



# WEEK FIVE

November 4, 2007



Ronnie Brown dodges a Bucs defender on the way to a 40-yard run that sparked a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter rally and a come-from-behind upset win for Iowa City over Anchorage.

## CUBS SHOCK BUCS!

### *BROWN LEADS WAY WITH 174 YARDS*



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IOWA CITY – The Iowa City Cubs survived 6 fumbles (4 lost) to pull out a home victory over the Anchorage Buccaneers. Game MVP Ronnie Brown toted the rock 30 times for 174 yards and a touchdown, including a

game-changing 40-yard gallop that sparked a 10 point fourth quarter rally that put the Cubbies over the top.

Despite sloppy ball-handling by the Cubs, the Bucs could not capitalize on another beastly defensive performance by superstar Leonard Little – who forced 3 fumbles inside Cubs territory – failing to punch the ball into the end zone and gaining only 6 points on those opportunities. Much of the blame for the sputtering offense lay on the shoulders of Anchorage QB, Drew Brees, who was surprisingly inefficient, completing only 15 of 40 pass attempts and bringing many drives to an end with an errant throw to an open man.

If the Cubs had held on to ball better, they might have won this one handily. The Cubs offense scored all of their points after long drives from their own end and finished with a startling 540 net yards, 248 of them on the ground, 28 first downs, and held the ball for an astonishing 40:50 minutes. Instead, they had to rally in the final quarter to overcome a 2-point deficit. Brown’s 40-yard run put them in Neil Racker’s field goal range and 3 plays later he made good from 27 yards out to give the Cubs a 20-19 lead. Then, Jeff Garcia (in relief of JP Losman), calmly executed Iowa’s version of the West Coast offense, a mix of short passes and runs, to lead the final 67-yard TD drive. When Brandon Jacobs plowed through the Anchorage line from 9 yards out, the game was all but over, as it was clear that there were no miracle comebacks in Drew Brees’ arm this day. Sure enough, Anchorage’s hopes ended on 3 straight incompletions ending the upset.

The Cubs will now travel to the very unfriendly confines of Dragonmount in hellaciously humid South Florida to face the Florida Dragons, coached by long time nemesis Jim Heaton. The Buccaneers will try to get back on track at home against the Kutztown Golden Bears.

11-04-2007	Temp:52 Wind:0-5	Line:Even	MVP:Brown
2006 Anchorage (2-3)	13	3	3 0 - 19
2006 Iowa City (3-2)	7	10	0 10 - 27
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1 11:17 Anchorage	FG Stover 42 (10-56-3:32)		3-0
1 5:41 Iowa City	TD Losman 27 pass to Winslow (Rackers) (7-69-2:47)		3-7
1 3:38 Anchorage	TD Brees 4 pass to Colston (Stover) (6-61-1:50)		10-7
1 2:14 Anchorage	FG Stover 33 (3-4-0:37)		13-7
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2 13:31 Iowa City	TD Brown 1 run (Rackers) (8-67-3:27)		13-14
2 4:26 Iowa City	FG Rackers 26 (12-74-6:38)		13-17
2 2:06 Anchorage	FG Stover 31 (6-6-0:56)		16-17
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3 1:59 Anchorage	FG Stover 48 (10-52-4:00)		19-17
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4 12:07 Iowa City	FG Rackers 27 (8-75-4:46)		19-20
4 4:34 Iowa City	TD Jacobs 9 run (Rackers) (9-67-6:47)		19-27
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First Downs	13	28	
Rushes	17-77	41-243	
Passes	40-15-187	34-25-313	
Sacked	2-19	3-16	
Fumble	2	6	
Penalties	8-55	6-42	
Turnovers	0	4	
Time	19:10	40:50	
Third Down	2-14	6-11	
Fourth Down	0-1	1-1	
Net Offense	245	540	

**QUOTABLES**

“I just want to contribute to the team any way I can. If Coach Redding needs me to throw a deep ball, I’ll throw it. I have no problem with Jeff, he’s a veteran who has put up some great numbers over the years. It’s not like he’s a rookie third round draft pick or anything.” – **J.P. Losman** (responding to question about sharing time at quarterback with Jeff Garcia)

“We just have to concentrate a little better and get back to basics. No, I wouldn’t say we were distracted by it. When the game starts, all we focus on is the game. Today we didn’t focus enough on the game.” – **Drew Brees** (when asked to comment on Coach Fenton going AWOL on game day)

**....AND IN OTHER EFL WEEK FIVE ACTION....**

**HELLFIRE TOO HOT FOR KUTZTOWN – “HEAT” RISES TO TOP OF EAST WITH WIN**



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**MOHAVE PULLS AWAY WITH 21 SECOND HALF POINTS**



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MOHAVE – The Hellfire struck quickly, putting the Golden Bears defense on their heels when rookie, Marhsawn Lynch busted across the right side for a 49-yard TD run merely 1 minute into the game. The Bears struck back almost as quickly, with a smart 60 yard drive lasting 4:31 that ended when Larry Johnson got behind a stacked Mohave line and snared a short slant from Tony Romo and took it 27 yards for the tying touchdown.

Mohave fired back, taking advantage of a 60-yard kickoff return by Terrence Wilkins, moving the ball 40 yards in 7 plays and scoring when Shawn Alexander followed left tackle, Willie Anderson into the end zone from 7 yards away to make it 14-7. Kutztown answered with a 40 yard drive and a 33-yard Nate Kaeding field goal. Briefly, visions of a high-powered donnybrook danced in the spectator’s heads.

But then, the Golden Bears offense stalled and Mohave started to control the ball on offense. The

inevitable was delayed slightly when Kutztown's defense held at their own 4 yard line to force a Carney field goal and prevent another Mohave TD before the half. The slow bleed continued after an ill-advised 4<sup>th</sup> down gamble by the Bears at their own 41 yard line with 30 seconds left in the half. Mohave moved 11 yards and kicked a field goal to make it 20-10 at half time.

It was over when Mohave went 80 yards in 10 plays on its first possession of the second half to post a 27-10 lead. The Hellfire would go on to score two more unanswered touchdowns, including a 43-yard fumble recovery return by ILB London Fletcher-Baker.

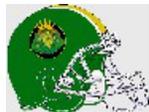
GAME BALLS: Shawn Alexander ran for 97 yards and two touchdowns in relief of injured tailbacks Brian Westbrook and Marshawn Lynch. ILB Brian Urlacher wrapped up 12 tackles, including three stuffs.

11-04-2007	Temp:15 Wind:0-10	Line:Even	<b>MVP: Bulger</b>
2006 Kutztown (1-4)	7 3 0 0	- 10	
2006 Mohave (4-1)	14 6 14 7	- 41	
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1 13:49 Mohave	TD Lynch 49 run (Carney) (4-70-1:02)		0-7
1 8:58 Kutztown	TD Romo 27 pass to Johnson (Kaeding) (7-60-4:31)		7-7
1 4:49 Mohave	TD Alexander 7 run (Carney) (7-40-3:52)		7-14
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2 14:50 Kutztown	FG Kaeding 33 (10-41-4:42)		10-14
2 7:22 Mohave	FG Carney 21 (14-76-7:22)		10-17
2 0:18 Mohave	FG Carney 47 (3-11-0:12)		10-20
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3 6:39 Mohave	TD Alexander 1 run (Carney) (10-80-5:49)		10-27
3 0:00 Mohave	TD Bulger 2 pass to Smith (Carney) (7-79-4:27)		10-34
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4 6:39 Mohave	TD Fletcher-Baker 43 yd fumble recovery (Carney) (0-0-0:0 10-41)		
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First Downs	14		22
Rushes	21-90		36-202
Passes	37-22-247		26-19-249
Sacked	1-5		1-6
Fumble	3		2
Penalties	6-45		6-43
Turnovers	5		1
Time	25:17		34:43
Third Down	4-12		13-18
Fourth Down	1-2		1-1
Net Offense	332		445



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## CORN KINGS LOCK DOWN MCNABB – ESCAPED CONVICTS CAPTURED

*HANSON KICKS 5 FIELD GOALS*

COWTOWN – The offense that had been on the lam for the past three weeks and terrorizing southern California was finally captured and brought to justice in a Nebraska cornfield on Thursday. The ringleader of the “Chino Breakout,” Donovan McNabb, faces numerous football related charges, including 3 counts of Humiliating Opponents by Passing (felonies for 250+ yards) and 1 count of Aiding and Abetting a Running Back (for handing off to Tomlinson in his 5 TD performance against Mohave).

Tomlinson was the toughest convict to bring down and had to be talked out of a farmhouse near the 50 yard line by tactical officers after a 3-hour standoff. ‘Pacman’ Jones was caught sneaking out the back door of a local strip club dressed as a dancer after a lengthy foot chase through suburban Cowtown. Anquan Boldin and Torry Holt were both arrested without incident.

Deputy Schobel, who led the search for McNabb, credited the public for their support, and also hinted that McNabb may have been betrayed by someone on the inside of his gang. “The public was very helpful in reporting sightings of this escaped convict and we are thankful for their assistance. But this capture is also due to good old-fashioned police work – following up on anonymous Crime Stoppers tips.”

11-02-2007	Temp:65 Wind: Calm	Line:Even	MVP:Furrey
2006 Chino (3-2)	0 7 0 0	- 7	
2006 Cowtown (4-1)	3 13 3 3	- 22	
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1 2:38 Cowtown	FG Hanson 31 (11-56-4:40)	0-3	
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2 15:00 Cowtown	FG Hanson 28 (7-19-2:22)	0-6	
2 9:06 Cowtown	TD Pennington 12 pass to Moss (Hanson,J) (4-51-1:22)	0-13	
2 3:05 Chino	TD Tomlinson 2 run (Vinatieri) (11-78-5:51)	7-13	
2 0:03 Cowtown	FG Hanson 26 (9-55-2:42)	7-16	
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3 5:19 Cowtown	FG Hanson 30 (10-48-3:57)	7-19	
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4 10:43 Cowtown	FG Hanson 20 (12-61-5:32)	7-22	
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	CHI	COW	
First Downs	10	24	
Rushes	19-74	35-162	
Passes	28-10-120	41-21-267	
Sacked	5-33	2-17	
Fumble	2	3	
Penalties	3-23	7-64	
Turnovers	3	2	
Time	28:35	31:23	
Third Down	2-14	10-16	
Fourth Down	3-5	0-0	
Net Offense	161	412	

Rumours were rampant around Sheriff's Headquarters that someone on the Convict line, or maybe more than one, let the Corn Kings through to McNabb. He certainly did not seem to have the same kind of protection that he did in California.

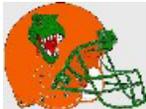
Deputy Pennington, head of the tactical weapons team, credited his containment team, led by Deputies Furrey and Moss and Police dog, 'Cerebrus' for tracking down the rest of the Convicts. 'Cerebrus' ran for 139 yards and kept the Convicts on the run late in the game to prevent a coordinated attempt to escape the dragnet.

The Convicts put together one good drive when Tomlinson escaped and got loose in the end zone, but the plodding Corn Kings showed patience and determination and finally disarmed and captured the men from Chino.

Cowtown is in New Jersey next week to face Meadowlands, while Chino goes back home to play Gwinnett.

# "DINO-GORE" DEVOURS KNIGHTS

## *L.A. HAS NO WEAPONS TO DEAL WITH MONSTERS FROM DURHAM*



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LOS ANGELES – The only good news coming out of LA in the aftermath of the Knights' fourth loss of the season is that Shawne Merriman has fully recovered from an "inflamed steroid" injury that had sidelined him for the past two games and will be back on the field next week in Mohave. The bad news is that a promising Knights squad has fallen to 1-4 and is

looking at the possibility of missing the playoffs if the current offensive and defensive trends continue.

What appeared, even with Merriman out of the line-up, to be the first real test of Durham's highly rated offense against a top-of-the-line defense, turned out to be an easy win for George Kaldis' pack of saurian marauders. The T-Lizards racked up 462 yards of total offense and made it look easy against a team that relies on its defense to win games. Frank Gore, nick-named by the Durham media as 'Dino-Gore,' had his best game of the season so far with 174 yards rushing on 23 carries for a 7.6 average and 2 touchdowns. Quarterback, Philip Rivers, had another fine day "managing the game" in support of Gore, throwing for 239 yards to 8 different receivers and finishing with a game day QB rating of 111.9.

Durham got off to their usual hot start, scoring on 4 of their first 5 possessions to head into the locker room at half time with a commanding 24-0 lead. The T-Lizards took advantage of the Knights' aggressive blitz schemes designed to make something happen on 'D.' Jeff Dohrn's strategy back-fired more than it helped, opening up running room for 'Dino-Gore' and putting pressure on the secondary. The Durham offensive line was calm in the face of it all and skilful execution by the playmakers threw the Knights into disarray. By the

11-02-2007	Temp:92 Wind:0-10	Line:Even	MVP:Gore
2006 Durham (3-2)	10 14 0 5	-29	
2006 Los Angeles (1-4)	0 0 0 14	-14	
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1 10:13 Durham	FG Scobee 46 (7-27-2:50)		3-0
1 1:55 Durham	TD Gore 9 run (Scobee) (7-99-3:26)		10-0
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2 6:15 Durham	TD Rivers 2 pass to Gates (Scobee) (9-71-3:09)		17-0
2 3:44 Durham	TD Gore 50 run (Scobee) (3-58-1:37)		24-0
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4 11:28 Los Angeles	TD Porter 33 yd fumble recovery (Lindell) (0-0-0:00)		24-7
4 6:33 Durham	FG Scobee 36 (7-72-4:50)		27-7
4 3:17 Durham	Safety Pierce		29-7
4 0:28 Los Angeles	TD Carr 5 pass to Heap (Lindell) (11-41-2:23)		29-14
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	DTL	LAK	
First Downs	24	20	
Rushes	29-201	35-140	
Passes	31-19-273	34-19-153	
Sacked	1-12	4-19	
Fumble	2	1	
Penalties	9-70	10-70	
Turnovers	3	1	
Time	32:35	27:25	
Third Down	3-10	7-15	
Fourth Down	0-1	2-6	
Net Offense	462	274	

time they recovered and made some stops, including a 4<sup>th</sup> quarter 33-yard fumble recovery by Joey Porter to break the shutout, it was too little too late as Durham went into cruise control.

The LA offense was hard to find most of the day. David Carr faced constant pressure from Ty Warren and Justin Smith and the hangover from all the pressuring made him erratic at times when his receivers were open. He completed only 55% of his passes and the best of them came in garbage time on the game's final drive.

The road for the Knights does not get any easier as they head out to the Mohave desert next week to try and turn their fortunes around. The Thunder Lizards, knowing they will be in the thick of it next week against Charleswood, hardly celebrated their victory. "We still let up way too much in the second half," a disgruntled Coach Kaldis said after the game.

**ASK THE STAR:** *What does Durham's Frank Gore eat on game day?* "I eat nothing before the game. That way I'm hungry. I imagine my food at the other team's goal line! After the game I eat a steak for every touchdown I score. So I have to score, or I don't eat!"



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## QUICK-STRIKE GLADIATORS CRITICALLY WOUND DRAGONS

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**PARKER'S 46-YARD TD RUN, WAYNE'S 59-YARD  
CATCH DELIGHT HOME CROWD**

GWINNETT - Front runner Florida (3-1), came to Gwinnett (2-2), for the last of a 5-game stretch of home games for the Glads. The home town team had lost two nail biters and was looking to get back above .500. The fans were anxious and excited, even though some had complained about the schedule maker having 5 games at home in the early part of the season followed by a grueling 8 game road trip. It would turn out to be a fond farewell as the home team finished their home stand with a winning record, by beating the Florida Dragons, 34-17.

The visitors would win the toss and start out from their own 22, but their first drive would be short as the Gwinnett D came to play, forcing the Dragons to go three-and-out on a net of -2 yards. Gwinnett immediately went to the air, but the Dragon coaches were ready as they blitzed and looked for the pass sacking Palmer for a 9 yard loss. But the Glads caught an early break when, two plays later on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10, rookie Darrelle Revis would be penalized for pass interference after deflecting the pass. That would keep the drive alive and seemed to get the Glads on track as they drove down the field to score on rookie Chris Henry's draw from the 4.

On the ensuing kickoff, another penalty by Revis would negate a nice return and force the Dragons to start from their own 7. Not showing his usual poise, Tom Brady would have issues hitting his receivers and that

11-02-2007		Temp:69 Wind:5-15	Line:Even	MVP:Parker
2006 Florida (3-2)	0	10	7	0 - 17
2006 Gwinnett (3-2)	14	10	7	3 - 34
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1 7:40 Gwinnett	TD Henry 4 run (Gould) (11-62-5:09)			0-7
1 12:17 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 7 pass to Parker (Gould) (8-64-3:14)			0-14
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2 9:37 Florida	FG Nugent 35 (9-57-5:17)			3-14
2 8:16 Gwinnett	TD Parker 46 run (Gould) (4-69-1:06)			3-21
2 2:55 Florida	TD Williams 5 run (Nugent) (16-80-5:21)			10-21
2 0:03 Gwinnett	FG Gould 31 (9-55-2:41)			10-24
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3 14:30 Gwinnett	TD Palmer 59 pass to Wayne (Gould) (1-59-0:22)			10-31
3 12:46 Florida	TD Brady 50 pass to Houshmandzadeh (Nugent) (3-64-1:34)			17-31
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4 10:25 Gwinnett	FG Gould 18 (9-72-6:56)			17-34
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	FLD		GWG	
First Downs	21		19	
Rushes	27-108		30-143	
Passes	36-21-247		24-16-307	
Sacked	3-21		2-16	
Fumble	2		2	
Penalties	5-40		2-22	
Turnovers	2		1	
Time	29:11		30:49	
Third Down	4-13		4-11	
Fourth Down	5-5		0-0	
Net Offense	334		434	

would force the Dragons to punt again from their own 27 yard line. After a first down incomplection and a no gain Parker run, Palmer hit Braylon Edwards on the seam pass for a big 24 yard 3<sup>rd</sup> down completion. Carson then hit 3 of his next 4 pass attempts, driving down to the 7. With the Dragons guarding the corners of the end zone, Willie Parker caught a button hook underneath and crossed over the line for a 14-0 Gladiator lead.

Another nice return by Figures of 46 yards, this time with no penalties, the visitors found themselves on the 50. However, the drive would be a short one as a clearly uncomfortable Tom Brady threw a terrible pick to Dunta Robinson on the long cross attempt. Palmer would then hit Wayne for 33 yards, driving deep into Dragon territory in what was beginning to look like a blowout. But with the home team threatening on 3<sup>rd</sup> & 2 at the Florida 23 yard line, the Dragons' 'D' came up big when

John Henderson stuffed Leon Washington in the backfield and forced a fumble that was recovered by the visitors. This seemed to calm down the Florida offense as they put together a nice drive behind Steven Jackson (for the game he had 22 carries – 93 yards) that would stall on a couple of Brady red zone incomplections and force them to settle for a field goal.

Gwinnett would answer quickly, starting with Palmer hitting TE Tony Gonzalez for 23 yards as the Dragon D started putting 8 in the box and looking for Willie to run. After an incomplete pass, the Glads gave it to Willie who managed to break through those 8 to the second level and beyond and bust it for 46 yards and pay dirt to make the game 21-3.

Florida responded aggressively and it paid off. Breaking into a Hurry Up offense, the Dragons caught the Gladiators in a 'Dime' package while Brady kept giving the ball to Steven Jackson. He would get ½ of the distance in an 80-yard drive, and set up reserve DeAngelo Williams, who punched it in from 5 yards out with just less than 3 minutes to go. The key play on this drive was, when facing a 4<sup>th</sup> and 2 from the Gwinnett 27, Brady hit TE Chris Cooley for 7. That would be the first of 5 successful 4<sup>th</sup> down conversions by the visitors over the course of the game! With plenty of time left in the first half, Palmer would lead the Glads on a long drive but would fall 1 yard short and have to settle for Robbie Gould field goal and a half time lead of 24 – 10.

Starting the second half with the ball, the Glads went back to early game tactics - looking for Reggie Wayne deep. This time Palmer would hit him on the Post for 59 yards as the Dragons again had 8 in the box looking for Willie. For a moment it looked like it would be a blowout, but Tom Brady would answer with his own magic and hit TJ Houshmandzdeh for 50 yards to pull back within 14 as he caught the Dawgs looking for Jackson. However, it would turn out not to be enough as the Dragons would not get any more points. A third quarter drive into the red zone ended poorly for Florida when Tom Brady was picked off by Lance Briggs, all but ending the Florida threat.

Willie Parker was the game MVP, running 18 times for 115 yards and scoring 2 TDs. More importantly, Willie distracted the Dragons 'D', opening up the passing lanes to allow Carson Palmer to have his best game of the year as he went 16-24, 2 TDS, 307 yards. Reggie Wayne kept it going from last week as he had 5 catches for 142 yards. For the visitors Tom Brady threw it a lot as he hit 21-36 for 247 yards, but 2 picks proved costly. TJ would catch a total of 7 balls for 116 yards in what would be a good game. Florida lost not just the game, but would also lose rookie corner, Darrelle Revis, and All-Pro tackle, Jammal Brown, to injury.

# PATRIOTS MAIL IT IN AGAINST SWAMP DOGS

*SWAMP GAS SLOWS DOWN BUT CANNOT STOP MANNING*



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**MEADOWLANDS** – A strange smell emanated from the vents in the Charleswood locker room about two hours before game time. Peyton Manning, going about his pre-game ritual of soaking his right arm in a salted whirlpool bath, looked confused and unsteady on his feet. A few minutes later, he was staggering towards the training room, complaining of nausea. Other players began to notice the strange smell and someone called 9-1-1- as the Patriots

11-03-2007	Temp:72 Wind:	Line:Even	<b>MVP:Manning</b>
2006 Charleswood (3-2)	10 3 10 0	- 23	
2006 Meadowlands (0-5)	3 3 0 0	- 6	
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1 11:46 Charleswood	TD Manning 33 pass to Driver (Gostkowski) (5-60-1:54)	7-0	
1 5:39 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 24 (12-74-4:38)	10-0	
1 2:13 Meadowlands	FG Tynes 35 (11-48-3:13)	10-3	
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2 11:43 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 22 (5-15-1:11)	13-3	
2 1:47 Meadowlands	FG Tynes 28 (12-69-4:17)	13-6	
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3 11:51 Charleswood	TD Manning 17 pass to Welker (Gostkowski) (8-81-3:01)	20-6	
3 7:54 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 24 (7-49-2:33)	23-6	
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	CHP	MSD	
First Downs	28	15	
Rushes	38-118	30-161	
Passes	40-27-359	30-13-176	
Sacked	2-14	7-45	
Fumble	4	2	
Penalties	6-35	7-40	
Turnovers	2	2	
Time	34:20	25:34	
Third Down	9-14	8-17	
Fourth Down	0-0	1-3	
Net Offense	463	292	

players evacuated the facility. A hurried investigation revealed that one of the MASH 4077 Swamp Dome groundskeepers had “accidentally” hooked a tube from the pump draining gas from field level to the visitor’s locker room’s ventilation system. It was promptly unhooked and electric fans brought in to clear the air.

The gas, which often permeates the field during the week when the barometric pressure is low, is a source of irritation to stadium staff, but is also a supplemental source of revenue for scalpers as the “happy gas” (as it is known) goes for about \$20 a sniff in the stadium parking lot before games. Who needs Bud when you can have pure bootlegged Meadowlands swamp gas to take away the pain?

It was not obvious that Manning was suffering any ill-effects whatsoever as he went on to grab the game MVP honours with a 359-yard, 2 TD performance through the air. A case of “fumbilitis” (2) and a careless interception late in the game kept the score from ballooning. These unforced miscues were the only indication that Manning felt any “hangover” from the gas attack earlier in the morning.

If that would be the effect of the “happy gas” on a quarterback, then Big Ben could have used some himself. The beleaguered Swamp Dog pivot continued to struggle, getting sacked 7 times and picked off twice. Miraculously, he did not fumble the ball away, which is about the most positive thing that could be said about him on this day. In fairness, the Patriots defense swarmed like locusts around the ill-equipped offensive line and kept Ben from seeing the field most of the time. But Roethlisberger did not do himself any favours by rushing his throws when he did have time, in the end completing only 13 of 30 passes attempted.

The Swamp Dogs defense fought valiantly to the end to prevent a blowout and keep their pride. They turned the Patriots away on two scoring opportunities late in the second half, but the Patriots also held back as the game wound down, running their backs 14 times in the final frame to eat up the clock and get out without an injury to their star QB.

The Patriots handled the Swamp Dogs with relative ease but seemed to be looking past them to next week’s big game against the Durham Thunder Lizards in what could be a Super Bowl preview. In an unlucky turn of events after the game, star cornerback, Assante Samuel, slipped while getting on the team bus and twisted his knee. He is doubtful for next week against Durham.



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**OFFENSE**



**RB –Frank Gore, Durham T- Lizards**  
 23 carries, 174 yards, 2 TDs, 2 rec., 12 yards  
 Averaged 7.6 yards a carry to lead Durham past LA.

**DEFENSE**



**DE – Leonard Little, Anchorage Bucs**  
 6 Tackles, 2 Sacks, 1 Stuffs, 2 Hur, 2 PD, 3 Forced Fumbles  
 Inspired performance almost stole a win in Iowa City.

**SPECIAL TEAMS**



**K –Jason Hanson, Cowtown Corn Kings**  
 5 Field Goals, 16 points  
 Good on 5 out of 5 field goal attempts in tight game vs Chino.

**LEADER BOARD**

**STANDINGS**

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference
Mohave	4	1	0	0.8	151	30.2	111	22.2	8	2 0 0	4 0 0	4 1 0
Charleswood	3	2	0	0.6	125	25	89	17.8	7.2	2 1 0	2 2 0	3 2 0
Florida	3	2	0	0.6	134	26.8	125	25	1.8	2 0 0	2 2 0	3 2 0
Gwinnett	3	2	0	0.6	135	27	91	18.2	8.8	3 2 0	3 1 0	3 2 0
Kutztown	1	4	0	0.2	128	25.6	163	32.6	-7	0 0 0	1 3 0	1 4 0
Meadowlands	0	5	0	0	70	14	178	35.6	-21.6	0 2 0	0 4 0	0 5 0
West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Division	Conference
Cowtown	4	1	0	0.8	129	25.8	98	19.6	6.2	3 1 0	3 1 0	4 1 0
Chino	3	2	0	0.6	141	28.2	121	24.2	4	3 0 0	2 2 0	3 2 0
Durham	3	2	0	0.6	138	27.6	117	23.4	4.2	1 0 0	2 2 0	3 2 0
Iowa City	3	2	0	0.6	119	23.8	97	19.4	4.4	2 1 0	2 2 0	3 2 0
Anchorage	2	3	0	0.4	106	21.2	138	27.6	-6.4	2 0 0	2 2 0	2 3 0
Los Angeles	1	4	0	0.2	84	16.8	132	26.4	-9.6	1 2 0	1 3 0	1 4 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Rivers	DTL	128	81	63.3	1050	1	0.8	40	11	8.6	114.4
2	Bulger	MOH	157	93	59.2	1317	3	1.9	65	10	6.4	99.7
3	Palmer,C	GWG	122	69	56.6	1016	3	2.5	59	9	7.4	98.3
4	Garcia,J	ICC	105	69	65.7	777	1	1	29	4	3.8	96.4
5	McNabb	CHI	153	92	60.1	1266	3	2	43	8	5.2	95.9
6	Brees	ANC	138	75	54.3	950	0	0	43	6	4.3	90.5
7	Carr,D	LAK	147	101	68.7	992	6	4.1	26	8	5.4	88.6
8	Manning,P	CHP	172	107	62.2	1336	5	2.9	43	7	4.1	87.7
9	Brady,T	FLD	147	94	63.9	1088	9	6.1	53	11	7.5	85.6
10	Romo	KUT	161	92	57.1	1197	7	4.3	53	11	6.8	85.3
11	Pennington	COW	157	93	59.2	1267	7	4.5	60	7	4.5	81.4
12	Roethlisberger	MSD	128	63	49.2	844	10	7.8	50	3	2.3	45.8
13	Beck	COW	1	1	100	15	0	0	15	0	0	118.8
14	Losman	ICC	45	30	66.7	376	2	4.4	32	2	4.4	88.7
15	Boller	ANC	1	1	100	3	0	0	3	0	0	79.2

## RUSHING

			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Gore	DTL	106	694	6.5	56	2	8	Jones,T	CHP	89	355	4	19	5
2	Jackson,S	FLD	122	617	5.1	64	3	9	Brown,R	ICC	74	340	4.6	40	5
3	Parker,W	GWG	104	549	5.3	46	3	10	Jones,J	LAK	57	335	5.9	74	0
4	Tomlinson	CHI	115	533	4.6	44	8	11	Maroney	COW	66	311	4.7	14	1
5	Johnson,L	KUT	105	452	4.3	16	3	12	Bell,T	LAK	62	274	4.4	20	0
6	Westbrook	MOH	65	430	6.6	76	1	13	Washington	GWG	46	265	5.8	19	0
7	Addai	ANC	69	400	5.8	46	4	14	Barber	COW	41	259	6.3	23	5
8	Jones,T	CHP	89	355	4	19	5	15	Lynch,M	MOH	50	257	5.1	49	3

## RECEIVING

			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD				No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD
1	Boldin	CHI	36	627	17.4	43	5	8	Jackson,S	FLD	27	227	8.4	26	3
2	Johnson,C	CHP	31	534	17.2	43	0	9	Wayne,R	GWG	25	498	19.9	59	2
3	Furrey	COW	30	403	13.4	42	1	10	Bush,R	ICC	22	211	9.6	24	1
4	Winslow	ICC	29	349	12	32	2	11	Harrison,M	KUT	22	338	15.4	53	3
5	Johnson,A	ANC	28	392	14	33	4	12	Tomlinson	CHI	22	211	9.6	18	1
6	Heap	LAK	28	262	9.4	26	5	13	Moss,S	COW	22	361	16.4	60	4
7	Smith,S	LAK	27	302	11.2	25	1	14	Evans,L	ICC	21	329	15.7	31	1
8	Jackson,S	FLD	27	227	8.4	26	3	15	Driver	CHP	21	306	14.6	33	1

## Jimmy's Week six picks

### IOWA CITY @ FLORIDA (line – Dragons by 5)

The surprising Cubbies knocked off Anchorage last week to add a Buc's head to Cow's head mounted in their Big Game Trophy Room. Do they have the moxy to bag a Dragon in the Dragon's lair? The Cubs have a strong Air Force, but they also lead the league in rushing attempts and that has made the difference in keeping their suspect defense off the field. The Florida defense is a disciplined group and has had success stripping the ball. They have all the weapons they need on offense and a running game good enough to hold a lead. The Cubs are everyone's sentimental favourite, but if you are putting more than your heart on the line, take the Dragons.

PICK: Florida

### LOS ANGELES @ MOHAVE (LINE – Hellfire by 11)

This double digit spread looks attractive at first, but you should pause before biting. Mohave's defense, despite a violent hiccup against Chino in Week 4, is among the league's elite, particularly when it comes to defending the pass – opposing quarterbacks have a cumulative 59.6 passer rating against them and they lead the league in picks. David Carr, while completing passes at a 68.7% completion rate, has yet to show he can stretch the defense – his longest pass play this year is only 26 yards. The Knights will have to rely on their defense to help out, and maybe even score most of their points. They have Merriman back, which is a plus, but he will need a monster performance to turn the tide. Mohave's running back tandem will grind it out behind their elite offensive line and walk away with it.

PICK: Mohave

### COWTOWN @ MEADOWLANDS (line – Corn Kings by 13)

Another double digit spread has been set up by five weeks of sheer ineptness by the Swamp Dogs, especially at the quarterback position. While the defense has performed as well as can be expected under the circumstances, they have ended every game exhausted from being on the field too long. Last in almost every major offensive category, Meadowland's prospects look dismal against the league's top performing defense. The Corn Kings can move the ball but have been plagued by turnovers in opponent's territory. The Swamp Dogs will need a bucket of fumbles, a bushel of picks and a pinch of luck to beat the spread.

PICK: Cowtown

### DURHAM @ CHARLESWOOD (LINE – Patriots by 9)

Odds-makers may be overreacting to Charleswood's 3-game winning streak and Coach Kaldis' public berating of his team after an easy win over Los Angeles last week. The Patriot's ship is steady now after a rocky start, but they did not dominate against the league's weak sister in Meadowlands, barely covering the spread. Meanwhile, the Thunder Lizards have improved tremendously and Frank Gore is looking like a dominant force. This game is the Game of the Week and will be riveting, ending on the last play with a game-winning field goal. Whoever kicks it, the Patriots will not cover.

PICK: Durham

**KUTZTOWN @ ANCHORAGE (LINE – Buccaneers by 8)**

The Buccaneers are reeling after being bitten by the Cubs last week. They have to get better play from Drew Brees because they do not have the defense to hold opponents down for long. Both teams need this game badly if they are going to maintain realistic chances of staying in their Divisional races. The situation is perhaps more dire for Kutztown. After an opening day blowout of Meadowlands, their offense has become erratic and their defense is not picking them up. They will have their work cut out for them on the road against an angry Bucs squad.  
PICK: Anchorage

**GWINNETT @ CHINO (LINE – Convicts by 2)**

The Convicts and Donovan McNabb return to Chino after getting lost in the cornfields of Cowtown in Week 5, while the Gladiators finally get away from home after a 5-week home-stand. Chino will be more comfortable and looking to get back in the offensive groove, but the Gladiators have been very stingy on the defensive side of the ball – rated #2 in the league in overall defensive efficiency. LT will find less room than he has elsewhere. Carson Palmer is starting to find Reggie Wayne, to dangerous effect. These teams are very evenly matched and, but for the home field advantage, are almost too close to call.  
Pick: Chino

**SHOULD YOU LISTEN TO A THING I SAY???????**

How I'm doing against the spread

Last week: 5-1-0

overall: 21-9-0