



2009

WEEK FIVE

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Viriden's Adam Vinatieri celebrates after kicking a 35-yard field goal with 7 seconds remaining to thrust the Violators past the Outlaws, 22-20.

LATE FIELD GOAL GIVES VIRIDEN SECOND STRAIGHT "VIN!"

ADAM VINATIEIRI KICKS 5 FIELD GOALS / GAME WINNER WITH 7 SECONDS LEFT



WINNEMUCCA

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VIRIDEN

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VIRIDEN – One has to look back to Week Three of the EFL's inaugural season, when the Anchorage Buccaneers beat Durham 31-28 on a 6-yard touchdown run by Joseph Addai, to find the last and only other time the Viriden franchise won two games in a row. This week they did it for the second time in their history thanks to *Adam Vinatieri's* 35-yard field goal with 7 seconds remaining to squeak by the Winnemucca Outlaws 22-20. The thrill-seeking crowd of Violators fans at the **TERRORDOME** savoured the victory while they hoped that they won't have to wait another two years for their next pair of back-to-back wins.

Viriden jumped out of the gate quickly, putting Winnemucca back on their heels, moving the ball with ease on their opening drive. *Drew Brees* converted a 3rd and 20 on a 23-yard pass to *Devin Hester* and 6 plays later *Clinton Portis* busted through the Outlaws' line to charge 29 yards to the Winnemucca 8 yard line, where he promptly fumbled away the ball trying shake away from linebacker *Zac Diles*. Viriden challenged the call on the field, claiming that Portis' knee was down before the ball came out, but there was inconclusive evidence to overturn the ruling and the play stood. *David Garrard* immediately gave the ball back to Viriden on a pick when he checked down to corner *Brian Williams* instead of receiver *Michael Crabtree*, but the Violators' *Adam Vinatieri* missed a 49 yard field goal attempt to keep the score blank. Finally, Viriden was able to ride their early momentum to a big score on their next possession when *Drew Brees* connected with *Marvin Harrison* for their second 33-yard TD pass in as many weeks to draw first blood (which, incidentally, in the **TERRORDOME** literally means "first blood").

The Outlaws' offence woke up and answered with a grueling and impressive drive that lasted 15 plays over almost 9 full minutes and featured 5 straight runs by *Julius Jones* to set up a *David Garrard* 5-yard TD pass to tight end *L.J. Smith* to tie the game at 7. The deadlock would not last long. *Brian Dawkins* intercepted Brees on the next play from scrimmage and returned it to the Viriden 27 yard line. A 12-yard run by *Pierre Thomas* brought the Outlaws inside the red zone and Thomas finished it off two plays later with a 7-yard run for a TD to make it 14-7 for Winnemucca. Vinatieri would start another fine day with the boot by kicking a 42-yard field goal near the end of the second quarter to make the score 14-10 for Winnemucca at the half.

The second half started badly for the Outlaws. With punter *Kyle Larson* sitting on the bench, quarterback *David Garrard* tried to

punt the ball on 4th down and mishandled the snap. Virden took over at the 15 and although they couldn't gain a first down, an easy Vinatieri field goal narrowed the Winnemucca lead to 14-13. Garrard re-created some breathing room, firing a bolt on the mark to **Delanie Walker** for a 23-yard TD pass that, after a failed two-point conversion attempt, made the score 20-13.

Both teams drifted into the doldrums offensively until a 15-yard facemask penalty on **Brian Dawkins** turned a 12-yard pass to **Robert Royal** into a 27-yard gain for Virden. It put them in position for Vinatieri's third field goal from 39 yards out to narrow the Outlaws' lead to 20-16. After a three-and-out by Winnemucca on their next series, a short punt by Larson gave Virden good field position. Vinatieri rescued a shaky drive with a booming 50-yard field goal to pull Virden within 1 point. Following another three-and-out by the suddenly stagnant Outlaws' offence, Virden got the ball back at their own 34 with exactly 2 minutes left in the game. A 20-yard pass from Brees to Harrison brought the ball across midfield and into the outer edge of Vinatieri's range. Three more plays pushed the ball into the red zone where Coach Barrate elected to kick on second down with 7 seconds left. That's when Vinatieri kicked the game-winner from 35 yards out, his fifth field goal on the day, to give Virden the hard fought win.

10-30-2009 TERRORDOME. Temp: 71 Wind: Calm None MVP: **Brees**

2008 Winnemucca (1-4) 0 14 6 0 - 20
2008 Virden (2-3) 0 10 3 9 - 22

2 12:05 Virden TD Brees 33 pass to Harrison (Vinatieri) (12-73-6:49) 0-7
2 3:12 Winnemucca TD Garrard 5 pass to Smith (Graham,S) (15-75-8:53) 7-7
2 1:53 Winnemucca TD Thomas 7 run (Graham,S) (3-27-0:50) 14-7
2 0:24 Virden FG Vinatieri 42 (6-45-1:29) 14-10
3 11:03 Virden FG Vinatieri 23 (3-9-1:28) 14-13
3 4:57 Winnemucca TD Garrard 23 pass to Walker (fumbled) (10-74-6:02) 20-13
4 10:41 Virden FG Vinatieri 39 (7-40-2:23) 20-16
4 4:50 Virden FG Vinatieri 50 (8-23-3:32) 20-19
4 0:07 Virden FG Vinatieri 35 (7-48-2:18) 20-22

	WMO	VV
First Downs	14	17
Rushes	31-113	31-129
Passes	21-14-135	28-17-214
Sacked	1-12	3-19
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	10-76	4-35
Turnovers	1	2
Time	28:46	31:14
Third Down	3-10	9-15
Fourth Down	0-1	0-0
Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0	4/0/2
Net Offense	236	324

KEY PERFORMANCES: VV – **Drew Brees** completed 17 of 28 passes for 214 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT; **Clinton Portis** rushed for 112 yards on 24 carries; **Devin Hester** caught 4 passes for 81 yards; **Adam Vinatieri** made 5 out of 6 field goal attempts. WMO – **David Garrard** completed 14 of 21 passes for 135 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT; **Julius Jones** rushed for 64 yards on 16 carries; **L.J. Smith** caught 5 passes for 36 yards and 1 TD.



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FLORIDA



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DURHAM

DRAGONS DUMP DURHAM – STAY UNDEFEATED

GAME POINTS: LaRon Landry picked off Philip Rivers to stop a Durham drive deep in Florida territory early in the second quarter, leading to a 28-yard TD pass from Aaron Rodgers to Brandon Marshall to give the Dragons a 10-0 lead and all the points they would need. The T-Lizards could not solve a Florida defense that limited them to 24 minutes of possession and just one third down conversion in 13 attempts. Florida's DeAngelo Williams put the game out of reach with 10 straight carries for 61 yards and a 1-yard TD run in the opening drive of the third quarter.

KEY PERFORMANCES: Aaron Rodgers completed 19 of 27 for 213 yards, 1 TD and 1 INT; DeAngelo Williams rushed for 124 yards and 1 TD on 28 carries; Brandon Marshall caught 8 passes for 110 yards and 1 TD; Terrell Suggs notched 6 tackles, 1 sack, 2 stuffs, 1 forced fumble and 1 blocked FG. Philip Rivers completed 16 of 34 for 225 yards and 2 INTs; Michael Turner was held to 25 yards on 11 carries; Calvin Johnson caught 4 passes for 99 yards.

10-30-2009 Jurassic Park. Temp: 93 Wind: Calm None MVP: **DeAngelo Williams**

2008 Florida (5-0) 3 10 7 0 - 20
2008 Durham (3-2) 0 3 3 0 - 6

1 7:32 Florida FG Elam 48 (11-49-6:24) 3-0
2 6:45 Florida TD Rodgers 28 pass to Marshall (Elam,J) (11-83-5:21) 10-0
2 1:30 Florida FG Elam 34 (6-28-1:15) 13-0
2 0:03 Durham FG Crosby 37 (7-27-1:24) 13-3
3 7:16 Florida TD Williams 1 run (Elam,J) (13-75-7:44) 20-3
3 2:20 Durham FG Crosby 38 (8-30-4:56) 20-6

	FLD	DTL
First Downs	22	13
Rushes	35-144	24-81
Passes	27-19-213	34-16-225
Sacked	3-30	1-9
Fumble	2	2
Penalties	5-30	6-30
Turnovers	2	3
Time	35:47	24:13
Third Down	5-14	1-13
Fourth Down	1-1	2-4
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/1	2/0/2
Net Offense	327	297



GWINNETT



COWTOWN

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CORN KINGS BAG A WIN!

GAME POINTS: The Corn Kings sacked **Matt Cassel** 7 times and **Marion Barber** posted 150 yards of total offence to propel Cowtown past Gwinnett at Tillman Field. The Glads punted in their first four possessions and let Cowtown build up a 13-0 lead. But **Reggie Wayne** caught four passes in the final minute of the 1st half, one for an 8-yard TD, to put Gwinnett on the board. Cowtown continued to control the ball in the second half, Barber scampering for a 7-yard TD run to make it 20-7. **Thomas Jones** ripped off a 69-yard TD run to bring the Glads once more within striking distance, but four sacks of Cassel in the final 5 minutes snuffed out the comeback and put the game in the bag for Cowtown.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Chad Pennington** completed 26 of 38 for 261 yards and 1 TD; **Marion Barber** rushed for 72 yards and 1 TD and caught 9 passes for 78 yards; **Matt Roth** had 3 sacks. **Matt Cassel** completed 17 of 23 for 169 yards and 1 TD; **Reggie Wayne** had 6 catches for 83 yards and 1 TD.

10-30-2009 Tillman Field. Temp: 58 Wind: 10-20 MVP: **Marion Barber**

2008 Gwinnett (3-2)	0	7	0	7	- 14
2008 Cowtown (2-3)	7	6	7	3	- 23

1 5:29 Cowtown	TD Pennington 17 pass to Walter (Hanson,J) (11-56-6:27)	0-7
2 6:15 Cowtown	FG Hanson 32 (16-76-8:40)	0-10
2 1:12 Cowtown	FG Hanson 34 (7-60-3:15)	0-13
2 0:10 Gwinnett	TD Cassel 8 pass to Wayne (Brown,J) (6-66-0:58)	7-13
3 5:55 Cowtown	TD Barber 7 run (Hanson,J) (6-57-2:55)	7-20
4 14:35 Gwinnett	TD Jones 69 run (Brown,J) (1-69-0:13)	14-20
4 7:59 Cowtown	FG Hanson 41 (10-56-6:36)	14-23

	GWG	COW
First Downs	12	22
Rushes	19-116	31-101
Passes	23-17-169	38-26-261
Sacked	7-59	1-3
Fumble	0	1
Penalties	8-60	7-48
Turnovers	0	0
Time	22:24	37:36
Third Down	2-14	6-16
Fourth Down	0-0	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	4/2/2
Net Offense	226	359

JOHNSON JUMP STARTS SPARTANS!

GAME POINTS: A dreary, mistake-filled game suddenly turned interesting when **Chris Johnson** turned the corner on a pitch, caught the sideline and outraced a hoard of Hawks' defenders to the end zone for a 58-yard 2nd quarter TD run. The Spartans took undisputed control of the game after that, closing the vice on Ringgold with a punishing running game. It was all over when **Deuce McAlister** carried 10 straight times for 47 yards and a 14-yard TD run to make it 27-0 early in the 4th quarter. **Big Ben** was relieved for the second time this season by rookie **Matt Stafford**, who led Ringgold to their only touchdown.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Chris Johnson** rushed for 94 yards and 1 TD on 12 carries; **Deuce McAlister** rushed for 56 yards and 1 TD on 16 carries; **Brandon Jackson** rushed for 43 yards on 6 carries. **Ben Roethlisberger** completed 5 of 14 for 39 yards; **Andre Johnson** caught 7 passes for 68 yards.



RINGGOLD



PICKERING

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10-30-2009 Thermopylae Stadium. Temp: 55 Wind: 5-15 None MVP: **Chris Johnson**

2008 Ringgold (1-4)	0	0	0	7	- 7
2008 Pickering (2-3)	3	10	7	7	- 27

1 10:02 Pickering	FG Kasay 46 (6-16-2:27)	0-3
2 6:10 Pickering	TD Johnson 58 run (Kasay) (7-89-4:23)	0-10
2 0:39 Pickering	FG Kasay 45 (10-47-4:53)	0-13
3 8:39 Pickering	TD Manning 6 pass to Davis (Kasay) (12-79-5:52)	0-20
4 14:10 Pickering	TD McAllister 14 run (Kasay) (10-47-5:33)	0-27
4 0:11 Ringgold	TD Stafford 4 pass to Johnson (Suisham) (12-80-5:16)	7-27

	RCH	PIC
First Downs	12	17
Rushes	29-90	35-219
Passes	25-13-121	21-12-130
Sacked	0-0	1-9
Fumble	1	1
Penalties	3-20	2-25
Turnovers	0	2
Time	29:31	30:29
Third Down	4-13	7-13
Fourth Down	0-2	1-1
Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0	4/2/1
Net Offense	211	340



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GARLAND



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MARKHAM

MUSTANGS TRAMPLE STARS

GAME POINTS: Garland did not need to have the ball long to completely control the game. **Matt Ryan** fired 4 touchdown passes to 4 different receivers to lead a quick strike offense that buried the slow-moving Stars. **Michael Pittman** was stuffed for a loss on 4th and inches at the Garland 4 yard line on Markham's opening drive, but they would salvage the trip when **Omar Gaither** sacked Ryan in the end zone for a safety. a 46-yard TD pass from Ryan to **Mark Clayton** on the Mustangs' next possession gave Garland a 7-2 lead set the tone for the rest of the game. The Mustangs' defense limited **Donovan McNabb** to just 109 yards passing to force Markham to a ground game that could not keep pace.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Matt Ryan** completed 18 of 26 for 255 yards and 4 TDs; **Wes Welker** caught 7 passes for 114 yards and 1 TD; **Frank Gore** rushed for 73 yards on 10 carries. **Donovan McNabb** completed 9 of 25 passes for 109 yards ad 1 INT; **Jamal Lewis** rushed for 154 yards and 1 TD on 26 carries; **Barrett Ruud** made 11 tackles.

10-30-2009 The Dawg Pound. Temp: 61 Wind: 0-10 None MVP: **Ryan**

2008 Garland (3-2)	7	7	7	10	-31
2008 Markham (1-4)	2	0	3	6	-11

1 7:00	Markham	Safety Gaither	0-2
1 0:40	Garland	TD Ryan 46 pass to Clayton (Gould) (3-68-1:14)	7-2
2 9:44	Garland	TD Ryan 6 pass to Keller (Gould) (8-44-3:48)	14-2
3 8:28	Garland	TD Ryan 4 pass to Carlson (Gould) (12-69-6:32)	21-2
3 3:45	Markham	FG Longwell 52 (8-33-4:43)	21-5
4 12:05	Garland	FG Gould 29 (12-75-6:35)	24-5
4 7:42	Garland	TD Ryan 52 pass to Welker (Gould) (1-52-0:13)	31-5
4 0:31	Markham	TD Lewis 6 run (2 - failed) (13-73-7:09)	31-11

	GDM	MAR
First Downs	18	20
Rushes	23-94	43-210
Passes	26-18-255	26-9-109
Sacked	1-5	1-10
Fumble	1	0
Penalties	3-21	5-38
Turnovers	0	1
Time	23:54	36:06
Third Down	7-11	5-14
Fourth Down	0-0	2-5
Red Att/Td/Fg	4/2/1	2/1/0
Net Offense	344	309

KNIGHTS CHARGE ON IN RAIN!

GAME POINTS: Fumbles by both teams in their own territory set up the only points of the first half as a steady downpour in Kutztown slowed down both offenses. A 34-yard run by **Jamaal Charles** set up the Knights' go-ahead field goal in the 3rd quarter. Then, **Joey Porter** sacked **Tony Romo** and forced a fumble that **Stephen Cooper** picked up and ran in from 4 yards for a 13-3 Los Angeles advantage. A daring gamble by the Bears on 4th down and 1 at their own 34 backfired and the Knights took advantage with a 5-yard TD pass from Campbell to **Madison Hedgecock** to make it 20-3, Knights. Kutztown came back with 2 TDs but Porter's 2nd sack of Romo and forced fumble was snatched up by **Antoine Bethea** who returned it 31 yards to seal the win.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Jason Campbell** completed 15 of 27 for 128 yards, 1 TD and 2 INTs; **Jamaal Charles** rushed for 103 yards on 12 carries; **Joey Porter** had 2 sacks and 2 forced fumbles. **Tony Romo** completed 22 of 41 for 198 yards; **Ray Lewis**, 12 tackles, 1 stuff, 3 deflections and 1 INT for a TD.



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LOS ANGELES



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KUTZTOWN

10-30-2009 Temp: 62 Wind:0-5 Rain MVP: **Stephen Cooper**

2008 Los Angeles (4-1)	0	3	10	14	-27
2008 Kutztown (2-3)	3	0	0	14	-17

1 12:32	Kutztown	FG Kaeding 39 (3-5-1:26)	0-3
2 0:24	Los Angeles	FG Brown 42 (4-8-1:19)	3-3
3 3:45	Los Angeles	FG Brown 24 (7-46-3:16)	6-3
3 3:29	Los Angeles	TD Cooper 4 yd fumble recovery (Brown,K) (0-0-0:00)	13-3
4 13:31	Los Angeles	TD Campbell 5 pass to Hedgecock (Brown,K) (6-34-2:32)	20-3
4 8:49	Kutztown	TD Lewis 27 interception return (Kaeding) (0-0-0:00)	20-10
4 3:30	Kutztown	TD Jones 11 run (Kaeding) (7-52-3:03)	20-17
4 0:47	Los Angeles	TD Bethea 31 yd fumble recovery (Brown,K) (0-0-0:00)	27-17

	LAK	KUT
First Downs	15	13
Rushes	37-184	17-43
Passes	27-15-128	41-22-198
Sacked	1-4	3-14
Fumble	1	3
Penalties	8-63	5-41
Turnovers	3	3
Time	33:23	26:37
Third Down	4-16	3-13
Fourth Down	1-1	0-3
Red Att/Td/Fg	3/1/1	4/1/0
Net Offense	308	227



IOWA CITY



CHARLESWOOD

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PATS ERUPT EARLY, SLAM DOOR ON CUBS!

GAME POINTS: The Patriots not only scored on their opening drive but they also scored on Iowa's opening drive when **Asante Samuel** returned an interception 31 yards for a TD to put the Pats up 14 – 0 just 5 minutes into the game. Later in the quarter, **Peyton Manning** would hit **Tony Gonzalez** for his 2nd TD of the game to make it 21-0. After a 3-and-out on Iowa's ensuing drive back up punter **Neil Rackers** kicked to **Jacoby Jones** who returned it 61 yards for a major score to make the score 28-0, only 10 minutes into the game. This would be all the offense Charleswood would require and the defense held the fort the rest of the way to seal their 4 victory of the season.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Peyton Manning** completed 15 of 21 passes for 221 yards, 3 TDs and 1 INT; **Tony Gonzalez** caught 5 passes for 86 yards and 2 TDs; **Adrian Peterson** rushed for 49 yards on 17 carries; **Asante Samuel** made 2 interceptions, returning 1 for a TD. **Trent Edwards** completed 14 of 30 for 139 yards and 3 INTs; **Brandon Jacobs** carried 24 times for 140 yards and 1 TD.

10-31-2009 Patriot Place. Temp: 75 Wind:		MVP: Peyton Manning		ICC	CHP
2008 Iowa City (1-4)	0 3 0 9	- 12		First Downs	15
2008 Charleswood (4-1)	28 0 7 3	- 38		Rushes	36-190
1 11:07 Charleswood	TD Manning 18 pass to Gonzalez (Gostkowski) (8-72-3:53)	0-7		Passes	30-14-139
1 9:52 Charleswood	TD Samuel 31 interception return (Gostkowski) (0-0-0:00)	0-14		Sacked	1-5
1 5:46 Charleswood	TD Manning 34 pass to Gonzalez (Gostkowski) (4-49-2:26)	0-21		Fumble	2
1 4:20 Charleswood	TD Jones 61 punt return (Gostkowski) (0-0-0:00)	0-28		Penalties	5-50
2 0:08 Iowa City	FG Rackers 53 (7-45-1:40)	3-28		Turnovers	3
3 3:22 Charleswood	TD Manning 12 pass to Witten (Gostkowski) (5-52-3:00)	3-35		Time	30:22
4 13:33 Iowa City	FG Rackers 44 (10-43-4:49)	6-35		Third Down	7-16
4 4:53 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 36 (6-39-5:31)	6-38		Fourth Down	1-4
4 1:01 Iowa City	TD Jacobs 5 run (2 - failed) (9-61-3:49)	12-38		Red Att/Td/Fg	1/1/0
				Net Offense	324
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HELLFIRE "BOLD" OVER BY CONVICTS!

GAME POINTS: **Anquan Boldin** caught 2 passes for 89 yards on the opening drive, the second for 63 yards and a TD, to launch the Convicts on the path to their fourth win of the season. After Mohave came back with a field goal, **Jay Cutler** found Boldin again for a 22-yard pass then **Ted Ginn Jr.** sprinted 45 yards on the end-around to set up a 7-yard TD pass to **Hines Ward** to make it 14-3, Convicts. The Convicts' defense held Mohave in check until **Steve Slaton** busted through the middle on a dive into the line for an 80-yard TD run late in the 3rd quarter. But Chino held the ball for over 10 minutes in the 4th quarter, running out the clock with **LenDale White** to preserve the win.

KEY PERFORMANCES: **Jay Cutler** completed 16 of 21 passes for 224 yards, 2 TDs and 1 INT; **Anquan Boldin** caught 8 passes for 147 yards and 1 TD; **LenDale White** rushed for 80 yards and 1 TD on 19 carries. **Kurt Warner** completed 3 of 4 passes for 17 yards; **Steve Slaton** rushed for 152 yards and 1 TD on 30 carries; **Jerome Harrison** rushed for 58 yards on 4 carries.



CHINO



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10-31-2009 The Fiery Depths. Temp: 102 Wind: Calm None		MVP: Boldin		CHI	MOH
2008 Chino (4-1)	7 10 7 0	- 24		First Downs	15
2008 Mohave (2-3)	3 0 7 0	- 10		Rushes	29-150
1 12:37 Chino	TD Cutler 63 pass to Boldin (Reed,J) (4-90-2:23)	7-0		Passes	21-16-224
1 0:40 Mohave	FG Bironas 45 (7-13-3:31)	7-3		Sacked	0-0
2 11:32 Chino	TD Cutler 7 pass to Ward (Reed,J) (9-71-4:02)	14-3		Fumble	0
2 5:41 Chino	FG Reed 46 (9-44-3:09)	17-3		Penalties	7-63
3 6:50 Chino	TD White 15 run (Reed,J) (9-61-5:49)	24-3		Turnovers	1
3 0:23 Mohave	TD Slaton 80 run (Bironas) (1-80-0:14)	24-10		Time	31:14
				Third Down	6-12
				Fourth Down	0-1
				Red Att/Td/Fg	2/2/0
				Net Offense	374
					226



AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Count me among the “paranoid” who plan on declining the H1N1 vaccine. The seasonal flu kills between 250,000 and 500,000 people worldwide each year. The death toll to date from “Swine Flu” is just over 5,000. Australia just completed its’ so-called “second wave” of flu, without widespread vaccination, and lost 185 people to the virus compared with roughly 3,000 to the “regular” flu. There are differences between regular flu and H1N1 that cause concern for health workers – younger people are infected at a higher rate and the genetic content of H1N1 makes it a risk to become more virulent. Parents are rightly concerned about their kids. If I were a parent, I would probably knuckle under and get the shot for them and pray that the drug companies know what they’re doing. But for me, I’m not falling for the hype. The mixed messages from the “experts” and the selective Media reporting make me suspicious. Regardless, I never get a seasonal flu shot and I am not about to get one now just because “Presidential Candidate” Barack Obama has declared the swine flu a National Emergency. Plus, I hate needles.

THE GROUND GAME HAS RUN ITS COURE

Everyone knows that a successful passing game is the foundation of a good modern offence and has been since Bill Walsh’s 49ers pioneered the West Coast Offence in the early 80’s. What is only beginning to dawn on analysts is how much the running game is taking a backseat to the passing game these days. I make this point following a week in which a number of teams used the running game effectively to preserve and, in a couple of cases, extend leads. Seeing this and being surprised by it told me that I had not been seeing it much.

Fewer and fewer teams are running the ball as the focus of their offence. Those who try are being denied. Mohave has tried nothing *but* the run for two consecutive weeks, completely forgetting the pass against two of the league’s best pass defenses and has gone nowhere offensively. Markham’s rushing and ball control numbers looked great this week against Garland but they lost 31-11. Pickering bucked all recent trends by sticking with the run after *Chris Johnson* sparked their attack with a 58-yard TD on a pitch to the outside. Shades of *Walter Payton* in the good ol’ days! But that is the exception that proves the rule.

This does not mean that running the ball effectively is no longer important – but good running is a mere supplement to the passing game in today’s schemes. A dangerous running back with big-play potential is a deterrent to the opponent’s pass rush, not a reliable weapon for regular use. Just ask Durham’s *Michael Turner*, who threw himself against the Florida “firewall” while it stood in pass defense mode and was completely frustrated. Interestingly, the top three individual rushers in Week 5 were on losing teams.

The ability to run, or stop the run, has seemingly no statistical relation to overall success – at least to this point in the season. Iowa City is best in the league at stopping the run but sits at the bottom of the standings with a 1-4 record. Garland is surrendering almost 5 yards a carry on the ground and runs it on offence for a measly 2.8 yards a carry and is surprising everyone with a 3-2 record. Conversely, Pickering is rushing the ball at 4.9 yards a pop and has a 2-3 record to show for it.

There are, of course, a number of variables in team success that I am not accounting for: such as defense, player match-ups, coaching, game situations and sheer luck. Turnovers, of course, always play a huge role. However, the old conventional wisdom that teams that run the ball and control the clock control the outcome of games is looking increasingly outdated.

THE TERRORDOME – A PLACE OF JOY?

The haunted house that is Virden’s stadium, the ***TERRORDOME***, was rocking with excitement and smiling faces after the Violators’ 22-20 victory over Winnemucca. It was the team’s second consecutive win, only the second time in the dismal history of the franchise that they have managed the feat of following up a win with

a win. How long will this happiness last? I hope it lasts a little longer, if only to validate what I have been saying about this team since its inception: that with **Drew Brees** at quarterback they can be competitive. Unfortunately, the upward trend of relative success is bound to take a turn for the worse, probably sooner rather than later. The reason? They have *only Drew Brees* and nothing else! A fire sale on talent and some questionable acquisitions toward the end of **Anthony Fenton's** tenure as owner and GM has crippled the Violators for at least a couple of years. Right now they are getting good coaching but eventually **Lance Barrate** will run out of tricks and the players will revert to who they are. The good news for fans of Virden is that the new Front Office is serious about rebuilding and putting a competitive product on the field. It should not be long before the Violators strike terror into their opponents instead of their fans.

SHE NEEDS TO BE ARRESTED AND JAILED

Predictably, the situation finally got out of control in Markham with the 'Fat Lady in Row 54.' The "Shame of Markham" was charged with Uttering Death Threats, Aggravated Assault, 5 counts of Assault Causing Bodily Harm, 27 counts of simple Assault, 63 counts of Mischief, Common Nuisance, Indecent Act, and Causing a Disturbance after last week's game between Garland and Markham. The North Stars' *biggest* cheerleader went berserk after Markham turned the ball over on downs at mid-field and Garland quarterback **Matt Ryan** went deep to **Wes Welker** on the next play for 52-yard touchdown pass to give the Mustangs an insurmountable 31-5 lead with 7 minutes remaining in the fourth quarter.

The Fat Lady's rampage began with a string of crude invective directed at Ryan that would have shocked Sarah Silverman; escalated to obscene gestures and removal of portions of her clothing; and then ended with her throwing drinks, food and 'Depends' undergarments (used and unused), at spectators, security and police as they tried to bring her under control. The debacle caused a temporary stoppage in play on the field as players and officials stared up at the stands in shock. Part of the outrageous scene was actually broadcast live on National Television before a network censor woke up and shut down the video feed from the stadium. Fortunately a colleague of mine was actually in the same section and saw and heard everything.

He says it was one of the most unnerving things he has ever experienced – the Fat Lady was so loud and powerful that you could actually smell her fetid cheese dog breath and feel light sprays of spittle from 20 rows away. He was hit in the ear by a jumbo hot dog and considers himself one of the lucky ones. A security officer suffered permanent injury when the Fat Lady got a hold of him and took a bite out of his calf.

Bizarrely, she has yet to be arrested and jailed for any of this. She remains at the stadium recuperating from a mild heart attack brought on by the stress of her outburst. They cannot move her. Technically she was arrested, according to a Police spokesman, who explained that the Fat Lady was "not free to leave" when Police attempted to secure her and was, therefore, "arrested." She is now apparently "in custody," but remains sitting in her row of seats due to her medical condition and her extreme obesity. She cannot walk and officials are afraid that hoisting her up with a crane will aggravate her heart.

A Bail Hearing was held in Rows 53 and 52 on Monday morning and because of this legal proceeding the public now knows that the woman who people had dubbed simply, "the Fat Lady," is actually Gretta Frances Clapper, a 38-year old divorcee from Holland's Landing, Ontario. During the week she works as a "telemarketer" for a "1-900" firm. She has two children, both living with their father, who has full custody. Other details of her private life are under a Court-ordered publication ban as revealing them might prejudice her trial. She is banned from 'The Dawg Pound' as part of her release conditions but since she cannot actually move, she remains "in custody" at the stadium under 24-hour guard.

The word "embarrassment" is not sufficient to describe this whole sorry situation. "Outrage" is more appropriate. I blame management at 'The Dawg Pound' and North Stars' owner **Darrin Jones** for it. They not only condoned this Circus Freak's behaviour, they encouraged it. 'Fat Lady' T-shirts (available only in extra large sizes) and 'Fat Lady Triple Jumbo' hot dogs are hot sellers at the concessions. Clapper herself spends a small fortune on food at the stadium. Where she gets the money for it is unclear, but the "1-900" business must be booming. Markham hosts Chino next week. It will be interesting to see how officials handle the situation if the Fat Lady is still occupying Row 54.

FLORIDA IN THE POST-BRADY ERA

Could it be that we on the outside of the Florida organization were wrong about **Aaron Rodgers**? At this point last season, the **Tom Brady**-led Dragons were rated 8th in the league in overall offence at 5.3 yards per play. This year they sit at #6, gaining 5.2 yards per play in a year when offensive output is down. Last year at this time, **Tom Brady** was the sixth rated passer in the league with a 92.7 QB rating. This year, **Aaron Rodgers** is also the sixth rated passer in the league with a 92.9 QB rating. Last year Florida was 5-0 after five weeks as

they are this year. Last year, the Florida offence got better as the year progressed and finished #1. **Tom Brady** led the league in passing with a 114.3 QB rating en route to the league Offensive MVP award. **Aaron Rodgers** has his work cut out for him if he is going to follow in Brady's footsteps, but so far he is doing no worse than Brady did. Some pundits are even opining that Florida may be better this year with Rodgers at the helm. I'm not ready to go there, but until a team steps up and stops him I will be giving Rodgers the benefit of the doubt.

NEW YORK GRIPES

Kurt Warner is reportedly unhappy with Mohave coach, **Bobby Elder**. The veteran QB has attempted just 11 passes in the past 2 games and could not conceal his frustration late in the game against Chino. "Booorrrring," he was heard to yell at the start of the snap count before his 22nd consecutive handoff to **Steve Slaton**. Far from being a sign of lack of professionalism, I think Warner's insubordinate outburst was decidedly understated. If I were a Hellfire fan, I would be outraged at the coaching staff. At least *try* to move the ball through the air! With a game plan like that you might as well have **Kellen Clemens** behind center.

The stink from Iowa City is wafting like the most putrid flatulence under the noses of the league's sportswriters and television commentators and nobody is saying anything about who dealt it. Journalists want to see the Cubs do well because they generally like **Deron Redding** and many have staked reputations on Iowa City challenging Chino for the West Division title. Well allow me to be the first to openly declare that the Cubs **STINK!** They are a bunch of pampered, overpaid, bumbling clowns and **Trent Edwards** is a mincing party-waist who is afraid to throw the ball more than 5 yards downfield. There! That should open up the commentary a bit!

SPATS.



IF SPATS LIKES IT....IT'S GOOD!!

PLAY OF THE WEEK

SITUATION

Pickering 3, Ringgold 0 2nd Quarter, 6:25 remaining
Spartans in possession, 1st down & 10 at own 42 yard line.
Basic Pro set vs. 4-3-4 Basic package, normal MAN coverage,
BASIC defense.

RESULT

Chris Johnson receives a pitch to the left side running behind Jake Long and turns the corner. He outraces the Ringgold secondary to go 58 yards for the TD.

ANALYSIS

Johnson broke the game open with that play. Until that point, it was a sloppy game that could have gone either way.

WEEK FIVE LEADERS

PASSING

RUSHING

RECEIVING

Pennington (COW)	38-26-261
Ryan (GDM)	26-18-255
Rivers (DTL)	34-16-225
Cutler (CHI)	21-16-224
Manning, P. (CHA)	21-15-221

Lewis, J. (MAR)	26-154
Slaton (MOH)	30-152
Jacobs (ICC)	24-140
Williams, D. (FLA)	28-124
Portis (VV)	24-112

Boldin (CHI)	8-147
Welker (GDM)	7-114
Marshall (FLD)	8-110
Johnson, Ca (DTL)	4-99
Gonzalez (CHP)	5-86

LEADER BOARD

STANDINGS

PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	4	1	0	0.800	135	27	69	13.8	13.2	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Kutztown	2	3	0	0.400	99	19.8	117	23.4	-3.6	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Mohave	2	3	0	0.400	83	16.6	106	21.2	-4.6	1 1 0	2 1 0	2 3 0
Virden	2	3	0	0.400	86	17.2	104	20.8	-3.6	1 2 0	0 3 0	2 3 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Chino	4	1	0	0.800	124	24.8	60	12	12.8	2 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Los Angeles	4	1	0	0.800	118	23.6	69	13.8	9.8	2 0 0	2 1 0	4 1 0
Iowa City	1	4	0	0.200	65	13	116	23.2	-10.2	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 4 0
Winnemucca	1	4	0	0.200	50	10	119	23.8	-13.8	0 3 0	1 2 0	1 4 0

CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Durham	3	2	0	0.600	110	22	95	19	3	2 1 0	3 0 0	3 2 0
Cowtown	2	3	0	0.400	116	23.2	108	21.6	1.6	1 1 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Pickering	2	3	0	0.400	99	19.8	125	25	-5.2	1 1 0	1 2 0	2 3 0
Markham	1	4	0	0.200	69	13.8	123	24.6	-10.8	1 2 0	1 2 0	1 4 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	5	0	0	1.000	153	30.6	49	9.8	20.8	3 0 0	3 0 0	5 0 0
Garland	3	2	0	0.600	107	21.4	113	22.6	-1.2	2 1 0	1 2 0	3 2 0
Gwinnett	3	2	0	0.600	109	21.8	91	18.2	3.6	1 1 0	2 1 0	3 2 0
Ringgold	1	4	0	0.200	65	13	124	24.8	-11.8	1 1 0	0 3 0	1 4 0

PASSING

		Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate	
1	Cassel	GWG	112	78	69.6	835	2	1.8	41	7	6.3	104.6
2	Manning,P	CHP	143	98	68.5	1184	5	3.5	34	9	6.3	100.1
3	Rivers,P	DTL	140	89	63.6	1361	4	2.9	80	6	4.3	97.9
4	Campbell,J	LAK	125	84	67.2	926	3	2.4	47	6	4.8	95
5	Ryan,M	GDM	135	83	61.5	1107	5	3.7	52	9	6.7	94.3
6	Rodgers	FLD	117	78	66.7	890	3	2.6	46	5	4.3	92.9
7	Warner	MOH	103	67	65	703	3	2.9	34	4	3.9	85.5
8	Manning,E	PIC	148	90	60.8	1201	7	4.7	74	8	5.4	84.9
9	Pennington	COW	171	109	63.7	1126	4	2.3	37	6	3.5	84.6
10	Cutler	CHI	146	94	64.4	975	4	2.7	63	5	3.4	83.6
11	Brees	VV	146	82	56.2	1069	4	2.7	51	4	2.7	77.1
12	Garrard	WMO	117	72	61.5	693	4	3.4	25	3	2.6	72.3
13	Roethlisbe	RCH	132	70	53	784	5	3.8	33	6	4.5	70.4
14	McNabb	MAR	140	75	53.6	822	3	2.1	67	3	2.1	69.4
15	Romo	KUT	163	93	57.1	916	5	3.1	23	4	2.5	68.4

RUSHING

		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Jones, T	GWG	94	473	5	69	6	8	Slaton	MOH	95	317	3.3	80	3
2	Williams, D	FLD	85	469	5.5	48	7	9	Barber, M	COW	62	262	4.2	14	4
3	Turner, M	DTL	97	418	4.3	85	3	10	Jacobs, B	ICC	55	257	4.7	23	2
4	Portis	VV	110	386	3.5	29	0	11	Brown, R	ICC	65	247	3.8	53	1
5	Lewis, J	MAR	84	371	4.4	16	1	12	Charles, J	LAK	37	243	6.6	34	1
6	Johnson, C	PIC	64	363	5.7	69	3	13	Harrison, J	MOH	23	240	10.4	31	0
7	Peterson, A	CHP	88	347	3.9	19	2	14	McCoy, L	KUT	38	232	6.1	52	0
8	Slaton	MOH	95	317	3.3	80	3	15	Jones, J	WMO	52	226	4.3	38	1

RECEIVING

		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Jennings, G	KUT	34	378	11.1	22	2	8	Ward, H	CHI	23	272	11.8	33	1
2	Gonzalez, T	CHP	32	367	11.5	34	3	9	Gonzalez, A	KUT	23	211	9.2	19	2
3	Boldin	CHI	32	376	11.8	63	3	10	Moss, S	COW	22	217	9.9	15	1
4	White, R	LAK	32	338	10.6	27	4	11	Coles	WMO	22	226	10.3	25	1
5	Evans, L	ICC	30	343	11.4	44	0	12	Bradley, M	LAK	22	271	12.3	47	0
6	Johnson, A	RCH	29	337	11.6	27	2	13	Witten	CHP	21	286	13.6	28	5
7	Hester, D	VV	26	436	16.8	35	1	14	Walter, K	COW	21	297	14.1	37	3
8	Ward, H	CHI	23	272	11.8	33	1	15	Harrison, M	VV	21	317	15.1	51	3



BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK *WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK FIVE?*

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OFFENSE



WR – Anquan Boldin, Chino Convicts

8 Receptions, 147 yards, 18.4 Avg., 63 Long, 1 TD.
103 yards after the catch lit a fire under Chino in win over Hellfire.

DEFENSE



OLB – Joey Porter, Los Angeles Knights

2 Tackles, 2 Sacks, 1 Deflection, 2 Forced Fumbles.
Forced two fumbles that led to touchdowns in Knights' win.

SPECIAL TEAMS



K – Adam Vinatieri, Virden Violators

5 of 6 Field Goals, 50 Long, 1 of 1 Extra Points, 16 Pts.
Kicks game-winner to beat Outlaws. Second week in spotlight.

INJURY REPORT - Week Six

CHARLESWOOD – Samuel (QUESTIONABLE), Samuels (OUT), A. Thomas (OUT); **CHINO** – McKinnie (OUT); **COWTOWN** – Schobel (OUT), Saturday (OUT), S. Jones (OUT), Chatman (OUT); **DURHAM** – None; **FLORIDA** – Tatupu (OUT), Miller (OUT); **GARLAND** – Foxworth (OUT), J. Bell (OUT); **GWINNETT** – D.J. Williams (OUT), English (OUT); **IOWA CITY** – J. Peters (QUESTIONABLE), Winslow (OUT), Whitner (OUT), Podlesh (DOUBTFUL); **KUTZTOWN** – T. Porter (OUT), L. Hill (OUT), F. Jones (OUT); **LOS ANGELES** – S. Young (OUT), S. Smith (OUT); **MARKHAM** – C. Johnson (OUT), Furrey (OUT), Askew (OUT), A. Hall (OUT), C. Tillman (OUT); **MOHAVE** – Westbrook (OUT), Sims (OUT), C. Bailey (OUT); **PICKERING** – J. Phillips (OUT), M. Jackson (OUT), Scheffler (OUT), Vanden Bosch (OUT); **RINGGOLD** – Brackett (QUESTIONABLE), M. Jenkins (OUT); **VIRDEN** – J. Thompson (OUT); **WINNEMUCCA** – Harvin (OUT), Washington (OUT), J. Walker (OUT), D. Manning (OUT), J. Griffith (OUT).



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JIMMY'S WEEK SIX PICKS

FLORIDA @ KUTZTOWN (LINE – DRAGONS BY 9)

The Dragons got bit by the injury bug last week and will be missing Heath Miller and Lofa Tatupu for this contest. The Golden Bears will be without Tracy Porter and Leroy Hill, which will hurt against both the pass and the run. So far Florida has done everything right this season – they lead the league in both points scored and in fewest points surrendered. This has been because of a balanced offence and an impenetrable defense. Opposing QBs are passing at a pathetic 52.8 efficiency rate against them. That's bad news for Tony Romo, who is starting to feel the effects of no run support. It will take a minor miracle to keep this game close.

PICK: FLORIDA

GWINNETT @ VIRDEN (LINE – VIOLATORS BY 2)

Viriden is in a position to post a franchise first three-game winning streak if they can find a way to knock off the Gladiators. It's possible – Viriden is healthy while Gwinnett is missing D.J. Williams and will have to start H.B. Blades at linebacker. Matt Cassel is posting 'Pro Bowl' numbers but he can thank Thomas Jones's league-leading 473 rushing yards for that success. The Glads' offensive line looked bad when it mattered last week against Cowtown, raising questions about their ability to come from behind. Despite the hype for Viriden and the fans' sudden love affair with Drew Brees, I don't think the Violators are ready for a run of victories. They are playing solid defense and getting just enough offense to stay close. They will stay close in this one, but they will not win. Gwinnett is coming off a loss and their star players will come to play.

PICK: GWINNETT

CHARLESWOOD @ RINGGOLD (LINE – PATRIOTS BY 6)

The Crimson Hawks have a -7 turnover ratio in addition to being near the bottom of the league in offense. They managed their one win because they crammed most of their season's offence into one game against Cowtown in Week Four. That single performance stands alone and don't expect a repeat of it this week against the Pats' defense. Despite the injury to Adalius Thomas and Asante Samuel being questionable for this contest, Charleswood will have no trouble stopping Ringgold and they should be able to move the ball well enough without Chris Samuels on the line to gradually pull away and cover the spread.

PICK: CHARLESWOOD

MOHAVE @ GARLAND (LINE – MUSTANGS BY 4)

These are two teams going in opposite and unexpected directions. Mohave has lost 3 straight and appears stuck in neutral while Garland is enjoying a 2-game winning streak and a surprising 3-2 record. It is hard to gauge Mohave at this point – they are coming off losses to two good defenses in which they employed an unconventional offence to little effect. They should be able to run the ball against the worst run defense in the league but do they *want* to? The Mustangs have been following Matt Ryan’s jet stream and striking quickly on offence. If Bobby Elder lets Kurt Warner loose, Mohave should get back on track and outscore Garland. If he keeps him bottled up and runs Steve Slaton 30 times, Matt Ryan will do to Mohave what he did last week to “groundhog” Markham.

PICK: MOHAVE

DURHAM @ LOS ANGELES (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 6)

The Durham offence is a Paper T-Rex. There is no better example of the deceptiveness of statistics than Durham’s top-rated offence. Yes, they have moved the ball well, but their 40% third down conversion rate ranks in the bottom half of the league and their turnovers have been inopportune, half of them coming in opponent’s territory to stop scoring drives. On the other hand, the top rated LA defense is playing like it and moving the ball well on offence to boot. Although some cracks appeared in Jason Campbell’s game last week against Kutztown, don’t expect the same problems at home this week against Durham. The Thunder Lizards must make some dramatic adjustments on offence or fall to 3-3.

PICK: LOS ANGELES

COWTOWN @ WINNEMUCCA (LINE – CORN KINGS BY 4)

David Garrard had success against Cowtown’s secondary last year when it was a better group. This year, Garrard has more weapons at his disposal and the Corn Kings are last in the league defending the pass, meaning Winnemucca should be able to put some points on the board. The question will be whether they can prevent the Corn Kings from putting up their own points faster. It looks like Chad Pennington is finally getting on track now that Marion Barber is back

PICK: COWTOWN

IOWA CITY @ PICKERING (LINE – SPARTANS BY 5)

The wounded Spartans secondary held the Crimson Hawks to 121 yards through the air last week, over half of those in garbage time. This came as a surprise even against a struggling Big Ben. The Cubs offense is struggling in the passing game but not because they are getting no run support – Brandon Jacobs is one of the few bright spots in the offence. Expect him to see a lot of action this week as the Cubs try to draw the Pickering linebackers and safeties into the box so Trent can air it out against the likes of William Gay and Abram Elam. The Cubs’ run defense should be able to limit the damage that Chris Johnson can inflict on the ground, forcing Eli to the air to move the ball and score. Dare I pick Iowa City again? Here it goes.....

PICK: IOWA CITY

CHINO @ MARKHAM (LINE – CONVICTS BY 8)

The interesting thing about this game is that there is nothing interesting about it at all. I am curious about nothing except whether or not the Fat Lady will still be in Row 54 come game time. The Convicts’ defense will keep McNabb in quarantine and Jamal Lewis in solitary confinement. Chino’s running game will continue to get back on track with or without L.T. Markham is in for another long day.

PICK: CHINO

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

LAST WEEK: 3-5-0

OVERALL: 23-16-1