Net Offense	301	363

Drew Brees would immediately go to work, hitting Andre Johnson for 13 yards to get some breathing room. Coach Fenton would then mix McGahee runs with passes to Marques Colston to get the offense really rolling, and before they knew it, they were at the Glad 36. Four plays later, Brees hit Johnson for a 16-yard TD pass to cap a 95-yard drive that took 4:26 minutes off the clock. The boo-birds were coming out as it appeared that the Glad defense was still on the road. However, Pro Bowl Tackle Jonathan Ogden would leave the game and not return with a bad back, leaving Brees left side vulnerable.

The teams would exchange several punts with neither offense moving the ball much until Gwinnett started from their own 9 half way through the second quarter. The Glads would drive down the field, covering 89 yards in a gut-wrenching 17 plays to arrive 1st and goal at the 6. However, the exhausted Bucs 'D' dug deep and forced a field goal with just under a minute to go in the half.

The Bucs gave the Gladiators a gift before the end of the first half, when Brees was picked off by Gibril Wilson at the Anchorage 29 yard line with 42 seconds remaining. Palmer unwrapped the gift 3 plays later with an 11-yard pass down the seam to Reggie Wayne for a TD and a 10-7 Gwinnett advantage at the half.

To start the second half, Anchorage would begin at their own 20. They would recover some of their first quarter magic, driving the length of the field behind Willis McGahee and Joseph Addai with some passes mixed in for variety. Unfortunately for the Bucs, they would lose McGahee to injury and the blow seemed to kill their momentum. With 1st and goal from the 2, the running game would fail them and they would settle for short field goal to tie the score at 10.

The game then proceeded to take several sharp and strange turns as both offenses pressed to make something happen. Carson Palmer would get picked off by Jason David to give the Bucs the ball inside Gwinnett territory. But 3

plays later, they were forced to punt. The Glads would go back to the pass again but Darrell Jackson fumbled in the flat after a big hit by Keith Bullock. (Instant replays appeared to show Jackson down but it was not conclusive enough to overturn the call on the field and Gwinnett would lose the challenge). Jackson's turnover was erased on the next play as Brees was immediately picked off by Darnell Dockett after Will Smith tipped the pass at the Glad's 14 yard line. But four plays later, the turnover bug bit again, with Will Allen picking off Palmer and setting up the Bucs at the Gwinnett 47. This would stop the turnover frenzy and lead to a field goal by the Bucs to take a 13-10 lead.

Gwinnett responded with a commitment to Willie Parker and the ground game. "Fast" Willie ripped off three straight carries for 14 yards, bringing the Buc's defense up to the line. Palmer, maybe a little gun-shy from his recent picks, was slow to take advantage, but he redeemed himself with a key fourth down conversion from the Buccaneer's 38 yard line, hitting Wayne near the sideline for 13 yards. Two plays later, Parker busted one outside from 24 yards out to score and give the Glads the 17-13 lead.

Confusion on the Buc's offense and a fired up Gladiator defense led to an impossible 4th down and 23 for Anchorage deep in their own zone and a punt. The Glads kept Anchorage penned up in their own end until they finally put the game on ice with a 36-yard Robbie Gould field goal at the 1:05 mark of the final quarter. Hester, who had been held in check all game, would not get much on the final kick return. Three incomplete passes and a sack later and it would be all over for the Buccaneers and their slim playoff hopes.

It was a critically important win for Gwinnett keeping them alive, but behind Kutztown, in the race for the final playoff spot in the East Division. Home cooking did not seem to help Carson Palmer much, as he struggled again, throwing 2 interceptions and posting a game day QB rating of 63.4. But once again Willie Parker came through, rushing for 135 yards on 20 carries and scoring the game-breaking TD in the fourth quarter.

01-13-2008 Lincoln Financial Temp: 39 Wind: 5-15 MVP: **Johnson**

2006 **Iowa City** (6-8) 14 0 7 3 -24
 2006 **Kutztown** (7-7) 7 10 3 7 -27

1 12:55 Iowa City	TD Losman 10 pass to Winslow (Rackers) (6-48-1:45)	7-0
1 11:16 Iowa City	TD Losman 16 pass to Evans (Rackers) (1-16-0:12)	14-0
1 6:44 Kutztown	TD Romo 2 pass to Harrison (Kaeding) (9-80-4:32)	14-7

2 5:14 Kutztown	TD Johnson 2 run (Kaeding) (11-62-6:04)	14-14
2 1:22 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 49 (8-26-2:32)	14-17

3 8:48 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 40 (9-57-6:12)	14-20
3 3:02 Iowa City	TD Ryans 75 yd fumble recovery (Rackers) (0-0-0:00)	21-20

4 8:53 Iowa City	FG Rackers 24 (14-74-5:03)	24-20
4 3:30 Kutztown	TD Romo 4 pass to Johnson (Kaeding) (11-80-5:18)	24-27

	ICC	KUT
First Downs	20	24
Rushes	22-83	41-180
Passes	31-20-259	29-20-276
Sacked	5-38	2-16
Fumble	2	3
Penalties	4-27	3-14
Turnovers	2	3
Time	20:41	39:19
Third Down	6-13	6-13
Fourth Down	0-0	1-1
Net Offense	304	440

BEARS SQUEAK BY CUBS

LARRY JOHNSON CARRIES BALL 38 TIMES, SCORES TWICE / RACKERS SHANKS LAST MINUTE FIELD GOAL ATTEMPT



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KITZTOWN – A fast start by the upstart Iowa City Cubs quickly fell by the wayside as Tony Romo and Larry Johnson took charge of the Golden Bear offense.

J.P. Losman threw two first quarter TD passes, a 10-yarder to Kellen Winslow, and a

16-yarder to Lee Evans on the first play following a Ken Lucas interception to give the Cubs a 14-0 lead. But Tony Romo went to the air accurately and often on the next drive to move his team 80 yards in 9 plays to score the first 7 of 20 unanswered points by the Golden Bears. A lost fumble by Ronnie Brown on the Kutztown 1 yard line in the third quarter, and a Kutztown goal line stand at their own 2 mid-way in the fourth quarter kept the Cubs' offense frustrated. A Demeco Ryans 77-yard fumble return for a TD appeared to have rescued Iowa's fortunes, but an 80-yard TD drive late in the final period, powered by a 72-yard Tony Romo air show, put the home team back on top to stay. A late rally attempt to tie the game ended badly for Iowa City when Neil Rackers shanked a 44-yard field goal attempt with 36 seconds remaining in the game. Larry Johnson carried the ball 38 times for 181 yards and 2 TDs to win Game MVP honours.

SWAMP DOGS LOSE AGAIN

CARR THROWS FOR OVER 300 YARDS/ MERRIMAN BAGS BIG BEN 3 TIMES IN EASY WIN



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MEADOWLANDS – The Knights did not come to the Meadowlands thinking they were facing a 0-13 team. They knew they had to play

their best game in order to avoid an ambush by the hungry, mangy Swamp Dogs. But they were the only ones taking their opponents seriously – it was “Bag Day” at the MASH 4077 Swamp Dome as the estimated 15,000 fans in attendance received free paper bags to cover their faces. A few smart fans even covered the eye holes, avoiding the sight of Shawne Merriman and Kamerion Wimbley tossing Big Ben around like a sack of moldy potatoes. Maurice Jones-Drew, showing promise for the future, rushed for over 100 yards for the second straight week, but that was the highlight for the home team. David Carr, although sacked 6 times himself, still managed to throw for 306 yards and a TD to spark the Knight’s attack.. LA stays alive, but barely, in the hunt for the final playoff spot in the West Division. The Dogs, long out of contention, are still looking for something to cheer about.

01-12-2008	Temp: 72	Wind:	Line: Even	MVP: Carr	
2006 Los Angeles (5-9)	3	10	3	7	-23
2006 Meadowlands (0-14)	0	3	0	0	-3

1	3:34	Los Angeles	FG Lindell	37 (4--1-2:26)	3-0

2	11:42	Meadowlands	FG Tynes	27 (1--4-0:11)	3-3
2	3:59	Los Angeles	FG Lindell	26 (10-76-7:31)	6-3
2	0:54	Los Angeles	TD Bell	4 run (Lindell) (6-40-1:18)	13-3

3	8:55	Los Angeles	FG Lindell	24 (10-61-5:55)	16-3

4	1:53	Los Angeles	TD Carr	1 pass to Bell (Lindell) (5-48-1:52)	23-3

			LAK	MSD	
First Downs			19	12	
Rushes			26-98	33-113	
Passes			37-26-309	24-14-174	
Sacked			6-38	6-42	
Fumble			3	1	
Penalties			8-50	6-46	
Turnovers			1	1	
Time			37:35	22:25	
Third Down			4-13	2-14	
Fourth Down			0-3	1-6	
Net Offense			369	245	

BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK

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OFFENSE



QB –Peyton Manning, Charleswood Patriots

32 Att., 21 Comp., 297 Yards, 3 TDs, 0 INTs.
3 TD passes, one to himself and 2 in 4th quarter, beat Chino.

DEFENSE



DE –Jared Allen, Anchorage Buccaneers

11 Tackles, 3 Sacks, 1Stuff, 1 Pressure, 1 INT.
He was a one-man wrecking crew in losing effort against Gwinnett.

SPECIAL TEAMS



PR –Ted Ginn Jr., Los Angeles Knights

3 PR, 124 Yards, 41.3 Avg., 58 Long.
Had returns of 55 and 58 yards to set up early points vs. Dawgs.

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Charleswood	10	4	0	0.714	357	25.5	246	17.6	7.9	5 2 0	6 3 0	10 4 0	10 3 0
Mohave	9	5	0	0.643	398	28.4	310	22.1	6.3	6 1 0	7 2 0	9 5 0	5 4 0
Florida	8	6	0	0.571	383	27.4	353	25.2	2.1	5 2 0	6 3 0	8 6 0	5 6 0
Kutztown	7	7	0	0.5	391	27.9	370	26.4	1.5	5 2 0	4 5 0	7 7 0	5 5 0
Gwinnett	6	8	0	0.429	353	25.2	344	24.6	0.6	4 2 0	4 5 0	6 8 0	5 8 0
Meadowlands	0	14	0	0	180	12.9	520	37.1	-24.3	0 7 0	0 9 0	0 14 0	0 4 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Cowtown	11	3	0	0.786	413	29.5	243	17.4	12.1	5 2 0	7 2 0	11 3 0	10 3 0
Chino	9	5	0	0.643	410	29.3	330	23.6	5.7	7 1 0	6 3 0	9 5 0	6 5 0
Durham	9	5	0	0.643	403	28.8	319	22.8	6	5 3 0	4 5 0	9 5 0	8 4 0
Iowa City	6	8	0	0.429	309	22.1	370	26.4	-4.4	2 4 0	4 5 0	6 8 0	3 8 0
Los Angeles	5	9	0	0.357	269	19.2	312	22.3	-3.1	4 4 0	3 6 0	5 9 0	4 9 0
Anchorage	4	10	0	0.286	319	22.8	468	33.4	-10.6	2 4 0	3 6 0	4 10 0	4 6 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Garcia,J	ICC	198	125	63.1	1465	1	0.5	64	12	6.1	103.6
2	McNabb	CHI	312	194	62.2	2732	8	2.6	53	19	6.1	100
3	Carr,D	LAK	420	302	71.9	3023	9	2.1	36	21	5	99.7
4	Rivers	DTL	367	222	60.5	2945	8	2.2	41	23	6.3	97.7
5	Manning,P	CHP	465	281	60.4	3545	9	1.9	63	27	5.8	95.5
6	Romo	KUT	402	252	62.7	3500	19	4.7	53	29	7.2	95
7	Brady,T	FLD	419	266	63.5	3109	15	3.6	53	30	7.2	94.9
8	Losman	ICC	220	143	65	1767	7	3.2	65	11	5	93.1
9	Bulger	MOH	440	249	56.6	3474	14	3.2	65	31	7	92.4
10	Pennington	COW	427	264	61.8	3397	16	3.7	95	24	5.6	89.9
11	Palmer,C	GWG	424	245	57.8	3145	16	3.8	59	25	5.9	85.1
12	Brees	ANC	435	249	57.2	3137	12	2.8	64	19	4.4	82.9
13	Campbell,J	MSD	158	62	39.2	708	5	3.2	80	4	2.5	48.7
14	Roethlisberger	MSD	260	129	49.6	1486	21	8.1	50	5	1.9	40
15	Griese	CHP	1	1	100	8	0	0	8	1	100	139.6
16	Young,V	CHI	14	8	57.1	129	1	7.1	39	2	14.3	97.9
17	Jackson,T	LAK	3	2	66.7	20	1	33.3	13	1	33.3	85.4
18	Beck	COW	11	7	63.6	75	0	0	17	0	0	83.5
19	Schaub	MOH	3	2	66.7	18	0	0	11	0	0	82.6
20	Cutler	CHI	107	65	60.7	843	6	5.6	37	6	5.6	80.9

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Gore	DTL	298	1848	6.2	56	10	8	Jones,T	CHP	254	944	3.7	30	9
2	Tomlinson	CHI	343	1771	5.2	88	17	9	Bell,T	LAK	185	832	4.5	23	3
3	Parker,W	GWG	308	1602	5.2	70	10	10	Maroney	COW	152	747	4.9	71	4
4	Johnson,L	KUT	350	1547	4.4	47	13	11	McGahee	ANC	152	676	4.4	65	2
5	Jackson,S	FLD	320	1510	4.7	64	10	12	Brown,R	ICC	169	658	3.9	40	5
6	Westbrook	MOH	233	1398	6	76	6	13	Jones-Drew	MSD	123	643	5.2	81	2
7	Addai	ANC	194	1058	5.5	46	11	14	Norwood	COW	72	628	8.7	71	2
8	Jones,T	CHP	254	944	3.7	30	9	15	Barber	COW	126	587	4.7	23	12

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Johnson,A	ANC	83	1193	14.4	44	10	8	Harrison,M	KUT	70	1103	15.8	53	9
2	Boldin	CHI	83	1474	17.8	53	13	9	Smith,S	LAK	70	840	12	35	2
3	Winslow	ICC	77	897	11.6	32	8	10	Wayne,R	GWG	69	1181	17.1	59	6
4	Driver	CHP	74	1069	14.4	41	9	11	Jackson,S	FLD	67	574	8.6	38	8
5	Furrey	COW	73	1029	14.1	42	7	12	Holt,T	CHI	65	887	13.6	43	5
6	Johnson,C	CHP	71	1137	16	63	3	13	Heap	LAK	64	581	9.1	27	11
7	Coles	MOH	71	1099	15.5	51	15	14	Glenn,T	LAK	62	780	12.6	36	4
8	Harrison,M	KUT	70	1103	15.8	53	9	15	Evans,L	ICC	60	1009	16.8	65	7

KICKING

			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Hanson,J	COW	27	25	92.6	7	3	55	121
2	Gould	GWG	27	27	100	6	0	47	119
3	Scobee	DTL	28	24	85.7	3	0	47	119
4	Carney	MOH	24	23	95.8	6	0	49	114
5	Stover	ANC	29	27	93.1	10	0	48	113
6	Gostkowski	CHP	30	24	80	4	0	48	111
7	Kaeding	KUT	23	20	87	5	0	49	107
8	Nugent	FLD	23	21	91.3	4	2	56	105
9	Vinatieri	CHI	21	18	85.7	6	0	48	101
10	Lindell	LAK	24	22	91.7	4	1	53	93
11	Rackers	ICC	27	17	63	5	1	50	87
12	Tynes	MSD	17	12	70.6	4	1	51	54

JIMMY'S WEEK FIFTEEN PICKS

GAME OF THE WEEK

COWTOWN (11-3) @ MOHAVE (9-5) (LINE - CORN KINGS BY 1)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Cowtown has clinched a playoff spot and can clinch the Division with a win. Mohave has clinched a playoff spot, but they need to win one more game than Charleswood in the final two weeks in order to win the Division. A win coupled with a Florida loss will guarantee a second seed and home field in the first round of the playoffs.

THE GAME: The Hellfire are back at home after 3 straight road losses and they urgently need a victory. The Corn Kings have some breathing room on top of the West Division, but would really like to tie up the Division one week early. The advantage remains with Mohave as they still have one of the stingiest defenses in the league and they will be highly motivated on their home turf, where they have lost only once all season. The Corn Kings need to pressure Marc Bulger as much as they did last week against Tom Brady and force some errors if they are going to shorten the field for their not-exactly-explosive, but steady, offense.

PICK: MOHAVE

LOS ANGELES (5-9) @ KUTZTOWN (7-7) (LINE - GOLDEN BEARS BY 4)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Los Angeles can lock up the final playoff spot in the West with wins this week and then next week versus Iowa City. But a win this week will not ensure them of anything except a chance to control their own destiny. They can survive a loss, provided the Cubs also lose to Charleswood. Kutztown can lock up the final playoff spot in the East with a win and a Gwinnett loss. Third place is in their sights, but they will need to win their last two games and hope for some help.

THE GAME: These teams make an interesting match-up as the Knight's defense is well suited to bring out the worst in Kutztown's "Golden Boy," Tony Romo. On the other hand, the big play Golden Bear 'D' is capable of making life difficult for a sack-prone David Carr. The edge has to go to the Golden Bears because they are at home and they have been the more balanced team throughout the season. But don't be surprised if the Knights steal one in Kutztown.

PICK: KUTZTOWN

CHINO (9-5) @ FLORIDA (8-6) (LINE - DRAGONS BY 1)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: A Chino win would allow them to maintain their edge in the battle for second seed. A win coupled with a Cowtown loss would increase the likelihood of a three-way tie at the top of the West. Florida can lock up third place with a win or a Kutztown loss. They have already sewn up the fourth seed.

THE GAME: The mysterious ailment that is keeping Donovan McNabb on the sideline is giving young Jay Cutler an opportunity to show off his stuff, and that's not exactly what Convicts fans want to see. Cutler shows promise, but he is prone to turning the ball over and that could be fatal come playoff time. Florida is up and down, having just taken a beating in Cowtown after winning four straight. At home, against one of the top teams in the West, they need to come out strong to regain some of their swagger. Tom Brady will be gunning for glory and will push the Dragons over the top.

PICK: FLORIDA

MEADOWLANDS (0-14) @ ANCHORAGE (4-10) (LINE – BUCCANEERS BY 9)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: This one is for pride.

THE GAME: The Anchorage Buccaneers, eliminated from the playoffs last week, are now officially the biggest disappointment in the EFL based on pre-season prognostications. Check that...they are actually the second biggest disappointment. Their opponents this week are officially the league’s biggest disappointments, having not won even a single game and not looked remotely competitive doing it. Something has to break with the Swamp Dogs and it has to happen this week, or else they will almost certainly remain winless as they close the season against Mohave. Facing a demoralized Buc’s squad plagued by in-fighting, this could be the big break the Dawgs have been looking for. This is my last reasonable chance to predict a Swamp Dog win, so I am going for it! (...or, at least, a win against the spread)

PICK: MEADOWLANDS

DURHAM (9-5) @ GWINNETT (6-8) (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 1)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Both teams need a win – Durham to keep pace with Chino and Cowtown, and Gwinnett to force a Week 16 showdown against Kutztown for the final playoff spot. A Gladiator’s loss would not be fatal, provided the Golden Bears also lose this week, but a loss coupled with a Kutztown win would mean the end of Gwinnett’s playoff hopes.

THE GAME: Durham is coming off a huge win against Mohave and appears to be recovering from a recent slump. When the Lizard’s offense is in high gear, they cannot be stopped, except by themselves. Gwinnett will be banking on the Durham squad getting another case of “fumbilitis” to allow their own inconsistent offense to keep up. Palmer, ranked a surprising 11th in the QB rankings, is overdue for a good game. The Glads will need him to step up because Willie Parker cannot keep doing it by himself.

PICK: DURHAM

CHARLESWOOD (10-4) @ IOWA CITY (6-8) (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 3)

PLAYOFF PICTURE: Against the odds, Charleswood has overcome what appeared to be a commanding Mohave lead in the East Division and now is looking in the rear view mirror as the Hellfire try to play catch-up. Their fate is in their own hands. Iowa City can lock up the final playoff spot with a win and an LA loss at Kutztown. Otherwise, it will come down to a Week 16 match-up against the Knights in a “winner-take-all” game.

THE GAME: The notorious “Giant Killers” from Iowa have been surprising the pundits all year long and this has all the makings of another “surprise” scenario. It’s too obvious. The Cubs have to lose to a top team at some point, and even though they have the home field advantage, this is where the bubble bursts. With J.P. Losman at the helm, the Cubs are prone to mistakes in the clutch. Meanwhile Peyton Manning, even if he struggles early, will have time to throw and will find a way to beat the feisty Cubbies secondary. The Cubs will hang in the game early but will fall apart late.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

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

LAST 2 WEEKS: 5-7-0

OVERALL: 51-33-0