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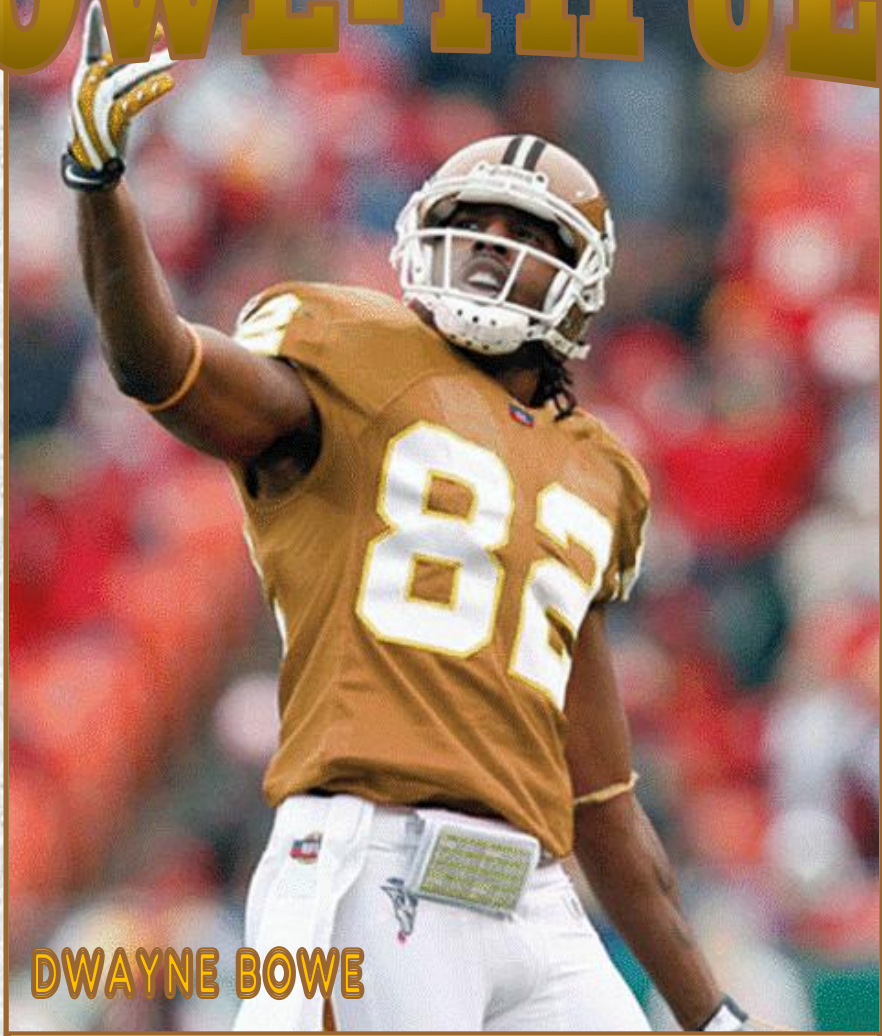
2012 EFL 2012

December 30, 2012



EAST			WEST			NORTH			SOUTH		
York	9	2 0	Death Valley	10	1 0	Durham	10	1 0	Scarborough	10	1 0
Viriden	8	3 0	Chino	7	4 0	Cowtown	7	3 1	Garland	7	4 0
Commonwealth	6	5 0	Los Angeles	5	5 0	Markham	7	3 1	Gwinnett	4	7 0
Mohave	2	8 0	Iowa City	1	10 0	Pickering	4	7 0	South Carolina	4	7 0
Charleswood	0	11 0	Mission Viejo	1	10 0	Twin Cities	4	7 0	Sebastian	2	9 0

BOWE-TIFUL!



DWAYNE BOWE

Dwayne Bowe salutes the crowd after scoring his second TD in an amazing 4th comeback by the Thunder Lizards over the Blue Eagles. (MORE INSIDE)



Who was slick in Week Eleven?

"BRYLCREEM" THE EFL'S FIRST SPONSOR



Tom Brady
QB
York
Excilibur

19 of 25, 303 yards, 5 TDs in 1st defeat of Brees and Undertakers.



Dwight Freney
DE
Twin Cities
Triumph

3 tackles, 3 sacks, 1 FF; he held Tony Romo in check in Week 11.





10-1-0

17



GAME OF THE WEEK



10-1-0

24

FANTASTIC FOURTH!

THUNDER LIZARDS RALLY IN 4TH QUARTER TO HAND SCARBOROUGH FIRST LOSS!

BLUE EAGLE OF THE GAME

Aaron Rodgers

24 of 37, 267 yards, 2 TDs, 1 INT

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
Scarborough	0	10	7	0	-	17
Durham	3	0	0	21	-	24

LIZARD OF THE GAME

Matt Schaub

24 of 38, 337 yards, 2 TDs, 2 INTs

GAME SUMMARY: Making only his third start this season, Durham QB **Matt Schaub** looked a little rusty for 3 quarters while the Scarborough offence methodically built up a 17-3 lead. After a lively opening drive that stalled suddenly on the Scarborough 6 yard line, resulting in a 24-yard field goal by **Mason Crosby** to open the scoring, the Durham offence fell back on its heels against a relentlessly pursuing Scarborough defence. That defence helped its offence get on the board with an interception and return by **Antonio Cromartie** to the Durham 30 yard line to open the second quarter. Four plays later, **Aaron Rodgers** threw off his back foot to **DeSean Jackson** in the back of the end zone for a 13-yard scoring strike to put them ahead 7-3. The Blue Eagles would add a field goal to their lead before the half then take a two-TD lead in the 3rd quarter after a **Darelle Revis** interception shut down a Durham drive inside the Scarborough red zone and set up an 87-yard drive that Rodgers finished off with a 3-yard TD pass to **CJ Spiller**. With one quarter left to play and a defence that appeared to be in control, it looked like the Eagles would soar to victory once more; but the Dinos would not go down. Schaub connected on his next five passes to move the ball 58 yards inside the Scarborough 10 then **Reggie Bush** caught the defence by surprise and darted through a hole behind guard **Carl Nicks** for a 6-yard TD run to make it a one-score game. A busted play on an attempt to convert 3rd and 2 forced the Blue Eagles to punt after 3 plays on their next possession setting up Durham at their 29 yard line. Schaub completed his next four passes, the last one a 48-yard long hitch to Dwayne Bowe for a TD, to cover 71 yards in 1:15 and even the score at 17. Now it was time for the Dinos' defence to step up – **Elvis Dumervil** sacked Rodgers for a 9-yard loss then rookie **Bobby Massie** was flagged for holding on the next play to put the Blue Eagles in a deep hole and force a punt that gave Durham the ball and the momentum. Schaub converted a 3rd and 10 with a 45-yard slant to **Calvin Johnson** to the Scarborough 18 then Bowe got behind the defence for an 18-yard TD catch and the winning score. The Blue Eagles' came back to the Durham 21 but crashed on 4th and 5 to fall for the first time this year.

QUOTE OF THE GAME

"This was the best game I've ever been a part of. Matt and Dwayne made a couple of remarkable plays against a great defence! The whole team kept it together after a tough start. This may be the best team I've ever coached." – *Durham coach, George Kaldis*

"Bummer!" – *Scarborough owner, Chris Dickinson.*

"You can't blame one player – it's the unit, or else your opponent makes a play." – *Scarborough coach, Bill Belichick.*



FANS' THUMB UP

Schaub, Schaub, Schaub!!



FANS' THUMB DOWN

Rodgers failed in the clutch

FAN RATING



12-18-2012 Jurassic Park Temp: 76 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Matt Schaub**

1 8:12	Durham	FG Crosby 24 (12-65-6:38)	0-3
2 13:11	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 13 pass to Jackson (Janikowski) (4-30-1:35)	7-3
2 2:27	Scarborough	FG Janikowski 22 (10-55-5:11)	10-3
3 0:14	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 3 pass to Spiller (Janikowski) (14-87-8:41)	17-3
4 13:24	Durham	TD Bush 6 run (Crosby) (6-64-1:45)	17-10
4 10:27	Durham	TD Schaub 48 pass to Bowe (Crosby) (5-71-1:15)	17-17
4 3:58	Durham	TD Schaub 18 pass to Bowe (Crosby) (8-74-2:43)	17-24

	SBE	DTL
First Downs	21	21
Rushes	27-100	22-105
Passes	37-24-267	38-24-337
Sacked	1-9	3-18
Fumble	1	2
Penalties	3-21	9-80
Turnovers	1	2
Missed Tackles	5	10
Blitzes	14	8
Time	31:19	28:41
Third Down	7-14	7-13
Fourth Down	2-3	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/2/1	4/2/1
Net Offense	358	424



QUICK COUNTS!!

Blue 35, Blue 35, hut, hut hut! Red 23, 3, Red 23, 3, hut, hut, hut! Green 49, hut!



UNDERTAKERS

10-1-0

7

7

3

14

0

31

Drew Brees

34 of 49, 340 yards, 4 TDs



EXCALIBURS

9-2-0

7

14

3

14

0

38

Tom Brady

19 of 25, 303 yards, 5 TDs

Consecutive sacks by **Jason Babin** and **Von Miller** and a fumble by **Drew Brees** gave the ball to York on the Death Valley 41 yard line and led to a 15-yard TD pass from **Tom Brady** to **Michael Crabtree** that give York a 21-7 lead in the 2nd quarter. The turnover interrupted a perfect score-for-score exchange between the top two teams in the PAC and was the difference as Death Valley fell for the first time. Brady out-dueled Brees with 5 TD passes to account for all the major scoring for the Swords while the Undertakers' star threw 4 to bring his record total to 51 TD passes this year.



CONVICTS

7-4-0

7

14

14

7

0

42

Cam Newton

17 of 24, 188 yards, 5 TDs (3 rush)



PATRIOTS

0-11-0

0

0

7

0

0

7

Michael Vick

15 of 25, 169 yards, 1 TD, 1 INT

Cam Newton ran for two touchdowns and passed to **Jason Avant** for a third after **Cortland Finnegan** intercepted **Michael Vick** at the Pats' 4 yard line, staking Chino to a 21-0 first half advantage. The blowout continued on the first drive of the 3rd quarter, with Newton connecting with Avant for 42 yards, setting up an 8-yard TD pass to **Arrelious Benn** for a 28-0 lead. The Pats broke the shutout when an individual effort by **Deion Branch** turned a short pass into a 52-yard gain to set up a TD pass to **Jason Witten**, but the Convicts controlled the ball and added scores to finish off an easy win.



VIOLATORS

8-3-0

3

14

10

7

0

34

Matt Stafford

18 of 23, 361 yards, 3 TDs, 1 INT



MONARCHS

1-10-0

0

10

0

6

0

16

DeMarco Murray

24 carries, 106 yards, 2 TDs

Torrey Smith broke free in the Monarchs' secondary and took a **Matt Stafford** pass 54 yards to the house to give Virden a 10-0 lead early in the 2nd quarter. On their next possession, **Dez Bryant** fought off a double-team to take a medium slant all the way for a 55-yard score and a 17-0 lead. The Monarchs recovered some ground with a time-consuming 85-yard drive ending in a **DeMarco Murray** 1-yard TD run and a **Buster Skrine** pick setting up a FG before the half. But in the 2nd half Virden put the game away by running the ball with **Beanie Wells** and adding two more TDs along the way.



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MUSTANGS

7-4-0

10	0	0	7	0	17
				OT	

Matt Ryan

18 of 29, 148 yards



CORN KINGS

7-3-1

0	7	10	10	0	27
				OT	

Matt Moore

13 of 16, 144 yards, 2 TDs

The 1st quarter belonged to Garland as their ground game and penalties by the Corn Kings' defenders led to a 10-0 lead. After an interception by **Eric Weddle** ended a Corn Kings' scoring threat in the 2nd, back-up **Matt Moore** came on in relief of **Joe Flacco** and turned the game around for the home team. A 2-yard TD pass to **Larry Fitzgerald** and a 28-yard TD pass to **Kevin Walter** gave Cowtown a 17-10 lead in the 3rd quarter then **Maurice Jones-Drew** broke a 61-yard TD run to make it 24-10 early in the 4th. A switch to **Kevin Kolb** to revive a flagging Mustang offence was not as successful.



SPARTANS

4-7-0

7	10	3	3	0	23
				OT	

Robert Griffin III

15 of 20, 174 yards, 1 TD



SWORDFISH

2-9-0

0	0	0	0	0	0
				OT	

Chandler Jones

8 Tackles, 3 QB Pressures

Robert Griffin III was a perfect 4 for 4 on the game's opening drive, throwing for 75 yards and a TD to give Pickering an early 7-0 lead. While the Swordfish defence stiffened a bit after that, forcing a couple of punts and a long missed FG attempt, **Andy Dalton** and the offence could not reply with a score of their own. Late in the 2nd quarter rookie **Chris Rainey** added to the Spartans' lead with a 40-yard TD run and **Josh Scobee** added a 48-yard FG with 3 seconds left in the half. The 2nd half played out with the Spartans' defence in total control, easily shutting down the Sebastian attack.



REGULATORS

4-7-0

0	0	0	3	0	3
				OT	

Luke Kuechly

15 Tackles, 1 PD



TRIUMPH

4-7-0

0	17	7	0	0	24
				OT	

Jay Cutler

18 of 27, 217 yards, 2 TDs

Regulator kicker **Ryan Longwell** missed a 48-yard FG attempt in the 1st quarter, and that would be the last time his team would finish a drive in Triumph territory until a 42-yard shutout buster FG late in the 4th. In between, the Triumph looked like contenders, racking up 24 points on four consecutive possessions in the 2nd and 3rd quarters, scoring on a FG, a 1-yard TD run by **Isaac Redman**, and 2 TD passes from QB **Jay Cutler** to **Kendall Wright**, from 11 yards, and **Mohamed Massaquoi**, from 5 yards. **Dwight Freeney** had 3 sacks and **Matt Roth** 2 stuffs to lead the Triumph D.



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KNIGHTS
6-5-0

14	14	0	6	0	34
				OT	

Alex Smith
17 of 28, 164 yards, 2 TDs



HELLFIRE
2-9-0

0	0	0	0	0	0
				OT	

Paul Kruger
1 Sack, 2 QB Pressures

Alex Smith hooked up with **Steve Smith** for a 35-yard TD pass to open the scoring then followed up on their next drive with an 18-yard TD pass to **Tony Gonzalez** to make the score 14-0 after the 1st quarter. The Knights' offence would not see the ball again for over 11 minutes because over the next three Mohave possessions, the LA defence scored twice; first on an 85-yard interception return for a TD by **Kameron Wimbley** and second on a 2-yard fumble return for a TD by **Charles Woodson**. The Knights won easily as the Hellfire managed just 6 first downs and 112 total yards of offence.



CUBS
1-10-0

0	7	7	7	0	21
				OT	

Russell Wilson
13 of 21, 165 yards, 2 TDs



COLONIALS
6-5-0

3	9	3	7	0	22
				OT	

Stephen Gostkowski
5 of 5 Field Goals, Long 40

Good field position and enough offence to get into the range of kicker **Stephen Gostkowski** led to five field goals and a 15-7 lead for the Colonials early in the 3rd quarter. But **Mike Wallace**, who had streaked to a 71-yard TD catch in the 2nd quarter, brought the Cubs to within 1 with a 16-yard TD run on an end-around in the 3rd. The Cubs took a 21-15 lead on a 3-yard TD pass to **Trent Richardson** in the 4th after **Leon Washington** fumbled at his own 20; but the Colonials rallied behind rookie QB **Nick Foles** to drive 95 yards in 3 minutes to score the winning TD on a 9-yard pass to **Donald Driver**.



GLADIATORS
4-7-0

7	6	0	0	0	13
				OT	

LeSean McCoy
25 Carries, 122 yards, 1 TD



NORTH STARS
7-3-1

7	10	7	7	0	31
				OT	

Jonathan Stewart
12 Carries, 63 yards, 2 TDs

Consecutive passes of 37 yards to **Wes Welker** and 24 yards to **Steve Breaston** set up **Jonathan Stewart's** 2nd TD run of the game to put Markham ahead for good 17-10 in the 2nd quarter. The decisive score came in the 3rd quarter when **Eli Manning**, with all his receivers covered and facing a heavy rush, scrambled for a 7-yard TD run to break the back of the Glads' defence. **Ben Roethlisberger** could not mount a rally against a Markham defence that pressured him severely and got interceptions from **Ed Reed** and **Charles Tillman**, the latter setting up an 11-yard TD run by **DeAngelo Williams**.



BODY COUNT



WEEK ELEVEN INJURY REPORT

	CHARLESWOOD	Mark Barron, S – DOUBTFUL; Jon Beason, ILB – OUT (Season); Marcus Trufant – OUT (Season)
	CHINO	None
	COMMONWEALTH	Lance Moore, WR – OUT (2 games); Josh Morgan, WR – OUT (Season); Kevin Smith, RB – OUT (Season)
	COWTOWN	None
	DEATH VALLEY	Gerald McCoy, DT – OUT (3 games); Brent Grimes, CB – OUT (3 games)
	DURHAM	Nick Mangold, C – QUESTIONABLE
	GARLAND	Quinn Johnson, FB – OUT (4 games); Jahvid Best – OUT (Season)
	GWINNETT	Dallas Clark, TE – OUT (4 games)
	IOWA CITY	Casey Hayward, CB – QUESTIONABLE; Fletcher Cox, DT – DOUBTFUL; Stephen Hill, WR – OUT (2 games); Mario Williams, OLB – OUT (5 games)
	LOS ANGELES	Nick Miller, WR – OUT (2 games); Andre Fluellen, DT – OUT (3 games); Osi Umenyiora, DE – OUT (Season); Sam Young, T – OUT (Season)
	MARKHAM	Roscoe Parrish, WR – OUT (3 games)
	MISSION VIEJO	Koa Misi, OLB – OUT (2 games); Derek Cox, CB – OUT (Season); Tim Hightower, RB – OUT (Season)
	MOHAVE	Trevor Laws, DT – PROBABLE; Aaron Williams, CB – QUESTIONABLE; Quan Cosby, WR – OUT (3 games); Ben Graham, P – (4 games); Chris Hope, S – OUT (6 games); Chris Masey, LS – OUT (8 games)
	PICKERING	Darren McFadden, RB – DOUBTFUL; T.J. Ward, S – OUT (2 games); Miles Austin, WR – OUT (2 games); Kerry Rhodes, S – (2 games)
	SCARBOROUGH	Kris Dielman, G – OUT (4 games)
	SEBASTIAN	AJ Hawk, ILB – OUT (2 games); Leonard Hankerson, WR – OUT (4 games); Leon Hall, CB – OUT (6 games); Kenny Britt, WR – OUT (Season); Mike McGlynn, C-G – OUT (Season)
	SOUTH CAROLINA	Shareece Wright, S – DOUBTFUL; Bradley Fletcher, CB – OUT (2 games); Greg Jennings, OUT – (3 games); Felix Jones, RB – OUT (3 games); Brandon Spikes, ILB – OUT (4 games); Patrick Chung, S – OUT (5 games); Brandon Graham, DE – OUT (Season)
	TWIN CITIES	Louis Vasquez, G – OUT (2 games); Antoine Winfield, CB – OUT (5 games); Mike Jenkins, CB – OUT (5 games); Jerome Felton, RB – OUT (9 games)
	VIRDEN	La Ron Landry, S – PROBABLE; Julio Jones, WR – QUESTIONABLE; Justin Blackmon, WR – OUT; Prince Amukamara, CB – OUT (3 games); Shawne Merriman, DE-LB OUT (7 games); Fred Davis, TE – OUT 3 games; Eric Berry, S – OUT (Season); Jeff Otah, T – OUT (Season)
	YORK	Steve Hutchinson, G – DOUBTFUL; Anthony Herrera, G – OUT (4 games)



STATS



WEEK ELEVEN

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
York	9	2	0	0.818	328	29.8	199	18.1	11.7	5 1 0	3 1 0	6 1 0
Viriden	8	3	0	0.727	346	31.5	258	23.5	8	4 1 0	4 0 0	6 1 0
Commonwealth	6	5	0	0.545	250	22.7	300	27.3	-4.5	4 2 0	2 2 0	5 2 0
Mohave	2	9	0	0.182	182	16.5	365	33.2	-16.6	1 5 0	1 3 0	2 5 0
Charleswood	0	11	0	0	123	11.2	384	34.9	-23.7	0 6 0	0 4 0	0 7 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Death Valley	10	1	0	0.909	422	38.4	270	24.5	13.8	5 0 0	4 0 0	6 1 0
Chino	7	4	0	0.636	272	24.7	214	19.5	5.3	3 2 0	2 2 0	4 3 0
Los Angeles	6	5	0	0.545	301	27.4	198	18	9.4	2 3 0	3 1 0	4 3 0
Iowa City	1	10	0	0.091	191	17.4	273	24.8	-7.5	1 4 0	0 4 0	1 6 0
Mission Viejo	1	10	0	0.091	128	11.6	369	33.5	-21.9	1 5 0	1 3 0	1 6 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	10	1	0	0.909	344	31.3	183	16.6	14.6	6 0 0	3 1 0	6 1 0
Cowtown	7	3	1	0.682	293	26.6	189	17.2	9.5	5 1 0	2 1 1	4 2 1
Markham	7	3	1	0.682	284	25.8	182	16.5	9.3	4 1 1	2 1 1	5 1 1
Pickering	4	7	0	0.364	218	19.8	231	21	-1.2	2 3 0	2 2 0	3 4 0
Twin Cities	4	7	0	0.364	208	18.9	240	21.8	-2.9	3 3 0	0 4 0	2 5 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	10	1	0	0.909	323	29.4	163	14.8	14.5	5 0 0	4 0 0	6 1 0
Garland	7	4	0	0.636	298	27.1	197	17.9	9.2	4 1 0	2 2 0	3 4 0
Gwinnett	4	7	0	0.364	229	20.8	261	23.7	-2.9	2 3 0	1 3 0	2 5 0
South Carolina	4	7	0	0.364	193	17.5	281	25.5	-8	2 3 0	2 2 0	2 5 0
Sebastian	2	9	0	0.182	137	12.5	313	28.5	-16	1 5 0	1 3 0	1 6 0

PASSING

		Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate	
1	Brees	DVU	429	314	73.2	4000	6	1.4	54	51	11.9	135.7
2	Stafford	VV	360	255	70.8	3470	7	1.9	64	31	8.6	121.9
3	Brady	YOR	313	209	66.8	2915	9	2.9	75	24	7.7	110.1
4	Newton,C	CHI	288	195	67.7	2200	4	1.4	75	17	5.9	104.2
5	Cutler	TCT	281	185	65.8	2107	3	1.1	55	17	6.0	103.9
6	Smith,A	LAK	391	264	67.5	2820	4	1.0	51	23	5.9	103.7
7	Rodgers,A	SBE	349	240	68.8	2819	6	1.7	73	17	4.9	102.1
8	Rivers,P	DTL	270	172	63.7	2396	10	3.7	53	20	7.4	101.4
9	Ryan,M	GDM	402	263	65.4	3015	6	1.5	81	17	4.2	95.7
10	Manning,E	MAR	290	184	63.4	2587	11	3.8	73	16	5.5	94.7
11	Wilson,R	ICC	245	152	62.0	1977	5	2.0	71	11	4.5	93.9
12	Flacco	COW	338	189	55.9	2350	9	2.7	76	23	6.8	89.2
13	Romo	SC	340	222	65.3	2642	14	4.1	75	17	5.0	88.4
14	Luck	MOH	314	198	63.1	2149	9	2.9	52	12	3.8	83.9
15	Roethlisbe	GWG	372	231	62.1	2512	14	3.8	80	18	4.8	82.4
16	Vick	CHP	189	115	60.8	1256	8	4.2	71	6	3.2	73.4
17	Dalton	SS	333	205	61.6	1881	10	3.0	59	6	1.8	70.4
18	Freeman,J	COM	290	173	59.7	1939	17	5.9	61	9	3.1	65.6
19	Griffin,R	PIC	252	141	56.0	1759	15	6.0	93	9	3.6	64.9
20	McCoy,C	MVM	168	94	56.0	832	6	3.6	44	4	2.4	62.4

RUSHING

		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Jones-Drew	COW	243	1097	4.5	61	5	11	Sproles	LAK	83	650	7.8	34	1
2	Rice, R	SBE	213	1096	5.1	70	7	12	Williams, D	MAR	97	635	6.5	73	8
3	Turner, M	YOR	208	1004	4.8	43	7	13	Johnson, C	PIC	173	626	3.6	36	2
4	Jackson, F	COM	186	879	4.7	35	6	14	Wells, B	VV	134	598	4.5	63	4
5	Brown, D	ICC	162	870	5.4	72	6	15	McGahee	DVU	110	578	5.3	66	1
6	McCoy, L	GWG	176	760	4.3	48	8	16	Newton, C	CHI	103	561	5.4	25	12
7	Martin, D	TCT	167	749	4.5	55	1	17	Thomas, P	SS	120	539	4.5	31	4
8	Mathews, R	DVU	142	677	4.8	36	1	18	Stewart, J	MAR	104	531	5.1	18	5
9	Jackson, S	CHI	157	662	4.2	52	1	19	Tate, B	VV	103	521	5.1	27	1
10	Bush, R	DTL	143	661	4.6	44	9	20	Tolbert	MOH	109	442	4.1	18	4

RECEIVING

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Fitzgerald	COW	71	1080	15.2	87	11	11	Winslow	YOR	53	569	10.7	25	3
2	Gronkows, R	DVU	71	1050	14.8	54	10	12	Gonzalez	LAK	52	481	9.3	36	5
3	Graham, J	MOH	70	751	10.7	52	3	13	Hernandez	DVU	52	584	11.2	54	12
4	White, R	LAK	64	720	11.3	48	6	14	Cruz	YOR	52	1115	21.4	75	10
5	Smith, S	LAK	62	894	14.4	51	9	15	Jackson, D	SBE	51	759	14.9	73	5
6	Welker	MAR	60	870	14.5	73	3	16	Colston	DVU	50	626	12.5	33	4
7	Johnson, C	DTL	60	1055	17.6	57	9	17	Witten	CHP	48	467	9.7	50	3
8	Wallace, M	ICC	59	1195	20.3	71	10	18	Bryant, D	VV	48	797	16.6	64	10
9	Bowe	DTL	55	757	13.8	53	11	19	Marshall, B	SBE	48	581	12.1	44	4
10	Nicks, H	MOH	54	914	16.9	51	7	20	Green, A	SC	48	788	16.4	75	7

KICKING

		FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts	
1	Carpenter	LAK	26	23	88.5	7	5	57	101
2	Janikowski	SBE	26	21	80.8	7	3	52	99
3	Crosby	DTL	23	19	82.6	4	2	52	96
4	Tynes	VV	20	18	90.0	6	0	49	94
5	Gostkowski	COM	25	23	92.0	9	1	54	94
6	Gould	GDM	23	20	87.0	6	1	50	94
7	Akers	MAR	22	18	81.8	8	1	51	86
8	Scobee	PIC	25	22	88.0	11	3	58	86
9	Gano	DVU	17	12	70.6	3	3	55	84
10	Bailey, D	CHI	22	16	72.7	8	1	51	80
11	Walsh	YOR	16	12	75.0	3	1	54	76
12	Kasay	COW	17	14	82.4	4	1	52	75
13	Zuerlein	ICC	23	17	73.9	9	2	51	71
14	Brown, J	GWG	14	11	78.6	4	1	52	61
15	Longwell	SC	16	13	81.3	6	1	50	61
16	Vinatieri	SS	18	18	100.0	6	0	49	61
17	Bironas	TCT	13	11	84.6	4	2	53	58
18	Rackers	MVM	18	14	77.8	9	4	59	52
19	Cundiff	MOH	8	7	87.5	3	0	48	44
20	Folk	CHP	9	6	66.7	2	0	47	33

INTERCEPTIONS

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Webster	COW	4	97	24.3	41	1	11	Reed,E	MAR	3	0	0.0	0	0
2	Brown,T	MAR	4	3	0.8	3	0	12	Matthews	DVU	3	56	18.7	31	0
3	Weddle	GDM	4	40	10.0	19	0	13	Cromartie	SBE	3	111	37.0	57	1
4	Phillips,K	COW	3	42	14.0	42	0	14	Revis	SBE	3	22	7.3	18	0
5	Flowers	COW	3	68	22.7	27	1	15	Griffin,M	SBE	3	21	7.0	9	0
6	Barron	CHP	3	112	37.3	45	2	16	Cushing	GDM	3	10	3.3	9	0
7	Chancellor	DTL	3	0	0.0	0	0	17	Manning,D	YOR	3	50	16.7	29	0
8	Sherman	DTL	3	52	17.3	29	1	18	Polamalu	GWG	3	33	11.0	33	1
9	Williams,T	VV	3	90	30.0	66	0	19	DeCoud	GWG	3	50	16.7	29	0
10	Tillman	MAR	3	34	11.3	34	0	20	Robinson,P	SS	3	28	9.3	14	0

SACKS

1	Allen,J	DTL	13	8	Cole,T	MAR	8	15	Atkins	YOR	6
2	Babin	YOR	12	9	Sheard	PIC	8	16	Anderson,M	COW	6
3	Peppers	CHI	11	10	Freeney	TCT	8	17	Johnson,M	YOR	6
4	Pierre-Pau	ICC	10	11	Campbell,C	SBE	7	18	Miller,V	YOR	6
5	Suggs	SBE	9	12	Avril	GDM	7	19	Seymour	SC	6
6	Barnes,A	GWG	9	13	McDonald	PIC	7	20	Tuck	SBE	5
7	Ware,D	VV	8	14	Abraham	MAR	6	21	Suh	SBE	5

TACKLES

1	Laurinaiti	GWG	121	8	Lofton	DTL	91	15	Kuechly	SC	83
2	McClain,R	MOH	107	9	Jackson,D	LAK	89	16	Chaney	SS	82
3	Barnett	VV	100	10	Briggs	GWG	87	17	Conner	SS	79
4	Washington	PIC	99	11	Pierre-Pau	ICC	87	18	Henders,EJ	SC	69
5	Cushing	GDM	98	12	Mayo	DVU	86	19	Taylor,P	CHP	69
6	Johnson,D	COW	98	13	Smith,D	CHI	86	20	Hall,D	GDM	68
7	Hawthorne	COM	94	14	Burnett,K	TCT	84	21	Angerer	MAR	67

KICK RETURNS

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Harvin	PIC	23	690	30.0	98	1	11	Washington	COM	45	1066	23.7	36	0
2	Sherels	SS	36	1043	29.0	76	0	12	Logan	GWG	41	970	23.7	42	0
3	Ginn Jr.	TCT	33	952	28.8	106	1	13	Hester,D	DTL	22	516	23.5	52	0
4	Sproles	LAK	31	890	28.7	82	0	14	Weems	COW	26	589	22.7	35	0
5	McKnight	MAR	33	924	28.0	82	0	15	Cobb	DVU	39	882	22.6	35	0
6	Stroughter	CHP	63	1711	27.2	104	1	16	Banks	MOH	52	1171	22.5	47	0
7	Karim	GDM	14	347	24.8	35	0	17	Tate,B	MVM	53	1167	22.0	52	0
8	Cribbs	CHI	32	780	24.4	58	0	18	Mariani	YOR	32	700	21.9	49	0
9	Gates,C	ICC	44	1071	24.3	75	0	19	Lefeged	VV	27	529	19.6	51	0
10	Scott,D	SBE	31	743	24.0	100	1	20	Boykin	PIC	15	282	18.8	32	0

PUNT RETURNS

		No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Fc	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Peterson,P	GDM	27	6	450	16.7	80	3	11	Washington	COM	28	2	303	10.8	19	0
2	Jones,J	CHP	26	1	371	14.3	75	2	12	Weems	COW	35	10	362	10.3	17	0
3	Bess	DTL	16	13	217	13.6	40	0	13	Logan	GWG	18	10	180	10.0	27	0
4	Sproles	LAK	30	8	395	13.2	84	2	14	Tate,B	MVM	18	3	171	9.5	22	0
5	Arenas	SC	16	7	203	12.7	31	0	15	Cribbs	CHI	32	5	272	8.5	15	0
6	Mariani	YOR	22	7	278	12.6	69	1	16	Edwards,A	ICC	28	3	237	8.5	41	0
7	Cobb	DVU	14	8	169	12.1	62	1	17	Jackson,D	SBE	22	15	175	8.0	23	0
8	Ginn Jr.	TCT	29	4	330	11.4	25	0	18	Adams,J	PIC	21	11	166	7.9	15	0
9	Banks	MOH	13	2	141	10.8	23	0	19	Sherels	SS	15	6	103	6.9	13	0
10	Crayton	MAR	13	7	141	10.8	40	0	20	Parrish	MAR	1	1	29	29.0	29	0



AROUND THE



With Spats McChad

SOMEWHERE IN THE STILL EXISTING WORLD – I hope you had a great holiday season and were not too distracted by the impending end of the world just before Christmas time. Apparently a lot of people were and a lot of money was spent in an effort to survive the Mayan Apocalypse. Of course, I am still here, as are all of you reading this column, and the world seems just as real and as crazy as always. I was kind of hoping that the end of the 5,125 year cycle of the Mayan Calendar would bring that shift in universal consciousness that many supposed experts had predicted would occur in place of worldly destruction; but judging from Boxing Day shopping madness and the continuing homicidal psychosis in the Middle East no such shift has occurred – at least not one in the “enlightened” sense of the term. Fortunately, the EFL continues to provide surprises and generate suspense for eager fans while I continue to provide enlightenment for those too dull to figure out what is actually happening on the field and in the back rooms of the sport. Read on, dear reader, and be enlightened.....

BREES VERSUS BRADY – PART I

The expected shootout at Camelot between **Tom Brady** and **Drew Brees** wound up turning on the play of the league's top pass rushing unit. After three quick touchdowns – two for York and one for Death Valley – on the game's first three possessions, the Excaliburs' league-leading pass rush got to Brees for consecutive 8-yard sacks, the first by **Jason Babin** and the second by blitzing terror **Von Miller**, who swatted the ball out of the hand of Brees. The fumble was recovered by **Lawrence Timmons** at the Undertakers' 41 yard line, leading to an eventual 15-yard TD pass from Brady to **Michael Crabtree** that gave York a 21-7 lead.

Now; overcoming a 14-point deficit with over half the game left to play would not normally make the list of 'Top Ten Most Imposing Challenges' for a high-octane offence like Death Valley's; but on this day, with an unpressured **Tom Brady** picking apart the scrambling Undertakers' secondary like a perfectly done rack of ribs, this was no ordinary two-score deficit. The Undertakers managed to keep pace with York the rest of the way, converting a perfect 7 for 7 on fourth down to extend their possessions, but were unable to capitalize when their defence finally forced a turnover in the 4th quarter. After a 51-yard bomb from Brady to **Victor Cruz** brought the ball into Death Valley territory, **Brandon Jacobs** was stripped of the ball at the 39 yard line by **Jonathan Fanene**. Trailing by a single touchdown, 31-24, the Undertakers had a chance to steal serve and tie the game, but a pair of false start penalties and a couple of timely deflections by the Swords' secondary stole the opportunity and forced the second punt of the day by **Zoltan Mesko**.

Dodging the bullet invigorated Brady, who proceeded to complete passes of 25 yards to **Kellen Winslow** and 26 yards to Crabtree to set up what would turn out to be the winning touchdown – a 5-yard pass to an uncovered Crabtree standing in the corner of the end zone for Brady's fifth TD pass of the day. Brees fired back with his 4th TD pass to pull within one score, but could not finish the comeback against a deep York secondary deploying 7 defensive backs. The final 38-31 result in favour of York signalled the end of a stunning streak of victories for the amazing Undertakers and the high point so far of the Excaliburs' impressive rise to prominence in the PAC.

Chris Worthley took the loss with more composure than many had expected; but he reserved some criticism, tinged with a hint of bitterness, for his MVP quarterback for checking down to **Rob Gronkowski** on the final play of the game with 50 yards to reach the end zone. "I think Drew would do it differently if he got to do the play over again. He has to give us a chance to score there and he knows it...now. He probably should have known it then, but in the heat of the game sometimes instinct gets its signals crossed."

York coach **Jay Hammond** was very generous in victory, tipping his hat to the team that most would tip over the side of a boat into a sea full of barracudas if they had a chance: "If the game doesn't end there, the scoring would have gone on and on – and who knows who would have won. That's an offensive machine on the other sideline, a *machine*."

EL FUEGO INFERNO

In the sad history of the Mohave Hellfire franchise the low point may have been reached in Week Eleven at The Fiery Depths. The story begins with the score – a 34-0 mauling of Mohave at the hands of the EFL Champion Knights. Both the LA offence and defence scored two touchdowns each in the first half of this contest, underscoring how inept the Hellfire have become on both sides of the ball. The story ends with a few thousand disgruntled replacement fans from the Mexican border towns actually leaving



The replacement fans in happier days at the Fiery Depths. Scenes like this one are a part of history now that Mohave owner **Bobby Elder** has finally settled with regular Hellfire fans and season ticket holders to bring them back to the stadium.

the stadium early for the first time since **Bobby Elder** hired them to replace striking Mohave season ticket holders. Even the promise of a free lunch and a job at Elder's hastily built 'Hot Heels' running shoe factory was not enough to keep those other than the most desperate in the stands to watch the pathetic Hellfire imitate a professional football franchise.

Even a stubborn hothead like Elder finally realized that this could not continue – the replacement fans were an amusing diversion at first but had turned out to be a disaster as true football supporters. All the while, the *real* Mohave fans were finding other things to spend their money on since their former team was providing little incentive on the football field to draw them back to a dilapidated stadium in need of air-conditioning and many other upgrades.

Elder, and Fans Liberation Association of Greater Mohave and Everywhere (FLAME) secretary, **Carmen Diablo**, staged a joint news conference after the game announcing the new deal between the Hellfire and season ticket holders and local fans. Elder has agreed to participate in a joint public-private committee to examine the feasibility and cost of building a new domed stadium in the Greater Mohave Area. He has also pledged to add cooling misters to seating areas in the upper levels; six new air-conditioned washrooms; a new \$9 million high definition scoreboard; 6 new cheerleaders between the ages of 18 and 21; provide a refund for all season tickets through the first four home games; and to agree in principle to spend no less than 95% of available cap space on player's contracts. In exchange, Elder reserves the right to continue to make all managerial and coaching decisions without putting trades and draft choices to public referendum, (a controversial demand from the more radical wing of FLAME); and the fans have promised a sellout and "the loudest crowd ever" for the team's Week 13 game against Commonwealth.

The FLAME movement and Elder's concessions now have some other owners worried about their own fan bases. Similar movements are beginning to form in other traditional EFL sites, Charleswood and Iowa City. A group of disgruntled Patriots' fans calling themselves the Greater Red River Rah Rah (GRRRR) have begun to protest outside Patriot Place, but are not as organized as FLAME and have not managed to sway a significant number of season ticket holders – the key to any successful fan revolt.

"We're just sick of the losing and we want it to stop," says GRRRR spokesperson, Alex 'Al' Bogadin. "We hope that other Patriots' fans feel the same way and join us in boycotting this joke of a team."

In Iowa City, the movement is more of a spontaneous groundswell of anger aimed at coach and GM **Deron Redding**, whose job and status with the club is still up in the air despite public declarations to the contrary by the son of nonagenarian owner, **Rodney Alberhasky**. To learn more about the uncertain leadership situation in Iowa City, read guest writer **Sparky McGillicuddy's** column, 'Return of the Alberhaskys' in this week's edition of *EFL Focus*.

EAGLES CRASH IN JURASSIC PARK

If football was scored like a boxing match, the Blue Eagles would still be perfect in 2012. For three quarters at Jurassic Park this week Scarborough dominated and looked poised to notch its 11th straight victory and remain the league's only unbeaten team. But in the 4th quarter the home town Thunder Lizards and their part-time starting quarterback **Matt Schaub** had a Rocky Balboa moment, fighting back against the odds to score three touchdowns on three consecutive scoring drives while shutting out the Scarborough offence to prevail 24-17 and rise to the number one seeding in the Can-Am Conference. Schaub was astoundingly accurate under pressure late in the game. After dithering, Rivers-like, for three periods and getting picked off twice to set up Scarborough scores, Schaub suddenly looked possessed by the ghost of Johnny Unitas, starting with a 19-yard completion to **Dwayne Bowe** on the final play of the 3rd quarter. Schaub went on to complete 12 of his next 14 passes for 201 yards and 2 touchdowns in leading Durham to 21 points in the 4th quarter and handing Scarborough its first loss of 2012.

For the second time this season and only the third time in recorded EFL history, coach **George Kaldis** smiled at the podium during the post-game presser and praised his team unreservedly. His team's nine-game winning streak is sitting very well with him apparently – he looks to have lost some weight, gained a couple of inches in height, his hair continues to get darker, and the rash is fading from the side of his head. He is eating vegetables for the first time since he was a baby and can be seen jogging around

Jurassic Park in the early morning hours the week of home games.

On the other side of this result, Scarborough owner **Chris Dickinson** took the loss in stride and continued to be positive in looking at the overall picture: "The loss is a bummer, especially since we had the game; but you can't win them all!" When it was pointed out to him that the team he inherited did in fact win them all one year, Dickinson was quick on the uptake; "If I recall, they did not win them all – they lost a very important one and it ended their season. Let's not over-react to this one loss. Talk to me after we get another shot at them in the playoffs." After 11 weeks it certainly looks like, barring some catastrophic injury on either team, the Thunder Lizards and the Blue Eagles will see each other again. The battle for the number one seed will be a very important one.

CALL ME GRETTA, PLEASE

The North Stars knocked off the Gladiators decisively 31-13, raising their record to 7-3-1 and keeping them even with the Corn Kings behind Durham in the North Division. Just as importantly, it was a confidence win for Markham, a team struggling to find comfort in its unfamiliar status as contender. After edging last year's Conference Champ 17-13 in a tightly contested first half, the North Stars' defence took control in the second half as the offence, using the ground game, held on to the ball and scored twice to make the final 31-13. It was a complete win, but an incomplete experience if you were a tourist at the Dawg Pound looking to breathe in some trailer trash atmosphere with the grunting on the gridiron.

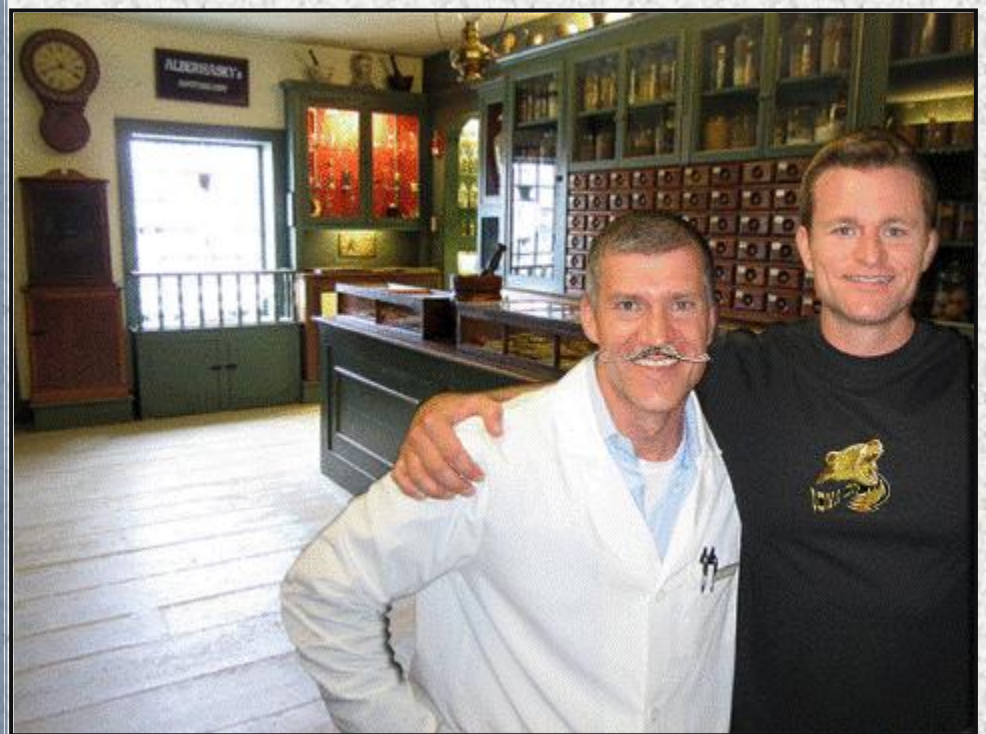
Along with the team, Markham's fans are going through a similar adjustment period and trying very hard to look like their counterparts in former dynasty sites like Florida, Pickering, Los Angeles, and pre-2012 Charleswood. The 'by-the-nose-of-the-ball' first downs and 10-yard completions that once brought roaring fans leaping to their feet now bring little more than appreciative applause. When, in years past, Markham's opponents could not go on offence without having to endure an ear-splitting barrage of profanity-laced abuse, now *Hot Diggity Dawg* often has to prompt the fans to make noise when Markham's opponents line up under center. This is all in a concerted attempt to not appear overly needful or too easily pleased.

The concessions have been fully renovated but prices have gone up with the new look; and good old *Tim Horton's* has been replaced by *Timothy's* in the premier seating sections. Perhaps most unnerving of all, however, is how that fleshy monument to depravity once considered too grotesque to appear on Jerry Springer has remade herself as a more appealing ambassador for the team. "The Fat Lady in Row 54," or Gretta as she insists on being called these days, has definitely lost weight, is dressing better, and for the first time in more than 4 years was able to actually leave and return to the Dawg Pound under her power. In a rare interview given to the quarterly *'Make it in Markham'* magazine, published by the Markham Chamber of Commerce, Gretta credits a more positive outlook, exercise, and a strict diet of carrots and oranges with helping her "slim down" to a more manageable weight.

"Once I weighed more than the North Stars' starting offensive line and covered almost the same area," she admitted in the article, "but now I would have trouble holding down the right side of the line, although they sometimes could use my help," she

added, in an apparent reference to the struggles of **T.J. Lang** at right tackle this year. The club sold its first seats in Gretta's infamous Row 54 to somebody other than the Fat Lady for the Week 9 game against Charleswood – a small but positive step in rehabilitating a team image stained in many number of ways – from being the favourite team of the character 'Ricky' in *Trailer Park Boys* to being the only club ever to dismiss five of its staff for growing marijuana in the empty lockers of the visitor's change room. The Stars and their fans still have a long way to go, however, before they rank in the league's upper class. The 'Starlettes' still take smoke breaks (although less frequently), outlaw biker gangs are still in charge of security (although they now wear nylon jackets instead of leather ones), and Gretta ('The Fat Lady') still weighs more than a smart car.

Turning for perhaps the last time to talk seriously of Gwinnett in



Iowa City coach **Deron Redding** posing with **Dr. Rodney Alberhasky Jr.**, the reported new C.E.O. and President of the Cubs, at the original Corner Pharmacy store in Iowa City. The junior Alberhasky is taking over the franchise from his elderly father and plans to be more involved in the team's operations.

2012, *Big Boob* looked horrible again in defeat, throwing 2 interceptions and missing open targets while trying to rally the Glads in the 2nd half. It is no longer 'do-or-die' time for **Dave Birdsall's** team; with just five games remaining and 7 losses, it is 'do-and-probably-die' time as they attempt to run the table and hope for lots of help.

FOLES ME ONCE.....SHAME ON ALL!

The expansion Colonials remain very much alive in the playoff race after a dramatic come-from-behind 22-21 win over the flailing Iowa City Cubs at Scott Stadium. While the Cubs had the best highlight-reel plays – a thrilling 71-yard TD pass from **Russell Wilson** to **Mike Wallace** and a 16-yard end-around to Wallace for another – it was Commonwealth's "small ball" offensive style and the mechanical precision of kicker **Stephen Gostkowski** that won the day on the scoreboard.

It seems like a long time since a kicker has actually carried a team to victory by simply kicking a lot of field goals. In today's high-powered game field goals are important as ornaments to touchdowns and as occasional difference-makers late in the game; but they are more often now viewed as little reward for too much work. As if to prove the point, as the game came to an end Commonwealth was forced to score a touchdown – a real score – in order to prevail. That score came from the hand of a rookie tossed cavalierly into the game to run out the clock by a testy **Will Blandford** fed up with starter **Josh Freeman** and believing his team was done, although trailing by just 6 points with almost a full quarter left to play. He was not the only one, apparently, who felt the game was over after Wilson had checked down to **Trent Richardson** in the end zone from 3 yards out to give the Cubs a 21-15 lead with 14:03 remaining in the game. The Cubs' coach-under-fire, **Deron Redding**, did nothing to improve his stock with Iowa media and fans by reverting pre-maturely to an ultra-conservative, run-only game plan – the kind usually reserved for good teams leading by 20 points or more, not bad teams leading by less than a converted touchdown. After scoring the go-ahead TD, the Cubs did not pass again, running 9 consecutive rushing plays with Richardson. There would have been more if the strategy hadn't stunk so bad that it gained just 26 yards, one first down, and forced two punts. The sudden lack of push by the Cubs' offence gave the Colonials and their greenhorn rookie time to get their act together offensively. The result was **Nick Foles** giving those *Pollyanna* fans in Virginia new reason to hope for a playoff berth by leading what might later be viewed (in the context of a first year team) as an historical 14-play, 95-yard TD drive in 3:01 minutes, scoring on a 9-yard pass to **Donald Driver** with no time left on the clock. It will be Commonwealth's version of *'The Catch'* if the team somehow lands a playoff berth this year. Fittingly, the kicker Gostkowski won the game by kicking the extra point.

CAM AND THE CONVICTS

Cam Newton and the Convicts danced all over Charleswood 42-7, adding another humiliating outing to the resume of failure that is the Pats' season. Two things stood out in this game – the first of which we have already noted; which is that the Convicts would be nowhere without Cam at QB. This became even more apparent when facing the rubber tires, wooden wall, and running ropes of the Pats' defence. Oh, sorry, were those players out there, or football sleds with red jerseys pinned to them? In honour of this fact I will hereby refer to the team from Chino as Cam and the Convicts until somebody other than **Julius Peppers** or **James Harrison** steps up and helps Cam make a difference in a win.

The second thing that stood out, uncomfortably, was the dismal performance of Adrian Peterson at running back. "Dismal" is actually too upbeat an adjective to describe Peterson's play in 2012, but to use words like "abysmal" or "lugubrious" would just serve to lose all of my readership in Markham and Iowa. People have been whispering about Peterson's troubles this year but nobody has guts enough to come out and say that he blows chunks, for fear of offending a future hall-of-fame running back, or of looking stupid just before his long-expected "breakout" game. Well, let me be the first to say publicly that the Emperor Peterson has no clothes. Peterson may be one of the greatest talents to ever skip over an EFL gridiron, but when a player of that stature averages a mere 2.2 yards per carry after 6 starts, it's time to talk about it. His lack of production is a big reason why his horrible team has not won a single game all year and is averaging just 11 points a game – and not all of that by the offence. Some say he is injured, others blame the offensive line, some suspect he may be ready to "go Barry Sanders on the Pats" in protest against **Jason Findlay's** lack of stewardship this year. For my part, I suspect all three play a role, but I don't really care beyond mild curiosity what the reason is – it's not my problem. However, if this sorry performance continues I will remember it one day when it comes time to cast my vote for the EFL Hall of Fame and Peterson is eligible.

AROUND THE EFL

Stoking up the fire of quarterback controversy in Cowtown was the performance of **Matt Moore** in relief of **Joe Flacco** in the Corn King's big time 27-17 victory over Garland. For the second consecutive week a stunned-looking Flacco was pulled for ineffectiveness by Coach **Jim Coghlin** and replaced by a sharp and aggressive Moore, who directed the Kings to 27 straight points after Flacco's early ineptitude had helped stake the Mustangs to a 10-0 lead. This week Coghlin was quicker with the hook, and that move may have saved the game for him. Moore took over after Garland safety **Eric Weddle** intercepted Flacco just as the Corn Kings reached the Garland red zone. Leading 10-0, the Mustangs aimed to extend their advantage by breaking the Cowtown line with the ground game, but wound up with nothing to add after failing to convert 4th and 3 at the Cowtown 30 yard line. Enter, Moore; and with him a fresh attitude on offence. It wasn't easy, but when Moore hit **Larry Fitzgerald** for 40 yards on a deep slant the mood changed dramatically at Tillman Field and three plays later Moore was again connecting with Fitzgerald, this time for 2 yards and a TD to start another impressive comeback. Unlike last week's heart-breaker at York, this week Moore's heroics ended in victory and a key edge over a possible playoff rival in Garland.

It's never too *Yate* for a change, I say (yuck, yuck!) *TJ Yates* got the start at QB for the Monarchs against the Violators this week and the move made no difference whatsoever to the expected outcome. *DeMarco Murray* continued to be one of the few gems on a Mission Viejo crown encrusted mostly with pebbles and acorns, running for 106 yards and both of his team's touchdowns as the Monarchs put up the illusion of a fight in a 34-16 loss to Virden. *Matt Stafford* passed for a whopping 361 yards in just 25 pass attempts, connecting on scoring strikes of 55 and 54 yards to *Dez Bryant* and *Torrey Smith*. If they had wanted to live up to their nasty name, the Violators and their QB might have posted Brees-like numbers against the powerless pretenders, but instead *Beanie Wells* got to spend a day in the shoes of the great workhorse running backs of the 90's and early 2000's by lugging the ball 31 times for 149 yards, most of those in the second half.

Call it exhaustion after getting their hearts ripped out at the Graveyard last week, or call it depression after embarrassingly surrendering two consecutive onside kicks in that same game, but whatever the reason the Regulators did not look like themselves in a stunningly lop-sided 24-3 loss to the Triumph at the Metrodome this week. Not that the loss is anything new, or even very surprising, but the manner of the loss – complete futility on offence – against an expansion opponent must have **Hal Corson** despairing about yet another lost season and hoping for next year to come very soon.

Finally, I have to mention that Pickering shutout Sebastian 24-0 at a sparsely-attended Fish Tank. I wish the Swordfish would give me something to write about other than poor attendance at their stadium and their crappy play. Spartan columnist, **Aristedes Kalogiannis** wrote after this game that *Robert Griffin* is “turning the corner in his development.” Yeah, right!

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JIMMY'S WEEK TWELVE PICKS

COWTOWN @ DURHAM (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 4)

Both of these teams are coming off impressive victories in Week Eleven and are looking to build on their successes. The only real question is who will start at quarterback for Cowtown. After two eyebrow-raising relief performances by Matt Moore the pressure is now on Coach Coghlin to make the switch and see how much farther Moore can carry the team. But ditching last year's MVP is not an easy call and might permanently hamper Flacco's development as the franchise quarterback the team expects him to be. The lack of clarity makes setting a line difficult, but it might not matter anyway. You can expect George Kaldis to kick Matt Schaub out of the whirlpool this week and install him as the starter for this important divisional match-up. The Corn Kings won their first meeting with the Lizards this season after feasting on a buffet of turnovers by Philip Rivers; but that level of gratuity will not flow as freely from the hand of Schaub. The Dinos are near the top of their game in almost all categories and have the league's top-rated defence against the pass. The Corn Kings are good, but not that good, and on the road they are even less so. **PICK: DURHAM**

MARKHAM @ PICKERING (line – NORTH STARS by 2)

The North Stars won the Week Four match-up between these teams thanks to a 17-point burst of offence and a forced fumble in the second quarter. Take that away and it was a very close game, with the Spartans holding the edge in time of possession. You can expect that this will be another tight contest except this time Pickering is at home, where rabidly anti-Markham fans get a lot louder when their "west side" cousins come to town. Both squads have good defensive backfields, which will put pressure on the running games where the North Stars have a decided advantage if Darren McFadden (DOUBTFUL) is unable to dress for Pickering. Markham looked strong in dispatching Gwinnett last week and they appear to be building some momentum as they look to overtake Cowtown for the third seed in the playoffs and not lose ground to streaking Durham. These two teams hate each other and the Spartans are looking to "avenge the insult" of their Week Four loss. Ignore the obvious talent advantage of the Markham roster for this game and expect a close grinder of a contest with the better team edging the host in a heart-breaker. **PICK: MARKHAM**

TWIN CITIES @ SCARBOROUGH (line – BLUE EAGLES by 11)

The Triumph defence placed the Regulator offence in a full nelson last week, nearly shutting them out but for a late field goal. That performance has some people, including me, second-guessing this line. Not that anyone expects Jay Cutler to solve the puzzle of the Blue Eagles' elite-level defence, but questions about Aaron Rodgers' killer instinct after an underwhelming 4th quarter performance against Durham last week leave many doubting that the Blue Eagles will be able to score early and often enough to build up an impregnable lead capable of keeping the double-digit line safe from garbage-time touchdowns. Add to that a tendency on the part of the Scarborough coaching staff to pack it in early when facing an easy opponent and the high morale of this capable Twin Cities squad and I am willing to empty the change jar and take a gamble on a surprise outcome. **PICK: TWIN CITIES**

GWINNETT @ SEBASTIAN (line – GLADIATORS by 1)

The 'Big Ben Factor' is high for this game after the Glads were clubbed to death by Markham last week. Gwinnett's insanely inconsistent quarterback took the second half off after appearing semi-awake in the first half. What he is capable of against an unimposing defence like Sebastian's is as unpredictable as it would be against one of the league's titans; thus the one-point spread that says, basically, that the Glads are more likely to win. But are they? The Swordfish shocked the football world with a 27-21 upset of the Gladiators in Week Two. Andy Dalton looked like a star in that game but will be challenged to repeat that MVP performance with Robert Meacham and Pierre Thomas already showing signs of road wear. The Glads are playing for what is left of their playoff aspirations and, while I think they have no real chance to make the post-season, I think the players don't believe that and will step it up a notch against a very beatable opponent. **PICK: GWINNETT**

GARLAND @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – MUSTANGS by 2)

The Regulators are in a rough state, both physically and mentally after a tough two-game road trip. They return to the Carolina Slammer with an astronomically miniscule chance to make the playoffs, providing they win all of their remaining games and everything out of their control goes the right way. The Mustangs can eliminate their southern rivals and stay within striking distance of a wildcard berth with a win. This is a game that Garland should win handily, not just because they are better, but because Hal Corson's squad is in a tailspin. Of course, very little comes easily to Doug Shirley's Mustangs – even when they win big you feel they could have won bigger. Expect a slow, methodical strangling without a lot of blood. **PICK: GARLAND**

CHINO @ IOWA CITY (line – CONVICTS by 1)

The Convicts are sitting in a playoff spot if the season was to end today and that has Warden Nazar beaming brightly as he waves his truncheon during practice drills. These two teams met in Week One and it was a tough defensive struggle with Chino finishing on top on the strength of two touchdowns (a pass and a run) by Cam Newton. It is no secret who the Cubs must neutralize if they plan on staging an improbable upset. The Chino pivot is a one-man offence who seems to excel when nobody around him is doing anything productive. These teams have a deep-seated rivalry going back to the origins of the EFL, and normally this would count as intangibles on the side of the underdog. But since that early meeting between them, the Cubs have dropped off a cliff and now find themselves in the discussion for the title of most dysfunctional franchise. The team is curiously bungling its way through its schedule despite boasting some great players to go along with their unripe draft fruit. Expect the Lockdown Crew to explode the center of the Cubs' offensive line and make life hell for Russell Wilson. **PICK: CHINO**

CHARLESWOOD @ YORK (line – EXCALIBURS by 16)

In a week well-stocked with mis-matches this one may be the worst. How this game made it onto the EFL Network's Thursday Night Football schedule is a mystery unless you consider that it was probably slotted long before anyone realized that Jason Findlay would give his entire roster a year off while Peyton Manning's neck healed. If Adrian Peterson was feeling good enough to break loose this week and make a game of it, he will probably wish he'd rested another week once he tries to find daylight behind a splintery offensive line hugely over-matched by the Sword's front four. As for Tom Brady, if he has designs on challenging Drew Brees for the TD passing record this is the game to make his move. **PICK: YORK**

MOHAVE @ VIRDEN (line – VIOLATORS by 13)

The Week Twelve slate of games just keeps getting worse as I run through them all. What can one say about this game that hasn't already been said about Charleswood at York? I am tempted to repeat verbatim what I wrote above, just substituting the team names, but I can't because Mohave has no good running back to talk about and the game is not scheduled for prime time. However, I can say that if Matt Stafford has designs on challenging Drew Brees for the TD passing record this is the game to make his move. **PICK: VIRDEN**

COMMONWEALTH @ DEATH VALLEY (line – UNDERTAKERS by 11)

If the Colonials coach didn't like getting his butt kicked at Durham two weeks ago he is going to like what the sadistic Undertakers have planned for his team even less. But unlike the other games where there is a gaping disparity in talent between the combatants, this one has meaning for the underdog. Commonwealth must keep winning if they plan on being the first expansion team to make the playoffs from a non-expansion Division (Pickering made the playoffs in the first expansion year by winning a Division composed of expansion teams). They face an imposing task on the Undertakers' home turf. Josh Freeman's star is waning and he might not start this week after Nick Foles' late heroics; but don't count on Will Blandford doing something so bold when the season is at risk. Freeman has experience at least, even if he has fewer options at wide receiver with Lance Moore on the injury list. Fred Jackson continues to keep defences honest, but how much longer he can carry the load in the running game is a question asked each week as his carries pile up to levels he has never reached before. For Death Valley, the game plan stays more or less the same – pass, pass, pass, and run a lot sometimes to cover up the pass-only strategy; and gun for turnovers on defence. The plan has worked 10 out of 11 times, so don't expect it to change here. The over-under on Drew Brees TD passes is 4. Take the points and the over. **PICK: DEATH VALLEY**

LOS ANGELES @ MISSION VIEJO (line – KNIGHTS by 9)

When these two teams met in LA in Week Three the Knights hung 38 points and over 400 yards on the Monarch's defence; and that was before Chris Ferraro traded Brent Grimes. Mission Viejo is ranked last in defence and last in offence and if you made a bet at a bar today while this team is on television that they had won a game this season you could probably make money off the people who haven't been paying close attention to the standings who would never believe it. With rumours on Twitter that A.J. Feeley will get the start, the Monarchs are like a bad joke these days; but they can thank cartoonish Charleswood for taking some of the heat off and sparing them the level of ridicule they deserve. The comparatively tame 9-point spread is more a nod to the Knights' tendency to shift down a gear when playing the weaker teams, but they cannot afford to coast in this one. LA, in the thick of a playoff race with Chino but trailing by a game, needs this virtual bye-game very badly and must put the Monarchs away early while crossing their fingers that Redding's Cubs take off the training wheels and ride to an upset over Chino this week. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

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THE RETURN OF THE ALBERHASKYS

By Sparky McGillicuddy

IOWA CITY - Watching from the press box, Dr. Rodney Alberhasky maintained a calm, stoic front throughout Iowa City's game at Commonwealth this past Sunday. As third-string quarterback Nick Foles and fourth-string tailback Chris Polk led the Colonials on a 95-yard game winning drive, Alberhasky sipped his cocoa and took it all in. When Foles delivered the game-winning pass with no time left on the clock to give Commonwealth a 22-21 victory, Rodney winced and muttered something to an assistant. The Cubs lost another heartbreaker, putting them at 1-10 for the season. The lost season. All that could go wrong has. What makes Dr. Alberhasky's presence at

game noteworthy is the fact that he is now the C.E.O./President of the Iowa City Cubs. Deron Redding will retain his position as General Manager and Coach...for now. It's no secret that the Iowa faithful have grown tired of the losing. This season started with hope, but quickly slid down the tubes. Outstanding individual efforts by Mike Wallace, Jason Pierre-Paul, Patrick Willis, Donald Brown, and Russell Wilson wasted. Redding was almost sure to be fired by the elderly Alberhasky, but it remains to be seen how the younger owner will handle Redding's fate. Redding has become the butt of jokes and the proverbial punching bag on local sports talk radio. In a recent poll, 83% of respondents voted for Redding's termination. Well, we are about to find out where the new owner stands. Let's go to the press conference...

[Dr. Rodney Alberhasky walks up to the podium and addresses the assembled media]

"Hello. As you know, I'm now the owner of the Iowa City Cubs. I will serve as C.E.O. and President of the team. I am 100% committed to bringing a winning franchise to our fan base. Not just for today, but for tomorrow as well. I have a long-term plan to make us a perennial power. I feel the fans' frustration. I'm sick to my stomach over the mounting losses. This cannot and will not continue. I am in the process of evaluating EVERYTHING in this organization. I started at the top with Coach Redding. Our won-loss record is unacceptable the last couple of years. I had a lengthy meeting with Coach and we hashed out everything that's of concern to the future of this franchise. I can now say with complete certainty that he is the man to lead us into the future. He laid out his plan to me and I'm buying in. He's assembled a very young, but talented roster. We're the youngest team in the league. With that comes some growing pains...and we're sure feeling them this year. Our future looks bright in terms of draft choices. We also will have a lot of capital freed up after this season with contracts and bonuses coming off the books. With all of this being said, I'd like to announce that we've extended Coach Redding's contract through next season. That's right, only one year. I am committed to holding everyone accountable and Deron knows that. His future with the club depends on what kind of improvement we see on the field. Questions?"

With that, Alberhasky held a 15 minute question and answer session. Notorious columnist Kurt Dyer, known for his Jerry Sullivan-style bluntness, didn't hold back. "How can you justify extending Redding's contract? The team quit on him and they've regressed on his watch. The guy's in over his head and incompetent as a general manager." Alberhasky responded, "I don't know where you get your information, but the team hasn't quit..." Dyer interrupts, "I have confidential sources on the team." Alberhasky responded, "Great, but I'm dealing with the facts, not the rumor mill. Coach Redding is being held accountable. I like what he's done as general manager to put us in a position to win for a long time. That's the goal and the culture we're instilling here."

-Sparky McGillicuddy