



WEEK FOUR

October 28, 2007



SANTANA STRIKES! COWTOWN BATTLES BACK TO TOPPLE GLADIATORS *MOSS LIKE LIGHTNING*



COWTOWN

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GWINNETT

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Santana Moss hauls in a 31-yard pass from Chad Pennington as safety Gibril Wilson tries to break it up. The catch would set up the winning touchdown, an 8-yard pass to Moss, his third TD of the game. Cowtown would go on to upset Gwinnett, 35-31.

GWINNETT – High intensity competition league-wide in the early weeks of the season is imbuing every game with a sense of urgency similar to a playoff atmosphere.

Observers may not agree on a top team, but all agree that the race to the top of the EFL will be a close one and that little things could make a big difference in the final standings – so closely matched are the main contestants.

The first week of Inter-Divisional play featured some key match-ups, including this one between the two Dark Horse candidates to win their respective Division titles: the Gwinnett Gladiators and the Cowtown Corn Kings. Both of these teams possess attributes that make them dangerous to any opponent on any given game day and solid enough overall to withstand the rigors of a 16-week campaign. But neither team has yet achieved elite status, even while they both have made strong statements to be considered in such company as a Mohave, a Charleswood, a Chino or a Durham.

Gwinnett kicked off their campaign with a shocking upset of the “team-to-beat” Charleswood Patriots, while Cowtown shut down the high-powered Anchorage Buccaneers’ offense en route to a lop-sided opening day win. Since then, fortunes for both teams have been mixed, with Cowtown fumbling away a game to the fledgling Iowa City Cubs at home, and Gwinnett losing on the final play in Week 3 against Mohave. Heading into Week Four with 2-1 records, both teams needed a win to keep pace in their extremely competitive Division races.

This game was a fierce battle from start to finish and, although the final score would indicate otherwise, it was a virtual deadlock. The final difference rested on a mere 3 yards – 3 yards short for Gwinnett and 3 yards of grace for Cowtown. If it were a game of horseshoes, the Gladiators would have taken a point for

being very close. But, alas for Gwinnett, close is only good in horseshoes, not football.

The visiting Corn Kings got on the board first after Victor Hobson snuffed out the Gladiator's opening drive with a big 3rd down sack of Carson Palmer. After crossing into Gwinnett territory, a 14-yard run by Marion Barber caused the Gladiators to dig in against the run on the next play, only to leave the middle of the field wide open for a streaking Santana Moss. In what would be a preview of things to come, the Cowtown wide-out snared a pass from Chad Pennington on the fly and ran untouched into the end zone for a 28-yard TD reception and a 7-0 lead.

The Gwinnett offense continued to have trouble getting untracked, being forced to punt after a three-and-out on their next possession. However, the defense stepped up immediately and kick-started the home team with a big play. When Pennington tried to find Mike Furrey in double coverage, Jonathan Vilma tipped his pass into the hands of corner, Mike McKenzie, who tied the score with a 31-yard interception return for a TD.

The shift in momentum was palpable. The Corn Kings fizzled on offense and handed the ball back to Gwinnett on the 50 yard line. 9 plays later, Palmer found Tony Gonzalez in the corner of the end zone to take the lead, 14-7. But the lead would not last long. Showing a quick strike capability that had come unadvertised and unrecognized, Pennington caught the Gladiators crowding the line of scrimmage and hit Moss crossing deep over the middle for a 60-yard touchdown pass to pull his team even with their hosts at 14 points each.

The Gladiators regained the lead in short order with a fine drive featuring several workman-like runs by Willie Parker to set up a 25-yard TD pass from Palmer to Reggie Wayne. After the Corn Kings punted once more, the Gwinnett surge continued with another incursion into the red zone. But this time it was turned back when Palmer's 3rd down pass sailed over Leon Washington's outstretched arms in the back of the end zone, forcing Gwinnett to settle for a 24-yard Robbie Gould fieldgoal and a 10-point halftime lead, 24-14.

The beginning of the second half saw the Corn Kings turn to "smash-mouth" football as 'Cerebrus' (Maroney-Barber-Norwood) combined for 47 yards of a 69-yard TD drive that ended with the Middle Head (Barber) crossing the line from one yard out to narrow the Gladiator's lead to 24-21. Apparently inspired by the offense, the Corn King defense, on the strength of solid line play and a 3rd down sack of Palmer by Aaron Schobel, forced a Gladiator 3-and-out and set the stage for a 74-yard punt return by Mewelde Moore to Gwinnett's 2 yard line. Two plays later, the Right Head (Maroney) skirted around the edge of the line for touchdown run and a 28-24 Cowtown lead.

Dave Birdsall's crew quickly recovered with an impressive 80-yard TD drive late in the third quarter, keyed by 34-yard pass to Reggie Wayne, and ending with a beautiful 22-yard pass to tight end Tony Gonzalez on a slant pattern while the Corn Kings searched in the backfield for Willie Parker. This scarily efficient drive put the home team back in front by a score of 31-28 – a lead they would hold until the closing minutes of the final period.

Mid-way through the fourth quarter, the Corn Kings got the ball at their own 22 yard line with 7 minutes remaining and a sense that this would be their last opportunity to take the lead. The Gwinnett defense was non-committal at first, willing to wait and see what the Corn King strategy would be. Five straight bull rushes by 'Cerebrus' gained 27 yards and finally drew the Glads close to the line. Then, with the entire Gwinnett line-backing corps keying on the Left Head (Norwood), Pennington went to the air and found his Receiver-of-the-Day, Santana Moss open downfield for a 31-yard pass play. Five plays later, Moss hauled in an exquisite touch pass from Pennington in the right corner of the end zone to complete his TD Hat Trick and give the visitors a 35-31 lead with 1:16 left on the clock.

After the kickoff was downed in the end zone, Carson Palmer faced the challenge of having to cover 80 yards in slightly over one minute with only 2 timeouts remaining. He was *almost* up to the task. A couple of short passes followed by a 36-yard bomb to Reggie Wayne put the home team in striking distance at the Cowtown 28 yard line. The Corn Kings' secondary held for the next two plays, setting up the do-or-die last play with 2 seconds remaining on the game clock. With Cowtown in a Dime "Prevent," the Gladiators sent 3 wide receivers into the end zone but threw underneath, complete, to the other one, top receiver Reggie Wayne. Dangerous after the catch, it was a footrace to the goal line for the TD and the game. Luckily for Cowtown, safety Sean Considine took the right angle and corralled Wayne at the 3 yard line to save the victory for the visitors and crush the home teams' hopes at the final whistle.

BY THE NUMBERS – With 139 receiving yards, Santana Moss accounted for 68 % of the Corn Kings yards through the air. Gwinnett's Reggie Wayne hauled in 10 catches for 171 yards and 1 TD, but his best single game to date was eclipsed by Moss's MVP performance. The Gladiators had more first downs and net yards on offense than Cowtown but controlled the ball for less than half the game.

10-24-2007 Gwinnett Colliseum Temp:77 Wind:0-10 *Internet* Line:Even MVP: Moss

2006 Cowtown (3-1) 7 7 14 7 - 35
 2006 Gwinnett (2-2) 7 17 7 0 - 31

1 6:46 Cowtown TD Pennington 28 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (8-77-5:11) 7-0
 1 4:51 Gwinnett TD McKenzie 31 interception return (Gould) (0-0-0:00) 7-7

2 14:50 Gwinnett TD Palmer 7 pass to Gonzalez (Gould) (9-50-3:55) 7-14
 2 13:38 Cowtown TD Pennington 60 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (2-67-0:54) 14-14
 2 4:12 Gwinnett TD Palmer 25 pass to Wayne (Gould) (8-68-4:13) 14-21
 2 0:29 Gwinnett FG Gould 24 (11-45-2:14) 14-24

3 8:05 Cowtown TD Barber 1 run (Hanson,J) (10-69-6:48) 21-24
 3 5:38 Cowtown TD Maroney 2 run (Hanson,J) (2-2-0:10) 28-24
 3 2:44 Gwinnett TD Palmer 22 pass to Gonzalez (Gould) (6-80-2:54) 28-31

4 1:16 Cowtown TD Pennington 8 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (11-78-6:34) 35-31

	COW	GWG
First Downs	17	21
Rushes	30-148	28-157
Passes	22-13-203	35-19-261
Sacked	2-9	3-24
Fumble	0	0
Penalties	6-40	7-38
Turnovers	1	0
Time	30:36	29:24
Third Down	4-10	7-15
Fourth Down	0-0	1-1
Net Offense	342	394

QUOTABLES

“Wow! That was a big game for us! It was even bigger for me. I showed them we aren’t a one-dimensional team. I might get some attention now. I deserve it.” – *Santana Moss*

“Losing another close game at home is tough. But if you’ve never played on the road yet, like us, what’s the advantage in being at home? We don’t know what it’s like to be booed. I’m actually looking forward to our first road game – it will take the pressure off.” – *Dave Birdsall*

“Shit, I’m tired!!” – *Rashean Mathis* (after being asked to cover Reggie Wayne one-on-one all night)

“Everyone did a fine job tonight, but the guy I want to take to dinner is Sean Considine. That tackle at the end saved it all.” – *Jim Coghlin*

....AND IN OTHER EXCITING INTER-DIVISIONAL MATCH-UPS....



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DEFENSE GOES A.W.O.L. IN “BIG HOUSE” SHOOTOUT



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LAST UNBEATEN TEAM FALLS

CHINO – The offensive powerhouse from the Chino “Big House” continued to push around their opponents like rag dolls. This week they made victims of the highly regarded Mohave Hellfire defense in a shocking eye-opener that served notice to the league that Chino is a force to be reckoned with on both sides of the continent.

Mohave came into "The Big House" with an impressive 3-0 record and carrying the dreaded mantle of the “team-to-beat,” recently bestowed upon them by the fickle pundits who had, a mere 3 weeks earlier, handed that title to the Charleswood Patriots. Showing no respect to the league’s anointed, Convict Nation was in full throat as they welcomed the league's powerhouse with a chorus of boos.

The game was an offensive juggernaut as both teams scored at will in the first half. Both coaches forgot their defensive game plans at home as offense ruled the day. Chino took a 28-21 lead into halftime. In the 3rd quarter, Mojave's defense continually stopped the Convicts but could only score 7 points themselves as the game was tied at 28 going into the 4th quarter. The 4th quarter was an incredible shift of momentum with both teams seemingly in control, only to lose the lead on the next play.

10-26-2007	Temp:86 Wind:0-10	Line:Even	MVP:Tomlinson
2006 Mohave (3-1)	7 14 7 10	- 38	
2006 Chino (3-1)	7 21 0 21	- 49	

1 5:42 Chino	TD Tomlinson 4 run (Vinatieri) (13-75-7:54)	0-7	
1 5:08 Mohave	TD Westbrook 76 run (Carney) (1-76-0:22)	7-7	

2 14:11 Chino	TD Tomlinson 4 run (Vinatieri) (11-73-5:47)	7-14	
2 10:23 Mohave	TD Bulger 7 pass to Coles (Carney) (8-75-3:36)	14-14	
2 7:31 Chino	TD Tomlinson 3 run (Vinatieri) (7-60-2:52)	14-21	
2 5:12 Chino	TD Jones 85 punt return (Vinatieri) (0-0-0:00)	14-28	
2 0:58 Mohave	TD Bulger 7 pass to Daniels (Carney) (12-80-4:14)	21-28	

3 9:41 Mohave	TD Bulger 52 pass to Owens (Carney) (1-52-0:22)	28-28	

4 13:23 Mohave	FG Carney 43 (6-20-2:53)	31-28	
4 7:33 Chino	TD Tomlinson 4 run (Vinatieri) (9-55-5:37)	31-35	
4 5:17 Mohave	TD Bulger 46 pass to Owens (Carney) (4-59-0:53)	38-35	
4 1:50 Chino	TD McNabb 26 pass to Boldin (Vinatieri) (8-59-2:47)	38-42	
4 0:51 Chino	TD Tomlinson 10 run (Vinatieri) (3-10-0:24)	38-49	

	MOH	CHI	
First Downs	16	30	
Rushes	26-165	38-149	
Passes	28-15-237	37-21-300	
Sacked	3-17	0-0	
Fumble	3	3	
Penalties	7-35	3-15	
Turnovers	0	3	
Time	23:36	36:24	
Third Down	1-12	12-15	
Fourth Down	2-3	0-2	
Net Offense	385	449	

After making the highlight reel with a 85-yard punt return for a TD in the first half, Adam "Crackman" Jones fumbled twice in the 4th quarter, once on a punt return, and next on the following kickoff. Needless to say, he was sent to the hole for a week following the game and his exotic dancer privileges were suspended for the same period.

Mohave pulled ahead 38-35 on a 46 yd Bulger to Owens bomb, only to be quickly outdone by a 26 yd McNabb to Boldin TD. With the score, 42-38, late in the 4th, Chino finally got the defense stop they were looking for all day, deep in Mohave territory, which set up Tomlinson's 5th rushing TD of the day. Final score, 49-38, Chino. It should be noted that stud RB Brian Westbrook was lost early in the 2nd half and that really turned the tide for Chino.

With Mohave's loss, there are now no unbeaten teams remaining in the EFL.

MANNING OUTDUELS BREES IN QB SHOWDOWN

CHARLESWOOD – The two highest rated QBs in the EFL faced each other in a rare Thursday night game that brought with it all of the pre-game hype the fledging EFL media machine could muster. Although both coaches and pivots tried to re-focus attention on the teams, the sales



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pitch for TV ratings aimed its sights squarely on the men behind center. Billed as the season's premiere "Quarterback Heavyweight Bout," one could easily imagine that Peyton Manning and Drew Brees would take the field by themselves and beat each other to a pulp while their teammates cheered.

If it had been a boxing match, it would have been a technical knockout, with Peyton raising his arms at the end while a bloodied and incoherent Drew staggered to his corner. Was it a fair fight? Not really. As both coaches and quarterbacks tried to point out in the week leading up to the game, football is a team game, and the Patriots – by virtue of their defense – is the better team, even if they had stumbled to an 0-2 start.

It was a solid win for Charleswood as they improved to 2-2. It was also the first complete and convincing performance by Peyton Manning, who was clearly the game MVP with 4 TD throws and only 1 pick while completing 27 of 33 passes for 292 yards. Manning's only blunder of the game came near the end of the 1st to give Anchorage 3 points before halftime. In the end it made no difference. The Patriots controlled the ball, gaining 31 first downs and converting 13 of 16 third downs – it was a major contributor as Anchorage failed to get their tired defense off the field.

10-26-2007	Temp:75 Wind:	Line:Even	MVP:Manning
2006 Anchorage (2-2)	0 10 0 7	- 17	
2006 Charleswood (2-2)	14 10 14 0	- 38	

1 6:21	Charleswood	TD Manning 23 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (7-80-2:47)	0-7
1 2:14	Charleswood	TD Manning 7 pass to Welker (Gostkowski) (6-42-2:01)	0-14

2 13:21	Anchorage	TD Addai 1 run (Stover) (9-80-3:53)	7-14
2 8:31	Charleswood	TD Manning 10 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (13-76-4:39)	7-21
2 2:41	Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 48 (9-53-3:50)	7-24
2 0:09	Anchorage	FG Stover 37 (5-47-0:53)	10-24

3 9:58	Charleswood	TD Manning 7 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (15-75-4:51)	10-31
3 0:52	Charleswood	TD Jones 4 run (Gostkowski) (12-89-6:19)	10-38

4 3:15	Anchorage	TD Addai 7 run (Stover) (13-87-7:44)	17-38

	ANC	CHP	
First Downs	20	31	
Rushes	33-146	45-188	
Passes	27-13-216	33-27-292	
Sacked	5-37	1-10	
Fumble	1	0	
Penalties	4-40	1-5	
Turnovers	1	1	
Time	27:00	32:57	
Third Down	7-16	13-16	
Fourth Down	0-1	0-0	
Net Offense	325	470	

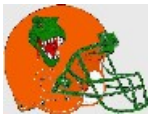
Anchorage QB, Drew Brees continued to avoid throwing any interceptions (0 on the year) but struggled to find the open man as the Patriots showed little respect for the Bucs running game. He hit only 13 of 27 passes and was also sacked 5 times, 3 of them to the hands of linebacker Bart Scott, who also finished with a game high 12 tackles and 1 forced fumble. Andre Johnson of Anchorage led all receivers with 8 catches for 162 yards. Joseph Addai of Anchorage was the games top rusher finishing with 105 yards on 20 rushes and 2 Touchdowns. Peyton spread the wealth around, completing 5 or more passes to 4 different receivers and handing the ball off to 4 different running backs.

“They are a good team,” Manning said after the game, “but we came to play tonight. After all the criticism lately, we needed to win this one the right way.”



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DURHAM DOMINATES IN HOME OPENER



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FRANK GORE STANDS UP IN SWELTERING JURASSIC PARK HEAT

DURHAM - Heading home for their first ever game at Jurassic Park the Durham Thunder Lizards were looking to right a listing ship. Heading into the season with high hopes, a 1-2 record after three games was not where Coach Kaldis wanted his team to be after a 3-game road trip to start the season. A shaky win in Iowa City followed by a blowout loss at Chino and a gut-wrenching loss in Anchorage had the home team in a funk leading up to this game against the unpredictable Golden Bears.

When Coach Kaldis was asked, during his weekly press conference, what was wrong with his talented yet underperforming squad he openly challenged his team. “I hate calling out players but this is the big time – the ELITE Football League not some rinky-dink operation like the SFL. You get the big bucks so you better bring your “A” game week in week out – no excuses.” A public glimpse of locker room rage was, apparently, all that his team needed to wake up.

The grand opening of Jurassic Park saw T-Lizard fans treated to an awesome pre-game display of genetically engineered miniature dinosaurs, ranging from the lightning quick velociraptor to the lumbering but powerful stegosaurus. The Durham Thunder Lizards would exhibit these very qualities found in their dinosaurs on the field against the dangerous Kutztown Golden Bears, who had set a league points record in a 63-24 win against Meadowlands and had played tough, but in losing causes, against two strong opponents the following two weeks.

10-27-2007		Temp:96	Wind:Calm	Line:Even	MVP:Gore
2006 Kutztown (1-3)		0	3	7	0 - 10
2006 Durham (2-2)		14	10	3	14 - 41

1 11:22	Durham	TD Rivers	4 pass to Gore (Scobee)	(7-42-3:20)	0-7
1 3:24	Durham	TD Griffith	2 run (Scobee)	(12-49-4:19)	0-14

2 14:11	Durham	FG Scobee	38 (7-51-2:57)		0-17
2 7:27	Kutztown	FG Kaeding	25 (13-60-6:23)		3-17
2 1:56	Durham	TD Rivers	4 pass to Faulk (Scobee)	(11-70-5:16)	3-24

3 7:50	Kutztown	TD Johnson	6 run (Kaeding)	(16-76-7:02)	10-24
3 0:39	Durham	FG Scobee	20 (12-68-7:00)		10-27

4 14:54	Durham	TD Rivers	1 pass to Northcutt (Scobee)	(2-16-0:19)	10-34
4 6:34	Durham	TD Quinn	3 pass to Hurd (Scobee)	(10-50-6:00)	10-41

		KUT		DTL	
First Downs		17		28	
Rushes		26-118		33-155	
Passes		33-13-157		31-23-196	
Sacked		1-5		0-0	
Fumble		0		0	
Penalties		8-58		4-19	
Turnovers		1		0	
Time		26:59		32:52	
Third Down		7-13		9-11	
Fourth Down		2-4		0-0	
Net Offense		270		351	

As has been Durham's way over the first three weeks of the season the Thunder Lizards raced out to an early lead. Taking advantage of a 53 yard Michael Turner kick off return to start the game Durham quickly opened the scoring on a 4 yard check down pass from Philip River to Frank Gore, with Kutztown looking for the run.

On Kutztown's first possession of the game, after gaining an initial first down, they stood 4th and 2 from their own 49 when Coach Katsafanas decided to go for it. Running Larry Johnson on a sweep the Thunder Lizards were caught in a Nickel formation but somehow managed to string Johnson out for no gain, taking over on downs in Golden Bears territory. With a short field to work with the T-Lizards quickly made their way down the field and when Justin Griffith, to the delight of the sold out crowd, crashed through from the 2 yard line, Durham had a quick 14-0 lead.

Kutztown, needing to give their defense a breather from the humid, suffocating 96 degree heat, took over at their own 30 yard line, but once again stalled offensively and were forced to punt the ball away. With the Golden Bears defense forced to take the field again, Durham looked to take advantage of the out-of-breath cornerbacks as Rivers quickly connected with Hines Ward and Jeremy Shockey for first downs then ran Gore on back to back plays for two more first downs. As the T-Lizards approached the red zone, and facing an early blowout, the Golden Bears defense finally stiffened and managed to hold Durham to a field goal making the score 17-0.

On their next offensive series Kutztown finally managed to move the ball, reaching the Durham 8 yard line after converting on 3rd and 22 and 4th and 2 in a 60-yard drive. Facing another fourth down situation, Coach Katsafanas settled for a fieldgoal to put his team on the board.

Having blown leads in each of their first three games, the Thunder Lizards offense took the field looking to avoid a let down. With a weary crowd cheering them on the T-Lizards chewed up most of the remaining time in the first half, as they methodically moved down the field against a defense looking to take away Gore, and with 1:56 remaining in the first half Rivers connected on his second TD pass of the day – a 4 yard pass to Kevin Faulk, increasing Durham's lead to 24-3.

Kutztown fought back to start the second half, taking the second half kickoff and riding their big horse, Larry Johnson, the Golden Bears went on an impressive 16 play – 76 yard drive capped by a Johnson 6 yard TD run making the score 24 -10.

With the Shiny Yellow Bruins showing definite signs of life, nobody wearing Lizard Green – be it player coach or fan – felt comfortable with the events of the recently completed road trip fresh in their minds. Events, however, would be different on this day.

Needing to keep the ball away from Kutztown Durham went on its own time consuming drive, killing seven minutes of clock, before settling for a Josh Scobee 20 yard FG after failing to punch it in after 1st and goal from the one. The Thunder Lizards restored their three score lead and this one was as good as over. Two more Thunder Lizard TD tosses, including Brady Quinn's career first, in the 4th quarter made the final score Durham 41 Kutztown 10.

DRAGONS SLAY KNIGHTS AT THE ROUND TABLE

PEASANTS BOO SIR CARR



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LOS ANGELES – The Dragon flew menacingly overhead, its long flowing black and curly mane laying a trail of smoke as it circled around the castle. The number ‘39’ blazed on its chest as it swooped downward with fiery fury to snatch a black-clad

10-28-2007 Temp:85 Wind:Calm Line:Even MVP:Jackson

2006 Florida (3-1) 14 10 0 13 - 37
2006 Los Angeles (1-3) 3 3 10 0 - 16

1	10:08	Florida	TD Brady 1 pass to Jackson (Nugent) (10-72-4:42)	7-0
1	5:08	Los Angeles	FG Lindell 38 (7-42-4:51)	7-3
1	0:17	Florida	TD Brady 9 pass to Jackson (Nugent) (10-69-4:38)	14-3
2	8:04	Los Angeles	FG Lindell 29 (10-65-7:02)	14-6
2	3:11	Florida	TD Brady 6 pass to Cotchery (Nugent) (9-68-4:37)	21-6
2	0:18	Florida	FG Nugent 35 (3-32-0:55)	24-6
3	8:58	Los Angeles	FG Lindell 35 (11-60-5:50)	24-9
3	4:10	Los Angeles	TD Carr 12 pass to Heap (Lindell) (5-62-2:59)	24-16
4	15:00	Florida	FG Nugent 22 (5-17-0:58)	27-16
4	8:44	Florida	TD Brady 6 pass to Jackson (Nugent) (4-74-2:56)	34-16
4	5:59	Florida	FG Nugent 25 (3-2-2:26)	37-16

	FLD	LAK
First Downs	22	17
Rushes	27-150	25-149
Passes	30-20-228	23-16-187
Sacked	0-0	4-31
Fumble	0	4
Penalties	4-26	8-48
Turnovers	1	4
Time	29:48	30:12
Third Down	7-12	2-9
Fourth Down	1-1	1-2
Net Offense	378	305

guard from the ramparts. With swift and deadly ease the Dragon tossed the charred cinder of a body into the steaming moat, brimming with the heat of Dragonfire.

Frantically, the cry for the Defender of the Realm, “Merry Man” filled the air. But who would save the castle on this terrible day? Not the Merry Man – for he had suffered a grievous wound to his sword arm in the Battle of Tillman Field. Nor would Sir Tatum of the Bell answer the call to arms – for his legs were sorely hurt and he lay tended to by the Nuns of the Holy Cross, whose admiration for his physical prowess made him a prisoner of his convalescence. Squire Kevin of Jones as well hearkened not the hue and cry as he knocked on the nunnery door pleading for the healing touch on his injured groin.

Finally, Sir Carr, Warden of the Castle Keep, rode out to face the Dragon. Repeatedly he was thrown to the ground, only to get up and be tossed back down again. The peasants, in their fury, brandished pitchforks and hurled insults at their would-be protector, his blue surcoat in flames, his armour singed, as he lay panting on the ground.

The Dragon passed over the vanquished Knight and flew to the top of the castle where it breathed a horrible breath of flame into the Keep. The Dragon’s blast melted away the armour of Sir Williams of Kevin and made steam of the Sapp of the wooden gates. And then, as suddenly as it had come, it left, leaving the castle broken but not destroyed. The Knights of the Round Table will fight another day.

CUBS “AM-BUSH” SWAMP DOGS TO EVEN RECORD AND KEEP PACE IN WEST



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ROOKIE RUNNER LEADS WAY WITH 120 YARDS FROM SCRIMMAGE – SCORES TD

10-27-2007	Temp:57 Wind:0-10	Line:Even	MVP: Bush		
2006 Meadowlands (0-4)	0	7	0	7	-14
2006 Iowa City (2-2)	7	10	0	7	-24

1 4:18 Iowa City	TD Losman 2 pass to Bush (Rackers) (8-68-4:02)	0-7			

2 10:55 Meadowlands	TD McAllister 3 run (Tynes) (7-33-2:36)	7-7			
2 7:42 Iowa City	TD Jacobs 3 run (Rackers) (6-63-3:03)	7-14			
2 0:03 Iowa City	FG Rackers 46 (12-61-5:43)	7-17			

4 0:25 Iowa City	TD Brown 6 run (Rackers) (2-6-0:40)	7-24			
4 0:01 Meadowlands	TD Campbell 80 pass to Bradley (Tynes) (2-80-0:24)	14-24			

	MSD	ICC			
First Downs	16	21			
Rushes	28-88	38-165			
Passes	26-12-221	23-16-188			
Sacked	1-12	1-5			
Fumble	0	0			
Penalties	6-45	2-14			
Turnovers	1	1			
Time	22:59	36:54			
Third Down	5-12	6-13			
Fourth Down	0-2	1-1			
Net Offense	297	348			

IOWA CITY – It was only a matter of time before the Cubs’ young stars made an impact on game day. In Week Four it was running back, Reggie Bush, who grabbed the spotlight in helping the Iowa City Cubs to recover nicely from their Week Three beating at the hands of the Chino Convicts. Bush set the pace with a first quarter TD reception to kick start a 24-14 victory over the Meadowlands Swamp Dogs. Joe Ferguson Stadium was packed to capacity as the Hawkeye State revelers cheered their hometown Cubs on to the winner's circle. The Cubs were able to control the ball and allow their defense to function with the benefit of field position. Game MVP, Reggie Bush rushed for 73 yards and caught a touchdown pass from J.P. Losman to open the scoring in the first. Faced with a 4th and goal on the Swamp Dogs’ 2, Losman hit Bush over the middle to put the Cubs on top 7-0.

Meadowlands came back in the 2nd Quarter and tied the game on a Deuce McAllister 3-yard plunge. Maurice Jones-Drew had a nice day as his numbers almost mirrored those of Bush.

A Brandon Jacobs 3-yard run increased the Cubs' lead to 14-7. Neil Rackers added a 46-yard field goal on the final play of the first half to stake the Cubs to a 10-point advantage going into the locker room.

Starting QB, J.P. Losman performed admirably in place of Jeff Garcia. A key play early on was a 31-yard connection to Lee Evans. J.P. was quoted as saying, "I know I have something to prove. Jeff is our guy, but I want the team and staff to know that they can entrust the reins to me whenever need be. I'm a team guy, dude."

Ronnie Brown's 6-yard with :25 left iced the game for the Cubs. Jason Campbell came on and connected with Mark Bradley for an 80-yard bomb touchdown to cut the deficit to 24-14. Meadowlands recovered the onside kick, but time ran out on the comeback attempt.

Iowa City moves to 2-2 and faces off with the first-place Anchorage Buccaneers next week at Joe Ferguson Stadium Stadium. The Swamp Dogs try to break into the win column when they host the Charleswood Patriots.



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OFFENSE



RB –LaDainian Tomlinson, Chino Convicts
31 carries, 143 yards, 5 TDs, 2 rec., 22 yards
Unstoppable inside 5 yard line, set TD record in win vs Mohave.

DEFENSE



LB – Bart Scott, Charleswood Patriots
12 Tackles, 3 Sacks, 1 Stuffs, 1 Forced Fumble
Dominated Drew Brees and the Bucs in 38-17 Week 4 victory.

SPECIAL TEAMS



PR – Pacman Jones, Chino Convicts
176 total return yards, 85-yard punt return TD
Fumbled twice but also got his team on track with big TD.

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Florida	3	1	0	0.75	117	29.3	91	22.8	6.5	2 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0	2 1 0
Mohave	3	1	0	0.75	110	27.5	101	25.3	2.3	1 0 0	3 0 0	3 1 0	3 1 0
Charleswood	2	2	0	0.5	102	25.5	83	20.8	4.8	2 1 0	1 2 0	2 2 0	2 2 0
Gwinnett	2	2	0	0.5	101	25.3	74	18.5	6.8	2 2 0	2 1 0	2 2 0	1 2 0
Kutztown	1	3	0	0.25	118	29.5	122	30.5	-1	0 0 0	1 2 0	1 3 0	0 3 0
Meadowlands	0	4	0	0	64	16	155	38.8	-23	0 1 0	0 3 0	0 4 0	0 0 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference	Internet
Chino	3	1	0	0.75	134	33.5	99	24.8	8.8	3 0 0	2 1 0	3 1 0	3 1 0
Cowtown	3	1	0	0.75	107	26.8	91	22.8	4	2 1 0	2 1 0	3 1 0	3 1 0
Anchorage	2	2	0	0.5	87	21.8	111	27.8	-6	2 0 0	2 1 0	2 2 0	2 2 0
Durham	2	2	0	0.5	109	27.3	103	25.8	1.5	1 0 0	1 2 0	2 2 0	2 2 0
Iowa City	2	2	0	0.5	92	23	78	19.5	3.5	1 1 0	1 2 0	2 2 0	1 2 0
Los Angeles	1	3	0	0.25	70	17.5	103	25.8	8.3	1 1 0	1 2 0	1 3 0	1 3 0

PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Rivers	DTL	103	64	62.1	811	1	1	40	10	9.7	115
2	McNabb	CHI	139	86	61.9	1198	2	1.4	43	8	5.8	102.7
3	Brees	ANC	98	60	61.2	763	0	0	40	5	5.1	102.6
4	Bulger	MOH	131	74	56.5	1068	3	2.3	65	9	6.9	96.5
5	Garcia,J	ICC	87	55	63.2	623	1	1.1	29	4	4.6	95.1
6	Brady,T	FLD	111	73	65.8	841	7	6.3	53	10	9	92.2
7	Carr,D	LAK	113	82	72.6	839	6	5.3	26	7	6.2	92
8	Palmer,C	GWG	98	53	54.1	709	3	3.1	36	7	7.1	88.4
9	Romo	KUT	133	75	56.4	983	6	4.5	53	10	7.5	86.1
10	Pennington	COW	116	72	62.1	1000	6	5.2	60	6	5.2	85.4
11	Manning,P	CHP	132	80	60.6	977	4	3	43	5	3.8	83.4
12	Roethlisbe	MSD	98	50	51	668	8	8.2	50	3	3.1	49.2
13	Beck	COW	1	1	100	15	0	0	15	0	0	118.8
14	Boller	ANC	1	1	100	3	0	0	3	0	0	79.2
15	Losman	ICC	29	19	65.5	217	2	6.9	32	1	3.4	70.6

RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Jackson,S	FLD	100	524	5.2	64	3	8	Jones,T	CHP	68	281	4.1	19	5
2	Gore	DTL	83	520	6.3	56	0	9	Bell,T	LAK	62	274	4.4	20	0
3	Tomlinson	CHI	96	459	4.8	44	7	10	Maroney	COW	50	239	4.8	14	1
4	Parker,W	GWG	86	434	5	33	2	11	Washington	GWG	39	238	6.1	19	0
5	Westbrook	MOH	65	430	6.6	76	1	12	Jones,J	LAK	28	218	7.8	74	0
6	Addai	ANC	69	400	5.8	46	4	13	Bush,R	ICC	46	214	4.7	12	1
7	Johnson,L	KUT	89	395	4.4	16	3	14	Norwood	COW	18	213	11.8	71	1
8	Jones,T	CHP	68	281	4.1	19	5	15	Barber	COW	31	208	6.7	23	5

RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Boldin	CHI	32	570	17.8	43	5	8	Wayne,R	GWG	20	356	17.8	36	1
2	Jackson,S	FLD	24	209	8.7	26	3	9	Smith,S	LAK	20	231	11.6	25	1
3	Johnson,C	CHP	24	419	17.5	43	0	10	Tomlinson	CHI	20	202	10.1	18	1
4	Furrey	COW	24	338	14.1	42	1	11	Harrison,M	KUT	19	276	14.5	53	3
5	Heap	LAK	23	230	10	26	4	12	Holt,T	CHI	19	256	13.5	43	1
6	Johnson,A	ANC	22	324	14.7	33	4	13	Bush,R	ICC	19	177	9.3	24	1
7	Winslow	ICC	21	251	12	32	1	14	Glenn,T	LAK	19	235	12.4	25	1
8	Wayne,R	GWG	20	356	17.8	36	1	15	Johnson,L	KUT	18	182	10.1	26	0

JIMMY'S WEEK FIVE PICKS

CHARLESWOOD @ MEADOWLANDS (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 16)

The Patriots are finally beginning to find their stride. Peyton Manning looked strong against the Buccaneers and the defense held up against a fine QB in Drew Brees. The Swamp Dogs are also finding their stride and unfortunately it resembles more of a limp. It's still too early to put the dogs down, but no matter how I look at it I cannot picture a scenario, short of Crazy-Ass Luck, where they come out on top of the Patriots. It will be all they can do to beat the spread at home. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD**

FLORIDA @ GWINNETT (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 2)

Even after surrendering 35 points to Cowtown last week, the Gladiator defense continues to lead the league in defensive proficiency. Florida's Steven Jackson leads the league in rushing and is near the top in receptions. Tom Brady and Carson Palmer are a virtual wash. The key to the game for Gwinnett will be stopping Steven Jackson on defense and exploiting a fragile Dragon secondary on offense. The home field should put Gwinnett over the edge. **PICK: GWINNETT**

KUTZTOWN @ MOHAVE (LINE – HELLFIRE BY 6)

The Golden Bears badly need a win to stay in contention in the East Division, but they have their work cut out for them in the Mohave desert. The Hellfire defense is flaming mad after being pushed around by Chino last week and are looking to make someone pay. That someone will be Tony Romo, whose temperament makes him prone to great success or disastrous failure. Tony will need a lot of help from Larry Johnson and his defense to keep the Hellfire hellhounds at bay. **PICK: MOHAVE**

ANCHORAGE @ IOWA CITY (LINE – CUBS BY 3)

No, that is not a typo you see in the above line. The Cubs, on the strength of an upset of the Corn Kings and general competitiveness from week-to-week, are actually favoured against the team some picked to win the West Division. Does that mean the Cubs are a contender? They may be playing like Bears at the moment, but they are a long way from being a serious long term threat. Still, they are dangerous on any given game day and that means Anchorage has to show up to play, and play hard. It will not be a cakewalk, but the Bucs have too much talent on offense to be kept down by the Cubbies for 60 minutes. **PICK: ANCHORAGE**

CHINO @ COWTOWN (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 1)

The Convict offense is quickly becoming the surprise of the EFL. They were always given their due, of course, but the way they have been blowing away opponents over the past 3 weeks has forced writers and bettors to re-examine the league paradigm. Meanwhile, the Corn Kings are quietly leading the league in offensive proficiency, but have been hurt by 11 turnovers that have reduced their overall effectiveness. The Corn Kings have a defense theoretically capable of stopping anybody, but the question remains whether they can stop a Super Offense that mowed down the Mohave defense with such apparent ease. This one is too close to call, but I will go with the home team for lack of any better idea. **PICK: COWTOWN**

DURHAM @ LOS ANGELES (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 1)

Last week the Knights found out how important Shawne Merriman is to their team when the Dragons handed them their heads and Steven Jackson ran wild. Merriman is still out and the running game is limping along nursing injuries. David Carr cannot do it alone – he needs help and it is not obvious who can give him enough help to prevail this week against a solid Durham team. The Thunder Lizards are finally emerging from their early season doldrums and are looking to maintain the momentum they started last week with their 41-10 drubbing of Kutztown. LA will need some home field magic and flawless execution to stay in the game. **PICK: DURHAM**

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

LAST WEEK: 5-1-0

OVERALL: 16-8-0