

# **WEEK ONE**

October 7. 2007



Carson Palmer flashes the victory sign as he leaves the field after Gwinnett's 20-17 Opening Day win over Charleswood.



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## PALMER RALLIES GLADIATORS, KNOCKS OFF MANNING'S PATRIOTS

TD PASS IN FINAL MINUTE SCORES UPSET IN GAME OF THE WEEK

GWINNETT - The Charleswood Patriots traveled to a rainy Gwinnett County, Georgia for the Gladiators' inaugural home opener. Despite the wet weather, excitement was in the air as players and fans pumped themselves up for the real season.

Many pundits feel that the Pats, lead by Peyton Manning, are the team to beat in the EFL. The home town Gladiators and their fans think differently. They have a quarterback too – and his name is Carson Palmer – but more on him later.

As game time approached, the highly touted Pats looked ready to take their place as the EFL's Team. Although he

did not give a pre-game interview to the press, it was a relaxed-looking Coach Findlay, wearing a grey-hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, who winked for the cameras as he took the field at the Gwinnett Coliseum. His quarterback, Peyton Manning, warmed up casually on the sidelines, taking time to joke with back-up, Brian Griese and center, Brad Meester. On the Gwinnett sideline, it was all business, as Carson Palmer stood away from the bench talking earnestly to QB coach, Steve Bartkowksi. Was he focusing or just uptight?

Although scheduled for a 9:00 pm ET start, the 2-hour long pre-game ceremonies, including chariot races and mock gladiatorial combat, went overtime when a lion got loose on the field, pushing kickoff back to 9:30. When the teams finally took the field, both offenses had to shake off the rust, exchanging punts on their first possessions. The Patriots moved the ball 49 yards on their next possession, but kicker Stephen Gostkowski missed a 35-yard FG attempt that would have given his team the early lead. At the end of the first quarter the game was scoreless, but the Gladiators were slowly winning the field position battle.

As the first quarter came to a close, the Gladiators got the ball at the Patriots' 42 yard line. An 8-play drive, keyed by a 20-yard pass to tight end, Tony Gonzalez, was capped off by a quick 3-yard slant from Palmer to Darrell Jackson for the first score of the game and the first TD in Gwinnett's brief franchise history. The home crowd went crazy and the cheering carried over into the ensuing kickoff, reaching rock concert decibels when Patriots return man, Wes Welker fumbled the ball away on his own 23-yard line

Determined to not let the game get out of hand, the Patriots 'D' stiffened inside the 5-yard line, and the Glads had to settle for a chip shot 26-yard FG by Robbie Gould to make the score 10-0 Gwinnett.

On his next possession, Manning found success through the air, hitting 3 straight passes for a total of 58 yards to set up an Adrian Peterson 11-yard run to the Gwinnett 2 yard line. Then it became the Gladiators turn to tighten up, knocking Thomas Jones backwards 3 yards on 2 carries and stoning Peterson on 3<sup>rd</sup> down. Needing a score to salvage something, the Patriots opted for the field goal, finally putting them on the board, but trailing 10-3.

Anxious, perhaps too anxious, to rebuild the two score cushion his team had enjoyed, Palmer tried to force a long throw to Reggie Wayne through 5 defensive backs. The last one, Ed Reed, picked it off and returned it to his own 34. But that first Gwinnett turnover was immediately followed by the second Charleswood turnover, as Peyton Manning threw into a crowd on the very next play and Dunta Robinson, (who had refused Dave Birdsall's contract extension offer before breaking camp this year) picked it off and returned it to Charleswood's 36 yard line. With a chance to redeem himself, Palmer hit Darrell Jackson for 19 yards on a straight route to enter the Charleswood red zone. But two plays later, it was Ed Reed again, sitting on a slant route, who snatched a Palmer pass intended for Gonzalez and ran it back 92 yards for the Patriots first ever TD.

With the score deadlocked at 10 apiece, both teams went to their locker rooms to regroup. It had been a jittery first half for both teams, the kind of game that makes both coaches uncomfortable and superstitious. Had Gwinnett squandered the momentum? Was the Patriot offense going to wake up? Would the half time celebrations, involving a re-enactment of Russell Crowe's 'Gladiator,' ever end?

The Patriot offense certainly looked awake on their first possession of the second half, marching 92 yards on 13 plays, capped by a 1-yard plunge by Thomas Jones for Charleswood's first offensive TD of the season. Having the lead for the first time all night, the Patriots suddenly looked on top of the world and the Gladiators and their fans looked deflated.

Strangely, Charleswood could not press home their advantage. Their offense stalled repeatedly and finally the Glads scraped together enough offense to post a fieldgoal at the start of the fourth quarter to pull within 4 points, trailing 17-13. Back and forth went both teams without reward until finally, with 4 minutes remaining in the game, Gwinnett took possession at their own 23 yard line and began what some fans and writers are simply calling, "The Drive."

With the Patriots sitting back on the pass and not bringing pressure to bear, Palmer connected on 4 of 5 passes and Willie Parker and Leon Washington busted big runs of 14 and 17 yards to bring the Gladiators to the Charleswood 18 yard line with 40 seconds remaining in the game. Needing a touchdown or nothing else, Palmer wasted no time going straight for the throat, hitting Darrell Jackson as he pulled away from Quentin Jammer across the middle and ran the final 5 yards untouched into the endzone for his second TD, and the winning score.

Manning got one final try after Wes Welker brought the kick back to the Charleswood 41, but it was anti-climactic. Two wildly overthrown passes that missed Chad Johnson by a mile and two sacks ended the attempted comeback, and the first ever EFL game for both these teams was in the books.

BY THE NUMBERS: The two highly rated QB's had poor ratings: Manning was 16-30 for a 60.0 rating and Palmer was 14-30 for a 60.4. Willie Parker had 97 yards to lead rushers while Pats Chad Johnson had 120 yards receiving. Glad Rookie Gaines Adams made his presence felt with two key sacks in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and Pats Safety, All-World, Ed Reed had the two picks. One other stat worth mentioning was Glads' punter Dave Zastudil who had 4 of his 5 punts downed inside the 20 to continually force the Pats to start with poor field position.

10-02-2007 Tes	mp:81 Wind:0-10	Line:Even MVP:Palmer	
2006 Charleswood (	0-1) 0 10	7 0 17	
2006 Gwinnett (1-0)	0 10 0	10 20	
2.13:05 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 3 pass	to Jackson (Gould) (8-42-3:54)	0-7
	FG Gould 26 (0-0-	` / ` /	0-10
	d FG Gostkowski		3-10
		rception return (Gostkowski) (0-0-0	
	,	Gostkowski) (13-92-6:40)	17-10
4 14:14 Gwinnett	FG Gould 29 (7-3:	3-2:16)	17-13
4 0:40 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 18 pass	to Jackson (Gould) (8-77-3:32)	17-20
	CHP	GWG	
First Downs	18	18	
Rushes	26-86	29-158	
Passes	30-16-197	30-14-180	
Sacked	3-24	1-4	
Fumble	2	1	
Penalties	3-24	5-30	
Turnovers	2	2	
Time	31:31	28:29	
Third Down	6-13	1-9	
Fourth Down	0-1	1-1	
Net Offense	259	334	

## **QUOTABLES**

"Overrated? Many people think this team can win. I think this team can win. My team thinks they can win. Are we overrated? What kind of a question is that? Go over there and ask the Gladiators if they are underrated! They came to play tonight, I can tell you that right now." – *Peyton* Manning "We could have played better tonight. I could have played better tonight. We have a long way to go. I give credit to our defense, they kept us in the game and we finally put it together at the end. It feels good, but we got to stop congratulating ourselves and get ready for Meadowlands." -

Carson Palmer

## ...AND AROUND THE REST OF THE EFL...



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## FIERY DEPTHS TOO INTENSE FOR FLAMETHROWERS

MOHAVE - After turning in a major yawner the first 30 minutes, the Mohave Hellfire erupted for 24 second half points and a hard fought victory over the Florida Dragons, 31-15.

Hellfire rookies played significant roles in the win. Starting free safety Reggie Nelson, chosen in the 3rd round out of Florida, intercepted Florida QB Tom Brady twice,

10-02-2007 T	emp:108 Wind:Calm Line:	Even MVP:Westbroom	ok
2006 Florida (0-1) 2006 Mohave (1-0	3 3 3 6 15 7 0 10 14	31	
1 6:54 Florida	TD Bulger 3 pass to West FG Nugent 26 (8-71-4:02)	3-7	40) 0-7
2 7:43 Florida	FG Nugent 36 (7-30-4:22)	6-7	
3 12:24 Mohave 3 8:25 Mohave 3 1:04 Florida	FG Carney 31 (3-0-0:53) TD Bulger 4 pass to Coles FG Nugent 38 (11-38-7:08)	6-1 (Carney) (5-84-2:24) 9-17	0 6-17
4 11:40 Mohave 4 7:52 Florida	TD Bulger 16 pass to Cole TD Brady 3 pass to Cooley TD Lynch 2 run (Carney)	es (Carney) (9-76-4:07) (2 - failed) (9-65-3:40)	
First Downs Rushes Passes Sacked Fumble Penalties Turnovers Time Third Down Fourth Down	FLD 15 26-93 27-14-154 3-15 0 9-65 2 29:20 2-10 3-3	MOH 24 32-173 30-18-224 0-0 2 4-34 1 30:40 6-11 0-3 397	

including once in the red zone. Tailback Marshawn Lynch, drafted in the 1st round from California, also contributed heavily, spelling Brian Westbrook often in the second half and scoring an insurance touchdown.

Both offenses found the going quite rough in the first half. Perhaps it was the stifling heat, recorded at 108 degrees on the field, opening day jitters, or plain old rust. Regardless, neither team could get out of first gear very much before the break.

After getting a short field goal to open the second half, Mohave got the break they needed about six minutes in when Westbrook broke lose on 3rd and six from the MOH 20 and wasn't hauled down for 76 yards! Marc Bulger connected with Laveranues Coles on the next play for only the second touchdown of the game for either team and the Hellfire led 17-6.

The Dragons offense simply could not keep up. Running back, Steven Jackson did not put it together until the fourth quarter and Tom Brady could not make up the difference, finishing with 154 yards passing and a game day OB rating of 50.5.

Hellfire MVP, Brian Westbrook, rushed for 132 yards and racked up another 59 yards and a TD in the air for a total of 191 yards. Marc Bulger added 3 TD passes and 224 yards.

10-05-2007 Temp	o:83 Wind:0-5 Line:Eve	en MVP:Carr	
2006 Chino (0-1) 2000 Los Angeles (1-0	7 0 3 3 7 7 10 3 7	13 27	
1 3:15 Chino T	TD Carr 5 pass to Heap (I D McNabb 25 pass to Bold	in (Vinatieri) (7-77-2:01)	
2 12:28 Los Angeles 2 2:30 Los Angeles	FG Lindell 40 (9-36-5:31 TD Carr 5 pass to Heap (I	7-10 Lindell) (9-50-4:50)	7-17
3 13:21 Chino 13 2:55 Los Angeles	FG Vinatieri 32 (6-17-1:20) FG Lindell 20 (4-18-1:27)	10-17 10-20	
4 1:59 Chino F 4 1:10 Los Angeles	G Vinatieri 23 (12-58-4:20) TD Carr 24 pass to Heap (	) 13-20 (Lindell) (5-43-0:40)	13-27
First Downs Rushes Passes Sacked Fumble Penalties Furnovers Fime Fhird Down Fourth Down Net Offense	CHI 19 27-97 39-19-249 3-21 2 7-40 1 30:02 5-16 0-5 325	LAK 20 30-94 30-23-234 3-21 2 6-30 2 29:58 5-12 0-1 307	



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## L.T. JAILED BY KNIGHTS, CONVICTS CAN'T BREAKOUT

LOS ANGELES - The Knights successfully guarded their home turf, "The Round Table" in a great game dominated by the defense. Los Angeles would keep their eye on the very dangerous Tomlinson all day long and keep him in check ... as much as possible. LT was visibly upset both during the game and afterwards, sitting by himself on the bench and stepping out of the locker room without speaking to

reporters. Donovan McNabb, forced to air it out in tough spots, could not make up the difference against a very aggressive Knights pass rush.

Meanwhile, Knights' QB, David Carr, denigrated in the Press before the season even started, would show all the nay sayers just how "bad" he is, completing 23 of 30, (76.7 C%), for 234 yards, 3 TD passes and 117.9 rating to lead the offence and grab the game MVP award. Asked after the game about predictions that he would be the Knights' weak link this season, Carr was a little less than diplomatic in shooting down his detractors. "I don't know who writes this stuff, but whoever it is doesn't know sh^\$ about this team."



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# CORN KINGS RUN DRYDOCKED BUCS INTO THE GROUND

COWTOWN - Three running backs, all competing for the starter's job in pre-season, combined for 239 yards on 27 carries to lead a dominating offensive performance by the Corn Kings. "Just call Cerebrus," said Jerious Norwood, referring to the mythical 3-headed dog that guarded the gates of Hell. "You

10-05-2007 Tillman	Field Temp:69 Wind:5-	15 Line:Even MVP:Pennington	
2006 Cowtown (1-0)	3 7 0 0 7 7 7 10	31	
1 10:27 Anchorage 1 2:34 Cowtown	FG Stover 42 (7-42-4:15) TD Norwood 71 run (Han	) 3-0 nson,J) (1-71-0:22) 3-7	
2 2:42 Anchorage	TD Brees 5 pass to Johnso TD Pennington 7 pass to I		
3 9:47 Cowtown		o Henderson (Hanson,J) (9-73-4:58) 10-2	21
4 7:31 Cowtown	FG Hanson 22 (13-67-7:3 TD Barber 1 run (Hanson,	ı,J) (6-56-4:33) 10-31	
	ANC	COW	
First Downs	11	27	
Rushes	22-79	35-291	
Passes	21-12-100	30-21-252	
Sacked Fumble	4-17 0	1-7 3	
Penalties	5-34	8-51	
Turnovers	0	2	
Time	25:38	34:22	
Third Down	5-13	7-11	
Fourth Down	1-1	0-0	
Net Offense	162	536	

can take one of us out of the game but the other two will make you pay." Norwood sparked the home team with a dramatic 71-yard TD run to score the first points of the year for Cowtown. On the day, Norwood had 102 yards on 5 carries, while his hellhound partners, Marion Barber and Laurence Maroney, posted 78 yards and 59 yards respectively.

Not to be overlooked, the Corn Kings' defense smothered the vaunted Anchorage offense, limiting Drew Brees to 97 yards passing and the entire team to 162 net yards of offense. Brees faced pressure all day, getting sacked 4 times and hurried 3 times, but avoided throwing an interception. Chad Pennington had a fine day, posting a 103.8 game day passer rating and making things happen with his feet, scrambling for 36 yards to keep a couple of drives alive. Except for two turnovers, a fumble and an interception, it was a perfect Home Opener for Cowtown.

## SECOND HALF COLLAPSE SEWERS SWAMP DOGS, ROMO THROWS 6 TD PASSES IN ROUT



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MEADOWLANDS – Everything seemed to be going according to plan after 30 minutes of play. The home team, opening their season, (in fact their history), were ahead in the locker room 24-21 and had played well. Predicted to finish last in the East Division, the Swamp



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Dogs were holding their own and looked poised to win the game if they could continue to move the ball.

Then, what can only be described as a stunning and catastrophic collapse led to a crazy one-sided finish as the visiting Kutztown Golden Bears posted a whopping 42 second half points to blowout Meadowlands by a score of 63-24.

How did it happen? 6 second half interceptions, 3 by starter Ben Roethlisberger and 3 by mop-up man, Jason Campbell, gift-wrapped the game for Kutztown and helped to vault Tony Romo to the top of the league's QB ratings. Kutztown's new "Golden Boy" threw for 375 yards and 6 touchdowns and reacted to each TD pass as

10-06-2007 Temp:18 W	vind:0-5 Line:Eve	en MVP:Romo
2006 Kutztown (1-0)	14 7 14 28	63
2006 Meadowlands (0-1)		24
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		ss to Walker (Tynes) (9-77-3:56) 0-7
		urn (Kaeding) (0-0-0:00) 7-7
	Walker 34 run (Tyne	
1 3:36 Kutztown TD R	omo 15 pass to Harris	son (Kaeding) (3-50-1:28) 14-14
2 10:15 Meadowlands FG		
		uss to Holmes (Tynes) (4-62-1:38) 14-24
		son (Kaeding) (15-86-4:20) 21-24
3 7:52 Kutztown TD R	omo 14 pass to Kenni	ison (Kaeding) (10-54-3:21) 28-24
3 5:14 Kutztown TD R	omo 11 pass to Clark	(Kaeding) (6-35-1:48) 35-24
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		ess (Kaeding) (11-76-7:38) 42-24
		son (Kaeding) (4-60-2:51) 49-24
	ohnson 2 run (Kaeding	
4 1:31 Kutztown TD T		return (Kaeding) (0-0-0:00) 63-24
	KUT	MSD
First Downs	29	20
Rushes	24-91	22-125
Passes	42-30-375	35-18-239
Sacked	3-15	2-10
Fumble	0	2
Penalties	6-55	4-44
Turnovers	1	7
Time	34:22	25:33
Third Down	8-13	8-12
Fourth Down	1-2	0-0
Net Offense	451	354

if it was his first. The Kutztown passing attack was so successful, that workhorse Larry Johnson was almost forgotten, carrying the ball only 12 times for 52 yards.

It wasn't all offense for the Golden Bears as superstar defensive end, Jason Taylor was a force in the Meadowlands backfield all day, harassing Big Ben and returning an errant Jason Campbell pass 56 yards for the game's final, merciless touchdown.

After the game, Big Ben took full responsibility for the debacle. "I made a poor throw on that screen in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter and they picked it. After that, I guess I tried too hard to make up for it. That made it worse."

Worse? True, but understated. It's back to the drawing board for the Swampies as they visit the new "top dogs" in their Division, Gwinnet, next week.



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IOWA CITY – In a spectacular game, marked by tons of drama and gutsy performances, the Durham Thunder Lizards opened their inaugural EFL Season with a 20-17 overtime victory over the Iowa City Cubs. The Thunder Lizards rode into Iowa City as 10 point road favorites and were well on their way to proving the experts right as they entered the 4th Quarter with a 10-point lead.

10-07-2007 Ten	np:77 Wind:0-5 Line:Even	MVP:Rivers	
2006 Durham (1-0) 2006 Iowa City (0-1)	0 14 3 0 3 20 0 7 0 10 0 17		
	TD Rivers 15 pass to Johnsor TD Rivers 16 pass to Ward (S TD Bush 1 run (Rackers) (13-	cobee) (10-87-5:2	
	FG Scobee 27 (14-70-6:12)		
	TD Brown 3 run (Rackers) (1 FG Rackers 20 (14-60-8:16)	7-85-8:41)	17-14 17-17
	FG Scobee 31 (7-43-4:47)		20-17
First Downs Rushes Passes Sacked Fumble Penalties Turnovers Time Third Down Fourth Down Net Offense	DTL 22 36-194 22-14-215 0-0 2 12-82 2 30:43 4-11 2-3 409	ICC 29 34-145 46-28-281 0-0 0 8-35 0 35:38 7-15 2-2 426	

The Cubs battled back to tie it up before Durham delivered the knockout field goal in the extra session. But the story could easily have been very different.

The drama of this game really began with 1:13 remaining and the game tied 17-17. Iowa City took over possession on their own 20 and marched down the field in 8 plays to the Durham 18. Garcia spiked the ball with 6 seconds left on the clock to set up Playboy Neil for the potential game winning kick, a very makeable 35-yarder. As the Nature Boy booted it, you could hear a pin drop in Joe Ferguson Stadium. The kick was "wide left! Wide left!"

After the Thunder Lizards kicked off out of bounds to start the additional stanza, the Cubs looked poised to redeem themselves and give the fans something to shout about (and, let's face it, get drunk about...we're talking Iowa City here). Facing a 4th and 7 at the Durham 36, Coach Redding once again summoned his kicker to get the job done. Rackers hooked the kick wide left and it wouldn't have mattered due to a holding penalty on the Cubs. The Thunder Lizards took over and rammed the ball down Iowa City's throats with 7 straight runs. Scobee came on to drill the 31-yard game winner and the Thunder Lizards moved to 1-0 on the young season.

Game MVP Phillip Rivers was dialed in all game long as he threw for 215 yards and 2 scores. Frank Gore rushed for 171 yards on 29 carries and tallied another 34 receiving on 3 grabs. Turnovers and penalties almost did the visiting Thunder Lizards in, but solid coaching by Coach George Kaldis prevented the defeat. 9 different receivers caught passes for Durham! The Thunder Lizards' special teams clearly outplayed the Cubs' unit in all facets.

For the Cubs, Reggie Bush and Jeff Garcia led the way. Bush ran for 77 yards and a touchdown and caught 9 passes for 75 yards. Garcia went 28 of 46 for 281. Neil Rackers went 1 for 3 on the day, missing 2 game-winning kicks, and was seen thrust kicking a hole in the wall of the brand new clubhouse after the game.

## LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS – WEEK ONE											
East	W	L	T Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference
Gwinnett	1	0	0 1.000	20	20.0	17	17.0	3.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Kutztown	1	0	0 1.000	63	63.0	24	24.0	39.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Mohave	1	0	0 1.000	31	31.0	15	15.0	16.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Charleswood	0	1	0.000	17	17.0	20	20.0	-3.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Florida	0	1	0.000	15	15.0	31	31.0	-16.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
Meadowlands	0	1	0.000	24	24.0	63	63.0	-39.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
West	W	L	T Pct	Pts	Ave	Орр	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference
Cowtown	1	0	0 1.000	31	31.0	10	10.0	21.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Durham	1	0	0 1.000	20	20.0	17	17.0	3.0	0 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Los Angeles	1	0	0 1.000	27	27.0	13	13.0	14.0	1 0 0	1 0 0	1 0 0
Anchorage	0	1	0.000	10	10.0	31	31.0	-21.0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 1 0
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Iowa City	0	1	000. 0	17	17.0	20	20.0	-3.0	0 1 0	0 1 0	0 1 0

## League Leaders RUSHING

Att Yds A	ve Lg TD
Parker,W GWG 21 97 4.6	14 0
Barber COW 9 78 8.7	18 1
Bush,R ICC 15 77 5.1	12 1
Jones,T CHP 21 71 3.4	15 1
Washington GWG 8 61 7.6	17 0
	Barber COW 9 78 8.7 Bush,R ICC 15 77 5.1

#### RECEIVING

		No Yds Ave Lg ID
1 Harrison,M	KUT	10 107 10.7 16 2
2 Bush,R	ICC	9 75 8.3 21 0
3 Johnson,C	CHP	8 120 15.0 31 0
4 Winslow	ICC	8 79 9.9 19 0
5 Boldin	CHI	7 122 17.4 25 1
6 Smith,S	LAK	7 84 12.0 25 0
7 Glenn,T	LAK	7 84 12.0 25 0
8 Johnson,L	KUT	6 72 12.0 26 0
9 Furrey	COW	5 63 12.6 14 0
10 Moss,S	COW	5 75 15.0 23 0

#### **PASSING**

	Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	۱%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1 Romo KUT	42	30	71.4	375	1	2.4	26	6	14.3	128.5
2 Rivers DTL	22	14	63.6	215	0	0.0	40	2	9.1	126.1
3 Carr,D LAK	30	23	76.7	234	1	3.3	25	3	10.0	117.9
4 Pennington COW	30	21	70.0	252	1	3.3	29	2	6.7	103.8
5 Bulger MOH	30	18	60.0	224	1	3.3	31	3	10.0	102.6
6 Brees ANC	20	11	55.0	97	0	0.0	22	1	5.0	84.8
7 Garcia,J ICC	46	28	60.9	281	0	0.0	21	0	0.0	78.3
8 McNabb CHI	39	19	48.7	249	0	0.0	25	1	2.6	77.8
9 Roethlisbe MSD	23	14	60.9	189	4	17.4	30	2	8.7	76.4
10 Palmer,C GWG	30	14	46.7	180	2	6.7	20	2	6.7	60.4
11 Manning,P CHP	30	16	53.3	197	1	3.3	31	0	0.0	60.0
12 Brady,T FLD	27	14	51.9	154	2	7.4	33	1	3.7	50.5

## JIMMY'S WEEK TWO PICKS

## MOHAVE @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE - HELLFIRE BY 3)

The Hellfire looked dominant on their home field against the weaker Dragons while the Patriots looked shaky on the road at Gwinnett. The betting action is moving towards the desert but don't be swayed by appearances. The Patriots will bounce back on their home turf and take Mohave down a peg. **PICK: CHARLESWOOD** 

## KUTZTOWN @ FLORIDA (LINE - GOLDEN BEARS BY 8)

Kutztown looked explosive in the Meadowlands against a team that self-destructed in the second half. But unlike Big Ben, Tom Brady will not put Tony Romo in a position to look like the next "Tom Brady." The Dragons are at home and looking to prove something.

#### PICK: FLORIDA

### MEADOWLANDS @ GWINNETT (LINE - GLADIATORS BY 12)

The Swamp Dogs are reeling after the big Bear Hug that Kutztown put on them last week. Can they rebound and challenge the Gladiators in the Coliseum? I have to think that if Manning couldn't get it done there, then Big Ben has no hope.

#### PICK: GWINNETT

## ANCHORAGE @ LOS ANGELES (LINE - KNIGHTS BY 10)

The Buccaneers continue their road trip at Los Angeles, where the Knights are touting their new offensive superstar, David Carr. Drew Brees could not handle the Corn Kings defense and the one he is about to face in LA is even better. In many ways it doesn't look good for Anchorage, but I cannot imagine Brees having two back-to-back bad games, or Carr having two back-to-back good games. This will be the "upset" of the week.

PICK: ANCHORAGE

## DURHAM @ CHINO (LINE - THUNDERLIZARDS BY 3)

Durham had all they could handle at Iowa City last week and were lucky to come out with a win. They say that the good teams win even when they do not play their best. Durham is a good team on both ends of the ball and should be able to handle the Convicts. Especially if LT posts the same lame numbers as last week.

PICK: DURHAM

## IOWA CITY @ COWTOWN (LINE - CORN KINGS BY 7)

Both these teams made statements last week. Iowa City said, "we'll play you tough," while Cowtown said, "we will run you over and knock you down." The Cubbies will show up and play it tough, but the Corn Kings will run over the Cubbies and knock them down.

PICK: COWTOWN

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

LAST WEEK: 2-4-0 OVERALL: 2-4-0