

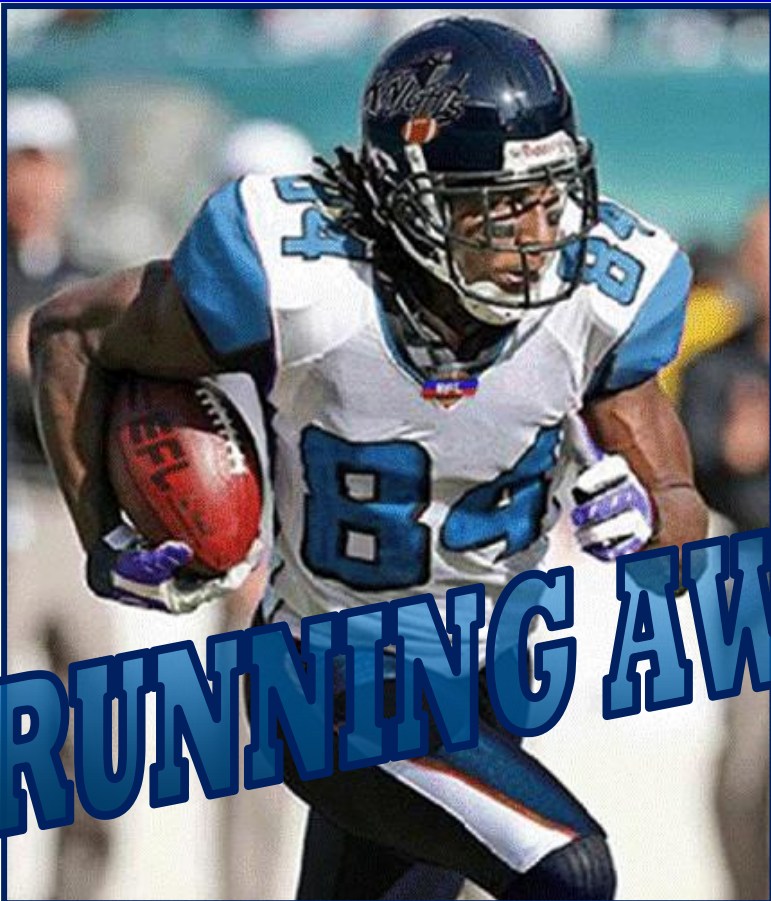
# 2011



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## WEEK SEVEN IN REVIEW

November 20, 2011



# RUNNING AWAY!

Roddy White breaks free for a 19-yard reception in 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter action against Scarborough. The Knights beat the Eagles to be a perfect 7-0.

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"Wake-up Call," "Clay the Barbarian," "The Lost Legend," "Mojoe," and much, much more! – Spats McChad

#### PREDICTIONS

'Lock pick' of the Week and the Markham Dilemma – Jimmy the Geek



Who was slick in Week Seven?

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



**Phillip Rivers**  
QB  
Durham  
Thunder Lizards

18 of 26, 246 yards, 4 TD passes in leading much-needed win over Pats



**Clay Matthews**  
OLB  
Death Valley  
Undertakers

5 tackles, 4 sacks, 1 stuff, 3 QB pressures, 1 INT; 45-yd return.

# KNIGHTS FIGHT TO STAY UNDEFEATED!



**SCARBOROUGH  
BLUE EAGLES**

**13**

**19**

**LOS ANGELES  
KNIGHTS**



**BLUE EAGLE OF THE GAME**

**Ndamukong Suh**

5 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 INT.

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
SCARBOROUGH (4-3)	3	0	3	7	-	13
LOS ANGELES (7-0)	0	3	10	6	-	19

**KNIGHT OF THE GAME**

**Jamaal Charles**

23 carries, 146 yards, 6.3 avg.

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Josh Freeman** completed 13 of 25 for 156 yards, 1 TD, and 1 INT.

- **Roddy White** caught 8 passes for 74 yards and 1 TD.
- **Steve Smith** caught 3 passes for 65 yards, including a 36-yarder that set up the winning field goal.
- **Aaron Rodgers** went 19 of 36 for 228 yards and 1 TD.
- **Greg Little** caught 5 passes for 84 yards seeing his first regular action of the season.

**GAME SUMMARY:** Facing their toughest defensive opponent of the season, the Knights got a big 4<sup>th</sup>-quarter play from a familiar source when **Steve Smith** snatched a short pass from **Josh Freeman** across the middle and darted 36 yards to the Scarborough 18 yard line. That set up **Dan Carpenter** for what would turn out to be the winning field goal from 28 yards away to give the Knights a 16-13 lead. The Blue Eagles dominated the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, converting a 3<sup>rd</sup> down and 20 from deep in their own end on a 22-yard pass from **Aaron Rodgers** to **Greg Little**, then drawing a 15-yard facemask penalty against **Antoine Bethea** to spearhead a 77-yard field goal drive that gave them the early 3-0 then lead. **Ndamukong Suh** intercepted Freeman on the Knights' first possession, giving Scarborough a good opportunity to add more points. On their second play from scrimmage, Rodgers scrambled for a big gain, but **Chris Kelsay** punched the ball out of his hands, forcing a fumble that turned back the Scarborough surge and led to a Knights' field goal drive to tie the game, 3-3. The defences took over for the remainder of the first half, allowing no more points. The Knights broke the tie on their opening possession of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half, thanks to a 19-yard scramble by Freeman and an 18-yard run by **Jamaal Charles** that set up a 44-yard Carpenter field goal. Scarborough answered with a 54-yard **Sebastien Janikowski** field goal, only to fall behind on LA's next series when **Roddy White** made his third catch of the drive count for six points. The Blue Eagles got that back with the help of a 41-yard screen pass to **Ray Rice** that led to an eventual 1-yard TD pass to **Heath Miller**. Back-to-back holding penalties squelched Scarborough's next drive, allowing the Knights to gain possession and ice the game with a late field goal.



**THE FANS LOVED**

Freeman's tenacity under pressure

**THE FANS HATED**

13 Scarborough penalties!



**FAN RATING**



11-19-2011 Round Table Stadium Temp: 85 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Josh Freeman**

1 9:02	Scarborough	FG Janikowski 27 (16-77-5:49)	3-0
2 12:11	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 22 (12-54-5:52)	3-3
3 10:25	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 44 (9-54-4:29)	3-6
3 4:33	Scarborough	FG Janikowski 54 (10-45-5:39)	6-6
3 0:11	Los Angeles	TD Freeman 7 pass to White (Carpente,D) (8-63-4:17)	6-13
4 10:19	Scarborough	TD Rodgers 1 pass to Miller (Janikowski) (9-75-4:44)	13-13
4 5:30	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 28 (10-64-4:41)	13-16
4 0:50	Los Angeles	FG Carpenter 26 (9-52-2:13)	13-19

	SBE	LAK
First Downs	15	22
Rushes	18-79	35-213
Passes	36-19-228	25-13-156
Sacked	1-6	4-27
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	13-99	4-35
Turnovers	1	1
Time	26:04	33:56
Third Down	5-12	3-13
Fourth Down	0-1	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/1/1	4/1/3
Net Offense	301	342



**INJURIES**

SCARBOROUGH – Darrelle Revis (4 games)

LOS ANGELES – Brian Orakpo (1 game);

**QUOTE OF THE GAME**

"This was by far our toughest game of the season. They were missing some players but they can hold their heads high." – *Knights' coach, Jeff Dohn.*

# MATTHEWS MAULS MUSTANGS!



**GARLAND  
MUSTANGS**

**24**

**31**

**DEATH VALLEY  
UNDERTAKERS**



## MUSTANG OF THE GAME

**Matt Ryan**  
22 of 37, 280 yards, 2 TDs, 2 INTs

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>GARLAND (1-6)</b>	7	7	7	3	-	24
<b>DEATH VALLEY (5-2)</b>	0	10	14	7	-	31

## UNDERTAKER OF THE GAME

**Clay Matthews**  
5 tackles, 4 sacks, 3 Hur, 1 INT

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Drew Brees** completed 20 of 31 for 147 yards, 3 touchdowns and 0 interceptions.

- **Rashard Mendenhall** led all skill players for the Undertakers with 69 yards from scrimmage, all rushing, on 26 carries.
- **Braylon Edwards** was the top receiver with 6 receptions for just 43 yards.
- **DeMarcus Ware** recorded 2 sacks, 2 QB pressures, 1 pass deflection and 1 forced fumble.
- **Jordan Shipley** made 2 catches for 73 yards, including a 61-yarder for a TD.
- **Brian Cushing** made 12 tackles and blocked a punt for a TD.

**GAME SUMMARY:** Bookend first half touchdowns by the Mustangs – a blocked punt and recovery for a TD by linebacker **Brian Cushing**, and a 20-yard TD pass from **Matt Ryan** to **Dustin Keller** – gave Garland a 14-10 lead over Death Valley at half time. The home team struggled to get their offence rolling early and had to rely on an interception by safety, **Rahim Moore**, returned to the Garland 37 yard line, to set up their lone first half major, a 7-yard pass from **Drew Brees** to **Aaron Hernandez**. The second half began well for the Undertakers as **Brandon Tate** returned the opening kickoff 70 yards to the Garland 24 yard line. Tate then dashed 10 yards on the end-around to spark a short and quick drive to pay dirt on **Mario Manningham's** 2-yard TD reception, making the score 17-14 for Death Valley. They added to that lead less than six minutes later when **Clay Matthews**, who had already bagged two out of a four-sack day, picked off a bad pass caused by a **Gerald McCoy** hit on Ryan as he released the ball. With no Mustang between him and the goal line, Matthews took it 45 yards to the house to increase his team's lead to 24-14. Garland struck back shortly when Ryan found **Jordan Shipley** open over the middle and the speedy Mustang sprinted 61 yards through the Undertaker secondary for a TD to make it 24-21. The Undertakers responded with their longest drive of the day to put the game away as **Rashard Mendenhall** carried 10 times for 34 yards as part of an 18-play, 71-yard drive for a TD on a 4-yard pass to **Devin Hester**.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
The Fearsome Foursome!

**THE FANS HATED**  
Invisible Garland ground game



**FAN RATING**



11-15-2011 The Graveyard Temp: 52 Wind: 30-40 None MVP: **Clay Matthews**

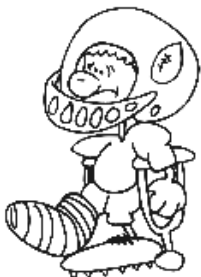
1 4:18	Garland	TD Cushing blk punt ret -14 (Gould) (0-0-1:03)	7-0
2 12:48	Death Valley	FG Kasay 51 (13-44-6:19)	7-3
2 6:43	Death Valley	TD Brees 7 pass to Hernandez (Kasay) (7-37-4:06)	7-10
2 1:32	Garland	TD Ryan 20 pass to Keller (Gould) (5-42-1:25)	14-10
3 11:06	Death Valley	TD Brees 2 pass to Manningham (Kasay) (8-24-3:47)	14-17
3 5:34	Death Valley	TD Matthews 45 interception return (Kasay) (0-0-0:11)	14-24
3 1:19	Garland	TD Ryan 61 pass to Shipley (Gould) (3-61-0:33)	21-24
4 7:26	Death Valley	TD Brees 4 pass to Hester (Kasay) (18-71-8:47)	21-31
4 3:02	Garland	FG Gould 47 (9-35-4:12)	24-31

	GDM	DVU
First Downs	12	20
Rushes	6-26	44-120
Passes	37-22-280	31-20-147
Sacked	6-29	1-7
Fumble	3	0
Penalties	4-24	1-5
Turnovers	2	0
Time	21:32	38:28
Third Down	3-11	15-20
Fourth Down	1-1	1-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	3/3/0
Net Offense	277	260

## INJURIES

GARLAND – Ron Bartell (PG-3<sup>rd</sup>).

DEATH VALLEY – Braylon Edwards (PG-4<sup>th</sup>)



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"The league's worst defence has the league's best player and he showed it tonight." - 'Death Valley Times' correspondent, **Death**.

# CORN KINGS VANQUISH VIRDEN!



**COWTOWN CORN  
KINGS**

**38**

**6**

**VIRDEN  
VIOLATORS**



**COW PLAYER OF THE GAME**

**Joe Flacco**

**23 of 27, 261 yards, 3 TDs.**

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>COWTOWN (6-1)</b>	7	14	14	3	-	38
<b>VIRDEN (2-5)</b>	3	3	0	0	-	6

**VIOLATOR OF THE GAME**

**LeGarrette Blount**  
18 for 102 rushing.

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Santana Moss** caught 5 passes for 104 yards and his 8<sup>th</sup> TD reception of the season.

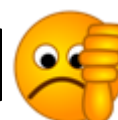
- Running back **Maurice Jones-Drew** fought for 74 yards and his first TD of the season on 24 carries.
- **Todd Heap** caught 6 passes for 53 yards and 1 TD subbing for injured Zach Miller.
- Violators QB **Eli Manning** completed 16 of 24 for 220 yards, but also threw 3 interceptions to 0 touchdowns.
- **Julio Jones** was a bright spot for Virdean, catching 5 passes for 113 yards, including a 78-yarder.
- **Paul Posluszny** had a busy day for Virdean's defence, making 14 tackles.

**GAME SUMMARY:** **Sean Jones** intercepted **Eli Manning** on Virdean's opening possession, returning it 49 yards to the Violators' 24 yard line. Six plays later, **Joe Flacco** found **Todd Heap** on a fly route for a 7-yard TD pass to give Cowtown an early 7-0 lead, quieting the screaming crowd at **TERRORDOME**. The Violators responded with their longest possession of the afternoon, holding the ball for 7:35 minutes and moving it 64 yards before **Stephen Tulloch** shut the door in the red zone with a tackle and forced fumble of Manning on a scramble. The ball was recovered by Virdean and **Lawrence Tynes** kicked a 34-yard field goal that would make the score 7-3, the closest it would be for the remainder of the game. The Corn Kings came right back, bolstered by a 46-yard kick-off return by **Bernard Scott** and a 15-yard run by **Brandon Jackson**, to score on a rare carry by fullback, **Ernest Graham**, good for a 13-yard TD run to make it 14-3 for Cowtown. After a **Charles Godfrey** pick of Manning thwarted another Virdean opportunity, Flacco directed an 83-yard drive in which he completed 7 of 8 for 76 yards, finishing with a 10-yard TD pass to **Devery Henderson** for a 21-3 lead. Just before half time, Virdean threatened when a 78-yard pass to **Julio Jones** moved the ball to the Cowtown 7 with 49 seconds remaining. But Virdean could not cross the goal line and had to settle for another field goal before half time. The Corn Kings dominated 2<sup>nd</sup> half play with **Santana Moss** catching his league-leading 8<sup>th</sup> TD to complete the rout.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Say it's so, Joe!

**THE FANS HATED**  
Eli's 16, 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> interceptions



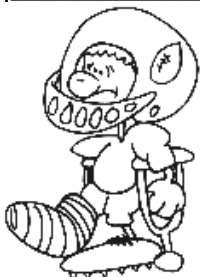
**FAN RATING**

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11-15-2011 **TERRORDOME** Temp: 79 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Joe Flacco**

1 9:16 Cowtown	TD Flacco 7 pass to Heap (Mare) (6-24-3:22)	7-0
1 1:37 Virdean	FG Tynes 34 (12-64-7:35)	7-3
2 14:15 Cowtown	TD Graham 13 run (Mare) (6-50-2:17)	14-3
2 1:48 Cowtown	TD Flacco 10 pass to Henderson (Mare) (11-83-4:40)	21-3
2 0:08 Virdean	FG Tynes 20 (6-88-1:31)	21-6
3 8:02 Cowtown	TD Jones-Drew 1 run (Mare) (12-87-6:53)	28-6
3 1:33 Cowtown	TD Flacco 31 pass to Moss (Mare) (7-78-4:16)	35-6
4 4:45 Cowtown	FG Mare 46 (12-59-5:53)	38-6

	<b>COW</b>	<b>VV</b>
First Downs	24	16
Rushes	32-133	25-116
Passes	27-23-261	24-16-220
Sacked	0-0	1-6
Fumble	0	3
Penalties	3-15	7-65
Turnovers	0	3
Time	30:54	29:06
Third Down	7-10	4-9
Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/4/0	3/0/2
Net Offense	394	330



## INJURIES

**COWTOWN** – Vontae Davis (PG-1<sup>st</sup>)

**VIRDEN** – Derek Cox (2 games); Madiou Williams (3 games).

## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"It's safe to say the teams traded roles here. Virdean was violated pretty severely this afternoon." – *Virdean radio announcer*, \_\_\_\_\_.

# RIVERS LEADS LIZARDS TO BIG WIN!



**CHARLESWOOD  
PATRIOTS**

**17**

**34**

**DURHAM THUNDER  
LIZARDS**



**PATRIOT OF THE GAME**

**Jason Witten**  
6 for 93 receiving

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>CHARLESWOOD (5-2)</b>	7	3	0	7	-	17
<b>DURHAM (4-3)</b>	0	14	7	13	-	34

**LIZARD OF THE GAME**

**Philip Rivers**  
18 of 26, 246 yards, 4 TDs

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Dwayne Bowe** had 8 receptions for 116 yards and 3 touchdowns to lead the scoring.

- **Michael Turner** rushed for 76 yards and 6 first downs on 23 carries.
- **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** made 6 tackles and snatched his 3<sup>rd</sup> interception of the season.
- **Peyton Manning** completed 23 of 34 for 244 yards and 1 interception.
- **Mike Goodson** rushed for 59 yards and 2 touchdowns on 14 carries and added 5 receptions for 39 yards.
- Pat's one remaining starting free safety, **Chris Harris** had 2 pass deflections before leaving game with injury in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter.

**GAME SUMMARY:** Despite missing **Adrian Peterson** due to injury, the Pats moved the ball with ease on their opening possession. With back-up **Mike Goodson** contributing in both the running and passing games, the Pats moved the ball 73 yards into position for a Goodson TD run from the one-foot line, making it 7-0, Charleswood. After getting nowhere on their first drive, the Thunder Lizards caught a break near the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter when **Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie** picked off **Peyton Manning** and returned it to the Pats' 28 yard line. A daring 4<sup>th</sup> down gamble just inside the Pats' red zone kept the ensuing drive alive and, on the next play, **Philip Rivers** found **Calvin Johnson** open for a 17-yard TD pass to even the score at 7-7. After the Pats were forced to punt on 4<sup>th</sup> & 29, the Lizards used three different running backs and two QBs to move the ball 83 yards and finally cap the drive with a 5-yard TD pass to **Dwayne Bowe** for a 14-7 lead. Charleswood scored a quick field goal after an out-of-bounds kick to trail 14-10 at the half. To open the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter, Rivers completed three consecutive passes for a total of 50 yards to penetrate inside the Charleswood 10 yard line. On 3<sup>rd</sup> and goal at the 6, Rivers found Bowe in the end zone for their second TD hook-up and a 21-10 Durham lead. The Lizards added a field goal to make it 24-10 then the Pats used short passes to march back up the field and score on Goodson's second TD run to pull within one score, 24-17, with 8 minutes remaining. But Rivers put the game away for Durham with passes of 11 and 37 yards to **Vernon Davis**, setting up Bowe's third TD catch for a 31-17 lead the Pats could not overcome.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Rivers' resurgence

**THE FANS HATED**  
No A.P.



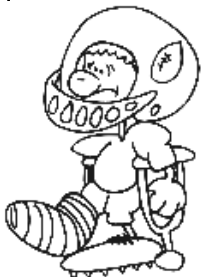
**FAN RATING**



11-17-2011 Jurassic Park Temp: 74 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Philip Rivers**

1 9:07	Charleswood	TD Goodson 1 run (Gostkowski) (10-73-5:46)	7-0
2 12:55	Durham	TD Rivers 17 pass to Johnson (Vinatieri) (5-28-2:39)	7-7
2 1:26	Durham	TD Rivers 5 pass to Bowe (Vinatieri) (14-83-7:10)	7-14
2 0:05	Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 38 (6-40-1:18)	10-14
3 9:59	Durham	TD Rivers 6 pass to Bowe (Vinatieri) (9-67-4:53)	10-21
4 12:27	Durham	FG Vinatieri 37 (7-33-3:45)	10-24
4 8:57	Charleswood	TD Goodson 1 run (Gostkowski) (10-68-3:22)	17-24
4 6:17	Durham	TD Rivers 16 pass to Bowe (Vinatieri) (4-66-2:32)	17-31
4 1:57	Durham	FG Vinatieri 28 (7-12-4:11)	17-34

	CHP	DTL
First Downs	20	24
Rushes	20-65	33-108
Passes	34-23-244	26-18-246
Sacked	1-8	0-0
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	8-60	5-25
Turnovers	2	0
Time	26:28	33:32
Third Down	2-8	4-10
Fourth Down	1-2	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/1	6/4/2
Net Offense	301	354



## INJURIES

**CHARLESWOOD** – Chris Harris (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>); Jon Beason (PG-3<sup>rd</sup>)

**DURHAM** – Carlos Rogers (4 games)

## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We've always had faith in our quarterback, from the very beginning, and it paid off today against a good team." – *Durham coach, George Kaldis.*

# THREE-IN-A-ROW FOR CAM AS CONVICTS WIN!



**SOUTH CAROLINA  
REGULATORS**

**3**

**27**

**CHINO  
CONVICTS**



**REGULATOR OF THE GAME**

**Jason Campbell**

18 of 32 for 169 yards

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>SOUTH CAROLINA (1-6)</b>	0	3	0	0	-	3
<b>CHINO (3-4)</b>	0	14	7	6	-	27

**CONVICT OF THE GAME**

**Cam Newton**

16 of 19 for 147 yards, 2 TDs.

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** Steven Jackson carried 28 times for 106 yards.

- **Hines Ward** and **Derrick Mason** combined for 11 receptions and 124 yards with 2 TDs to account for most of Chino's passing yards.
- **James Harrison** was a dominant force with 4 tackles, 2 sacks, 1 QB pressure, 1 deflection, 1 run stuff and 2 forced fumbles.
- **Julius Peppers** harassed Campbell all day with 5 QB pressures. He added 1 tackle and 1 run stuff.
- Regulator star, **Greg Jennings** caught 7 passes for 91 yards to lead the offence.
- **Felix Jones** rushed for 39 yards on 9 carries, out-gaining QB, **Jason Campbell** (5 carries, 30 yards) by just 9 yards.

**GAME SUMMARY:** After South Carolina turned the ball over on downs at the Chino 32 yard line, the Convicts responded with a 4<sup>th</sup> down gamble of their own at the South Carolina 41 yard line. Facing 4<sup>th</sup> and 1, **Cam Newton** delivered a strike to **Hines Ward** in stride for a 19-yard gain. With the Regulators on their heels, the Convicts used a mix of run and pass to reach the 2 yard line where Newton connected with Ward at the pylon for a 2-yard TD pass to open the scoring. South Carolina overcame poor field position at their 6 yard line to drive into position for a 44-yard **Nate Kaeding** field goal to make up 3 points of the 7-point deficit. However, that would be all the offence South Carolina would be able to generate against Chino's oppressive defence. The situation fell apart quickly for the visitors when **Javier Arenas** muffed a punt at his own 19 yard line that was recovered by Chino's **Marcus Gilchrist**. On the next play, **Derrick Mason** got behind the Regulator's safeties for an easy 19-yard TD pass and a 14-3 Chino lead that held up until half time. The second half started slowly for both teams, but the Convicts finally broke through late in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter when Newton scrambled 13 yards for another TD to make it 21-3. Unable to gain even a first down, South Carolina gradually gave away field position, leading to a couple of Chino field goals to round out the scoring in a certain and dreary game.



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

**THE FANS HATED**  
No drama after 1<sup>st</sup> quarter.



**FAN RATING**



11-17-2011 The Big House Temp: 83 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Cam Newton**

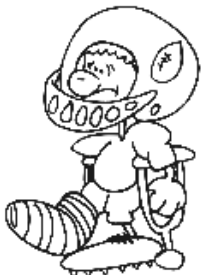
2 14:11	Chino	TD Newton 2 pass to Ward (Cundiff) (12-68-6:24)	0-7
2 6:38	South Carolina	FG Kaeding 44 (12-68-7:12)	3-7
2 2:29	Chino	TD Newton 19 pass to Mason (Cundiff) (1-19-0:08)	3-14
3 0:29	Chino	TD Newton 11 run (Cundiff) (10-75-5:34)	3-21
4 10:38	Chino	FG Cundiff 47 (7-24-3:10)	3-24
4 2:33	Chino	FG Cundiff 26 (7-32-3:30)	3-27

	SC	CHI
First Downs	10	15
Rushes	19-68	39-132
Passes	33-18-169	19-16-147
Sacked	2-15	0-0
Fumble	4	2
Penalties	6-39	2-15
Turnovers	2	0
Time	28:06	31:54
Third Down	4-13	5-15
Fourth Down	0-2	1-2
Red Att/Td/Fg	0/0/0	4/3/1
Net Offense	222	279

## INJURIES

**SOUTH CAROLINA** – Brandon Spikes (3 games); Felix Jones (PG-3<sup>rd</sup>); Bradley Fletcher (PG-3<sup>rd</sup>)

**CHINO** – Greg Olsen (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>)



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"There is a different feeling around this team, a better feeling, and it should cause some concern to other Western teams, if they are paying attention." – *Chino correspondent, Quentin San Pedro.*

# GLADS SURVIVE 4<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER SCARE!



**GWINNETT  
GLADIATORS**

**28**

**25**

**IOWA CITY  
CUBS**



**GLADIATOR OF THE GAME**

**Josh Brown**  
7 for 7 FGs, 22 points

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>GWINNETT (4-3)</b>	10	6	6	6	-	28
<b>IOWA CITY (2-5)</b>	0	3	0	22	-	25

**CUB OF THE GAME**

**Mike Wallace**  
7 receptions, 149 yards, 1 TD

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** Vince Young completed 10 of 15 passes for 123 yards and 1 Td and rushed for 37 yards before falling to injury.

- **Ahmad Bradshaw** rushed for 88 yards on 23 carries.
- **Reggie Wayne** made 7 receptions for 116 yards and 1 TD to lead the skill players.
- **Arian Foster** rushed for 119 yards and 1 TD on 28 carries. It was Foster's 4<sup>th</sup> time rushing for 100+ yards.
- **Sam Bradford** went 14 of 24 for 204 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT.
- **Dexter McCluster** had a 72-yard punt return TD to boost a late comeback attempt that fell just short.

**GAME SUMMARY:** For three-and-a-half quarters the Gwinnett Gladiators dominated the game to the point where over half the crowd at Iowa City's Joe Ferguson were heading home after three quarters of play. Leading 28-3 at the 8:50 mark of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter on the strength of an EFL record seven field goals by **Josh Brown**, the Glads looked to have things well in hand when **Arian Foster** broke across the goal line from one foot out at the 5:31 mark to make the score 28-10. The Glads' offence, with **Tyler Thigpen** under centre for an injured **Vince Young**, went three-and-out, setting up an electrifying 72-yard punt return by **Dexter McCluster** to close the gap to 28-17 with just under 4 minutes remaining in the game. When Gwinnett got the ball back, Thigpen found **Reggie Wayne** for a 15-yard completion to gain an important first down, but followed that up with two ineffective runs by **Ahmad Bradshaw** and an incomplete pass to force another punt. Backed up at their 15 yard line, **Sam Bradford** converted a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 1 with a 5-yard pass to **Kellen Winslow** then connected with **Mike Wallace** for 25 yards to cross mid-field into Gwinnett territory. With the remaining fans starting to cheer, Bradford hooked-up deep with a streaking Wallace for a 46-yard TD pass. The two-point convert was good and, with 26 seconds remaining, the Cubs trailed by three, 28-25. With the Gwinnett hands team on the field, **Neil Rackers** stubbed a dribbler into the arms of **LeSean McCoy**, who covered it up against a pile of Cubs to literally hang on for the win.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
The Furious Finish

**THE FANS HATED**  
The Boring Beginning



**FAN RATING**



11-17-2011 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 61 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Josh Brown**

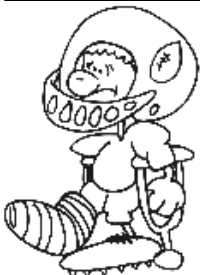
1 11:51	Gwinnett	FG Brown 20 (7-16-2:45)	3-0
1 6:29	Gwinnett	TD Young 13 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (7-65-3:36)	10-0
2 10:40	Gwinnett	FG Brown 19 (14-79-7:10)	13-0
2 1:22	Gwinnett	FG Brown 37 (5-37-1:10)	16-0
2 0:02	Iowa City	FG Rackers 52 (7-43-1:08)	16-3
3 13:30	Gwinnett	FG Brown 47 (4-4-1:18)	19-3
3 4:20	Gwinnett	FG Brown 31 (11-35-5:23)	22-3
4 11:12	Gwinnett	FG Brown 53 (6-17-2:55)	25-3
4 8:50	Gwinnett	FG Brown 32 (5-9-2:11)	28-3
4 5:31	Iowa City	TD Foster 1 run (Rackers) (11-73-3:12)	28-10
4 3:52	Iowa City	TD McCluster 72 punt return (Rackers) (0-0-1:24)	28-17
4 0:31	Iowa City	TD Bradford 46 pass to Wallace (2 - Foster) (6-85-1:15)	28-25

	GWG	ICC
First Downs	19	18
Rushes	39-138	32-128
Passes	28-16-200	24-14-204
Sacked	0-0	2-17
Fumble	2	1
Penalties	5-45	6-40
Turnovers	0	2
Time	34:20	25:40
Third Down	5-16	5-11
Fourth Down	1-1	0-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	5/1/4	1/1/0
Net Offense	338	315

## INJURIES

GWINNETT – Lance Briggs ( 2 games); Vince Young (3 games); Bo Scaife (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>)

IOWA CITY – Patrick Willis (1 game)



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"Phew!!!" – Gwinnett coach, Dave Birdsall.

# SPARTANS HOLD OFF LATE HELLFIRE CHARGE!



**MOHAVE  
HELLFIRE**

**24**

**31**

**PICKERING  
SPARTANS**



HELL PLAYER OF THE GAME	Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total	SPARTAN OF THE GAME
<b>Matt Schaub</b> 24 of 34, 278 yards, 3 TDs	<b>MOHAVE (1-6)</b>	0	14	3	7	-	24	<b>Percy Harvin</b>
	<b>PICKERING (6-1)</b>	7	14	3	7	-	31	<b>5 for 97 rec., 42 rush, 2 TDs</b>

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Matt Cassel** went 14 of 23 for 213 yards and 1 TD for a game QB rating of 105.9.

- **Chris Johnson** rushed for 118 yards and 2 TDs on 19 carries.
- **Kyle Vanden Bosch** made 4 tackles, 2 sacks, stuffed a runner, pressured the QB and forced a fumble.
- **Chris Ivory** rushed 6 times for 77 yards.
- **Benjamin Watson** caught 7 passes for 106 yards and 3 TDs.
- **Donald Driver** had 8 receptions for 85 yards.

**GAME SUMMARY:** The Spartans and Hellfire traded touchdowns back-and-forth throughout the first half with Pickering getting in the first and last shot on a 39-yard TD run by **Chris Johnson** to open the scoring and a 42-yard end-around by **Percy Harvin** to make the score 21-14 in the final minute. In between, the Hellfire kept it on the ground with runs of 33, 10 and 25 yards by **Chris Ivory** and a 17-yard rumble by **Mike Tolbert** to set up a 4-yard TD pass from **Matt Schaub** to **Benjamin Watson** to tie it at 7-7. After a 26-yard TD pass from **Matt Cassel** to Harvin to give Pickering a 14-7 advantage, Mohave tied it with the help of a 50-yard reception by Watson that set up a 3-yard TD pass from Schaub to Watson again as the Spartans came after Tolbert on the play. In the second half, Pickering broke the scoring pattern with a 25-yard field goal from **Josh Scobee** after **Percy Harvin** returned a punt 31 yards to the Mohave 24 yard line. The Hellfire got those three points back thanks to passes of 33 yards to **Donald Driver** and 22 yards to **Hakeem Nicks** that set up **Rob Bironas** for a 27-yard field goal. Pickering moved the ball into Mohave territory on the strength of 29 yards rushing by Johnson and **Taiwan Jones** and a 13-yard pass to **Anquan Boldin**, then converted 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10 at the 26 with a 17-yard pass to **Darren Sproles**. On the next play, Johnson found room off right tackle to jog into the end zone from 9 yard out for 31-17 Pickering lead. Mohave stalled on the ensuing drive when they failed to convert 4<sup>th</sup> and 17 at mid-field but caught a break when Jones fumbled at their 29. A 20-yard pass to Nicks keyed a drive that ended with Watson snaring his third TD catch to make the score 31-24. Mohave got the ball back at their 35 with 1:36 remaining, but ran out of time at the Pickering 13 yard line to fall by seven.



**THE FANS LOVED**  
Lots of offence on both sides

**THE FANS HATED**  
Taiwan "Butterfingers" Jones



**FAN RATING**



11-17-2011 Thermopylae Stadium Temp: 49 Wind: 10-20 None MVP: **Percy Harvin**

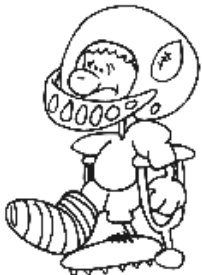
1 2:36 Pickering	TD Johnson 39 run (Scobee) (6-76-3:34)	0-7
2 14:56 Mohave	TD Schaub 4 pass to Watson (Bironas) (5-89-2:40)	7-7
2 10:51 Pickering	TD Cassel 26 pass to Harvin (Scobee) (8-72-3:57)	7-14
2 2:42 Mohave	TD Schaub 3 pass to Watson (Bironas) (8-82-4:39)	14-14
2 0:39 Pickering	TD Harvin 42 run (Scobee) (6-82-1:57)	14-21
3 8:42 Pickering	FG Scobee 25 (7-48-4:11)	14-24
3 4:23 Mohave	FG Bironas 27 (9-71-4:16)	17-24
4 14:51 Pickering	TD Johnson 9 run (Scobee) (10-73-4:25)	17-31
4 2:14 Mohave	TD Schaub 22 pass to Watson (Bironas) (10-71-5:13)	24-31

	MOH	PIC
First Downs	22	22
Rushes	25-158	30-228
Passes	34-24-278	23-14-213
Sacked	3-24	1-6
Fumble	2	3
Penalties	4-20	3-13
Turnovers	0	2
Time	32:06	27:54
Third Down	2-12	6-9
Fourth Down	3-4	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/1	2/1/1
Net Offense	412	435

## INJURIES

MOHAVE – Chris Ivory (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>)

PICKERING – David Harris (PG-2<sup>nd</sup>)



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We gained lots of yards and scored lots of points, but in the end it came down to Spartan defence. They wanted it badly and we held them off, as we did the Persians!" – *Spartans coach, Gus Konstantakos.*



# SANCHEZ OUT-DUELS BRADY IN STARS' WIN!



**MARKHAM  
NORTH STARS**

**36**

**22**

**YORK  
EXCALIBURS**



## NORTH STAR OF THE GAME

**Mark Sanchez**

17 of 25, 246 yards, 2 TDs

Team	1	2	3	4	OT	Total
<b>MARKHAM (3-4)</b>	17	10	6	3	-	36
<b>YORK (2-5)</b>	7	7	0	8	-	22

## EXCALIBUR OF THE GAME

**Tom Brady**

24 of 44, 357 yds, 2 TDs, 2 INTs

**HIGHLIGHT REEL:** **Kenny Britt** celebrated his return to the line-up after a Week One injury with 7 catches for 140 yards and 1 TD.

- **DeAngelo Williams** rushed for 61 yards on 15 carries to lead the rushing attack.
- **David Akers** was a perfect five-for-five in field goal attempts, accounting for 18 points.
- North Stars' rookie, **Prince Amukamara** returned an interception 20 yards for a TD.
- York wide receiver **Michael Crabtree** had 4 catches for 142 yards and an 88-yard TD pass.
- **Michael Jenkins** made 5 catches for 59 yards and 1 TD.

**GAME SUMMARY:** The North Stars shut down York on their first two possessions and scored on both of theirs to grab a 10-0 lead mid-way through the first quarter. The Excalibur would break the chains of the Markham defence in explosive fashion on their next possession when **Michael Crabtree** snared a short pass across the middle from **Tom Brady** and ran 88 yards for a scintillating touchdown to narrow the Markham advantage to 10-7. But the North Stars would immediately snatch back the 10-point advantage following an 89-yard kick-off return by **Stefan Logan** to the Excalibur's 9 yard line. After narrowly averting disaster when **Mark Sanchez** recovered his own fumble after a hit by **Brian Urlacher** at the 10 yard line, the struggling Markham quarterback recovered with a perfectly thrown strike to **Kenny Britt** over the middle for a 10-yard TD pass. Markham made the score 24-7 in their favour early in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter when rookie cornerback, **Prince Amukamara** picked off Brady at the York 20 yard line and returned it to the house. The Excalibur fought back with the help of a pass interference call on Markham's **Scott Fujita** that allowed them to convert a key third down. Then, Brady hooked up with **Michael Jenkins** for 21 yards and **Deon Butler** for 30 yards to set up a 5-yard TD run by **Brandon Jacobs** to pull back within 10 points, trailing 24-14. Markham added a 39-yard **David Akers** field goal and led at half time 27-14. The North Stars got the ball first in the second half and, on the strength of a 15-yard run by **DeAngelo Williams** and a 19-yard slant to **Jared Cook**, added another field goal to make the score 30-14. The York offence abandoned the running game and deployed five-wide receiver sets to catch-up but despite 357 yards passing by Brady, only managed one more major in a 38-22 loss.



### THE FANS LOVED

Sanchez looking like a QB

### THE FANS HATED

No running game for York



### FAN RATING



11-18-2011 Camelot Temp: 53 Wind: 0-5 None MVP: **Mark Sanchez**

1 9:36	Markham	FG Akers 34 (8-48-3:55)	3-0
1 5:18	Markham	TD Sanchez 19 pass to Best (Akers) (6-50-3:27)	10-0
1 4:16	York	TD Brady 88 pass to Crabtree (Gano) (2-90-0:56)	10-7
1 3:21	Markham	TD Sanchez 10 pass to Britt (Akers) (2-9-0:47)	17-7
2 12:06	Markham	TD Amukamara 20 interception return (Akers) (0-0-2:49)	24-7
2 7:45	York	TD Jacobs 5 run (Gano) (9-65-4:13)	24-14
2 1:47	Markham	FG Akers 39 (13-52-5:47)	27-14
3 10:52	Markham	FG Akers 33 (10-50-3:58)	30-14
3 3:11	Markham	FG Akers 26 (9-66-5:02)	33-14
4 12:20	York	TD Brady 11 pass to Jenkins (2 - Shockey) (16-85-5:47)	33-22
4 3:22	Markham	FG Akers 26 (14-68-8:48)	36-22

	MAR	YOR
First Downs	22	18
Rushes	41-122	14-23
Passes	25-17-246	44-24-357
Sacked	1-4	3-15
Fumble	2	0
Penalties	2-17	4-35
Turnovers	0	2
Time	36:48	23:12
Third Down	4-13	5-14
Fourth Down	0-0	2-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	6/2/4	2/2/0
Net Offense	364	365

## INJURIES

MARKHAM – Trevor Laws (1 game)

YORK – Von Miller (1 game)



## QUOTE OF THE GAME

"We have to execute better. We got beat today by a team with a good game plan and flawless execution. We did not match-up with them at all!" – York coach, Jay Hammond.

## EFL STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	5	2	0	0.714	153	21.9	140	20.0	1.9	2 1 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Viriden	2	5	0	0.286	87	12.4	133	19.0	-6.6	2 2 0	2 1 0	2 2 0
York	2	5	0	0.286	103	14.7	140	20.0	-5.3	1 4 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
Mohave	1	6	0	0.143	106	15.1	168	24.0	-8.9	1 3 0	0 3 0	0 4 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Los Angeles	7	0	0	1.000	199	28.4	96	13.7	14.7	4 0 0	3 0 0	4 0 0
Death Valley	5	2	0	0.714	182	26	176	25.1	0.9	2 2 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Chino	3	4	0	0.429	131	18.7	103	14.7	4	2 2 0	0 3 0	0 4 0
Iowa City	2	5	0	0.286	149	21.3	168	24.0	-2.7	1 2 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Cowtown	6	1	0	0.857	203	29	95	13.6	15.4	3 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Pickering	6	1	0	0.857	201	28.7	137	19.6	9.1	3 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Durham	4	3	0	0.571	149	21.3	132	18.9	2.4	3 0 0	1 2 0	2 2 0
Markham	3	4	0	0.429	102	14.6	134	19.1	-4.6	2 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Scarborough	4	3	0	0.571	145	20.7	139	19.9	0.9	2 2 0	3 0 0	3 1 0
Gwinnett	4	3	0	0.571	168	24.0	143	20.4	3.6	1 3 0	2 1 0	3 1 0
Garland	1	6	0	0.143	78	11.1	174	24.9	-13.7	0 3 0	1 2 0	1 3 0
South Carolina	1	6	0	0.143	97	13.9	175	25.0	-11.1	0 2 0	0 3 0	0 4 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Flacco	COW	227	152	67	1827	4	1.8	64	15	6.6	106.1
2	Newton	CHI	86	59	68.6	566	0	0	51	5	5.8	106.1
3	Young, V	GWG	88	55	62.5	647	1	1.1	48	6	6.8	102.8
4	Brees	DVU	220	148	67.3	1604	4	1.8	81	14	6.4	102.2
5	Freeman	LAK	224	147	65.6	1556	3	1.3	65	14	6.3	101
6	Roethlisberger	GWG	88	54	61.4	771	2	2.3	78	4	4.5	95.4
7	Cassel	PIC	136	69	50.7	1116	3	2.2	78	8	5.9	89
8	Rodgers	SBE	172	109	63.4	1098	1	0.6	41	3	1.7	84.9
9	Campbell, J	SC	196	124	63.3	1329	4	2	52	6	3.1	84.8
10	Schaub	MOH	217	136	62.7	1430	4	1.8	52	5	2.3	81.8
11	Manning, P	CHP	231	151	65.4	1520	8	3.5	54	6	2.6	78.2
12	Rivers, P	DTL	214	133	62.1	1560	8	3.7	62	6	2.8	78
13	Bradford	ICC	199	112	56.3	1436	7	3.5	49	6	3	74.4
14	Brady, T	YOR	229	127	55.5	1277	3	1.3	88	4	1.7	71.9
15	Ryan, M	GDM	238	139	58.4	1330	6	2.5	61	3	1.3	67.7
16	Sanchez	MAR	135	74	54.8	804	5	3.7	55	2	1.5	62.1
17	Manning, E	VV	225	129	57.3	1678	18	8	91	7	3.1	58
18	Cutler	CHI	105	66	62.9	536	6	5.7	73	0	0	51.9

## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Foster, A	ICC	153	823	5.4	72	5	11	Mendenhall	DVU	130	406	3.1	21	3
2	Peterson, A	CHP	126	687	5.5	74	6	12	Rice, R	SBE	126	389	3.1	38	1
3	Johnson, C	PIC	144	615	4.3	58	7	13	Jacobs, B	YOR	70	334	4.8	59	7
4	Charles	LAK	109	608	5.6	19	4	14	Tolbert	MOH	86	329	3.8	31	3
5	Ivory	MOH	107	552	5.2	44	1	15	Jackson, B	COW	56	321	5.7	42	2
6	Jones-Drew	COW	111	498	4.5	29	1	16	Forte	GDM	58	290	5	59	1
7	Jackson, S	CHI	133	477	3.6	47	0	17	Jones, F	SC	70	282	4	18	3
8	Bradshaw	GWG	97	445	4.6	20	2	18	Benson	LAK	71	270	3.8	26	3
9	McCoy, L	GWG	88	437	5	40	3	19	Tomlinson	VV	87	256	2.9	17	0
10	Turner, M	DTL	98	410	4.2	78	2	20	Jennings, R	PIC	33	250	7.6	37	2

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	White, R	LAK	55	576	10.5	33	6	11	Gonzalez	LAK	32	302	9.4	29	4
2	Moss, S	COW	41	695	17	64	8	12	Jennings, G	SC	32	453	14.2	41	4
3	Edwards, B	DVU	37	443	12	81	2	13	Wallace, M	ICC	31	739	23.8	49	4
4	Watson, B	MOH	36	404	11.2	52	4	14	Bryant, D	VV	31	503	16.2	51	3
5	Witten	CHP	35	368	10.5	19	4	15	Fitzgerald	ICC	29	284	9.8	35	1
6	Colston	CHP	34	345	10.1	38	0	16	Johnson, A	DVU	29	353	12.2	48	3
7	Bowe	DTL	34	452	13.3	49	4	17	Maclin	GWG	27	390	14.4	78	3
8	Wayne	GWG	34	581	17.1	47	6	18	Johnson, C	DTL	27	380	14.1	62	2
9	Thomas, M	VV	33	507	15.4	91	2	19	Cooley	SC	27	217	8	34	0
10	McCoy, L	GWG	32	324	10.1	48	1	20	Amendola	DTL	27	284	10.5	38	1

## TACKLES

1	Lewis, R	DVU	72	8	Mayo	DVU	58	15	Williams, D	GWG	45
2	Henderson, EJ	SC	71	9	Whitner	ICC	53	16	Ruud	CHI	45
3	Barber, R	PIC	68	10	Jones, D	MOH	50	17	Dorsey	SC	45
4	Willis, P	ICC	61	11	Cole, T	MAR	50	18	Spikes, T	MAR	44
5	Posluszny	VV	60	12	Urlacher	YOR	49	19	James, B	LAK	44
6	Beason	CHP	59	13	Atogwe	PIC	49	20	Laurinaitis	GWG	44
7	Timmons	YOR	58	14	Johnson, D	COW	46	21	Finnegan	CHI	43

## KICKING

			FGA	FGM	FG%	40	50	Lg	Pts
1	Brown, J	GWG	21	19	90.5	6	1	53	72
2	Carpenter, D	LAK	17	15	88.2	4	1	55	67
3	Mare	COW	16	14	87.5	3	0	49	65
4	Cundiff	CHI	19	18	94.7	6	1	55	63
5	Scobee	PIC	13	11	84.6	2	0	48	57
6	Rackers	ICC	21	15	71.4	7	4	55	57
7	Kasay	DVU	13	12	92.3	7	2	52	56
8	Vinatieri	DTL	15	12	80	4	0	43	51
9	Janikowski	SBE	15	11	73.3	6	3	55	49
10	Akers	MAR	13	13	100	2	0	46	48
11	Bironas	MOH	13	12	92.3	2	0	48	46
12	Gould	GDM	15	12	80	4	1	53	42
13	Tynes	VV	15	8	53.3	2	2	58	33
14	Gano	YOR	8	6	75	2	1	50	29
15	Gostkowski	CHP	7	5	71.4	2	0	45	25
16	Kaeding	SC	8	6	75	2	0	44	23
17	Rayner	CHP	4	4	100	0	0	30	20
18	Buehler	SC	1	0	0	0	0	0	4

## INTERCEPTIONS

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Williams, T	COW	3	45	15	30	1	11	Atogwe	PIC	2	60	30	60	1
2	Godfrey	COW	3	45	15	38	1	12	Jones, S	COW	2	49	24.5	49	0
3	Rodgers-Crom	DTL	3	91	30.3	37	1	13	Haden	PIC	2	66	33	52	1
4	Tillman	MAR	3	70	23.3	43	0	14	Peppers	CHI	2	0	0	0	0
5	Winfield	MAR	3	58	19.3	34	1	15	Talib	CHI	2	72	36	55	1
6	Cason	PIC	3	26	8.7	26	0	16	Moore, W	DVU	2	0	0	0	0
7	Polamalu	GWG	3	27	9	14	0	17	Clements	DVU	2	2	1	2	0
8	Thomas, T	COW	2	37	18.5	37	1	18	Matthews, C	DVU	2	122	61	77	1
9	Bullitt	CHP	2	99	49.5	76	1	19	Moore	DVU	2	19	9.5	19	0
10	Florence	YOR	2	20	10	20	0	20	Hall, L	DVU	2	0	0	0	0

## SACKS

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



# AROUND THE



*With Spats McChad*

NEW YORK – It's great to be home, even if it's not exactly home. At least it's *close* to home – just down the hall from my uninhabitable condo. Millicent, the old lady who sometimes looks after Mr. Abbott when I am away kindly took me in after agreeing to post my bail on Wednesday. Mr. Abbott is here as well, acting like he owns the place, and treating *me*, his owner, like I am a guest in *his* home. I don't know what I expected from a pet with the perverse will and capability of causing \$90,000 damage to an apartment just because I wasn't around to change his litter box for a few weeks, but a little respect is obviously too much to ask.

Moving on to football, I was quite pleased that.... *okay* I know what you're thinking. You are wondering about what happened to me in the park. I realize a few of you read the news and don't spend your entire lives trying to gain a betting edge reading the sports pages, watching ESPN and following **Roddy White** on *Twitter*. Some of you still have mortgages and jobs and need to know what's going on in the real world.

Well, it turned out that my little adventure in Zuccotti Park got out of hand very quickly when the NYPD descended without warning at midnight, Tuesday, on my temporary digs. I am not a very good morning person and I am an even worse *midnight* person. Nicely bundled up and sleeping soundly in my sleeping bag, clutching a copy of *The Anarchist's Handbook* that I had acquired at a Greenwich Village bookstore to use as a prop to fend off suspicious 'Occupy Wall Street' zealots, I was suddenly awakened by a poke in the chest.

I am not sure what I said, or exactly what I did, but I concede that the language I used may have been inappropriate and that it is quite possible I threw something in the direction of whoever was poking me. I am a deep sleeper and I do not like being forcefully awoken from my slumber. I have damaged, beyond repair, several dozen alarm clocks over the course of my 41 years because of this trait. So it should come as no surprise that, in a strange place at a strange time, I might react with violence to a stranger disrupting my sleep. The fact that this stranger was also a member of the NYPD should have no bearing on my involuntary reaction to being abruptly disturbed and I intend to bring this to the attention of the Judge in the future.

I cannot say much more because of the impending court case, but I can tell you that it was not pleasant having pepper-spray discharged into my eyes, receiving a half-dozen blows from a police baton, and having a knee jammed into my neck while my hands were handcuffed behind my back. Much as I support the Police as a general rule, I think I may have led the officer who arrested me to believe otherwise and, as a result, it did not go well for me over the next 24 hours.

Fortunately, thanks to Millicent, I made it back home in time for the Thursday night game between Garland and Death Valley, and that's where I will start with my review of Week Seven in the EFL.

## **CLAY THE BARBARIAN**

Mention Death Valley's '*Fearsome Foursome*,' or **Clay Matthews**, to **Matt Ryan** and he just might curl up in the foetal position and start sucking his thumb. Clay the Barbarian had a phenomenal day, sacking Ryan 4 times, knocking him down 3 times, stuffing a run, and returning an interception 45 yards for a touchdown in Death Valley's 31-24 win over the Nags. A two-sack, two-knockdown performance by **DeMarcus Ware** was over-shadowed completely by Matthews, who looks right now like the most dangerous defensive player in the league. He may also be the most psychotic.

Following his interception and touchdown, Matthews delivered a chest-pounding howl of primal jubilation hardly distinguishable from rage. He then sprinted to the Death Valley bench, knocking over coolers, equipment, and violently shoving aside photographers and assistant coaches in order to pick up a lone pigeon that had been snacking on bits of popcorn from a container tossed onto the field. In a scene reminiscent of Ozzy Osbourne's bat-biting incident, Matthews placed the struggling pigeon in his mouth and gnawed its head off, spitting it out at a television camera operator who managed to catch the worst parts of the act on video before he was also thrown aside by the over-excited Matthews.

**Ray Lewis** raced over and attempted to contain his teammate but Matthews picked him up and tossed him like a child into **John Kasay's** practice net. He then jumped into the stands and started picking fans up and shaking them, pausing briefly to chug down a beer snatched from the chubby hands of a large petrified man wearing a **Drew Brees** jersey. Stadium



The T-shirt on sale at Round Table Stadium in Week Seven for the Knights' game against the Blue Eagles. Fans are starting to *really* believe.

security personnel stood motionless while this transpired, clearly intimidated beyond response. The rampage ended suddenly when defensive coordinator, **Darth Vader**, alertly hissed, "*Clay! Death Grip on the field!*" 'Death Grip' is the Undertakers' name for their favoured 3-4 defensive formation. Matthews suddenly stopped, dropped a terrified young boy into the lap of his dad, and leaped out of the stands onto the field for another chance to sack **Matt Ryan**.

That he did - two more times - thanks in part to the panic of right tackle **Jason Smith**, who received no help against the rampaging Matthews and ended up clutching, grabbing and tripping him repeatedly just to slow him down. The referees, in a rare and humane gesture rooted in pity, turned a blind eye to the most blatant string of offensive lineman penalties this writer has personally ever seen.

Incredibly, this clearly excessive celebration by Matthews did not receive an unsportsmanlike penalty from the zebras. Perhaps they were understandably afraid for their personal safety, but the non-call makes the 15-yards assessed last year against the Hellfire's **Terrell Owens**, for using the football as a pillow after scoring a touchdown, look absurd in retrospect.

### ***I'M A BELIEVER***

I have been quietly waiting for the collapse of the Knights and their young quarterback, **Josh Freeman** since...well, since Week Two, to be honest. After watching the Knights perform this week in a 19-13 hard fought win over the Blue Eagles, I will no longer wait for it because I do not believe it is coming. The Knights are for real, for once. Their fans believe it, too. The hottest-selling item at Round Table Stadium was the "Property of the LA Knights – NO PASSING ZONE" T-shirts on sale exclusively for the Blue Eagles' game. They also wear their white jerseys at home now to promote an upbeat and positive "White Knight" image – part of the team's overall "re-focusing," as **Gabrielle Laurent-Vainluven** likes to put it.

That does not mean I expect Los Angeles to go undefeated. I expect they will lose a couple of games, starting perhaps as early as next week when they host Charleswood, or in three weeks when they visit Pickering. But the reality is that they appear to be the class of the Pacific-Atlantic Conference as we near the mid-point of the season and there is no compelling reason to believe they will not continue to get the job done on both offence and defence.

Freeman did not have his best day statistically against a persistent Blue Eagles' pass rush, but he kept his head, and found a way to get the job done in the second half when it mattered most. This is a sign that he can handle the pressure - perhaps the biggest determining factor in being a winner.

On the other side of the contest, despite a 4-3 record, Scarborough poses a big challenge for their opponents, even when missing key players like **Brandon Marshall**, **DeSean Jackson**, **Antonio Cromartie** and, after the second quarter, shut-down cornerback **Darrelle Revis**. The Blue Eagles are better than their record and are likely the best team in the EFL. They are just going through a difficult stretch to start the season as "**Jonesy**" and his buddies translate then try to grasp the old Dragons' Mandarin playbook.

In the final analysis, being the "best" this year carries a different meaning from 2010. Unlike last year, when two Super-powers took aim at each over a battlefield littered with cannon-fodder, competition at the upper echelons of the league this year is much closer and less predictable. **LA** is right up there with the likes of **Scarborough**, **Gwinnett**, **Charleswood**, and **Pickering**; and any of *those* teams could fall on a given day to the likes of **Death Valley**, **Durham**, **Cowtown** and re-charged **Chino** led by rookie **Cam Newton**. It is already shaping up to be a great playoff race and an even better post-season.

### ***THE LOST LEGEND***

It would have been the stuff of legend if they had managed to pull it off, but the Cubs fell short of a near-miraculous 4th quarter comeback against the Gladiators this week. In the end they lost 28-25, running out of time against a Gwinnett squad close to panic and visibly falling apart.

The drama started with **Dave Birdsall's** crew comfortably ahead by 25 points, 28-3, with just under 9 minutes remaining. The Glads had the game well in hand and they knew it. They sat in a three-man front with five defensive backs and watched impassively as **Arian Foster** appeared to be running out the clock for them. *How convenient and sporting of the Cubs to roll over and move on to Week Eight*, the Glads must have thought as Foster pounded away with runs of 9, 5, 7, 9, 7, 5 yards into Gwinnett territory as time ticked away. Suddenly, the possum came alive. Sam Bradford started passing and, before you knew it, the Cubs were at the Gwinnett one-foot line. It was an easy TD for Foster at the 5:31 mark to make the score 28-10. Oh well, no big deal: 18-point lead, 5 minutes; *do the math*. A sleepy Gwinnett offence, with **Tyler Thigpen** behind centre,

lazily handed the ball off to **Ahmad Bradshaw** twice and threw safe, and incomplete, on third down to force a punt. A bleary-eyed **Andy Lee** woke up from his nap and absent-mindedly punted low and straight to **Dexter McCluster** who fired up the afterburners and ran straight through the sleep-walking Gladiator coverage for a 72-yard punt return TD. Score: Gwinnett 28, Iowa City 17, with 3:46 remaining.

A few eyebrows furrowed on the Gwinnett sideline as it dawned on the astute among them that Thigpen was in the game for an injured **Vince Young** and the deactivated **Ben Roethlisberger** was in the locker room cleaning jock-straps as a punishment for being himself. Still, all they really needed was a first down, which would surely put the game out of reach for the rookie Bradford against the Glads' defence. They got that first down on a pass to **Reggie Wayne**, but the Cubs used the two-minute warning and burned a timeout to save precious seconds. Thigpen threw incomplete on 3rd down to stop the clock.

A suddenly alert **Andy Lee** punted out of bounds, away from McCluster this time, giving the ball over to the Cubs at their 15 yard line with just 1:40 remaining. Bradford went to the air deep and connected with **Mike Wallace** for 25 yards to break into Gwinnett territory. That was what is called a WARNING, but the Glads did not really heed it. They moved from their 3-4 into a 3-3 and sat in mid-zone coverage. Wallace burned past safety, **Troy Polamalu** and Bradford laid a beautiful spiral into his waiting hands for a 46-yard TD pass. After a successful two-point conversion the Cubs were suddenly within a field goal with 26 seconds and one timeout remaining.

It really felt at that moment that the Cubs were going to recover the onside kick that everyone knew was coming. So, with hearts thumping in Gwinnett, **LeSean McCoy** became an instant hero when he recovered the bouncing dribbler delivered by **Neil Rackers**. The mad scramble at the end of this contest contains lessons for both teams and for those who choose to take note from afar. Football is a game of emotion and momentum and it can swing as quickly against you as it can for you. So when you have a team on the ropes, put them away without mercy. Conversely, when all appears lost, it is not necessarily so, but it certainly will be if you give up. Sadly, this entire late drama over-shadowed a record performance by Gwinnett kicker, **Josh Brown**, who kicked seven field goals in seven tries and accounted for 22 of the Gladiators' 28 points.

#### **MOJOE**

The Corn Kings have "Mo-Joe." That's what they're calling it in Cowtown, where **Joe Flacco** is suddenly the talk of the town in a good way after being a dirty word in 2010. When townfolk were angry last year (as they often were) it became customary to say, "*Flac this!*" or "*Flac that!*" when confronted with a bad situation. When you did something wrong, you "*Flacked up,*" and when you wanted to let someone know they had offended you, a strongly-delivered, "*Flac Off, Motherflacker,*" would get the point across. The customary homemade pies delivered by famers' wives or daughters to local heroes' homes were a rare sight at the Flacco residence last season. This year, there are too many pies for his family to eat, not to mention the jars of preserves, wheels of cheese, sides of bacon, sausages, and cartons of eggs that appear daily on the Corn Kings' quarterback's doorstep. He also has more cars than his driveway can accommodate as dealerships across Cow County compete through giveaways to entice Joe to drive a vehicle from *their* lot. Absurdly, six streets in downtown Cowtown have been recently renamed in honour of the EFL's leading quarterback, causing confusion at the local post office, and the portion of Highway 1 that bi-sects the municipality has been renamed the 'Flacco Freeway.'

This is all well and good for Joe, but when a community goes this crazy over a 6-1 record, he should be very afraid of how they will react "*when the corn pops,*" as they say. Much as I have enjoyed watching the Corn Kings come out of nowhere to ambush teams on the way to a share of first place in the North Division, I can see the whole barn of cards collapsing as soon as next week when they face the Gladiators.

This week they looked impressive again, handing Virden the worst of their five losses, 38-6. But the Violators were missing so much of their starting defence that Even **Lance Barrate's** 'Handbook of Dirty Tricks' (the Violator playbook) had no answer for the Cowtown offence. When the Violators had the ball themselves, **Eli Manning** was only too happy to give it back, throwing his 16, 17th and 18th interceptions of the year.

#### **AROUND THE EFL**

4<sup>th</sup> DOWN GAMBLE WORKS! - After being generally critical of making "un-conventional" 4th down conversion attempts a conventional practice, especially when the teams engaging in the practice suck; I can say that there is a time and place for everything. It happened in Durham this week when the Thunder Lizards, looking for any kind of spark to get their offence on track, down 7-0 early in the 2nd quarter and positioned just inside the Charleswood red zone at the 19, turned up their nose at the field goal try and went for it on 4th down and 1. With entire Pats' defence focused on inside running specialist **Michael Turner**, fullback **Tony Richardson** got the surprise call and caught the Pats off-balance just long enough to gain 2 yards and a first down. On the next play, **Philip Rivers** won the lottery and connected with a wide open **Calvin Johnson** for a 17-yard TD pass that got the Thunder Lizards' offence on a roll and started what would turn out to be Rivers' best outing of the 2011 season in a big 34-17 win over Charleswood.

There is a NEW kid in TOWN: his first name's Cam and the town is Chino. The rookie has transformed a Convicts squad that was 0-4 and appeared to be going nowhere into a 3-4 playoff contender. Yes, you read that right: 'playoff contender.'

After the big three in the PAC: Los Angeles, Charleswood and Death Valley; Chino currently holds the final playoff spot. While more a testament to the shortcomings of the competition than to the strength of the Convicts, it is nevertheless a position that **Rob Nazar** will take if he can keep it. Chino is 3-0 since turning in desperation to Newton as their starter in place of the ineffective *Jay Cutler*. While his latest victory came easily, 27-3, at the expense of a South Carolina squad incapacitated by injuries, Newton must still be given credit for doing what he had to do: lead the offence with a pair of TD passes and another TD on a 13-yard scramble. It was a game the Convicts were expected to win and there is nothing worse than losing a game in those circumstances - just ask **Jay Hammond**.

STARS GO SUPER-NOVA – I should have known what would happen when I completely disrespected **Darrin Jones'** team last week and called for a winless remainder of the season. His band of Mirthless Men responded as part of me knew they would, but the rational part of me thought was impossible. They beat York at Camelot. Not only beat, beat *up*. At 38-22, it was a complete trouncing in which the North Stars looked like almost any team in the league *other* than the North Stars.

Jones not only called a great game, his players *responded*. On the other sideline, response is the missing ingredient in **Tom Brady's** sleep-walk of a season. No matter what the discouraged **Jay Hammond** does with the offence, Brady looks exactly the same from week-to-week: confused and



Gwinnett's **Josh Brown** steps into a 32-yard field goal, a record-setting seventh for the game – giving the Gladiators a 28-3 lead in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter over Iowa City. Little did he know at the time that it would be the game-winner, as a 22-point push by the Cubs in the final 8 minutes over-shadowed his record-setting day.

ineffective, and nobody knows exactly why. Brady has stopped talking to the media and, if word from the York locker room is correct, has stopped talking to his wide receivers as well. Defenders of the Swords' team leader suggest that is part of the problem: Brady and his wide receivers are not on the same page, and even if they were, the receivers are not gaining separation from defenders. Brady is getting time to throw; there is just nobody open to throw to. The York approach to this problem is to try even harder to pass the ball. Five-wide receiver sets were the order of the day late in the Markham game. Perhaps it's time to take some heat off the big guy and give under-used **Darren McFadden** the ball.

THERMOPYLAE REVISITED – It was a good game at Thermopylae Stadium with the Spartans holding off a late rally by the Hellfire to prevail 31-24. With 13 yards to go and 6 seconds left on the clock, **Kerry Rhodes** tipped a pass in the end zone with no time remaining to save the game. While the finish prompted **Bobby Elder** to kick the water boy on his way to the tunnel, it also set off a predictable post-game rant by the Pickering coach. **Gus Konstantakos** spoke passionately about the battle 2,500 years ago at Thermopylae where the legendary 300 Spartans and about 1,100 friends (who over the years have become virtually nameless in order to boltser the Spartan 'brand') held off between 100,000 to 300,000 Persians for three days in the mountains before the vast majority of them were heroically slaughtered. To hear a Greek tell it, though, there were at least one million Persians, likely more, and most of them were members of Xerxes' elite Immortals. Konstantakos speaks as if he was actually at that battle and looks on his players as if they are actually the Spartan warriors of that time. It's kind of weird to watch his eyes glaze over and the froth fleck at the corners of his mouth when he launches into one of those post-game eulogies lauding an ancient battle of which few facts are known while equating it with a modern age Pickering battle on the football field. As suddenly as he flips the switch into this temporary trance, he is capable of flipping it back and talking lucidly about the football aspects of the game. Oh well! His team won a championship and is 6-1 to start the 2011 season, so fans of the Spartans can indulge a bit of harmless delusion by their owner, GM and coach.



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## JIMMY'S WEEK EIGHT PICKS

### CHARLESWOOD @ LOS ANGELES (line – KNIGHTS by 5)

After a 4-0 start beating up on their Division rivals and a Jay Cutler-led Chino, the Pats ran into a string of good teams and went 1-2 in those contests. Most concerning to Pats fans is the score differential in the two losses: -31 points versus Pickering and -17 points against Durham. Charleswood is falling down the rankings in both offence and defence due to a combination of injuries and lack of depth. Fortunately, Adrian Peterson returns at running back. Unfortunately, Ed Reed is still out at safety. The Knights are riding a wave of euphoria after their big win last week against Scarborough and have to guard against a hangover. One of the several keys to their perfect record after seven games is ball control; the Knights have turned the ball just 6 times to rank second in the league. Meanwhile, the Pats have turned it over a total of 12 times – 7 of those came during in their two losses. Holding onto the ball will be the key to a Charleswood upset, but don't count on it. **PICK: LOS ANGELES**

### MOHAVE @ CHINO (line – CONVICTS by 7)

Since the arrival of their Messiah, Cam Newton, the Convicts are 3-0 and back in the race for a playoff spot. Newton has been fantastic, both passing the ball and running it; he has gained 200 yards with his feet for a 7.2 yard-per-carry average. As much as this has been a boon to the Convicts, the strength of the team remains the defence, which ranks No. 1 in efficiency, surrendering a stingy 4.7 yards per play. The Hellfire are finally starting to move the ball in both phases of the attack but may be without Terrell Owens in addition to both of their starting offensive tackles. Running into the *Great Wall of Chino* is the last thing Mohave needs as it tries to rescue its season before it's too late. Both teams tend to start slow, but of the two it is Mohave that must hope to break that trend this week, or face an uphill battle trying to come from behind on the road against Ngata and Partners, Ltd. **PICK: MOHAVE**

### VIRDEN @ IOWA CITY (line – CUBS by 6)

If the Violators manage to grab a lead, you can bet they will do everything in their power to put the Cubs down as long as the clock is ticking. The 8-minute, 22-point, explosion by the Cubs in the fourth quarter that nearly made history against Gwinnett last week shows what their offence *can* do when it is clicking on all cylinders. The Cubs have no injuries to report on offence while Virden's defence remains shredded by injuries to several starters – most notably LaRon Landry, DeMeco Ryans and Carlos Dunlap. Somehow, I don't think Virden will have to worry about stopping a fourth quarter comeback by the Cubs this week. **PICK: IOWA CITY**

### YORK @ DEATH VALLEY (line – UNDERTAKERS by 6)

If they can weather the Death Valley blitz (and it is a gigantic "IF") Tom Brady will have opportunities to pick apart a vulnerable Undertakers' secondary. It is not a *bad* secondary in Death Valley, just a malingering one that has failed to perform up to its average potential. In order to slow down Clay the Barbarian and his more civilized, but equally violent, brethren in the 'Fearsome Foursome,' York is going to have to find a way to plug Darren McFadden into the game plan. York's thought-to-be star running back has carried the ball a mere 17 times

over the past four games after getting his number called 37 times in the first three games. Is he secretly injured, or is Jay Hammond so obsessed with fixing the sputtering passing game that he has forgotten one of the gems of his offence? For Death Valley, Andre Johnson is still out, which is significant in itself but less so when you look at the Excaliburs' corner tandem. Mario Manningham and Braylon Edwards should hold their own against Alphonso Smith and Drayton Florence ("who dey?" you say) as the Undertakers build a lead and blitz Brady into the dirt. **PICK: DEATH VALLEY**

### **PICKERING @ GARLAND (line – SPARTANS by 6)**

The Garland offence is struggling, their defence less so. It takes a lot to go wrong when you are 1-6 and the Mustangs are succeeding at finding ways to keep all aspects of their game faltering at the same time. Looking at their personnel, it is a little baffling that they have won just one game and lie near the bottom of the league in yards gained and are last in points scored. Criticism has been levied at the Offensive Coordinator for nonsensical play-calling and rash fourth down gambles. That could be it. If it is, something better change this week or the Mustangs will find themselves on the back end of another blowout in front of their home fans as Chris Johnson runs the exhausted 'Thoroughheads' into the ground. **Pick: PICKERING**

### **DURHAM @ SOUTH CAROLINA (line – THUNDER LIZARDS by 3)**

As bad as things are in Garland they are much worse at the moment in South Carolina. This is more due to a severe string of injuries than it is a problem with the game plan or personnel. The Regulators were not going to win any playoff berth, but 1-6 is a little harsh even for this mediocre team. Help is on the way as Frank Gore, Tony Romo and Austin Collie continue to mend, but the cavalry will not arrive this week. Every safety on the roster is either out, doubtful or questionable, while linebacker Brandon Spikes joins the list of casualties. Against Charleswood last week, the Thunder Lizards looked in command for the first time all year and many believe they have turned a corner. Even if they haven't, there is nothing standing in their way this week in the Deep South. Mark this down as Jimmy's Week Eight "lock-pick." **Pick: DURHAM**

### **SCARBOROUGH @ MARKHAM (line – BLUE EAGLES by 1)**

Markham is coming off a huge win over York on the road while Scarborough is licking its wounds after losing a brutal "Melee in LA" last week. The table is set for a "vengeance game" as the Blue Eagles invoke the pecking order to take out their frustration on an inferior. Everyone assumes Markham will revert back to previous comedic form for this game. It is with good reason as the North Stars don't have the firepower on offence to contend with the Scarborough defence – even a version without Darrelle Revis. However, I am now throwing reason out the window when it comes to Markham. Darrin Jones may be challenged as a GM, but he is one hell of a game-day coach. "Jonesy" and the rest of Chris Dickinson's High School buddies don't cut it next to the Markham chalkboard master. It will be a close game and it will be another shocker. **Pick: MARKHAM**

### **GWINNETT @COWTOWN (line – CORN KINGS by 6)**

Well, here it is: the end of the line for Cowtown's six-game winning streak. It was nice while it lasted, but Joe Flacco and Santana Moss have peaked, while their defence is poised to fall from its third-place perch in the rankings against a Gwinnett team that has all the firepower it needs to find a way into the Tillman Field end zones. Asante Samuel is questionable after missing 5 games and Lance Briggs is out, but that should not matter very much. If the Corn Kings manage to score more than twenty points, the Glads will find a way to score thirty. The faint hope for Cowtown is that Big Ben bumbles and stumbles again and gives the game away. But the 'Law of Averages' says this will not happen to Gwinnett's pivot for a 4<sup>th</sup> straight game. **Pick: GWINNETT**

# EFL FOCUS

A weekly tour of Media from around the EFL. This week we focus on.....

## MARKHAM



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### Economist and Sun

Lanny McDonald, beat writer for the Markham North Stars, is well known in the Greater Toronto Area as a former Toronto Maple Leafs player and hockey star. He covers football for the Markham Economist and Sun in order to bring local credibility to the sport. Unfortunately, his football knowledge is rudimentary....so have patience.

## MARKHAM DETHRONES KING BRADY IN CAMELOT

YORK COUNTY – After being humiliated and shutout in Chino, Markham rebounded with a sense of urgency with convincing 36-22 victory over York in majestic Camelot. All three of Markham's units played a critical role: the Defense, led by rookie nickelback Prince Akumara , spearheaded the Markham victory with a critical pick 6 in the 2nd quarter; Markham's Special Teams responded to a nifty 88 yard catch and run TD by Michael Crabtree, with a 88 yard play of their own when KR Stephan Logan returned the ensuing kickoff 88 yards to setup a Markham TD to reclaim a 10 point lead.

Markham's offense welcomed back Kenny Britt from injury as he was able to stretch the defense multiple times and had 7 catches for 140 yards and 1 TD - this enabled the embattled North Star QB, Mark Sanchez to have a season and career high 126 QB rating. Sanchez would also toss a touchdown to Jahvid Best on a well designed screen to put Markham ahead early on 10-0.

The York offense seem out of rhythm for the most part of the afternoon, and ended up running 25% of their offense out of 5 WR sets. The vaunted dynamic RB combo of McFadden and Jacobs never got going and were held to a combined 11 carries for 24 yards. Tom Brady tried to carry the bulk of the offense on his shoulders and did throw for 357 yards.

In the end Markham controlled the clock for 37 minutes and in typical Markham fashion put this game to bed and the their diehard fans to sleep and this time not by the 1st quarter.



Cartoonist's depiction of Tom Brady huddling his band of merry men around the magical playbook trying to get their offense in gear .

## SPECIAL POST-GAME FESTIVAL REPORT

YORK COUTY – Game Day in Camelot is just not about the football game. What in some urban EFL centres is referred to " tail gating," Camelot certainly provides pre-game and post- game entertainment in a Med-evil setting, where well-endowed wenches serve pails of drink to thirsty patrons , horses and livestock roam through the open aired stadium , fans do not wave stupid-looking white hankies during the national anthem but instead throw javelins onto the field to display emotion for their team ...After the game win or lose , Camelot continues to come alive where ownership ( King and Queen of York ) throw elaborate parties in their private boxes, slaves attend to every beck and call , no outsiders ( journalists or players ) are allowed into this private domain as the York Royalty look down at the outside world beyond their forests , so how could it be that even through my drunken journalistic eye lids that it appeared that the Fat Lady from row 54 was present in the private boxes eating drumsticks at a pace faster than the Markham offense Was I seeing things ??

Upon my return to the village of Markham by horseback I could not get the sight of the Fat Lady out of my mind - was it her , how could she of gotten in - how is it possible that anyone else could even resemble the Fat Lady from row 54 - did she have a long lost sister perhaps ? I raced past all the chicken wing establishments to the old public library to look up the local constituency family tree album - low and behold to my shock , it seemed that the Fat Lady of row 54 ( a bag lady by any other name) actually had lineage to royalty ??? Indeed it seemed that an outlawed and dark prince in York county 25 years ago had a brief romantic affair with the Fat Lady of row 54 during a female jousting exhibition in Southern York count , their brief rendezvous spun a daughter ...was this the individual I saw - could another EFL team have a similar fan , full on embarrassment and no dignity , does the Fat Lady of Row 54 actually have regal entitlement ?

I placed calls at the residency of the Fat Lady and sent a scroll to York Excalibur Management - but all have declined comment at this time ....certainly as another lacklustre Markham football season will wind down soon - however its seems the Fat Lady once again is back in the news ..

Times are good in Markham again ....