



2008

WEEK NINE

November 23, 2008



Pickering's Donovan McNabb celebrates his third TD pass of the day in 27-24 win over Chino.

## FOR MCNABB, REVENGE IS SWEET!

*Chino castoff throw s 3 TD passes in win over former team / Cutler pulled again by angry coach*



CHINO

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PICKERING

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PICKERING – "Tonight, we dine in hell!" And with those words from **Donovan McNabb**, the **Pickering Spartans** headed on to the field to face the team that McNabb once led to the first ever EFL Championship; the **Chino Convicts**. Although the Campbell's Soup Company and McNabb's mother, official caterers of the Spartan's post-game buffet, were offended when told of McNabb's comments, McNabb's emotional pre-game speech to his teammates seemed to ignite in them a fire of will. That fire scorched the playing field as the inspired Spartans pulled off what can only be described as a major upset.

McNabb saved his best performance of the year for his old team, going 20-31 for 249 yards with 3 touchdowns and no interceptions. He also put the game out of reach with a critical 20-yard bootleg on a 3rd and 5 at the Convicts 26 with two minutes left and the Spartans in front, 27-24. With the Convicts having no time-outs left, McNabb would then kneel before his former team in triumph, 4 times actually, leaving Chino at their own 10 yard-line with 8 seconds left. **John Abraham** would allow no miracles, as he recorded his 2nd sack of the game, sending Thermopylae Stadium into a complete frenzy. How did they get there?

The first half started tentatively, with both teams exchanging punts before **Anthony Henry's** interception of **Jay Cutler** turned the ball over to Pickering and set up the game's first scoring drive. Showing uncommon aggression from the start, the Spartan's first TD came on 4<sup>th</sup> down and inches at the Convict's 5 yard line, with McNabb throwing a 5-yard TD pass to **Chester Taylor** for a 7-0 lead. The Convicts answered with a 19-yard field goal as the Spartans defense held deep in their territory. **Lawrence Tynes** then missed 2 field goal attempts, from 42 and 50, as the half closed 7-3 Spartans. Jay Cutler, who had been ineffective with two interceptions, was replaced in the second half with **Jake Delhomme** by a clearly exasperated Coach Rob Nazar.

The Spartans opened the second half with a **Rock Cartwright** 56-yard return to the Convict's 41. 3 plays later, McNabb hit tight end **Alex Smith** for a 12-yard TD. With Delhomme in the line-up, the Convict offense suddenly awoke from their first half slumber, marching 80 yards and scoring on a 5-yard TD pass to tight end **Daniel Graham**, cutting the lead to 14-10. Cartwright then outdid himself with a 61-yard return to the Convict 36 yard-line and 3 plays later, aided by a 15-yard defensive face-masking penalty, McNabb hit **Fred Taylor** for a 10 yard TD, his 3rd TD of the game.

Delhomme got the Convicts back to within a TD by hitting **Tory Holt** for a 26-yard TD to close the 3rd quarter. After the teams traded three-and-outs, McNabb led the Spartans down the field, where Tynes finally made his first, and most important, field goal of the day, a 32-yard effort that gave the Spartans a 10 point lead with 6:43 to go in the fourth quarter. Stubbornly, Delhomme again led the Convicts down the field, finishing with a 17-yard TD pass to Holt to make it 27-24 Pickering with 3:43 left on the clock. But with the calmness of a true veteran, McNabb managed the clock to almost expiry as the Spartans turned back Emperor Nazar and his Convict Hordes from the gate at Thermopylae and won a glorious victory for their Captain.

11-21-2008 Thermopylae Stadium	Temp:-8	Wind: None	MVP: McNabb		CHI	PIC	
2007 Chino (5-4)	0	3	14	7	- 24		
2007 Pickering (4-5)	7	0	14	6	- 27		
1 1:10 Pickering	TD McNabb 5 pass to C. Taylor (Tynes) (12-72-6:00)				0-7		
2 9:31 Chino	FG Reed 19 (14-78-6:39)				3-7		
3 13:39 Pickering	TD McNabb 12 pass to Smith (Tynes) (3-41-1:05)				3-14		
3 8:05 Chino	TD Delhomme 5 pass to Graham (Reed,J) (12-80-5:34)				10-14		
3 7:01 Pickering	TD McNabb 10 pass to F. Taylor (Tynes) (4-36-0:50)				10-21		
3 0:00 Chino	TD Delhomme 26 pass to Holt (Reed,J) (13-68-6:49)				17-21		
4 8:50 Pickering	FG Tynes 32 (7-65-3:37)				17-24		
4 7:01 Pickering	FG Tynes 43 (3-7-1:29)				17-27		
4 3:57 Chino	TD Delhomme 17 pass to Holt (Reed,J) (11-65-2:46)				24-27		
					CHI	PIC	
					First Downs	26	20
					Rushes	32-172	28-103
					Passes	38-21-207	31-20-249
					Sacked	2-17	2-11
					Fumble	2	0
					Penalties	7-70	5-35
					Turnovers	3	0
					Time	31:52	28:00
					Third Down	9-15	2-10
					Fourth Down	1-1	1-2
					Net Offense	362	341



**FLORIDA**

**20**



**DURHAM**

**10**

### ***T.J. SPELLS TROUBLE FOR D.T.***

**GAME POINTS:** Leigh Bodden intercepted Philip Rivers deep in Durham territory and T.J. Houshmandzadeh made the Lizards pay three plays later with a 9-yard TD catch from Tom Brady to jump-start the Florida attack and give them a 10-0 first quarter lead. "Housh" would strike again in the closing seconds of the first half, beating Ike Taylor to the corner of the end zone on a long fade pattern for a 20-yard TD and a 17-0 Dragons lead. Durham rallied to within 7 points by the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, but fell short against a Florida defense that controlled the line of scrimmage and the passing lanes on a wet day in Durham.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Tom Brady finished 24 of 30 for 258 yards and 2 TD passes. T.J. Houshmandzadeh caught 9 passes for 93 yards and 2 TDs. Will Witherspoon made 14 tackles, 4 run stuffs and 2 forced fumbles. Durham rushed for only 60 yards total, Frank Gore making 34 of those yards on 15

11-22-2008 Jurassic Park	Temp: 66	Wind: Calm	Rain	MVP: Brady		FLD	DTL
2007 Florida (9-0)	10	7	0	3	- 20		
2007 Durham (4-5)	0	0	7	3	- 10		
1 8:27 Florida	FG Nugent 31 (14-66-6:33)				3-0		
1 2:22 Florida	TD Brady 9 pass to Houshmandzadeh (Nugent) (3-9-0:19)				10-0		
2 0:02 Florida	TD Brady 20 pass to Houshmandzadeh (Nugent) (4-65-0:59)				17-0		
3 8:31 Durham	TD Rivers 39 pass to Johnson (Crosby,M) (10-68-6:16)				17-7		
4 14:08 Durham	FG Crosby 29 (13-65-5:53)				17-10		
4 9:48 Florida	FG Nugent 32 (10-74-4:09)				20-10		
						FLD	DTL
					First Downs	24	13
					Rushes	29-100	28-60
					Passes	39-24-258	26-14-165
					Sacked	1-6	1-11
					Fumble	1	3
					Penalties	9-52	10-62
					Turnovers	0	1
					Time	33:20	26:40
					Third Down	5-14	4-13
					Fourth Down	1-1	1-2
					Net Offense	352	214



**COWTOWN**

**20**



**RINGGOLD**

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### ***CORN KINGS GROUND ATTACK CLIPS HAWKS***

**GAME POINTS:** With Cowtown leading 13-10 near the start of the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter, Aaron Schobel forced a fumble by Ringgold back-up QB, Vince Young near mid-field that eventually led to the game-breaking score, a 1-yard TD plunge by Marion Barber to put the Corn Kings ahead 20-10. An attempted Hawk's rally was snuffed out when Maurice Jones-Drew was stuffed for a loss on 4<sup>th</sup> down by Aaron Kampman. Earlier, the Hawks drew first blood; with starter Ben Roethlisberger completing 6 of 7 for 65 yards and 1 TD on the game's opening drive. But 'Big Ben' went down early in the third quarter to an ankle injury to hobble Ringgold's offense the rest of the way.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Laurence Maroney rushed for exactly 100 yards on 12 carries and 1 TD. Aaron Kampman ended his drought with 2 sacks. Ben Roethlisberger was 14 of 18 for 112 yards before falling to injury.





11-19-2008 Joe Ferguson Stadium Temp: 59 Wind: Calm MVP: Bush			COL	ICC	
2007 Colorado (0-9)	0 7 3 0	- 10	First Downs	14	19
2007 Iowa City (7-2)	14 7 0 7	- 28	Rushes	28-131	28-118
			Passes	25-14-118	22-15-185
			Sacked	1-8	0-0
1 10:45 Iowa City	TD Bush 3 run (Feely) (6-47-3:08)	0-7	Fumble	1	0
1 0:00 Iowa City	TD Garcia 4 run (Feely) (10-84-5:20)	0-14	Penalties	4-25	5-25
2 7:16 Colorado	TD Ryan 11 pass to Scheffler (Gould) (7-81-4:27)	7-14	Turnovers	1	0
2 2:11 Iowa City	TD Garcia 14 pass to Jackson (Feely) (9-82-4:59)	7-21	Time	31:17	28:43
3 5:15 Colorado	FG Gould 43 (11-54-6:18)	10-21	Third Down	7-14	2-8
4 14:12 Iowa City	TD Hall 37 interception return (Feely) (0-0-0:00)	10-28	Fourth Down	0-1	1-1
			Net Offense	241	303



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CHARLESWOOD

### ALL PATS AS HELLFIRE DOUSED

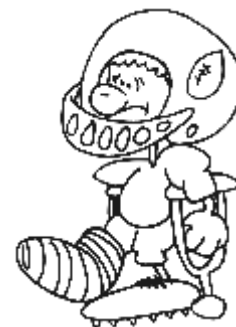
**GAME POINTS:** Kurt Warner faced a challenge against the Patriot's secondary and did not rise to it, failing to move the offense and throwing two interceptions that led to Charleswood touchdowns. Ed Reed snared an errant Warner pass and returned it 61 yards to set up the Pats opening score, a 1-yard TD run by Adrian Peterson in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter; and Assante Samuel picked off another Warner pass late in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and returned it 27 yards for a TD to put the Hellfire on ice.

**KEY PERFORMANCES:** Jerious Norwood performed well in relief of an ailing Adrian Peterson, rushing for 73 yards on 11 carries to keep the Pats offense on track. Peyton Manning was not stellar, finishing 17 of 28 for 157 yards, 1 TD and 2 INTs. Kurt Warner had his worst day as a member of the Hellfire, completing only 14 of 33 passes for 166 yards and 2 INTs.

11-22-2008 Patriot Place Temp: 75 Wind: Calm MVP: Norwood			MOH	CHP	
2007 Mohave (7-2)	0 6 0 0	- 6	First Downs	13	24
2007 Charleswood (9-0)	7 7 6 10	- 30	Rushes	22-70	34-154
			Passes	34-15-172	28-17-154
			Sacked	1-7	1-7
1 12:20 Charleswood	TD Peterson 1 run (Gostkowski) (1-1-0:10)	0-7	Fumble	3	1
2 10:15 Charleswood	TD Manning 9 pass to Johnson (Gostkowski) (10-87-5:00)	0-14	Penalties	8-58	4-20
2 6:12 Mohave	FG Bironas 40 (9-46-3:47)	3-14	Turnovers	4	2
2 1:42 Mohave	FG Bironas 47 (7-25-1:46)	6-14	Time	25:57	34:03
3 10:01 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 35 (9-62-4:59)	6-17	Third Down	5-13	7-12
3 1:31 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 22 (8-33-3:48)	6-20	Fourth Down	0-0	0-0
4 4:42 Charleswood	TD Samuel 27 interception return (Gostkowski) (0-0-0:00)	6-27	Net Offense	235	301
4 0:05 Charleswood	FG Gostkowski 21 (6-21-4:33)	6-30			

### INJURY REPORT - Out in Week Ten

**ANCHORAGE** – Ogden (finger), Crumpler (knee), Naeole (knee); **CHARLESWOOD** – Hentrich (knee), Jammer (shaken); **CHINO** – None; **COLORADO** – Pryce (hand), Vasher (shaken), Vilma (knee), A. Johnson (knee), Simpson (wrist), D. Williams (back); **COWTOWN** – Hackett (knee); **DURHAM** – Stroud (knee), Gholston (shaken); **FLORIDA** – Bunkley (knee); **GWINNETT** – None; **IOWA CITY** – J.P. Losman (shaken), Lawson (achilles); **KUTZTOWN** – M. Harrison (elbow), A. Smith (shaken), Winfield (neck), L. Johnson (knee); **LOS ANGELES** – None; **MARKHAM** – D. Robinson (arm), Ruud (finger); **MOHAVE** – J. Mathis (neck), Ellison (eye), Bailey (knee); **PICKERING** – Sensabaugh (hand), Richardson (shaken), Jackson (arm), Joseph (elbow); **RINGGOLD** – Ugoh (shoulder), Roethlisberger (ankle); **WINNEMUCCA** – Leftwich (hamstring), M. Brown (shaken), W. Anderson (stinger), Jansen (knee), P. Thomas (elbow), T. Kelly (shaken), Dawkins (hamstring), Hayward (shoulder), Mahe (shaken).





# AROUND THE EFL With Spats McChad

NEW YORK – Oh, where are you, my New York football team? Lady Liberty holds a beacon of light in the harbour to guide your way. Come! Come, oh Dear Team of my hopes and dreams! My Gold Card awaits your solicitation of season tickets and my fingers ache to write of your heroic exploits!

### ***McNABB TAKES A JAB AT NAZAR***

In the glow of victory following the **Pickering Spartan's** 27-24 upset of the **Chino Convicts**, Spartan's quarterback, and former Convict, **Donovan McNabb** said all of the right things in the post-game press conference. He mentioned the effort of his teammates, the great play of his offensive line, the steadiness of the defense, the sound game plan prepared by the coaches, the energetic practices in the week leading up to the game, and he even claimed that he and the team had prepared for Chino as they would *any other opponent*. That statement brought the room to life with a flurry of questions from incredulous reporters whose stories all week had focused on the importance of this game to McNabb. When asked point blank by Ludlow Smirl of the '*Chino Not-So-Free Press*' if he was looking for revenge on his former team, McNabb pondered the question for a moment and finally answered, "it depends on what your definition of 'revenge' is. If you mean, by 'revenge,' beating them on the football field by putting pressure on their talented but young, inexperienced, mentally fragile quarterback who has not proven he can win the EFL like I have, but has been put in this pressure situation by his bullying Head Coach after he didn't offer me a fair contract.....yes." For the briefest of moments the room went silent. Then you could barely hear the "oops" escape from McNabb's lips as the room erupted and all reporters appeared to simultaneously jump up in excited attempts to ask follow-up questions. But before McNabb could explain his 'Tourettes' moment, team officials for the Spartans abruptly ended the session by dimming the lights and pumping 'The Hot Gates' over the PA system at high volume.

### ***EFL LOOKING AT NEW ROOKIE DRAFT FORMULA***

The EFL League Office is reportedly seriously considering a proposal put forth by some owners to revamp the league's rookie contract policy. Currently, rookie salaries and contracts are formally set by the league according to draft position. The salaries are not the point of contention, but the locked-in contract lengths and contract extension eligibility rules for rookies drafted in the later rounds *are*. The proposal under review would allow owners to extend contracts and increase salary outlays for rookies drafted *after* the first round according to a pre-set formula. In theory, this would increase the value of late round rookie picks and prevent young players from jumping ship to the SFL, CFL and TMFL.

As a strong proponent of unregulated free market economies, I find the concepts of assigned contracts and salary caps inherently repulsive, but there is no denying that when one factors in hot-headed ownership, greedy agents, and the "me-first" generation of athletes; salaries, especially for hot rookies, can spiral dangerously out of control and threaten the viability of a league. Since the EFL is not traded on Wall Street (yet!) I have to throw my support behind any rule system that contains built-in safeguards to prevent uncontrolled salary inflation while balancing the demands of players and owners..

### ***CLASH OF THE TITANS***

I can hardly wait for the Week Ten match-up between undefeated Charleswood and undefeated Florida. This game will tell me who I will support for remainder of the season. The winner will be My Team, and the loser will be a team that Losers will cheer for. (Notice how I used the fairy word, "cheer"?). To this point in the season, both of these teams have been pictures of perfection and dominance – model

franchises running away from the rest of the pack with alarming speed. After this game, one of them will be sullied by the stigma of a '1' in the loss column. One will be truly Great (with a capital 'G'), while the other will be merely great (with a small 'g'). On one hand it's a shame that one of them has to fall from Heavenly heights to join the pool of the defeated; but on the other hand it is Nature's Imperative that one should rise while the other falls. What is my prediction? The best team will win!

### **GROWING PAINS OF THE EXPANSION TEAMS**

The **Markham North Stars** are quickly becoming the league's most boring team – yes, more boring than the **Colorado Thundersnow**. At least the Snowflakes provide some comic relief when they have the ball. Not so the North Stars, who look like they should know what they're doing but just don't. Since the Stars dumped the Snow 24-0 in Week Five, they have scored a paltry 16 points. 16 points! That's an average of *four* a game – not even a real football score's worth. Let's put the blame where we always do – the quarterback. In four weeks, **Matt Hasselbeck** went from being 10<sup>th</sup> in the league, with a respectable 81.2 rating, to being 15<sup>th</sup> with a dismal 66.1 rating. For a QB, that is like falling off a cliff. While Hasselbeck hurtles into the abyss, **Donte' Stallworth** is not far behind, his ankle, like his fortunes, being tied to his quarterback. Stallworth caught 29 passes in his first five games, but has caught only 8 since. Over this four-game period, the Stars have faced three good to middling teams from the Can-Am Conference and Los Angeles from their own Pacific-Atlantic Conference. What this slump shows is that Markham, once considered a Contender for the East Division title because of their veteran QB, is really a Pretender, mainly because of their veteran QB. Oh, the irony!

Speaking of expansion woes, the **Winnemucca Outlaws** were clobbered by the **Anchorage Buccaneers** last week by a score of 42-7. Yes, that's right; 42-7, by *Anchorage!* As surprising as that sounds on its face, upon closer inspection it is clear the Outlaws had no hope with only 4 defensive backs dressed for the game. They practiced during the week with linebackers, **Kevin Burnett** and **Keith Rivers** at safety in nickel and dime packages then wisely decided to stick with 4 and 5 down linemen sets for the game. **Drew Brees** had no trouble at all picking apart the remnants of the Outlaw's secondary, all of whom were exhausted by the third quarter. The Outlaws have been decimated by injuries, and I actually mean it when I use the word "decimated" – they had 10 players out last week! They are a better team, on paper, when healthy, than their 1-8 record indicates. According to my pimply, four-eyed geek nephew, Byron, who keeps track of such things as abstract probabilities and alternate realities, (and plays 'World of Warcraft' on average 14 hours a day) the Outlaws *should* be 2-7.

### **NEW YORK GRIPES**

**Adrian Peterson** had to leave the game against Mohave with what the Patriots describe as an "intestinal disorder." Is that a nice way of saying that Adrian had "the runs?" Fitting problem for a running back, I guess. Aren't "runs" what the Pats are paying the kid for?

QB controversy in Los Angeles will just not go away. **Brodie Croyle** entered last week's game against Markham after **Tavaris Jackson** threw two interceptions in consecutive possessions. Croyle looked steady as a rock in preserving the win for the Knights. Now fans are calling for Croyle to be the starter. Missing in all of this hoopla over who should start is the basic understanding that both of these QBs suck and it is just a matter of time before even Coach Dohrn sees it.

## **WEEK NINE LEADERS**

<b>Passing Yards</b>		<b>Rushing Yards</b>		<b>Receiving Yards</b>	
Brady,T (FLD)	39-24-258	Tomlinson (CHI)	26-153	White,R (LAK)	9-108
McNabb (PIC)	31-20-249	Bush,R (ICC)	21-105	Holt,T (CHI)	7-95
Palmer,C (GWG)	32-20-239	Maroney (COW)	12-100	Houshmandz (FLD)	9-93
Garcia,J (ICC)	22-15-185	McGahee (ANC)	14-85	Edwards,B (GWG)	6-90
Brees (ANC)	26-17-184	Addai (ANC)	14-83	Smith,A (PIC)	8-84

# LEADER BOARD

## STANDINGS

### PACIFIC-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Pickering	4	5	0	0.444	169	18.8	212	23.6	-4.8	3 1 0	3 0 0	4 2 0
Markham	2	7	0	0.222	117	13	195	21.7	-8.7	1 3 0	2 1 0	2 4 0
Winnemucca	1	8	0	0.111	86	9.6	224	24.9	-15.3	0 4 0	1 2 0	1 5 0
Colorado	0	9	0	0.000	50	5.6	256	28.4	-22.9	0 4 0	0 3 0	0 6 0

West	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Iowa City	7	2	0	0.778	228	25.3	150	16.7	8.7	4 1 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
Chino	5	4	0	0.556	247	27.4	166	18.4	9	3 0 0	2 1 0	4 2 0
Los Angeles	4	5	0	0.444	229	25.4	220	24.4	1	2 1 0	1 2 0	4 2 0
Anchorage	3	6	0	0.333	165	18.3	202	22.4	-4.1	2 3 0	0 3 0	3 3 0

### CAN-AM CONFERENCE

North	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Charleswood	9	0	0	1.000	232	25.8	84	9.3	16.4	5 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
Cowtown	4	5	0	0.444	146	16.2	173	19.2	-3	2 3 0	0 3 0	1 5 0
Durham	4	5	0	0.444	166	18.4	184	20.4	-2	3 2 0	2 1 0	2 4 0
Kutztown	4	5	0	0.444	190	21.1	198	22	-0.9	3 2 0	1 2 0	2 4 0

South	W	L	T	Pct	Pts	Ave	Opp	Ave	Diff	Home	Div	Conf
Florida	9	0	0	1.000	276	30.7	117	13	17.7	4 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
Mohave	7	2	0	0.778	256	28.4	204	22.7	5.8	4 0 0	2 1 0	4 2 0
Gwinnett	6	3	0	0.667	223	24.8	128	14.2	10.6	4 2 0	1 2 0	3 3 0
Ringgold	3	6	0	0.333	152	16.9	219	24.3	-7.4	2 4 0	0 3 0	0 6 0

## PASSING

			Att	Cmp	C%	Yards	In	I%	Lg	TD	TD%	Rate
1	Brady,T	FLD	256	167	65.2	1963	2	0.8	56	17	6.6	107.3
2	Garcia,J	ICC	149	103	69.1	1339	3	2	51	8	5.4	106.6
3	Jackson,T	LAK	132	82	62.1	1083	5	3.8	71	10	7.6	97.5
4	Warner,K	MOH	233	143	61.4	1871	8	3.4	48	17	7.3	96.7
5	Garrard	WMO	172	112	65.1	1109	2	1.2	29	7	4.1	91.9
6	Rivers,P	DTL	254	158	62.2	1956	6	2.4	47	12	4.7	91.9
7	Manning,P	CHP	273	167	61.2	2096	11	4	48	15	5.5	86.6
8	Palmer,C	GWG	266	159	59.8	1874	9	3.4	75	15	5.6	85.9
9	Roethlisberger	RCH	209	127	60.8	1551	10	4.8	54	12	5.7	82.8
10	McNabb	PIC	256	149	58.2	1636	6	2.3	50	11	4.3	81.8
11	Cutler	CHI	204	135	66.2	1513	12	5.9	34	9	4.4	78.3
12	Romo	KUT	316	181	57.3	2156	13	4.1	72	14	4.4	75.9
13	Brees	ANC	299	175	58.5	1782	15	5	50	14	4.7	70.4
14	Pennington	COW	208	124	59.6	1371	10	4.8	30	6	2.9	68.8
15	Hasselbeck	MAR	239	139	58.2	1334	10	4.2	46	7	2.9	66.1



## RUSHING

		Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			Att	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Tomlinson	CHI	182	994	5.5	49	11	8	Jones-Drew	RCH	110	488	4.4	59	0
2	Barber,M	COW	168	823	4.9	56	5	9	Young,S	LAK	102	477	4.7	44	0
3	Taylor,F	PIC	134	729	5.4	83	2	10	Williams,D	FLD	85	442	5.2	53	3
4	Peterson,A	CHP	134	715	5.3	72	6	11	Davenport	LAK	80	437	5.5	41	3
5	Westbrook	MOH	123	651	5.3	36	2	12	Lewis,J	MAR	100	426	4.3	54	1
6	McGahee	ANC	133	602	4.5	16	2	13	Gore	DTL	102	420	4.1	21	5
7	Parker,W	GWG	143	523	3.7	32	1	14	Brown,R	ICC	56	406	7.3	60	1
8	Jones-Drew	RCH	110	488	4.4	59	0	15	Mendenhall	MOH	85	388	4.6	56	1

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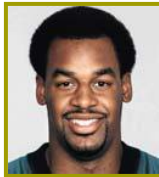
		No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD			No	Yds	Ave	Lg	TD		
1	Holt,T	CHI	49	629	12.8	34	3	8	Johnson,C	CHP	44	673	15.3	47	7
2	Smith,S	LAK	49	647	13.2	71	6	9	Witten	CHP	43	519	12.1	48	4
3	Ward,H	WMO	48	515	10.7	24	1	10	Edwards,B	GWG	43	593	13.8	75	8
4	Welker	CHP	48	578	12	33	2	11	Moss,R	ANC	41	561	13.7	44	5
5	Houshmandzadeh	FLD	45	575	12.8	37	6	12	Gates,A	DTL	40	572	14.3	35	1
6	Wayne,R	GWG	45	653	14.5	55	1	13	Burress	KUT	39	504	12.9	46	1
7	Gonzalez,T	GWG	45	414	9.2	21	5	14	Fitzgerald	ICC	39	575	14.7	42	4
8	Johnson,C	CHP	44	673	15.3	47	7	15	Marshall,B	FLD	39	565	14.5	56	4



### BRYLCREEM PLAYERS OF THE WEEK WHO WAS SLICK IN WEEK 9?

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#### OFFENSE



#### QB – Donovan McNabb, Pickering Spartans

31 Att., 20 Comp., 249 yds, 3 TDs, 121.6 Rating, 34 rush yds  
Came up big to beat former team in important game.

#### DEFENSE



#### LB – Will Witherspoon, Florida Dragons

14 Tackles, 4 Run Stuffs, 2 Forced Fumbles,  
Kept Durham running game in check in 20-10 Florida win.

#### SPECIAL TEAMS



#### KR – Rock Cartwright, Pickering Spartans

5 KR, 188 yards, 37.6 avg., 61 yd long.  
Two big returns set up two big scores in Spartans upset win.

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### **JIMMY'S WEEK TEN PICKS**

#### ***COLORADO @ LOS ANGELES (LINE – KNIGHTS BY 13)***

The Thundersnow shocked the betting world by covering the 19-point spread on the road against Iowa City last week. This week they get 13 points out of the gate before the coin flip against Los Angeles. Expect that spread to vanish in a hurry. Whether Tavaris Jackson or Brodie Croyle (Thing 1 or Thing 2) takes the helm for the Knights, the outcome will be the same – a blowout for Los Angeles. The LA defense is built to kill young quarterbacks, and Matt Ryan is, if nothing else, a young quarterback. The valiant Colorado defense will put up a fight, but will labour by being on the field all day and will collapse eventually. Of course, all bets are off if the entire Knights defense comes down with intestinal flu before the game and the offense is kidnapped, drugged and confined in a 1960's-built nuclear bunker for three hours right around game time.

**PICK: LOS ANGELES**

#### ***IOWA CITY @ WINNEMUCCA (LINE – CUBS BY 8)***

The only hope for the Outlaws is that somehow the weather in Winnemucca is so bad on game day that anything a good offense would normally try to do would be negated by the fury of the elements, leaving key outcomes to chance. The Outlaws secondary is still banged up, missing Brian Dawkins and Mike Brown, but Matt Giordano returns to provide another warm body to hang his head in shame after giving up a long touchdown pass. The Cubs looked lethargic last week against the Thundersnow, playing much like a team that was looking past their opponent, but it wasn't to Winnemucca they were looking. They run the risk of sleep-walking through another contest as they think ahead to Gwinnett in Week Eleven, which may not change the final outcome, but could make the game more competitive and threaten the rather spare 8-point spread. If you like to bet on the weather, take your chances on Winnemucca. Me, I don't bet on the weather.

**PICK: IOWA CITY**

#### ***ANCHORAGE @ PIKERING (LINE – SPARTANS BY 4)***

The excitement over Pickering's first win over a real team last week is fueling a rather generous spread in favour of the home team. No doubt this is also aided by the fact that they face the bumbling Buccaneers, who have yet to beat a non-expansion team this season and who specialize in turning the ball over at the worst moments. I can't believe I am actually saying this, but that does not mean the Bucs should be taken lightly. If, (and it's a big "if," I know) Drew Brees can keep the ball out of the ball-hawking Spartan's secondary and find his receivers, he has two of the best in the game at finding the end zone in Randy Moss and Marques Colston. The running game featuring Joseph Addai and Willis McGahee finally showed signs of life last week – if they can continue to be effective the Bucs offense will be difficult to stop. Of course, McNabb can handle any defense, especially the Buc's, but a possible let down after an emotional win over Chino has to be considered. The Spartans should win a close one – close enough to beat the spread.

**PICK: ANCHORAGE**

#### ***MARKHAM @ CHINO (LINE – CONVICTS BY 10)***

The collapse of the North Stars offense has got the Markham front office worried, but that can turn around quickly with a decent game from quarterback, Matt Hasselbeck. The real worry heading into Chino is the state of the defense, with cornerback Dunta Robinson and linebacker Barrett Ruud out due to injury. Robinson is head and shoulders the best defensive back on the team and his absence will mean Marcus McCauley will get the start opposite Anquan Boldin. Ruud is a solid compliment to Mike Vrabel in run support and his absence

will make running opportunities even more attractive for the EFL's leading rusher, LaDainian Tomlinson. The Convicts need this game to keep pace with Iowa City in the West Division and they will get it. Look for Jay Cutler to rebound from two horrible weeks and experience a "feel good" game with lots of passing yards and TD passes against a soft opponent.

**PICK: CHINO**

### ***KUTZTOWN @ MOHAVE (LINE – HELLFIRE BY 6)***

The Hellfire experienced a sudden hard fall last week against Charleswood. The loss was not the issue as much as the manner of the loss; a mistake-filled 30-6 thumping by the Pats at Patriot Place. Mohave did not look like they were in the same league as the Patriots in that game and certainly not like the league's best offense. Are the Pats that good defensively, or are the cracks beginning to appear in Mohave's game? This week's contest, at home against Kutztown, could help show if they are on a continuous slide, or if last week's showing against the Pats was just Charleswood showing that they are the class of the league. For the Golden Bears, their fortunes rise and fall with Tony Romo. They have lost their last two games, in both of which Romo had a QB rating of less than 65. Their running game has shown some improvement over that period, but realistically it can not be expected to carry the offense. Champ Bailey is out for Mohave, which opens up a slight window of opportunity for Romo in the passing game. It will all depend on him – if he can find the open man against a degraded, but still excellent, Mohave secondary, the Bears will have a chance. Don't bet on it, though.

**PICK: MOHAVE**

### ***GWINNETT @ COWTOWN (LINE – GLADIATORS BY 2)***

The Gladiators are on a hot streak, winning their last six games. The streak has coincided with the resurgence of Carson Palmer. After a terrible start, the Gwinnett signal-caller has averaged a 112 QB rating and thrown 13 TD passes over the course of the winning streak. The Corn Kings are also on a bit of a hot streak, winners of their last four games after dropping their first five. Although there has been some improvement in the quarterback play, the main contributors to Cowtown's recent success have been solid play by the offensive line and a healthy defensive secondary. But is their recovery too little, too late? The Corn Kings absolutely must win this game to have any hope of making the playoffs. A win would give them the tie-breaker against this same Gwinnett squad in event of a tie for a wildcard berth. With the rest of the North Division, other than Charleswood, falling off the map, Gwinnett would come one step closer to clinching a wildcard berth with a win here. These teams are evenly matched in many respects, but the Gladiators have the clear edge at the quarterback position, and therefore deserve to be the favourite. However, with the season virtually on the line, look for Cowtown to rise up and play over their heads in this one and cool off the red hot Glads.

**PICK: COWTOWN**

### ***RINGGOLD @ DURHAM (LINE – THUNDER LIZARDS BY 4)***

What would have been a real barn-burner under normal circumstances turns into a bit of a mismatch with Ben Roethlisberger out with an ankle injury. The Ringgold offensive line needs a large, mobile, hard-to-tackle quarterback behind them in order to gain the residual edge in run-blocking that comes with opponents being forced to respect the pass and bring linebackers in to blitz. Maurice Jones-Drew has the moves to be successful running the ball in an air-oriented attack, but the line just does not have the horses to be successful at the power running game. Still no word on whether or not the Hawks will start Jason Campbell or Vince Young at quarterback, but the choice will make a difference in how the Lizard's defense responds. Against Campbell they will focus on defending the pass, but against Young they will have to assign a spy to contain the danger Young poses on the ground. The Durham running game has been in the doldrums, averaging 56 yards a game for the past 3 games, all losses. This has put pressure on the Durham passing game, which hasn't been up to the task. They should be able to run the ball against a Ringgold defensive line that is vulnerable on the edges on the ground, and only good will follow.

**PICK: DURHAM**

### **CHARLESWOOD @ FLORIDA (LINE – DRAGONS BY 3)**

Yes, I saved the best for last. Some are calling this the EFL Championship Preview due to the belief that whichever of these two teams emerges from the Can-am Conference playoffs will mop the floor with the top team from the Pacific-Atlantic Conference in the official EFL Championship Game. While I am not prepared to go that far, it is clear that this is the regular season Game of the Year and most likely a preview of the Conference Championship Game. Both of these teams got to their respective undefeated positions in similar ways. They are first and second in the EFL in takeaway ratio: Florida +17, and Charleswood +13. The Dragons have turned the ball over only 6 times all year, by far the fewest in the league. Charleswood has taken the ball away 25 times, the most in the league. Ball control will be one of the big keys to this contest and responsibility for that starts most often with the quarterback. In this respect, Tom Brady has a significant edge over Peyton Manning. Brady has thrown just 2 picks all year for a miniscule 0.8 interception percentage, while Manning has thrown 11 picks for a dangerously high 4.0 interception percentage. Manning has also thrown 15 TD passes, often at key times in the game, to keep the Pats winning, but critics contend that Manning sets up his own miracle comebacks with early mistakes that keep opponents in games they should not be in to begin with. Defensively, the Dragons have given up the fewest yards in the league, but the Patriots have surrendered the fewest yards per play in the league. It's about as close as it gets, but if one defense has a weakness it would be Charleswood's run defense, which has given up 132 yards a game. This has been compensated for by an All World secondary that converts opponent's passing games into offense for the Patriots. However, the Dragons have a strong running game and could eventually force the Pat's linebackers up to the line and open up room in the secondary. The analysis could go on and on, but in the end this is a battle of the quarterbacks. When looked at this way, the clear advantage goes to Tom Brady and the Dragons, which is accentuated by the home field advantage. In the Battle of the Titans, I am going with the Flamethrowers.

**PICK: FLORIDA**

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

**LAST WEEK: 6-2-0**

**OVERALL: 56-16-0**

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